

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 266869

**SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE
OF BURY ST. EDMUNDS AND IPSWICH
31 DECEMBER 2015**

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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 on the accounts of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts. They consider that the charity does not require an audit under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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18 April 2016

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

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 2 Fredellen, Upper Street, Witnesham, Ipswich, IP6 9EW. It is governed under a constitution originally registered in 1977 and most recently revised in 2013.

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:

Chairman A F Stanley

Treasurer G E Slack (to 11th April 2015); O P Claxton (from 11th April 2015)

Secretary A J Shedden; (to 11th April 2015); Revd C Melville (from 11th April 2015)

Review of Progress and Achievements

Bellringing Although the peal total for the year is down on 2014, there has been an increase in the number of quarter peals rung. The quarter peals covered a wide range of methods, from doubles to maximus, involved a diverse range of towers and ringers, and benefitted all who took part. The Integrated Teacher Training Scheme (ITTS) continues the established training programme. Those who have participated agree it is a valuable aid to the teaching and instruction of beginners, and a skills investment for the future.

Restoration activities Our main contributions were to Wickham Market and Elmsett, with other contributions to Halesworth, St. Mary le Tower Ipswich and Stoke Ash. Members of the Belfry Advisory Committee continue to give advice and support, both for routine maintenance and restoration projects. On 4th July a 'Maintenance Get Together' was held at Long Melford and well attended by Guild Members, with rope splicing and general routine maintenance of bells and their associated gear being demonstrated.

Guild Finances

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.

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General Fund Income to the General Fund decreased by 11% overall, although, as is always the case, some categories have increased, others decreased. Subscriptions were 1% higher than 2014, although this amounted to just £94 in total. A notable change was a 33% reduction in peal fees, obviously the result of fewer peals rung. Also, in the 2014 income account is £984 raised through 'Young Ringers Fund Raising'. This was to cover specific expenditure, which if removed leaves a difference in incomes between the 2014 and 2015 of just £58. Expenditure was 28% less than in 2014. Again, some categories saw increases, some decreases and some very little change. Most of the difference arose from the absence of expenditure on digitisation of tower records and the Ringing World National Youth Contest. Overall there was a small increase, of £482, in the General Fund.

Restoration Fund The Restoration Fund income, compared with 2014, is down by 20%. With the exception of interest received, which increased by £14, or 2%, income from all other categories have declined. Just two grant applications, for a total of £1,800, were made and approved in 2015, the lowest for many years. As a result, the sum available for allocation to new projects has increased to over £53,000.

Summary In 2015, there was a small increase in the General Fund balance and a small, but not significant, increase in subscriptions. Funding requests for restoration work was the lowest since before 2011.

A F Stanley	O P Claxton	Revd. C Melville
Trustee & Chairman	Trustee & Treasurer	Trustee & Secretary
January 2016	January 2016	January 2016

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

GENERAL FUND

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	7,310		7,216	
Peal fees	636		948	
Sundry sales	4		16	
Report adverts	190		385	
Sale of rope	96		194	
Donations	465		-	
Young Ringers fundraising	-		984	
		8,701		9,743
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Annual report	1,261		1,296	
Ringling World advertising	122		44	
Central Council affiliation fee	120		120	
Administrative expenses	266		313	
Travel & subsistence	93		93	
Hall hire (meetings)	42		72	
Guild magazine	690		860	
Public liability insurance	416		363	
Members' accident insurance	707		707	
Wreaths/donations in lieu	25		50	
RWNYC expenses	5		972	
Donations	150		150	
Tower records digitisation	-		411	
Handbell insurance	300		321	
		4,196		5,772
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		4,505		3,971
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES				
To Library fund	50		50	
To Restoration fund	3,973		4,082	
		4,023		4,132
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		482		(161)
GENERAL FUND at 1 January 2015		5,547		5,708
GENERAL FUND at 31 December 2015		<u>6,029</u>		<u>5,547</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

RESTORATION FUND

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Non resident life membership fees		70		77
Guild meetings and events		240		439
Other donations and events		508		714
Interest received (note 2)		571		557
Affiliation scheme		1,022		1,112
Jubilee fund interest (note 3)		17		17
Refund of gift aided donations		1,287		1,696
St Edmund Clapper income		690		929
Mini ring	Donation	275		360
	Expenses	-		-
	(to BRF)	275		360
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		4,681		5,902
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EXPENDITURE				
Grants paid		5,792		7,385
BAC Expense		20		-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(1,131)		(1,483)
TRANSFERS TO RESTORATION FUND				
From General fund (note 1)		3,973		4,082
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BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		2,842		2,599
RESTORATION FUND at 1 January 2015		62,654		60,055
RESTORATION FUND at 31 December 2015		<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
		65,495		62,654

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

LIBRARY FUND

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME		-		-
EXPENDITURE				
CC library subscription	40		-	
	<hr/>	40	<hr/>	-
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<hr/> (40)		<hr/> -
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY FUND				
From General fund		50		50
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<hr/> 10		<hr/> 50
LIBRARY FUND at 1 January 2015		328		278
LIBRARY FUND at 31 December 2015		<hr/> <hr/> 338		<hr/> <hr/> 328

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

JUBILEE FUND

	2015 £	2014 £
INCOME		
Donations received	55	-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> 55	<hr/> -
TRANSFERS TO RESTORATION FUND		
Interest received transferred to restoration fund	-	-
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	<hr/> 55	<hr/> -
JUBILEE FUND at 1 January 2014	1,910	1,910
JUBILEE FUND at 31 December 2014	<hr/> <hr/> 1,965	<hr/> <hr/> 1,910

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND

	2015 £	2014 £
INCOME		
Donations received	100	700
Interest received	9	8
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>109</u>	<u>708</u>
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 1 January 2015	914	206
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 31 December 2015	<u><u>1,023</u></u>	<u><u>914</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

HANDBELLS FUND

	2015 £	2014 £
INCOME		
Donations received	97	35
EXPENDITURE	-	-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> 97	<hr/> 35
HANDBELLS FUND at 1 January 2015	562	527
HANDBELLS FUND at 31 December 2015	<hr/> <hr/> 659	<hr/> <hr/> 562

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received	5		-	
Interest received	9		9	
		14		9
EXPENSES		-		-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		14		9
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 1 January 2015		1,785		1,776
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 31 December 2015		1,799		1,785

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Central Board of Finance	25,827		25,687	
Bank current account	4,334		1,331	
CAF 12mth bonds	47,147		46,681	
		77,308		73,699
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>77,308</u>		<u>73,699</u>
REPRESENTED BY				
General fund	6,029		6,029	
Restoration fund	53,487		53,488	
Restoration Grants Allocated	12,008		16,000	
Library fund	338		338	
Jubilee fund	1,965		1,965	
Pipe Family Trust fund	1,023		1,022	
Handbells fund	659		660	
St. Peter's Sudbury fund	1,799		1,800	
		<u>77,308</u>		<u>81,301</u>

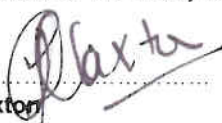
Notes to the accounts

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, constitute a true and correct record of all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2015.


O Claxton


Revd C Melville

ASSETS

The Guild owns a number of assets in addition to the various bank balances. The main items are:

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