

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS BELL RESTORATION FUND

## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

### **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 2012 the Trustees were:

Roger Bailey	
Frank Blagrove	to 20th October 2012
Ruth Foreman	to 20th October 2012
Stephen Mitchell (Association General Secretary)	
John Thorp	from 20th October 2012
James White	from 20th October 2012

Roger Bailey died on 22nd January 2013. Peter Kemp was appointed as a Trustee on 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 shall be five.

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### **Grants and Loans from the Bell Restoration Fund**

Applications for grants and loans from the BRF shall be 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 shall be considered by the Bell Restoration Committee, which shall make a recommendation to a General Meeting of the Association. Applications for a grant or loan shall be 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 The Association Bell Restoration Officer during 2012, Stephen Jakeman, is also presented.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR 2012**

### **Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2012**

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 2012. I confirm that they are in accordance with the books and records supplied to me.

**Michael J. Trimm ACA**  
Independent Examiner

**April 2013**

# BELL RESTORATION FUND TREASURER'S REPORT 2012

## Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2012

Income and Expenditure Account	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
District collections (note 1)	2,335		2,400	
Donations	2,592		2,569	
200 Club	4,506		6,278	
Transfer from Central Fund	<u>1,000</u>		<u>800</u>	
		10,433		12,047
Interest	173		206	
Gift Aid reclaim	950		-	
Profit on disposal of shares (note 2)	<u>14,173</u>		<u>-</u>	
		15,296		206
<b>Total income</b>		<u>25,729</u>		<u>12,253</u>
<b>Grants paid</b>				
Bishopsgate (St Botolph)	-		2,000	
Foster Lane (St Vedast)	3,383		-	
Kilburn (St Mary)	20,000		-	
Harmondsworth (St Mary)	8,000		-	
Ealing (Christ the Saviour)	<u>15,000</u>		<u>-</u>	
		(46,383)		(2,000)
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>		<u><u>(20,654)</u></u>		<u><u>10,253</u></u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>				
		2012		2011
		£		£
Current account		19,614		10,792
Deposit account		11,828		31,655
Share investment fund		12,704		30,470
Liabilities (note 3)		(26,800)		(57,300)
Money in transit		-		823
Loan to St Giles in the Fields		-		3,000
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>17,346</u></u>		<u><u>19,440</u></u>
Balance brought forward		19,440		53,924
(Deficit) / surplus for the year		(20,654)		10,253
Movement in the value of the shares		(11,940)		(437)
Movement in liabilities		30,500		(44,300)
<b>Accumulated Reserves</b>		<u><u>17,346</u></u>		<u><u>19,440</u></u>

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### Notes to the Accounts

<b>1 District Collection Totals</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
North & East	963	1,409
Western	496	627
Southern	10	-
Joint and Association	866	364
	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,400</u>

### 2 Profit on disposal of shares

The profit on disposal of shares 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.

<b>3 Liabilities</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan from The Association Central Fund	1,000	1,000
Outstanding grants:		
Date voted		
Fulham (All Saints) Oct. 2012	15,000	-
Edgware (St Margaret) Oct. 2012	10,800	10,800
Harmondsworth (St Mary)	-	8,000
Kilburn (St Mary)	-	20,000
Foster Lane (St Vedast)	-	2,500
Ealing (Christ the Saviour)	-	15,000
	<u>26,800</u>	<u>57,300</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) has had another good year. Fundraising has been maintained at 2011 levels but large expenditure on grants has caused a deficit of £20,654. This has reduced the funds available for future grants to just over £17,000.

Fundraising by the North & East District included £193 from the quiz night at Bethnal Green and £80 from the sale of teas at Aldgate for Open House. The Highgate Fair raised £300, and Janet and John's Jaunts £78. The Western District raised £285 through their quiz night and £125 at their Annual District Meeting.

Only one (new) grant, to Fulham, was awarded during the year. The grant to Edgware, previously voted in 2008, was re-approved after lapsing, and the previous grant to Foster Lane was "topped up".

Many thanks for all the hard work and generosity of fundraisers and donors in 2012 and I look forward to another successful year.

**Sarah Taylor**

Bell Restoration Fund Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees

## BELL RESTORATION OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 2012

The year has proved to be truly memorable – in how many years do you get three new rings of bells? It was a great privilege to be asked to represent the Association & Guild at the dedication service of the new ring of ten at St Dunstan-in-the-West and at the blessing and consecration service at Kilburn (St Mary). In addition to the crucial behind-the-scenes support and advice role, the Bell Restoration Committee (BRC) has continued to be active with hands-on involvement at a number of projects. The BRC met twice during the year and discussed, amongst other matters, a grant application from Fulham. At the Annual General Meeting of The Association, the Committee's recommendation that a grant of £15,000 be made towards the cost of re-hanging the bells at Fulham was approved. In addition, a top-up grant of £883 to Foster Lane (St Vedast) was agreed.

Progress on projects supported by grants from the Bell Restoration Fund is as follows:

**Edgware (St Margaret)** – This long-planned project to rehang the existing bells with new fittings in the existing frame is now due to commence in July 2013.

**Ealing (Christ the Saviour)** – The project to rehang all eight bells with new fittings in the existing frame was completed in July 2012 with assistance from local ringers and members of the BRC.

**Fulham (All Saints)** – significant progress has been made with the project to re-hang this historic ring of ten in a new frame with new fittings lower in the tower.

**Harmondsworth (St Mary)** – assistance was given to Whitechapel in replacing three canon-retaining headstocks and other general improvements.

**Kilburn (St Mary)** – a further successful and swiftly-executed project spearheaded by Michael Royaltan-Kisch where the existing three bells have been augmented with bells from Prittlewell and High Wycombe to make an excellent ring of six. The BRC installed a temporary but crucial lifting point, lowered the existing three bells, dismantled the old frame and assisted Whites in hanging them in a new frame and fittings in December.

Other activities carried out by Committee Members and friends include:

**Bethnal Green (St John)** – This ring of three in a six bell frame has now been restored to a ringable condition using wheels, stays, and sliders released from other restoration projects.

**Hampton (St Mary)** – Support and advice has been given to the local band as to their options as it is considered that the existing ring of eight are very much on borrowed time.

**Norwood Green (St Mary)** – Support and advice continues to be given to the scheme to rehang the existing ring of six with new fittings in the existing frame.

**Tottenham (All Hallows)** – Bearings and pulleys all re-greased, and lighting installed.

**King Square, EC1 (St Clement)** – Repairs were carried out to the clapper link mechanism to restore this chiming single bell back to service much to the delight of the Parish.

Two further fast-track projects in the City of London, both led by Dickon Love, have seen bells return to St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street (the previous ring of eight having been removed in 1968), and a new ring at St James Garlickhythe. At St Dunstan-in-the-West there is an easy-going light ring of ten and at St James Garlickhythe there is now light ring of eight. With the approval of Buckingham Palace the ring at St James are to be known as "The Royal Jubilee Bells". Both rings were cast and installed by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

We note that at Westminster (St Stephen), the long-planned restoration project of the ring of eight bells has gained momentum following confirmation of a cracked gudgeon plate on the 7th bell preventing it being rung.

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