

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 266869

**SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE
OF BURY ST. EDMUNDS AND IPSWICH
31 DECEMBER 2018**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018 which are set out on page 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 21 February 2019

Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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 Denton House, Colchester Road, Ardleigh, Colchester, CO7 7NS. It is governed under a constitution originally registered in 1977 and most recently revised in 2017.

Principal objectives

The purpose of the Charity is to promote and encourage the practice of bellringing within the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich; to recruit, train and encourage bellringers in the practice of their art; to cultivate the art of scientific change ringing; and to promote and advise on the preservation of bells in an efficient condition.

Trustees

The Trustees during the period were:

1st Jan-7th April 2018

Chairman: A F Stanley

Treasurer: O P Claxton

Secretary: C N Melville

7th April – 31st December 2018

Chairman: R P Wilson

Treasurer: S A Cheek

Secretary: C N Melville

Review of progress and achievements

Bellringing

The Guild aims to offer support to its members to not only ring for Sunday service and practice nights but also to improve and progress their ringing. District events have been held across the whole Guild including open practices, quarter peal weeks/months, training activities, outings and social gatherings. Whilst the number of people attending these events is difficult to gauge, a broad spectrum of the membership get involved with these and hopefully benefit from the opportunity to ring at different towers and meet other ringers.

The total of quarter peals rung has increased this year to 450 (441 in 2017) but the number of people involved remains fairly steady at 374 (379 in 2017) as does the number of towers at 98. Peals rung in 2018 has also increased from 103 to 108 (the highest since 2014) in 48 Suffolk towers and this year includes two 12 bell peals. This increase is due largely to the re-introduction of peal week which also enabled nine ringers to ring their first peals.

The Recruitment & Training committee continues to hold quarterly meetings to review training and recruitment activities and opportunities across the Guild. This year the committee attended Gather 2018 and used the mini ring to encourage young people from across the Diocese to 'have a go'. An exciting new opportunity also now exists in Norwich with the opening of the Mancroft Ringing Discovery centre and members are being encouraged to make use of these state of the art training facilities.

The commemoration of the end of WW1 created a lot of opportunities in 2018 through peals (13 rung), quarter peals and Ringing Remembers with 30 new ringers being recruited. Armistice 100 on Sunday 11th November was the pinnacle of achievement for the year with all but three of the ringable towers in the Guild ringing at some point during the day.

The excellent news that we had won the Suffolk Heritage award was announced at the Guild's 95th Anniversary Dinner held at Elmswell in March which was attended by the High Sheriff himself. Even the Beast from the East couldn't stop 84 people from enjoying this five yearly occasion although it did delay it by three weeks!

Restoration

2018 has been another busy year for the Belfry Advisory Committee with three major restorations being completed at Cretingham, Little Cornard & St. Margaret's Ipswich. The teams of people who worked on these prominent restorations are to be congratulated for their determination and hard work as the resulting peals of bells are an important addition to the rings of bells rated as condition 10 within the

Guild. The work of the BAC is never ending however and projects in the pipeline include Redgrave, Stowmarket, Laxfield, Fornham St. Martin, Combs and Hitcham.

Guild Finances

Reserves Policy

In line with advice from Larking Gowen, the appointed examiners for the Guild, the Trustees have formulated a Reserves Policy. The Guild will expect to hold at the bank, a surplus of approximately one years running costs.

Policies

All money in the Guild's funds not required for day-to-day working purposes is invested or deposited by the Treasurer, as directed by the Guild Management Committee. Grants from the Restoration Fund are authorised by the Guild Management Committee but are only paid after completed work has been approved by the Guild Ringing Master and the Technical Adviser. Grants are normally only offered for work to restore bells and their fittings for full-circle ringing, but may include augmentation and other ancillary work associated with any such project. In order to respond to the short term need to provide financial support to training activities, the General Management Committee (GMC) have introduced a process to enable grants of up to £50 to be made immediately, at the discretion of the Ringing Master, and grants of up to £500 to be made within seven days at the discretion of the Guild Executive. In both cases subject to appropriate records being kept and presented to the GMC.

As an enabling measure, the Public Relations Officer has been given a budget. The purpose being to enable greater flexibility, and faster reaction, to PR recruitment opportunities when they arise.

General Fund

Net income to the General fund, before transfers to the Restoration Fund, was 51% up on 2017. However, after transfers for subsidising the Guild Dinner and half of all subscriptions/peal fees, there was an increase of just £1744.15 year on year. It should be noted that this modest increase resulted mainly from an extraordinary donation of £1000 from the Suffolk Community Foundation's High Sheriff's Awards, and as in recent years the only guaranteed income to the General Fund (i.e. 50% of subscriptions) did not meet our expenses.

Restoration Fund

At year end the Restoration Fund totalled £57,795.64, including £38,850.00 already allocated for approved grants and awaiting payment. This leaves just £18,945.64 available for new grant applications.

During the year grants totalling £28,900.00 were approved, for Stowmarket (£11,000), Laxfield (£12,000), Fornham St Martin (£5,600) & Gt Barton (£300)

Other Restricted Funds:

The Golden Bottle Trust Fund provided £142 on training activities and stands at £4858.00.

All other restricted funds (Library Fund, Handbell Fund, Jubilee Fund, Pipe Family Trust Fund and St Peter's Sudbury Fund) have positive balances.

