

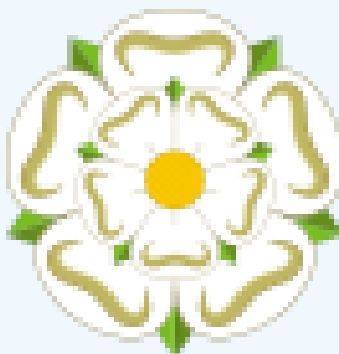


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## Annual Council Meeting

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# Opening Prayers

**Rev Anthony Ellis**  
**Hereford Diocesan Guild**



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# Agenda Item: 1

## Application to affiliate and other changes to affiliation



# Agenda Item: 2

## Welcome to New Members



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# New members

Deryn Griffiths	Australian and New Zealand Association
Melissa Hunt	Bath and Wells Diocesan Association
Richard Pullin	Ex-Officio Member
John Martin	Guild of Devonshire Ringers
Sue Bassett	Kent County Association
Chris Bassett	Kent County Association
David Holdridge	Kent County Association
Pauline Campling	Lancashire Association
George Campling	Lancashire Association
Paul Feast	Open University Society
Trish Hitchens	Salisbury Diocesan Guild



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# New members

Tam	Jones	Sheffield Universities Guild
Fraser	Storie	Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
Steve	Green	Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild
David	Everett	Suffolk Guild
Vicki	Chase	Sussex County Association
Janice	Crawford	Sussex County Association



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# Retuning members

Joanne Tucker	Devon Association
Alison Everett	Ladies' Guild
Andrew Aspland	Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaconries Society
Simon Linford	St Martin's Guild



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# Agenda Item: 3

## Apologies for Absence



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## **Apologies for Absence have been received from: (1)**

Ian Oram – Ex-Officio  
Rev Jon Rose– Guild of Clerical Ringers  
Keith Butter – Lincoln Guild  
Daniel Stevens – Ely Diocesan Association  
Grace Dooley – Swansea and Brecon  
Vicki Chase – Sussex County Association  
Rhona McEune – Barrow and District  
Barbara Wheeler – Fellow  
Bob Crighton – Salisbury Guild  
Cath Coleman – Suffolk Guild  
Michael Church – Winchester and Portsmouth  
Kira Chase – Ex-Officio



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## **Apologies for Absence have been received from: (2**

Sue Marsden – Ely Diocesan Association

David Mattingley – Ex-Officio

Glen Fiddy – Derby Diocesan Association

Caroline Beckett – Truro Diocesan Guild

Hayley Young – Truro Diocesan Guild

Chris Mew – Fellow

Dorothy Hall – Oxford Society

David Parfrey – Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

David Towell – Lichfield and Walsall

Michele Giovanni Cambareri – Veronese Associazione

Alan Marchbank – Oxford Diocesan Guild

Phil Bailey – Ely DA



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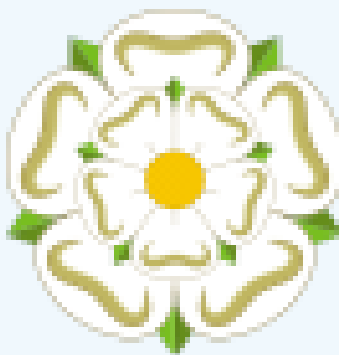


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# Agenda Item: 4

## In Memorium

**Led by Rev David Everett  
Suffolk Guild**



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## **In Memorium**

**Malcolm John Lodwick, St David's Diocesan Guild 1981 – 1982, Kent  
County Association 1984 – 1990,  
attended 5 meetings,  
died 17 July 2024**

**Norman Richard Mattingley, Hereford Diocesan Guild 1981 – 1994,  
Truro Diocesan Guild 1996 – 2019,  
attended 34 meetings, died 25 August 2024**

**David Roger McLean, Norwich Diocesan Association 1987 – 1990,  
1993 – 1996, 2002 – 2005, 2008 – 2011,  
attended 11 meetings,  
died 20 August 2024**

**John Weaver, Peterborough Diocesan Guild 1990 – 1997, attended  
6 meetings,  
died 24 August 2024.**



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**David Chambers Manger,  
Kent County Association 1984 – 2008,  
attended 24 meetings,  
died 16 November 2024**

**Theodora Fairfax (Theo) Crowder,  
Ladies' Guild 1993 – 1999,  
Norwich Diocesan Association 2005 – 2011,  
attended 12 meetings,  
died 31 December 2024**

**Brian Norman Trowbridge,  
Derby Diocesan Association 1990 – 1996,  
attended 4 meetings,  
died 29 January 2025**



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**Prof Micheal Bailey Davies,  
Ely Diocesan Association 1987 – 2011,  
attended 24 meetings, died 20 September 2024**

**Derek Charles Jackson,  
Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild 1980 – 1999,  
attended 17 meetings,  
died 1 October 2024**

**Michael John Mulvey,  
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association 1996 – 2002  
attended 6 meetings,  
died 3 October 2024**



**Lucy Smith (née Allen),  
Lichfield & Walsall Archdeaconries Society 1996 – 2002,  
attended 6 meetings,  
died 6 March 2025**

**Derek Edmund Sibson,  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 1963 – 2025,  
President of the Council 2005–2008,  
attended 58 meetings,  
died 22 March 2025**

**Elizabeth Ann Williams (Neé Sadler),  
Shropshire Association 2021 – 2025,  
attended 4 meetings,  
died 22 April 2025**



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**Rev Dr Peter Newing,  
Durham University Society 1984 – 2005,  
attended 19 meetings,  
died 16 May 2025**

**Paul Nichol Mounsey,  
Oxford University Society 1978 – 1984,  
attended 6 meetings,  
died 29 May 2025**

**Dr Donald Henry Niblett,  
Oxford University Society 1957 – 1960,  
Kent County Association 1978 – 1999,  
attended 19 meetings,  
died 14 July 2025**



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**Dennis Bernard Clive,  
Lichfield & Walsall Archdeaonries Society 1999 – 2005,  
attended 5 meetings,  
died 10 July 2025**

**Rev. Canon Michael Stuart Hart,  
Hereford Diocesan Guild 1967 – 1969,  
Lancashire Association 1987 – 1992,  
attended 5 meetings,  
died 19 July 2025**

**Anthony James (Jim) Poynor,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild 1981 - 1984,  
attended 2 meetings,  
died 24 August 2025**



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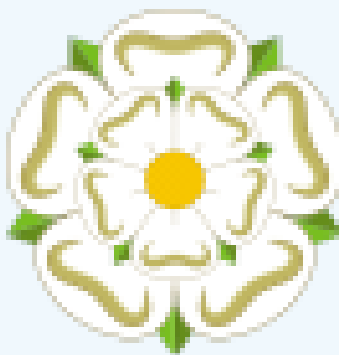


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# Agenda Item: 5

## Minutes of the 2024 Annual Council Meeting

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# Agenda Item: 6

**Matters arising from the Minutes,  
not covered elsewhere on the  
agenda**



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# Agenda Item: 7

## Trustees Annual Report for 2024

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# Agenda Item: 8

## Accounts for 2024

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## Workgroup Reports for 2024

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# Young Ringers for Ringing 2030

- **University ringing survey – 21 responses**
- **Summer Honorariums appointed to support website development & content creation, plus school lessons plans**
- **University Ringing content and website well underway**
- **Primary school lesson plans development nearing completion; in school trials planned in the Autumn**





# History & Archive

## Main achievements

## The future...



### Library

- New stewards; Carter Ringing Machine rehoused

Improved access awaiting new collections manager at Loughborough.



### Website and publicity

- New *Ringing History Hub* and Facebook presence

Further enhancements & publicity



### Dove

- Addition of lightweight full-circle rings

Further data sets and new printed book (2026 data)



### Archives & collections

- Both have grown

New sound archive  
New peal board photos site



Volunteers wanted, especially to support the Friends of the Library

contact us



Dove's Guide:  
[dove@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:dove@cccbr.org.uk)

Ringing History Hub:  
[history@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:history@cccbr.org.uk)



# Ringling 2030

## Recruitment and Development

- Residential Courses: NW continued success. SW Inaugural Course to be held in October, student places 3-times oversubscribed, helpers found. This follows over 2 years planning including cash-flow forecast to justify £24K of upfront finance from CCCBR.
- Survey: Replacement Team Lead recruited. Plans taking shape
- Recruit, Retain Regain: Recruitment Hub roadmap developed. Initial steps of a central recruitment email for enquiries and basic network of people to routing them to achieved.
- Leadership Education: initiatives to promote leadership education developing, including best practice leadership stories, leadership information hyperlinks and leadership interviews with networking.



