

## **SALIENT POINTS FROM KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

- DRAFT GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 2023 – Five pages are available to read in full at <https://kcacr.org.uk/association/resources/> together with the adopted minutes for November.
- VIDEO CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT – The General Committee used this equipment successfully at its February meeting. It will be used again at the EGM & AGM in April. It could also be used at other Association events, competitions and ADMs to include members unable to attend in person.
- EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Both meetings will take place on Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 2 p.m. at Wrotham St. George. The General Committee has called for the EGM to consider proposed changes to the wording of the Bell Restoration Fund Rules. It is emphasised that the proposals are not an attempt to secularise ringing but make the rules less specific, so KCACR can attract more inward funding to the BRF. Many corporations are simply not allowed to donate to something with religious or political objects. Full details will be made clear on the EGM Agenda at [Annual General Meeting – Kent County Association of Change Ringers \(kcacr.org.uk\)](#)
- CORONATION RINGING – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. A link will be provided from KCACR Website to Bell Board to record which towers had engaged in special ringing for this event in Kent.
- FESTIVAL OF RINGING & INTER-DISTRICT 8-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION – Ashford District is working on plans for this event to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023, probably at Lympne. Please note this date in your personal calendar/diary and support the efforts being made on your behalf. The 8-bell competition touch will be 224 changes of St. Clements Bob Major. WHWH.
- ASSOCIATION 6-BELL CHANGE RINGING AND & CALL CHANGE RINGING COMPETITION – Rule 3 has been amended to read “The ringers taking part shall be members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers and ring regularly at the tower they represent.” Apart from this entry qualification, the Change Ringing competition will go ahead unchanged from previous years on the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Canterbury District. The Call Change competition rules will have clauses 1-4 suspended for 2023 to make this an OPEN competition. Any 6 members can make up a band to enter on a first-come first served basis (up to 10 teams) and will compete in the afternoon. Bands need not be affiliated to or made up of members from any particular tower or district. All-comers are welcome.
- MADAMS COURT MINI-RING/KENT MINI-RING – Details of how to hire, transport and assemble the mini-ring will be available shortly on the website. Volunteers are needed to join a pool of ringers to assist assembly. Contact Doug Davis to borrow the ring and/or volunteer to help.
- BELL RESTORATION FUND GRANTS – Agreed that £2,000 will be granted to Tonbridge Bell Restoration project and £500 to Broomfield to assist with the project to raise the ringing room floor above the porch and improve the ringing circle.
- ASSOCIATION ARCHIVE – The KCACR Archive material is currently in temporary commercial storage, pending research to find a suitable permanent location for it.
- 120 CLUB GUIDELINES AND DECEASED SHAREHOLDERS – Discussions and research is ongoing into the best way to deal with the payment of winnings where a shareholder has died. The matter will be considered again at the April General Committee meeting.
- CHORAL EVENSONG – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 3 p.m. at Rochester Cathedral. All are welcome.
- DONATIONS RECEIVED – Over £1,000 had been received following the closure of the Cinque Ports Ringing Association, together with some Steve Coleman Ringing Books to be used as Prizes for KYR. A further £300 from an individual was received into the BRF. Grateful thanks were expressed for the generosity of the donors. A bequest from the Will of Brian Law (Canterbury District) is anticipated soon. Consideration will be given towards a suitable project for these funds.