Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the 128th Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 6th September 2025 at The Niagara Conference Centre, Niagara Road, Sheffield, S6 1LU

The Chair was taken by The President, Tina Stoecklin.

The President asked everyone to sign the attendance roll before the start of the meeting.

The President welcomed members of the Council to Sheffield. She reminded the meeting only Fellows and representative members may vote. All membership returns and all except one subscription had been submitted on time. The Veronese Society's subscription had been received after 9th August 2025. The President asked the Council's permission to allow representatives from this society to speak and vote at this meeting. On a show of hands, this was approved.

The Rev Tony Ellis (Hereford Guild) opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Application to affiliate and other changes to affiliation

No applications for affiliation or for any other changes were received.

2. Welcome to new members

The President gave a welcome to new and returning members (indicated in the list at the end of these minutes).

3. Apologies for absence

A number of apologies were received and are listed at the end of these minutes.

4. In Memoriam

The Rev David Everett (Sussex Guild) read the names of the following members and former members whose deaths have been notified to The Council since the 2024 meeting:

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

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

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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

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 (neé 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

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

Dennis Bernard Clive, Lichfield & Walsall Archdeaconries 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

The Rev Everett then led the meeting in prayer.

5. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

Several corrections have been notified to the Secretary before the meeting. The meeting approved these corrected Minutes and they were signed by the President.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

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7. Trustees Annual Report for 2024

The President introduced the Trustees Annual Report (TAR). The President introduced the current trustees.

Neil Dodge (Suffolk Guild) asked about the Council's submission to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport initiative on Intangible Cultural Heritage. He believed that invitations to submission would open by the end of this year. The President indicated that when clear guidance is available from the DCMS, the Council would move on this.

8. Accounts for 2024

Fergus Stracey (Treasurer) presented the accounts. He reported several typos have been noted. On page 24, the bottom line should read: Balances at 31 December 2024:- General Fund £145,125; Bell Restoration Fund £25,682; F Dukes International Bell Fund £82,265.

The Accounts were approved by the Executive on 25 June 2025. Duncan Walker, as Independent Examiner, had submitted an unqualified report to the Council, which was made available on the Council website.

The Treasurer also thanked Beryl Norris, Jim and Sarah Bence and the Publications team, Ian Self of the Friends of the Library for their work.

The Treasurer reported that the total assets of the Council, as of 31st December 2024, were £397,802. The General Fund made a loss of £16,203, primarily because of spending on Ringing 2030. The Publications team was profitable, and the Treasurer thanked all who were involved in the handover to the new team. Friends of the Library was in deficit of £2620, due to the move to Loughborough. One grant was paid from the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, leaving a grant of £1000 unpaid. 11 grants were paid from the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund, leaving £21750 in outstanding commitments. There are currently no funds available for new grants. T-shirt sales were slow, but the Executive are looking for new opportunities to increase sales.

Andrew Aspland (Lichfield and Walsall and Library Steward) pointed out that the Library Fund was in deficit for the year, but not overall.

Jason Carter (Gloucester & Bristol) questioned if the figures reported as a typo were not actually a further mistake. The Treasurer disagreed with this.

The Treasurer moved that the accounts be accepted, subject to the corrections. The meeting approved this by a show of hands.

9. Annual Report Workgroups for 2024

Summary slides from each workgroup were displayed, and a number of questions were received.

a) Young Ringers for Ringing 2030

Andrea Haynes (Ex-Officio) gave an update on the School Lesson Plans and their status. Primary school science plans are being worked on first. Secondary plans are "on the back burner", awaiting the response to the primary school plans. She reported that one of the Summer Honorariums is performing a gap analysis on the plans and helping to create the teaching resources that go with the plans. She asked if any members had marketing experience to help with the rollout of the plans.

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The President gave a brief summary of the Wendy Piercy bequest, and how it has been used to hire three people as Summer Honorariums to work on specific projects

b) History and Archive

No questions have been received.

c) Ringing 2030 Recruitment and Development

No questions have been received.

d) Ringing 2030 Environment

Alison Hodge (Worcestershire & District) asked (via email) if the Wesley Awards were to continue. Mark Odgen (Suffolk Guild and WG Lead) apologised that they had not happened this year, due to other commitments, but it is intended to pursue them next year. He mentioned that there is a need for volunteers to help with the work of the Workgroups.

