



Maidstone District

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

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Chairman: Daniel Brady

Secretary: Michael A Birkbeck

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Minutes

For the **District Quarterly meeting** held on
Saturday 9th July at Ulcombe at 16:30.

Apologies for absence were received from : - Mike Birkbeck, Graham Heath.

2011/QMC01 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting:
a) 2011/QMB 9th April 2011

There were no comments of matters arising. The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2011/QMC02 Election of new members:

Please introduce the new member at the meeting if possible and complete a Membership Nomination Form available from the County website www.kcacr.org.uk or on the day.

Mrs Jennifer Odam of Ulcombe proposed by Charles Tassell and seconded by Ronnie Eagle

Mrs. Deborah Parker of Leeds proposed by Daniel Brady and seconded by Malcolm Hitchcock

Mrs. Karen Whitham of East Malling proposed by Sue Payne and seconded by Don Payne

2011/QMC03 Changes to District Calendar 2011

a.) District Meeting, September 10th 2011

Daniel Brady explained that Watringbury would replace Otham as the venue for this meeting

b.) Call Change Competition, November 12th 2011

Daniel Brady explained that Watringbury cannot now host this event – no replacement has been found yet.

c.) 12 Bell Practice, July 27th 2011

James Sawle announced the new 12 Bell practice for those members who would like to gain more practice on 12 before the outing to London.

2011/QMC04 District Outing to London – 13th August 2011.

James Sawle confirmed the following towers: St Martin in the Fields (12), St Giles in the Fields (8), St Clement Danes (10), St Margaret's Westminster(10), and that there are planned to be 2 further towers. Day ticket price is likely to be £5-6. Travel arrangements are for people to make their own way to London, and then walk between towers. The Ashford district, who are joining us this year, have many members planning to attend.

2011/QMC05 District Dinner – 24th September 2011.

Daniel Brady encouraged members to sign up for the dinner and stated that only 2-3 tickets had been sold so far.

2011/QMC06 District AGM – Saturday 8th October 2011.

This will be held at Leeds

2011/QMC07 Any other business

a) Handbooks

Daniel Brady explained that there had been an error in the printing, hence the delayed distribution. The district cannot afford to get the handbooks reprinted, so they will be issued as is with an errata sheet.

b) Hunton, Linton

Michel Webb, announced that he had been asked to run the ringing at both Hunton and Linton. Subject to final ratification from the PCC, the towers will alternate practices from August: 1,3,5 at Hunton, 2,4 at Linton, both 7:30 – 9:00.

c) Mereworth Village Fete June 16th 2012

The Trafford Ring will be at this event, and ringers are encouraged to attend and demonstrate ringing.

c) Raising and Lowering

James Davis explained that as many towers do not raise and lower regularly, there is a lack of expertise in the area, especially in Peal. Daniel Brady said that there were plans to hold such a practice in October/November when cooler.

d) Recent events

County 8 Bell - Maidstone entered a team and came 4th out of the 5 districts that entered (1 district did not enter)

District BBQ - very successful event, attended by approximately 50 people. Ringing on Trafford ring was well received.

District 6 Bell - Only 1 team entered, All Saints Maidstone, partly due to other towers having weddings. The committee will investigate possible options to ensure the event is better attended in the future.

e) Thanks to Ulcombe

The chairman offered a vote of thanks to Ulcombe ringers for their hospitality and use of the bells.

There being no further items, the meeting ended at 5:05.

James Sawle
Acting District Secretary
7th September 2011