

# Convening Notice

## Woodcraft Folk Annual Gathering 2018



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Meeting will take place at Biblins Youth Campsite in the Wye Valley on Sunday 24 June as part of Woodcraft Folk Annual Gathering 2018.

## Representation and Voting rights

**Each registered Group** is entitled to be represented by **one voting delegate**.

**Each registered District** is entitled to be represented by **one voting delegate**.

**Each District Fellows region** is entitled to be represented by **one voting delegate**.

Registered groups and District Associations are those that have paid their 2018 registration fee by the date of the circulation of the final agenda. Delegates must be fully paid up members by the same deadline.

**Motions and amendments to motions may be submitted by:** General Council, District Associations, Groups, Commissions, District Fellows Althing and Committee, Regional and National Gatherings.

## Dates and Deadlines

### Bookings Open

#### Motions

received in writing by

**Thursday 1 March**

12 noon, **Thursday 15 March**

#### Preliminary Agenda

issued by

**Thursday 12 April**

#### Earlybird bookings deadline

12 noon, **Thursday 19 April**

#### Amendments to Motions

received in writing by

12 noon, **Thursday 17 May**

#### Nominations for elections

received in writing by

12 noon, **Thursday 17 May**

#### Bookings deadline

12 noon, **Thursday 7 June**

#### Final Agenda

issued by

**Friday 8 June**

## Motions and Amendments

Motions and amendments must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or by email to [motions@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:motions@woodcraft.org.uk). All motions should commence "This Annual General Meeting..." and should include action to be taken. Motions may also be accompanied by a brief rationale which will be published in the final agenda. Other than motions to amend the Articles of Association, motions to amend our governing documents are taken every three years – 2019 is the next Rules Revision year. If you need help submitting or composing a motion, please contact standing orders committee ([soc@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:soc@woodcraft.org.uk)).

# Elections

**Nominations for General Council or Standing Orders Committee** must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or by email to [nominations@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:nominations@woodcraft.org.uk).

Nominations are invited for:

**Five lay members of General Council of any age** to serve for a period of **two years**.

**Two lay members of General Council aged between 16 and 24** inclusive to serve for a period of **two years**.

**Three members of Standing Orders Committee** to serve for a period of **two years** and **two members of Standing Orders Committee** to serve for a period of **one year**.

Nominations may be submitted by District Associations, Groups, and by District Fellows Althing and Committee.

Voting will take place during the day of the Annual General Meeting.

## Retiring members of General Council

### Lay members

(all eligible for re-election)

James Bowring  
Tom Brooks  
Jack Brown  
Pat Hunter  
Sonia Kelly  
Jack Walker

### 16-24 members

(all eligible for re-election)

Pip Sayers

## Retiring members of Standing Orders Committee

(all eligible for re-election)

Richard Kirkwood  
David Neibig  
Ash Taylor

## Voting processes

Elections for General Council and Standing Orders Committee will be by Single Transferable Vote (STV) as defined by the Electoral Reform Society. Information about this system will be issued in the final agenda with candidate statements and at Gathering before voting begins. There will also be opportunities to ask members of the Standing Orders Committee for further details.

Voting will take place during the day of the Annual Conference, before which all delegates will have an opportunity to meet the nominees.

You can find the full constitutional documents at:

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/resources/results/taxonomy-454>