

Standing Committee Minutes

Sunday 7:30pm 6th Sept 2026

Meeting held on line

Attendees

- Eleanor Linford – Guild Master
- Malcolm Paulson- Treasurer
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster
- Rachel Mitchell – Ringing Master
- Sand Cooper – Secretary
- Trish Everett - Safeguarding Officer

Apologies

- Kirsty Gifford – Public Relations Officer

Item	Issue	Owner
1.	Welcome & Apologies	
2.	Matters Arising • Henry Johnson Dinner Action 08/26 Convene a group (including Simon and Stef) plus others to make a plan for moving forwards. Closed Action 09/26 Download the responses into a spreadsheet and share with Eleanor, Stef Warboys and Simon Linford. Closed The sub committee has started their deliberations and reviewing the spreadsheet feedback. There have been 60 responses more than half of whom have attended 3 - 5 dinners. Level of formality preference is 30% same price point, 40% lower price point and less formal. There is no mandate to go more upmarket amongst those that have been to the most dinners but something more formal perhaps every 5 years. The Plough and Harrow, Hagley Road has been suggested as a venue. Their function room holds a max capacity of 80 which in the last 5 years has been adequate. It can also provide accommodation. ACTION 14/26 Ask Simon to go and chat with Plough & Harrow. There was also lots of thoughtful freeformat responses regarding Chairs which will be considered further.	Eleanor

5.	Membership There were no new proposals this meeting	
6.	Safeguarding Update No queries received since the last meeting. New regulations have been introduced since 1st Sept covering regulated activity with children. However the guidance didn't include details for bellinging. This will be updated. Activity which happens more than 3 days in 30 days will require an enhanced DBS and a check of the Children's Barred list. Trish has asked for clarity as to which roles in towers should be included. CCCBR have not yet issued guidance If children are taught in separate lessons the checks will be required or if children are supervised in practices Tower Captains will need the additional checks. They will not be required is frequency not met. Any adult who rings with children with no responsibility for training or supervision are not impacted. Parish Safeguarding officers will be reviewing for their churches.	
7.	AOB Yearbook Action 12/26 Send the amended version for a final sign off. Closed Thanks to Mark for getting the yearbooks printed. The distribution has begun. Officers of the Guild Rachel and Kirsty are stepping down at the end of the year. Action 13/26 Consider possible names ACTION 19/26 Eleanor has a suggestion for Ringing Master and will approach them. Sharing Mojo Data Any requests would be discussed at Standing Committee though it is felt that it would be difficult to redact sensitive data as we are small close organisation. Ringing 2023 Details were shared ahead of the meeting including the Ringing World article about the forth coming census. 1) 12 towers are on the recruitment portal plus BSoBR 2) Teaching resources and plans - details will follow 3) November Census has been very thoughtfully prepared. We will promote and advertise it. Volunteer enumerators are Simon and Sand who would prefer not to be involved until October.	Eleanor
8.	Upcoming StandCo meetings Date of next StandCo Sunday 1st November 2026	