

SALIENT POINTS FROM KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON 28th NOVEMBER 2020

- DRAFT GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 2020 – Published at <https://kcacr.org.uk/association/resources/>
- ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2021 – District Officers had tested the online renewal process to assist members from 1st January 2021. Individual members are encouraged to renew their subscription online. All members to check their online details, even if they do not pay an annual subscription. Payment options are online banking, PayPal or Cheque. Group subscription payments will also be possible in cases where PCCs pay their ringers' subscriptions en bloc.
- SUBSCRIPTION 2022 – The General Committee recommends no increase in the subscription rate agreed in 2020 at £15 per adult member.
- CHARITABLE STATUS – Following much in-depth research by the Chairman and his findings being discussed, it was agreed that the KCACR structure and rules did not lend itself easily to any of the Charity Commission governance models. Agreed to review the KCACR structure and governance alongside what members need and want, to encourage success and engagement in ringing. The Chairman is to write to all Districts to explain why the issue will not be brought to the 2021 AGM.
- AGM 2021 – Although it is hoped that the Covid-19 vaccines will allow life to return to some normality next Spring, the AGM next year will be held via Zoom. If conditions allowed, it was hoped to hold an Association ringing meeting in July 2021.
- TOM BARLOW MEMORIAL – Donations are invited towards a set of “travelling” handbells for use by the Kent Young Ringers, to be purchased in memory of Tom Barlow.
- BELL RESTORATION NEWS
 - FAVERSHAM – New bells cast and existing bells retuned. Installation work is progressing.
 - BOBBING – Fifth bell found to be cracked. No decision yet reached on a project here.
 - FARNBOROUGH – Fourth bell has been re-tuned and two new bells awaited casting.
 - IGHTHAM – Tenor wheel tightened. Work to re-bush clappers is needed.
 - BELL MAINTENANCE SPREADSHEET – Brian Butcher had compiled a spreadsheet of all the works undertaken by KCACR since the 1960's to date. To be uploaded to the website.
- TRAINING - Plans to add two training bells at Chelsfield and to develop this into a Training Centre were being costed. Please contact Nick Wilkins with your support and ideas.
- FORMS & POLICIES – A new Kent Young Ringer's Parental Consent Form and Data Protection and Privacy Policy were agreed and will be uploaded to the Website shortly at [Resources – Kent County Association of Change Ringers \(kcacr.org.uk\)](#)
- SAFEGUARDING – Agreed that Diocesan Safeguarding policies and procedures would take precedence in ringing issues when on church premises. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' Safeguarding guidance will apply otherwise, e.g., to secular rings, Handbell ringing, online and other ringing events outside church premises. Further guidance would be drawn up and agreed as to when each policy would apply, then posted on the Website in due course at [Safeguarding Resources – Kent County Association of Change Ringers \(kcacr.org.uk\)](#)
- REVIEW OF BELL RESTORATION FUND – The fundamental review is making progress (for report back to General Committee by February 2021 and then to AGM 2021) following questions raised at the 2020 AGM.
- ART AWARDS – Tom Hinks (for his excellent work to encourage online ringing during lockdown) has been nominated for an Association of Ringing Teachers Award. To add your support to this nomination, please contact ART.