

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at St John's Deptford on Saturday 9th July 2005

The meeting stood to observe a minute's silence in memory of James Pailing of St Nicholas, Chislehurst.

1. Apologies for absence

18 people attended the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Sara Hardy, Ross Hartley and Rhiannon Meredith (Beckenham), Nancy Gay (Biggin Hill), Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield), Roger Long (St Nichloas, Chislehurst), Rupert Cheeseman (Crayford), Esther Correia (Dartford), Carol Eastaugh (Christchurch Erith), Margaret Heald (St John's Erith), Margaret Macey (Foots Cray), Nigel and Penny Parsons (Greenwich), Cathy Cheeseman (unattached).

2. Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at SS Peter and Paul Bromley on Saturday 9th April 2005

The minutes were approved on the proposal of James Hardy seconded by David Brown.

3. Matters arising

KCACR's 125th Anniversary

The District Secretary asked towers to notify her if any special ringing had taken place to commemorate the 125th anniversary so that she could forward the details to David Manger.

200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

Freda Cannon said that David Hilling was organising a peal attempt at Greenwich on Friday 21st October 2005. Anyone who was interested in ringing in the peal was advised to contact him.

4. KCACR Committee Report

At the KCACR Committee Meeting held in May 2005 the following items were raised:

County Public Liability Insurance

The County Secretary advised that she had managed to put a new public liability policy in place, which appears to cover minor work in the tower. Once the policy schedule was received details would be placed on the County website. Members needed to be aware that many insurance companies including the Ecclesiastical Company are going to remove tower by tower maintenance from individual church policies and no companies wish to deal with any work carried out above 3 metres, due to risk assessment.

Publicity Officer

Peter Dale had offered to fill this position and he had been duly appointed.

5. Events

The next district practice is on Saturday 16th July from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at West Wickham. The Annual District Meeting is at Crayford on Saturday 8th October.

Other events in the county include: the Dover Regatta 6-7 August; County 6 bell competition at Wateringbury at 4 p.m. on 24 September when Beckenham will represent the district.

There are some County training events organised. The District Secretary said that she had e-mailed posters to all towers with an e-mail address and would be posting the remainder.

Outside the county there is the Ringing Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse on 10 September. The District Secretary has some posters that she will circulate to towers by e-mail where possible or by post.

On Sunday 10 July at 5 p.m. all towers are asked to ring to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

6. Bell Restoration Fund

120 Club

Rachel Backhouse said that two people were needed to certify the annual returns she needed to make to the local authority and that it might make the process more straightforward if two officers were specified rather than the names of two individuals. James Hardy proposed that the District Chairman and the District Secretary should certify the returns. Nicholas Wilkins seconded this proposal and the motion was carried.

Rachel Backhouse reported that she had sold tickets worth £940 and she expected that the 120 Club would make between £200 and £300 in its first year when the setting up costs had to be borne.

The fourth draw was held. The winning numbers were:

£20.00	60
£10.00	40
£10.00	70
£5.00	50

Raffle

Pauline Morley confirmed that she had taken on the organisation of a raffle to be held at District Meetings with the profits going to the Bell Restoration Fund. She asked members either to donate items or money to purchase items. The raffle held at this meeting raised £35.

7. Election of new members

The following new members were elected:

ELTHAM

Marnie Elizabeth Knight proposed by David Holdridge, seconded by Len Morley

8. Arrangements for James Pailing's funeral

Mark Jones advised that James Pailing's funeral was to be held at Bickley at 12.30 p.m. on Monday 11th July.

9. Deptford's 150th Anniversary celebrations

Graham Long said that a special service to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St John's Deptford, attended by the Bishop of Southwark would be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday 17 July. It was planned to ring the bells from 2 p.m. and any help from ringers in the District would be welcomed.

10. Bromley Parish

The District Secretary reported that Bromley Parish bells would be out of action for about 10 weeks while work was carried out on the tower.

11. Vote of thanks

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Reverend Christine Bainbridge for taking the service, to Graham Long for playing the organ, to Ken Deller for doing the reading and to all those members of the parish who provided a splendid tea.