

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS BELL RESTORATION FUND

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2013

Establishment, Government and Trustees

In 1952 the Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers ("The Association") established a Bell Restoration Fund ("The Fund" or "BRF") to provide financial support towards bell restoration projects to towers in and around The Association area.

In 1980 the Bell Restoration Fund became a registered charity (number 279919) with the name "The Middlesex County Association Of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund".

The Bell Restoration Fund is governed by rules agreed by the members of The Association and printed in The Association Annual Report.

There are four trustees: The Association General Secretary (who acts as the point of contact for the Charity), and the three Trustees of The Association. These are elected annually by the members of The Association.

During the year ended 31st December 2013 the Trustees were:

Stephen Mitchell (Association General Secretary)

Roger Bailey

to 22nd January 2013

John Thorp

James White

Peter Kemp

from 27th April 2013

Correspondence to the Bell Restoration Fund should be addressed to:

S. J. F. Mitchell, 19 Court Way, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW2 7SA

Management of The Bell Restoration Fund

The Bell Restoration Fund is managed by the Bell Restoration Committee of The Association, with day-to-day operation undertaken by the Bell Restoration Fund Treasurer.

The Bell Restoration Committee ("The Committee") is established under the rules of The Association and comprises the following members elected annually:

The President, Master, General Secretary and General Treasurer of The Association;

the Bell Restoration Fund Treasurer and the Bell Restoration Officer;

the Trustees of The Association;

two additional representatives of The Association;

two representatives of each district (currently four people representing two districts).

Further members may be co-opted to assist with The Committee's work.

The purpose of The Committee is:

i) to provide help and advice on the planning and execution of maintenance, repairs, installations and restorations in bell towers

ii) to maintain and enhance the Bell Restoration Fund.

The quorum for meetings of The Committee considering grants or loans is five.

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Grants and Loans from the Bell Restoration Fund

Applications for grants and loans from the BRF are made in writing to the General Secretary of The Association giving details of approved work to be carried out, and estimates of the costs involved. Such applications are considered by the Bell Restoration Committee. If the project meets the conditions for support, the committee will make a recommendation to a General Meeting of the Association for a grant to be awarded, or it may ask the applicant for further information on the project and its existing funding so that a decision on the level of a grant can be considered. Applications for a grant or loan are considered and voted on at a General Meeting of The Association.

The Bell Restoration Committee may, without making a recommendation to a General Meeting of The Association, exceptionally make loans to a value of not more than £500 each, with a total outstanding at any one time of no more than £1,000, to help support emergency repairs at an active tower in the Association. The Bell Restoration Committee shall advise the Central Committee and the next General Meeting of such loans, which may at that time be converted to grants.

The Bell Restoration Committee usually meets twice per year, in the Spring and Autumn shortly before the General Meetings of The Association, but can meet at other times as necessary for the consideration of grants and loans or for other business.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The policy on reserves is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees expect and aim to pay out as grants the annual income of the charity within four years of receipt, in accordance with the charitable objectives, subject to there being projects which request our financial support and which satisfy the conditions of support.

Reserves (in excess of outstanding grants), other than restricted funds and capital sums of which only the interest may be used, therefore normally do not exceed four times the charity's annual income. The financial statements which follow include a statement of the value of accumulated reserves as at the end of the accounting period.

Officers' Reports

The report of the Bell Restoration Fund Treasurer, including the accounts, is given on the following pages.

To put the work supported by the Bell Restoration Fund into the context of the larger volume of work being undertaken by members of The Association and, in particular, by members of the Bell Restoration Committee, the report of Stephen Jakeman, The Association Bell Restoration Officer during 2013, is also presented.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR 2013

Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2013

I have checked the accounts of the Bell Restoration Fund (on the following two pages), together with the explanatory notes, for the year ended 31st December 2013. I confirm that they are in accordance with the books and records supplied to me.

Michael J. Trimm ACA
Independent Examiner

April 2014

BELL RESTORATION FUND TREASURER'S REPORT 2013

Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2013

Income and Expenditure Account	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
District collections (note 1)	4,388		2,335	
Donations	6,810		2,592	
200 Club	4,541		4,506	
Transfer from Central Fund	<u>1,200</u>		<u>1,000</u>	
		16,939		10,433
Interest	68		173	
Gift Aid reclaim	-		950	
Profit on disposal of shares (note 2)	<u>-</u>		<u>14,173</u>	
		68		15,296
Total income		<u>17,007</u>		<u>25,729</u>
Grants paid				
Clay Hill (St John)	250		-	
Edware (St Margaret)	10,800		-	
Foster Lane (St Vedast)	-		3,383	
Kilburn (St Mary)	-		20,000	
Harmondsworth (St Mary)	-		8,000	
Ealing (Christ the Saviour)	-		<u>15,000</u>	
		(11,050)		(46,383)
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		<u><u>5,957</u></u>		<u><u>(20,654)</u></u>
 Balance Sheet				
		2013		2012
		£		£
Current account		25,503		19,614
Deposit account		11,896		11,828
Share investment fund		14,769		12,704
Liabilities (note 3)		<u>(21,500)</u>		<u>(26,800)</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>30,668</u></u>		<u><u>17,346</u></u>
Balance brought forward		17,346		19,440
(Deficit) / surplus for the year		5,957		(20,654)
Movement in the value of the shares		2,065		(11,940)
Movement in grants awarded		<u>5,300</u>		<u>30,500</u>
Accumulated Reserves		<u><u>30,668</u></u>		<u><u>17,346</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts

1 District Collection Totals	2013	2012
	£	£
North & East	1,221	963
South & West	532	506
Joint and Association	585	866
Open Day	2,050	-
	<u>4,388</u>	<u>2,335</u>

2 Profit on disposal of shares

The profit on disposal of shares in 2012 relates to 1,911.35 shares of original cost £5,827 sold for £20,000 and therefore realising a profit on disposal of £14,173. The shares were sold to generate sufficient cash funds to meet the grants paid during the year.

