

Nominee for Trustee of Nonsuch Dulcimer Club – October 2025

Candidate's Biography and Statement

The following person is standing for election as trustee of Nonsuch Dulcimer Club. He has supplied this statement about himself.

James (known as Hamish) Cormie

A total eclipse of the sun eight years ago introduced my wife and me to the mountain dulcimer in Mike Clemmer's workshop in Townsend, Tennessee. We had our first lessons from Butch Ross the following day and he told us about Nonsuch. We have since been to Festivals in the USA twice, making many friends over there.

I retired as a joint veterinary practice owner five years ago, so managing a business effectively is something of which I have direct experience. We had to make sure finances and policies were in order, working with other people and delegating tasks to those who were competent. At the same time, I was always available to help if necessary. During my working life, I was a Trustee of a large veterinary organisation (12000+ members) and Chairman of two of its Regions (at different times), having earlier served as a committee member in each Region.

Nonsuch is entering a new phase, from an already high level. I want to see it go forward as a Club for all styles of playing, all levels of ability and all nationalities. The Club has become international through the Internet, partly thanks to Covid. This is something which I would like to see taken further, thus allowing Nonsuch members at home and overseas who are unable to attend meetings in person to have the chance of joining others in playing. One of our members is already encouraging participation in events in Europe.