

THE RINGING WORLD LIMITED
(Registered Charity No. 287182)

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Lancaster University on Sunday 27th May 2018 at 14:15 hrs for the following purposes:

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th May 2017.
2. To receive the Company's Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017, together with the Reports of the Directors and the Independent Examiner thereon.
3. To receive the Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2017 (see pages 1-5 of the Accounts).
4. To propose the following motion:

“That the 2019 AGM of the company be held in September”.

Background:

Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association requires that not more than 15 months shall elapse between the date of one annual general meeting of the charity and that of the next. It has been the practice to hold the AGM of The Ringing World Ltd to coincide with the AGM of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (the Council) as the members of The Ringing World Ltd are drawn from the members of the Council; this maximises the attendance at the AGM of the Ringing World Ltd and reduces the expense and inconvenience to the members. The 2019 AGM of the Council is to be held in September, which will be just beyond the permitted 15 months from the 2018 AGM at the end of May.

Having considered other options, the board of the Ringing World Ltd has decided that it would be best to continue to hold its AGM at the same time as the Council. The Charity Commission have stated that to make this change as a one-off would be an administrative matter for the Ringing World Ltd and could be passed by a vote at the AGM, but would require further consultation and the agreement of the Commission should the Articles need to be altered to effect a permanent change.

5. To appoint Directors: under Article 26 one-third of the Directors retire by rotation: Ms L M Garton, Mr N R D Orchard and Mr R J Wallis retire. These Directors retire from office upon conclusion of this meeting, at which point new Directors take up their appointments (Article 33). Ms L M Garton, Mr N R D Orchard and Mr R J Wallis, being eligible, are willing to be reappointed.

Notice has been given in accordance with Article 29 to propose the following as Directors:

Nominee: Linda M Garton
Address: 5 Riverside, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5DW
Occupation: PA to the Bishop of Bedford
Other Directorships: None
Proposer: Kate Flavell

Linda has been on the Board of Directors and organiser of the Ringing World National Youth Contest since 2015, and a subscriber to the Ringing World since childhood. She currently rings at Campton, Bedfordshire, where she was a driving force behind the project to install a new ring of eight bells, and is heavily involved in training and teaching ringing in her local area, including running the regular Bedfordshire Young Ringers practices. Linda is a Past Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one of the current Central Council Representatives for Bedfordshire.

Nominee: Nigel R D Orchard
Address: Milford Hill Cottage, Milford Hill, Salisbury SP1 2QZ
Occupation: Retired (Chartered Mechanical Engineer)
Other Directorships: None
Proposer: Paul Flavell

Nigel worked in the power industry as an engineer and then as a manager from 1969 to 2000. He subsequently acted as a consultant in the industry. His ringing career started in 1965 and he has held the posts of Secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and Tower Captain of Llandaff Cathedral. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and is currently the Tower Captain at St. Thomas's, Salisbury as well as an ART Teacher. He has been the Chairman of The Ringing World Ltd for about three and a half years and is an Ex Officio member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Nominee: Richard J Wallis
Address: 51, Addison Road, Caterham, Surrey. CR3 5LU
Occupation: NHS New Business Accountant
Other Directorships: None
Proposer: Barbara Wheeler

Richard has been a ringer for over 30 years. During this time he has served as District Secretary followed by General Secretary to the Surrey Association of Church Bellringers. This latter post he has held for more than 25 years. Whilst his day job in a mental health NHS Foundation Trust may not have the finances of the same scale as the paper, he has been the Ringing World's Finance Director for the past seven years. During that time, there have been challenges and changes with a financial consequence that have required detailed financial information and analysis to be provided. In recent years, the finances of the paper have been turned around so that it has a small surplus each year despite declining subscriptions. Following the survey and overwhelming support from the ringing fraternity, this will continue with earnest in the future. Richard wishes to continue that work over the next few years.

6. To appoint Langdowns DFK Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors as Independent Examiners and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

7. To transact other business of the Company.

By order of the board
Dr C F Roulstone, Secretary
Dated this 30th Day of April 2018
35A High Street, Andover, Hampshire.

NOTES:

1. If you wish to become a member of the Company, you should enter your initials where indicated on the Central Council attendance roll.
2. In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 a member is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to exercise all or any of his/her rights to attend and to speak and vote at a meeting of the Company. To exercise this right notice must be given to the Secretary in writing or by e-mail by 17.30hrs on Tuesday 22nd May 2018.