

Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers AGM

21st May 2022 – Hawton

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. In Memorium
3. Apologies for absence

The meeting will be adjourned at this point to allow the Bell Fund to hold its AGM.

4. Minutes of 2019 AGM
5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda
6. Presentation of 2020 and 2021 Accounts (see Appendix 2)
7. Observations from the Officers' Report (See Appendix 3)
8. Election of Guild Officers (see Appendix 1 for list of nominations)
9. Honorary Life Members
10. Looking ahead
11. Any other relevant business (please make the chairman aware of anything being raised ahead of the meeting in order that he can structure this agenda item efficiently)

Appendix 1 – Nominations for Guild Office

Chairman	Jim Crabtree
General Secretary	Tim Poole
Treasurer	None
Ringing Master	Trevor Bryan
Education Officer	Chris Glenton
Communications and Public Relations Officer	Emily Hall
Membership Secretary	None
Bell Advice Co-ordinator	Colin Aked
Librarian	Mary Stephens
Peal Secretary	Graham Hayward
Fundraising Officer	None
Webmaster	Chris Field
CC Reps (4 posts)	Jim Crabtree
	Chris Glenton
	Graham Hayward

No elections will be held owing there to be no contested post.

Appendix 2 – Accounts

GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT 2020

DISTRICT INCOME TOTAL	3086.00	DISTRICT EXPENDITURE	25
GUILD INCOME		GUILD EXPENDITURE	
Peal Fees 2019	24.00	<i>Committee</i>	
Peal Fees 2020	20.00	CCCBR Subscriptions	160.00
	44.00	<i>Insurance</i>	
<i>Investment Income</i>		Marsh Commercial	1252.76
Bank Interest	4.22	<i>Website - www.southwelldg.org.uk</i>	
		Web Hosting	195.88
<i>Education Committee</i>	0.00	<i>Running Expenses</i>	
<i>Postage</i>	1.75	Annual Report	193.50
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	0.01	Administration Expenses	34.23
<i>Training Income</i>	0.00	<i>Training Expenses</i>	0.00
<i>Excess Expenditure</i>	0.00	<i>Excess income</i>	1274.61
TOTAL INCOME	<u>3135.98</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>3135.98</u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR GENERAL ACCOUNT 2020

Balance forward	7678.04	Natwest Current ac	4153.37
Excess Income/ Expenditure	1274.61	Natwest Reserve ac	4799.28
	<u>8952.65</u>		<u>8952.65</u>

	Subs	Subs (A)	Subs (J)	Donations	Uni	Badge	TOTAL	DISTRICT
DISTRICT INCOME	2019	2020	2020	2020	Subs			EXPEND
BINGHAM	12.00	576.00	6.00	12.00			606.00	0
MANSFIELD		504.00	21.00				525.00	0
NEWARK	18.00	486.00	3.00				507.00	0
NOTTINGHAM		678.00	36.00	24.00			738.00	0
NORTH NOTTS	3.00	336.00	24.00	10.00			373.00	25
SOUTH NOTTS		324.00	6.00			7.00	337.00	0
TOTAL	33.00	2910.00	90.00	46.00	0.00	7.00	3086.00	25

Fund Raising Account Income/Expenditure 2020**Income**

100 Club	£1,000.00
Calendars 2019	£571.00
Bank Interest	£0.23
Donation	£60.00
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	£1,631.23
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Expenditure

100 Club prizes	£400.00
Lottery Licence	£20.00
Donation to Bell Fund	£600.00
Surplus Income	£611.23
General Expenses	
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	£1,631.23
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Fund Raising Account - Balance Sheet 2020

Balance b/f	2,776.77
Surplus Income	£611.23
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	£3,388.00
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Natwest Current Acc	£3,167.22
Natwest Deposit Acc	£220.78
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	£3,388.00
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GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT 2021

DISTRICT INCOME TOTAL		428.00	DISTRICT EXPENDITURE	
GUILD INCOME			GUILD EXPENDITURE	
Sale of Reports	--		Committee	
Donation	18.00		Attendance at CC meetings	0.00
Peal Fees 2021	26.00		CCCBR Subscriptions	160.00
			Insurance	
<i>Investment Income</i>			Marsh Commercial	1292.75
Bank Interest	0.48		Website - www.southwelldg.org.uk	
			Web Hosting	239.98
			Running Expenses	
<i>Donation for Education</i>	75.00		Annual Report	
			Administration Expenses	20.00
			Training Expenses	
<i>Fund Raising Account</i>	1000.00			0.00
<i>Excess Expenditure</i>	165.25		Excess income	
TOTAL INCOME		<u><u>1712.73</u></u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>1712.73</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR GENERAL ACCOUNT 2021

