



# 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 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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:

- **2026 Affiliation Fees.** It is noted so far this year, 65% of affiliated societies have returned their annual form and paid the affiliation fee. It has been noticed that there is a conflict between CCCBR Rules 3.13/3.14/3.15 and 4.4 as to when the affiliation fees are required to be paid by. The Executive agreed to bring forward a motion to the Annual Council Meeting in September to resolve this conflict.
- **The Treasurer has conducted a review of the Executive's budget.** At present it is £200 overspent, due to initial costs of setting up employments. It was agreed by the Executive to reprofile the Executive budget for 2026 to £3000, and that this was possible due to underspend in other areas.
- **Expenses Policy.** The Council expenses policy has been reviewed and was accepted by the Executive. After some editorial amendments, it will be published on the Council's website.
- **The Deputy president reported on the progress for organising the 2026 Annual Council Meeting in Rugby.** The Friday evening social and the meetings on the Saturday will be held in The Benn Hall. The Saturday evening social will be held at Arnold House. There will be tower grabs on the Friday, and service ringing on the Sunday. There will be a special ringers service at Coventry Cathedral.
- **Future meetings.** A review was held of expressions of interest and invitations for the 2028 Annual Council Meeting. The Executive decided to accept the invitation from the Truro Diocesan Guild to hold the 2028 ACM in their area.

For information, the accepted invitations for the next few years are:

2027 – Lichfield and Walsall  
2028 – Truro  
2029 – Essex  
2030 – Birmingham  
2031 – Oxford  
2032 – Worcester

- **Dorothy L Sayers Society Award for Young Ringers in Leadership.** The Deputy President updated the executive on the progress of this award. 20 applications have been received. It

was noted that some of the applications were of a very high standard. Judging has been carried out, and the shorth listed applicants will be invited to the ACM in September, where the winner will be announced, and the award presented.

- Summer Honorariums. Job descriptions for these positions have now been compiled, and will be advertised by the usual channels in the next few weeks.
- Code of Ethics. It was noted that the Councils Code of Ethics policy expires in January 2027, and requires reviewing. It was suggested that several Council members be solicited as at the September ACM to assist with the review, complete by December, executive approval by 1 Jan 2027. The Code will be pushed to associations as a recommended framework for member conduct and will be included in the New CC Reps pack.
- Executive Vacancies. As noted previously, the President, Deputy President, Treasurer and one Trustee come to the end of their three year term. All except the Treasurer are eligible for re-election. Any one who would be interested in seeking a nomination for one of these positions in invited to contact any member of the Executive to discuss the position, and what is involved.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman  
CCCBR Secretary  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2026