

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Information pack on Council Committees, The Ringing World and The Ringing Foundation, 2011

(prepared for the Welcome Meeting for New Members)

Council Committees

Bell Restoration Committee

This committee works to help parishes and others thinking about bell restoration projects to raise money and to work with their local ringing associations and the bell restoration trade to get the best possible result from their project. The committee is responsible for the Central Council booklet “Organising a Bell Restoration Project” and a new edition of that booklet is now available.

Committee members have direct contact with many parishes, providing advice and assistance – there were contacts with 35 parishes between June and October this year. The committee is also responsible for administering various bell funds, particularly the Central Council fund. With the help of a recent legacy, the total amount disbursed by the fund over some 10 years has now reached more than £100,000.

The committee will continue its present work and is always seeking new sources of funding and better ways of helping parishes. There will be vacancies at the new Council meeting: experience in this area would be useful but the main qualification is time and enthusiasm.

If any Council members would like more information then please contact:

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Biographies Committee

The Biographies Committee acquires, maintains and makes available information about the lives and achievements of ringers who have contributed to the Exercise over the years.

After the 2009 Council meeting at Worcester, the Committee’s remit significantly widened to include any ringer, and not just Central Council members as it had previously. The Committee is also seeking to make biographic information more easily accessible to ringing historians and to interested ringers at large.

Historically, the Committee produced a biographical record of each deceased Council member as a calligraphic page in a series of large books held in the Central Council Library. More recent records have been printed and stored in smaller books. Copies of these historic records (over 560) have recently been made available on the web.

The core of the Committee’s work is the research, data gathering and writing needed to produce biographic records. The Committee seeks to give as complete a picture of an individual’s life and

ringing as possible, something that was not always possible in the past.

The desire to create richer records, coupled with the Committee's wider remit, has caused a corresponding increase in the amount of underlying research, data gathering and information management. The Committee is currently working on facilities to permit on-line contribution and access to information, in addition to traditional methods. This will help to handle larger volumes of information, and should make it easier for more people to submit more information, more reliably than using traditional forms.

The Committee also provides information to researchers and to the writers of ringing obituaries, tower histories, etc, and has an aspiration to do so more in the future.

Most Committee members contribute to the research and compilation of biographic information about individual ringers, but some also undertake specific tasks including, scanning *The Ringing World* and other news sources, printing the archival copies of new records, collating lists of deceased Council members (and in future other ringers), responding to requests for information, and monitoring omissions in the records. Future tasks will also include the management, moderation and oversight of the growing body of on-line biographic information.

New members are needed to help with this work. The Committee has 9 posts, many of which will be open for election in 2011. The Committee mainly communicates by e-mail, with occasional face to face meetings as required, either held at a central location or during the Council weekend. If you are interested in the history of ringing, if you enjoy finding out about and recording the life and work of ringers, if you would like to help raise ringers' awareness of their history, or if want to exploit new technology to make biographic information more widely available to ringers, then you could make a useful contribution to the Biographies Committee. To join the Committee at the Council meeting, you should arrange for someone to propose you.

If you have any questions about the committee or its work, please talk to the chairman or one of the members before the Council meeting. If you are new to the Council, please come to the Welcome Meeting to find out more.

Pat Halls chairman@biographies.cccbr.org.uk

Compositions Committee

The Committee is charged by the Council 'to promote the art of composition: to maintain a representative collection of quarter peal and peal compositions and prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct; to select, check and prepare compositions for publication in *The Ringing World* and to encourage the use of aids to composition.'

The Committee currently has 8 members and holds no face-to-face meetings, being in regular e-mail contact. Our most visible work is probably the regular composition pages in *The Ringing World*. Most of the members take a turn at writing the reviews and we all share the work of proof-reading.

Many people encounter the Committee via our online peal collection (<http://ringing.org/main/pages/peals>) which is maintained and augmented regularly.

We also produce collections for publication by the Council, most recently a collection of compositions of Stedman on 10 and more bells. There is a wealth of IT knowledge within the Committee to assist with the production and proof reading of compositions and publications.

We also correspond with members of the ringing fraternity on any number of questions and issues relating to composition, and are very keen to open the subject of composition up to many more people by training seminars and articles.