Balance forward	8952.65	Natwest Current ac	3975.64
Excess Income/ Expenditure	-165.25	Natwest Reserve ac	4799.76
		unbanked income	12.00
	<u><u>8787.40</u></u>		<u><u>8787.40</u></u>

DISTRICT INCOME

	Subs 2020	Subs (A) 2021	Subs (J) 2021	Donations 2021	Uni Subs	Crawford Cup	Badge	TOTAL
BINGHAM				60.00				60.00
MANSFIELD				150.00				150.00
NEWARK		42.00						42.00
NOTTINGHAM				126.00	50.00			176.00
NORTH NOTTS								0.00
SOUTH NOTTS								0.00
TOTAL	0.00	42.00	0.00	336.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	428.00

Any subs shown for 2021 were for 2020. Subs were not payable in 2021 if 2020 had been paid. We are grateful for donations made in lieu of subs.

The income shown as from the FRA is a donation to the Bell Fund and was "in transit" at the year end.

Fund Raising Account Income/Expenditure 2021

Income		Expenditure	
100 Club 2021	£1,000.00	100 Club prizes	£400.00
100 Club 2022	£40.00	Lottery Licence	£20.00
Bank Interest	£0.03	To General account for onward payment to Bell Fund	£1,000.00
Surplus Expenditure	379.97		
	<u>£1,420.00</u>		<u>£1,420.00</u>

Fund Raising Account - Balance Sheet 2021

Balance b/f	3,388.00	Natwest Current Acc	£2,799.72
Surplus Income/Expenditure	-£379.97	Natwest Deposit Acc	£220.81
Uncashed cheq	£12.50		
	<u>£3,020.53</u>		<u>£3,020.53</u>

Appendix 3 – Officers’ Reports

Preface

by Right Reverend Dr Andy Emerton, Bishop of Sherwood

I am delighted to be writing a short introduction for this year’s report for the Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

One of the little known but fascinating facts about me is that I learnt to ring church bells as a teenager. I still can’t quite remember how I was first introduced to it, but I ended up supporting several churches in the local area and was delighted to be paid on occasions to ring the bells for weddings! Quarter peals were always a highlight, as remembering the patterns and changes appealed to my mathematical brain. Even as a youngster, I appreciated and enjoyed the camaraderie and sense of community that is so often part of the experience of being involved with bell ringing. I’m sure many of you will have missed this over the last two years as we have been in the grip of the pandemic and with all the restrictions and disruption that has brought. The task of calling people to worship remains a vital part of the life of the church and I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to this important ministry.

I have been in post as the Bishop of Sherwood for about 18 months now and am continuing to enjoy getting to know the Diocese and the many different contexts that our churches and bell towers are in. It is always a joy to hear the bells ringing out, whether that is at the regular Confirmation services at which we celebrate people committing their lives to follow Jesus, the annual Ordinations of priests and deacons at the Minster, or the Licensing services for new priests. Nationally, it was a significant moment when hundreds of church bells across the UK rang out to call for urgent action on climate change on the eve of Cop26.

Please do join me in continuing to pray for peace in Ukraine at this time and thank you again for all you are doing to serve the church across the diocese.

With every blessing for the year ahead

Bishop Andy, March 2022

Librarian’s Report

Since my 2019 Report additions to the Library’s Primary Catalogue have been:

Annual Reports:

1946 Southwell Diocesan Guild Report

1915 Annual Report of North Notts. Association of Change Ringers

Service Sheets:

Nottingham District AGM, 11 January 2020, held at St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote

South Notts. District AGM, 25 January 2020, held at All Saints, Thrumpton

Memorial Service for Richard John Bates, January 2020

Central Council Publication:

Collection of Doubles Methods 1955

Personal Ringing Records:

The family of the late Leslie G Smith donated his records:

Peal Record Vol. 1 Peals 1 – 50

Peal Record Vol. 2 Peals 51 – 89

Quarter peal record 1967 – 1980

Peal analysis

Thoroton Society:

The Notts. Church Notes of Sir Stephen Glynne 1825 –1874: Thoroton Society Record Series Vol. 49 2020

Whiting Society Publications donated by the Society:

The Church Bells of Derbys. Vol. 1 1872 – 1873: a collection of Articles published in *The Reliquary* between 1872 and 1873 by Llewellyn Jewitt
The Church Bells of Derbys. Vol. 2 1874 – 1880: a collection of Articles published in *The Reliquary* between 1874 and 1880 by Llewellyn Jewitt
The Church Bells of Notts: a collection of Articles published in *The Reliquary* between 1872 and 1879 by W. P. W. Phillimore
Irish Church Bells: a collection of Articles Published in *Transactions of the Historical & Archaeological Association of Ireland* between 1882 and 1887 by Richard Langrishe
Yorkshire Tails: The Story of Bingley Bells and Ringers by Karl Grave, 1st Edition, June 2012
Ten Bells: A lighthearted look at the Bells & Ringers of Derby Cathedral by Pat AM Halls, 1st Edition, April 2016
The Part-time Bellfounders of Glasgow & Renfrewshire by Michael Foulds 1st Edition Jan 2013
The Gorbals Brass & Bell Foundry: Bellfounding in Victorian & Edwardian Glasgow by Michael Foulds 1st Edition 2011
Glasbury Bells & Bellringers 1685 – 2014: A Campanological Study of a Welsh Marcher Parish by Colin A. Lewis 1st Edition May 2015

