



The East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers

90th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2017

President

Mr Ray Large

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Andrew Brock

Robin Grant

Roger Cowsill

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Chairman	David Threlfall
Ringling Master	Robin Grant
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Asst Secretary	Kate Wills
Treasurer	Michael Bullett
C.C. Rep	Kate Wills

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Sheila Marsh

Candy O'Donovan

Trustees of the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund (Registered as a Charity)

David Threlfall

Michael Bullett

Andrew Brock

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Chairman's Report for 2017

The first meeting of 2017 was a Quarterly at Limpsfield on 14 January, attended by 27 members. Ringing began shortly after 3 pm under the direction of the Master, Robin Grant. The small ringing chamber was quickly filled with members and visitors and methods up to Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor were rung, as well as rounds and call changes for the less experienced. Evensong was conducted by the Rector, Fr. James Percival, who also played the organ for the two hymns. 19 people sat down to tea in the Millennium Room, with Marianne Bell and Lynda Boast (ringers at Limpsfield) providing welcome cups of tea. The Business Meeting was chaired by David Threlfall. Two new members were elected. Members were pleased to hear that Ollie Watson (aged 13) had rung his first peal. Following the business meeting, ringing continued until 8 pm.

The evening meeting at Ditchling on 11 February attracted 11 stalwart members of the Guild who braved inclement weather to ring at this curious anti-clockwise ring of eight. Anti-clockwise rings always seem to cause a few problems, and Ditchling was no exception. Nevertheless, some respectable ringing was achieved.

A total of 28 members of the Guild attended the Annual General Meeting at East Grinstead on 11 March. Ringing began at 3.30 but, sadly, it was not of a very high standard as few of our members are experienced on 12 bells, and some people found the bells difficult. A service of Evening Prayer was conducted by the Vicar of East Grinstead, Rev Andrew Hawken. Prayers were said for Margaret Large, President of the Guild, who had died on 4 February. Andrew Brock played the piano for the two hymns. Tea was taken in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, with David Threlfall in the chair. Two new members were elected: Betty Green (East Grinstead) and Milica Reardon (Caterham, St John). Ray Large was unanimously elected President and he thanked those present for their confidence in him. Ringing continued at East Grinstead until 8.15.

14 members attended the evening meeting at Newdigate on 8 April. Methods rung included Norwich and Beverley Surprise, Double Oxford, and St Clements.

As usual, there was no meeting in May.

The 90th Anniversary Dinner took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Felbridge on Friday 9 June and was attended by 32 Members and friends. The Guest of Honour was Christopher O'Mahony, President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. After the meal the President of our Guild, Ray Large, welcomed all present and proposed the Loyal Toast, then Christopher O'Mahony made a very witty speech and went on to propose a toast to "The Guild". The Chairman of the Guild, David Threlfall, responded. An Anniversary Cake, baked and beautifully decorated by Sheila Marsh (a member from Lingfield) was cut by the President and enjoyed by all. As usual, members had donated prizes for a raffle and more than £139 was raised for the Guild's Rope Fund.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday 10 June to mark the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Guild.

As the Anniversary Dinner was held in June, the Committee decided to cancel the usual June Quarterly Meeting and replace it with an evening meeting on 10 June at Limpsfield Chart. Although only 10 members attended a good variety of methods was rung, including Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise and spliced Plain and Little Bob.

13 Members met on Saturday 8 July to ring on the eight bells at Maresfield. The long draught proved to be something of a challenge, but there was, nevertheless, some good ringing. Methods rung included Oxford Bob Triples, Middlesex Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major (and minor). It was very pleasing that our President, Ray Large, was able to attend.

The evening meeting at Slaugham on 12 August was attended by 12 members. It was good to see Adrian Grant on a visit from his new home in New Zealand. Methods rung included Double Norwich and Little Bob Major.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Caterham Valley (St John) on 9 September. A total of 20 members attended during the afternoon and evening. There was a wide variety of ringing to suit all abilities organised by David Threlfall in the absence of Robin Grant who was at Heathrow seeing off Adrian, returning to New Zealand. It had not been possible to arrange for a service on this occasion so ringing continued until 5 pm. Tea was taken in the Church Hall, with members of the local band doing all the hard work of setting out chairs and tables and presiding over the teapot. The business meeting (which was short and uneventful) was followed by ringing until 8 pm.

