

The Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellingers Bell Restoration Fund

The **Bell Restoration Fund** (BRF) was constituted in its present form on Spring Bank Holiday Monday in 1976. Two years later it became a Registered Charity (No. 508531) and, although closely associated with the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellingers (the Guild), it is administered independently of the Guild itself.

Since 1976 the Fund has distributed grants totalling **£108,532** towards the cost of bell restoration work in its affiliated towers. Its most recent awards have been to restoration, augmentation and maintenance projects at **Goodrich, Ludlow, Bromyard, Eastnor and Morville**.

The BRF's income comes from donations, bequests and fund-raising events organised by the Districts of the Guild, affiliation fees paid by member churches and interest earned from its investments. Each District of the Guild appoints its own Fund-Raising Representative to co-ordinate fund-raising efforts and the work they do is greatly appreciated by the Fund's Trustees and Officers, as is the hard work and generosity of so many members of the Guild itself.

Originally all parishes within the Diocese of Hereford, and a small number outside the Diocese with a long history of membership of the Guild, with five bells or more were invited to become members of the BRF. More recently churches with fewer than five bells have been welcomed as members as well. Currently 118 churches are affiliated to the BRF.

The BRF is able to assist projects to restore bells so that they can be rung full circle. When determining the availability and amount of grants the Committee takes into account the church's history of membership of the Fund. At the present time it is prepared to consider offering grants of up to 20% of the eligible cost of the project. Payment of grants is made following satisfactory completion of the work.

Any church with bells in the Hereford Diocese may affiliate to the BRF by paying an affiliation fee, currently £2 per ringing bell per annum, due on 1st January. If payment is not received by March 31st membership is deemed to be in arrears; for this reason payment by Standing Order is strongly encouraged.

More information about the Fund's work is available on request from the Secretary or Chairman and can be found on the Guild's web site:

<http://www.hdgb.org/brf.html>

The **membership** of the BRF comprises all paid-up Ringing Members, Honorary Ringing Members and Freemen of the Guild, together with one representative from each affiliated Parochial Church Council. Members are entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting, which is usually held in March.

The **Trustees** are **Sue Newbould, Cherry Hughes, Andrew Mainwaring** and **Rick Shallcross**.

The **Chairman** of the Fund is:

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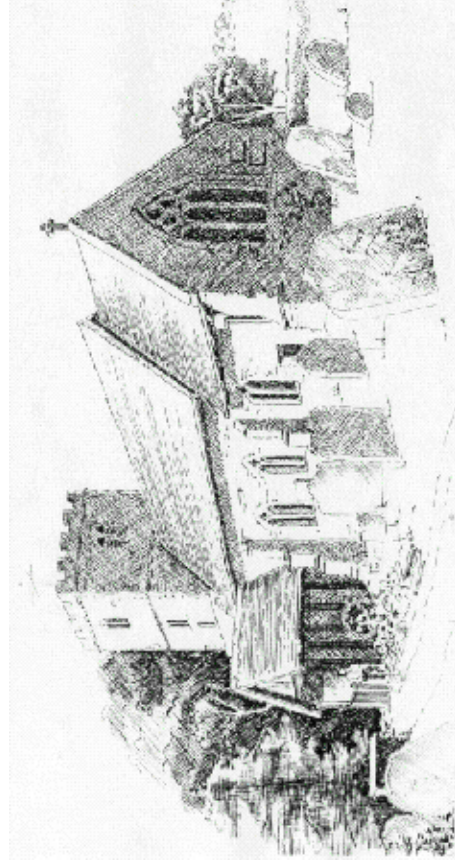
The **Archdeacons Representatives** on the Committee are **Dianne Foster** and **Martin Harrisson** (Hereford Archdeaconry) and **Sheelagh Lewis** and **Maureen Foxall** (Ludlow Archdeaconry).

Grants 1976 - 2009

1976	Dilwyn	£150	1993	Holme Lacy	£118
1977	Wistanstow	£200		King's Caple	£439
1978	Ross-on-Wye	£250	1994	Vowchurch	£1,125
	Stoke Lacy	£250		Chirbury	£3,245
	Leominster	£16		Ewyas Harold	£2,090
	Kington	£200		Clun	£1,500
1979	Rushbury	£250	1995	Preston-on-Wye	£3,555
	Mordiford	£60		Claverley	£228
1980	Kimbolton	£233	1996	Clifford	£550
	Rushbury	£250		Lydbury North	£500
	Count	£40	1997	Clungunford	£1,243
1981	St. Weonards	£550	1998	Westbury	£50
	Hereford St. Nicholas	£390		Colwall	£3,600
	Canon Pyon	£740	1999	Stoke St. Milborough	£4,040
	Cardington	£950	2000	Much Marcle	£1,770
1982	Clun	£927		Cradley	£3,750
1983	Clifford	£68		Eaton Bishop	£4,390
	Claverley	£32		Holmer	£2,300
	Madley	£1,537	2003	Almeley	£750
	Weobley	£1,950	2004	Ledbury	£508
1984	Burghill	£807		Coddington	£2,358
1985	Eye	£750	2005	Allensmore	£4,467
	Canon Pyon	£333		Cardington	£2,556
1986	Leominster	£274		Little Dewchurch	£7,207
1987	Llangarron	£1,106	2006	Stottesdon	£626
1988	Kimbolton	£204		Condover	£185
	Claverley	£204		Tugford	£4,932
	Ross-on-Wye	£1,370	2007	Bredwardine	£2,849
	Ludlow	£2,170	2008	Wigmore	£200
	Kingstone	£1,650	2009 *	Goodrich	£2,794
1989	Ludlow	£560		Ludlow	£7,050
	Madley	£755		Bromyard	£150
1990	Cardington	£820		Eastnor	£299
1991	Upton Bishop	£1,340		Morville	£12,562
	Much Dewchurch	£1,820			
1992	Stanton Lacy	£1,340			
				Grand Total	£108,532

* to date.

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Stoke St. Milborough, St. Milburga

Drawing by Sheelagh Lewis

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