Mark Ogden also spoke about church closures. He asked all members of the Council to be aware of church closures and recommended that all societies should have an action plan for when a church in their area closes.

e) Technical and Taxonomy

No questions have been received.

f) Ringing 2030 Technology

No questions have been received.

10. Ringing 2030 and Forward Plan for 2026

The President introduced the documents, as a summary of the Ringing 2030 project. It was felt appropriate at this time to include the whole business plan in the papers, as this had been previously requested. There was also a progress chart, which was a snapshot of the projects at the present time. It should be noted that this was a live document and would be updated throughout the coming year.

It was noted that several projects were struggling, mainly due to a lack of volunteer support.

The President invited questions from the floor:

Jason Carter (Gloucester & Bristol) noted that that the project was below the reserves policy and asked about the income line, specifically the £80,000 shown for 2027. The President replied that the £80,000 was based on a number of items, including the increase in affiliation fees and hopefully grant income. It was noted that the reserves policy was to be reviewed in light of comments from the Independent Examiner.

Alison Hodge (Worcestershire & District) asked if a summary of the requirements for Workgroup members could be published.

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Ian Bucknell (Gloucester & Bristol) noted the large items in the budget were for lines of credit. and asked what the formal processes were used when lines of credit were issued. The Treasurer outlined the process, which included a formal loan agreement.

Richard Smith (Cambridge University) commented that the line of credit was shown for The South West Course, but there was no income associated with it. The Treasurer replied that it was anticipated that the course would be self-sustainable, and they would not (hopefully) be drawing on this line of credit.

Paul Wotton (Bath & Wells, Recruitment & Development Workgroup Lead) mentioned the South West Course was looking to be financially independent, so there would be no dependency on the CCCBR line of credit.

Will Bosworth (Ringing World) asked if the Council could reengage with Bell Sunday, as a vehicle to engage with the church and public.

11. The Forward Plan for 2026

The President summarised the 3 Pillars of Ringing 2030, and what was planned for 2026.

John Martin (Devonshire Guild) asked about the resources of the Mobile Belfry Trust (MBT), and with one of the assets being out of action, how many events had not been supported. The President replied this information was held by the MBT, but she understood most events had been covered. Simon Linford (St Martins Gild and MBT Trustee) added the Touring Tower would be back in action in the near future. He also mentioned that as well as the need for volunteers to help with the staffing of the belfries at events, there was a need for volunteers willing to provide a vehicle to tow the belfries to events.

Alan Regin (Ex-Officio) was asked to explain The Rolls of Honour. He explained the books and added there are over 300 names that needed to be added to the books. Dickon Love (Ex-Officio and Historical & Archive Workgroup Lead) mentioned there would be a new paper copy of Dove in the near future.

The President presented indicative projections (with the aid of a pie chart) for the finances for the near future. It was stressed these charts were not budgets, but projections on income and expenditure.

David Smith (ANZAB) asked if cash reserves were shown as income. The President explained that it was included as a source of funding for the plans.

Divid Kirkcaldy (Sussex CA) mentioned that the Publications group was now generating more income that in previous years.

John Harrison (Oxford DG) asked for clarification if the President referred to profit or income. The President stated she meant turnover.

Tristan Lockheart (Leeds University) supported the use of paid support. The use of paid support has benefited the Council recently, and if we need to progress, we needed this help.

Will Bosworth (Ringing World) asked what the paid support will do. The President replied that it would be for marketing support and help with in recruitment enquiries.

Andrew Slade (Yorkshire) support Tristian Lockheart's view in that we need to spend some of the Councils reserves to progress our objectives.

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12. Financial update for 2024 and outline General Fund budget for 2025

The Treasurer presented this item.

There were currently four Registered Small Societies. The General Fund would be in surplus by between £19,000 and £20,000 when our statutory obligations were taken into account, but spending on Workgroups and Ringing 2030 would result in a deficit for the year. The current forecast was between £1000 and £2000. This was quite a significant reduction, which was largely due to the generous legacy from Wendy Piercy.

Interest received was to be higher than budgeted, approximately £4,000 for the year, with the majority of interest coming from our investment with NS&I.

Publications had historically formed part of the annual accounts presented to this meeting, and were now using the Lloyd's Number One account administered by the Treasurer. Interest from Publications was now going into the General Fund rather than Publications.

At the time of this meeting, the SW Course had not requested the final tranche of their available loan of £7500. The Executive had agreed with the SW Course Directors that the loan would be repaid from receipts from students and helpers on the course. A further funding stream for each year appears in the Ringing 2030 progress report on page 36 and it was unknown whether or not that this would be required at all or in part.

