



Maidstone District

# The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

## Maidstone District

Secretary: Doug Davis  
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## Minutes

### Annual District Meeting

Saturday 09 October 2021 at 3.00 pm  
St. Mary the Virgin & All Saints, Boxley

The Master welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**2021/ADM01 Apologies for absence were received from:**

Cathy Kingham (Staplehurst), Terry Barnard (Aylesford), Betsy Piercey (Otham), Jacqui Barlow (Maidstone St. Michael & AA), Graham Cuthbert (Harrietsham), Dot Hooker (Otham), Sue Brooks (Snodland), Richard Young (Yalding), Jeff Young (Hunton), John Wale (Bearsted), Keith & Dawn Foxwell (Stansted), Malwyn Williams (Otham) and Sally-Ann Barclay (Staplehurst)

**2021/ADM02 Minutes and any matters arising from previous meetings:**

**a) Minutes for QMC 3 July 2021 via Zoom**

The minutes as circulated (proposed by Sue Payne, seconded by Chris Bassett) were approved unanimously and signed by the Master.

**b) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**2021/ADM03 Election of new members:**

Charlotte Elvers (Maidstone St. Michael & All Angels) was proposed by Jacqui Barlow, seconded by Terry Barnard and duly elected as a Junior member of the Association.

**2021/ADM04 District Officer Reports (appended unless stated otherwise)**

- 1) Master's Report
- 2) Ringing Master's Report
- 3) Secretary's Report
- 4) Treasurer/Membership Secretary's Report
- 5) Youth Co-ordinator's Report  
Shona gave a brief verbal report of Youth activities, and Jen Thomas (Association Youth Officer) congratulated Callum Clark and Liam Corette on their successes in the RWNYS in Worcester in September.
- 6) Communications Officer's Report
- 7) District Representative's Report
- 8) 120 Club Co-ordinator's Report

**2021/ADM05 Election of District Officers:**

- 1) **Master: None (left vacant until a willing and suitable candidate is found)**
- 2) **Secretary: Doug Davis**  
Proposed by: Robin Hughes, seconded by: Sue Payne
- 3) **Ringing Master: Tom Winter**  
Proposed by Phil Barnes, seconded by Liz Barnes
- 4) **Deputy Ringing Master: Becky Winter**

Proposed by Tom Winter, seconded by Doug Davis

- 5) **Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Barnes**
- 6) **District Representative: Doug Davis**
- 7) **Youth Co-ordinator: Shona Clark**
- 8) **120 Club Promoter: Malwyn Williams**
- 9) **Joy Barnard** agreed to continue as District Co-ordinator of KCACR clothing sales.

**There were no other nominations, and all Officers were elected unanimously. The role of Communications Officer was rolled into that of the District Secretary, so no separate post needed to be filled.**

## **2021/ADM06 KCACR Notice of Rule Changes 2022**

- (1) **Peal Fee Abolition Rule Change Proposal** – Rule 10(i) wording to exclude “appropriate peal fees together with” and to delete (ii) entirely. The new Rule 10 to read “Peals rung by bands made up entirely of Members of the Association shall be credited to the Association and printed in the Handbook only if details of the compositions on seven bells and above are received by the Peal Secretary within two months of the performance or by 15 January of the following year, whichever is the sooner.”
- (2) **Proposal to amend Rule 4(i)** – There was considered a need for the following change, to include Handbell ringing. Change Ringing was considered legitimate on both Handbells and Tower bells. Without the change, unless a Handbell Ringer was also a tower bell ringer, they wouldn’t be able to join the association. The General Committee endorsed the proposal to include the wording underlined in red below:-

“4. The Association shall consist of Practising, Associate, Honorary Life and Non-Resident Life Members. Practising and Honorary Life Members shall be eligible to vote at meetings of the Association. (i) Practising Members A Practising Member shall be deemed to be a person who can, without assistance, ring rounds and lower a bell or can ring a plain course on 6 or more handbells in a method. Such competency shall be confirmed by an elected Association or District Officer.”

Phil Barnes, Association Peal Secretary, gave some background to both of the rule changes being put forward and answered any questions raised by those present.

## **2021/ADM07 Forthcoming events in the next Quarter**

District Practice at Yalding on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.  
District Carol Service at Boxley (TBC) on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## **2021/ADM08 Calendar for 2022**

There was some discussion about the format of the current events calendar e.g. whether mornings were preferable to afternoons on Saturdays, could more focus be given to early stage training sessions during the coming year as a number of towers either already have or hope to have a number of new ringers to train following the easing of restrictions post-pandemic. The District Secretary, Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master would meet separately and discuss some options which would then be shared with the wider District.

**2021/ADM09 Any other business**

There was no other business to discuss.

**2021/ADM10 Vote of thanks**

The Master thanked Boxley for hosting the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business the Master closed the Meeting at 4.05 pm.

Doug Davis  
District Secretary  
30 October 2020

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Signed as a true record by the Master

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