



Maidstone District

# The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

## Maidstone District

**Chairman: Daniel Brady**

**Secretary: Michael A Birkbeck**

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## Minutes

For the **Annual District Meeting** held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at St Nicholas, Leeds**

**Apologies for absence where received from:** - Sue Payne (East Malling), Sue Brookes (Snodland), Richard Young (Yalding), David Earl (Barming), Christine Fairfax (Boxley), Chris and Sue Bassett (Staplehurst), Paul and Tina Bastow (Aylesford), Malcolm Hitchcock (Harrietsham), Peter Smith (Linton), Sallyann and Richard Barclay (Staplehurst).

The meeting started at 6.00pm.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and started by asking the meeting to stand in silence to remember those members that had died during the past year.

**2011/ADM01 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting: -**

- a) 2011/QMC 09<sup>th</sup> July 2010

The minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

Pat Phipps said that she had sent letters out to the new members from the previous meeting but had not received all the subs back yet.

**2011/ADM02 Election of new members: -**

There were no new members up for election.

**2011/ADM03 Forthcoming Events in the next Quarter: -**

- 1.) District Call Change competition – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

Mike Birkbeck informed the meeting that we could no longer go to wateringbury, as per the calendar, and that Mereworth had also declined to host in replacement. However Hunton had been requested. Graham Heath said he had not asked for the use of the bells yet, but didn't see any reason why we can't go there. MB informed the meeting that Tom Barlow had agreed to judge the competition.

- 2.) District Carol Service – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011.**

Mike Birkbeck informed the meeting that he had recently e-mailed Alan Warner at Ditton and had received a response to say that Alan would check with the vicar, but to date MB had not heard anymore. MB also said that he was asking Ditton to stipulate how much ringing that might allow us on their bells prior to the carol service.

- 3.) District Tower Captains meeting and Quarterly meeting – January 14<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

Mike Birkbeck informed the meeting that he had received confirmation from lghtham to say that we can have this meeting there.

- 4.) Raising and Lowering Training Day.**

Daniel Brady informed the meeting that a date had not been set as yet, but he said that there has been quite a bit of interest in this event. He explained that it would be an all day format. i.e. A morning session followed by an afternoon session after a pub lunch. James Sawle said that we should consider asking for names in advance. DB said that a core of experienced raising and lowering ringers would be sort.

#### **2011/ADM04 Proposed Calendar for 2012**

Mike Birkbeck offered a provisional Calendar for 2012 to the meeting for comments. He said that most of the towers have confirmed their availability, with a couple of towers later in the year still to be asked for. Nick Crutchfield commented that Birling have been having problems with complaints lately, even being prevented from ringing for a wedding, therefore we might be unlikely to get this tower for a meeting. Nick Crutchfield also asked if refreshments are required at the Quarterly meeting in April at West Malling – Being a morning meeting MB said that if they are able to lay on tea and biscuits that would be appreciated. James Sawle suggested that maybe we should reconsider the proposed outing to London in August, this being in the middle of the 2012 Olympics, London could be extremely busy. The committee would discuss this at their next meeting.

#### **2011/ADM05 Proposed Rules Changes to be presented at the County ADM on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

(the full proposals for these rule changes are attached to the back of these minutes)

Pat Phipps asked that to be able to go back to the County Committee with a feed back on these changes a show of hands would be useful.

##### **1) Rule 4.1b amendment**

Roy Barclay voiced his displeasure at this proposal. He also asked if this amendment would be retrospective or not. i.e. would those who are already exempt from paying membership have to start paying again.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands – 3 against the proposal and 9 for.

##### **2) Student Subscriptions**

The Chairman thought this rule could see a number of students leave the association, he informed the meeting that Canterbury University has recently restarted it's ringing society and asking full membership from students could sway them against joining the KCACR. There was general discussion on this proposal. It was pointed out that Kent members going away to University would automatically be classed as non-resident life members. Julian Lees asked if Non-resident life members are covered by the KCACR insurance. Mike Birkbeck said that Non-resident life members are not covered by the KCACR insurance. Daniel Brady added that they would be covered by the insurance of which ever association they join at University.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands – 4 against the proposal, 3 for and 1 abstention.

