



Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Ashford District

Minutes of the District Quarterly Meeting held at Tenterden on Saturday 15th July 2023

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed Ashford District members to the meeting held in the church. It was noted that there had been a good attendance at the ringing, with 32 names signed in the book. There were no visitors or principle KCACR officers attending.

In Memoriam: The Chairman led those present in a moment of silence for Alan P.S. Berry, a life member of the KCACR, who passed away earlier this month.

Apologies for absence: These were received from Richard Steele, Helen Steele, Rebecca Steele, Edward Steele and James Steele (Frittenden), Sue Atkinson (Folkestone), Frank Wenham (Stone-in-Oxney) and Mary Faherty (Lydd).

Minutes of the DQM held on Saturday 18th March 2023: The secretary apologised for the late circulation of the minutes. No comments were raised and the minutes were accepted.

Feedback from Events:

County Striking Competition: The secretary gave a summary of the event. Ashford District hosted the county 8-bell striking competition this year. From an organisational-stance, the event went well. Lympe proved to be a suitable venue for the competition and the open towers worked well. Unfortunately, the team entered by the Ashford District was not successful, but thanks was given to those who rang.

District Outing: The secretary gave an overview of the day. 13 ringers visited various towers in the East Sussex area. Thanks were given to the chairman for organising the outing. £45 was raised for the Bell Restoration Fund.

Safeguarding: Since the last district business meeting, the Diocese of Canterbury [which the Ashford District falls under] have sent out new communication regarding safeguarding. This was discussed at the meeting and covered several points. Most notably:

- Safeguarding is co-ordinated at the parish level. This means any queries regarding the implementation of safeguarding should, in the first instance, be discussed with the parish safeguarding officer.
- The KCACR is working to clarify the rules in relation to ringers, for example with visiting ringers. An update is due to be given at the next committee meeting.

Future Events: The following district and county events were discussed:

District Surprise Major Practices: Charles Sinden, who is organising these sessions, gave thanks for those who attended the practice at Lympe in April. This was well attended with 21 ringers present. There had been a break over the Summer, but it is planned to restart these practices in September.

County Six-Bell Striking Competition: The secretary gave an update on the upcoming county six-bell striking competitions. This is planned for Saturday 30th September at Monckton [Canterbury District], with the call change competition being held in the morning and the method competition in the afternoon. Entries need to be sent to the KCACR Chairman by 30th August. (Note: The rules for the competition can be found at: <https://kcacr.org.uk/the-first-kcacr-association-6-bell-call-change-competition/>).

District Carol Service: Planned for this coming December, it was confirmed that this is still going ahead. More details are to follow at the October AGM.

Election of New Members: The following members were elected to the KCACR:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Tower</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Oliver Babicz (Junior)	Benenden	Rod Lebon	Alan Bourner
Jonathan Epps	Benenden	Rod Lebon	Alan Bourner
David Laws	Bethersden	Barbara Woods	Alan Bourner
Tony Stevenson	Bethersden	Barbara Woods	Alan Bourner
Rebecca Jenner	Tenterden	Richard Edwards	Sue Childs
Nikki West	Lympne	Brian Butcher	Charles Sinden

120 Club: The secretary reminded members that the last draw of the 120 club had taken place at the February meeting [Little Chart]. The 2022 – 2023 120 club had raised £200. At the March business meeting, Sandy Jeffries indicated she could take this role on, starting later in 2023.

A.O.B. The following matters were raised:

District Officers: Both David Robinson and Alan Bourner indicated their intention to stand down at the ADM in October. The secretary thanked both of them and reminded those present that if they wished to stand they should do so.

Vote of Thanks: The chairman thanked those from Tenterden for making the local arrangements and closed the meeting.

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