

# THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Established 1724

## Statutory notice of proposed alteration to the Rules

Overleaf is a copy of the existing (1984) Rules and a copy of the suggested amended Rules. It is formally proposed that the amended Rules be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting which is to take place in February or March (Rule 4) this year. There are three objectives:

- Recognition that the Committee is extinct
- Specification of what peals can be credited to the Society
- Additional restriction on those who may be elected Members

The Committee referred to in the Rules has not met for at least 15 years and no one has been elected to it for two years. Deleting all reference to it would cause no hardship! No one can possibly stop someone setting up an *ad hoc* committee or working group, for arranging a dinner, outing or striking competition perhaps, but there is no need to have rules about this. Accordingly it is proposed that Rules 3, 4 and 10 be amended.

The existing Rules have nothing to say about when a peal may be credited to the Society except the General remark (Rule 9) that the Master shall be responsible for the Society's ringing. The proposed Rule 12 is an attempt to address this matter. The 'three-quarters' suggestion is open for debate; some may feel 'five-sixths' or 100% preferable.

The advantage of a figure less than 100% is that one can credit a peal, like the 2 January 1988 peal, to the Society without electing those of the band who were not Members to the Society. Such elections can clutter the membership with people who may rarely be seen in S. Mary's.

If the new Rule 12 is accepted there will be no (little?) need for Members to be elected other than at a General Meeting. Accordingly it is proposed that there is no need for the ratification mechanism in existing Rule 6. It is further proposed that Rule 6 be tightened so as to require someone to have rung at 12 services in the past year before being eligible for election.

A minor consequence of inserting a Rule 12 is that the old Rule 12 will require to be renumbered 13.

As a final point, it is proposed that the word Officer begin with an upper-case 'O' in all cases, just as the word Member seems always to begin with an upper-case 'M'!

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