

SALIENT POINTS FROM KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2nd MAY 2020

- AGM and ADMs 2020 – Whilst the AGM is postponed, various ideas are being explored to enable the AGM (and possibly ADMs) to be held. Meetings will be designed to accord with the parameters of the lockdown and comply with the Association Rules. More detail soon.
- KCACR Librarian & Central Council Representative Vacancies – The Chairman remained hopeful of finding a replacement Librarian and Central Council Representative. Anyone interested in either of these posts, please contact the Chairman for details.
- Allocation of 2019 Subscriptions – The recommendation to the 2020 AGM will be a split of 50% to the General Fund, 25% to the Training Fund and 25% to the Bell Restoration Fund.
- BRF Grants were approved for Faversham (£7,500) to augment to 10 bells and Farnborough (£4,500 from BRF with a donation of £1,500 from the General Fund in memory of John Barnes) to augment to 8 bells.
- Future Ringing in 2020 – Based on the Chairman's review of the medical basis for the lockdown, it was likely that no ringing could take place until an effective Covid-19 vaccine was available. Three key issues were problematic within ringing: 2m distancing was not possible, ringing is not an essential activity and coronavirus could remain on soft surfaces such as ropes for 2-3 hours and other surfaces for far longer. For these reasons the General Committee cancelled all KCACR ringing events and competitions for the foreseeable future.
- Ringing Activities during Lockdown – To keep ringers occupied and engaged online during the Covid-19 lockdown, "Lockdown Resources" with links were available on the KCACR Website, Facebook and had been circulated by email. The Chairman wished to receive any new ideas for activities or training for sharing with one another.
- Ringing Returns – The Central Council has challenged all ringers to learn something new during the lockdown and/or to set oneself a new goal to achieve when ringing begins again.
- KCACR Fund-raising Guidance Consultation – Feedback is invited from members through the District Representatives. Draft consultation document is available at: <https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/KCACR-Fund-raising-Guidance-DRAFT.pdf>
- Recruitment Toolbox - The ART approach to recruitment was considered to be very comprehensive. This should be adopted by the Association Districts and towers. Resources are available at <http://ringingteachers.org/resource-centre/recruitment-and-retention>
- Charity Status – A flyer to explain the need for and process by which the Charity Status of KCACR could be updated and improved, will be drawn up for circulation to the membership prior to the AGM 2021.
- Membership Communications & Subscriptions Renewal Process 2021 – After rigorous testing by volunteers, the Membership Database and data transfer would be completed shortly. Instructions on how to input data & renew subscriptions in future will be drafted for General Committee approval in July then circulated to all members before the end of this year.

