

SALIENT POINTS FROM KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24th February 2024

- DRAFT GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 2024 – Five pages are available to read in full at <https://kcacr.org.uk/association/resources/> together with the adopted minutes for previous meetings.
- AGM 2024 – Easter Monday, 1st April 2024 at St. Margaret's Rainham. ME8 8LB Service at noon. Own lunch arrangements. AGM from 2 p.m. Ringing to and from Rainham detailed at [Annual General Meeting – Kent County Association of Change Ringers \(kcacr.org.uk\)](#)
- MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & HANDBOOK – Over 1200 members have renewed their KCACR subscription online with few problems reported. The new system also provides data for the Handbook. Tower and pre-ordered printed copies of the Handbook 2024 will be available at the AGM. Doug Davis should be congratulated for his hard work to simplify these processes using modern technology.
- LEARNING HUBS – These hubs have been well-supported by new learners and teachers at the ART M1 level (basic handling skills) and dates for April, May and June will be published shortly on the Training Page at [Association Training – Kent County Association of Change Ringers \(kcacr.org.uk\)](#) Please remember to encourage your learners to book their place in advance with the host tower to ensure plenty of rope time and quality teaching. Once there are more teachers who have undertaken the ART M2 training courses, more hubs for learners at the M2 stage (Rounds & Calls and first steps into Plain Hunt) will be possible. Ringing teachers, please check the ART Events Website for courses at [ART Events - Home \(bellringing.org\)](#) KCACR will reimburse the course fee.
- BRF GRANT APPLICATION – Grants were agreed to the following Bell Restoration projects; £2,000 to Margate, £1,000 to Loose and £10,000 to Tonbridge.
- KCACR RULES 2025 – Always a contentious issue, but a thorough review is currently being undertaken. The draft will be circulated via Districts in April for feedback to the July General Committee. Formal notification to District ADMs 2024 will then be made in September for ratification at the AGM 2025. Those who wish to engage should make their views known at an early stage please, rather than waiting to be heard at the AGM 2025.
- 8-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION – 22nd June 2024 at Quex Park with BBQ and additional ringing. Competition method – Canterbury Pleasure Bob Triples.
- 6-BELL STRIKING COMPETITIONS – 28th September 2024 in the Lewisham District. In an attempt to encourage ringers to take part in the Call Change Competition, Rules 1-4 are again suspended. This means that ringers from across a number of towers can form a band to enter the competition.
- DISPLAY PANELS – Work to renew the now defunct/out of date publicity panels is ongoing.
- CHORAL EVENSONG OF REMEMBRANCE – Arrangements for 17th November 2024 at Canterbury Cathedral are being made. All members are warmly encouraged to attend and remember those ringers who have died.

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