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Education Committee

The Committee has 12 positions, making it one of the largest. In the past 20 years, 30 people have served on the Committee, with the current members having served an average of just over 5 years each.

We meet about 3 times a year, invariably on a Sunday afternoon, at a central location that most members can reach without missing service ringing. This has proved to be the most practical way to find common diary slots. Members make frequent use of the Committee's mailing list between meetings, to discuss items, report actions, sound out opinions, and even reach decisions.

The Committee's work is varied, with courses and publications as the longest running themes. Individuals undertake specific projects, and some members also perform long-term rôles. Currently these are Chairman (Peter Dale), Secretary (Geoff Horritt), and Treasurer (Brian Sanders).

Courses

The Committee runs a variety of training courses, mainly for tower leaders and teachers of ringing, and often at the request of host organisations such as territorial societies, districts or branches, and ringing centres. They collaborate with us in providing local facilities and administration; one of their nominated tutors is responsible for liaison with our course co-ordinator.

New members with the skills to act as tutors on these courses will be most welcome. They will need to become familiar with the philosophy and details of the courses, as well as bring new ideas that might enable us to enrich them.

Communication

To be effective, we need to understand what is happening and what is needed across the Exercise. Contact with Guild or Association officers who are involved in organising training would help to identify groups willing to host our courses. There may well be a part to play in this for new committee members.

We publicise our activities and raise the profile of education in *The Ringing World* and the main e-mail lists, primarily the Network for Ringing Training. Our aim is to cover interesting or newsworthy items and members are encouraged to identify suitable subject matter and write copy for publication.

It is important that we build relationships with youth movements that might include ringing among their activities, such as Scouts, Guides and Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A number of our members bring to this Committee much experience in working with young ringers; the hope is that any new

member with such an interest would also want to be involved in this.

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ICT Committee

The Information and Communications Technology Committee is a relatively small group of representative members who advise the Council's other Committees and ringers generally, on the use of computers in ringing, and promotes such use by making information available and by undertaking specific projects.

We are looking for enthusiastic people who have a good working knowledge of website hosting to join us.

We would like to have the services of someone, a representative member or otherwise, who has experience of maintaining a server using the cPanel/WHM (Web Host Manager) package. Additionally having Unix coding skills and experience administering an Apache server with PHP and MySQL would be very useful. This would initially be to assist Aidan Hopkins, who currently manages this task, with the aim of eventually taking over the role.

We are additionally looking for someone to work with Peter Trotman on the day-to-day maintenance and development of the Council's website. As we are developing a Content Management System website using Drupal, a good programming background, understanding of relational databases and willingness to learn Drupal environment are required and HTML, PHP, CSS, MySQL and Javascript experience are desirable.

I welcome questions and expressions of interest via mike@mikechester.demon.co.uk

Mike Chester

Library Committee

Terms of Reference: to develop the Council's Library and raise the profile of its work on bells and ringing by ensuring that:

- it acts as an up-to-date information source
- the archive material is maintained in good condition for consultation
- relevant research is encouraged and made available.

John Eisel (Steward for 19 years) will retire at the 2011 Council meeting and Alan Glover has agreed to stand for election in his place. Therefore, the library will be re-located from Hereford to Worthen, Herefordshire/Shropshire border. It sounds simple, but there will be a lot to be done.

In addition to the role of the Steward, types of committee work include:

- publications in book form and on DVD
- putting material online
- liaison with Guild/Assoc/Society librarians

- upgrading cassette tapes, videos etc to DVD
- organising a ringing “Book Day” in 2013
- producing an annual newsletter and essay for the Friends of the Library.

There are five members of the committee, plus the Steward. The committee welcomes new members with a love of ringing publications and computer skills.

Meetings are held twice a year on a Sunday, usually late Feb/early March at a mutually agreed venue and early October at the Steward’s home. Otherwise, liaison is by email.

