



## Kent County Association of Change Ringers

### Ashford District

#### Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at Ashford on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed 22 Ashford District members to the meeting held in the church. In attendance was also the KCACR Training Officer, Sue Bassett.

**Apologies for absence:** These were received by Barbara Woods [Bethersden], Alan Bourner [Bethersden], Sally Potter [Aldington], Peter Sims [Smarden], Sheila Phyll [Smarden], Donald Holden [Willesborough], Rosemary Holden [Willesborough], Steve Whiting [Charing] and Nicky Whiting [Charing].

**Minutes of the ADM held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024:** The minutes of the meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. A spelling mistake of Carol Wadsworth-Jones' name was raised, for which the Secretary apologised. The minutes were accepted.

**Matters Arising:** A question was asked about the County 6-Bell Striking Competition, which had taken place the previous month. The Maidstone and Ashford District's had not entered bands, which was again organised with relaxed rules on the composition of the bands.

**Member Elections:** The following member was elected:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Tower</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Michael Taylor	Benenden	Rod Lebon	Charles Sinden

Michael, who was present at the meeting, was presented with his certificate by the Chairman.

**Officer Elections:** As this was the Annual District Meeting, the District Officers were up for election. Edward Neate was standing down from the Secretary position. Helen Marshall indicated she could not hold the secretary role alone, therefore Sue Atkinson and Charles Sinden agreed to share the role. The Chairman, Representative, Treasurer and Ringing Master all agreed to carry on in their current roles.

The Officers were elected by those present with all in favour.

<i>District Post</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
District Chairman	Brian Butcher
District Secretary	Helen Marshall Sue Atkinson Charles Sinden
District Ringing Master	Charles Sinden
District Representative	Brian Butcher
District Treasurer	Sue Atkinson

**Accounts Update:** Sue Atkinson, District Treasurer, gave an update on the accounts. Interim reports for 2023 and 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. A discussion was held on the

District Account, as funds should be held by the KCACR instead of individual Districts (as noted in previous minutes). It was agreed this should be discussed with the KCACR Treasurer.

**KCACR Rule Change:** The KCACR rules are proposed to be updated at the 2025 AGM. These have been circulated to the Districts with the chance to raise comments. This agenda item was to allow members to raise any comments, but none were raised.

**KCACR Updates:** The KCACR Training Officer, Sue Bassett, gave an update on training [report also circulated prior to the meeting] and a general update on KCACR business on Neil Jones' behalf. The following points were raised:

*KCACR Memorial Service:* This is being held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Canterbury Cathedral. Mark Chittenden-Pile asked about ringing prior to the service. This is being organised by Malcolm Barden.

*2025 AGM:* This is being organised by the Tonbridge District on Easter Monday.

*KCACR Chair:* Neil Jones' term as KCACR Chairman is ending at the 2025 AGM meaning a successor is required.

*Ringling 2030:* The CCCBR's project looking into the future ringing population sparked discussion about the ringing future in the Ashford District.

**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.

**120 Club:** There has been no progress on restarting the 120 club, for which the secretary apologised. There was not a large interest at the meeting, but restarting the 120 club is up to the incoming officers.

**A.O.B.** No other business was raised.

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

The meeting was closed at 12:58.

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E. Neate

Ashford District Secretary