



Maidstone District

# The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

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**Master: David Grimwood**  
**Secretary: Betsy Piercey**  
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## **MINUTES**

### **Quarterly District Meeting**

**Saturday 9 January 2021 at 2.00 pm**  
**By Zoom**

#### **Attendees:**

Terry Barnard, Ringing Master, Chairman (Aylesford), Liz Barnes, Treasurer/Membership Secretary (Wrotham), Phil Barnes, Association Chairman (Wrotham), Chris Bassett, District Representative (Staplehurst), Sue Bassett, Association Hon Secretary (Staplehurst), Mark Elvers, Communications Officer (Maidstone St Michael & All Angels), Betsy Piercey, Secretary (Otham), Roy Barclay (Staplehurst), Mary Birchall (Barming), Mike Birkbeck (Maidstone All Saints), Michele Clement (Wrotham), Simon Davies (Wrotham), Keith Foxwell (Stansted), Cathy Kingham (Staplehurst), Sue Payne (East Malling)

#### **2021/QMA01 Apologies for absence**

David Grimwood, Master (Maidstone All Saints), Joy Barnard (East Malling), Colin Finnis (Barming), Dot Hooker (Otham)

#### **2021/QMA02 Minutes and Matters arising: ADM Otham 10 October 2020**

**Minutes:** proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mark Elvers and duly adopted.

**Matters arising:** Phil Barnes informed the meeting that the Charity status of the Association was discussed at the last General Committee Meeting where it was decided that further investigations were needed, not to bring it to the 2021 AGM and to postpone any decisions for at least one year.

#### **2021/QMA03 Election of new members**

**Peter Underwood**, Harrietsham, was proposed for Membership by Graham Cuthbert, Tower Captain, and was unanimously elected.

**Charlotte Elvers**, Maidstone St Michael & All Angels, has joined as an Associate Member.

Peter and Charlotte were welcomed to the Association.

#### **2021/QMA04 Membership Renewal**

Liz Barnes advised members:

- to first print off and read the Membership Database instructions, which were distributed with the individual links, before starting the process of renewing.
- the link is single-use. If members have experienced a problem, please notify Liz and she will send a new link.
- where two members share a joint email address, one should use a different address as 'Username' as for this purpose the email address cannot be shared.
- members may notice that it appears that their payment is going to the Bell Restoration Fund. Liz reassured members that the payment will in fact be going to the Association.
- your new Membership number should be used in future as the old one will no longer be valid.
- towers will be notified of people who haven't completed an application. If anyone is unable to complete their application or doesn't want to do it themselves, the tower contact should use the Bulk Renewal System on their behalf.

#### **2021/QMA05 Suggestions for activities for the coming year**

- **Ringling Room (Zoom)**  
Anyone interested in experiencing the Ringling Room is welcomed and should contact Liz Barnes for notification of any further sessions as and when planned.
- **Meetings (Zoom)**  
Terry suggested there could be regular Quarterly Meetings and this was unanimously agreed.
- **Quiz nights**  
Liz said that anyone is welcome to organise quizzes for the District.

#### **2021/QMA06 Any Other Business: None.**

The Chairman thanked the attendees and the Meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

Betsy Piercey  
District Secretary  
10 January 2021