



Maidstone District

# The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

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**Chairman: Elizabeth Barnes**

**Secretary: Simon Davies**

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### Minutes

For the **Quarterly District Meeting** held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at **Barming**.

**2017/QMC01 Apologies for absence were received from:** - Sue Payne (East Malling); Jackie Barlow (Maidstone, All Saints); Sallyann Barclay (Staplehurst); Robert Leach (Barming); Liz Barnes, Phillip Barnes (Wrotham); Colin Bowden (Staplehurst).

41 members signed the attendance book.

In the absence of the District Chairman, Terry Barnard chaired the meeting.

**2017/QMC02 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting: -**

- a) 2017/QDM Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Aylesford  
The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising:**

No matters arising.

**2017/QMC03 Election of new members: -**

Callum Clark, from Aylesford was proposed for junior membership by Darren Elphick and seconded by Shona Clark; Brian Osmer, from Otham was proposed by Mal Williams and seconded by Elizabeth Piercey; Liam Corette, from East Malling was proposed for junior membership by Sue Payne and seconded by Terry Barnard; Finlay McDonald, Tina Chambers and Scott Collier, from Barming were proposed for junior membership by Colin Finnis and seconded by Margaret Leadbeater. All six were duly elected.

**2017/QMC04 News and Forthcoming Events in the next Quarter: -**

- 1.) **County 8-bell competition, Shoreham (Kent).**  
The Chairman reported that Lewisham had won the county 8-bell competition with a percentage score of 72%, with the Maidstone team coming second with a percentage score of 67% -well done to Maidstone.
- 2.) **District Youth Coordinator**  
Jenny Thomas has taken on the role of County Youth Officer.  
Jane Higgs will be Maidstone District Youth Coordinator.  
There will be a competition for Kent Young Ringers in October.  
The secretary agreed to circulate an e-mail about this nearer the time.
- 3.) **District BBQ, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
The District BBQ will be hosted by Liz and Phil Barnes at their campanile from 15:00. Financial contributions for food (inc. pizza) and beer to be given on the day. Attendees to provide other beverages of their choice (i.e. bring your own bottles). The venue is about ¾ mile (1.25 km), or a 15-minute walk, from Borough Green & Wrotham railway station.

4.) **County 6-bell final, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, East Malling**

Staplehurst will represent Maidstone District at the County 6-bell final in September. We wish them good luck.

5.) **District calendar for 2018/19**

A draft calendar for 2018/19 District Practices is available from the Secretary. Towers wishing to host a District Practice were invited to contact the Secretary. Mal Williams proposed Otham – the back 3 bells will be rehung by Taylors at the end of 2017.

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**Any other business.**

None.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Barming for the use of the bells and to all the ringers for the excellent tea provided.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:12 am.

Simon Davies  
District Secretary  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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Signed as a true record by the Chairman  
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(Date)\_\_\_\_\_