



Maidstone District

# The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

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**Chairman: Elizabeth Barnes**

**Secretary: Terry Barnard**

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## Minutes

For the **Quarterly District Meeting** held on  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham.**

### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Adam Brady, Daniel Brady, Sally-Ann Barclay, Chris Bassett (all Staplehurst); Barry Evans (Mereworth); Jane Higgs (Marden); and Phil Barnes (Wrotham).

28 members signed the attendance book.

### **2016/QMA01 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting:**

2015/ADM 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Sue Bassett presented the final accounts for 2015. She said a number of Towers had made donations from wedding fees for the spliced fund for BRF, but most had not. Also subs were now due for both KCACR and 120 Club membership. Both could be made though bank transfer, but please indicate what the payment was for. The accounts were accepted and the minutes were agreed and signed. There were no other matters arising.

### **2016/QMA02 Election of new members:**

Sharon Wilcox (Lenham) was proposed by James Davis and seconded by Jack Velvick: Sonia Wright (Harrietsham) was proposed by John Betts and seconded by R Martin: Derek and Jeanette Hadlow (Broomfield) were proposed by Chris Saunders for Associate Membership. It was confirmed that both Sharon and Sonia could ring rounds and call changes and could lower a bell. Chris explained that Derek and Jeanette had donated the two bells to augment the ring at Broomfield. All were duly elected, and welcomed to the Association.

### **2016/QMA03 Forthcoming events.**

The Secretary outlined the events in the next couple of months. These were:

1. County Surprise Practice at Leeds on Saturday 30 January from 10-12 noon.
2. District Practice at Mereworth on 13 February 10-12noon.
3. County Youth Practice at St Martin of Tours, Chelsfield on 20 February at 12noon.
4. District Ringing Competition at East Sutton on 12 March. Bells available from 9.30; draw at 9.45; competition at 10am.
5. County AGM at Tunstall (Rochester District) Easter Monday 29 March.
6. District Quarterly Meeting at Stansted on 9 April. Ringing 10-12.30 with short break for the business meeting at 11.00.

James Davis urged towers to consider entering the ringing competition on 12 March. Even the less experienced bands could take part in the call change competition. Marden had entered the last couple of competitions and although they had placed last found it was fun and ringing on different bells and with other

ringers helped to develop better control and striking. And they had won a trophy for the most improved band.

**2016/QMA04 Any Other Business**

Liz Barnes mentioned that Catherine Lewis had asked members to notify her of any businesses that might want to advertise in the forthcoming 2016 Handbook. It would cost £50 for a full page and £25 for a half page advert.

Chris Saunders, who is now the District Rep for KCACR clothing, had a flyer for each tower to display in their belfry.

The next edition of the Belfry would be published in the next week or so.

John Betts (Harrietsham) said he had a set of 8 handbells for sale. They were cast by Whitechapel and had been refurbished some while ago, but had very little use since.

Terry Barnard asked all members to keep Martin Pring in their thoughts and prayers as he was due to have a very serious operation on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Liz Barnes proposed a vote of thanks to the Harrietsham ringers for the use of the bells and the excellent tea they provided.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 16.30.

Terry Barnard  
District Secretary  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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Signed as a true record by the Chairman  
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