3 Liabilities	2013	2012	
	£	£	
Loan from The Association Central Fund	1,000	1,000	
Outstanding grants:			
Edgware (St Margaret)	Oct. 2012	-	10,800
Fulham (All Saints)	Oct. 2012	15,000	15,000
Westminster (St Stephen)	Oct. 2013	5,000	-
Homerton (St Barnabas)	Oct. 2013	500	-
	<u>21,500</u>	<u>26,800</u>	

Note: grants lapse after three years but can be re-voted if the project being supported is delayed beyond this time.

The Bell Restoration Fund (charity number 279919 registered with the Charity Commission) continues to be well supported and to help bell restoration projects across the Association. Income in 2013 was significantly boosted through a bequest of £5,000 from Richard Taylor. The Open Day in May was a great success contributing £2,050, despite not being able to claim gift aid on ticket sales. Excluding these items, fundraising was down c£800 compared to 2012.

Fundraising by the North & East district included a quarter peal day (£114), a Barn Dance (£116), and £133 from the sale of teas for Open House at Aldgate. The Highgate Fair raised £350, Hampstead Fair £150 and Janets' and John's Jaunts £163. The former Western District raised £278 through their quiz night and the new South & West district raised £103 with their inaugural outing.

Over £1,800 was generously donated during the year including £350 from ringing for the Ordination of Deacons service at St Paul's Cathedral, £150 from West Drayton (St Martin), £100 for ringing for a funeral at Hanwell (St Mary) and £240 from Windsor (St John).

Grants were awarded to Westminster (St Stephen), Homerton (St Barnabas), and the chime at Clay Hill (St John) in Enfield. The grant to Edgware was finally paid after being granted in 2008 and extended last year. Due to lower expenditure than in the previous year, the funds have increased leaving just over £30,000 available for grants.

Many thanks for all the hard work and generosity of fundraisers and donators in 2013; I look forward to another successful year.

Sarah Taylor

Bell Restoration Fund Treasurer, on behalf of the Trustees

BELL RESTORATION OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 2013

The year has been as busy as ever with the Edgware (St Margaret) re-hanging project completed, the long awaited re-hanging of Fulham (All Saints) commenced, and numerous minor but equally important works carried out across the area.

The Bell Restoration Committee met twice during the year and discussed, amongst other matters, grant applications from Clay Hill (St Luke), Homerton (St Barnabas) and Westminster (St Stephen). At the Annual General Meeting, the Committee's recommendations that a grant of £500 be made towards the cost of restoring the ring of three at Homerton and that a grant of £250 be made towards the cost of renovating the chime of eight at Clay Hill were approved. At the Autumn General Meeting the Committee's recommendation that a grant of £5,000 be made towards the cost of re-hanging the bells at Westminster St Stephen was approved.

Progress on projects supported by grants from the BRF is as follows:

Edgware (St Margaret): the project to re-hang the existing bells with new fittings in the existing frame was completed in September by Whites with assistance from the BRC. This included the design and installation of a sound control system. The bells were consecrated by the Bishop of Edmonton on the 16th November. The go of the bells is vastly improved and will assist the local band to blossom.

Fulham (All Saints): this major project led by Eddie Hartley to re-hang the historic ring of ten in a new frame with new fittings lower in the tower, install two dumb bells for teaching, provide facilities in the tower for the ringers, and a complete redecoration of the ringing chamber has started. The bells were removed by Whitechapel in June with assistance from the BRC. In January 2014 the new frame was installed and after a service of blessing and thanksgiving by the Bishop of London on 2nd February the bells were hung. Once builder's works have been completed the bells should be ringing by Easter.

Other activities carried out by the Committee include:

Bow (St Mary): a general check-over was undertaken identifying some minor work on the 7th pulley.

City (St Bartholomew, Smithfield): various loose items were tightened up and a lose frame joint was diagnosed.

Enfield (St Andrew): assistance has been given on replacement pulley inserts.

Monken Hadley (St Mary the Virgin): the frame was tightened achieving a reduction in 'strange' noises.

Norwood Green (St Mary the Virgin): support and advice continues to be given on the scheme to re-hang the existing ring of six with new fittings in the existing frame. It is hoped that this will commence in the autumn of 2014.

Pinner (St John the Baptist): a recycled slider was supplied and washers were supplied to permit a lose clapper to be tightened up.

St George in the East: assistance has been given to fit new ropes.

South Hackney (St John): additional rope guides were installed; work on clappers is planned.

West Drayton (St Martin): four bells were moved at short notice, following the theft of the 2nd bell from shed in churchyard, into church and two weeks later raised into the tower, alongside the ringable tenor, for secure storage. Frustratingly all subsequent attempts to get the Church Authorities interested in completing the restoration started in the late 1920's have failed.

The '200 Club', which provides financial support to the Bell Restoration Fund, has continued to increase its membership. A '200 Club' outing was made to St Mary Kilburn for members to see the results of their support.

I take this opportunity once again to thank members and friends of the Committee for their time so freely given. Without this valued support very little of the above good works would have been possible.

Stephen Jakeman

Bell Restoration Officer