##### **3) Deletion of part of Rule 4**

James Sawle asked if this rule change would negate the insurance company cover. It was felt that this rule was important to be kept. The Chairman asked for a show of hands – Unanimously 11 against and no-one for the proposal.

##### **4) Rule 4.1b amendment**

There was some discussion on this matter Pat Phipps explained that a rule change is needed and the wording that is being proposed is not as she put to the County Committee. The result of this would mean she could not close end of year accounts until the following AGM. Pat asked that maybe the Maidstone district could present an amendment to concur with what pat originally put forward in her role as county Treasurer. James Sawle asked if the change as proposed here would be preferable to the current ruling, after discussion with PP it was decided to be so. Therefore the chairman asked for a show of hands firstly for an amendment as suggested by PP, this was unanimous in favour. The chairmen

secondly asked for a show of hands for the proposal from County Committee, 7 for and 4 against this rule change.

Roy Barclay then asked if this would come into force from the beginning of 2013, PP confirmed this to be the case which would then mean that it would actually be the closure of accounts in 2014 would be the first affected by the rule change.

**5) Rule 9 (iii)**

The total amendment here just involved the addition of a comma, the Chairman explained. There was a unanimous show of hands to indicate the Maidstone district support this proposal.

**2010/ADM06**

**District office Reports: -**

(These reports are attached to the back of these minutes)

**1.) Chairman's report.**

Daniel Brady presented his report and had nothing else to add.

**2.) Secretary's report.**

Mike Birkbeck presented his report and had nothing to add.

**3.) Treasurer's report.**

Pat Phipps presented her report in the form of Interim accounts and had nothing else to add. Barry evens commented on how beautifully presented they were ("nice font" he said)

**4.) District Representatives' report.**

Chris Saunders read his report, also on behalf of Malcolm Hitchcock.

**5.) Ringing Masters' report.**

James Sawle summarised this report. Daniel Brady added that he would like it known that the ringing masters can be approached to arrange special practices for anyone in the district that may want to learn something in particular but need help doing so.

**6.) Publicity Officer's report**

Roy Barclay presented his report and had nothing to add.

**2010/ADM07**

**Election of officers: -**

**1.) District Chairman.**

The Chairman vacated the chair and passed control of the meeting to the secretary who then asked for nominations for the post of Chairman.

Daniel Brady was proposed by Graham Heath and Seconded by Chris Saunders.

There being no further nominations Daniel was elected.

**2.) District Secretary.**

The Chairman asked for nomination for the post of Secretary.

Mike Birkbeck was nominated by Graham Heath and Seconded by Roy Barclay

There being no further nominations Mike was elected.

**3.) District Treasurer/Membership Secretary.**

The Chairman asked for nominations for the post of District Treasurer/Membership Secretary.

Pat Phipps was nominated by James Sawle and seconded by Barry Evans.

There being no further nominations Pat was elected.

**4.) 2 District Representatives.**

The chairman asked for nominations for 2 District Representatives.

Chris Saunders was nominated by Pat Phipps and seconded by Graham Heath. Malcolm Hitchcock was nominated by Graham Heath and seconded by James Davis.

There being no further nominations Chris and Malcolm were elected.

**5.) District Ringing Master/s.**

The Chairman asked for nominations for up to 2 District Ringing Masters.

James Sawle was nominated by Pat Phipps and seconded by James Davis. Adam Brady was nominated by Graham Heath and seconded by James Davis.

There being no further nominations James and Adam were elected.

**6.) Publicity Officer.**

The Chairman asked for nominations for the post of Publicity Officer.

Roy Barclay was nominated by James Davis and seconded by Julian Lees.

There being no further nominations Roy was elected.

**7.) Committee Members.**

The Chairman asked for nominations for extra Committee members.

Graham Heath was nominated by Mike Birkbeck and seconded by Pat Phipps. Barry Evans was nominated by Graham Heath and seconded by Julian Lees. James Davis was nominated by Graham Heath and seconded by James Sawle.

Graham, Barry, and James were elected.

