

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 266869

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

31 DECEMBER 2019

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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 2019 which are set out on pages 4 to 12

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
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Date: 17 February 2020

Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

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 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 27th April

Chairman - R P Wilson Treasurer - S A Cheek Secretary - C N Melville

27th April to 31st December

Chairman - R P Wilson Treasurer - S A Cheek Ringing Master - T G Scase

Review of Progress and Achievements

Bellringing

The total number of quarter peals rung has increased again this year to 517 (450 in 2018) and encouragingly the number of people has also increased slightly to 383 (374 in 2018). The number of towers has significantly increased to 115 (from 97/98 in the last 3 years) with 5 of these towers hosting a quarter peal for the first time in 10 years. The peal total has decreased from 108 in 2018 to 87 in 42 Suffolk towers (and 3 out of county towers) but promisingly includes 4 peals of Surprise Maximus which were a first for the Guild since 2016. Three of these peals were rung at the Norman Tower, Bury St Edmunds and, with 11 resident members ringing Yorkshire Surprise Maximus in April, indicates that more members are having the opportunity to ring on 12. Another successful peal week enabled 3 ringers to ring their first peals, with another first being achieved later in the year.

The Recruitment & Training committee has built on the successes of last year with attendance at the Gather event at the Cathedral for a second year which provided another excellent opportunity to promote the Art to young church-goers. In an attempt to focus some resources on the recruitment of new ringers county wide, the Guild held its first Taster Day at Halesworth in September linking with a Heritage Open Day event; linking with a larger (unrelated) event proved to be beneficial so these Taster Days will become an annual event in future. Current members of the Guild have also been encouraged to make use of the resources available on the website and to visit the new training facilities at St Peter Mancroft in Norwich; this has been communicated using regular all-member email updates.

The Guild also hosted the Ridgman Trophy 10 bell striking competition at Bury St Edmunds in June. Eight teams competed for the Trophy and the Suffolk Guild achieved a creditable 3rd, our highest placing for a few years, with the Hertford County Association retaining the Trophy.

Restoration

The Belfry Advisory Committee members have been kept busy again this year with major work being completed at Hitcham, Yaxley, Cotton & Hintlesham. Much of this hard work has enabled the bells to be rung again with two peals being rung at Cotton, the go of the bells being improved at Yaxley and Hintlesham and the Hitcham bells being removed from the tower ready for Taylors of Loughborough to install them in a new eight bell steel frame.

Other projects in the pipeline include Combs, Laxfield, Fornham St Martin, Buxhall, Hoxne and Stowmarket where work to restore and augment the bells will start in April 2020.

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 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 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

Net income to the General Fund was marginally up on 2018. Administration costs were higher, but these were somewhat compensated for by a reduction in insurance costs. Savings were also achieved in the cost of producing the annual report. Subscription income was slightly up, bolstered towards the end of the year by some members paying their 2020 subscriptions early.

Restoration Fund

At year end the Restoration Fund totalled £67,931.08, including £43,550.00 already allocated for approved grants and those awaiting payment. This leaves £24,381.08 available for new grant applications.

During the year new grants totalling £15,754.18 were approved (Combs £8,000), Hitcham (£6,700), Hintlesham (£600) and Yaxley (£434.18).

Other Restricted Funds

The Golden Bottle Trust Fund, Library Fund, Handbell Fund, Jubilee Fund, Pipe Family Trust Fund, and St Peter's Sudbury Fund all have positive balances.

R Wilson	S A Cheek	T G Scase
Trustee & Chairman	Trustee & Treasurer	Trustee & Ringing Master
December 2019	December 2019	December 2019

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

GENERAL FUND

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	7,774		7,419	
Peal Fees	648		810	
Sundry sales	4		54	
Report adverts	180		250	
Donations	723		1,315	
		9,329		9,848
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Annual report	674		1,108	
Ringling World advertising	14		19	
Central Council affiliation fee	160		160	
Administrative expenses	965		472	
Hall hire (meetings)	273		349	
Public liability insurance	412		398	
Members' accident insurance	418		797	
Wreaths/donations in lieu	75		75	
Handbell insurance	269		266	
		3,260		3,644
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		6,069		6,204
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES				
To Restoration fund (note 1)	4,211		4,114	
To restoration fund - Guild Dinner subsidy	0		346	
		4,211		4,460
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		1,858		1,744
GENERAL FUND at 1st January 2019		6,592		4,848
GENERAL FUND at 31st December 2019		<u>8,450</u>		<u>6,592</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

