



Maidstone District

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Maidstone District

Chairman: James Sawle
Secretary: Terry Barnard

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AGENDA

For the **Annual District Meeting** to be held on **Saturday 10th October 2015** at **Leeds** at **5.30pm**.

- 2015/ADM01 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting: -**
- a) 2015/QMC3 11th July 2015, West Malling
- 2015/ADM02 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.*
- 2015/ADM03 Forthcoming Events in the next Quarter: -**
- 1.) District Practice – 14th November 2015, Boughton Monchelsea.
 - 2.) District Carol Service – 12th December 2015, Broomfield.
 - 3.) District Quarterly meeting – 9th January 2016, Harrietsham.
- 2015/ADM04 Proposed Calendar for 2016**
- 2015/ADM05 District office Reports: -**
- 1.) Chairman's report.
 - 2.) Secretary's report
 - 3.) Treasurer's report.
 - 4.) District Representatives' report.
 - 5.) Ringing Masters' report.
 - 6.) Publicity Officer's report
- 2015/ADM06 Election of officers: -**
- 1.) District Chairman.
 - 2.) District Secretary.
 - 3.) District Treasurer/Membership Secretary.
 - 4.) 2 District Representatives.
 - 5.) District Ringing Master/s.
 - 6.) Publicity Officer.
 - 7.) Committee Members.
- 2015/ADM07 Any other business.**

Terry Barnard
District Secretary
5th October 2015

Chairman's Report to the ADM 2015

The year started on a positive note, with the postponed 2014 district striking competitions held together for the first time. Five towers were represented in the Call Change competition, and four in the Method competition – a significant improvement over previous years.

Most of the practices through the year were well attended averaging over 30 attendees, and we rang at Birling, Barming, Bearsted, Linton, West Malling, Lenham. The various special methods were also attempted, mostly with success, including Duffield, Superlative Surprise, Lincolnshire Surprise and Cambridge Surprise Major; Grandsire, Middlesex and Single Oxford Bob Triples; Beverley and Surfleet Surprise Minor; St Simon's Bob and Winchendon Place Doubles. In addition, various other methods were rung from Rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

Less well attended was the second striking completion of the year – this time the 2015 striking competitions - with only two bands in the Call Change competition and two plus a scratch band in the Method competition.

The County AGM in Marden was notable for the District for two reasons: Tom Barlow was elected as a Vice President of the Association, and Daniel Brady being elected County Chairman.

The final event of the calendar was the barbeque again held in Marden with the Jubi-Peal mini-ring and handbells available during the evening.

The success or otherwise of the district is dependent on the people who turn up to events. We are lucky in continuing to have a core group of about 25-30 ringers who support most of the events. Almost half of those participating members are on the committee and have an active say in the future direction of the District. However, most towers in the district are not represented at any event. On positive note, we did have more than twenty new members join the district this year, including several new members from the new Lenham band who have become regular attendees at the district events.

The committee is keen to organize events that the members want to attend. As ever, please contact one of the committee members with ideas for new events or join the committee yourself.

James Sawle – Chairman.

District Secretary's report for 2015 District ADM.

It is with sadness that I have to start this report with the passing of 4 people in the District since the last ADM. Derek Wood, for many years a loyal and regular member of the Staplehurst band passed away on 23 October 2014. Fred Asprey, a former Maidstone District Secretary and Captain at Lenham, died on 10 December 2014. Reg Foreman, a past ringer at Barming before moving to East Kent, passed away on 28 December 2014, and Sid Watts of Marden died on 29 July 2015. We all mourn their passing.

For 2015, Maidstone District hosted the County AGM. This took place at Marden Memorial Hall on Easter Monday. The highlights of the event were the election of Tom Barlow as a Vice President of the Association, and Daniel Brady being elected as the County Chairman. We have had very positive feedback from among the 108 people who attended that the arrangements for the meeting, the lovely 3-course meal, and the bar, were very well organised. Thanks for this are due largely to the ringers of Marden who shouldered most of the responsibility for organising the event including liaising with the Memorial Hall and the caterers for the event, the West End Tavern in Marden.

The re-arranged District 6 bell competition for 2014 held at Otham in November was a success with 5 teams entering the call change competition and 4 teams for the striking competition. However the 2015 competition at Ightham in March this year reverted to type and only 2 teams were entered in each completion, with a scratch band from among those who turned up to listen making a third band in the striking contest. Staplehurst won both competitions (again) and represented the District at the County 6-bell competition coming a very creditable second. Well done. The annual outing scheduled for August failed to materialise. This was a great shame since otherwise events throughout the year have been well received and very well attended. The QDM at Birling in January, and the District Practices at Barming in February and West Malling in July were the best attended each with 34 ringers. The average attendance for the year was 27, an increase on previous years.

The district barbecue this year was once again held at Marden. Again we extend thanks to Chris Barker for offering his home and garden to host the event. We had a mini-ring, handbells, and two polypins of ale and it was a good fun evening. But the most welcome aspect of the day was seeing our County Vice President, Tom Barlow up and about and enjoying a well earned pint following major surgery at Papworth Hospital. The District Carol Service was held at Addington, with ringing before a very enjoyable service. Daniel Brady again put together a small but very effective choir from District Ringers who performed at the end of the service.

During the year we have elected 28 new members, twice as many as last year. This included 19 at the QDM at West Malling in July, 10 of whom were from Lenham as they seek to re-establish the band under James Davis' guidance.

For 2016 once again we have a full programme of events planned.

