



Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Ashford District

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Headcorn on Saturday 16th March 2024

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed 15 Ashford District members to the meeting held in the church. There were no visitors or principle KCACR officers attending.

Apologies for absence: These were received by Sue Atkinson [Folkestone], David Robinson [Folkestone] and Sally Potter [Aldington].

Minutes of the ADM held on Saturday 20st January 2024: The following corrections were raised at the meeting:

Apologies for absence: Barbara Woods name was misspelt

Membership Renewals: David Manager raised a comment that the minutes referred to, “over 80 members” – when this should be “over 80 years of age members”.

The following topic was discussed, arising from the January meeting:

KCACR Membership Certificates: Several members raised comments about the KCACR not supplying membership certificates anymore. It was explained that these were now provided in digital format (and could be printed for presentation at District Meetings). Pam and David Manger asked if this had been discussed via a district Meeting, which the secretary said he would check.

Safeguarding: Similar to the last meeting, there was no specific update, but the secretary explained this was left as a standing item for any issues to be raised. The District Representative made a comment this issue was raised at the last County Committee meeting by the KCACR safeguarding officer, but there were no updates, despite engaging with the diocesan safeguarding officers [of Canterbury].

Member Elections: The following member was elected:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Tower</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Angela Prince	Lydd	Mary Faherty	Charles Sinden

Future District Events:

District Outing: As discussed in the January meeting, the outing is planned for the Saturday the 29th June. Several possible locations were discussed at the January meeting. An outing was proposed in the Tonbridge area, with those present agreeing. More details will be sent out shortly by the district secretaries.

County 8-Bell Striking Competition: The KCACR 8-Bell competition is being held on the 22nd of June at Quex park [Canterbury District]. The District Ringing Masters and Secretaries will be arranging the band between themselves

County Committee Meeting Update: The District Representative gave a short overview of the minutes from the last KCACR Committee meeting [NB; these can be found at on the KCACR website

at: <https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/KCACR-Gen-Cttee-DRAFT-Minutes-20230224.pdf>]

One topic of note was that of deceased members. It was explained by the Member Secretary that Districts should add news articles to the KCACR website (as Districts have the ability to do so).

120 Club: There has been no progress on restarting the 120 club, for which the secretary apologised. The secretary will liaise with Sandy Jeffries to get this restarted.

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

KCACR AGM: The Chairman reminded those of the upcoming KCACR AGM, being held on Monday 1st April at Rainham [details can be found at: <https://kcacr.org.uk/association/agm/>]

KCACR Future Events: The Chairman also made note of:

The KCACR 6-Bell Competition: Being held on the 28th September in the Lewisham District

KCACR Choral Evensong Being held on the 17th November at Canterbury Cathedral. This event will not be the same as previous memorial services. Pam Manger raised a question whether the names of passed members would still be read out. Mark Chittenden-Pile indicated he could ask.

Vote of Thanks: The chairman thanked those from Headcorn and Frittenden for making the local arrangements and providing the refreshments. Alistair Boyd also thanked the District Officers for their work.

The meeting was closed at 12:25.

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Ashford District Secretary