

Branch Treasurer Report 2021

Firstly I would like to thank Angela Whiteway for her assistance in transitioning me into this role.

Key points of notes are as follows:

- The old pass book deposit account was closed in March and monies moved into the Lloyds cheque account. This was undertaken as there was no interest benefit with rates being cut so low and harder to get access in Covid times.
- Grateful thanks for all members that paid their annual subscriptions many for both 2020 and 2021. This has brought the arrears more or less up to date with £728 collected in and £535.50 paid to the Guild as $\frac{3}{4}$ amount of subs monies are passed through.
- Unfortunately with the antiquated account we have with Lloyds it cannot be transitioned to an online account and many banks have closed the facility to open up such accounts. I therefore operate off paper bank statements and emails from Branch members.
- There is an added issue with the account name being too long for the Confirmation of Payee (CoP) facility that banks use to help verify an account before you make an online payment. This therefore means that the account name has to be shortened from the Peterborough Branch of Bellringers to **Peterborough Bra**. I know that some folk have had issues in making an online payment because of the CoP acceptance levels, which varies from bank to bank. Hopefully those who made online payments to this account will not have an issue this year to repeat a payment.
- Subs remain at £7 for adults and £3.50 for students.
- Easiest way to pay your subs is via an online payment from your own bank to: **Peterborough Bra**, Sort Code: **77-72-37** & Account #: **11096468** and to help tie up your payment is to quote your **surname in the reference**. Alternatively you can email me at: bells@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk and I can provide my terrestrial address if you wish to send a payment direct to me payable to: **Peterborough Branch of Bellringers** or I can find other means to help you.
- Our balance of monies is circa £1800 in credit and the Branch Committee would like to focus on using funds primarily for training purposes as we rebuild ringing, hopefully in a post pandemic and safe way. Our auditor, Chris Groome, has signed off on the accounts.

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