

## **Proposals from the Management Committee**

### **a) Change to peal fees and Non Resident Life Member subscriptions**

As recommended by the Trustees, the Management Committee **proposes an increase to the peal fee to £1.00 per ringer, and the subscription rate for a Non-Resident Life Membership increases to £5.00**

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### **b)**

#### **(i) Formation of a Tower Support Fund**

Following a recommendation from the Trustees, the Management Committee proposes that the existing balance of peal fees could be used to form the basis of a Tower Support Fund, specifically aimed at small projects (that would not fall under the scope of the Bell Restoration Fund [Charity number 508531]) but would be in line with our own charitable purposes. A small working group will draft and agree the criteria and application process for grants. Details of how to apply for grants will be distributed to members as soon as possible.

#### **(ii) Agree amount of donation to the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers Bell Restoration Fund (registered charity 508531)**

The Management Committee recommends that as the BRF had not made any grants during 2025, we make £0 donation to the BRF and transfer the equivalent amount £400 to the Tower Support Fund instead.

The Management Committee would, of course, be willing to consider any approach for a donation from the BRF should their circumstances change as a result of grants made.

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**Proposed changes to Rules 7c & 8.**

Whilst sending historic rule changes to the Charity Commission it became evident that some rule changes which the Guild had adopted had not followed the correct procedure as outlined in Rule 20b and, according to the Charity Commission, those rule changes should be disregarded.

All the changes relate to **Rule 7c** where the Guild had added in additional non-executive officers, and subsequent role descriptions in **Rule 8**.

To rectify this, the Management Committee proposes the changes as described below. These changes mean we will not need to alter the rules whenever we make a slight alteration to a role name or description or decide to appoint another Non-Executive Guild Officer in what might be a temporary, or time-limited role.

**Current Rule**

**7(c) Non-Executive Officers.** The Guild may appoint such Non-Executive Officers as it sees fit:

- (i) the Master Elect;
- (ii) the Public Engagement Officer;
- (iii) the Guild Belfries Officer;
- (iv) the Tower Stewardship Advisor.
- (v) the Webmaster
- (vi) the 'events co-ordinator'.

To be replaced with:

**Proposed Rule Change:**

**7(c) Non-Executive Officers.** The Guild may appoint such Non-Executive Officers as it sees fit. A list of non-executive officers will be published annually

And

**Current Rule**

**8 Duties of Officers.**

**(g) The Public Engagement Officer:** shall promote the work of the Guild.

**(h) The Guild Belfries Officer:** shall organise training courses in belfry maintenance and, when requested, give informal advice on routine maintenance of bell installations in Guild towers.

**(i) The Tower Stewardship Advisor:** shall issue guidance to the Guild on tower management, with particular reference to insurance, complaints about noise, protection of children and vulnerable adults, health and safety, fire risk assessment and Church and common Law.

To be replaced with:

**Proposed Rule Change:**

**8 Duties of Officers.**

**Remove current sub-clauses (g) (h) & (i) and insert**

**(g) Non-Executive Officers:** The duties of the Non-Executive Officers will be published annually.