



Maidstone District

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Maidstone District

Master: David Grimwood
Secretary: Betsy Piercey
<https://kcacr.org.uk>

Minutes

for **Quarterly Meeting** held on **Saturday 12th January 2019** at **Harrietsham, St John the Baptist**, starting at **4.00 pm**.

- 2019/QMA01 Apologies for absence**
Heather Knowler (Chart Sutton), Richard Young (Yalding), Sue Collins (Wateringbury), Rob Leach and Margaret Leadbeater (Barming), Joy Barnard and Sue Payne (East Malling), Tom and Jacqui Barlow, (Maidstone St Michael's), Simon Davies (Wrotham), Alison Gerrish (Aylesford)
- 2019/QMA02 Minutes and any Matters Arising from previous meetings:**
- a) Minutes for 2018/ADM Staplehurst - 13th October 2018**
After amending to include an apology from Simon Davies (Wrotham), the minutes were approved and signed by the Master.
Proposed by Terry Barnard and Seconded by Emma Tilston.
 - b) Matters Arising**
Liz Barnes reported that the Report of Accounts is now completed to the end of year. £1,255 was raised for the Bell Restoration Fund and £116.77 to the Training Fund – a good contribution.
- 2019/QMA03 Election of new members:**
June Allen-Westbrook from Harrietsham was proposed by Ken Leach and seconded by Graham Cuthbert; Tom Adam and Gabriella Child were proposed by James Sawle and seconded by Jane Higgs.
- 2019/QMA04 Forthcoming Events in the next Quarter:**
- a) District Practice - 9th February, Marden**
 - b) District 6 bell Call Change/Striking Competition - 9th March, East Malling**
The Master said it would be good to have a lot of towers take part and asked towers to please consider entering a band.
 - c) District Quarterly Meeting - 13th April, Chart Sutton**
- 2019/QMA05 Date for 2020 KCACR AGM**
This discussion took place at the request of the KCACR General Secretary who had reported that a number of members had suggested holding the Association AGM on a day other than Easter Monday as many have alternative family commitments at that time. The second Saturday in May had been agreed as a possible date by the General Committee.
Various points of view were put forward at the Meeting, both for and against a move to the second Saturday in May, these included:
- For: “ More might go if not on Easter Holidays; Easter being a movable feast, a fixed dates would mean we know where we are; People do go away at Easter; Fixed date better than moveable feast, could give it a try – it would suit younger families; If the Easter date is retained and the tower was required to open for ringing on the day, Easter Monday can be tricky for key holders; Caterers would be easier to find for a Saturday than for Easter Monday”.

Against: "Age profile of members - very few away at Easter; Could clash with weddings; Parking could be more difficult on a Saturday; Prefer Easter Monday - a good day as nothing else to do and getting bored by then".

Other members expressed the opinion that it would make little difference to numbers attending - there will always be a date that will suit some and not others; the members at the meeting of one band to discuss this matter had not ever attended an AGM and were not likely to do so if the date changed. Another view was that the second Saturday in May was a good date as opposed to the first or last Saturday which are too close to the Bank Holidays.

A straw poll was taken:

How many don't go to the Easter AGM = **16**.

How many of those would go if **not** at Easter = **8**.

Finally, points were made:

- a) that the Association AGM has not always been held on Easter Monday.
- b) there was feeling that another day would be worth trying.

2019/QMA06 Any other business

1. 120 Club

Mal Williams explained that proceeds from the 120 Club are donated to the Bell Restoration Fund. Members should by now have received emails regarding renewals which can be made by bank transfer, cheque or cash. When the Club started the share fee was £10. After 20 years this has now been raised to £20 per share. New members are welcome. In response to a query as to whether the 120 Club results will be published again on the Association website, Mal Williams responded that this will be sorted as soon as possible.

2. Ringing Books

Terry Barnard said that ringing-related books were available at the back of the church.

3. Ringing Practices

Terry Barnard asked that if anyone wanted to have any particular methods at Ringing Practices to please let him know.

4. Centenary Goblets

Five remaining Centenary (1880-1980) Goblets were offered for sale by Chris Bassett at the meeting to anyone who would like to donate money for them to Association funds.

There being no further business the Master closed the meeting at 4.45 pm.

Betsy Piercey
District Secretary
16 January 2019

Signed as a true record by the Master
on

(Date) _____