# Ringling 2030 Environments

- Promoted the online publications – including to external groups
- Raised awareness of church closure risk – next step action plans
- Started engagement with external groups & Universities
- Responded to enquiries from across the globe



# Technical & Taxonomy

Rotations: continued work on updating the Framework to include guidance for naming rotations

Method Extension: continued work on creating a set of rules for method extension

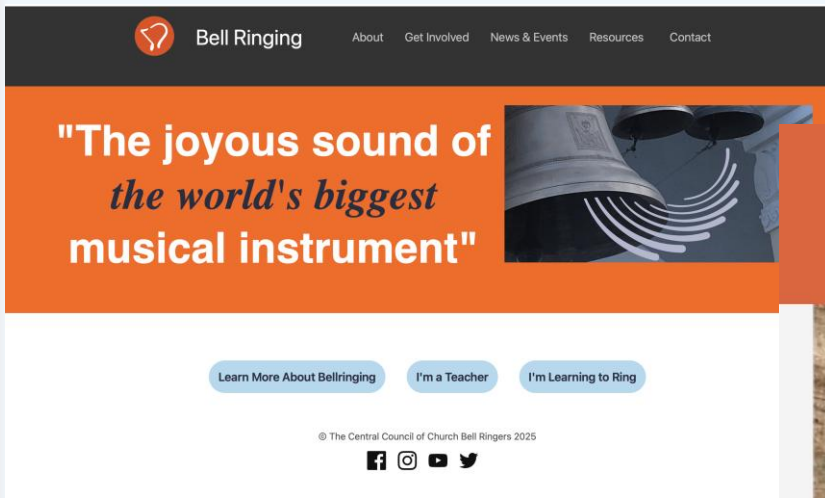
PealBase: in the process of migrating PealBase to Central Council servers and setting up as a Stewardship

‘BAU’ including: maintaining Methods Library, Compositions Library, Library for Variations, responding to inquiries to [compositions@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:compositions@cccbr.org.uk)

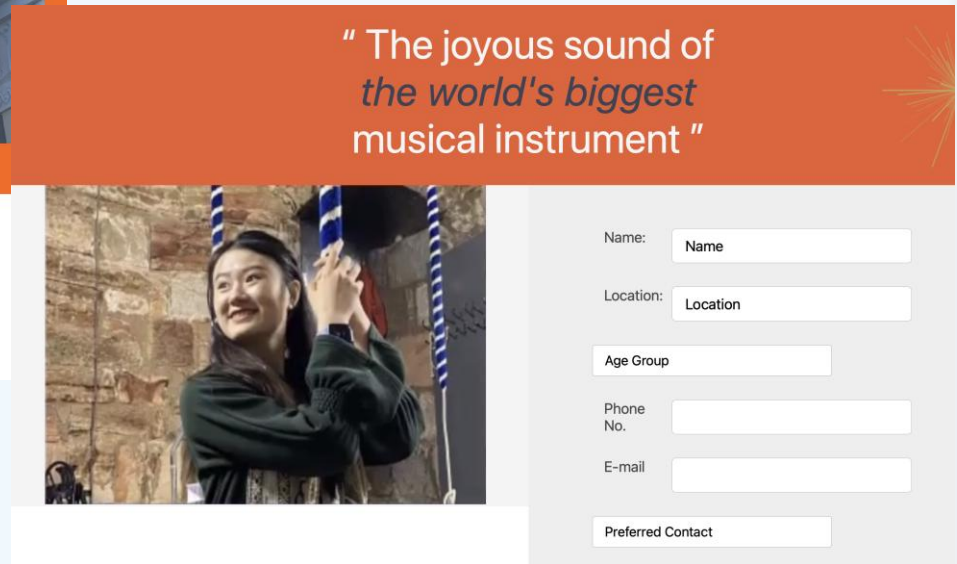


# Ringling 2030 Tech

Deploying Engagement Site with Contact Form  
Form tool is shareable with associations and other sites  
Common Style Theme – for other projects



The screenshot shows the top portion of a website. At the top is a dark navigation bar with a logo on the left and the text "Bell Ringing" followed by menu items: "About", "Get Involved", "News & Events", "Resources", and "Contact". Below the navigation bar is a large orange hero section. On the left side of the hero section, there is a quote: "The joyous sound of the world's biggest musical instrument". To the right of the quote is an image of a bell with sound waves emanating from it. Below the hero section, there are three blue buttons: "Learn More About Bellringing", "I'm a Teacher", and "I'm Learning to Ring". At the bottom of the hero section, there is a copyright notice: "© The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers 2025" and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.



This screenshot shows a contact form overlaid on the right side of the website. The form is set against an orange background that matches the hero section. It features a quote: "The joyous sound of the world's biggest musical instrument". Below the quote is a photograph of a young woman smiling and ringing a bell. To the right of the photo is a contact form with the following fields: "Name:" with a text input field containing "Name"; "Location:" with a text input field containing "Location"; "Age Group" with a text input field; "Phone No." with a text input field; "E-mail" with a text input field; and "Preferred Contact" with a text input field.



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## Ringling 2030 and Forward Plans for 2026

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# Strategic Goals

- **Pillar 1: Publicity and Marketing:** Raise awareness of the art of bellringing and promote it as a social and voluntary activity. Drive new recruits to us with better targeted marketing initiatives.
- **Pillar 2: Recruitment and Development:** Encourage the development of local and regional structures to recruit potential new ringers and attract lapsed ringers back to ringing, then ensure their expectations are met as they progress.
- **Pillar 3: Quality Environment:** Teachers, teaching structures, leadership, bell installations, ringing environments, safeguarding, etc. We have to create a quality environment that makes people enjoy ringing and want to stay doing it.

We have a fourth strategic goal, which is:

- **Continue to maintain the assets and services we have responsibility for.**



## Pillar 1: Publicity and Marketing:

- Develop an event playbook and continue to collaborate with ringing associations and the Mobile Belfry Trust to take bellringing to more events.
- Rollout of social media strategy, with tools and templates.
- Sponsorship of scouting and guiding badges.
- finalise development of primary school lesson plans and incremental marketing / roll out plan.



## Pillar 2: Recruitment and Development

- Phase 2 of the marketing and recruitment portal: developing localised content to highlight centres of excellence and places actively recruiting.
- After the reset of the recruitment network project team, continue to develop a network of contacts worldwide, and ensure it stays current.
- Continue to build and develop regional young ringers' networks.



## Pillar 3: Environments

- Updating our existing technical and engineering resources to reach new audiences.
- Further development of relationships with engineering researchers.
- Creating concrete guidance for ringing groups negotiating a change of use for their tower.
- Further development of the Young Ringers' hub



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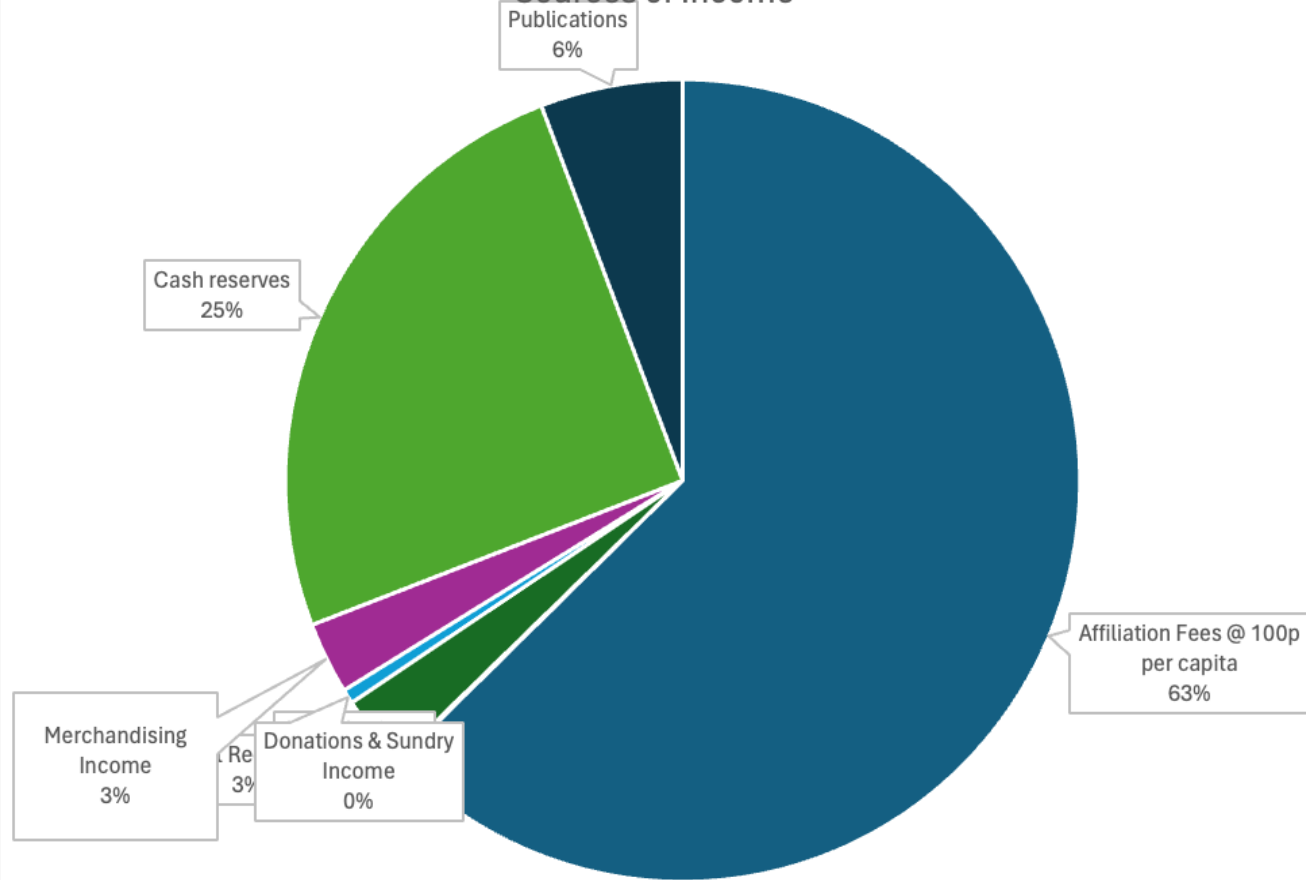
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## Our existing assets and services