Terry Barnard
Maidstone District Secretary

1 October 2015

Publicity Officer's Report

Our District Newsletter *The Belfry* reached a landmark this spring when issue number 100 was published in May. A bumper issue included reports and pictures of the County AGM and of Tom Barlow being elected as a Vice-President of the KCACR. It also featured a ringers' cryptic crossword and a look back to the previous landmark issues.

At the present time we are receiving enough copy for *The Belfry* to be published approximately quarterly. However, whilst I am grateful to those who regularly contribute, it would be nice to see contributions from others. It doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece – your Editor can always knock an article into shape if required. Similarly more feedback would be appreciated (including constructive criticism if appropriate). After all it is your newsletter and we want to provide what you want.

The website continues to be well received and is regularly updated on District news and events. Again, if you wish something to be publicised ask me to post it on the website - there is no wider potential audience!

Finally, as mentioned in the Editorial to Issue 100 of *The Belfry*, it is my intention not to stand for re-election at the 2017 ADM. By that time I will have been on the District Committee for 40 years and editor of *The Belfry* for thirty-five. I will also be reaching a landmark age and feel that it will be time to take a back seat in District ringing. Hopefully giving two years' notice will enable a willing replacement to be found.

Roy Barclay

Publicity Officer

24th September 2015

KCACR MAIDSTONE DISTRICT



TREASURER'S INTERIM REPORT TO
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
10TH OCTOBER 2015

Set out below are the Accounts for the period 1st January 2015 to 30th September 2015
with expenditure on prizes for the 120 Club projected to the year end.

The End of Year Report for 2015 will be published at the January 2016 Quarterly Meeting.

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Publicity	0.00	Subscriptions	1,741.50
Administration	1.99	Donations to BRF	938.15
AGM Lunches	550.00	AGM Lunches	550.00
120 Club Annual Licence	20.00	District BBQ	46.90
Fund Raising—120Club (Note 1)	580.00	Fund Raising – 120 Club	1,280.00
Total Expenditure	1,151.99	Total Income	4,556.55
		SURPLUS	3,404.56
		Funds in Hand	
<u>Due to County</u>			
Brought fwd at 01.01.15	175.46	District Bank Account	76.67
Surplus at 01.10.2015	3,404.56	County Administration Float	96.80
Subscriptions to County	-1,741.50		
To County BRF (note 2)	-1,665.05		
Total	173.47		173.47

Spliced Fund Donations**Subscriptions Detail**

<i>Bearsted</i>	<i>357.00</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>1,085.00</i>
<i>Boxley</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>382.50</i>
<i>Chart Sutton</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>70.00</i>
<i>East Farleigh</i>	<i>40.00</i>	<i>New Life Member</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>East Malling</i>	<i>75.00</i>	<i>Life Members</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Ightham</i>	<i>50.00</i>	<i>Non-Resident Life</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Marden</i>	<i>40.00</i>	<i>25+ year members</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Platt Campanile</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>Associate</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4.00</i>
<i>West Malling</i>	<i>110.00</i>	<i>Late subscriptions from</i>		
<i>Yalding</i>	<i>50.00</i>	<i>East Sutton 2013&2014</i>		<i>50.00</i>
	<i>842.00</i>	<i>Total members 2015</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>1,741.50</i>

Notes:

(1) This sum represents the projected expenditure if/when all the 120 Club prize cheques are presented.

(2) Donations to the Belfry Repair Fund for the part-year January-September 2015:

Spliced Fund (Wedding Fees) Donations	842.00
Donations (AGM collection & BBQ profit)	143.05
120 Club (projected net profit)	680.00
	1,665.05

(3) Members total 256 compared with 228 in 2014 and includes one new Life Member. Subscriptions Income includes £50 subscriptions for East Sutton 2013 & 2014.

Sue Bassett, Honorary Treasurer

1st October 2015

District Calendar 2016

Date	Meeting	Tower	Bells	Times
09/01/2016	District Quarterly meeting	Harrietsham	8, (12-2-12)	Ringling 15.00 to 17.30. Quarterly meeting 16.00.
13/02/2016	District Practice	Mereworth	6, (9-1-7)	10.00 – 12.00
12/03/2016	District 6 bell Call Change/Striking Competition	East Sutton (tbc)	6, (8-1-16)	Bells available 9.30. Draw 9.45 Competition 10.00am
09/04/2016	District Quarterly Meeting	East Farleigh (tbc)	8, (7-3-0)	Ringling 10.00 – 12.30 Quarterly meeting 11.00am
28/03/2015 Easter Monday	COUNTY AGM, Tunstall, (Rochester District)			
14/05/2016	District 10 bell Practice	All Saints Maidstone (tbc)	10, (32-0-20)	10:00 - 12:00
11/06/2016	District Practice	Chart Sutton	6, (14-2-16)	10.00-12.00
District Barbeque				
County 8 Bell Competition				
09/07/2016	District Quarterly Meeting	Nettlestead	6, (5-0-22)	Ringling 10-12.30pm Quarterly meeting 11.00am
10/09/2016	District Practice	Wrotham (tbc)	8, (20-0-10)	10:00 - 12:00
County 6 Bell Competition				
08/10/2016	Annual District Meeting	Staplehurst (tbc)	10, (19-2-7)	Ringling 15:00 - 16:30 Service 16:30 – 17:30 Tea & Meeting 17:30 Further ringling
12/11/2016	District Practice	Hollingbourne (tbc)	6, (13-3-2)	10:00 - 12:00
10/12/2016	Carol Service	West Peckham	3, (5-0-26)	16:30-17:30 Service Mulled Wine and mince pies

Terry Barnard – District Secretary – 14th September 2015