12 members of the Guild enjoyed the evening meeting at Frant on 14 October.

On 11 November (a very dark and dismal evening) 12 members of the Guild met to ring the challenging bells at Penshurst, half-muffled ready for Remembrance Sunday. Methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung with varying degrees of success.

By 9 December winter had really arrived and it was cold and frosty for the morning meeting at Buckland. However this did not deter the 12 stalwart members who came from far and wide to ring on this light six. Coffee, sandwiches, mince pies and chocolate biscuits were served mid-morning. Ringing ranged from call changes to London Surprise Minor, and was of a higher standard than at some recent meetings.

The Guild's website continues to provide details of upcoming events and reports of meetings, etc. My thanks go to Patrick Wills for maintaining the website, which has now had more than 6,000 "visits".

Membership continues at much the same level as in previous years at 60. The average attendance at business meetings is 25, while the evening (and morning) meetings attract an average of only 12. 38 members attended one or more meetings during the year, representing 63% of our membership. Two members (Rosalind Cowsill and Robin Grant) attended 10 meetings; six attended 9 meetings; one attended 8; one attended 7; three attended 5; six attended 4; four attended 3; four attended 2; and 11 attended only 1. We were pleased to welcome eight non-members to our meetings during the year.

In conclusion, it is my sad duty to note the passing of our President, Margaret Large, and of one of our members, Jean Kimber, of Beddington. Also, it is with great sadness that I have to report that our Chairman, David Threlfall, died suddenly on 31 January 2018. As a consequence this report was compiled by the Guild's Committee, and bears my signature rather than David's.

Ray Large, President of the Guild

THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received		183.00		192.00
Net tea income		31.00		88.00
Badge sales		5.00		0.00
Bank interest received		0.44		1.19
Donations received		4.00		4.00
Other income		37.90		0.00
		<u>261.34</u>		<u>285.19</u>
Expenditure				
CC Affiliation fee	30.00		30.00	
Ringling World advertising	7.86		17.14	
Website costs	87.47		15.50	
Meeting costs	105.00		106.00	
Other costs (flowers for retiring secretary)	0.00		0.00	
		<u>230.33</u>		<u>168.64</u>
Net income before dinner contribution		<u>31.01</u>		<u>116.55</u>
Received from members	1,141.00		750.00	
Cost of dinner	(1,340.80)		(748.65)	
(Subsidy)/suprplus for the dinner dinner	(199.80)		1.35	
Raffle proceeds	139.00		102.00	
Raffle proceeds donated to the Rope Fund	(139.00)		0.00	
		<u>(199.80)</u>		<u>103.35</u>
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		<u><u>(£168.79)</u></u>		<u><u>£219.90</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

Assets	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
Bank accounts				
Current		295.98		396.59
Deposit		<u>2,500.44</u>		<u>2,055.26</u>
		2,796.42		2,451.85
Debtors				36.00
2016 subs paid in arrears				
Prepayments				
2017 dinner	0.00		300.00	
Whitechapel Foundry visit	0.00		375.00	
		<u>0.00</u>		<u>675.00</u>
		2,796.42		3,162.85
Liabilities				
Receipts for Whitechapel Foundry visit	0.00		165.00	0.00
Sundry creditors	0.00		32.64	
		<u>0.00</u>		<u>197.64</u>
		<u><u>£2,796.42</u></u>		<u><u>£2,965.21</u></u>
Represented by				
General reserves b/f		2,965.21		2,745.31
Net result for the year		(168.79)		219.90
Reserves c/f		<u>£2,796.42</u>		<u>£2,965.21</u>

Approved by the Committee on 26 January 2018 and signed on their behalf by

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Ray Large
President

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M L S Bullett FCA
Hon. Treasurer

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS ROPE FUND
KNOWN AS THE E J OLIVER MEMORIAL FUND**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