Three honorariums of £2000 each, which had already been referred to, had been awarded to progress Ringing 2030 in areas where it had stalled. Web hosting had cost £2064 for the next two years.

Workgroups were required to provide a budget in the autumn for the following year, but these budgets were not necessarily spent for a variety of reasons, resulting in an overall surplus showing in the account when they were presented and completed.

<u>Outline Budget for 2026</u>

The outline budget for 2026, made in June, had been presented in a similar manner to last year.

Expenditure had been split to show our statutory or legal obligations, such as holding an ACM, insurance, looking after our historical archives etc., the remainder showed concessionary expenditure for Workgroups and on Ringing 2030 various projects.

Uncompleted projects from this year had been included in the provisional budget for next year. On the whole, there would be some spending of reserves for various projects to benefit the exercise as a whole, which were either underway or would start shortly. These included Ringing 2030's projects, purchase of the new Roll of Honour Book, and the new "Dove" book.

At present, the budget for some of these were still being put together and would be included for consideration in the autumn or subsequent Executive meeting. It was difficult at this stage to be precise about the expected cost of Ringing 2030, because, as the projects develop, the requirements become clearer. The Executive was conscious of the need to spend wisely and would look carefully at every funding request.

Other financial matters to be considered by the Executive in the months following this meeting included changing the accounting package from an Excel based spreadsheet to an online accounts package to make presentation of the accounts and updates for the Executive somewhat easier to read.

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The Executive would review the expenses policy. Several people mentioned the mileage rate for use of volunteers own vehicles for travel on behalf of the Council, currently at £0.25, was somewhat parsimonious. It was suggested we review our Reserve Policy, which is on the generous side.

We currently do not have a formal stock policy but do have a significant stock of T-shirts and Publications.

The Executive needed to investigate the move of the publications to a separate company where profits were given to the Central Council. This was because of the increase in sales in the publications which would lead to a tax liability.

It had been suggested we set aside an amount for Ringing 2030 as a designated fund to try and provide a bit more clarity on the project.

Jason Carter (Gloucester & Bristol) asked why ACM income was not shown in the budget. The Treasurer indicated that this would be a cost neutral item.

Nick Elks (Peterborough DG) mentioned that the Wendy Piercy bequest was extremely generous and asked the Council to show its appreciation. He asked if there was any stipulation as to how the money was to be spent. The Treasurer stated there were no conditions in the bequest.

Peter Wilkinson (Chester DG) asked about the Council's policy on investments. The Treasurer stated he was not an investment expert and asked if there was anyone who could provide help on the matter.

Richard While (Gloucester & Bristol) asked for a commitment that paid support would not involve permanent staff, as this would involve an ongoing commitment that would last for years. The President would not give such a commitment.

13. Governance Review

Peter Harrison (ANZAB and Trustee) presented the report of the 2025 Governance Review. The review was conducted by Peter Harrison and the Honourable David Bleby. The review looked at both the Rules and the Standing Orders and proposed a number of changes. There were no financial implications in the proposed changes.

14. Motion A

Peter Harrison (ANZAB) proposed, and David Smith (ANZAB) seconded:

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 Standing Orders as recommended by the Review.

Peter Harrison walked the meeting though the proposed changes, as defined in the published schedule.

Peter Harrison (ANZAB) proposed an amendment, seconded by David Simth (ANZAB):

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

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recommended by the Review shall be adopted as the Standing Orders of the Council in lieu of the existing Standing Orders.

The President asked for questions on the amendments.

Peter Scott (Yorkshire Ass) asked if the Executive would have a review as to how individuals relate to the Council, and when it would happen. Peter Harrison referred to Standing Order G1.2, and stated the Executive had discussed this, and it would happen in the future.

John Harrison (Oxford DG) supported the idea of future reviews and encouraged more members to take part in such reviews.

The President put the amendment to the vote. This was carried with one against and seven abstentions.

The Motion was put to the meeting, via a paper ballot. As it was a rule change, a two thirds majority of persons voting was required.

The result was 126 for the Motion, 7 against and 10 abstentions. The Motion was carried by a majority of 94%.

15. Motion B

Ernie de Legh-Runciman (Ex-Officio and Secretary) proposed Motion B, as written in the published meeting papers. This was seconded by Alistair Donaldson (Peterborough DG).

