

THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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SAD NEWS:

It is with much sadness that we hear that Chris Bolt's sister, Diane Rigby, who was also a ringer, died on Sunday 25th January. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.

REVIEW OF RINGING AT BAMPTON DURING 2014:

One of the really good things about ringing at Bampton is the extent to which the wider Bampton community seem to appreciate our ringing. This is reflected in the number of celebration rings we are asked to give. More about this subject later. The following summarises our income for the year ending 31 December 2014:

Wedding party ringing workshop	£100.00
Collections for Help for Heroes	272.22
Coffee mornings	941.39
Celebration ring donations	380.00
Parachuting teddy bears	192.20
Funeral ringing donations	130.00
Wedding ringing donations	100.00
Visiting ringers donations	86.00
Ringing chamber collections	23.90
Extended ringing donations	37.00
Gift aided donations	256.00
Gift Aid Tax refund for 2013	50.09
Total for 2014	£2,568.80

So what do we do with all this money? From the above income plus a little from our reserves, we donated £1,000 to the Bampton PCC Fabric Fund, we sent £272.22 to Help for Heroes, which is our chosen charity. We invested a further £1,000 in the Bampton Bellringers Major Work Fund, this is an accumulation investment fund designed to meet the costs of major works at some time in the future. We paid for a new heater in the ringing chamber, and this has been much appreciated by all during the cold winter evenings. We also paid for the additional socket outlets to be installed in the clock

chamber in readiness for the clock autowind facility, which hopefully will be installed during 2015. We also pay for all the maintenance costs associated with our bells. We do not ask the PCC for money.

CELEBRATION RINGING:

Signpost, which is the nearest we get to a parish magazine, carries a small note informing readers that we will ring the Bampton bells to celebrate any significant event requested by members of our community. We try to ring on the day and time requested, but sometimes this is just not possible as we have to find six ringers available and capable to ring our moderately heavy bells. We provide a certificate summarising our ringing for this event and we can, if requested, provide a tape recording of the ringing. Although sometimes this is a bit embarrassing, if our ringing has not been very good!! We make no charge for celebration ringing, but we do accept donations, and we can claim back the Income Tax, if an appropriate declaration has been made.

HELP FOR HEROES:

Some years ago we held a fund raising day for Help for Heroes. This was much more successful than we ever expected, even in our wildest dreams. We still receive donations, mainly from Jean's Mobile Pantry as she has our collection box on display and charges lorry drivers for such misdemeanours as leaving a wet spoon in the sugar bowl! Our total donation to H4H are now nearly £4,000.00.

OUR MAJOR WORKS FUND:

Three years ago we decided to place some of our surplus cash in purchasing accumulation shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Our intention is to build up a capital sum to be available in (say) 50 years time when major works are required to the bells, their fittings and the bell frame. So far we have invested £3,000 in this fund and at the end of December our shares were valued at £3,384.90

TRAINING RELATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

The training related activities of the Troyte Ringing Centre have been accounted for separately for each tower. As Huntsham and Bampton each have their own Parochial Church Council and as each bell fund comes under the umbrella of the relevant PCC TRC training income and expenditure has also been separated. The Troyte Ringing Centre Management Committee decided that it would be more sensible if all training related income and expenditure was combined. From 01 January 2015 therefore, all training related income and expenditure for the Troyte Ringing Centre will be held under a sub-fund within the Bampton Bellringers Fund.

TROYTE RINGING CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Bampton Community Hall on 18 March.