Please visit our webpage to discover more: <http://www.cccbr.org.uk/library/> and don’t miss the publications, obituary index etc (left margin). If you have any questions, please contact Stella Bianco scb@biancoteam.com

Stella Bianco

Methods Committee

Formed as the Legitimate Methods Committee in 1899, the Committee is one of the Council's longest-standing committees. Since 1907, when it produced its first printed collection, it has been one of the major producers of reference information for ringers. Always at the forefront of technology, it was the first committee to produce camera-ready copy, and the first to distribute its work in machine-readable form. Today, our electronic method collections on the Internet contain nearly 17,500 methods and we continue to provide an extremely active information and advice service to the Exercise. In addition, the Committee also produces hardcopy method collections and articles covering technical aspects of ringing.

The Committee's terms of reference are 'To consider and advise on all questions arising from the interpretation of the Council's Decisions relating to methods, calls, and peal ringing'. Inevitably this means that the Committee is often at the centre of controversy and hard work is needed to achieve consensus and so provide Council with the best possible advice it has come to expect. Perhaps the main qualifications for membership are a passionate interest in methods, a belief in their importance as the basis of "scientific" change ringing, and a general interest in the theoretical aspects of ringing. It particularly needs people who enjoy explaining technical concepts to a wider audience.

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Peter Niblett

Peal Records Committee

The clue is in the title! The Peal Records Committee maintains records of peals which comply with the Decisions of the Central Council, including details of the first peals in new methods and record length peals. Every year it prepares an analysis and report of the all the peals published in *The Ringing World*, highlighting year on year changes, most popular methods rung, most pealed towers, and providing a detailed breakdown of the peals rung for each society.

The committee is also involved in maintaining various peal databases, e.g. Felstead, collecting compositions used for first peals in methods, ratifying record length peals, checking for peals complying with Central Council Decisions, and preparing an abstract of interesting first and record peals for The Ringing World Diary.

If you are a stickler for statistics and interested in helping the ringing exercise maintain an accurate record of the peals rung, then this committee would welcome your contribution. We are looking for willing volunteers to help with the committee's activities, and are open to suggestions for other projects which we could undertake. The work of this committee is not particularly onerous, but is interesting and valuable. We meet face to face once or twice a year, have some meetings by telephone conference, and discuss other matters via email.

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Public Relations Committee

The Committee has 12 positions, making it one of the largest. We meet about 3 times a year, at a more or less central location, on a convenient date. Historically we have met on Sunday afternoons, which seemed the most practical way to find shared diary slots. We have a Committee e-mail list for sharing information, reporting actions, sounding out opinions, and discussing items between meetings.

The Committee's remit is broad. It seeks to foster goodwill and mutual understanding between the Central Council and ringers, and between ringers and non-ringers, notably church authorities, the media, and the general public.

The Committee's work is varied. Individuals undertake specific projects as required, and some members also perform long term duties. Currently these duties are: Chairman, Secretary, BBC Bells on Sunday liaison, noise complaints advice, responding to Learn to Ring enquiries, publicity leaflet distribution, university liaison, overseas liaison, maintaining society contacts lists. The chairman also acts as PR officer for the Council, and as the main interface with other committees that have shared interests, and with The Ringing Foundation.

Ringing Roadshows have been among the Committee's larger projects, usually managed with the help of a strong local team in the area where the event is held. The Committee is currently reviewing the format that future events should take. The Committee organises periodic workshops to encourage the sharing and spreading of good practice. Over the years, the Committee has provided promotional and display material in various forms to help ringers organising public-facing events or running PR campaigns. This has included display boards, posters, videos, presentation slides, advice and publicity leaflets. New ideas for new types of resource are always welcome. The Committee is seeking to identify new ways in which it might be able to influence and support the grass roots relationships between ringers and non-ringers. Experience and ideas in this area will be welcome.

There will be opportunities to join the Committee in 2011. Some current members will be standing down and there are several vacancies. The description of our work should give you an idea of the current direction, and the sort of skills needed to take it forward. To gain satisfaction from working on this Committee, you should care about the relationship between ringers and non-ringers, and about the perception of the Council by ringers at large, and you should want to help improve them.

This is a large committee, so you need to feel comfortable as part of a team, contributing ideas and support to your colleagues, as well as being prepared to take individual responsibility for specific activities.

If you have previous experience relevant to any aspect of the Committee's work, please consider offering your services. To serve, you must be elected, so you need someone to propose you, who can say what you will bring to the Committee work, and who can highlight related achievements. If you have any questions about the Committee or its work, please talk to one of the members before the Council meeting.

