

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION BELL RESTORATION 200 CLUB CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. INTRODUCTORY

1.1. The name of the club shall be the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION BELL RESTORATION 200 CLUB ("200 Club").

1.2. The purpose of the 200 Club is to raise funds; the excess over expenditure will be to the benefit of the Middlesex County Association of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. The Club shall have a maximum share/unit membership of 200.

2.2. Membership shall be determined by regular donations to the club; one monthly share/unit shall be £5.00 paid by standing order into the club's bank account on the third day of each month, or in advance.

2.3. One member may hold more than one share/unit. Each share/unit issued shall be allocated a number between 1 and 200.

2.4. Members need not be members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to as the "Middlesex County Association").

2.5. Members of the Governing Committee and their partners shall not be eligible for membership.

2.6. Membership of the club shall commence from the date of the first donation to the club and shall continue until terminated by an individual member or by the Governing Committee of the club.

2.7. Membership of the club shall be deemed to have lapsed should the member's monthly donation fall into arrears of two months.

2.8. Subject to rule 2.1, new members may be invited to join the club at any stage after its commencement should any vacancies occur.

3. PRIZES

3.1. Membership of the club shall entitle members to participate in monthly, spring and autumn draws for cash prizes.

3.2. The numbers and value of prizes will depend on the number of eligible units in issue at the time of the draw and will be as set out in paragraph 3.3 below. This may be changed at the discretion of the Governing Committee. Notice of such changes will be given in Bell News and through the MCALDG email list.

3.3. The prizes shall be approximately one third of income less expenses and shall be distributed as cash prizes as described in the following table

Paid up Membership	Monthly Prizes of £50	Autumn Prize	Spring Prize
0 - 30	None	None	None
31 – 76	12	None	None
77 – 100	24	1 of £500	None
101 – 120	24	None	1 of £1000
121 – 150	24	1 of £500	1 of £1000
151 – 170	24	1 of £1000	1 of £1000
171 – 190	36	1 of £1000	1 of £1000
191 - 200	36	1 of £1000	1 of £1000

3.4. The Draws for the monthly prizes shall be held by the Secretary/Treasurer or member of the Governing Committee between the 5th and 20th day of each month with the aim to hold these at Association events where possible; subject to there being more than 30 shares/units in issue.

3.5. A separate Draw for the autumn prize shall be held at the Middlesex County Association’s Autumn General Meeting.

3.6. A separate Draw for the spring prize shall be held at the Middlesex County Association’s Annual General Meeting.

3.7. Winners will be notified by email. Payment will be made by BACS or cheque. Winner’s names shall also be published in Bell News or similar Association publication. Lists of winners shall also be made available to District Secretaries and will also be available on request from the Secretary of the Governing Committee and at Association General Meetings.

4. THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE

4.1. The club shall be administered by a Governing Committee of four, nominated annually by the Bell Restoration Committee - of these two will make a quorum.

4.2. The Governing Committee shall consist of a Chairman (who will be the Bell Restoration Fund Treasurer), a Secretary/Treasurer and two other committee members.

4.3. The Governing Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Bell Restoration Committee of the Middlesex County Association. The Bell Restoration Committee is empowered to deal with all matters of the club, including its cessation and winding up.

4.4. The Governing Committee’s decision shall be deemed final in all matters.

4.5. The Governing Committee shall meet at least once a year.

5. ACCOUNTS

5.1. Accounts of the club shall be kept separately from those of the Middlesex County Association Bell Restoration Fund. Audited accounts of the club shall be presented to the Middlesex County Association's Annual General Meeting.

5.2. The timing and amounts of transfers of any surpluses to the Middlesex County Association Bell Restoration Fund shall be determined by the Governing Committee, always aiming to transfer surplus to the Bell Restoration Fund before the year end.

5.3. The bankers of the club shall be HSBC or as otherwise directed by the Bell Restoration Committee; signatories to the bank account shall be determined by the Governing Committee.

These rules were updated in January 2025 with minor changes.