

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT BARBEQUE – SATURDAY 12th AUGUST 2017



We are pleased to announce this year's District Summer Event will be hosted by Liz and Phil Barnes on Saturday 12th August.

For those not in the know - there is a ring of 12 bells on site.

Location/Parking

The address is Piltdown House, Maidstone Road, St Mary's Platt TN15 8JE (on the A25 between Wrotham Heath and Borough Green). The entrance is on the North side of the A25 opposite Platt Mill Terrace - there are two brown brick pillars. There are 3 houses - and Piltdown House is the one furthest left. We will endeavour to provide some signs on the day. We would advise parking outside in the roads around. Some parking may be available near the new Memorial Hall (with the green roof) in Platinum Way which is only about 100 metres away towards the A20 at Wrotham Heath.

Public Transport

Borough Green & Wrotham railway station just under a 1 mile away. It is a 15-20 min walk. There are some shops which sell alcohol - i.e. Co-op/Sainsbury's/ Nisa. (Rather like the Co-op myself - they have their own brand of Cava for £5.99. It's better than the M&S and Waitrose Cava... Passes the shelf test too - does anyone else do this? Look for the empty wine shelves and go *that's the one I should buy - or am I just a herd follower...*)

Timing/House Keeping

We will be kicking off around 3pm and continue on until early evening - we do need to be mindful of the neighbours. There is a fair amount of seating provided but if you are able to bring a picnic chair that would be helpful.

Food

Phil has an outdoor pizza oven and whatever he puts in to this seems to turn out fantastic pizza. I'm really looking forward to this. Food will be served from late afternoon to early evening.

To cover the cost of the food please bring £5 per person on the day. Although this event is not intended as a fund raiser, any profit will go to KCA funds.

Drink

Chris Bassett will be bringing some of his home brew and there will be further beer available too. There will be an honesty box for the beer. Please bring your own soft drinks, wine etc.

What we ask

We need an idea of numbers so we can make sure we have enough food. No one will hold you to this - but please email Liz on lizzie@piltdown.org.uk by Monday 7th August if you plan to come.

This is a great opportunity to socialise with other ringers in the District, have fun, play a few games and even do a little ringing in a low stress environment!

I will send out a few reminders and try and cover the basic "de rigueur" i.e. attire for the fashion conscious ringer; what to say when you get ringing advice and haven't got a clue what they are on about; what to ring on 12 bells after a few too many, excuses when the hand bells come out!

The weather too...

Hope to see you there.

Simon