

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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**The 126th Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday 2nd September 2023
at The Hold (Suffolk County Archive), 131 Fore Street, Ipswich, IP4 1LP,
starting at 2.00 pm.**

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 1.50 pm.

AGENDA

Welcome and introduction.

1. Opening prayer.
2. Application to affiliate.
An application to affiliate has been received from The Central European Association
3. Welcome to new members
4. Apologies for absence
5. In Memoriam
6. Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. *Page 6 of the meeting papers*
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
(Please notify the secretary in advance, if possible)
 - a. Governance Review
8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2022. *Page 18 of the meeting papers*
9. Accounts for 2022. *Page 13 of the meeting papers*
10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2022 – May 2023. *Page 23 of the meeting papers*
11. Executive and Workgroup updates for May – August 2023.
12. Forward Plan for 2024. *Page 11 of the meeting papers*
13. Financial update for 2023 and outline General Fund budget for 2024. *Page 16 of the meeting papers*
14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received;
supporting statements are given in the Appendix of this agenda. *Page 5 of the meeting papers*

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Tina Stoecklin	Linda Garton Bedfordshire Association	Dorothy Hall Oxford Society
Deputy President	Vicki Chapman	David Smith ANZAB	Mary Bone Essex Association
Ordinary Trustee (1)	Alison Hodge	Rhona McEune Barrow & District Society	Chris Povey Four Shires Guild
	Ian Roulstone	Paul Flavell Surrey Association	Phillip Barnes KentCounty Association

15. Election of Independent Examiners (2)

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

16. Motions.

(A) The Annual Subscription of each registered Small Society shall be £10.

Proposed by Jim Banner, Guild of Railway Ringers
Seconded by E de Legh-Runciman, Ex Officio

Supporting Statement

This change, suggested by the Guild of Railway Ringers and supported by the Executive, brings the subscription of small societies more in line with the affiliated society subscription of £0.20 per member, as agreed by the Council at the 2022 meeting. The current small society annual subscription is £20. A flat rate subscription for small societies continues to be considered appropriate for smaller societies as it is simpler to administer.

(B) The number of Representative Members to which each Affiliated Society is entitled under Rule 5.4 shall be based on its Society Membership as follows:

- a) Society Membership up to 200 members
= one Representative Member
- b) Society Membership 201 – 400 members
= two Representative Members
- c) Society Membership over 400 members
= three Representative Members

Proposed by David Kirkcaldy, Sussex County Association.
Seconded by Kate Flavell, Surrey Association.

Supporting Statement:

In 2017 the CRAG report was presented to the annual meeting. One of the principles for change in the report (F) was that 'To be effective it is desirable that it [the representative body] be significantly smaller than the current Central Council'. The Proposals to that meeting which were carried by a large majority included D(iii) which required the Executive to develop proposals for change which 'should explicitly consider the feasibility of reducing the size ... to 25-40% of its current size with each society retaining representation'.

The Executive have worked on this proposal, unfortunately delayed by Covid and the subsequent recovery of ringing, consulted further and have now agreed to bring this motion forward to the annual meeting for a decision. If this motion is carried, then the number of representatives would be reduced by about 50%.

Whilst much has changed over recent years it is long overdue to pursue what is one of the major proposals already accepted from the CRAG review. Bear in mind that much of the work of the CCCBR is undertaken by non-Representatives and that the key role of the Representative body is to hold the Executive to account.

(C) The Council endorses the paper from the Workgroup Leader of the Historical & Archive Workgroup exploring the options for future siting of the Council Library and supports the migration of the Library to the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust on such commercial terms as the Council Trustees may negotiate and agree.

Proposed by Phillip Barnes, Kent County Association
Seconded by Beverly Faber, NAGCR

Supporting statement:

The current Library Steward, Alan Glover, stood down from his role a few years back but agreed to continue to house the CCCBR Library Collection and answer enquiries pending a new Library Steward and home for the Collection being found. Inevitably this has taken over 18 months to try and resolve and we are extremely grateful to Alan for continuing meanwhile to undertake this role. Any new location found for the Collection will invariably impact upon appointing both a new Library Steward and additional Carter Ringing Machine Steward.

From a longlist of 17 options, two potential locations for the Library Collection, Cambridge University Library or the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust, have emerged. The advantages and disadvantages of each considered by the Council Trustees who have decided to progress the option of housing the Library in Loughborough, subject to satisfactory agreement on commercial terms.