R P Wilson
Trustee & Chairman
December 2018

S A Cheek
Trustee & Treasurer
December 2018

C N Melville
Trustee & Secretary
December 2018

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

GENERAL FUND

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	7,419		7,425	
Peal fees	810		698	
Sundry sales	54		15	
Report adverts	250		245	
Donations	1,315		573	
		<u>9,848</u>		<u>8,956</u>
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Annual report	1,108		938	
Ringling World advertising	19		77	
Central Council affiliation fee	160		120	
Administrative expenses	472		729	
Travel & subsistence	-		150	
Hall hire (meetings)	349		379	
Guild magazine	-		460	
Public liability insurance	398		377	
Members' accident insurance	797		733	
Wreaths/donations in lieu	75		50	
Donations	-		300	
Handbell insurance	266		248	
Equipment	-		303	
		<u>3,644</u>		<u>4,863</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>6,204</u>		<u>4,093</u>
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES				
To Restoration fund (note 1)	4,114		4,062	
To Restoration fund - Guild Dinner subsidy	346		-	
		<u>4,460</u>		<u>4,062</u>
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<u>1,744</u>		<u>31</u>
GENERAL FUND at 1 January 2018		4,848		4,817
GENERAL FUND at 31 December 2018		<u><u>6,592</u></u>		<u><u>4,848</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

RESTORATION FUND

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Non resident life membership fees		98		21
Guild meetings and events		743		-
Donations		120		788
Interest received (note 2)		570		509
Affiliation scheme		1,330		1,595
Jubilee fund interest (note 2)		21		17
Refund of gift aided donations		1,275		2,878
St Edmund Clapper income		300		215
Mini ring				
Donation	95		145	
Expenses	-		-	
(to BRF)		95		145
Guild Dinner				
Donation	2,444		-	
Expenses	(2,790)		-	
Subsidy from				
General Fund	346		-	
		-		-
		<u>4,552</u>		<u>6,168</u>
		<u>4,552</u>		<u>6,168</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Grants paid		19,300		12,333
Donations		1,137		
BAC expense		51		69
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(15,936)</u>		<u>(6,234)</u>
TRANSFERS TO RESTORATION FUND				
From General fund (note 1)		4,114		4,062
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<u>(11,822)</u>		<u>(2,172)</u>
RESTORATION FUND at 1 January 2018		69,618		71,790
RESTORATION FUND at 31 December 2018		<u><u>57,796</u></u>		<u><u>69,618</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

LIBRARY FUND

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME		-		-
EXPENDITURE				
CC library subscription	10		-	
	<hr/>	10	<hr/>	-
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<hr/> (10)		<hr/> -
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY FUND				
From General fund		-		-
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<hr/> (10)		<hr/> -
LIBRARY FUND at 1 January 2018		311		311
LIBRARY FUND at 31 December 2018		<hr/> <hr/> 301		<hr/> <hr/> 311

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

JUBILEE FUND

	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME		
Donations received	50	50
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
TRANSFERS TO RESTORATION FUND		
Interest received transferred to restoration fund	-	-
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
JUBILEE FUND at 1 January 2018	2,065	2,015
JUBILEE FUND at 31 December 2018	<u><u>2,115</u></u>	<u><u>2,065</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND

	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME		
Donations received	-	-
Interest received	10	8
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 1 January 2018	1,041	1,033
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 31 December 2018	<u><u>1,051</u></u>	<u><u>1,041</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

HANDBELLS FUND

	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME		
Donations received	20	25
EXPENDITURE		
Repairs	(24)	-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(4)</u>	<u>25</u>
HANDBELLS FUND at 1 January 2018	784	759
HANDBELLS FUND at 31 December 2018	<u><u>780</u></u>	<u><u>784</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received	72		85	
Interest received	9		5	
	<hr/>	81	<hr/>	90
EXPENSES		-		-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		81		90
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 1 January 2018		1,999		1,909
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 31 December 2018		<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
		2,080		1,999

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The Golden Bottle Trust

	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME		
Donations received	-	5,000
EXPENDITURE	-	-
Books and ART supplies	(142)	
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(142)</u>	<u>5,000</u>
GOLDEN BOTTLE FUND at 1 January 2018	5,000	-
GOLDEN BELLS FUND at 31 December 2018	<u><u>4,858</u></u>	<u><u>5,000</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Central Board of Finance	63,342		20,012	
Bank current account	11,912		17,559	
CAF 12mth bonds	-		48,095	
Cash in hand	319		-	
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		75,573		85,666
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>75,573</u>		<u>85,666</u>
REPRESENTED BY				
General fund		6,592		4,848
Restoration fund		18,946		42,368
Restoration Grants Allocated		38,850		27,250
Library fund		301		311
Jubilee fund		2,115		2,065
Pipe Family Trust fund		1,051		1,041
Handbells fund		780		784
St. Peter's Sudbury fund		2,080		1,999
The Golden Bottle Trust		4,858		5,000
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		<u>75,573</u>		<u>85,666</u>

Notes to the accounts

Note 1. 50% of the sum of subscriptions and peal fees is transferred to the Restoration fund.

Note 2. The interest received from the CBF and Barclay's bank accounts and shown in the Jubilee, Restoration and Pipe Trust funds has been apportioned in the ratio of their respective capital sums.

APPROVED:

We approve the accounts on pages 2 to 12 and confirm that the records produced, together with the information and explanations supplied to Larking Gowen LLP, constitute a true and correct record of all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018.


S Cheek

Date: 16/2/2019


Revd C Melville

Date: 16/2/19

ASSETS

The Guild owns a number of assets in addition to the various bank balances.
The main items (with approximate replacement costs) are:

Handbells	£ 30,000
Library	£ 13,000
Vestey Ring	£ 4,900
Other assets	£ 2,700