



The East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers

**92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report  
and  
Statement of Accounts for 2019**

President

Mr Ray Large

Vice Presidents

Rosalind Cowsill

Andrew Brock

Robin Grant

Roger Cowsill

Officers

Chairman	Kate Wills
Ringing Master	Kate Wills
Secretary	Patrick Wills
Asst Secretary	Rosalind Cowsill
Treasurer	Michael Bullett
C.C. Rep	Kate Wills

Committee

Iain Davey

Sheila Marsh

David Finch

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

Kate Wills

Michael Bullett

Andrew Brock

Candy O'Donovan

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2019

I am sad to report that two members of the Guild died during the year: David Tomsett (Crawley) passed away in March; and John Warner (Heathfield) in April. Also, Keith Game, a past member of the Guild, died in June.

We held an informal dinner in February at The Star Inn, Felbridge, organised by Andrew Brock, and attended by 19 members.

The AGM in March at Crawley (8) was attended by only 17 members. As this number did not constitute a quorum, the election of new members took place before the AGM opened and Carol Nelson (Lingfield) was elected. Robin Grant, the Ringing Master, stood down after serving 8 years in the position and I want to record my appreciation of his commitment to the Guild. I was elected to take over from him. The remaining officers of the Guild were re-elected with the exception of the post of Central Council Representative, for which there were no nominations.

16 members attended the April meeting at Cudham (10), where, sadly, good ringing proved elusive!

As in previous years there was no meeting in May. The June meeting attracted only 11 members but those present enjoyed ringing at Keymer (6), Hurstpierpoint (8) and the eight dumb-bells of the Wickham Ring in Hurstpierpoint (by kind invitation of John Norris).

The Guild's annual outing was held on 13 July. This year 17 members visited five towers in Buckinghamshire. We met for coffee at the Royal Saracens Head in Beaconsfield before ringing at Beaconsfield (8), Hughenden (8), Penn (6), Chalfont St Giles (8), and Chalfont St Peter (6). The weather was kind to us, and a wide variety of methods was rung to suit all abilities.

The August evening meeting was held at Newick (6) and was attended by 16 members. As Ringing Master, I had decided that there should be a "Special Method" at some meetings, and the Special Method here was Norwich Surprise Minor, rung three times.

The September Quarterly Meeting was held at Betchworth, with a total 16 members and friends attending the afternoon and evening ringing. The service, tea and business meeting were all held in the church.

Numbers were low at Hever in October with only 7 members present, but we were joined by 4 Hever ringers, including Steph and Richard Barclay who had just returned from their honeymoon.

In November we travelled to Fletching (8) for a morning meeting, attended by 13 members, and in December (for our now traditional pre-Christmas meeting with Mince Pies and Coffee) we were at Colemans Hatch (8) where 15 members enjoyed a varied afternoon's ringing.

Ringing this year has been of variable quality, but I think that nominating a "Special Method" at some meetings has given members the opportunity to concentrate on that method and thereby improve their striking.

I have always been impressed by how social the Guild members tend to be, as evidenced by the trips on a regular basis to a local watering hole after evening ringing. Long may this continue!

I would like to extend my thanks to all the Guild Officers for their efforts during the year, and in particular to those people who ensure that the Guild continues to thrive: our Treasurer and Secretary, and those who contribute to the teas for consumption at our various business meetings.

Kate Wills

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Income	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received		300.00		210.00
Net tea income		0.00		105.00
Badge sales		0.00		0.00
Clothing sales		0.00		305.00
Bank interest received		5.00		5.00
Donations received		6.00		6.00
Other income		0.00		0.00
		311.00		631.00
<b>Expenditure</b>				
CC Affiliation fee	40.00		40.00	
Ringing World advertising	0.00		0.76	
Clothing purchases	0.00		281.45	
Secretarial costs	0.00		15.00	
Website costs	112.67		112.67	
Meeting costs	185.00		320.00	
Less contributions towards meeting costs	0.00		(100.00)	
	185.00		220.00	
		337.67		669.88
<b>Net income before dinner contribution</b>		(26.67)		(38.88)
Received from members	0.00		0.00	
Cost of dinner	0.00		0.00	
(Subsidy)/ surplus for the dinner	0.00		0.00	
Raffle proceeds	0.00		0.00	
Raffle proceeds donated to the Rope Fund	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		0.00
<b>Excess/(deficit) of income over expenditure for the year</b>		(£26.67)		(£38.88)

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

Assets	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Bank accounts		370.57		304.57
Current				
Deposit		2,510.44		2,505.44
Debtors		10.00		0.00
Cash in hand		0.00		0.00
		2,891.01		2,810.01
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Sundry creditors - subs received in advance		(160.14)		(52.47)
		(160.14)		(52.47)
		£2,730.87		£2,757.54
<b>Represented by</b>				
General reserves b/f		2,757.54		2796.42
Net result for the year		(26.67)		(38.88)
Reserves c/f		£2,730.87		£2,757.54

Approved by the Committee on 3 February 2020 and signed on their behalf by

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 Kate Wills  
 Chairman

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 Mike 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 2019**

**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**

# THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS ROPE FUND

## KNOWN AS THE E J OLIVER MEMORIAL FUND

Registered charity number 280023

### REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### Principal office of The Fund

Mid Barn, Ashcombe Priory  
Chafford Lane  
Fordcombe  
Tunbridge Wells  
Kent  
TN3 0SP

#### 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.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**The Trust**

The Fund was established many years ago and was registered with the Charity Commission in June 1980 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 2 further trustees from among The Guild membership.

**Trustees**

During the year the Trustees were:

Kate Wills - 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 280023.

**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 2019 (2018 £NIL).

**Future Activity**

The Trustees will continue to monitor matters in 2020 and, if appropriate requests are made, will make grants.

**Financial results**

There was a surplus of £3 (2018 £92.46). The net assets of the Trust at 31 December 2019 were £1,666.10 (2018 £1663.26).

**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 £25,000 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 14 March 2015.

Signed .....

Kate Wills - Chairman

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Incoming resources from donors				
Share of Carol service surplus		0.00		0.00
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations from tea money and collections from quarterly meetings	0.00		89.71	
Dinner raffle donation	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		89.71
Investment income				
Bank interest received		2.84		2.75
<b>Total income</b>		2.84		92.46
<b>Application of funds:</b>				
Grants awarded	0.00		0.00	
<b>Total applied</b>		0.00		0.00
Gains and losses on investments				
Realised gains(losses)		0.00		0.00
<b>Net movement in funds surplus/(deficit)</b>		2.84		92.46
<b>Balances brought forward at 1 January 2018</b>		1,663.26		1,570.80
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 December 2018</b>		£1,666.10		£1,663.26

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Assets</b>				
Bank accounts				
Current		260.51		160.51
Deposit		1,405.59		1,502.75
		1,666.10		1,663.26
Cash in hand		0.00		0.00
		1,666.10		1,663.26
<b>Liabilities</b>		0.00		0.00
<b>Net assets</b>		£1,666.10		£1,663.26
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund		1,041.10		1,038.26
Legacy Fund		625.00		625.00
		£1,666.10		£1,663.26

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 2020 and signed on their behalf by

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Kate Wills  
Chairman

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M L S Bullett FCA  
Hon. Treasurer