

Report from IACR webpage review subcommittee – 20th February 2021

In November 2020 the President, Julia Lysaght, formed a sub-committee to review the current IACR web site with a view to modernising and updating.

Committee is: Kieron Brislane, Mike Pomeroy, Bill Appelbe, June Kelly, Andrew White, Rev. Cliff Jeffers.

We have, so far, met via Zoom 3 times

We reviewed the website under 3 headings – Hosting website, Developer and Contents.

Host:

- Current host is **Hosting24.com**. Based in USA, cost is approx. £60 per annum
Paid up to February 2022
- Alternative reviewed provider is **Black Night Solutions** (<https://www.blacknight.com/>) - are Irish, host charities for free,

Developer:

- The current site was developed by and is maintained by bell ringer-volunteers.
- Alternative option reviewed is to outsource development and high-level maintenance to **Aspire Media** (<https://aspiremedia.ie/>). Approved Executive and District officers would update content as required.

Layout

- Desire is for the web site to retain *bellringingireland.org* name and to remain similar to current website.
- Final solution to work equally well on computer screens as well as small screens eg. mobile phones, tablets.
- It must be able to take auto-feed from Bell Board, Facebook, Twitter (?), other social sites as required (?)
- It must be able to link to relevant videos - eg. from YouTube.

Many bell ringing sites were reviewed for look, layout and ease of navigation. St. Martin's Guild Birmingham <https://stmartinsguild.org/> was selected as an excellent starting template.

Addition headings, to be considered include List of NRLMs, Peals & Quarter Peals, Obituary's, Sound Clips and For Sale.

Pre-Launch requirements

Listed here are an initial list of tasks that will need to be completed prior to launch/relaunch. It is not exhaustive – more will be added as we progress.

- Requirement for all towers to review and confirm or correct tower details, contacts, bell inscriptions, history Postcode/EirCode
- Detailed suggested list of content for the "Learn to Ring" section.
- Once new website is launched Executive and District officers' personal emails will not be published as a contact; requirements to use generic email addresses.

Recommendations

Committee recommendations to Executive Council ...

- that we switch our website host to **Black Night Solutions**.
- we request **Aspire Media** to develop and set-up the new *bellringingireland.org* website.
- Cost is **very** approx. €1800, so requesting permission to spend up to €2500 (allowing for additional expenses).