**2011/ADM08 Any other business.**

- 1.) Julian Lees suggested that with the Central Council meeting being held in Kent in 2014, and likely to be within the Maidstone District, that the district should have representation on the County Committee with regard to arrangements.
- 2.) The Secretary brought to the meetings attention the request from the Ringing World for "Ambassadors" across the country who would be willing to promote the Ringing World and gain subscriptions. The Chairman went on to say that the Ringing World will soon be available on line at a reduced subscription.
- 3.) The Secretary mentioned the forthcoming "Change Ringing for the Future" conference and that it was hoped to get a good number of younger ringers involved in this event.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Chris Saunders, the vicar, and organist at Leeds for the arrangements and allowing us to hold the AGM at Leeds. The Chairman then closed the meeting at 6.52pm.

Mike Birkbeck  
District Secretary  
4th September 2011

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Signed as a true record by the chairman

On (date)-----

## Provisional District Calendar 2012 (Presented to the ADM 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2011)

Date	Meeting	Tower	Bells	Times	Special methods
14/01/2012	Tower Captains' and District Quarterly meeting	Ightham	6 (7-0-22)	Tower Captains meeting 2.30pm Ringing 3-4.30pm Tea and Quarterly meeting 4.30pm Further ringing.	tba
11/02/2012	District Practice	East Malling	6 (10-3-7)	10.00 – 12.00	tba
10/03/2012	District Practice	Boughton Monchelsea	6 (13-3-2)	10:00-12:00	tba
14/04/2012	District Quarterly meeting	West Malling	8 (10-1-9)	Ringing 10.00 – 12.00 Quarterly meeting 12.00 noon	tba
9/4/2012 Easter Monday	<b>COUNTY AGM, Ashford District.</b>				
12/05/2012	District Practice	All Saints, Maidstone	10 (32-0-20)	10:00 - 12:00	tba
01/6/2012 – 10/6/2012	<b>County Quarter Peal Week</b>				
09/6/2012	<i>District 6 bell Striking Competition</i>	Chart Sutton	6 (13-2-16)	<i>bells available 3.30. Draw 3.45 - competition 4.00</i>	
30/6/2012 (date tbc)	<b>County 8 Bell Competition – Marden, Maidstone District</b>				
14/07/2012	Quarterly Meeting	Birling (tbc)	8 (6-3-16)	15:00-16:30 Ringing 16:30-17:00 QM 17:00-18:00 Tea 18:00-19:30 Ringing	tba
11/08/2012	Joint District Outing with Canterbury District to London – being arranged by Maidstone District.				
08/09/2012	District Practice	Wrotham	8 (20-0-10)	10:00 - 12:00	tba
29/09/2012 (date tbc)	<b>County 6 Bell Competition – Rochester District.</b>				
13/10/2012	Annual District Meeting	Staplehurst	10 (19-2-7)	Ringing 15:00 - 16:30 Service 16:30 – 17:30 Tea & Meeting 17:30 Ringing until 20:00	tba
10/11/2012	Call Change Striking Competition	Boxley (tbc)	6 (10-3-10)	Bells available 9.30. Draw 9.45 Competition 10.00am	tba
08/12/2012	Carol Service	Loose (tbc)	3 (3 cwt)	Hopefully some limited Ringing 16:30-17:30 Service Mulled Wine and mince pies	

Mike Birkbeck – District Secretary – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES/DRAFTING AMENDMENTS

TO BE TAKEN TO THE 2012 AGM

**1. Proposed by Rochester District:**

The second sentence of Rule 4 (i) (b) be deleted.

*This would mean that members over the age of 65, with more than 25 years membership would no longer be entitled to free membership. The aim of this proposal is to increase the income to the funds of the Association, in view of the financial shortfall which has recently come to light.*

**2. Proposed by Douglas Snoswell (Rochester St Margaret) and Seconded by T.S. Wraight (Rainham):**

That Students Half Subscriptions revert back to full price from 2013.

*The reason for this is that Bellringing is the cheapest pastime available and costs around the same as two pints of beer. When you look at the cost of other pastimes there are none other that can beat this and can still earn you far more by ringing for Weddings etc. Further this is proposed in view of the poor state of General Funds.*

**3. Proposed by Tim Wraight (Rainham) and seconded by Tim Lynch (Tonbridge):**

That the following sentence be 'deleted' from Rule 4:-

'A Practising member shall be deemed to be a person who can ring without assistance, ring rounds and lower a bell. Such competency shall be confirmed by an elected District Officer.'

