

Towards the end of 2024 OGA Members were surveyed for their views on the future of the hard-copy Yearbook. At the January 2025 AGM the results of the survey were announced (i.e.: of the Members who voted, 63%, voted for an on-line only system, 9% voted for a paper yearbook every year and 28% voted for a paper yearbook on alternate years) so Members agreed to stop printing the Yearbook and to continue using the online, and always up-to-date, "Member List" that requires Members to log-in and can use the "contact" button to send a message to another Member without any contact details being visible.

We now need to bring the OGA Rules in line with the above which, according to our procedures, requires the rule changes to be announced in advance, then voted for at the January 2026 AGM. It was not possible to vote on the rule changes in January 2025 as the changes could not have been pre-announced in time.

A complete copy of the existing Rules is available online : [https://oga.org.uk/about/rules/rules\\_of\\_the\\_association.html](https://oga.org.uk/about/rules/rules_of_the_association.html) and the existing "Member List" is here: [https://oga.org.uk/members\\_area/member\\_list/members\\_list.html](https://oga.org.uk/members_area/member_list/members_list.html)

### **Rule 5. MEMBERSHIP**

**Existing:** "..... A Yearbook, listing all members (who have given their permission), will be published with the Spring Issue of the Gaffers Log."

**Proposed:** "..... All Members who have given their permission, or who had previously consented to be in the hard-copy Yearbook, will be listed in the on-line Members' Area."

### **Rule 13. DATA PROTECTION**

**Existing:** "..... If members wish to be listed in the Yearbook they must inform the Membership Secretary."

**Proposed:** "..... If members wish to be listed on-line, visible only to signed-in Members and without their contact details shown, they must inform the Membership Secretary."

Details of how to attend the 2026 AGM, either in-person or by Zoom, so you can vote, will be published in the autumn Gaffers Log.

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