



The East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers

**93rd Annual Report
and
Statement of Accounts for 2020**

President

Mr Ray Large

Vice Presidents

Rosalind Cowsill

Andrew Brock

Robin Grant

Roger Cowsill

Officers

Chairman	Kate Wills
Ringling Master	Kate Wills
Secretary	Vacant
Asst Secretary	Rosalind Cowsill
Treasurer	Michael Bullett
C.C. Rep	Vacant

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 2020

The January Quarterly meeting was held on 11th January at Charlwood in the morning, followed by a short business meeting and then a very pleasant lunch at "The Half Moon" pub, next to the church. In the afternoon we rang at Horley. Overall, a total of 16 members attended.

The informal dinner on 8th February was held at "The Star" at Felbridge for the second year running, again kindly arranged for us by Andrew Brock. This was attended by 13 members and a few of their guests, and was enjoyed by all.

The AGM was due to be held on 14th March. Unfortunately, only 11 members indicated they would be attending, far short of the necessary quorum, so the decision was made to postpone the business meeting and shortly thereafter also the ringing meeting, service and tea, until June. However, this was not to be thanks to Covid, and consequently none of the ringing meetings planned for the 2020 to 2021 took place.

The committee agreed to hold the postponed AGM on 12th December 2020 via Zoom, and this was attended by 24 members. A change to the Guild Rules reducing the AGM quorum from 18 to 12 was passed unanimously. No decisions were made regarding the resumption of meetings, it being left to the committee to decide when it would be safe to do so.

Kate Wills

THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received		280.00		300.00
Net tea income		0.00		0.00
Badge sales		0.00		0.00
Clothing sales		0.00		0.00
Bank interest received		1.96		5.00
Donations received		0.00		6.00
Other income		0.00		0.00
		281.96		311.00
Expenditure				
CC Affiliation fee	40.00		40.00	
Ringing World advertising	0.00		0.00	
Clothing purchases	0.00		0.00	
Secretarial costs	10.00		0.00	
Website costs	144.88		112.67	
Meeting costs	35.00		185.00	
Less contributions towards meeting costs	0.00		0.00	
		35.00		185.00
		229.88		337.67
Net income before dinner contribution		52.08		(26.67)
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
Excess/(deficit) of income over expenditure for the year		£52.08		(£26.67)

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Assets	2020		2019	
	£		£	
Bank accounts Current		487.90		370.57
Deposit		2,512.40		2,510.44
Debtors		15.00		10.00
Cash in hand		0.00		0.00
		3,015.30		2,891.01
Liabilities				
Sundry creditors - subs received in advance		(232.35)		(160.14)
		(232.35)		(160.14)
		£2,782.95		£2,730.87
Represented by				
General reserves b/f		2,730.87		2,757.54
Net result for the year		52.08		(26.67)
Reserves c/f		£2,782.95		£2,730.87

Approved by the Committee on ??? 2021 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 2020**

**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 2020

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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) Income is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as it arises.
- (ii) 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 2020

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 2020 (2019 ENIL).

Future Activity

The Trustees will continue to monitor matters in 2021 and, if appropriate requests are made, will make grants.

Financial results

There was a surplus of £53 (2019 £3). The net assets of the Trust at 31 December 2020 were £1,719 (2019 £1,666).

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

27 July 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
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	51.75		0.00	
Dinner raffle donation	0.00		0.00	
		51.75		0.00
Investment income				
Bank interest received		1.10		2.84
Total income		52.85		2.84
Application of funds:				
Grants awarded	0.00		0.00	
Total applied		0.00		0.00
Gains and losses on investments				
Realised gains(losses)		0.00		0.00
Net movement in funds surplus/(deficit)		52.85		2.84
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		1,666.10		1,663.26
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		£1,718.95		£1,666.10

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bank accounts				
Current		312.26		260.51
Deposit		1,406.69		1,405.59
		1,718.95		1,666.10
Cash in hand		0.00		0.00
		1,718.95		1,666.10
Liabilities		0.00		0.00
Net assets		£1,718.95		£1,666.10
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund		1,093.95		1,041.10
Legacy Fund		625.00		625.00
		£1,718.95		£1,666.10

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 *27 July* 2021 and signed on their behalf by

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 Kate Wills
 Chairman

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 Hon. Treasurer