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Publications Committee

The Publications Committee runs a small business on a charitable basis. Sales typically total around £15,000 per year, with annual expenditure slightly lower. The Committee aims to generate a small surplus in order to fund new projects. The actual figures achieved in any particular year depend critically on the number of new projects undertaken, and on the number of titles reprinted.

Most of our work is done for other Council committees but we occasionally commission work or publish books sent to us from sources outside the Council. Our terms of reference are broad. They require us to take overall responsibility for the form, content and layout of publications and for marketing, sales and distribution. We therefore need members with a variety of skills.

We usually deal with between 10 and 20 projects in a year, either new publications or reprints. In deciding how many books to print and how much we should charge for them we have to take careful account of likely total sales and likely rates of sale. Sales of some publications are reasonably predictable, but those of others are far more uncertain. We try to avoid tying up money in stock for long periods.

We receive a constant stream of orders and the work of responding to these is a major activity. This is presently done by Barbara Wheeler from her home in Morpeth, where most of the stock is stored. Other significant ongoing activities involve liaison with authors and other committees, dealing with printers and looking after the money.

The Committee currently has 6 members, two of whom will leave the Council in 2011. All major decisions are made collectively, never by any one individual, although individual members often take general responsibility for particular aspects of the business. We meet formally three times per year and liaise extensively between meetings. In addition we run a bookstall at each CC meeting and at Ringing Roadshows.

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Committee for Redundant Bells

The Committee of 6 members has a principal rôle of monitoring the developments within the Church of England and other churches concerning the fate of redundant bells in churches. It does

this by a close working relationship with the Church Commissioners, the Church Building Council and the Churches Conservation Trust. This is hoped to encourage a regular flow of information to the Committee on behalf of the exercise and to enable the Committee to ensure that bells in redundant churches are dealt with appropriately.

The Committee also administers the Council's Rescue Fund. This Fund is intended to raise loans from ringers when money is required for the purpose of acquiring bells that are at risk of being lost from churches being demolished or closed. This is to enable time for other funds to be raised to ensure the bells are re-hung at other churches.

The Committee in its dual rôle works closely with the Kelttek Trust. The Kelttek Trust is able to arrange for bells no longer needed in one place to be used at another with conspicuous success. The Committee works with the Trust by sharing information, by referring cases and by pooling financial resources in cases of funding rescues.

The Committee also has a rôle in supporting the work of Dr John Baldwin in developing the Proto National Bell Register through the Dove database - a comprehensive means of recording details of bells and their location.

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Ringling Centres Committee

Ringling Centres are recognised as valuable contributors to the training of bellringers and the dissemination of good practice in the teaching of ringling. The promotion and support of these Ringling Centres is the responsibility of the Committee which has been in existence since 1993. The Committee seeks to widen the present network of Ringling Centres, so that ideally all ringers have access to one, and to ensure that all recognised Centres provide a high standard of tuition. Offering support and guidance to existing Ringling Centres and the maintainance of a high standard of tuition throughout all Centres is the logical next step in the Committee's work.

The forthcoming work of the Committee will consist of:

1. Continuing to promote the setting up of Ringling Centres, and giving formal recognition to those who apply to the Committee and which meets its standards.
2. Monitoring the activities of existing Ringling Centres and offering support where appropriate.
3. Identifying ways of encouraging Ringling Centres to develop further, particularly in the fields of training trainers and the encouragement of young ringers.
4. Encouraging the exchange of information and ideas between Ringling Centres, to include the organisation of conferences when needed.
5. Managing any competitions offered by The Worshipful Company of Founders.
6. Providing Ringling Centres with information as to the Committee's work and publicise the work of individual Centres by publication of a regular newsletter.

To support the above work the Ringling Centres Committee would welcome new members with some of the following range of skills. These include those who ideally have involvement with a Ringling Centre (or with the teaching of ringling generally) and :

· Have ideas for developing the abilities and teaching skills of those involved in Ringling Centres to meet the current and future needs of ringling.

