



# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Easter Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at St. Nicholas Church, Chislehurst at 2 p.m.

### AGENDA

Please note that all reports marked with an asterisk will be taken as read at the meeting. They are all available online to download (and print out as required) from the KCACR Website at

[Annual General Meeting – Kent County Association of Change Ringers \(kcacr.org.uk\)](https://www.kcacr.org.uk)

The reports will also be printed in the Handbook 2022 to be published on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of the AGM** held online on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 \*
4. **Matters arising** from the Minutes
5. **General Secretary's Report** \*
6. **Treasurer's Report** \*
7. **To agree the Practising Member's Subscription 2023** – *The Treasurer's recommendation, supported by the General Committee, is for this to remain at £15 per adult member.*
8. **Allocation of Subscription Funds** – *The Treasurer's recommendation, supported by the General Committee: 50% to the General Fund, 25% to the BRF and 25% to the Training Fund.*
9. **Election of an Independent Examiner** (Rule 6i) – *The Treasurer proposes Stephen Marsh.*
10. **Matters relating to the Association Rules** (current rules in Handbook 2022) and full details of the proposed changes are printed at the end of this Agenda.
  - 10.1 Rule 4(i) – Clarification of practising members to include Handbell ringers. David Grimwood to explain the proposals.
  - 10.2 Rule 10(i) – Philip Barnes to explain the proposal to exclude “appropriate peal fees together with” and to delete (ii) entirely.
  - 10.3 Vote to suspend Rule 15(ii) to enable urgent Rule additions to be considered at this AGM, as recommended by the General Committee on 27/11/2021.
  - 10.4 Vote to adopt General Committee recommended additions in respect of Safeguarding and Conduct.
11. **Peal Secretary's Report** \*
12. **Quarter Peal Secretary's Report** \*
13. **Officers' Reports** \*
  - 13.1 Bell Restoration
  - 13.2 Publicity
  - 13.3 Training
  - 13.4 Young Ringers

14. **Election of Officers** – List of nominees printed at the end of this Agenda. Other nominations can be taken during the meeting, prior to the vote.
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| 14.1 Chairman               |                                |
| 14.2 Hon. General Secretary | 14.9 Central Council Reps. X 5 |
| 14.3 Hon. Treasurer         | 14.10 Handbook Editor          |
| 14.4 Bell Restoration       | 14.11 Health & Safety          |
| 14.5 Librarian              | 14.12 Publicity                |
| 14.6 Peal Secretary         | 14.13 Quarter Peal Secretary   |
| 14.7 Training Officer       | 14.14 Safeguarding             |
| 14.8 Youth Officer          | 14.15 Webmaster                |
15. **Presentation of Certificates** - Members achieving 75 & 50 years' membership  
The Reverend Doctor Peter Newing – Elected 1<sup>st</sup> February 1947 (posted in advance)  
Lucile Corby – Elected 1947
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| Sallyann Barclay    | Noel Grabham   |
| Jacqueline M Barlow | Graham AC John |
| Elizabeth Barnes    | Mike Little    |
| David J Dearnley    | Stuart Palin   |
| Enid Dixon          | John Paramor   |
| Jill Grabham        | Arthur Vidgeon |
16. **Forthcoming Events**
- 16.1 Festival of Ringing and Association 8-Bell Competition – 18/06/2022 at Goudhurst.
- 16.2 Association 6-bell Call Change & Change Ringing Competition – **10/09/2022** at Saltwood.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE 6-BELL COMPETITION**
- 16.3 Essex Trophy 2022 – 24/09/2022 at St Mary, Bletchingly.
- 16.4 Association Choral Evensong of Remembrance – 06/11/2022 at Rochester Cathedral. 3.15pm
17. **Any Other Business**
18. **Vote of Thanks**

**AGENDA ITEM 10.**

- 10.1 4.(i) Practising Members: A Practising Member shall be deemed to be a person who can, without assistance, ring rounds and lower a tower bell. **Or can ring a plain course on 6 or more handbells in a method in the traditional way, two in hand.** Such competency shall be confirmed by an elected Association or District Officer.
- 10.2 Rule 10(i) 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.
- 10.3 Vote to suspend Rule 15(ii) to allow urgent rule change proposal at 10.4 to proceed.
- 10.4 Proposed Rule Changes regarding Safeguarding and Conduct

**ADD TO RULE 4:**

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(v) Any person whose name appears on the Sex Offenders Register is not eligible to become or remain a member of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

(vi) Members are expected to follow all such local guidance and safeguarding policies as required by any towers where they ring and to adhere to the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Association and of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Failure to do so, even in the context of non-KCACR ringing activities, may result in termination of membership.

