

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 266869

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE
OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
31 DECEMBER 2021**

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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 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 14

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.

**A E Rutherford ACCA
BAS Accountants
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Date: 1 February 2022

Trustees' Annual Report for 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Charity

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich 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 2019.

Principal Objectives

The main purposes of the Charity are: 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; to promote and advise on the preservation, renovation and augmentation of bells in an efficient condition.

Trustees

The Trustees during the period were:

1st January to 10th April

Chairman - R P Wilson Treasurer - S A Cheek Ringing Master - T G Scase Secretary - K M Gill

10th April to 31st December

Chairman - R P Wilson Treasurer - S A Cheek Secretary – K M Gill

Review of Progress and Achievements

Bellringing

2021 was very much a year of two halves for the Guild. From January to May the lockdown restrictions continued and ringing was once again limited to outdoors (handbell ringing) and online using Ringing Room. GMC meetings and the AGM held in April remained on Zoom.

When the national restrictions finally began to lift in May 2021, ringers were once again allowed to meet indoors in groups of 6 so this enabled towers, with sufficient space for 1m+ social distancing, to recommence ringing. The rule of 6 restricted the tradition of 'everyone welcome' at practice nights across the Guild, however quarter peals began to be organized.

The first quarter peal on tower bells was rung on Wednesday 19th May at Pettistree followed by Bury St Edmunds (Norman Tower) on Sunday 23rd May, both towers showing their intention to get back to regular QP attempts. In total there were 158 tower bell quarters at 48 towers, 54 handbell quarters and 20 quarters rung online wholly in Suffolk giving a total of 232. They involved 191 ringers, a small proportion of the Guild membership, but the seeds of recovery had been sown. The first peal (since 2020) was on Saturday 24th July at Grundisburgh and a total of 19 were rung for the Guild over a 6 month period.

Following 'Freedom Day' in mid-July, towers tentatively started to run practices but it has been an uphill struggle for some to gather their members together and get back into the habit of ringing regularly for Sunday service and practice night. Interestingly, handbell ringing and online ringing have continued and actually thrived. Many ringers have returned to their towers but new skills picked up during lockdown and possibly different working arrangements have enabled some to continue with both tower-based and home-based ringing.

The Heritage Open Days Event in September provided a good opportunity to re-engage with the general public and promote the art of bellringing. Approximately 70 people visited the Norman Tower for the traditional Saturday open day but a further 50 then attended an 'Open House' afternoon session later in the week where they were given a demonstration of bellringing and the opportunity to ask about the bells and bellringing at the Norman Tower.

Restoration

Although the Belfry Advisory Committee (BAC) met only once in 2021, considerable work has been undertaken by BAC members throughout the county with the completion of projects at Buxhall, Laxfield and Barham. Other projects in progress include Combs and Stowmarket and ongoing projects, at an earlier stage, include a restored 6/8 bell ring in a new steel frame at Fornham St Martin and restoration/augmentation at Drinkstone, Framsdon, Hoxne, and Westhorpe. Troston's bells are currently being restored, however the Guild has neither been directly involved nor is financially supporting this project.

The BAC continues to conduct minor works, repairs and inspections where needed and has been active at Brome, Dalham, Falkenham, Felixstowe, Framlingham, Gazeley, Hintlesham, Hoxne, Ipswich St Mary at Elms, Levington, Little Blakenham, Oakley and Westhorpe.

There has been only one Application for Grants from the Guild Restoration Fund during 2021, which was from St Gregory's, Sudbury. The St Edmund clapper competition ending in 2021 reached a grand total of £1042.98 (with the inclusion of Gift Aid on some donations). This directly supports the Guild Restoration Fund, and is a magnificent contribution during difficult circumstances.

Guild Finances

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have formulated a Reserves Policy, in which The Guild will expect to hold at the bank a surplus of approximately one year's running costs.

Policies

All money in the Guild's funds not required for day-to-day purposes is invested or deposited by the Treasurer, as directed by the Guild Management Committee (GMC). Grants from the Restoration Fund are authorised by the GMC, but are only paid after completed work has been approved by the Guild Ringing Master and the Technical Advisor. 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 GMC 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

Income for 2021 was 7% down from previous year, and expenditure down by 29%, resulting in a net income of £6,455 (7% up on 2020). Peal fees were not surprisingly very low (£144), owing to the restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic. Two new online income streams (AmazonSmile and EasyFundraising) have contributed small amounts of additional income (£107). The General Fund overall stands at £11,974, compared with £9,833 for 2020.

Restoration Fund

At year end the Restoration Fund totalled £61,815, including £24,850 already allocated for approved grants awaiting payment. This leaves £36,965 available for new grant applications. During the year two grants were paid out for completed projects – Laxfield (£12,000) and Barham (£6,200). No new grants were awarded.

The Golden Bottle Trust Fund

Projects for simulator installations have now been undertaken at Southwold (£711) and Felixstowe (£881). The fund now stands at £3,264.

Jubilee Fund

All interest accrued in this capital Fund is transferred into the Restoration Fund. Donations for the year amounted to £1,177 and at year end the fund's value was £5,292.

Other Funds

At year end all other funds had positive balances. Library Fund (£237), Handbell Fund (£932), Pipe Family Trust Fund (£1,122) and St Peter's Sudbury Fund (£2,175).