- Can contribute to the teaching and management of courses for Ringing Centre personnel.
- Have computer skills to help develop and manage various computer based programmes used by the Committee.
 - Have experience in the use of ringing simulators and video equipment in teaching.
 - Have administrative/management/organisational skills.

At the moment the Committee may have eight elected members, but also may co-opt two more. Meetings have been by telephone conference with a further meeting prior to the Central Council Annual Meeting.. Between meetings work is carried out by individuals or small groups and communication is via a Committee e-mail discussion group. Additionally, Committee members occasionally organise and lead seminars in connection with the setting up and running Ringing Centres. One member traditionally acts as secretary to the committee and another as editor of the newsletter.

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Ringing Trends Committee

The Ringing Trends Committee was set up in 2004 with the following Terms of Reference: ‘To identify, evaluate and record trends in church bell ringing for the purposes of guiding Council policy’.

Since then a survey has been carried out which has obtained data on nearly 12,000 ringers and the major trend identified is that we have an ageing ringing population with 62% of ringers over the age of 50. In addition, comparisons have been made with data available from a 1988 survey, which indicates that although 10% of ringers today are under 20, in 1988 this figure was 20%. These findings resulted in significant debate at the 2010 Council meeting when it was agreed that urgent action was necessary to address what was seen as a crisis situation. The need to recruit and retain more young ringers is currently under discussion and a number of Council committees together with The Ringing Foundation will be involved in carrying any initiative forward.

The role of the Ringing Trends Committee for the future will be to continue to provide statistical support to the Council and the state of ringing will need to be measured again in the next few years. This will enable us to monitor and evaluate trends from current initiatives. In the short term we are concentrating on identifying more detailed data about the recruitment and retention of young ringers.

We are looking for Committee members who have the appropriate skills and are interested in this work.

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Tower Stewardship Committee

It has been increasingly obvious in recent years that bell ringers cannot exist “in isolation”. There are a number of external factors that now impinge on the activities of ringers. As responsible bell

ringers, we must be aware of these factors, be able to effectively communicate with the relevant authorities and be able to manage these factors to the benefit of ringers.

The Tower Stewardship Committee has identified a number of areas where external factors can affect how bell towers are used and managed. For example: child protection, insurance, health and safety, fire risk, etc. We monitor and advise ringers on these factors. We have set up liaison with several outside bodies that have interests in some of these factors, such as the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group and the Church of England's Child Protection Adviser.

We offer advice to churches, and ringing bands. Our main vehicle for doing this is via a series of Guidance Notes published on the Council's website. These Guidance Notes are reviewed and updated annually, as we have an ongoing duty to monitor the constantly changing world for anything that may affect the management of a bell tower.

So if you are now a Council member and are wondering how you will be able to contribute in the future, the answer is that we need you if you have some time to give for this work. Technical knowledge is not a requirement, if you have a skill in one of the relevant areas, it would help.

Formal meetings tend to be limited to about three a year (one over the Council weekend), with most communication between meetings being by e-mail. Please do get in touch with me, or come and meet some of the current committee at the welcome gathering in Hereford to find out more.

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Towers & Belfries Committee

The Committee came into existence in 1912 to discuss with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings some questions relating to their advice on bellframe design and installation. At that time the parties were diametrically opposed and there were some fiery exchanges, but these exchanges eventually led to the senior body accepting the principles of what have now become the universal methods of bellhanging.

Once the Council had set up a team of people with theoretical and practical experience of the mechanics of bells, it was not long before the Committee became an advisory body, and this remains an important function. A wide range of expertise is offered to the Exercise, with architects, bell historians, surveyors and engineers included in its membership. Advice is given on many aspects and these include belfry maintenance, loose frames, cracked bells, rehanging, sound control, cracked towers, augmentations, and the monitoring and measurement of moving towers. As well as carrying out inspections all over the country and dealing with some queries by post or e-mail, members give their services as lecturers and instructors on belfry maintenance courses. The Committee has produced books, booklets and pamphlets for general release on most of these subjects and this is an ongoing function. In addition, it organises seminars, the most significant of such was one on measurement of tower movement. Cutting-edge computerised equipment to do this has been developed by the Committee.

