



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



to follow the Annual General Meeting on
Easter Monday, 21st April 2025, at 2pm
at St Nicholas, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 1JA, at 2pm.

AGENDA

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

- 3.2 **Reasoning for the changes**

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'.

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 Rule 2.

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

2) The object of the fund shall be to advance the art of bellringing by providing financial assistance to churches and bell towers in the County of Kent or that part of London formerly in the County of Kent for the purposes of maintaining and improving their bell installations in order that the churches and belltowers can provide facilities for furthering the public education in bellringing and for the benefit of the welfare of people by improving their condition of life through mental and physical exercise.

Joanne Pohl
General Secretary KCACR