**4. Proposed by the General Committee:**

To change Rule 4 (i) (b) to read:

Each Practising Member shall pay an annual subscription except as provided in paragraph 4 (iii). Members aged 65 years or more with 25 years unbroken practising membership shall be entitled to free membership. The amount of the subscription for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January next shall be resolved each year at the previous Annual General Meeting. The amount to be allocated to the Association's Bell Restoration Fund for the previous year of operation shall be resolved at the Annual General Meeting.

**5. Proposed by the General Committee:**

To clarify wording of Rule 9 (iii):

Rule to now read:

'The quarterly meeting of each District immediately before the General Committee Meeting in November or December shall be the Annual District Meeting at which two District Representatives are to be elected to serve on the General Committee, and a District Secretary.'

### District Chairman's Report to the Annual District Meeting 2011

This year the district has seen a fantastic revival, district events have on the whole been very well attended and nearly all of them an improvement on the same time last year. The ringing at district events has been variable but has always had a clear purpose; we are normally able at practices to achieve a good standard of ringing to both surprise minor and major methods. This core of ringers allows us to cater to ringers of all levels, who may want to come along to practice anything from called changes upwards.

One slightly different event this year was the "come back to the district" event, this took the form of a barbeque at the home of Roy & Sallyann Barclay. To start there was ringing on the ten bells at Staplehurst, followed by a barbeque and general ringing on the Trafford mini-ring, the evening concluded with a rather light-hearted competition on the mini-ring, being judged by three non-ringers who judged on general quality and artistic impression. Thanks to Roy & Sallyann for hosting and to Sallyann Barclay, Debbie & Andrew Brady and Malcolm Hitchcock for cooking.

The other "big" event this year was the district outing, around 45 ringers started the day by filling the large ringing chamber of St. Martin in the Fields (12), the ringing here included some peoples first blows on twelve as well as Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus. We then visited several other towers, and I daresay a few pubs (ahem), finishing up at St. Margaret's Westminster.

Other events this year have on the whole been very well attended, the only slightly concerning exceptions being the district striking competition and the planned district dinner. The striking competition was won by default by All Saints' Maidstone who then went on to ring a quarter peal with the judges. All Saints' then went on to come a very close second in the county striking competition.

The Maidstone district also entered the county eight-bell competition where we were placed fourth, the test piece was a plain course of Uxbridge Surprise Major.

It is important to remember that outside the actual district run ringing events there is some fantastic work being done by individuals and groups to further the exercise. Since January this year 41 peals have been rung in the district (around one a week). The majority of the thanks for this goes to John Keeler who organises regular peals in Maidstone. Notable peals this year included a peal for the retiring rector of Staplehurst, where the peal included three firsts, first of Surprise Royal for Chris & Sue Bassett, and first on ten for Steve Bassett. Congratulations to Jackie Barlow who rang her first peal of seven Surprise Minor and to several ringers who reached significant numbers together notably John Keeler who notched up his 200<sup>th</sup> on the 9<sup>th</sup> at All Saints! First peals were rung in two methods, River Medway Surprise and Octodecmin Alliance Royal.

Finally after enough rambling, a huge thank you to the district committee for all the work they have done this year, I hope that we will be able to keep the same decisive and to the point attitude with our new committee after the ADM this year, it is the officious mentality of everyone that has enabled us to run what I believe are good events, tailored to the current needs of the district. While I would be incredibly sad to see anyone leave the committee this year, I cannot stress how much we need the input of many people and new fresh ideas, so please do not be afraid to stand, there are also of course positions for non-portfolio members of the committee, with no actual jobs to do, these are excellent positions if you would like some input into the running of the district whilst refraining from any unwanted responsibility.

And finally, a huge thank you to you, the ringers who have attended district events this year, without your continued support events like ours would not be able to survive, so thank you. Please continue to support the events that are run, and try to encourage other people from your towers to attend as well!