Should the Committee be asked by a PCC to investigate a particular aspect in a tower, the Chairman will investigate or ask whether a conveniently-placed member can do so. After due investigation, that member produces a report of his or her findings. The report is then submitted to the person requesting it, that person normally being the Vicar, a Churchwarden, PCC Secretary or other

responsible Church officer. Members' services are free, but reasonable expenses are paid.

A scan down the current membership of the Committee reveals many have academic and professional qualifications. These qualifications, although very useful, are not vital and should not frighten aspiring Committee members. There is room for people who have good, hands-on experience of maintenance of all types and ages of bell installations, or of a particular aspect concerning towers and bells. However, the ability to investigate aspects carefully and professionally, and to write up such investigations in a clear, grammatically-correct, report-like way *is* vital.

One of the strengths of this Committee is having a good spread of members across the country; not only to offer a good service to PCCs, but to collect items from a wide and therefore more diverse area for discussion at a central forum, and then to be able to disperse the agreed solutions back out in the interests of consistent practice. It is impossible to know the composition of the Committee until after the elections, particularly after losing so many members as this year, but a guess would suggest some representation in the South-East and the North (West or East) is likely to be useful in pursuing this ideal. Meetings are held centrally in February, July and November.

Another scan down the current membership will reveal that it is all-male, but we are not male-only. Should you have the necessary qualifications and wish to become (probably) the first T&B Committee lady member in its almost 100 year history, then please have a go – or at least drop me a line to discuss.

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The Ringing World

Be a Ringing World Champion!

The Ringing World is not a Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. It is both a limited company and a charity, and its directors are also charity trustees, and the charity's membership is made up of those members of the Central Council who consent to being members of *The Ringing World*. The Annual General Meeting of The Ringing World Ltd is held on the same day as the annual Central Council meeting.

For many years it was a requirement that *Ringing World* directors were members of the Council, but this is no longer the case. Nevertheless, more than half of the current Board are also Council members, and the Chairman is an ex-officio member of Council and a member of the Administrative Committee.

We are always on the look out for ringers who might make a contribution to the management of *The Ringing World*. This includes people with experience in printing, journalism, or any of the main business disciplines – finance, production, IT, sales and marketing.

Currently we are also interested to talk to people who might become *Ringing World* Champions. These are people who would be prepared to try and recruit new subscribers in their geographical area, or from other ringing groups they belong to. Such people are essential to the future of *The Ringing World*, and we will provide them with briefing and recruitment literature and materials to help them in their task.

If you are at all interested in working with us in any capacity, come and see us at the Welcome

Meeting, or contact the Chairman, Jackie Roberts, via the Ringing World office. There is lots more information about us on our website: www.ringingworld.co.uk

The Ringing Foundation

The Ringing Foundation was set up in 2007 on the initiative of the Central Council. Its objects are 'to support the development of the skills practice and art of change ringing on tower and handbells through enhanced public awareness of all aspects of bells and bell ringing and through the training of ringers'.

It is specifically tasked with the raising and allocation of funds to be applied for the benefit of the 'software' of ringing, that is towards publicity, recruitment and training, rather than towards 'hardware' that is, essentially, bells.

The Foundation has determined that its initial focus should be on training. Raising the standard of teacher training within ringing is essential before the full benefits of any mass publicity and recruitment drive can be realised. It has therefore supported the development and initial implementation of the ITTS, a modern teacher training scheme for teachers of ringing. Arising from the ITTS it is also supporting the development of a structured curriculum for new recruits to ringing.

The Foundation also believes that the increasing age profile of ringers is a significant problem that needs addressing. It plans to support the setting up of a national network of Ringing Clubs, predominantly aimed at young people, which will utilise the ITTS, and with the support of local Guilds and Associations is intended significantly to improve ringing's performance as regards youth recruitment, training and retention.

The Foundation is also in discussion with the National Heritage Lottery Fund regarding development of a project to broaden the base of understanding about bells and bellringing within a community and from this build recruitment from an audience with firm knowledge of the context, history and culture of change ringing.

The Foundation continues to make independent grants in its areas of interest, particularly towards training (eg ringing/training centres) and youth work (eg young ringers groups and work in schools).

If you have a particular interest in our work, or specific expertise to bring to bear on it, then we will be very pleased to make contact with you.

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