**INSERT AFTER RULE 13:**

14. The procedures by which a member whose conduct has brought the Association into disrepute may be suspended or removed from either elected office or membership shall be as follows:
- (i) If in the unanimous opinion of all the principal officers (i.e., Association Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer) any Officer or other elected official of the Association is unfit to hold office or fails to carry out their duties to its satisfaction, they shall have the power to suspend the Officer immediately, advising the reasons for suspension, and confirming in writing within seven days. If the Officer is also one of the principal officers, then the remaining principal officers must be unanimous.
  - (ii) If in the unanimous opinion of the principal officers a member has committed acts which have or are likely to damage the reputation of the Association, then their membership may be suspended with immediate effect, advising the reasons for suspension, and confirming in writing within seven days.
  - (iii) All suspensions shall be reviewed and confirmed or rejected at a Meeting of the General Committee, which shall be convened within 2 months of the suspension, whose decision shall be final. Members and Officers who are suspended may lodge an appeal and shall be invited to the meeting and given the opportunity to make representation to the Committee either in person or through an intermediary (who shall not be a member of the Committee) prior to the Committee making their determination on termination or reinstatement. Membership or Office shall be terminated if not less than three quarters of the Committee members present vote in favour. Terminated members shall forfeit any payment made to the Association.
- All suspensions, terminations and re-instatements shall be recorded in confidential Minutes of the General Committee.
- (iv) Terminated members may not seek re-election until at least three years after termination, or in the case of a custodial sentence three years after release, and then not until a formal application supported by at least two members has been considered by the General Committee and approved by not less than four fifths of the Committee members present. Those terminated members whose application to re-join has been approved must present themselves at a District Meeting for re-election and may not be re-elected under the terms of Rule 11 (i.e. by Belfry Election before a peal).
  - (v) Where an officer or elected official has had their office terminated under these rules, they shall not be eligible to stand for election to office for at least two years after termination, and then not until a formal application supported by at least two members has been considered by the General Committee and approved by not less than four fifths of the Committee members present. The consideration should include a review of their conduct in relation to the original causes of concern.

**RENUMBER:**

Rules 14 and 15 to become Rules 15 and 16 respectively.

**AGENDA ITEM 14. Election of Officers** – Nominations for all posts can be taken at the meeting and voted upon alongside the proposals shown below.

<b><u>Nominations for Officers 2022 - 2023</u></b>			
<b><u>Post</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Second</u></b>
14.1 Chairman	?		
14.2 General Secretary	<b>Susan Bassett</b>	Caroline Stockmann	Chris Bassett
14.3 Treasurer	<b>Peter Joyce</b>	Maureen Poole	Philip Barnes
14.4 Bell Restoration	<b>Brian Butcher</b>	Nigel Spencer	Ivan TJ Hart
14.5 Librarian	<b>Philippa Rooke</b>	Phil Barnes	Hazel Basford
14.6 Peal Secretary	<b>Phillip Barnes</b>	John Keeler	David Grimwood
14.7 Training Officer	?		
14.8 Youth Officer	<b>Jen Thomas</b>	James Austin	Adam Moore
14.9 CC Rep (1)	<b>Phillip Barnes</b>	Doug Davis	Jen Thomas
CC Rep (2)	<b>Doug Davis</b>	Jen Thomas	Caroline Stockmann
CC Rep (3)	<b>Caroline Stockmann</b>	Philip Barnes	Susan Bassett
CC Rep (4)	<b>Jen Thomas</b>	Adam Moore	James Austin
CC Rep (5)	?		

Other necessary officers

14.10 Handbook Editor	<b>Doug Davis</b>	Margaret Fitzgerald	John Wale
14.11 Health & Safety	?		
14.12 Publicity	?		
14.13 Quarter Peal Sec.	<b>Anthony Leeves</b>	Emma Tamkin	Mike Worthington
14.14 Safeguarding	<b>Emma Jarvis</b>	Ann Jenner	T V Barnard
14.15 Webmaster	<b>Doug Davis</b>	Tom Winter	Becky Winter