

Activities of Central Council Reps on Committees

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Central Council activities that I have been involved with -

2002 to 2004 - member of the Publications Committee

2005 to date - Treasurer of the CCCBR

As an officer of the CCCBR, I am one of the Trustees of the Charity. To keep in touch with each other, the officers have a monthly telephone conference call. The Treasurer is also a member of the Administrative Committee.

I handle, on a day to day basis, the General Fund, the Bell Restoration Fund and the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund. Three other Council members act as treasurers for the Library, the Publications Committee and the Education Courses and I incorporate their figures into the total accounts of the CCCBR for inspection by the Independent Examiners and for publication in the Ringing World and for the annual meeting.

Other areas of the Treasurer's tasks include -

Preparing budgets of the General Fund for the Administrative Committee;

Advising CCCBR committees on financial matters;

Accounting for the Ringing Roadshows.

Pat Hickey

When I attended my first Central Council meeting, at Hereford, I became a member of the Biographies Committee.

This committee makes a record of all deceased Central Council members, and has recently considered also recording eminent ringers who have not been Central Council reps.

It is quite an interesting committee to be on. When it comes to writing up the Biographical Records, it involves assembling what information is available, then summarising it in a brief document which covers both ringing and non-ringing topics.

The information may come from friends and colleagues, the Ringing World obituaries or other published information.

Currently, there are a number of historic records which are being updated, if possible, where more information has become available.

The Committee tries to meet three times a year, once at the CC AGM, then once in the Autumn and again in the early Spring.

Bill Nash

1 I have represented the G+B on the CC for 5 years and have participated in meetings at Newcastle, Worcester, Derby, Hereford and Chester. This year the CC AGM was at Guildford.

2 I have participated in all Ringing World AGMs and Ringing Foundation AGMs.

3 I have been involved with the Central Council Bell Restoration Fund committee for three years and a member of it for two years.

This committee makes UK grants when funds allow, and funds overseas projects. It also gives advice concerning bell restoration projects and updates existing information and advice. I have been actively involved.

The CCBRF is managing the Christchurch NZ cathedral bell restoration appeal and I have had some input there.

I have been available to represent the CC at dedication services (if a CC grant has been given) and to carry out inspections prior to a grant being paid.

Angela Newing

The G&B elects CC members for what they can do for the Council and for ringing in general. Actually, this fact needs to be emphasised to members who elect us. It is NOT a 'ringers' jolly' to belong and attend the AGM. Most of the Council's work takes place during the year although most committees do have a meeting over the CC weekend when everyone is around to save expense.

I was a member for the University of Bristol before becoming a G&B rep. I sat on what was the Ringing World Committee, and the late Howard Egglestone and I were the interview panel when David Thorne was appointed editor in succession to Charlie Denyer. After that, as a G&B rep, I joined the Public Relations committee - eventually becoming its chairman. I came off that committee in about 1996 and joined the Biographies Committee, and about 9 years ago I was put on the Administrative Committee. This meets in London twice a year, decides the agendas for the annual council meetings, and generally runs the Council.