R P Wilson
Trustee & Chairman

S A Cheek
Trustee & Treasurer

K M Gill
Trustee & Secretary

December 2021

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	8,485		9,000	
Peal Fees	144		237	
On-line fundraising	107		0	
Sundry sales	4		29	
Report adverts	295		195	
Donations	102		316	
		9,137		9,777
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Annual report	555		649	
Ringling World advertising	12		15	
Central Council affiliation fee	160		160	
Administrative expenses	478		541	
Hall hire (meetings)	78		21	
Public liability insurance	347		431	
Property damage insurance	104		0	
Members' accident insurance	390		434	
Wreaths/donations in lieu	0		75	
Handbell insurance	309		533	
Donations	250		0	
Lapel badges	0		916	
		2,682		3,775
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		6,455		6,002
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES				
To Restoration fund (note 1)		4,315		4,619
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		2,141		1,384
GENERAL FUND at 1st January 2021		9,834		8,450
GENERAL FUND at 31st December 2021		<u>11,975</u>		<u>9,834</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

RESTORATION FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Non resident life membership fees		0		40
Guild meetings and events		71		40
Donations		560		660
Interest received (note 2)		231		640
Affiliation scheme		1,325		1,375
Jubilee fund interest (note 2)		20		37
Gift aid tax recovered		2,254		1,660
St Edmund clapper income		217		611
Vestey Ring Donation		80		30
Guild Dinner Donation		0		0
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		4,759		5,093
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EXPENDITURE				
Grants paid		18,200		6,700
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SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(13,441)		(1,607)
TRANSFERS TO RESTORATION FUND				
From General fund (note 1)		4,315		4,619
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BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		(9,127)		3,012
RESTORATION FUND at 1st January 2021		70,943		67,931
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RESTORATION FUND at 31st December 2021		<u>61,816</u>		<u>70,943</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

LIBRARY FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME	0		0	
EXPENDITURE				
CC library subscription	10		10	
Ringing World CD	18		0	
GW Pipe Biography	16		0	
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(44)		(10)
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY FUND				
From General fund		0		0
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		(44)		(10)
LIBRARY FUND at 1st January 2021		281		291
LIBRARY FUND at 31st December 2021		<u>237</u>		<u>281</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

JUBILEE FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received		1,178		1,500
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>1,178</u>		<u>1,500</u>
TRANSFERS TO RESORATION FUND				
Interest received transferred to restoration fund		0		0
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<u>1,178</u>		<u>1,500</u>
JULBILEE FUND at 1st January 2021		4,115		2,615
JULBILEE FUND at 31st December 2021		<u><u>5,293</u></u>		<u><u>4,115</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received	0		250	
Interest received	4		10	
EXPENDITURE		4		260
Grants		44		0
DEFICIT / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(40)		260
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 1st January 2021		1,162		901
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 31st December 2021		<u>1,122</u>		<u>1,162</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

HANDBELL FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received		30		73
EXPENDITURE				
Repairs		0		0
SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>30</u>		<u>73</u>
HANDBELL FUND at 1st January 2021		903		830
HANDBELL FUND at 31st December 2021		<u><u>933</u></u>		<u><u>903</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received	20		0	
Interest received	1		9	
	<u> </u>	21	<u> </u>	9
EXPENSES		0		0
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		21		9
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 1st January 2021		2,154		2,145
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 31st December 2021		<u> </u> <u> </u>		<u> </u> <u> </u>
		2,175		2,154

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

THE GOLDEN BOTTLE TRUST

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received		0		0
EXPENDITURE				
Simulators		1,593		0
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>(1,593)</u>		<u>0</u>
GOLDEN BOTTLE FUND at 1st January 2021		4,858		4,858
GOLDEN BOTTLE FUND at 31st December 2021		<u><u>3,265</u></u>		<u><u>4,858</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Shawbrook/CAF 12mth bonds	40,010		40,000	
Central Board of Finance	42,614		51,063	
Bank current account	3,835		2,885	
Cash in hand	356		301	
		<u>86,814</u>		<u>94,249</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>86,814</u></u>		<u><u>94,249</u></u>

REPRESENTED BY

General fund	11,975	9,834
Restoration fund	36,966	27,893
Restoration grants allocated	24,850	43,050
Library fund	237	281
Jubilee fund	5,293	4,115
Pipe Family Trust fund	1,122	1,162
Handbells fund	933	903
St. Peter's Sudbury fund	2,175	2,154
The Golden Bottle Trust	3,265	4,858
	<u>86,814</u>	<u>94,249</u>

In the opinion of the Trustees, all of the Funds except the General Fund are restricted in nature.

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: CBF General fund, & CAF bonds, and shown in the Jubilee, Restoration and Pipe Trust funds has been apportioned in the ratio of their respective capital sums.
- Note 3: The Jubilee Fund interest is transferred directly to the Restoration Fund.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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
Stock of lapel badges	900
Other assets	2,700
	<u>51,500</u>

Grants - Approved and Paid

	Approved pre-2021	Approved 2021	Date Approved	Grants Paid	Grants Unpaid	Date Paid
Ipswich, St Clement	500		22/10/2017		250	16/08/2018
Stowmarket	11,000		17/02/2018		11,000	
Laxfield	12,000		17/02/2018	12,000		20/04/2021
Fornham St Martin	5,600		17/02/2018		5,600	
Combs	8,000		30/06/2019		8,000	
Barham	6,200		28/06/2020	6,200		29/12/2021
	<u>43,300</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>18,200</u>	<u>24,850</u>	

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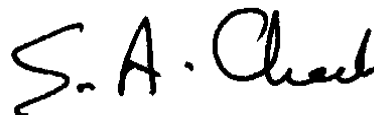
We approve the accounts on pages 2 to 14 and confirm that the records produced, together with the information and explanations supplied to BAS Accountants, constitute a true and correct record of all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

R Wilson



Date: 04 February 2022

S Cheek



Date: 04 February 2022