

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 on Saturday 6th September 2025 at the Niagara Conference & Leisure Centre, Niagara Road, Sheffield, S6 1LU, starting at **10:00** hours for the following purposes:

AGENDA

Apologies for absence.

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7th September 2024.
2. To receive the Company's Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, 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 2024.
4. To appoint Directors: under Article 26 one-third of the Directors retire by rotation: Graham Bradshaw and Gareth Davies are retiring. These Directors retire from office upon conclusion of this meeting, at which point new Directors take up their appointments (Article 33). Graham Bradshaw and Gareth Davies, being eligible, are willing to be re-appointed.

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

Nominee: Graham M Bradshaw

Occupation: Chartered Accountant

Other Directorships: None

Proposer: Simon Linford

Graham is a Chartered Accountant, spending 14 years at global professional services firm EY.

Since then he has held finance director roles at sportingbet.com prior to its sale to William Hill for £500m and Addison Lee while it was owned by US private equity firm Carlyle. Graham is a Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Nominee: Gareth Davies

Occupation: Retired

Other Directorships: None

Proposer: Sue Marsden

Gareth has been ringing both tower bells and handbells since the 1970s. Much of his early ringing was with the University of London Society, before he moved to Cambridge in the 1980s. He has rung peals on most numbers of bells from six to eighteen. He is now tower captain at a six bell tower where he is teaching a new band using the Learning the Ropes scheme.

After working for the civil service most of Gareth's career was spent in education, first as a primary school teacher and latterly delivering in-service teacher training on the use of digital systems and resources. He has served as governor and trustee for a number of schools and a multi-academy trust.

Since retiring he has completed a history PhD on ringing in Cambridge in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. He regularly gives talks to both ringing and non-ringing audiences. He is

a contributor of articles to *The Ringing World* and a member of the CCCBR History & Archives working group. He is the author of *Foolish Youths and Substantial Rewards: a social history of bellringing in Cambridge*, written to coincide with the Cambridge Youths' 300th anniversary in 2024.

A recent survey showed that history is amongst the most popular topics for Ringing World subscribers. Gareth hopes that his experience will help with the development of publications in that area, as well as contributing to the developing use of technology.

Nominee: James J Watkins

Occupation: Solicitor

Other Directorships: None

Proposer: Colin Newman

James learnt to ring in Essex as a teenager in the mid-2000s. He went on to study history at Durham University where he rang with the Durham University Society and was master in 2011-2012. James was ringing master at Saffron Walden, Essex in 2014 before moving to London, and is now a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St Paul's Cathedral Guild.

James is a qualified solicitor and senior associate at a magic circle law firm, where he has worked for several years advising on structured and asset-backed finance.

5. To give the Directors authority to appoint an Independent Examiner.

6. Future developments / plans.

7. RWNYC.

8. To transact other business of the Company.

By order of the board

Mrs M Bone, Company Secretary

companysecretary@ringingworld.co.uk

Dated this 13th Day of August 2025

35A High Street, Andover, Hampshire

NOTES:

1. If you wish to become a member of the Company, you should sign your name where indicated on the Ringing World 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 Monday 1st September 2025.