Alistair Donaldson spoke to the Motion and outlined the reasons behind it:

- Creation of a new Associate category of membership to manage Council membership for those groups of ringers who do not collect a regular membership fee from all their members
- For Affiliated Societies, the lower membership limit being fixed at 50, removing the lower limit of 25 for overseas societies
- 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 was rejected
- Remove the Rules requiring an annual or triennial election of Council representatives by Societies
- Annual Subscriptions (Standing Order F1) would be £1 per Affiliated Member, £0.40 per declared Associate member (negotiable); and £10 for a Small Society
- Amendment of the Rules and Stranding Orders of the Council as listed in Addendum 2 of the Agenda

Peter Harrison (ANZAB) proposed an amendment to Motion B, seconded by David Smith (ANZAB). This amendment was to align Motion B to the changes passed in Motion A above. There were no changes to the context of Motion B.

Tim Jones (Devon Ass) thanked Peter Harrison for removal of the word "smaller" from Associated Societies.

Chris Haller (North Americal Guild CR) pointed out a typo in the last point of Motion B.

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The amendment was put to the meeting. This was carried with one vote against and one abstention.

Discussion on the amended Motion B

Deryn Griffiths (ANZAB) asked for clarification on the process of a society choosing between being an Affiliated or Associated society. The President stated that at the close of this meeting, no societies status would change, and any society wishing to become an Associated society would have to apply to the Executive.

Brian Diserens (Central European Association) felt the Motion would benefit the CEA, but felt that the Motion should have been split into several parts.

David Smith (ANZAB), felt that the wording "who do not collect a regular membership fee from all their members" needed some amending.

Andrew Aspland (Lichfield & Walsall) felt they should not pay for their Honorary Life Members. The President pointed to the guidance in the Standing Orders as to how membership was counted was unchanged.

David Smith (ANZAB) prosed an amendment, seconded by Paul Wotton (Bath & Wells) that the first point of Motion B should read:

- Creation of a new Associate category of membership to manage Council membership for those groups of ringers who do not collect a regular membership fee from their members. (The word "all to be removed")

The amendment was put to the meeting, and was carried, with 10 against and 1 abstention.

Chris Tennent (Worcestershire & District) asked about the Veronese Association. The President stated that the implementation of Motion B would allow them to register as an Associate society and would remove the exemption in the Standing Orders for a single society.

Linda Garton (Bedfordshire Association) asked about societies who only collect a life membership fee and what category would they fall into. The President reiterated that there would be no change in membership, and it was up to the society to request a change in membership category.

Jane Wilkinson (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) expressed concern about producing another category of membership. She felt cutting down the representation of territorial societies was a bad move. She asked if this could be reviewed by the Executive. The President pointed out that this was not changing territorial society representation.

Richard Smith (Cambridge University) thanked the Executive for the consultations carried out over the past year. The Cambridge University Guild felt that youth members of University Societies should not be charged. He asked the Executive to look at this.

Tristian Lockheart (Leeds University) supported the Motion and felt that young members are very important to the Council. He hoped this would encourage more university societies to join the Council.

Paul Wotton (Bath & Wells) supported the principle of the Motion but asked about the appeals process. The President pointed out that the detail of the Motion is in the proposed Rules and Standing Order changes.

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Jo Belsten (Norwich DA) pointed out Life Members were included in the calculation shown in Standing Order S1.

David Kirkcaldy (Sussex CA) asked that the Motion be put. This was accepted by the meeting.

The Motion was put to the meeting, via a paper ballot. As it is a rule change, a two thirds majority of persons voting is required.

The result was 113 for the Motion, 20 against and 10 abstentions. The Motion was carried by a majority of 84%.

16. Election of Trustees

The following have been nominated as Trustees.

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

These were elected unopposed.

17. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Duncan Walker was proposed as Independent Examiner by Jason Carter (Gloucester & Bristol) and seconded by Anthony Lovell Wood (Salisbury DG), and duly appointed.

18. Future Meetings

The following invitations had been accepted by the Executive:

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

Annie Hall (Coventry DG) gave the meeting an introduction to the events in Rugby in September 2026.

Andrew Aspland (Lichfield and Walsall) offered a welcome to Lichfield and Walsall in 2027.

Alison Hodge (Worcestershire and District) asked if there was a "set of instructions" as to how to organise a Council meeting. The Deputy President stated that such document now exists and is shared with hosting societies.