- A new rolls of honour book
- Rebranding the CCCBR history website
- New version of Dove



### Sources of Income



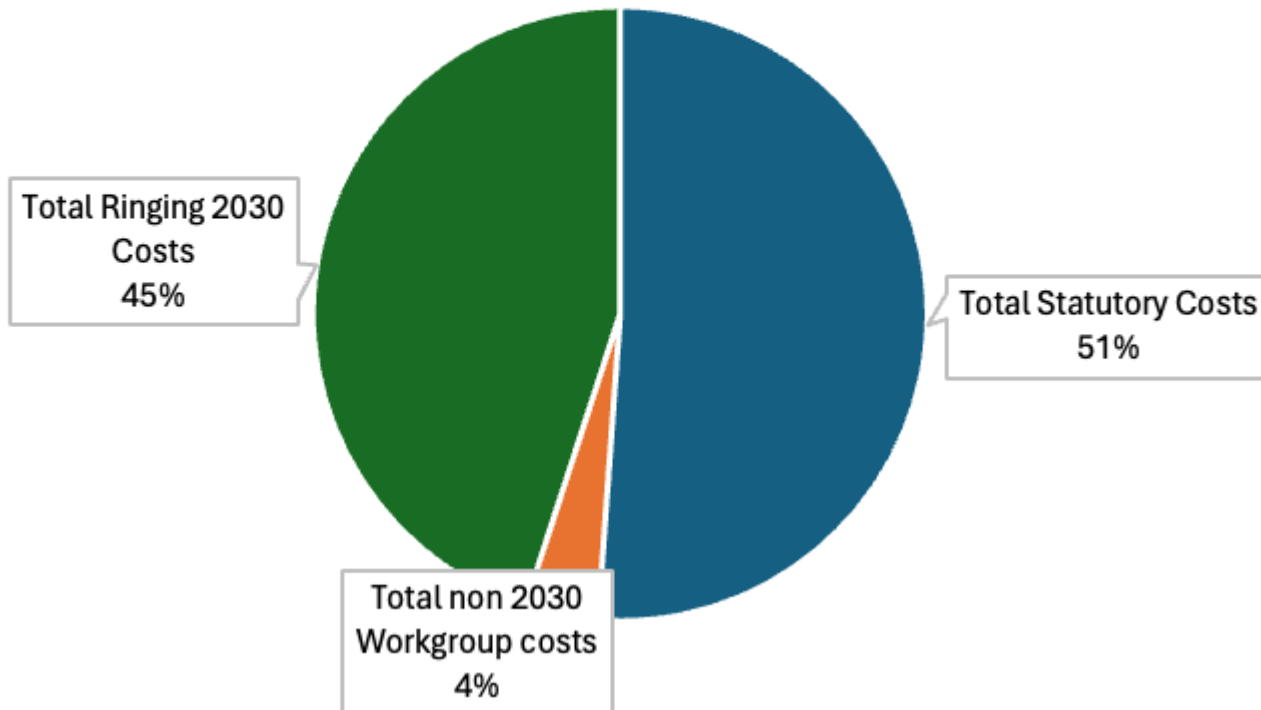
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# Spending



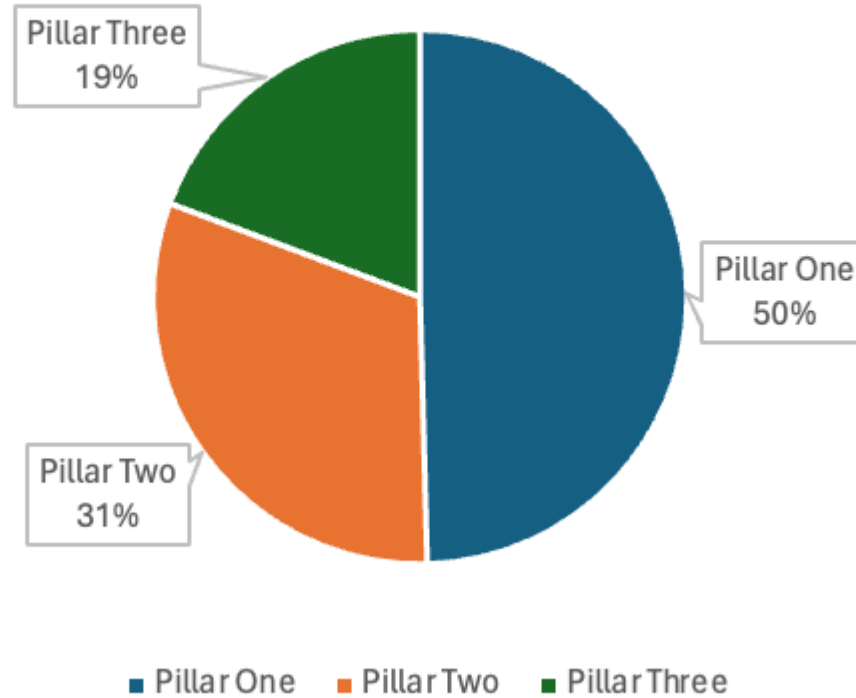
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## Ringing 2030 spending by Pillar



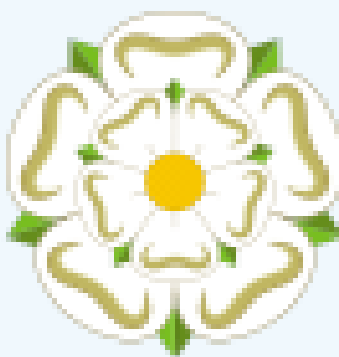


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# Agenda Item: 11

## Financial update for 2025 and outline General Fund Budget for 2026

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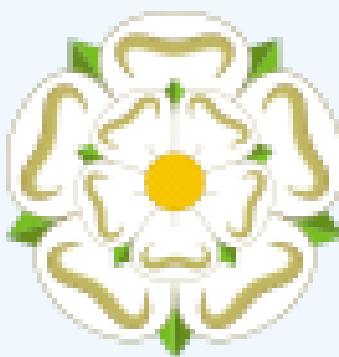


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## Governance Review

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## Motions



# Motion A

That the existing Rules of the Council as amended by the changes indicated in The Schedule be adopted as the Rules of the Council in lieu of the existing Rules, and that the Executive be requested to amend the Standing Orders as recommended by the Review.

Proposed: Peter Harrison

Seconded: David Smith



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# GOVERNANCE

## G1 Governance Review

- G1.1 Every three years commencing May 2019, the Executive shall request an independent review the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and governance to assess whether they continue to be effective and aligned with best practice.
- G1.2 If eligibility to vote at Council Meetings remains vested wholly or partially with Representative Members, each such review shall include an assessment as to whether it would be appropriate to transfer some or all of the powers of Representative Members to one or more classes of individual members.



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## Motion

That the existing Rules of the Council as amended by the changes indicated in The Schedule – Annexure 1 (attached) be adopted as the Rules of the Council in lieu of the existing Rules, and that the Executive be requested to amend the Standing Orders as recommended by the Review.