Daniel Brady  
District Chairman  
06/10/2011

## **District Secretary's report to the Annual District meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

This completes my second year as secretary and despite being extremely busy and, in truth, wishing I didn't have this job, it is, none the less, actual enjoyable. We are lucky not to have a committee that over indulges in red tape or officialdom; we have a committee that just does what is needed to be done. The committee work together and I suppose we've adopted a "Your idea, you do it" attitude. This was shown through the "come back to the District" event in May and the outing to London in August. Both of these were ably arranged by you Ringing Master/s and Chairman, with no work require by me at all. I reiterate my apologies from last year for my bad English, spelling and grammar, I do try but it's not my forte. 3 attempts to get a grade 'C' English O' Level, now that dates me! I apologise for not being present at a number of meetings this year.

The District Calendar has been well supported this year and my thanks goes to all the tower correspondents who have worked for us in getting the bells, and sorting out teas and refreshments

During the past year we have had a number of long standing members of the association pass away. Kevin Fulcher (Staplehurst), Roger Groves ( Barming - non-ringing husband of Freda Groves), Freda Tomlin (Staplehurst), Ken Williamson (Stockbury), have all left a mark on the exercise in this District and shall be missed, along with anyone else who's passing I am unaware of at writing.

The District Call Change Competition was held last November at East Sutton and won by Staplehurst. The District 6 bell competition was won by All Saint's, Maidstone, by default. They were the only team to enter, which sparked discussion on whether we should change the format of this event. It was decided to keep the same format for 2012 and see if it was just a "blip" this year. All Saint's, Maidstone went on to represent the District at the County 6 bell competition at Hunton, coming a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place by only half a fault!

Unlike last year, when we only had 3 new members, we have had 18 so far this year, a bit more encouraging. As an aside I heard some statistics recently which say that about 1000 bell-ringers are lost each year. On average 1 in 10 of learners stay bell-ringing, that means 10000 new recruits are needed each year to stop bell-ringing dieing out. This sounds an impossible task, but there are some 6000 towers in the country so if each tower aims to train 2 ringers a year, then this target should be met. Let's see how many towers in our district can achieve this next year.

Designed and constructed by your Chairman, Daniel Brady, the district sports a new look website. If you're not seen it yet, do go and view and use it. It's by far the best KCACR district website, I think so anyway.

Unfortunately the proposed District Dinner which was planned for the end of September had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers, this was disappointing, but on the whole most district events where well attended.

Thank you all for your help and support over the past year, and I'm quite happy to stand again in the coming year should you want me. But, given it usually takes years to find a replacement secretary, going on past history, I ask now that anyone who wants the job to please come forward, and please start twisting the arms of prospective replacements for me.

**Mike Birkbeck**  
**District Secretary**  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

### **Maidstone District Ringing Master's report 2010 – 2011**

This year we continued to try to encourage more members to attend district events, and accordingly continued to organise different events aimed at ringers of different capabilities.

The regular monthly practices have had varying levels of attendance from 24 at our May practice at Nettlestead to only 7 at Watringbury last month. While this benefitted two of the ringers who gained intensive practice it would be good to have had more attendees. We are happy to accommodate requests for any standard of ringing so please don't be intimidated and come along to try something new or to practise something you are learning at your own tower with a stable band to help you. Please give feedback if you think there is something we can do differently or better.

This year's joint outing to Westminster with the Ashford District provided an opportunity to ring on higher numbers and at different towers, and this was well attended by more than 40 ringers of all levels. Particular highlights included ringing at St Martin in the Fields and St Margaret's Westminster.

Prior to the outing we organised a beginners 12 bell practice at Benenden, where we practiced rounds and call changes on 12, and plain hunt and Grandsire Caters.

As ringing masters our goal is to provide opportunities for individual ringers to improve their own ringing ability. The more events that individuals attend the more chances they have to improve: ringing at different towers promotes confidence in handling bells including in your own tower; ringing with different bands may provide a more stable environment for trying something new where you are the only learner, or attempting to call a touch. Please let us know what you would like to ring at these events.

Daniel Brady & James Sawle  
Ringing Masters

# KCACR MAIDSTONE DISTRICT

## TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2011

Set out below are the Accounts to 30th September, 2011. The end of year report will be available at the January Quarterly Meeting.

