



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 14th January 2017 at Yalding.**

2017/QMA01 Apologies for absence were received from: - Susan Clements (East Farleigh); Sue Payne (East Malling); Clive Ticehurst (Lenham); Douglas Bratt (Mereworth); Geoff Searle (Mereworth); Roy Barclay (Staplehurst); Chris Bassett (Staplehurst); Sue Bassett (Staplehurst); Adam Brady (Staplehurst); Phillip Barnes (Wrotham).

24 members signed the attendance book.

2017/QMA02 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting: -

- a) 2016/ADM Staplehurst 8th October 2016 Staplehurst

The minutes were agreed signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

- 1.) Attendance of 25+ members at District events is common. Barry Evans was thanked for organising the refreshments at the 2016 carol service. Calendar for 2017/18 – suggestions from the membership are invited for a District event in August.
- 2.) The treasurer's report has now been updated to the end of 2016. Membership is stable, but junior membership is declining: 6 in 2016, down from 15 in 2015.
- 3.) Daniel Brady provided an update on the creation of a KCACR mobile ring. Potential contribution(s) in kind would reduce the overall cost to £5,000 (from ~£7,000). 31 responses to the survey received to date, conveying very mixed views. Further details can be found on the KCACR website <http://kcacr.org.uk/a-mobile-ring-for-the-kcacr/>. The weblink to the survey is no longer active, but views on potential use (and frequency thereof), the cost and stewardship of the resource can be e-mailed to Daniel Brady: chair@kcacr.org.uk
- 4.) Arising from the work of CRAG (Council Review Action Group for the CCBR), there is a new survey to which all ringers are invited to respond by 3 February 2017 via <http://cc-crag.weebly.com/2017-survey.html>

Action: Simon Davies to send an e-mail to the members in Maidstone District.

- 5.) Broomfield has been further augmented and is now a ring of 6.

2017/QMA03 Election of new members: -

Colin Bowden, Janet Bowden and Maureen Walshe, from Staplehurst were proposed by Daniel Brady and seconded by Sue Bassett; Charlotte Dubern of Mereworth was proposed

by Barry Evans and seconded by Douglas Bratt; Dr Clive Mackey and Jess Stone, from Marden were proposed by James Sawle and seconded by Jane Higgs. All five were duly elected.

2017/QMA04 Forthcoming Events in the next Quarter: -

- 1.) **District Practice – Saturday 11th February 2017.**
This was being held at East Malling with ringing from 10:00 till 12:00.
- 2.) **6-bell Striking Competition – Saturday 11th March 2017.**
This was being held at East Farleigh. Bells available from 09:30, draw 09:45.
Entries invited for a call change competition and a method ringing competition.
Please notify Simon Davies of potential teams.
- 3.) **County Annual General Meeting – Monday 17th April 2017.**
This was to be held at Cranbrook. Further details will be circulated nearer the time. Some Maidstone District towers will be used as part of the towers open for ringing *en route*.

2017/QMA05 Any other business.

- 1.) Daniel Brady (KCACR chairman) said that the delay new members were experiencing with respect to receiving their certificates was because each certificate was signed in person by two KCACR officers. Outstanding membership certificates will be issued in due course.
- 2.) The Chairman appealed for people to take 2016/2017 KCACR membership cards to towers that have not collected them.
- 3.) The Chairman said that the annual request for updated information for the 2017 KCACR Handbook was imminent.
- 4.) The Chairman said that all towers should have received an e-mail from Tom Winter, the new KCACR training officer, requesting information about the teaching facilities available at each tower – with the possibility of holding county-level training sessions. Within Maidstone District, training requests can also be made to the two Ringing Masters.
- 5.) Daniel Brady said that Maidstone District will be hosting the county 6-bell striking competition on Saturday 23rd September. Suggestions for a suitable tower were invited from the membership.
- 6.) Daniel Brady said that Julie McDonnell would be visiting Staplehurst in February. Those interested in ringing with Julie should contact Daniel for further details. Further details about the methods named after Julie and the associated fund raising for “Strike back against blood cancer” can be found at <http://juliedmcdonnell.wixsite.com/sbabc>

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Yalding 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 16:33pm.

Simon Davies
District Secretary
Emma Tilston
Committee
10th February 2017

Signed as a true record by the Chairman
on

(Date) _____