**Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

**Treasurer’s Report For the year ending 31st December 2021**

(to be presented at Bicester Branch AGM 19th February 2022)

I would like to thank you all for the prompt payment of subscriptions last year. Payment by cheque through the post worked really well. I have already contacted Tower Captains regarding payment of fees this year. We can accept cheques or direct transfer to our current account (and also cash, if paying in person).

Our income for 2021consisted of the Branch’s part of the subscription (63 x £3**) £189.**

(£8 collected per member, £5 to Guild and £3 retained by the Branch) and the interest on the deposit account, **£3.04.** Interest on this account at end of year is 0.039%.

This year there were 63 members, a fall of 2 from last year, which is good considering the restrictions of 2020, I feared that more people would not come back to ringing.

There was no income from weddings, or donations.

Outgoings were: **£325.00** Guild Subscriptions (63 x £5, see above), and a donation to the Bell Fund (agreed at AGM 2021) was **£200.00**. I have received a letter of thanks for the donation to the Bell Fund. Secretarial expenses for 2020 **(£11.88)** are in the accounts for 2021. None have been paid in respect of 2021.

We paid the donation towards the tower improvement work at Weston-on-the-Green, which was agreed at the AGM in 2020, **£1500** and also a donation to Kirtlington for repainting bell wheels. **£300**

Expenditure exceeded Income by **£1,819.84** giving a financial position at 31st December 2021 as follows:

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| ***Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021*** | |  |  |
| Current a/c balance |  |  | 403.28 |
| Deposit Account |  |  | 5,440.82 |
| Cash held |  |  | 91.27 |
| Total funds held at year end |  |  | 5,935.37 |

(Deposit account interest rate at 31st Dec 2021 0.039%)

The accounts were audited by Hilary Bradshaw of Launton. A letter of thanks has been sent to her on behalf of the Branch.