Proposed: Peter Harrison

Seconded: David Smith

## INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these Rules, the following terms have the meanings shown below unless the context otherwise requires the Rule in which the term appears states otherwise:-

<i>Affiliated Society</i>	A bell ringing society affiliated to the Council in accordance with Rule 3.
<i>Annual Council Meeting</i>	Any meeting held under Rule 5.1.
<i>Annual Subscription</i>	A subscription defined by Rules <del>4.10</del> 3.9 or <del>4.11</del> 3.10.
...	...
<i>Representative Member</i>	A <del>voting member</del> <u>person</u> appointed to represent an Affiliated Society in accordance with Rules 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6.
...	...
<i>Small Society Representative</i>	A <del>non-voting person member</del> appointed to represent a Registered Small Society in accordance with Rules 4.7 and 4.8.
<i>Society Contact</i>	The contact of an Affiliated Society or Registered Small Society, whose details have been notified by that society to the Secretary <u>in accordance with any requirement of the Standing Orders, and to whom notices to that society in connection with the Council's business shall be sent.</u>
<i>Society Membership</i>	The number of members of a bell ringing society <u>determined in accordance with any requirement of the Standing Orders as may be determined by the Standing Orders.</u>

1.2 In these Rules and in the Standing Orders the definitions of words in the singular shall apply to such words when used in the plural and vice versa where the context so permits.



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## 2 — ADOPTION

These Rules were adopted at the Council's 121st annual meeting held on 27th/28th May 2018 through an adoption motion (referred to in these Rules as the "Transition Motion") agreed at that meeting.

The Council and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with these Rules and with the provisions of the Transition Motion, except that in the event of any conflict between the two, the Transition Motion shall take precedence, and in particular:

the first Decisions;

the first Standing Orders; and

the first Trustees and Stewards;

shall be determined in accordance with the Transition Motion.



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- M1.2 Each Fellow shall be appointed by Resolution agreed at a Council Meeting provided that:
- a) any such appointment shall have been recommended by a unanimous resolution of the Executive; and
  - b) the first Fellows shall be those life members of the Council at the beginning of the meeting at which the Rules were adopted.
  - b)c) Former Life Members of the Council who, on 28 May 2018 became Fellows and who have remained Fellows since that day shall continue as Fellows for life under these Standing Orders, and while they remain Fellows shall be entitled to vote and shall be treated in all other respects as Representative Members for the purposes of Rules (except Rules 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 8.7), Standing Orders (except Standing Orders M1.5 and M1.8) and Policies of the Council.



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## MEMBERSHIP

### M1—~~Ex-officio Members~~

~~The Council shall have a class of Individual Member named “Ex-Officio Member” reserved for officers of partner or supporter organisations.~~

~~The Ex-Officio Members shall be:~~

~~The Chair for the time being of The Ringing World Limited, company number 01722963, or their delegate.~~

~~There is no membership subscription for an Ex-Officio Member.~~

~~Once created, Ex-officio memberships shall continue until removed from the Standing Orders or rescinded by an Executive Decision.~~

## 54 \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

### Membership Types

5.14.1 The Council shall consist of the following members:

- a) Representative Members;
- b) Small Society Representatives;
- c) Individual Members enrolled or appointed ~~as may be determined by in~~ accordance with the Standing Orders; ~~and~~
- d) the Council’s Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members; ~~and~~
- ~~e)~~ An officer of a partner or supporter organisation of the Council appointed at the discretion of the Executive who shall be an ex-officio member until such as they resign, relinquish their office or are removed by the Executive.



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5.44.4 Each Affiliated Society shall be entitled to send one or more Representative Members to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date:

a) ~~its the Society's~~ Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place and notice of its Society Membership shall have been received by the Treasurer; and:

a)b) notice of the Society's Membership shall have been received by the Secretary.

### Small Society Representatives

5.74.7 Each Registered Small Society shall be entitled to send one Small Society Representative to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date:

a) where determined by the Standing Orders, that society's Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and

b) ~~its notice of the~~ Society's Membership ~~has shall have~~ been ~~notified~~ received by the Secretary.



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## C5 **Chairman**

- C5.1 The President (or in their absence or incapacity the Deputy President) shall normally preside as ~~chair~~Chair of each Council Meeting.
- C5.2 In the absence or incapacity of both the President and Deputy President, those Representative Members present shall elect a ~~chair~~Chair for that meeting.
- C5.3 The ~~chair~~Chair of each Council Meeting shall conduct its business in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.



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- ~~M1.2~~M1.2 Each Fellow shall be appointed by Resolution agreed at a Council Meeting provided that:
- a) any such appointment shall have been recommended by a unanimous resolution of the Executive; and
  - b) the first Fellows shall be those life members of the Council at the beginning of the meeting at which the Rules were adopted.
  - ~~b)~~c) Former Life Members of the Council who, on 28 May 2018 became Fellows and who have remained Fellows since that day shall continue as Fellows for life under these Standing Orders, and while they remain Fellows shall be entitled to vote and shall be treated in all other respects as Representative Members for the purposes of Rules (except Rules 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 8.7), Standing Orders (except Standing Orders M1.5 and M1.8Error! Reference source not found.) and Policies of the Council.



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- S2.2 The Executive may not make a decision to remove a society's registration under Rule 3.8 e) unless it is satisfied that the society~~Subject to Standing Order S2.3, the Executive at its absolute discretion may determine that a bell-ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies where (in the Executive's opinion) such a society:~~
- a) no longer meets the conditions set out in Standing Order S2.1; or
  - b) by virtue of its actions, or the actions of its members or its officers, could directly or indirectly bring the Council into disrepute.
- S2.3 A decision of the Executive referred to in Standing Order S2.2 may not be made unless~~In exercising its powers under Standing Order S2.2, the Executive shall ensure that a bell-ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies only when:~~
- a) ~~that the~~ society has been given notice of the reasons for its proposed removal; and
  - b) one or more of that the society's representatives have had reasonable opportunity to state its case in writing to the Executive.

### S3 Society Contacts

- S3.1 An application for membership as an Affiliated Society or as a Registered Small Society must include the relevant details of the person who is the Society Contact:
- a) for the purposes of the application; and
  - b) for the purposes of the society if the application is approved and to whom notices in connection with the Council's business may be sent.

~~S2.4~~S3.2 An Affiliated Society and a Registered Small Society must notify the Secretary of any change in details of its Society Contact.



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**4.83.8** A society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies if:

- a) it becomes an Affiliated Society; or
- b) its Society Membership rises above 100; or
- c) any Annual Subscription due under Rule ~~4.11~~3.10 is more than 12 months in arrears; or
- d) a Motion to remove the society's registration is agreed by a majority of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or
- e) a decision to remove the society's registration is made by the Executive in accordance with the Standing Orders; or
- ~~f) a request to remove the society's registration is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.~~

~~g)~~

~~An Executive Decision made in accordance with Rule 4.8e) shall cease to have effect unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter.~~



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**7.26.2** The Executive shall comprise the following members, elected at a Council Meeting:

- a) four Executive Officers, elected individually:
  - (1) a President;
  - (2) a Deputy President;
  - (3) a Secretary;
  - (4) a Treasurer; and
- b) four Ordinary Trustees, ~~with any vacancies to be filled at a Council Meeting, and if more than one vacancy, by being elected together.~~

## C8 Elections

- C8.1 Each appointment made at a Council Meeting shall be by election in which each Representative Member present may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies (with the candidates receiving most votes being elected), except that:
- a) where the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of vacancies, those candidates nominated shall be deemed elected;
  - b) where more than two candidates stand for a single vacancy, voting shall take place under the Alternative Vote system of the Electoral Reform Society; and
  - c) in the event of a tied vote between the highest placed candidates for a vacancy, a candidate shall be selected by the drawing of lots.



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# Motion A amendment

That the existing Rules of the Council as amended by the changes indicated in The Schedule be adopted as the Rules of the Council in lieu of the existing Rules, and that Standing Orders as recommended by the Review shall be adopted as the Standing Orders of the Council in lieu of the existing Standing Orders.