The number of donated Whiting Society publications (9) needs some explanation, in addition to our thanks. The Whiting Society of Ringers has a collection of around 120 titles, mostly (but not all) out-of-print and out-of-copyright books about bells and/or change ringing, available as free downloads to anyone interested, each accompanied by a biography of the author. In August 2020, I received an email request from Michael Foulds, one of their Principals:

“I’m about to add William Haley’s “Bell Hymn Book”, and the biography is done. It would seem a good idea to add his other book “Twelve Popular Airs” at the same time. I just need to find a complete, clean copy for scanning. I note the Southwell & Nottingham DG library has one (in fact, it seems to be the only one alive – the CCCBR library doesn’t have it), and I wonder if I might borrow this for a couple of weeks.”

The rest is history. I should add that the CCCBR Library now also has a scan of Twelve Popular Airs thanks to Ray Fanthorpe who scanned two copies of our copy – one for The Whiting Society and one for the CCCBR Library.

In 2012 Alan Regin sent me a list of 10 names relating to the WW2 Memorial Book of ringing casualties that he was researching and I assisted in this research using our Library’s resources. In 2020 Alan was able to identify and add more information relating to one of these names – Lance Corporal John William Davis of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, Royal Armoured Corps who died on 26th June 1944 aged 28, originally from Newark but then Nottingham. This additional information is now in the Guild Library.

In the last two years, 25 information enquiries have been researched using the Library’s resource; all but one of these have been from Pealbase. After some unavoidable delay, Nick Parkes has resumed scanning onto CDs the Guild’s Minute Books. These CDs will eventually be added to the Library.

Please contact me to make any information requests, to borrow an item from the Primary Guild collection or to donate an item to it. Finally, don’t forget that both the Primary Library Catalogue and the Reference Catalogue of Ringing Books are on the Guild website and are updated annually.

Mary Stephens

Quarter Peal Report

This report is compiled from all the quarter peals published on *BellBoard* (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk>) either rung in Nottinghamshire, or outside of the county but attributed to the Guild.

The curtailment of ringing during most of 2020 and 2021 understandably led to fewer towerbell quarter peals being rung during this time: only five towers rang more than six. The three leading towers were All Saints, Nottingham, achieving 13, Attenborough with ten and Farnsfield scoring nine. Peter England was the leading towerbell conductor, calling 14. Two of the Nottingham district quarters were on a mini-ring.

Ringing handbells was less restricted, the Beeston/Attenborough-based band dodging rain and the cooler winter

temperatures and regularly meeting in gardens when that was all that was permitted; over the two years 174 quarters were rung, with Tim Poole (122) and Christian Brown (24) being the leading conductors.

Two “virtual” quarters on *Ringin*g Room were also partly attributed to “Nottinghamshire”; there may have been more than this rung, but the author of this report has not been able to determine an appropriate search-term to find these.

The following resident members for their first quarter peals: Harry Simmonds, Robin Wilcox-Wood and Lucy Wignell. Congratulations to them all, and thanks to those who have supported these ringers to achieve these milestones.

District	Tower		Hand		Total		Grand total
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	
Bingham	5	20			5	20	25
Mansfield	10	9			10	9	19
Newark	7	5			7	5	12
North Notts	3	8			3	8	11
Nottingham	14	33	76	98	90	131	221
South Notts	10	13			10	13	23
Outside the county	2	9			2	9	11
Virtual		2				2	2
	51	99	76	98	127	197	334

Tim Poole

Safeguarding Officer’s Report

As many members will be aware, the Church of England has relaunched its Safeguarding Training Programme. Similar to the previous scheme, there are a number of different levels of training, according to role.

The decision as to who needs to complete which level of training sits with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, and so may vary from diocese to diocese according to local need.

Jim Crabtree and I have had an initial meeting with the Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Safeguarding Officer in January 2022 to discuss the local position. A formal response from the Diocese is awaited around the requirements for Tower Captains and those teaching others to ring. However it is clear that all ringers, whatever their role, are required to complete the Basic Awareness module (previously known as C0).