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18. Any other business

a) Bob Blandan (Gloucester & Bristol) felt that every annual meeting should also host a roadshow. The Deputy President stated that a survey of exhibitors previously conducted, demonstrated they would not support roadshow every year. Other resources were not always available to organise an annual roadshow. She did not believe that the Council membership would want a roadshow every year.
Divid Kirkaldy (Sussex CA) supported this view, based on his experience in organising roadshows.

The President apologised that in 2024 two Workgroup Leaders retired but were not presented with certificates formally acknowledging their work. The President presented a certificate to mark the retirement of Alison Hodge a Lead for Stewardship Management and Guidance Workgroup. It was noted that Chris Ridley retried at the same time from the Leadership of the Historic and Archive Workgroup. A certificate will be conveyed to him.

b) The President presented a certificate and a gift to Catherine Lane, to mark her retirement as a Trustee from the Executive this year.

c) Fred Bone (Essex Ass) asked in regard to the Robert Kilby bequest what efforts were being made to organise a peal of Stedman Caters. It was understood that an application had been received for 2026.

d) John Martin (Devonshire Guild) asked if regular progress reports could be made throughout the year on the various Council Workgroups. The President replied that the Executive would action this.

e) Nick Elks (Peterborough Guild) asked if direct membership was still on the Council's agenda. The Treasurer replied that, in his view, the major problem would be the reconciling of funds given to the Council by member guilds. If this problem could be overcome, then we can move forward with this. The President felt this was not a major priority of the Council at present. John Harrison (Oxford DG) mentioned the history of direct membership and suggested that the Council revisit the topic.

f) Ian Roulstone (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Trustee) gave an update on the Council's safeguarding team.

g) Permission was sought from the Council to destroy the ballot papers used in this meeting. This was approved.

19. Vote of Thanks

John Martin (Devonshire Guild) proposed a vote of thanks:

He thanked Phillip Hall, Elaine and Peter Scott, Malcom and Helen Turner and David Spall from the Yorkshire Association for the local arrangements for the weekend.

From the Central Council, he thanked Doug Davis (booking form and data collection), Colin Chapman (programme booklets), Phillip Green (printing), Dave Richards (technical), Beverley Faber (polo shirts), the Executive, especially Vicki Chapman.

He also thanked all the towers who had accommodated the visiting ringers and the Yorkshire ringers who had acted as tellers and stewards, and the Staff at Sheffield Cathedral and the Niagara Conference Centre.

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He also thanked Tina Stoecklin for keeping the meeting in order.

The President declared the meeting closed.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Caroline Beckett -Truro Diocesan Guild
Keith Butter - Lincoln Diocesan Guild
Michele Giovanni Cambareri - Veronese Associazione
Kira Chase -Ex-Officio Member
Vicki Chase - Sussex County Association
Michael Church - Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild
Cath Colman - Suffolk Guild
Bob Crighton - Salisbury Diocesan Guild
Grace Dooley - Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild
Glen Fiddy - Derby Diocesan Association
Steve Green - Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild
Dorothy Hall -Oxford Society
Melissa Hunt - Bath and Wells Diocesan Association
Sue Marsden - Ely Diocesan Association
David Mattingley - Ex-Officio Member
Rhona McEune -Barrow and District Society
Chris Mew - Fellow of the Central Council
Ian Oram - Ex-Officio Member
Jonathan Rose - Guild of Clerical Ringers
Christopher Sharp - Lincoln Diocesan Guild
Daniel Stevens - Ely Diocesan Association
David Towell - Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaconries Society
Barbara Wheeler - Fellow of the Central Council
Hayley Young -Truro Diocesan Guild

The following members of the Council were present at the meeting, having indicated their presence by signing the roll:

