



Maidstone District

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

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Master: Elizabeth Barnes

Secretary: Dr Emma Tilston

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Minutes

For the **Quarterly District Meeting** held on **Saturday 13 January 2018** at **Linton** at **16:00**.

37 members signed the attendance book.

2018/QMA01 Apologies for absence were received from: -

Tony Adams (Boughton Monchelsea); Sue Payne (East Malling); Dot Hooker (Otham); Roy & Sallyann Barclay, Chris Bassett (Staplehurst)

2018/QMA02 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting:

Minutes for 2017/ADM Leeds – 14th October 2017.

After a minor amendment the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

1. KCACR Young Ringers' Competition. Jane Higgs reported that Victoria (Boo) Higgs, one of Maidstone District's young ringers, had attended the competition at Otford on 28th October 2017 and had been part of a scratch band with other young ringers from Canterbury and Rochester Districts. A full report on the competition had been published on the back page of the Ringing World (12th January 2018 issue).
2. 120 Club. Mal Williams announced that a share for the 120 Club could be bought for £10 in 2018, but that this would rise to £20 for 2019. Roy Barclay stepped down from being the 120 Club secretary at the 2017 ADM in October. The post remains vacant. Anyone wishing to take on secretarial duties for the 120 club should talk with Mal.
3. Treasurer's Annual Report for 2017. A summary of the District Accounts for the period 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 was circulated with the agenda. No questions about the accounts were forthcoming.

2018/QMA03 Election of new members: -

Katherine Outram, from Mereworth was proposed by Barry Evans and seconded by Robin Hughes; Paul Cook, from West Malling was proposed by Nick Crutchfield and seconded by Terry Barnard; Daniel Mackey, from Marden was proposed by James Sawle and seconded by Jane Higgs; Charles Kish, from Yalding was proposed for junior membership by Richard Young and seconded by Margaret Prevett; Ian Graydon-Rhodes, from Yalding was proposed by Richard Young and seconded by Margaret Prevett; Maria Mackelden, from Otham was proposed by Mal Williams and seconded by Diane Mitchell. All six were duly elected.

2018/QMA04 Forthcoming events in the next quarter: -

1. District Practice –10th February 2018, Boxley.
2. District 6 bell Call Change/Striking Competition -10th March 2018, Ightham.
3. District Practice -9th June 2019, Otham.
Mal Williams gave an update about the work on the bells at Otham. The old (back) 3 bells are being rehung. Taylors had removed the bells from the tower and whilst fitting new headstocks had discovered that one bell had a cracked crown. This would be repaired by welding and it was hoped that the bells would be reinstated by June.
4. The full calendar of District events for 2018/2019 will be circulated as soon as towers for April and May 2018 can be confirmed.

2018/QMA05 Any Other Business: -

1. Daniel Brady informed members about the new General Data Protection Regulations and how at District and County level the KCACR was using the new Personal Information Consent forms to ensure compliance. The consent of members lasts for 12 months only. The forms will become an annual event.
2. Sue Bassett reminded members that KCACR subscriptions were now due. For KCACR handbook purposes, all membership information for each tower must be with Sue by Wednesday 31 January 2018. Towers not updated in time will be printed as per the 2017 information.
3. Daniel Brady announced that Ray Morgan (Rochester District) had died on 19 December 2017. Daniel has composed a method, Ray Morgan Bob Triples, in Ray's memory. Ringers in Kent, whether or not they knew Ray, are being asked to help raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association by 'donating' a quarter peal in any method via a 'Just Giving' webpage. Full details of this worthy cause and its 'Just Giving' web page can be found at <https://kcacr.org.uk/ringing-for-ray/> and www.justgiving.com/Anne-Pedder
4. Sonya Walsh (Tower Secretary, Boughton Monchelsea) requested clarification of the CCCBR advice about leaving bells up during the working week (Insurance Implications of Leaving Bells "Up"; <https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/insurance-implications-of-leaving-bells-up.pdf>). Phil Barnes said that written clarification for the specific set of circumstances at Boughton Monchelsea should be sought by the church wardens and could only be provided by the insurance company used by the church (typically Ecclesiastical Insurance Group). Colin Finnis reported that Barming had covered this situation as part of their risk assessment, which had the approval of the church wardens. Example risk assessments (https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/risk_assessment.pdf) and a pro forma template for completion (https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/tower_risk_assessment_rev4.xls) are available via the KCACR website.
5. Simon Davis (Communications and bookstall) reported that the bookstall had been restocked with more up-to-date titles and that he'd bring it to

the February District Practice. He also recommended that bulk orders of the '1-per learner' book were purchased directly from the CCCBR bookshop, 6 copies = £5 (see <https://cccbr.org.uk/product/one-per-learner-pack-of-6/> for further details).

6. Simon Davis told members about the plan to discontinue the stand-alone website for Maidstone District and to replace it with web page(s) within the KCACR website. Mal Williams asked that the 120 Club was kept informed of progress because the website was used to inform members of winning numbers. The new URL will be announced when the new web page(s) are 'live'.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the church wardens for organising an alternative venue and refreshments for the quarterly meeting and to Linton for the use of the bells.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 16:40.

Emma Tilston
District Secretary
17 January 2018

Signed as a true record by the Chairman
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(Date) _____