



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Oswestry (8, 13-3-19)

Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>

3.30 - 5.00pm Ringing

5.00 - 5.30pm Service

5.30 - 8.00pm Tea & Meetings

If you want tea (bread, soup, sandwiches & puddings - £3.50), you **must book this beforehand**. Contact Jan Snowball (jan\_s@btopenworld.com / 01691 671152 / 07732 712484) by Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> **at the latest**.



*1918: Men over the age of 21 and property-owning women over the age of 30 given the vote.*

*1928: All persons over the age of 21 given the vote.*



### 2020: Non-resident Association members given the vote?

See the notes below from Ringing Master Matt Lawrence. This will be on the agenda:

"Proposed Rule Change(s) 1 - Membership:

Our current membership includes ringers from towers from neighbouring Associations, many of these ringers play an active role within the Association calendar. These ringers pay the full membership fee but under the current rules are not allowed to vote at business meetings, hold position of office or count as full Association members in peals.

The Committee believes that if we are to continue to accept the full membership fee from such ringers then the Association rules should be amended to allow them equal rights as full members.

In order to simplify the current membership criteria we are also proposing to merge the former resident life membership and non-resident life member categories.

This would mean amending the following sections of the rules as follows:"

(YELLOW = inserted

RED = deleted)

#### 4. Membership

- a. There shall be:
- i Full members who may be elected at any business meeting or prior to a peal attempt. In the latter case, the election must be ratified at the next business meeting.
  - ii Honorary life members. The committee may propose for election at an AGM as honorary life members anyone who has rendered exceptional service to the Association. Notice of such a Proposition must be given at the October business meeting. **Honorary Life members shall enjoy same rights and privileges as full members.**
  - iii **Non-resident life members who shall live outside the archdeaconry and not be members of a band at an archdeaconry tower. They may be elected at any business meeting or prior to a peal attempt on payment of a single full subscription. Elections prior to a peal must be ratified at the next business meeting. Any full member who pays subscription for three years before moving out the area automatically becomes a Non-resident life member without further payment.**
  - ~~iv Formerly resident life members who shall live outside the archdeaconry and not be members of a band at an archdeaconry tower. Any resident of the archdeaconry or member of a band at an archdeaconry tower who pays subscriptions for three years as a full member before moving out of the area automatically becomes a formerly resident life member without further payment.~~
  - ~~v. Non-resident life members who shall live outside the archdeaconry and not be members of a band at an archdeaconry tower. They may be elected at any business meeting or prior to a peal attempt on payment of a single full subscription. Elections prior to a peal must be ratified at the next business meeting.~~
- b. Only honorary life members and full members **who are resident in the archdeaconry or members of a band at an archdeaconry tower** may hold office or vote at Association meetings.

#### 7. Peals

- a. Every ringer in peals rung for the Association shall be a member of the Association, with at least half being full members **(including honorary life members).** ~~who are resident in the archdeaconry or members of a band at a tower in the archdeaconry; or formerly resident life members.~~

#### **Proposed Rule Change(s) 2 – Management**

The following changes are proposed:

1. It is proposed that we update the titles of the following Officer to better reflect their roles.
  - Annual Report Editor to Membership Secretary
  - Children Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer to Safeguarding Officer
  - Librarian to Archivist
2. List the Central Council representatives as Officers of the Association. This removes the anomaly of The Association having CC Reps that were not members of the Association.
3. Association Officers play a vital role in the day to day running of the Association, currently all Officers are required to attend committee meetings. It is proposed to amend the rules on a committee quorum to allow for operation of a smaller committee. All Officers will still report to committee. It is proposed that holders of some posts will be required to attend all meetings with other Officers attending as required.

It is proposed to amend the rules as detailed below:

**Committee meetings shall be convened by the Ringing Master. At least six Officers shall constitute a quorum, with at least four of whom shall be from the following positions: Ringing Master, Treasurer, General Secretary, Bell Adviser, Training Officer.** ~~Presence of at least half of the Officers shall constitute a quorum.~~

#### **Proposed rule change 3 – General**

It is proposed to remove the requirement to send by recorded delivery any notice of motions for an EGM

- c. The committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting if some business arises which, in its opinion, ought to be presented to members before the next AGM. Any business normally transacted at an AGM may take place at an EGM, but notice of motions must be given at the time the meeting is called, and must be sent ~~by recorded delivery~~ to the Tower Correspondent of all towers where there are members at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the meeting.