



## Kent County Association of Change Ringers

### Ashford District

#### Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Wittersham on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed 19 Ashford District members to the meeting held in the church. There were no visitors or principle KCACR officers attending [though visitors had been present at the earlier ringing].

**Apologies for absence:** These were received by Barbara Woods [Bethersden], Alan Bourner [Bethersden], Sue Atkinson [Folkestone], Mark Chittenden-Pile [Ashford] and Sandy Jeffries [Ashford]

**Minutes of the ADM held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** The minutes of the meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. No comments were raised. The minutes were accepted.

**Member Elections:** The following members were elected:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Tower</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Dinah Armitage-Walker	Charing	Steve Whiting	Charles Sinden
Carol Wadsworth-Jones	Charing	Steve Whiting	Charles Sinden
Annette Caddick	Charing	Steve Whiting	Charles Sinden
Lucy Vincent	Charing	Steve Whiting	Charles Sinden
Stuart Vincent	Charing	Steve Whiting	Charles Sinden
Katrinna Bewick	Brabourne	Sylvia Lucas	Charles Sinden
Felicite Sykes	Wittersham	Damien Smith	Charles Sinden
Ruth Ridley	Wittersham	Damien Smith	Charles Sinden

The members were elected via a single block vote. Felicite Sykes and Ruth Ridley, who were at the meeting, were presented with their certificates.

**Safeguarding:** Similar to the previous meetings, there was no specific update, but the secretary explained this was left as a standing item for any issues to be raised.

#### **Feedback from Events:**

Since the last business meeting (March), the following District events had taken place:

*District Outing:* The 2024 Ashford District Outing was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June around the Tonbridge area. There was a reasonable turnout. Thanks were offered to Helen Marshall [District Secretary] who organised the outing.

*County 8-Bell Striking Competition:* The Ashford District entered a band in the KCACR 8-Bell competition, which was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at Quex park. The band was placed 4<sup>th</sup> [out of 5 teams], but it was a respectable entry. Thanks was given to those who rang.

#### **Future District Events:**

*County 6-Bell Striking Competition:* The KCACR 6-bell striking competition is being held on the Saturday 28th September at Beckenham. This will be in the same format as last year. The Ringing Masters will aim to get a team entered.

**County Committee Meeting Update:** The next County Committee Meeting is being held next Saturday [27<sup>th</sup> July]. It was advertised that any issues could be raised via the District Rep [ordinarily Brian Butcher].

**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:

*District Officers:* Edward Neate and Helen Marshall are standing down as secretary in October, so a new secretary and ringing master will need to be found. Anyone who wanted to take on this role was invited to.

*RWNYC 2024:* Charles Sinden [Ringing Master] offered congratulations to Will & Ben Dellow, who competed with the Kent Young Ringers team at the recent Ringing World National Youth Competition. The KYR team was placed third.

*Handbells:* Sue Childs asked if there would be any interest in establishing regular handbell practices in the District. The Secretary said this could be included in the next update email

**Vote of Thanks:** The chairman thanked those from Wittersham for the local arrangements (including access to the tower roof) and providing the refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 12:33.

..... Chairman

E. Neate

Ashford District Secretary