Proposed: Peter Harrison

Seconded: David Smith



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## Motions



# Motion B

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- For Affiliated Societies, the lower membership limit being fixed at 50, removing the lower limit of 25 for overseas societies. This removes a conflict with Small Societies membership thresholds.
- Allow Small Societies to send one voting member to Council meetings.
- Societies wishing to apply for membership of the Council in any of the three categories of membership will have to satisfy the Council on the criteria set out in Standing Order S2.
- Added an Appeal process where an application for membership is rejected.
- Remove the Rules requiring an annual or triennial election of Council representatives by Societies.
- Annual Subscriptions (Standing Order F1) will be £1 per Affiliated Member, £0.40 per declared Associate member (negotiable); and £10 for a Small Society.
- Amendment of the Rules and Standing Orders of The Council as listed in Addendum 2 of this agenda. (Page 12 of the meeting papers)

Proposed by Ernie de Legh-Runciman – Ex Officio Member  
Seconded by Alistair Donaldson – Peterborough Diocesan Guild



# Motion B as ammendment

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# Introduction

## Membership Review Task Group

### Terms of Reference

- To review the Council's Rules and Standing Orders in respect of society affiliation and representative membership,
- To ensure that all bell ringing societies who wish to affiliate to the Council have a fair opportunity to do so, without adding undue complexity or multiple exceptions.
- The review group should examine all aspects of Council membership, including affiliated societies, small societies and specifically university societies.
- The review should consider how to encourage (or retain) societies membership of Council.
- The review should seek to encourage societies representing university and other educational institutions to apply for membership of the Council, without excluding them due to cost of subscription.



# Introduction

## Membership Review Task Group

### Members

- Alistair Donaldson (Peterborough Guild)
- Colin Newman (ASCY)
- Craig Robertson (Oxford University Society)
- Chris Sharp (Lincoln Guild)



## Motion B Summary

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- **Added an Appeal process where an application for membership is rejected.**
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# Motion B Notes

- The class of Associate membership will be open to smaller societies such as University and “themed” Societies such as Doctors, Firemen, Bankers, University Societies, etc.
- Each Associate Society will be able to send one voting member to Council Meetings. Societies wishing to transfer to the Associate category of membership will have to apply to the Secretary and negotiate their fees at intervals.
- There will be no change to Societies present membership category if this motion is passed. However allowing Small Societies a vote will remove the impression of these groups being somehow 2nd class, and will ensure that no groups become dis-affiliated from the Central Council if they apply to change category.
- Removing the special lower membership limit of 25 for overseas societies resolves a conflict with Small Societies membership thresholds. This threshold becomes consistent @75, +/- 25.
- Small Societies already have to satisfy the Council on application regarding safeguarding arrangements, etc. New applications to affiliate in all categories will be required to meet the requirements of Standing Order S2. Note that while this is not retrospective, it is recommended that current Affiliated Societies review how they would meet these requirements.
- The removal of the rule requiring an annual or triennial election of Council representatives by Societies allows Societies to decide how best to elect their representatives.
- Annual Subscriptions (Standing Order F1) will be £0.40 per declared Associate member. While this is negotiable the minimum Subscription for an Associated Society shall be £30 – minimum membership of 75 @ £0.40 each



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# Motion B Proposed Amendment



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1 INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS	1 INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS	1 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS
<i>Affiliated Society</i> A bell ringing society affiliated to the Council in accordance with Rule 4.	<i>Affiliated Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Affiliated Societies in accordance with <b>Rule 4.</b>	<i>Affiliated Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Affiliated Societies in accordance with <b>Rule 3.</b>
	<i>Associated Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Associated Societies in accordance with <b>Rule 4.</b>	<i>Associated Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Associated Societies in accordance with <b>Rule 3.</b>
<i>Representative Member</i> A <b>voting member</b> appointed to represent an Affiliated Society in accordance with Rules 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6.	<i>Representative Member</i> A <b>voting member</b> appointed to represent a Registered Society in accordance with Rules <b>5.4, 5.5, 5.7 and 5.9.</b>	<i>Representative Member</i> A person appointed to represent an Affiliated Society in accordance with Rules <b>4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10.</b>
<i>Registered Small Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Small Societies in accordance with Rule 4.	<i>Registered Small Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Small Societies in accordance with <b>Rule 4.</b>	<i>Registered Small Society</i> A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Small Societies in accordance with <b>Rule 3.</b>
<i>Small Society Representative</i> A <b>non-voting</b> member appointed to represent a Registered Small Society in accordance with Rules 5.7 and 5.8.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>
<i>Society Membership</i> The number of members of a bell ringing society as may be determined by the Standing Orders.	<i>Society Membership</i> The number of members of a bell ringing society as may be determined by the Standing Orders.	<i>Society Membership</i> The number of members of a bell ringing <b>society determined in accordance with any requirement of</b> the Standing Orders.

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<p><b>Affiliated Societies</b>            4.1 Subject to Rule 4.4 the following bell ringing societies shall be affiliated to the Council:</p> <p>a) bell ringing societies affiliated to the Council at the date on which these Rules were adopted; and            b) any society whose application for affiliation has been approved under Rules 4.2 and 4.3.</p>	<p><b>Affiliated Societies</b>            4.1 Subject to Rule 4.4 the following bell ringing societies shall be affiliated to the Council:</p> <p>a) bell ringing societies affiliated to the Council at the date on which these Rules were adopted;            b) any society whose application for affiliation has been approved under Rules 4.2 and 4.3.</p>	<p><b>Affiliated Societies</b>            3.1 Subject to Rule 3.4 the following bell ringing societies shall be affiliated to the Council:</p> <p>a) bell ringing societies affiliated to the Council at the date on which these Rules were adopted; and            b) any society whose application for affiliation has been approved under Rules 3.2 and 3.3.</p>
<p>4.2 An Application from a bell ringing society to become an Affiliated Society shall be made to the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Council Meeting at which the application is to be considered and shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:</p> <p>a) its Society Membership is not less than 75 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles);            b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and            c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.</p>	<p>4.2 An Application from a bell ringing society to become an Affiliated Society shall be made to the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Council Meeting at which the application is to be considered and shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:</p> <p>a) its Society Membership is not less than 75;            b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and            c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.</p>	<p>3.2 An Application from a bell ringing society to become an Affiliated Society shall be made to the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Council Meeting at which the application is to be considered and shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:</p> <p>a) its Society Membership is not less than 75;            b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and            c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and Decisions.</p>

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<p>4.3 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.2 shall become an Affiliated Society when its application has been approved at a Council Meeting.</p>	<p>4.3 a) A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.2 shall become an Affiliated Society when its application has been approved at a Council Meeting.  b) Where that application has not been approved at a Council Meeting the Applicants shall be advised of the reason their application has not been approved by Council  c) The Applicants can either withdraw their application or request that their application is considered at the next full Annual Council Meeting.</p>	<p><b>3.3</b> A bell ringing society making an application under Rule <b>3.2</b> shall become an Affiliated Society when its application has been approved at a Council Meeting. Should their application not be approved:  a) the Applicants shall be advised of the reason their application has not been approved by the Council; and  b) the Applicants can either withdraw their application or produce an updated application for the next Annual Council Meeting.</p>
<p>4.4 A society shall cease to be an Affiliated Society if:  a) its Society Membership falls below 50 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles); or  b) it becomes a Registered Small Society; or  c) its Annual Subscription under Rule 4.10 is more than 12 months in arrears; or  d) a Motion for disaffiliation is agreed by no less than two-thirds of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or  e) notice of disaffiliation is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.</p>	<p>4.4 A society shall cease to be an Affiliated Society if: a) its Society Membership falls below 50; or  b) it becomes an Associated or Small Society; or  c) its Annual Subscription under Rule 4.15 is more than 12 months in arrears; or  d) a Motion for disaffiliation is agreed by not less than two-thirds of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or  e) notice of disaffiliation is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.</p>	<p><b>3.4</b> A society shall cease to be an Affiliated Society if: a) its Society Membership falls below 50; or  b) it becomes an Associated Society or <b>Registered</b> Small Society; or  c) its Annual Subscription under Rule <b>3.13</b> is more than 12 months in arrears; or  d) a Motion for disaffiliation is agreed by not less than two-thirds of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or  e) notice of disaffiliation is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.</p>

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	<p><b>Associated Societies</b>            4.5 Subject to Rule 4.8 any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules 4.6 and 4.7 shall be listed on the Council's Register of Associated Societies.</p>	<p><b>Associated Societies</b>            3.5 Subject to Rule 3.8 any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules 3.6 and 3.7 shall be listed on the Council's Register of Associated Societies.</p>
	<p>4.6 Applications from smaller bell ringing societies that do not collect a regular subscription from all of its members to become a Registered Associated Society shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:            a) its Society Membership is not less than 75;            b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and            c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.</p>	<p>3.6 Applications from bell ringing societies that do not collect a regular subscription from all of its members to become an Associated Society shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:            a) its Society Membership is not less than 75;            b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and            c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and Decisions.</p>



