



The East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers

**87<sup>th</sup> Annual Report  
and  
Statement of Accounts for 2014**

President

Mrs Margaret Large

Vice Presidents

Robert Everest

Andrew Brock

Robin Grant

Roger Cowsill

Officers

Chairman	David Threlfall
Ringing Master	Robin Grant
Secretary	Rosalind Cowsill
Asst Secretary	Susan Hollyman
Treasurer	Michael Bullett
C.C. Rep	Kate Desbottes

Committee

Iain Davey

Sheila Marsh

Mary Ayres

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

David Threlfall

Andrew Brock

Michael Bullett

Anthony Leeves

Auditor

*Vacant*

## Chairman's Report for 2014

2014 began with the January meeting at Brasted which was attended by 17 members. We enjoyed a service led by Linda Green with Paul Hewlett accompanying on the organ and Ruth Goodsir reading the lesson. Catherine Lewis made the arrangements for the meeting and she, together with Frank and Roger and Rosalind worked very hard to provide the tea.

Over 40 members and guests attended what has turned out to be our last annual Dinner at Barnsgate Manor. Despite some concerns about one of the menu choices it was a great social success.

This year's AGM took place on the eighth of March at Horley with 32 members present. The service was led by the Rector, Reverend Calvert Prentice, with musical accompaniment by David Gosling. The local ringers provided an excellent tea. We were pleased to welcome our President Margaret Large and her husband Ray. One new member, Jan Herd, was elected. Margaret Large was re-elected as President and I was re-elected chairman. Robert Everest, Andrew Brock and Robin Grant were re-elected vice presidents and Roger Cowsill was also added to that list. Robin Grant was re-elected Ringing Master and following the wish of Simon Lawrence to stand down, Mike Bullet was elected Treasurer. Rosalind Cowsill agreed to continue as Secretary *pro tem*. Jo Faircloth wished to stand down from the committee and Sheila Marsh, Mary Ayres and Iain Davey were elected to the committee. Finally Andrew Brock and Anthony Leeves were elected to serve, together with the Chairman and Treasurer, as the four trustees required by the EJ Oliver fund.

The April meeting was at Bolney which was attended by 16 members. There was some enjoyable ringing as I recall and the meeting was marked by the welcome of the local ringers and the bizarre reaction of a local resident who clearly was no great lover of campanology. There was no meeting in May, as usual, and the quarterly meeting in June was at Uckfield. 17 members attended this meeting. Roger and Rosalind provided the tea and in the absence of any clergy, Roger led us in a short service. During the meeting, our Central Council Representative, Kate, gave a report of the business of the Council.

This year's July outing was to Hampshire and attracted 15 ringers. Apart from nearly missing a ring at one tower, which I think on reflection was an omission on the part of the organiser to confirm the booking, I believe we had an enjoyable day. The outing was followed in August by an evening meeting at Withyham attended by 10 members

The September quarterly meeting was held at the twin towers of Cuckfield and Burgess Hill, both firsts for me. We thanked Janice Peek and Alan Seymour for opening the towers and, once again, Roger and Rosalind for providing us with a delicious tea.

October found us at Hever. With only six ringers present Eric Roughly agreed to call a quarter peal of bob minor for the Guild. This was the first Guild quarter for some time and at the end Andrew, the only non-member was elected to the guild.

The November meeting at Coulsdon, which, as I remember, was on a dark and dirty night, was attended by 10 brave souls who all deserved a medal. The final meeting of the year was at Tunbridge Wells where Christmas greetings were exchanged and coffee, mince pies and Roger's flapjack were enjoyed by all.

Looking back on the last year I believe we can say that the Guild continues to flourish although we must all strive to recruit some new members so as to maintain our status as qualifying for a representative on the Central Council. I am very pleased to report that we rang a quarter peal, albeit opportunistically rather than planned, and gained a new member in the process.

We are positively anticipating our new annual dinner venue and I believe we are on the verge of being able to replace Rosalind as secretary, which she has been anxious to achieve for some time now. Finally, I hope I may be able to report some positive news on the peal ringing front in the new year. I am also committed to arranging some Guild quarters too.

David Threlfall

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Income	2014		2013	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received		150.00		174.00
Badge sales		27.00		0.00
Bank interest received		0.29		0.28
Donations received		2.00		4.00
		<u>179.29</u>		<u>178.28</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
CC Affiliation fee	30.00		25.00	
Ringling World advertising	50.00		30.00	
Website costs	0.00		4.18	
Meeting costs	30.00		50.00	
		<u>110.00</u>		<u>109.18</u>
<b>Net income before dinner contribution</b>		69.29		69.10
Received from members	1,071.00		1,020.00	
Cost of dinner	(1,071.00)		(1,020.00)	
Raffle proceeds	71.00		73.00	
		<u>71.00</u>		<u>73.00</u>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure for the year</b>		<u><u>£140.29</u></u>		<u><u>£142.10</u></u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

Assets		2014	2013
		£	£
Bank accounts	Current	1,965.69	1,728.37
	Deposit	653.20	652.91
Cash in hand		28.00	60.82
		<u>2,646.89</u>	<u>2,442.10</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	Due to E J Oliver Fund	64.50	0.00
		<u><u>£2,582.39</u></u>	<u><u>£2,442.10</u></u>
<b>Represented by</b>			
General reserves b/f		2,442.10	2,300.00
Net result for the year		140.29	142.10
Reserves c/f		<u><u>£2,582.39</u></u>	<u><u>£2,442.10</u></u>

Approved by the Committee on 14th March 2015 and signed on their behalf by

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M L S Bullett FCA  
Hon. Treasurer

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David Threlfall  
Chairman



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

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

**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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**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 2005 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 2014**

**The Trust**

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 Bell Ringers ("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:

David Threlfall (Chairman)  
Simon Lawrence - Treasurer (until 8 March 2014)  
Michael Bullett - Treasurer (from 8 March 2014)  
Anthony Leeves  
Andrew Brock

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

**Activities during the Year**

The trustees did not receive any requests for grants during the year and thus none were made.

**Future Activity**

The Trustees will continue to monitor matters in 2015 and, if appropriate requests are made, will make grants.

**Financial results**

There was a surplus on £97.96 (2013 £3.70). The net assets of the Trust at 31 December 2014 were £1,439.37 (2013 £1,341.41).

**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 is to be put to the AGM of The Guild to be held on 14 March 2015. If the change to the Rules is not passed to authorise this procedure then arrangements will be made to have the accounts examined in accordance with The Rules.

Signed .....

David Threlfall - Chairman  
14 March 2015