RESTORATION FUND

		2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Non resident life membership fees		56		98	
Guild meetings and events		321		743	
Donations		2,033		120	
Interest received (note 2)		592		570	
Affiliation scheme		1,400		1,330	
Jubilee fund interest (note 2)		23		21	
Refund of gift aided donations		1,421		1,275	
St Edmund clapper income		710		300	
Mini ring	Donation	285		95	
	Expenses	0		0	
	(to BRF)		285		95
Guild Dinner	Donation	138		2,444	
	Expenses	0		-2,790	
	Subsidy from				
	General Fund	0		346	
		138		0	
			6,979		4,552
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EXPENDITURE					
Grants paid			1,055		19,300
Donations			0		1,137
BAC expenses			0		51
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			5,924		-15,936
TRANSFERS TO RESTORATION FUND					
From General fund (note 1)			4,211		4,114
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS			10,135		-11,822
RESTORATION FUND at 1st January 2019			57,796		69,618
RESTORATION FUND at 31st December 2019			67,931		57,796

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

LIBRARY FUND

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME		0		0
EXPENDITURE				
CC library subscription	10		10	
	<hr/>	10	<hr/>	10
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<hr/> -10		<hr/> -10
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY FUND				
From General fund		0		0
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<hr/> -10		<hr/> -10
LIBRARY FUND at 1st January 2019		301		311
LIBRARY FUND at 31st December 2019		<hr/> <hr/> 291		<hr/> <hr/> 301

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

JUBILEE FUND

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received		500		50
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<hr/> 500		<hr/> 50
TRANSFERS TO RESORATION FUND				
Interest received transferred to restoration fund		0		0
BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS		<hr/> 500		<hr/> 50
JULBILEE FUND at 1st January 2019		2,115		2,065
JULBILEE FUND at 31st December 2019		<hr/> <hr/> 2,615		<hr/> <hr/> 2,115

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received	50		0	
Interest received	8		10	
EXPENDITURE				
		58		10
Grants		208		0
DEFICIT / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		-150		10
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 1st January 2019		1,051		1,041
PIPE FAMILY TRUST FUND at 31st December 2019		901		1,051

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

HANDBELLS FUND

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received		50		20
EXPENDITURE				
Repairs		0		-24
SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<hr/> 50		<hr/> -4
HANDBELLS FUND at 1st January 2019		780		784
HANDBELLS FUND at 31st December 2019		<hr/> <hr/> 830		<hr/> <hr/> 780

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received	50		72	
Interest received	15		9	
	<hr/>	65	<hr/>	81
EXPENSES		0		0
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<hr/> 65		<hr/> 81
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 1st January 2019		2,080		1,999
ST. PETER'S SUDBURY FUND at 31st December 2019		<hr/> <hr/> 2,145		<hr/> <hr/> 2,080

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

THE GOLDEN BOTTLE TRUST

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations received		0		0
EXPENDITURE				
Books and ART supplies		0		-142
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>0</u>		<u>-142</u>
GOLDEN BOTTLE FUND at 1st January 2019		4,858		5,000
GOLDEN BOTTLE FUND at 31st December 2019		<u><u>4,858</u></u>		<u><u>4,858</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Shawbrook/CAF 12mth bonds	40,000		0	
Central Board of Finance	38,748		63,342	
Bank current account	8,973		11,912	
CAF 12mth bonds	0		0	
Cash in hand	300		319	
		88,021		75,573
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>88,021</u>		<u>75,573</u>

REPRESENTED BY

General fund	8,450	6,592
Restoration fund	24,381	18,946
Restoration grants allocated	43,550	38,850
Library fund	291	301
Jubilee fund	2,615	2,115
Pipe Family Trust fund	901	1,051
Handbells fund	830	780
St. Peter's Sudbury fund	2,145	2,080
The Golden Bottle Trust	4,858	4,858
	<u>88,021</u>	<u>75,573</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 aggregated interest received from: the CCLA/CBF General account and Shawbrook/CAF Bonds is applied to the Jubilee Fund, Restoration Fund and the Pipe Family Trust Fund in proportion to their capital values.

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 2019

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
Other assets	2,700

Grants - Approved and Paid

	Approved pre-2019	Approved 2019	Date Approved	Grants Paid	Grants Unpaid	Date Paid
Ipswich, St. Clement	500		27/10/2017		250	16/08/2018 part
Little Cornard	10,000	Cancelled Feb 2019	17/06/2017		0	
Stowmarket	11,000		17/02/2018		11,000	
Laxfield	12,000		17/02/2018		12,000	
Fornham St Martin	5,600		17/02/2018		5,600	
Combs	0	8,000	30/06/2019		8,000	
Hitcham	0	6,700	30/06/2019		6,700	
Hintlesham	0	600	30/06/2019	600	0	20/09/2019
Yaxley	0	454	30/06/2019	454	0	23/09/2019
	<u>39,100</u>	<u>15,754</u>		<u>1,054</u>	<u>43,550</u>	

APPROVED:

We approve the accounts on pages 2 to 13 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 2019.

R Wilson

Date:

W Wilson

24/2/2020

S Cheek

Date:

S.A. Cheek

24/2/2020