Those who have completed the old C0 module within the last three years do not need to complete Basic Awareness until their (three-yearly renewal) is due. However, those members who have not yet completed C0 or the Basic Awareness course are encouraged to complete it ASAP. The Basic Training module is online, and takes just under an hour to complete. It can be accessed via the Church of England Training Portal:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>. Once training is complete, a copy of the certificate should be forwarded on to your Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Guild Safeguarding Policy and our guidance for safeguarding at a local tower level can be found on the Guild website. These will be updated once the local diocesan training requirements are known.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns regarding safeguarding, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Andrew Wignell

Insurance

When participating in normal ringing activities within your home tower you should expect to be covered by the church's insurance. This cover should include public liability and personal injury. This ought to cover you whilst you are ringing, teaching and carrying out maintenance activities at that church. It is well worth asking your PCC to check the cover.

This cover may also be in place if you go elsewhere to improve your ringing, individually or as a team, but this should be discussed with your PCC. Whatever you are doing you should be competent and be aware of risks and mitigate them as much as reasonably practicable, you should also comply with Safeguarding requirements to ensure cover.

If your church is with Ecclesiastical Insurance then the cover is good and there are helpful notes on their website:

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/documents/bell-ringing-guidance.pdf>

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/documents/bell-ringing.pdf>

Ringing elsewhere for your own enjoyment rather than "for the benefit of your church" is more complex.

If you are helping out at another church (not acting on behalf of the Guild) then again you should expect that church's insurance to cover you if there is an accident due to their negligence, e.g., poor maintenance. If you are, say, helping with teaching then it might be reasonable to expect that church to treat you as a volunteer and cover you for public liability and personal injury. If in doubt, check.

The Guild has Personal Accident and Public Liability insurance to cover members and officers in a number of ways and these cover you whilst participating in Guild organised activities – e.g. ringing or teaching at District or Guild organised events. We also have cover in place for working on bells (including carrying out inspections) when this has been arranged through the Guild; to take advantage of this, you must advise the Bell Advice Co-ordinator before the work is carried out, as we have to assess that those carrying out the work are sufficiently competent for the cover to apply. There are lower and upper age limits of 16 and 75 respectively for most of the personal injury elements.

There is cover in place for the Trustees of the Bell Fund and Officers of the Guild (including District Officers) to protect them in case of mistake in the execution of their duties, as well as insurance of the Guild's property.

If you would like full details of our insurance then please drop me a note.

Jim Crabtree

Young Ringers

The first meeting of the Nottinghamshire Young Ringers Group took place at Beeston in November 2021, where we were delighted to welcome 13 young ringers. We've followed this successful start up with further practices at Nuthall, Clifton (St Mary's) and West Bridgford over the subsequent months.

The group is open to those aged 18 years and below, and we aim to meet monthly, usually on the second Saturday of the month. Most of our events so far have been Nottingham-based, but we will also be looking to go slightly further afield on occasions too.

Ringling so far has mainly consisted of rounds, call changes and basic methods. There is an emphasis on having fun whilst ringling, as well as giving members the opportunity to experience ringling at different towers and with different people, all in a safe, supportive environment. We also have a range of friendly helpers who can stand with any youngsters who need support whilst ringling. We normally provide tea and coffee in the church for parents transporting the young people to the practice, and also finish with drinks and cake for the youngsters, which strangely enough seems even more popular than the ringling itself!

New members aged 18 and under would be most welcome at any of our events. Please contact Andy Wignell (andrewwignell85@gmail.com) for more details of practices, or if you'd simply like to find out more.

Andrew Wignell

Peal Report

During 2020, seven peals were rung for the Guild, and 11 peals were rung in 2021, making a total of 18 over the last two years. These were rung in five towers, which were all in the Diocese, and at two separate handbell venues. Unlike some guilds we did not see a huge increase in handbell peals during Covid-19 related restrictions on ringling, but one had not been rung for the Guild since 2017.

The leading Guild towers for 2020-21 were Willoughby on the Wolds with eight and West Bridgford with five. The other towers were East Retford, Sutton cum Lound, and Clifton St Mary Virgin.

The leading Guild peal ringer for 2020-21 was Colin Aked with 12, followed by George Dawson with eight, and Ian Butters, Peter England, and Denise Harden, all with six. The leading conductor was Ian Butters with six, followed by Nick Parkes and Tim Poole, both with two.

The following milestones were reached:

Nick Parkes: 500th peal

Christian Brown: first in hand – this peal was the first surprise in hand for all the band.

Ian Butters: 300th peal at West Bridgford, of which he has conducted 299!

Bridgford Treble Place Major and Normanton Surprise Major were rung for the first time, both in 2020. Peals were rung in memory of Bryan Birkett, including one at his home tower of Sutton cum Lound, and Dorothy Mary Lawry.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the conductors or organisers who forwarded fees and details promptly.

Graham Hayward