

## Treasurer's Report for Annual Guild Report 2019

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### General Fund

The fund shows a surplus of almost £60. The increase in the branch quota income (50% of subscriptions paid in 2018) reflects the increase in the number of members. On the other hand the insurance premium has also increased in line with the membership numbers.

As a result of transferring surplus funds from the current account to the savings accounts, the bank interest has almost trebled to just under £25!!

### Trading Fund

The fundraising team have again raised significant funds during the year. The profit from the sales of Christmas cards and calendars is transferred to the 'Guild Bell Repair Fund' – this year the magnificent sum of £1,174.50 was raised – considerably more than previous years. The profit from the annual raffle, £510, was transferred to the 'Training and Recruitment Fund' this year whereas in 2018 it was allocated to the Guild BRF. Thank you to the team for all their hard work and to everyone who has supported their efforts.

### Training and Recruitment Fund

This fund benefitted from an increase in the allocation of the branch quotas from 10% to 20% of previous year's subscription.

Once again the Eastern branch arranged a race night event and raised nearly £770 - a tremendous effort - thank you.

Bell ringing was not included in the annual Church Schools Festival in 2019. This precluded the opportunity of offering Taster sessions on the six-bell simulator in the Cathedral, as in 2018.

The fund paid the entry fee and nominal expenses of a team, '*Lincolnshire Poachers*', to enter the Ringing World National Youth Competition which took place in Liverpool.

### '100 Club'

Alison Jones the administrator of the '100 Club' reports that there were 98 members during 2018 and produced a net profit of £813 for the Guild BRF. If you would like to join, then please contact Alison.

### Balance Sheet

Overall the Guild General Funds have increased by over £2,300. This is partly due to the reallocation of branch quotas taking 10% from the BRF portion and giving it to the 'Training and Recruitment' fund.

### Guild Quota and Subscriptions for 2020/2021

The 2019 subscription is split 50% to the General Fund, 20% to the Training and Recruitment Fund and 15% to the Guild BRF. The subscription for 2020 and 2021 will remain at £10 and the peal fee at 25p per rope.

Thank you to Phil Ford and Mike Maughan for inspecting the accounts.

### Branch Accounts

The composite branch accounts on page xxx show a simplified version of the state of financial affairs in each branch. They have all been independently examined and approved at the Branch AGMs.

Barbara Rand  
Guild Treasurer

## Membership Report

Branch	Figures from Branch Accounts							
	Full		Junior		Honorary		Total	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Central	123	121	10	10	3	3	136	134
Eastern	72	66	4	7	0	1	76	74
Elloe Deaneries	64	73	5	5	2	2	71	80
Northern	102	93	10	6		0	112	99
Southern	138	123	9	11	2	2	149	136
West Lindsey	129	126	13	9	3	2	145	137
	628	602	51	48	10	10	689	660

During 2019, I have compiled a database of membership, starting with the list in the 2014 report. I have allocated a unique number to each ringer as they were elected members of the Guild. The latest recruit in 2019 was number 1005.

The level of membership, year on year, has changed very little because each year the number of people being elected is countered by the number of people not renewing their membership. There were 665 in 2014 and by the end of 2019 the membership was 689, as shown above. There were 98 new members elected in 2019 – a record level.

Some of the more observant of you will notice the figures for 2018 are not the same as shown in my report last year. This is because it became apparent that the lists in the 2018 report did not show a true reflection of the membership for that year. Working with the branch treasurers and secretaries, I have been able to update the figures to a more accurate record.

It is essential that we have records of membership for insurance purposes. A reminder to all members, particularly those who were elected prior to 2015, that we require a 'Member Update' form (available via Guild website) to be completed and given to your branch secretary. The branch can keep a copy but the original must be sent to the Guild Treasurer for safekeeping. This form also helps with compliance of the new GDPR rules concerning your preferred method of communication within the Guild.

### Gift Aid

I have been responsible for submitting the Gift Aid claims to HMRC on behalf of the charitable arm of the Guild, ie the Bell Repair Fund. The Gift Aid scheme was instigated in April 2000 and allows charities to claim tax repayments on donations from taxpayers. Each member of the Guild supports the BRF through the quota system – ie a proportion of the annual subscription is transferred to the BRF. For those members who have signed the Gift Aid Declaration, a further 25%, of that donation, can be claimed from HMRC.

It would be beneficial that members consider signing the Gift Aid Declaration on the Membership forms thus enabling the BRF to increase its income, at no extra cost to individuals. However, if you cease to be a taxpayer, I need to be made aware, so that your declaration can be cancelled.

### Membership Secretary

The Guild committee agreed, in November 2019, that it would appoint someone to take up the office of Membership Secretary at the Annual General Meeting in April 2020. At the same time, it would be an ideal opportunity to integrate the work of the Gift Aid Officer, who is, currently, dependent upon the accuracy of membership lists in the Annual Reports. By combining the tasks, only the original copy of the Membership forms would need to be kept. Obviously I will give assistance to the new incumbent of the post.

Barbara Rand  
Gift Aid Officer and Membership Form keeper/Guild Treasurer