



Maidstone District

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

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Master: David Grimwood
Secretary: Betsy Piercey
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Minutes

for **Quarterly Meeting** held on **Saturday 13th April 2019** at **Chart Sutton, St Michael**, starting at **11.00 am**

2019/QMB01

Apologies for absence

David Grimwood (Master), Phil Barnes (Wrotham), Richard Young (Yalding), Margaret Fitzgerald (Boughton Monchelsea), Dot Hooker (Otham), Sue Payne (East Malling), Tom and Jacqui Barlow (Maidstone St Michael), Sallyann Barclay (Staplehurst), Jeff Young, Lola White (Hunton)

2019/QMB02

Minutes and any Matters Arising from previous meeting:

a) Minutes for 2019/QDM Harrietsham - 12th January 2019

The minutes were approved and signed by Terry Barnard, Acting Master.

Proposed by Liz Barnes and Seconded by Simon Davies.

b) Matters Arising - None.

2019/QMA03

Election of new members:

Derek Bayley (Addington) was proposed by Tom Gardner and seconded by Anthony Crawford; Lola Mae White (Hunton – Junior Member) was proposed by Jeff Young and seconded by Susan Clements; Emily Natalia Rebecca Corette (East Malling – Junior Member) was proposed by Robin Hughes and seconded by Terry Barnard.

The proposed new Members were unanimously elected and Acting Master Terry Barnard welcomed them to the Association.

2019/QMB04

Forthcoming Events:

a) Association AGM - 22nd April, Chilham

Details are on the KACR website, including the tower routes (updated). Lunch is available in the village hall at a cost of £15 per head (£7.50 for children). The closing date for booking lunch is 15 April, but late bookings may be accepted – please contact Brenda Davies 01227 738492 for further information.

b) District Practice - 11th May, Staplehurst

c) District Practice - 8th June, Snodland

d) District Quarterly Meeting and Tower Captains' Meeting – 13th July, Hollingbourne

e) Summer Activity - 10th August, Marden

Terry Barnard reported that the Workshop Activities Day at Staplehurst last summer had been much appreciated by the participants and a similar event has been suggested for this year. Marden has been booked for this purpose and furthermore the Marden ringers have generously offered to provide a barbeque after the Workshop. More details will follow when available.

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Any Other Business

a) Kent Young Ringers

Jen Thomas said a Young Ringers event has been fixed for 27th April at Staplehurst in the afternoon and also a Mini Ringers event is planned for May or June, also at Staplehurst.

- b) **2019 Handbook**
Liz Barnes asked members at the meeting to sign for, and take away to distribute, as many 2019 Handbooks as possible.
- c) **Bell Board diary**
Chris Bassett said there is a diary facility on Bell Board on which Meetings can be inputted, for the information of members outside Area, for instance. Mark Elvers offered to investigate this facility.
- d) **120 Club Draw**
The Maidstone District 120 Club Draw took place. Mal Williams, the Club's Promoter, reported there are spare share numbers available for purchase by towers, members, friends and family. Mal said the current Rules had changed and prizes doubled - please see the KCACR website for full details, including the Application Form. Funds raised from the Maidstone District 120 Club are donated to the Kent County Association of Change Ringers Bell Restoration Fund.
- e) **Gift Aid**
Terry Barnard reported that St Michael & All Angels, Maidstone, is successfully recovering Gift Aid on incoming monies, including wedding fees, peal fees, visitors' donations and visiting towers' fees. Members are asked to inform their Tower Treasurer / PCC Treasurer about this Scheme which is called 'Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). Each individual donation must not exceed £30. However, the donation can be anonymous. Currently the amount which can be claimed on each year must not exceed £8,000. See the Government's website for guidance.
- f) **Emma Tilston**
Emma is relocating shortly to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne area and she thanked everyone for their friendship, adding that she will miss us. Terry Barnard thanked Emma for all her dedication, commitment and friendship to the Maidstone District and wished her well for the future. Betsy Piercey added her thanks for all the help Emma had given her when handing over the post of District Secretary. Emma will be much missed in the Maidstone District.

2019/QMB06

Vote of thanks - Terry Barnard thanked the ringers of Chart Sutton for the use of their beautiful-sounding bells and the excellent refreshments they kindly provided.

There being no further business the Acting Master closed the meeting at 11.29 am.

Betsy Piercey
District Secretary
16 April 2019

Signed as a true record by the Acting Master
on

(Date)_____