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	<p>4.7 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.6 shall become a <b>Registered</b> Associated Society and shall be entered on the Register of Associated Societies when its application has been approved by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that:</p> <p>a) the Executive is satisfied that the application meets such requirements as may be stated in the Standing Orders;</p> <p>b) the Executive is satisfied that an appropriate annual subscription has been agreed with the Applicant.</p> <p>c) notice of such a decision including details of the society's objects, membership and activities shall have been given to Representative Members;</p> <p>d) such notice shall indicate the date from which the decision shall take effect;</p> <p>e) the decision shall take effect no earlier than two months from the date on which such notice was served; and</p> <p>f) the decision shall not take effect until such time as it has been approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting if, within two months of such notice, the Secretary receives a request (or requests) from 10 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution to be considered by the Council.</p> <p>g) Where that application has not been approved at an Executive Meeting the Applicants shall be advised of the reason their application has not been approved by Council</p> <p>h) The Applicants can either withdraw their application or request that their application is considered at the next <b>full</b> Annual Council Meeting.</p>	<p><b>3.7</b> A bell ringing society making an application under Rule <b>3.6</b> shall become an Associated Society and shall be entered on the Register of Associated Societies when its application has been approved by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that:</p> <p>a) the Executive is satisfied that the application meets such requirements as may be stated in the Standing Orders;</p> <p>b) the Executive is satisfied that an appropriate annual subscription has been agreed with the Applicant;</p> <p>c) notice of such a decision including details of the society's objects, membership and activities shall have been given to Representative Members;</p> <p>d) such notice shall indicate the date from which the decision shall take effect;</p> <p>e) <b>if, within two months of the date of service of such notice the Secretary receives a request (or requests) from 10 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution to be considered by the Council, the decision of the Executive shall continue to be ineffective unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter;</b></p> <p>f) where that application has not been approved at an Executive Meeting the Applicants shall be advised of the reason their application has not been approved by Council; <b>and</b></p> <p>g) the Applicants can either withdraw their application or request that their application is considered at the next Annual Council Meeting.</p>



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	<p>4.9 An Executive Decision made in accordance with Rule 4.8e) shall cease to have effect unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter.</p>	<p><b>REMOVE</b></p>
<p><b>Registered Small Societies</b> 4.5 Subject to Rule 4.8 any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules 4.6 and 4.7 shall be listed on the Council's Register of Small Societies.</p>	<p><b>Registered Small Societies</b> 4.10 Subject to Rule 4.13 any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules 4.11 and 4.12 shall be listed on the Council's Register of Small Societies.</p>	<p><b>Registered Small Societies</b> <b>3.9</b> Subject to Rule <b>3.12</b> any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules <b>3.10</b> and <b>3.11</b> shall be listed on the Council's Register of Small Societies.</p>

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<p>4.6 Applications from smaller bell ringing societies to become Registered Small Societies shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:</p> <p>a) its Society Membership is less than 75 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles);</p> <p>b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and</p> <p>c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.</p>	<p>4.11 Applications from smaller bell ringing societies to become Registered Small Societies shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:</p> <p>a) its Society Membership is less than 75;</p> <p>b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and</p> <p>c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.</p>	<p><b>3.10</b> Applications from smaller bell ringing societies to become Registered Small Societies shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:</p> <p>a) its Society Membership is less than 75;</p> <p>b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and</p> <p>c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules, <b>Standing Orders</b> and Decisions.</p>

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<p>4.7 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.6 shall become a Registered Small Society and shall be entered on the Register of Small Societies when its application has been approved by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that:</p> <p>a) the Executive is satisfied that the application meets such requirements as may be stated in the Standing Orders;</p> <p>b) notice of such a decision including details of the society's objects, membership and activities shall have been given to Representative Members;</p> <p>c) such notice shall indicate the date from which the decision shall take effect;</p> <p>d) the decision shall take effect no earlier than two months from the date on which such notice was served; and</p> <p>e) the decision shall not take effect until such time as it has been approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting if, within two months of such notice, the Secretary receives a request (or requests) from 10 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution to be considered by the Council.</p>	<p>4.12 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.11 shall become a Registered Small Society and shall be entered on the Register of Small Societies when its application has been approved by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that:</p> <p>a) the Executive is satisfied that the application meets such requirements as may be stated in the Standing Orders;</p> <p>b) notice of such a decision including details of the society's objects, membership and activities shall have been given to Representative Members;</p> <p>c) such notice shall indicate the date from which the decision shall take effect;</p> <p>d) the decision shall take effect no earlier than two months from the date on which such notice was served; and</p> <p>e) the decision shall not take effect until such time as it has been approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting if, within two months of such notice, the Secretary receives a request (or requests) from 10 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution to be considered by the Council.</p> <p>f) Where that application has not been approved at an Executive Meeting the Applicants shall be advised of the reason their application has not been approved by Council</p> <p>g) The Applicants can either withdraw their application or request that their application is considered at the next full Annual Council Meeting.</p>	<p><b>3.11</b> A bell ringing society making an application under Rule <b>3.10</b> shall become a Registered Small Society and shall be entered on the Register of Small Societies when its application has been approved by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that:</p> <p>a) the Executive is satisfied that the application meets such requirements as may be stated in the Standing Orders;</p> <p>b) notice of such a decision including details of the society's objects, membership and activities shall have been given to Representative Members;</p> <p>c) such notice shall indicate the date from which the decision shall take effect;</p> <p>d) the decision shall take effect no earlier than two months from the date on which such notice was served; and</p> <p>e) if, within two months of the date of service of such notice the Secretary receives a request (or requests) from 10 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution to be considered by the Council, <b>the decision of the Executive shall continue to be ineffective unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter;</b></p> <p>f) where that application has not been approved at an Executive Meeting the Applicants shall be advised of the reason their application has not been approved by Council; and</p> <p>g) the Applicants can either withdraw their application or request that their application is considered at the next full Annual Council Meeting.</p>



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<p>4.8 A society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies if:</p> <p>a) it becomes an Affiliated Society; or  b) its Society Membership rises above 100; or  c) any Annual Subscription due under Rule 4.11 is more than 12 months in arrears; or  d) a Motion to remove the society's registration is agreed by a majority of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or  e) a decision to remove the society's registration is made by the Executive in accordance with the Standing Orders; or  f) a request to remove the society's registration is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.</p>	<p>4.13 A society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies if:</p> <p>a) it becomes an Affiliated or Associated Society; or  b) its Society Membership rises above 100; or  c) any Annual Subscription due under Rule 4.17 is more than 12 months in arrears; or  d) a Motion to remove the society's registration is agreed by a majority of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or  e) a decision to remove the society's registration is made by the Executive in accordance with the Standing Orders; or  f) a request to remove the society's registration is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.</p>	<p><b>3.12</b> A society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies if:</p> <p>a) it becomes an Affiliated or Associated Society; or  b) its Society Membership rises above 100; or  c) any Annual Subscription due under Rule <b>3.15</b> is more than 12 months in arrears; or  d) a Motion to remove the society's registration is agreed by a majority of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or  e) a decision to remove the society's registration is made by the Executive in accordance with the Standing Orders; or  f) a request to remove the society's registration is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.</p>
<p>4.9 An Executive Decision made in accordance with Rule 4.8e) shall cease to have effect unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter</p>	<p>4.14 An Executive Decision made in accordance with Rule 4.13e) shall cease to have effect unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter.</p>	<p><b>REMOVE</b></p>
<p><b>Annual Subscription</b>  4.10 Each Affiliated Society shall pay an annual subscription. Each year's subscription shall become due on 1st January, of such sum as may be determined by the Standing Orders in relation to its affiliation.</p>	<p><b>Annual Subscription</b>  4.15 Each Registered Affiliated Society shall pay an annual subscription. Each year's subscription shall become due on 1st January, of such sum as may be determined by the Standing Orders in relation to its affiliation.</p>	<p><b>Annual Subscription</b>  <b>3.13</b> Each Registered Affiliated Society shall pay, according to its Society Membership, an annual subscription as prescribed from time to time by the Standing Orders. Each year's subscription shall become due on 1st January.</p>

