



# BELLRINGING

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers  
Registered in England and Wales as a Charity. No 270036

## Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, by Zoom.

Present: Tina Stoecklin (President), Vicki Chapman (Deputy President), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Ernie de Legh-Runciman (Secretary), Alison Edmonds, Beverly Faber, Ian Roulstone, Peter Harrison

## Notes from the meeting:

- Appointment of Youth Development and Marketing and Admin Officers. The President updated the meeting on the progress of appointing these two officers. Following the publication of the adverts, a number of applications received. A shortlist was produced, and interviews have been held. An offer for each appointment has been made, and both have been verbally accepted. Following completion of all necessary paperwork, it is hoped that a formal announcement can be made in the near future.
- Associated Society Applications. Applications for transfer from the category of affiliated society to associated society have been received from the Devon Association and the Welsh Colleges Society. Following consideration of the submitted documents, the transfer for both societies was approved.

Societies wishing to transfer from one category to another are reminded of the Executives decision for this year to waive the standing order that states the change will be implemented on the following 1<sup>st</sup> January, provided applications are with the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

- Intangible Cultural Heritage. The application by the Council on behalf of bell ringing in the UK to register with UNESCO that change ringing should be included in the register of Intangible Cultural Heritage has been submitted.

Before the submission, the document was reviewed by a number of people, including two non-ringing academics.

It is expected we will receive a response in about 12 weeks, and that the list will be published sometime over the summer.

The Executive would like to record their thanks to Ian Sherritt and Alison Edmonds for their work on this submission.

- Marketing. Following the re-constitution of the Marketing Work Group, several initiative are planned for the near future.

- It is envisaged that following the publication of the Intangible Cultural Heritage lists over the summer, there may be press interest on a national level in bell ringing. Hence, we should be ready for such interest.
- A recruitment drive in September.

Both of these items are in the early stages of development, and more details will be available in the near future.

- Ringing Census. As part of the understanding of the number of bell ringer nationally now (and after the Ringing 2030 initiatives), the Council instigating a census. The census is at present in the design stages, will be officially launch at the annual council meeting in September with the census taking place in November 2026. The census would capture current data on ringing demographics and participation to inform the Ringing 2030 goal of recruiting 10,000 new ringers by 2030.
- Summer Honorariums. Several honorariums will be available this yerar over the summer, to help with the work of various workgroups. Role descriptions are being put together, and it is hoped that they will be advertised over the Easter period.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Ernie de Legh–Runciman  
CCCBR Secretary  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2026