

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at St. Mary's, Biggin Hill, on Saturday, 11th January 2003.

The Chairman, Mr. David Holdridge, opened the meeting by welcoming members.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Dickon Love from Bromley, Mr. James Rooke from Chelsfield, Mr. James Hardy, Mrs. Sara Hardy, Mr. Dominic Meredith and Miss Rhiannon Meredith from Beckenham and Mr. Len Dumper and Mrs. Pauline Dumper from Eltham.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were approved and signed on the proposition of Mrs. Cathy Cheeseman, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Wilkins.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Call Change Competition at Downe. Mr. Jon Fry confirmed that the Call Change Competition could be held at Downe (15th November).

Membership Secretary's Report. The Chairman confirmed that the Membership Secretary had put his report in the Newsletter as requested.

Joint Meeting with the Maidstone and Rochester Districts. The Chairman enquired whether there had been any progress about this meeting and was told that the matter was still in hand.

2002: Call Change Competition and Carol Service. The Chairman thanked the organizers of these events and congratulated the Bromley band on winning the Call Change Competition.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read an E-mail from Mr. Peter Dale. In it:

1. Mr. Dale drew attention to the need for nominations for officers for election at the AGM on Easter Monday. He, himself, would not be able to stand for re-election but said that no other officers had indicated that they were unwilling to stand again.

2. Concerning the rule change regarding the proposed reduction in the size of the Committee, the

version sent to the Districts and read out at Annual District Meeting was different from that agreed by members of the working party, essentially in that reference to the Central Council Representatives had been omitted. Nevertheless, this version would be the one to be considered at the AGM. If it was the intention of the working group to include Central Council Representatives, then an amendment to that effect could be proposed at the AGM.

No questions were raised about this E-mail.

5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

CUDHAM Mr. Chris Fry (jnr.) P. Mr. Jon Fry S. Mrs. Judith Fry

DARTFORD Mr. Andrew Boyd-Bell P. Mrs. Brenda Barton S. Mr. Andrew Sinclair

SIDCUP Mr. Anthony Crawford)
Mrs. Claire Crawford) P. Mrs. Margaret Macey S. Mr. Jon Fry

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Certificates

Mrs. Carol Eastaugh asked about membership certificates. Mrs. Debra Say said that she had a supply of certificates and would be happy to draw one up for members who required them. It was suggested that certificates should be prepared for all new members.

Newsletter

Mrs. Cathy Cheeseman pointed that it had been necessary to increase the Newsletter subscription to £5.00. A free copy would still be available to all towers in the District.

District Practices

Mr. Jeremy Byers said that Mr. James Hardy was unable to attend the meeting since he had a slipped disc. He went on to give details of the next District Practice, which would be at Beckenham, and said that a list of future practices would be circulated.

Handbell Ringers of Great Britain

Mr. Richard Bing said that the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain would be performing at the Redhill Theatre on Saturday, 10th May. This event would be advertised in The Ringing World.

Ringling Courses

Mrs. Macey said that she had details of the courses which had been advertised in the Christmas edition of The Ringing World (not the Hereford Course). Anyone interested was asked to see her after the meeting.

Subscriptions and Handbook Information

Mr. Mark Jones reminded members that subscriptions were due. Details for the 2003 Handbook should be sent to him during the following week.

Chelsfield Church Extension

Mr. Nicholas Wilkins said that the Chelsfield ringers were fund raising for their church extension by ringing sponsored quarter peals. He invited members to help them with this project.

Newsletter Deadline

Mr. Rupert Cheeseman said that 23rd March was the deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter.

Vote of Thanks

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by David Brown, to the Vicar of Biggin Hill, the Rev. Chris Kitchener, for taking the service and for the use of the bells and to the Biggin Hill ringers for an excellent tea.