



The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

(Formerly Winchester Diocesan Guild, founded June 26th 1879)

Presidents:

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER
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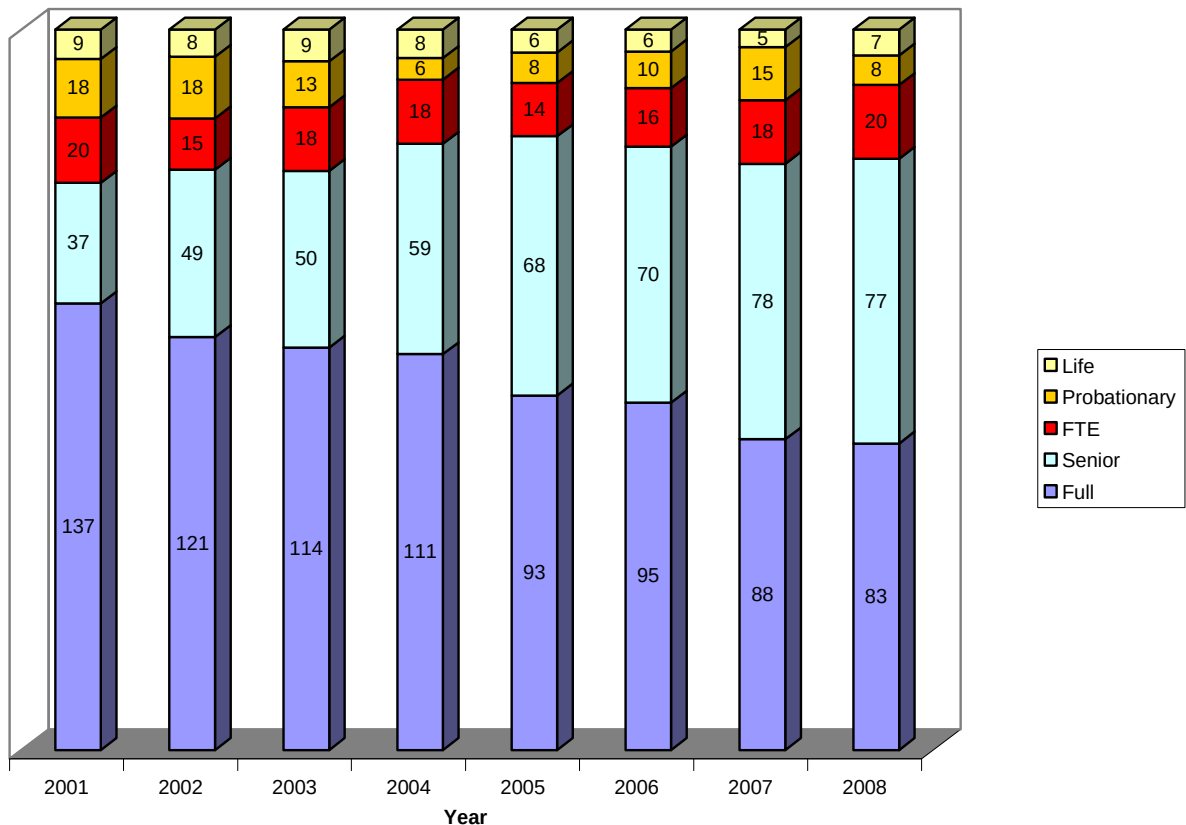
Portsmouth District Accounts as at 31 December 2008

I have pleasure in presenting the Portsmouth District Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008.

Membership

I am sorry to have to report that our membership numbers have gone down, particularly the number of probationary members without any corresponding increase in the other classes of membership.

Membership	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	+/-
Full	137	121	114	111	93	95	88	83	-5
Senior	37	49	50	59	68	70	78	77	-1
FTE	20	15	18	18	14	16	18	20	+2
Probationary	18	18	13	6	8	10	15	8	-7
Life	9	8	9	8	6	6	5	7	+2
Total	221	211	204	202	189	197	204	195	-9



Accounts

The District Account has a much reduced income surplus this year. In October I predicted an income surplus of £300, but I then paid some deposits for the barn dance and the proceeds from that event were not received before the end of the year. Hence the surplus income in 2008 was £189.

As agreed at last year's ADM, a further £750 was loaned to the BRF and so we currently have a total of £2,000 on loan to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund. The term of the loan remains as before, interest free, and is repayable on demand in the event that funds are required to support District activities.

District Book Account

I did a bit of shopping for books at the Roadshow and you might like to have a look at the current stock at the ADM (and bring your cheque book so that you can buy some of them). As always, please let me know if there are any books which you think the District should stock.

Summary

Thank you to all Tower Secretaries and Treasurers for getting your subscription money to me in 2008. Special thanks to Paul Littlefair for examining the accounts yet again.

Andrew Case
District Treasurer