### Expenditure

Publicity	0.00
Administration	0.00
Fund Raising - 120 Club	395.00
F.S. Macey Fund - books	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>395.00</u></b>

### Income

Subscriptions	1569.40
Donations	438.00
Fund Raising - 120 Club	1220.00
Events Surplus	70.60
F.S. Macey Fund	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>3298.00</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>2903.00</u></b>

### Due to County

Brought forward at 1.1.10	76.67
Surplus at 30.09.2011	2903.00
Paid to County	1175.40
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1804.27</u></b>

### Funds in Hand

District Bank Account	1758.91
Petty Cash	0.00
F.S. Macey Fund - books	45.36
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1804.27</u></b>

### Donations Detail

Barming	70.00
East Malling	50.00
Ightham	40.00
Mereworth	20.00
Yalding	50.00
Wateringbury	50.00
Bearsted	150.00
Other	8.00
	<u>438.00</u>

### Subscriptions Detail

Adult	139	1251.00
Senior	58	261.00
Junior	10	45.00
Life and 25 yrs	37	0.00
NRLM	1	7.50
Associate	3	4.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>248</b>	<b><u>1569.40</u></b>

Notes: Members total 248 compared with 244 in 2010.

Money donated to the BRF for the year totals £1333.60 made up as follows:

Wedding Fees	430.00
Donations - Other	8.00
120 Club	825.00 (less £195 prizes + expenses)
Events Surplus	70.60

8th October, 2011

## Publicity Officer's Report

*The Belfry* in its more concise format has continued to appear quarterly, although sometimes not quite in time for District Quarterly Meetings. However precise publication dates do not carry such importance now that most towers receive their copies by e-mail, and it can also be viewed and printed from the District website. A considerable number of individual members have their own copy e-mailed to them. Anyone can join the list by e-mailing [belfry@kcacr-maidstone-district.org.uk](mailto:belfry@kcacr-maidstone-district.org.uk) – it costs you and the Association absolutely nothing.

The District website has recently been completely revamped in line with modern web design, making it more appealing to visitors and more straightforward to navigate. Indeed in its first month the new site notched up more than 550 hits compared with an average of less than 100 per month on the previous site. The address remains the same: [www.kcacr-maidstone-district.org.uk](http://www.kcacr-maidstone-district.org.uk) .

Members who are lucky enough to possess a smart phone can now also access the District website whilst on the move via the QR code below. To do this, firstly if you haven't already got a QR code reader on your phone download one from your apps store; then look through your phone's camera viewfinder at the image below and the website should open automatically. If it doesn't, just tap "open" on the app menu.

Many District communications will in future carry this code, thus broadening access to District information. At least in the technology stakes we are ahead of the rest!

**Roy Barclay**

*Publicity Officer*

*3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011*



## **District Representatives Report 2011**

There are 4 County Committee meetings held during the year the District Reps attend at which they can bring proposal (i.e. change of rules) to be considered from the district, or take back information, like a "Training Day" to be held at one of our towers.

### **Website**

The County Website, in January, had it's 100000<sup>th</sup> hit , no-one from our district but a ringer from Sandwich.

### **Grants**

The amount handed out during the year can be anything up to £50k depending on the type of re-hang or refurbishment projects that are being worked on. 2 Towers in the Maidstone District have benefited from the BRF. Barming has been allocated £9k and Broomfield £10k.

### **Ringling Competitions**

The County arranges a 10 bel band for the Essex Trophy. All Counties around London are invited. This year the venue was St Albans and the test piece was London Royal with Kent Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Probably their highest finish.

### **Handbook**

The production of the handbook has been of some concern with several pages of peals not printed. It was felt the committee should have been more communicative to members on progress to resolve the problem and apologised after complaints were received at it's last meeting.

### **Forthcoming Events**

The Central Council are holding their 2014 meeting in Kent, and with that the Ringing World has advised that Kent will be featured on the Calendar for that year. If you have a picture of your church that could be included send to the Hon Sec, Mrs Funnell. There is planned a quarter peal week to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the beginning of June 2012.

### **General**

There are several subjects that are ongoing and updating one is CRB. Any new legislation is brought to the committee's notice by Nigel Spencer. The other are KCACR rules and are currently being re-drafted to take account of minor changes over the years. It is proposed to have a "Kent Festival" with a service and mini rings available afterwards at a major tower – possible Canterbury cathedral.

Chris Saunders – District Representative – October 2011