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	4.16 Each <b>Registered</b> Associated Society shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Standing Orders. Each year's subscription shall become due on 1st January, of such sum as may be determined by the Standing Orders in relation to that Society's registration or as agreed with the Executive.	<b>3.14</b> Each Associated Society shall pay an annual subscription as <b>prescribed from time to time by the Standing Orders or as agreed with the Executive.</b> Each year's subscription shall <b>become due on 1st January.</b>
4.11 Where determined by the Standing Orders, each Registered Small Society shall pay an annual subscription, which shall become due on 1st January and shall be of such sum as may be stated by the Standing Orders in relation to that society's registration.	4.17 Each Registered Small Society shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Standing Orders. Each year's subscription shall become due on 1st January and shall be of such sum as may be stated by the Standing Orders in relation to that society's registration.	<b>3.15</b> Each Registered Small Society shall pay an annual subscription of a fixed sum as <b>prescribed from time to time by the Standing Orders.</b> Each year's subscription shall <b>become due on 1st January.</b>
<b>Membership Types</b> 5.1 The Council shall consist of the following members: a) Representative Members; b) Small Society Representatives; c) Individual Members enrolled or appointed as may be determined by the Standing Orders; and d) the Council's Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members.	<b>Membership Types</b> 5.1 The Council shall consist of the following members: a) Representative Members; b) Individual Members enrolled or appointed as may be determined by the Standing Orders; and c) the Council's Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members.	<b>Membership Types</b> <b>4.1</b> The Council shall consist of the following members: a) Representative Members; b) Individual Members enrolled or appointed in accordance with the Standing Orders; c) the Council's Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members; <b>and</b> d) An officer of a partner or supporter organisation of the Council appointed at the discretion of the Executive who shall be an ex-officio member until such as they resign, <b>relinquish their office or are removed by the Executive.</b>

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5.2 At Council Meetings, all members shall be entitled to speak and to move motions, but only Representative Members shall be entitled to vote.	5.2 At Council Meetings, all members shall be entitled to speak and to move motions, but only Representative Members shall be entitled to vote.	<b>4.2</b> At Council Meetings, all members shall be entitled to speak and to move motions, but only Representative Members, Associated Society Representatives and Small Society Representatives shall be entitled to vote.
5.3 A single individual may act in the capacity of both a Representative Member and one or more other types of member.	5.3 A single individual may act in the capacity of both a Representative Member and one or more other types of member.	<b>4.3</b> A single individual may act in the capacity of both a Representative Member and one or more other types of member.
<b>Representative Members</b> 5.4 Each <b>Affiliated Society</b> shall be entitled to send one or more Representative Members to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date its Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place and its Society Membership have been received by the Treasurer.	<b>Representative Members</b> 5.4 Each <b>Affiliated Society</b> shall be entitled to send one or more Representative Members to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date: a) its Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and b) its Society Membership has been received by the Secretary.	<b>Representative Members</b> <b>4.4</b> Each <b>Affiliated Society</b> shall be entitled to send one or more Representative Members to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date: a) the <b>Society's</b> Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place <b>and notice of its Society Membership shall have</b> been received by the Treasurer; and b) <b>notice of the Society's</b> Membership <b>shall have</b> been received by the Secretary.

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<p>5.5 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:</p> <p>a) Society Membership up to 150 members = one Representative Member;</p> <p>b) Society Membership 151–300 members = two Representative Members;</p> <p>c) Society Membership 301–450 members = three Representative Members;</p> <p>d) Society Membership 451–1000 members = four Representative Members;</p> <p>e) Society Membership 1001–2000 member = five Representative Members;</p> <p>f) Society Membership over 2000 members = six Representative Members.</p>	<p>5.5 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:</p> <p>a) Society Membership up to 150 members = one Representative Member;</p> <p>b) Society Membership 151–300 members = two Representative Members;</p> <p>c) Society Membership 301–450 members = three Representative Members;</p> <p>d) Society Membership 451–1000 members = four Representative Members;</p> <p>e) Society Membership 1001–2000 member = five Representative Members;</p> <p>f) Society Membership over 2000 members = six Representative Members.</p>	<p><b>4.5</b> The number of Representative Members to which each Affiliated Society is entitled under Rule 4.4 shall be based on its Society Membership as follows:</p> <p>a) Society Membership up to 150 members = one Representative Member;</p> <p>b) Society Membership 151–300 members = two Representative Members;</p> <p>c) Society Membership 301–450 members = three Representative Members;</p> <p>d) Society Membership 451–1000 members = four Representative Members;</p> <p>e) Society Membership 1001–2000 member = five Representative Members;</p> <p>f) Society Membership over 2000 members = six Representative Members.</p>
<p>5.6 Subject to Rule 5.5 :</p> <p>a) an Affiliated Society may register or amend the names and contact details of its Representative Members at any time by giving notice to the Secretary;</p> <p>b) each Representative Member shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Affiliated Society notifies the Secretary of a change; and</p> <p>c) unless otherwise stated in that society's constitution, the election of Representative Members by Affiliated Societies shall take place triennially.</p>	<p>5.6 Subject to Rule 5.5 :</p> <p>a) an Affiliated Society may register or amend the names and contact details of its Representative Members at any time by giving notice to the Secretary;</p> <p>b) each Representative Member shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Affiliated Society notifies the Secretary of a change.</p>	<p><b>4.6</b> Subject to Rule <b>4.5</b>:</p> <p>a) an Affiliated Society may register or amend the names and contact details of its Representative Members at any time by giving notice to the Secretary;</p> <p>b) each Representative Member shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Affiliated Society notifies the Secretary of a change.</p>

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	<p><b>Associated Society Representatives</b>            5.7 Each Associated Society shall be entitled to send one Representative to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date:</p> <p>a) where determined by the Standing Orders or as agreed with the Secretary, that society's Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and            b) its Society Membership has been notified to and agreed with the Secretary.</p>	<p><b>Associated Society Representatives</b>  <b>4.7</b> Each Associated Society shall be entitled to send one <b>Representative Member</b> to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date:</p> <p>a) the <b>Society's</b> Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place <b>and notice of its Society Membership shall have</b> been received by the Treasurer; and            b) <b>notice of the Society's</b> Membership <b>shall have</b> been received by the Secretary.</p>
	<p>5.8 Subject to Rule 5.7:</p> <p>a) a <b>Registered</b> Associated Society may register or amend the name and contact details of its Associated Society Representative at any time by giving notice to the Secretary;            b) each Associated Society Representative shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Registered Society notifies the Secretary of a change.</p>	<p><b>4.8</b> Subject to Rule <b>4.7</b>:</p> <p>a) an Associated Society may register or amend the name and contact details of its <b>Representative Member</b> at any time by giving notice to the Secretary;            b) <b>the Representative Member</b> shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the <b>Associated</b> Society notifies the Secretary of a change.</p>

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<p><b>Small Society Representatives</b> 5.7 Each Registered Small Society shall be entitled to send one Small Society Representative to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date: a) where determined by the Standing Orders, that society's Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and b) its Society Membership has been notified to the Secretary.</p>	<p><b>Small Society Representatives</b> 5.9 Each Small Society shall be entitled to send one Representative to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date: a) where determined by the Standing for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and b) its Society Membership has been notified to the Secretary.</p>	<p><b>Small Society Representatives</b> <b>4.9</b> Each Registered Small Society shall be entitled to send one <b>Representative Member</b> to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date: a) where determined by the Standing Orders, <b>that society's Annual Subscription</b> for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and b) <b>notice of the Society's</b> Membership <b>shall have</b> been received by the Secretary.</p>
<p>5.8 Subject to Rule 5.7: a) a Registered Small Society may register or amend the name and contact details of its Small Society Representative at any time by giving notice to the Secretary; b) each Small Society Representative shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Registered Society notifies the Secretary of a change; and c) unless otherwise stated in that society's constitution, the election of a Small Society Representative by a Small Society shall take place annually.</p>	<p>5.10 Subject to Rule 5.9: a) a Registered Small Society may register or amend the name and contact details of its Small Society Representative at any time by giving notice to the Secretary; b) each Small Society Representative shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Registered Society notifies the Secretary of a change.</p>	<p><b>4.10</b> Subject to Rule <b>4.9</b>: a) a Registered Small Society may register or amend the name and contact details of its <b>Representative Member</b> at any time by giving notice to the Secretary; b) <b>the Representative Member</b> shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the <b>Registered Small</b> Society notifies the Secretary of a change.</p>

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<b>F1 Annual Subscription</b> F1.1 The Annual Subscription for each Affiliated Society shall be £0.40 per member of that Society based on its Society Membership.	<b>F1 Annual Subscription</b> F1.1 The Annual Subscription for each Affiliated Society shall be £1.00 per member of that Society based on its Society Membership.	<b>F1 Annual Subscription</b> F1.1 The Annual Subscription for each Affiliated Society shall be £1.00 per member of that Society based on its Society Membership.
	F1.2 The Annual Subscription for each Associated Society shall be £0.40 per member of that Society based on its declared Society Membership. This subscription may be varied on application to, and at the discretion of, the Executive; but shall not be less than £30.	F1.2 The Annual Subscription for each Associated Society shall be £0.40 per member of that Society based on its declared Society Membership. This subscription may be varied on application to, and at the discretion of, the Executive; but shall not be less than £30.
F1.2 The Annual Subscription of each Registered Small Society shall be £10.	F1.3 The Annual Subscription of each Registered Small Society shall be £10.	F1.3 The Annual Subscription of each Registered Small Society shall be £10.

