



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, 22 June 2024 at 12 noon
Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, CT7 0BH

Please see directions detailed below

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and introduction by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
- 3.1 **General Committee Proposal to amend** the wording of both Rule 2 and Rule 6 of the Bell Restoration Fund Rules.

Current wording

Rule 2:

2) The object of the fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to churches in the county of Kent or that part of London formerly in the county of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by the making of grants from the fund.

Rule 6:

6) In the event of the dissolution of the fund the assets of the fund shall be distributed equally among those churches which at the time of dissolution were in union with the Association for the charitable and religious purposes of the said churches

- 3.2 **Reasoning for the changes**

Rule 2

The reason for the change is that some organisations and companies are no longer able to sponsor or support projects that are supporting religious activities. There has recently been a successful bell restoration project which lost a potential donor because of rule 2. Whilst bells are rung for church services, one can argue that the activities of the Association are not actually religious, rather that we are supporting the church through ringing bells. It is therefore proposed that the wording of Rule 2 in the Bell Restoration Fund Rules is changed so that it no longer includes the phrase 'advance the Christian religion'.

Rule 2 and 6 reference to churches

In addition to the churches that fall within the boundaries of the Association, there are some rings of bells that are housed in redundant churches, such as St Alphege in Canterbury, and there are also some secular rings of bells, notably the Waterloo Tower at Quex Park. With the likelihood that more churches are going to close in the future, we feel that it would be prudent to include the term 'towers' as well as 'churches' within the definitions of what the BRF can support. Consequently, we would like to add 'towers' to both Rule 2 and Rule 6.

- 3.3 **Proposed changes to Rule 2:**

2) The object of the fund shall be to provide financial assistance to **towers and churches** in the county of Kent or that part of London formerly in the county of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by the making of grants from the fund.

- 3.4 **Proposed changes to Rule 6.**

6) In the event of the dissolution of the fund the assets of the fund shall be distributed equally among those **towers and churches** which at the time of dissolution were in union with the Association for the charitable and religious purposes of the said towers and churches.

Directions to The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park

From All Saints, Birchington, go down Park Lane (opposite eastern end of church) for approximately a quarter of a mile. The entrance to the Park is on the left shortly after the start of a belt of trees.

After a few hundred yards there is a white gate which is the entrance for the Museum and its car park. Turn left in front of the gate and follow the roadway marked "Private, Farms only". At each junction bear right, until reaching a garage yard. Leave the garage yard by going straight on from the point you entered it. The roadway swings sharply to the left. About fifty yards further on there is a trackway on the right hand side. This leads to the gate to the field surrounding the tower. This field will be available for parking for the competition.



Please remember the Park is part of a working farm. Please make sure all gates are securely fastened. Do not obstruct any roadways with parked vehicles.

If there are cattle or horses in the field, please do not take dogs, even on a lead, across to the tower.

BEWARE OF SPEED BUMPS ON THE PARK ROADS.

