

THE SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS

Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007.

Charity

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers was registered with the Charity Commission on 10 December 1975, registration number 266869. The charity's registered address is 9 The Gallops, Old Station Road, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 8LA. It is governed under a constitution originally registered in 1977 and revised 1999.

Principal Objects

The purpose of the charity is to promote and encourage the practice of bellringing; to recruit, train and encourage bellringers in the practice of their art; to cultivate the art of scientific change ringing.

Trustees

The Trustees during the period were as follows:

Chairman :	W S Girling
The Ringing Master :	R Munnings
Treasurer :	K Ashton Jones
Secretary :	M Garner

Review of Progress and Achievements

Bellringing Activities

Throughout the year Sunday and special service ringing has taken place for most services in the Guild's 178 ringing towers. Regular practices have been held in almost 100 towers where training takes place for beginners and more experienced ringers. In addition there have been monthly activities in each of the four guild districts both ringing and social. The Guild held an annual training day and there have been 117 Peals rung for the Guild during 2007 in 42 Suffolk towers, and 7 outside the county. More than 335 quarter peals have been rung in Suffolk towers enabling many members to improve their skills and keep this ancient art progressing.

Restoration Activities

Grants have been agreed for help with restoration projects at Fressingfield, Stonham Aspal, Campsea Ashe, Stradishall and Elmsett. Projects employing professionals also use local labour from amongst the ringers and congregations to assist wherever possible. Members of the Belfry Advisory Committee have undertaken work in seven towers, whilst test rings have taken place at another four with a view to restoration. A great deal of time and advice is given freely to enable much maintenance work to be carried out, so that the bells across the Guild are kept in as good working order as possible.

Guild Finances

The Guild accounts for 2007 show that the Guild finances remain healthy. Subscription and Peal Fee income continues to be apportioned equally between the General Fund and the Restoration Fun, whilst Gift Aid refunds are allocated in full to Restoration. Deposit account