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<p><b>S1 Society Membership</b>  S1.1 For the purposes of the Rules the membership of a bell ringing society at any time (its "Society Membership") shall be defined with reference to the preceding calendar year (or that society's equivalent membership year) as follows:-  a) where a society has a membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members paying (or exempted from paying) membership subscriptions; or  b) where a society has no membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members who either:-  (1) appeared on that Society's membership list, received one or more member notices from the Society and are considered by that Society to be participating members; or (2) attended at least one event (including meetings, practices, peal attempts, dinners and other gatherings of members) organised by that Society; or  c) in the case of the Veronese Association, its Society Membership shall be such number as shall have been proposed by that society and approved by the Secretary.</p>	<p><b>S1 Society Membership</b>  S1.1 For the purposes of the Rules the membership of a bell ringing society at any time (its "Society Membership") shall be defined with reference to the preceding calendar year (or that society's equivalent membership year) as follows:-  a) where a society has a membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members paying (or exempted from paying) membership subscriptions; or  b) where a society has no membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members who either:-  (1) appeared on that Society's membership list, received one or more member notices from the Society and are considered by that Society to be participating members; or  (2) attended at least one event (including meetings, practices, peal attempts, dinners and other gatherings of members) organised by that Society; or  (3) as declared by their Officers and approved by the Secretary.</p>	<p><b>S1 Society Membership</b>  S1.1 For the purposes of the Rules the Society Membership of a bell ringing society at any time shall be defined with reference to the preceding calendar year (or that society's equivalent membership year) as follows:-  a) where a society has a membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members paying (or exempted from paying) membership subscriptions; or  b) where a society has no membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members who either:-  (1) appeared on that Society's membership list, received one or more member notices from the Society and are considered by that Society to be participating members; or  (2) attended at least one event (including meetings, practices, peal attempts, dinners and other gatherings of members) organised by that Society; or  (3) as declared by their Officers and approved by the Secretary.</p>

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<p><b>S2 Registered Small Societies</b>  S2.1 The Executive may approve an application from a bell ringing society to become a Registered Small Society where such a society satisfies the following conditions to the Executive's reasonable satisfaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) it has a written constitution and duly appointed officers;</li> <li>b) it has safeguarding arrangements (dealing with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults) that reflect local best practice for the jurisdiction(s) where that society operates;</li> <li>c) it has supplied details to the Secretary of its objects, membership and activities together with contact details for at least two of its officers;</li> <li>d) its actions will not unreasonably frustrate the activities of any Affiliated Society or Registered Small Society or the Council; and</li> <li>e) it satisfies such other conditions as may be stated in the Council's Standing Orders and Policies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>S2 Registered Societies</b>  A Registered Society includes Affiliated, Associated, and Small Societies.  S2.1 The Executive may approve an application from a bell ringing society to become a Registered Society where such a society satisfies the following conditions to the Executive's reasonable satisfaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) it has a written constitution and duly appointed officers;</li> <li>b) it has safeguarding arrangements (dealing with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults) that reflect local best practice for the jurisdiction(s) where that society operates;</li> <li>c) it has supplied details to the Secretary of its objects, membership and activities together with contact details for at least two of its officers;</li> <li>d) its actions will not unreasonably frustrate the activities of any other Registered Society; and</li> <li>e) it satisfies such other conditions as may be stated in the Council's Standing Orders and Policies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>S2 Registered Societies</b>  A Registered Society includes Affiliated, Associated, and Small Societies.  S2.1 The Executive may approve an application from a bell ringing society to become a Registered Society where such a society satisfies the following conditions to the Executive's reasonable satisfaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) it has a written constitution and duly appointed officers;</li> <li>b) it has safeguarding arrangements (dealing with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults) that reflect local best practice for the jurisdiction(s) where that society operates;</li> <li>c) it has supplied details to the Secretary of its objects, membership and activities together with contact details for at least two of its officers;</li> <li>d) its actions will not unreasonably frustrate the activities of any other Registered Society; and</li> <li>e) it satisfies such other conditions as may be stated in the Council's Standing Orders and Policies.</li> </ul>

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<p>S2.2 Subject to Standing Order S2.3, the Executive at its absolute discretion may determine that a bell ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies where (in the Executive's opinion) such a society:</p> <p>a) no longer meets the conditions set out in Standing Order S2.1; or</p> <p>b) by virtue of its actions, or the actions of its members or its officers, could directly or indirectly bring the Council into disrepute.</p>	<p>S2.2 Subject to Standing Order S2.3, the Executive at its absolute discretion may determine that a bell ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Societies where (in the Executive's opinion) such a society:</p> <p>a) no longer meets the conditions set out in Standing Order S2.1; or</p> <p>b) by virtue of its actions, or the actions of its members or its officers, could directly or indirectly bring the Council into disrepute.</p>	<p>S2.2 The Executive may not make a decision to remove a society's registration unless it is satisfied that the society:</p> <p>a) no longer meets the conditions set out in Standing Order S2.1; or</p> <p>b) by virtue of its actions, or the actions of its members or its officers, could directly or indirectly bring the Council into disrepute.</p>
<p>S2.3 In exercising its powers under Standing Order S2.2, the Executive shall ensure that a bell ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies only when:</p> <p>a) that society has been given notice of the reasons for its removal; and</p> <p>b) one or more of that society's representatives have had reasonable opportunity to state its case in writing to the Executive.</p>	<p>S2.3 In exercising its powers under Standing Order S2.2, the Executive shall ensure that a bell ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Societies only when:</p> <p>a) that society has been given notice of the reasons for its removal; and</p> <p>b) one or more of that society's representatives have had reasonable opportunity to state its case in writing to the Executive.</p>	<p>S2.3 A decision of the Executive referred to in Standing Order S2.2 may not be made unless:</p> <p>a) the society has been given notice of the reasons for its proposed removal; and</p> <p>b) one or more of the society's representatives have had reasonable opportunity to state its case in writing to the Executive.</p>
	<p>S2.4 The Executive shall report their decision to the next full Annual Council Meeting.</p>	<p>S2.4 The Executive shall report their decision to the next Annual Council Meeting.</p>

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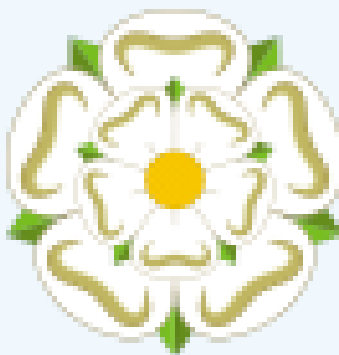


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# Agenda Item: 14

## Election of Trustees



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# Election of Trustees

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Secretary	Ernie de Legh-Runciman	Allison Devine	Eileen Butler
Trustee	Beverly Faber	Jane Wilkinson	Eileen Butler
Trustee	Alison Edmonds	Elva Ainsworth	Zoe Bennett



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## Appointment of Independent Examiners (2)



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## Future Meetings

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## Future Meetings

2026 - Coventry Guild – Rugby

2027 – Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaconries Society (R/S)

2028 – To be decided

2029 – Essex Association (R/S)

2030 – St Martins Guild

2031 - Oxford Diocesan Guild (R/S)

2032 - Worcester and Districts Association

R/S – normal Roadshow year



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## Any Other Buisness



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## Vote of Thanks



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## Meeting Attendance



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# Meeting Attendance

Societies Represented: 57 out of 66  
Small Societies Represented: 2 out of 4

## Present:

Fellows 1  
Ex-Officio 7  
Affiliate Society Reps 141  
Small Society Reps 2

Total 151 out of 222



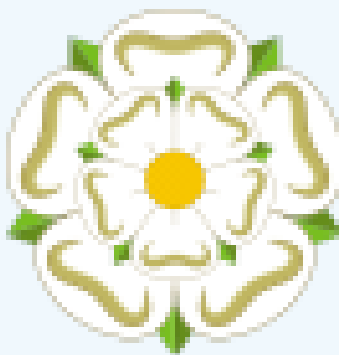


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# Conference Badges

At the end of the meeting, please place your badge in the box provided.

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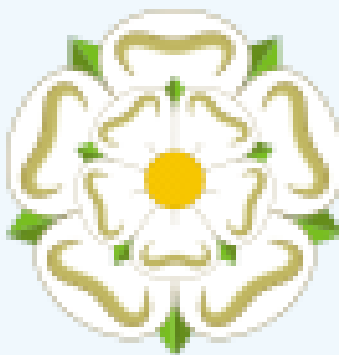


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