



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

8th June 2020

For transmission to all KCACR Members via District Secretaries and Tower Contacts

Dear District Secretaries and all members,

As you will be all too aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has turned our world upside down in so many ways. While some of the restrictions are being gently lifted, it seems extremely unlikely that we will either be back in our towers ringing as normal for quite some time and gatherings of large groups indoors are also not possible. Let me say personally that I think these restrictions are still necessary and that the risk of an increase in cases is still very significant so that we all need to do our part.

Against that background, we have been giving a great deal of thought to how we can organise the Association AGM in a way that allows us to undertake the most important pieces of business such as approving our accounts and electing officers to serve you during the coming year. We have taken the time to see how some other Associations have done this and have decided that the best way of doing so is to hold the meeting online using the Zoom video conferencing tool.

(Specifically for those who understand these things, it will be a Zoom webinar with mandatory pre-registration to ensure the highest possible levels of security. It will also be possible for members who are not equipped to use Zoom to join the meeting by phone to listen to the business but if you can join using your computer, iPad etc then that will be preferable.)

The chosen date is **Saturday July 11th starting at 11am**. Further details will be emailed via District Secretaries shortly, including the process for making nominations for Officer posts and how to submit queries about the various reports and accounts. There will also be full details on how to register for the AGM and practical instructions on how then to join.

Please note that to enable the business to run smoothly we are going to keep the agenda as simple and uncontroversial as possible. We hope also to continue the Zoom call for some time after the formal meeting and perhaps provide some other presentations or seminars which members may find interesting or the chance for people to gather in some virtual rooms for a chat while they have their lunch.

Could all District and tower secretaries please circulate this to all members, and also keep an eye out for other notices about the meeting to circulate onwards too?

Finally, to allow easier communication with our individual members could you please encourage them to sign up for our mailing list? This means they would get a copy of the weekly news update but also that we can ensure that they get the most up to date news about the Association and updates about ringing - especially important while we remain away from our towers and Districts. They can sign up via the form on the Association website at <https://kcacr.org.uk/association/about-us/>.

With my very best wishes

Phillip Barnes
Chairman, KCACR