

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at St John's Erith on Saturday 8 April 2006

1. Apologies for absence

21 members and 1 visitor attended the meeting with apologies for absence received from Len and Pauline Morley (Eltham), Sara Hardy (Beckenham) Carol Eastaugh (Christchurch Erith), Monica Hanscomb (Biggin Hill), Nicholas Wilkins (Chelsfield), Bill Lanyon and Graham Long (Woolwich) and Andrew Sinclair (Crayford).

2. Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at West Wickham on Saturday 14th January 2006

The minutes were approved on the proposal of James Hardy, seconded by Rupert Cheeseman.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Striking competitions

10 bell challenge

The Deputy Ringing Master, Rupert Cheeseman reported that he had contacted the Ringing Master of the Ashford District, where the challenge had originated but had, as yet, received no reply.

County 8 bell competition

The Ringing Master reported that the District had entered a team in this year's competition, which was held at East Farleigh in February and had come fifth out of six teams.

The Secretary informed the meeting that there was a suggestion that the date of this competition be moved, as February was so cold. It was originally moved from the fourth Saturday in June on the suggestion of this District because it clashed with the National 12 Bell Competition.

District 6 bell competition

This was held at Ash-by-Wrotham in March. Four teams entered and the result was:

1 st	Chelsfield
2 nd	Eltham
3 rd	Crayford
4 th	Christchurch, Erith

The Chairman presented a certificate to each team. Chelsfield will now go forward to represent the District at the County 6 bell competition in September.

5. District Carol Service

The Secretary reported that she had sent a short questionnaire to all the towers in the District to see whether members still wanted to have a District Carol service this year. There was a very small response, five towers responded in writing although another six towers had been represented at the previous Quarterly Meeting and had had an opportunity to express their views. It seemed from the responses that most people favoured a 'festive' District Practice in December in preference to a carol service. It was proposed by Nancy Gay and seconded by Esther Correia that the District would hold a

District Practice in December rather than a Carol Service. This was carried unanimously. It was noted that this did not preclude the District from arranging a Carol Service in future years if there was a demand for it.

6. St Nicholas Deptford

James Hardy told the meeting that there little to add to the article in the April 2006 Newsletter. The County had provided a long-term loan to secure the bells but there was no real progress on the project at present.

7. KCACR Committee report

County AGM

This would be held at Benenden on Easter Monday 7th April. The service was at 12 noon and the AGM at 2.30 p.m. Details were on the KCACR website.

Bell Restoration Fund

This had been removed from the Charities Register due to an administrative oversight and the County Secretary was trying to get it reinstated.

Restructuring of the Association

A sub-committee had been set up at County level to investigate this issue. Currently the Lewisham District was not represented on this. The secretary agreed to try to find out more about this sub-committee and to ensure that the views of the District were taken into consideration.

8. District Events

The Deputy Ringing Master, Rupert Cheeseman, reminded members of the forthcoming District events: the next District practices at Sidcup on 29th April and Bickley on 20th May and the next Quarterly Meeting at Dartford on 8th July.

Rachel Backhouse thanked the Deputy Ringing Master for providing a list of events for the year, which could be displayed in the ringing chamber.

9. Bell Restoration Fund

120 Club

Rachel Backhouse reported that the 120 Club in its first year of operation raised £377.57 for the BRF. Last year 94 shares were sold, so far this year 103 have been sold. In addition, expenses will be less in the second year of operation. There is only an annual fee to the Council of £17.50 instead of the larger set-up fee payable initially, and no additional photocopying will be needed this year.

On behalf of the meeting the Chairman thanked Rachel for all her hard work in organising what was proving to be a very successful money-raising scheme.

The first draw of 2006-07 took place. The winning numbers were:

£20	20
£10	6
£10	67
£5	62

Raffle

The raffle held during the meeting raised £26 for the BRF.

10. Election of new members

The following new members were elected:

DARTFORD

Graeme Jefferson Proposed by Esther Correia Seconded by Margaret Mills

ASH-BY WROTHAM

Linda Gabrielle Stook }
Felicity Anne Stook }
John Derek Charles Stook } All proposed by Deryck Jones and seconded by
Brian Ashmore } Andrew Sinclair
Fay Ellen Giffard }
Ian Richard Drogo Paddy }

11. District website

Rupert Cheeseman informed the meeting that the District website was being regularly updated with details of District events and other items of interest.

12. District Practices

The District Ringing Master, James Hardy said that attendance at District practices had been falling recently. He urged members to encourage ringers from their towers to attend. All abilities were catered for and the practices were tailored to meet the needs of those who were there.

13. Vote of thanks

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Anne Richardson for taking the service and to Margaret Heald and the Erith ringers for providing a splendid tea.

Signed.....Date.....