The Fund was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (England & Wales) in 1980 under registration number 280023 under legislation which is now in the Charities Act 2011

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Registered charity number 280023

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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Principal office of The Fund

The Briars
Horam
Heathfield
East Sussex
TN21 0HA

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
8 Calverley Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent, TN1 2TB

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report and the Financial Statements of the Trust in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, and of the movement in funds for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 Accounting & Reporting by Charities;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting Policies

- (i) The Fixed Asset investments are shown at original cost.
- (ii) Income is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as it arises.
- (iii) Grants are recorded once the Trustees have given a commitment to make one.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS ROPE FUND
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 201

The Trust

The Fund was established many years ago and was registered with the Charity Commission in June and operates under the working name of The E J Oliver Memorial Fund. The Rules of the Fund are set by the members of The East Grinstead & District Guild of Church Bellringers ("The Guild"). Under The Rules the Chairman and the Treasurer of The Guild, who are appointed by the members of the Guild, are ex officio trustees and the members of the Guild also appoint further trustees from among The Guild membership.

Trustees

During the year the Trustees were:

David Threlfall (Chairman)
Andrew Brock
Michael Bullett - Treasurer
Candy O'Donovan

On appointment the Chairman instructs the Trustees on the objects of the charity and the way in which it operates.

Charitable status

The Fund is a charity and, although because of its small size is not required to do so, has registered voluntarily with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number .

Objects of the Trust

The advancement of Christian religion by providing financial assistance mainly, but not entirely, within East and West Sussex, Surrey and Kent, for the purpose of purchasing ropes to enable church bells to be rung in the English tradition.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit, and have taken it into account in planning the activities of the Trust.

The Trust provides grants in accordance with its objectives. As such the Trustees consider that it fulfils its public benefit requirements.

Activities during the Year

The trustees made no grants in (£).

Future Activity

The Trustees will continue to monitor matters in and, if appropriate requests are made, will make grants.

Financial results

There was a surplus of £ . (deficit £ .). The net assets of the Trust at December were £ , . (

Connected party transactions and trustee benefits.

There were no connected party transactions and no trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from The Fund.

Reserves policy

All of the funds are held for the general purposes of the Fund. The trustees retain sufficient reserves to make appropriate grants when these are requested.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified the risks to which they consider the Trust is exposed and have taken steps to control and minimise those risks. Systems are in place to monitor these risks, to report on them as appropriate and to take action where necessary to safeguard the Trust.

Independent examination or audit of the accounts

As the Trust has gross income of less than £ , a year it is not required to have the Financial Statements either audited or independently examined. The Trustees have decided that it would be appropriate to take advantage of this to save costs and accordingly a resolution to change the Rules to allow this was passed by the Guild members at the AGM of The Guild held on March .

Signed

Andrew Brock - Trustee
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER

Income from:

Incoming resources from donors			
Share of Carol service surplus		.00	3.
Other voluntary incoming resources			
Donations from tea money and collections from quarterly meetings	56.15		
Dinner raffle donation	13 .00	0.00	
	1 5.15		0.00
Investment income			
Bank interest received	0.12		0.36
Total income	204.2		4.23

Application of funds:

Grants awarded	0.00	200.00	
Total applied	0.00	200.00	

Gains and losses on investments			
Realised gains(losses)	0.00		0.00
Net movement in funds surplus/(deficit)	204.2		(115.)
Balances brought forward at January	1,366.53		1,4 2.30
Balances carried forward at December	£1,5 0. 0		£1,366.53

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER

Assets

Bank accounts	Current	4. 2	656. 0
	Deposit	6 5.	6 5. 6
		1,5 0. 0	1,342.66
Cash in hand		0.00	23.
		1,5 0. 0	1,366.53

Liabilities

Net assets

0.00	0.00
£1,5 0. 0	£1,366.53

Funds

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund	45. 0	41.53
Legacy Fund	625.00	625.00
	£1,5 0. 0	£1,366.53

Note: The Legacy Fund is unrestricted and undesignated but the Trustees wish to show legacies received as a separate fund to remember the generosity of past donors.

Approved by the Trustees on 26th January 201 and signed on their behalf by

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