Fellows: Alan Frost LVO, David Kelly,
Ex-officio: Tim Jackson, Alan Regin, Fergus Stracey, Ernie de Legh-Runciman, Dicon Love, Catherine Lane, Andrea Haynes
Ancient Society of College Youths: Richard Allton, Colin Newman, Euan Thomas, Andrew Wilby
Australian & New Zealand Association: Peter Harrison, David Smith, Deryn Griffiths*
Bath & Wells Diocesan Association: Michael Hansford, Paul Wotton,
Bedfordshire Association: Patrick Albon, Linda Garton, Richard Horne
Beverley & District Society: James Blackburn, Rosina Baxter
Cambridge University Guild: David Richards, Richard Smith
Carlisle Diocesan Guild: Jayden Milby, Duncan Walker
Central European Society: Brian Diserens
Chester Diocesan Guild: Andrew Darling, Carole Hallam, Graham Jenkins, Peter Wilkinson
Coventry Diocesan Guild: Annie Hall, Tracey Newbold, John Newbold, Joy Pluckrose
Derby Diocesan Association: Andrew Hall, Susan Hall, Gill Hughes, Glen Fiddy
Devon Association: Jo Tucker*, Tim Jones
Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association: Howard Smith
Durham University Society: Phil Hughes
East Derbyshire and West Notts Association: Edward Sterland
Ely Diocesan Association: Lynne Hughes

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Essex Association: Fred Bone, Mary Bone, Vicki Chapman, Martin Jones
Four Shires Guild: Jess McCarthy
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association: Bob Blanden, Ian Bucknell, Jason Carter, Roger Haynes, Richard While
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Jackie Roberts, Deb Margason-Baker
Guild of Devonshire Ringers: Harry Andrews, Charlotte Boyce, John Martin*
Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev Anthony Ellis, Tyler Edwards*, Kristoffer Perruzza*, Andrew Watkins
Hertford County Association: Stuart Brant, Geoffrey Horritt, Tony Crowder
Irish Association: Alex Nelson
Kent County Association: Neil Jones, Sue Bassett, Chris Bassett*, David Holdridge
Ladies Guild: Allison Devine, Alison Everett*, Elizabeth Smit
Lancashire Association: Beth Ingham, Andrew Kayll, Pauline Campling*, Geroge Campling*
Leeds University Society: Tristan Lockheart
Leicester Diocesan Guild: Sally Brown, Carol Franklin, Steve Millington
Lichfield & Walsall Archdeaconry Society: Andrew Aspland*, Stuart Hutchieson
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Judith Rogers, Chris Turner
Liverpool Universities Society: Martyn Bristow
Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association: Harriet Moncrieff, Helen Phillips, Matthew Turner
Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild: Adrian Sweeting, Angela Elliott*, Brook Hayes*
North American Guild: Eileen Butler, Beverly Faber, Christian Haller
Norwich Diocesan Association: Jo Belsten, Raymond Harwood, Mary Jones,
Oxford Diocesan Guild: John Harrison, Lucy Hopkins Till, Tim Pett
Oxford University Society: Craig Robertson
Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Simon Dixon, Alistair Donaldson, Nick Elks
St Martin's Guild: Richard Andrew, Simon Linford*
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Anthony Lovell-Wood, Julian Newman, Trish Hitchins*
Scottish Association: Zoe Bennett, Tina Stoecklin
Shropshire Association: Paul Lewis
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Ian Roulstone, Fraser Storie*, Jane Wilkinson
South African Guild: James Champion
Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild: Jim Crabtree, Chris Glenton, Steve Green*
Suffolk Guild: Neal Dodge, David Everett*, Mark Ogden
Surrey Association: Paul Flavell, Kate Flavell, Noel Gibbin, Jason Hughes
Sussex County Association: Vicki Chase*, David Kirkcaldy, Susan Gadd, Stephanie Pendlebury, Janice Crawford*
Truro Diocesan Guild: Robert Perry, Ian Self
University of Bristol Society: Elva Ainsworth
University of London Society: Toby Hibbert
Veronese Association: David Roskelly
Welsh Colleges Society: Fiona Hartley
Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mike Hopkins Till, Greg Jordan*
Worcestershire & Districts Association: Alison Hodge, James Mort, Elizabeth Tennant, Chris Tennant
Yorkshire Association: Barrie Dove, Elaine Scott, Peter Scott. Andrew Slade. Simon Plows
Guild of Railway Ringers: Jin Benner
Sheffield Universities Guild: Tam Jones

*New or returning member

The following societies were not represented: Barrow and District Society, Dorset County Association, Guild of Clerical Ringers, North Staffordshire Association, North Wales Association, National Police Guild, Lilliputters Guild, Open University Society

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Attendance Figures		Members attending	
Voting Associations		Fellows	1
Fully Represented	28	Ex-officio	7
Partial Represented	29		
Not Represented	9	Voting Societies	141
Total	66		
Small Societies			
Fully Represented	1	Small Societies	2
Partial Represented	1		
Total	2	Total	151

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Secretary
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

10th November 2025

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