



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 23rd August 2026, by Zoom

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

Notes from the meeting:

- It is reported that all societies except one have submitted their affiliation forms and paid the fee for 2026.
- The Executive discussed the arrangements for the forthcoming Annual Council Meeting in Rugby over the weekend of 5th September 2026. A digital copy of the weekend events will be published on the Council's website in the near future and available in hard copy at the Welcome Desks. It was noted the presentation of the awards sponsored by the Dorothy L Sayers Society and the Westley Company will be made following the Ringing World AGM in on the Saturday morning.
- The Executive decided not to recognise either of the two proposed representatives from the Dorset County Association to the Central Council, as it was not clear that either could represent the association as a whole. It was agreed to give the association time to resolve their internal issues before considering representation again.

This meeting of the Executive was followed by three monthly meeting between the Executive and the Workgroup Leads.

This meeting focused on planning for the upcoming ACM and providing updates from various work groups. The President gave an executive overview, discussing the ringing census, recent staffing changes, and motions for the ACM.

The meeting discussed stewardships, particularly the need to manage transitions and ensure succession planning. They reviewed plans for the ACM, agreeing to keep presentations brief and encourage engagement through tables and direct conversations.

Work group leads shared updates, including progress on the Ringers Hub, Dove's Guide, marketing ideas, and awards. The challenges of volunteer management and the need for

more volunteers was highlighted. The group also discussed communication with representatives and the broader membership, as well as the need to recognise the significant volunteer effort involved in Council work.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday 23rd September 2026.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
CCCBR Secretary
30th August 2026