

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**  
**Registered Charity No 270036**

The 122nd Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday 7th September 2019 at Goldsmiths, University of London, New Cross, London SE14 6NW starting at 12.45 pm.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 12.40 pm.

There will be a short tea break at 2.45 pm; the meeting will resume at 3.15 pm.

**AGENDA**

1. Opening prayer.
2. Application(s) to affiliate.
3. Welcome to new members.
4. Apologies for absence.
5. In Memoriam.
6. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting.
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2018.
9. Accounts for 2018.
10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2018.
11. Executive and Workgroup updates for January – August 2019.
12. Forward Plan for 2020.
13. Financial update for 2019 and outline General Fund budget for 2020.
14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received; supporting statements are given in Appendix A of this agenda.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
President	Simon Linford	Phillip Barnes	Linda Garton
Secretary	Mary Bone	Andrew Wilby	Jay Bunyan
Ordinary trustees (2)	David Smith Alison Everett	Peter Harrison Robert Lane	David Grimwood Chris Turner
15. Election of Independent Examiners (2).

Nominations will be taken at the meeting.

16. Governance Review.

17. Future meetings.

2020 meeting.

2022: An invitation has been received from the Suffolk Guild for 2022.

2023: The invitation received from the Irish Association for 2023 has been withdrawn.

2024: An invitation has been received from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for 2024.

18. Any other business.

Mary Bone  
Secretary

## **Appendix A**

**Simon Linford**

**President**

Christopher O'Mahony said in his note "Ask not what ringing can do for you, rather ask what can you do for ringing?"

I am not accepting nomination as President because I want this job on my ringing CV for some sort of personal fulfilment, but because I think I can make a difference at a time of change that needs to be grasped. I have a reputation for doing things, changing things, persuading others, making people believe the very difficult can be done. From leadership of the ASCY, record peals of spliced, the St Martin's Guild, Birmingham's School and Brumdingers, I have done this at all levels.

Christopher also said "ringing is in great shape". I beg to differ – ringing has very serious issues to address. There are far fewer young ringers than there used to be and we cannot afford to lose any of them. Change ringing is becoming more and more focused on urban areas. Churches will be closing, ringing opportunities ceasing, the current golden era of peal ringing will start to tail off. Those who represent the future of ringing do not communicate in the same way that we do.

There is much to be done.

**Mary Bone**

**Secretary**

Mary has been a member of the Council since 2009. Prior to this she served as Secretary of the Essex Association for 1998 – 2008; this period included Ring in 2000, the Association's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Central Council's visit to Colchester in 2004. She has also held a number of district and Association offices in Essex, most recently as organiser of the Essex Ringing Course for nine years. She learnt to ring at Blackmoor, Hants, and is currently a member of the band at Sawbridgeworth, Herts, where she (mostly) runs the practice nights. Mary has been a helper at nearly all the Sparsholt, Crowthorne and Bradfield courses as well as having helped or been a tutor at every Essex Ringing Course.

Mary is the Executive sponsor for the Historical & Archive workgroup. She spent her career at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) as documentalist / librarian. For the last thirteen years she also serviced enquiries for the Institute's archives and was instrumental in setting up a large digitisation project. She is the co-author of *Chatham House: its history and inhabitants* (London, RIIA, 2004).

**David Smith**

**Ordinary Trustee**

Having served one year on the newly-formed Executive, I have volunteered to be one of the two elected members to retire, as the rules require. I have offered to seek re-election for a three-year term to continue to serve, to maintain the current reform process and to provide continuity.

My current or recent appointments include: immediate past president of ANZAB; member of CRAG review team; ART tutor since 2014; Executive sponsor of V&L workgroup; author of *The Ringing*

