

1. Domain Registration

During the long vacation of 2001 I registered the domain **cugcr.org.uk** for use by the Guild. Nominet, the UK Internet Names Organisation, has approved the domain and it is currently registered in my name.

This domain name registration essentially gives us two features; firstly use of the URL www.cugcr.org.uk to redirect to an address specified by ourselves; and secondly e-mail forwarding to aliases at the cugcr.org.uk domain, again specified and administered by ourselves.

The cost, payable every two years, was £6.79 when I registered the domain last July.

2. Web Hosting

This issue is independent of the domain registration and relates to the server on which the Guild website is stored. Registered University Societies are provided with some free file and web space on the PWF. However, due to the sensitive nature of the University web site, they do not allow societies to run any programmes on the server, and only provide 10 – 15Mb of web space.

Last summer I made an application to the Student Run Computing Facility in Cambridge, for web space on which to host the Guild website. They duly created an account for us, giving 100Mb free web space, which allows the use of cgi, php and other server side scripting.

The whole site is now hosted on the SRCF, allowing the site to incorporate server side scripts. In due course, the Guild may wish to consider making a donation to the SRCF, as they are a student run service and currently provide us with free web hosting.

3. Role of Webmaster

The Secretary has proposed that the position of Guild Webmaster is made an official post, with annual nominations and election at the AGM in May. I would second this proposal and as such have outlined what I think the role of the Webmaster should be.

- The development and updating of the guild website, in accordance with members requests and needs
- Management and renewal of the domain cugcr.org.uk
- Responsibly for answering any technical queries relating to the website, although queries relating to ringing in Cambridge or other content of the website should be referred to the Secretary or Ringing Master.

The Secretary should maintain overall responsibility for the content on the website, with all members being free to submit details of events, outings, etc.

If the Guild is interested, it has been suggested that the Webmaster could prepare a short report annually for the AGM, outlining developments and news about the website, in a similar way to the Steeplekeeper and Master.

With this information to hand, is the Guild happy with the registration of the domain cugcr.org.uk, and do we want to elect an official Webmaster at the AGM in May?