Unsurprisingly there has not been much to involve me in the last twelve months. All the outstanding actions from last year's report remain, awaiting a time when they can be safely attended to. I have had contact with one new tower:

## Highbrook

I was put in contact with Mother Nicol Kinrade, the Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Highbrook, by Graham Hills; Ollie Watson had already been asking for advice regarding some remedial work required to the chime. I made a short safety inspection at her request and reported back that nothing was unsafe as such, but that a professional inspection should be carried out to ascertain what work would be required to put the chime back in proper working order. I supplied her with contact details for several suitable firms but haven't heard from her that any inspections have been carried out yet. My report on the chime is available separately.

## Cowfold

Stella Bianco informed me that Anne Ekins had found the stay of the second to be split, and enquired if Terence McGinn had given me some spare pulleys and stays, left over from the work done at Lower Beeding at the turn of the millennium. They had been passed on to Terence since he was BRF officer at the time, but they haven't yet come into my possession. She also asked whether I could recommend where a new one made could be made; again, I couldn't. Subsequently I learned that Kevin Quigley (Billingshurst) had offered to help cut a new stay, but Stella didn't know whether it was he or Cowfold's own steeplekeeper, Malcolm Pettet, who actually completed the work later, after procuring some ash.

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