If a solution cannot be agreed by the current calendar year end then it is likely the Library Collection would need to be placed in an appropriate heritage storage facility with a result cost to the CCCBR. This has not been precisely costed but enquiries suggest something in the order of £2,000 per annum.

17. Future meetings.

2024: An update on the 2024 meeting, from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers

2025: An invitation has been received from the Yorkshire Association

18. Any other business.

Please notify items in advance to the secretary

Ernie De Legh-Runciman
Secretary

Agenda Appendix - Supporting Statements - Elections

Tina Stoecklin - President

I have nearly 40 years involvement in change ringing and change ringing organisations. I have held several roles and offices including Editor of The Ringing World, Publicity Officer for the North American Guild, Secretary of the Scottish Association, and I'm currently the Leader of the Technology and Taxonomy Workgroup. I have also been Ringing Master at Glasgow Cathedral and at Inveraray. I have been a representative on the Central Council off and on since 1997 and am a member of ART (and an active ringing teacher). Recently I worked on the Women in Ringing working group, which I believe set a benchmark for using data to define and evidence issues in ringing. With my husband Simon Gay, I have co-written two books on change ringing on handbells. I created and continue to maintain the Learning to Ring Handbells blog. Professionally I work as a digital project/programme manager, with a specialisation in project rescues and strategic planning, plus I have a background in front end development and user research. This gives me the background and skills to lead the Council through its next priorities. I would work together with other key ringing organisations to increase and diversify participation at all levels.

Vicki Chapman - Deputy President

Vicki Chapman has been a member of the Council since 2016, a member of the Public Relations Committee, Communications & Marketing and Volunteering & Leadership Workgroups before taking on the role of CCCBR Public Relations Officer and leading the PR Workgroup.

Having held a number of District and Association roles, including Association Secretary and Communications Officer, Vicki also organised the 3-day Essex Ringing Course for many years, demonstrating her organisational and communication skills. Vicki was instrumental in the Ringing Remembers campaign in 2016-18 acting as the Council's project lead, liaising with external partners and co-ordinating PR opportunities. The Ring for the King campaign having been her latest project to get bell ringing into the public consciousness.

As CCCBR PRO Vicki has given many interviews to the media and facilitates opportunities for local ringers to gain publicity.

Vicki attends the Executive meetings in order to keep informed in case of enquiries and find opportunities to reach out to the wider public about bell ringing and understands how the Executive and Workgroup Leads work together for the benefit of ringing.

Vicki has the skills and knowledge for this role and is keen to support the Council in its plans for Ringing 2030 and beyond.

Prof Alison Hodge MBE - Ordinary Trustee

Alison has supported the CCCBR since 1990 initially as a Representative for ASCSV then for WDCRA. She is approaching the end of her 6 year term as the first Leader of the newly created 'Stewardship & Management' Workgroup. The group has published a completely new online trilogy with information on running towers, maintaining bell installations and managing restoration projects. She also devised the 'Westley Award for Church Bell Maintenance'. Previously, she served on several former CCCBR committees – PR, Trends, Library and Towers and Belfries (the first female member of the latter!)

Since learning to ring as a university student, she has lived in Worcestershire. For WDCRA she is currently General Secretary and Convenor of the Belfry Advisory Panel, and previously has been Association Archivist / Librarian and held posts in the Western Branch.

Alison enjoys visiting towers across the country and further afield, rings a few quarter peals and has rung just 6 peals. Her main interests are in encouraging the continuation of ringing, especially by helping ringers maintain and improve bell installations, and to make towers safe and pleasurable places to ring, often exploiting her professional training as a physicist and engineer.

Ian Roulstone - Ordinary Trustee

Ian learned to ring at Melbourne, Derbyshire in 1972. He joined the Cumberland Youths in 1982 and is also a member of both the ULSCR and OUSCR. He is now joint ringing master (with his wife) at Bramley in Hampshire where they have trained five people to ring since lockdown and are now leading a bell restoration project. Previously he led local ringing at another local five bell tower and is an active supporter of local specialist practices in the Basingstoke District of the W&P. He has also been a member of the St Paul's Cathedral Guild since 2008 and is an active peal ringer and conductor.

Ian joined the Council in 2019 and is workgroup lead for universities and colleges. He is keen to help the Executive to encourage more younger ringers to get involved with CC initiatives, focusing on good succession planning at all levels.

Until his recent retirement, he was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Surrey and Head of Department from 2015-2020. During this period, as well as the inevitable university admin, there was a focus on career development within his Department and the development of multiple external collaborations including a new Surrey Maths School.