

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS (CCCBR) UPDATE 2017

The year started with consultation on the Council Reform and Action Group (CRAG) proposals to modernise the way that the CCCBR operates. We had a plea at our Sussex AGM in early May for the five representatives to support the motion outlined in the CRAG review when it was voted on at the CCCBR AGM later that month. I am happy to say that this motion was carried; it set out the agenda for change during the rest of 2017 and into 2018.

The changes put forward in the CRAG review are being developed and we are now at a stage to vote on a new set of rules and structures at the 2018 CCCBR AGM. I trust that everyone who wishes to has already commented on these proposals; there has been plenty of opportunity with the draft having been circulated as widely as possible, for example in The Ringing World and direct to Guilds and Associations.

The vote on the new rules will require a 60% vote in favour rather than just a majority that was required last year to set us off down the road to reform.

There are a number of other items that were not covered by the CRAG proposals, such as reducing the overall size of the CCCBR and direct membership. What has commenced is a journey, so these and other changes will be considered in the future.

In addition the CCCBR has still been carrying out its day to day work and embarking on new projects. For example, 'Ringing Remembers' initiative, continuing to keep the various guidance up to date, data protection issues (GDPR), telecommunications equipment and Safeguarding, plus the Tower Maintenance Handbook which was a major new publication in 2017. Behind the scenes the CCCBR continues to provide a varied and abundant resource.

Updates from the CCCBR have been circulated during the year via District Newsletters and Soundbow, plus electronically via the Communications and Events Team.

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