



The Kent County Association of Change Ringers Lewisham District

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting at Horton Kirby 13 October 2007

1 Apologies for absence

- 23 people attended the meeting
- Apologies for absence were received from: Dominic Meredith, Alice Baverstock, Ross Hartley, Sara Hardy (Beckenham); Jim Rooke (Chelsfield), Nancy Gay (Biggin Hill) David Brown, Christine Webb (Bromley); Graham Long (Woolwich); Rachel Backhouse (Christchurch, Erith).

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the quarterly District meeting at Chelsfield were proposed by Cathy Cheeseman, seconded by Mark Backhouse and accepted by the meeting.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 KCACR Committee report – Brenda Barton

- As Easter is so early in 2008, all reports for inclusion in the KCACR handbook must be in as soon after Christmas as possible.
- Ashford district have issued a 10-bell challenge to Lewisham district, the suggested date being 27 October 2007.
- The eight-bell competition will be held in the Tonbridge district on 28 June 2008.
- Photos and reports of the Essex trophy and the six-bell striking competition can be found on the KCACR website www.kcacr.org.uk.
- Recent publicity for ringing in Kent has included that for the Tour de France and Scouting centenary. Meridian TV visited Bobbing and Smarden appeared in the Telegraph. Many local reports have been published, including those about Eltham and Dartford.
- A new web discussion group has been set up for those wanting to discuss ringing for the Olympics/Paralympics. Sign up at cccbr-olympics@yahoogroups.com.
- Ringing Trends survey should be returned ASAP in order to get a clear picture of the ringing demographic in the county.
- Please check tower listing details on the KCACR website for accuracy www.kcacr.org.uk.

5 County AGM – 24 March 2008

Lewisham District is to host the 2008 County AGM on 24 March 2008 (Easter Monday). Graham Long has volunteered St George's Church, Perry Hill (Catford) as a venue, subject to confirmation with the powers that be. There are no bells at this church, and towers will need to be available for ringing in the district. It is expected that Horton Kirby's augmented bells will be popular. The district committee will continue to work with Graham to organise the details of this event.

6 Reports from District officers

- Ringing Master – Rupert Cheeseman
Attendances at district practices have again been mixed with attendance varying from 20 plus to six. Attendees, especially learners, have gained a great deal from these practices. All towers are encouraged to come along and support these

practices. The Saturday morning practices have been moderately well attended, so there will be a couple of mornings next year as well. Chelsfield won the (poorly attended) district six-bell striking competition and came fourth in the later county competition.

- District Secretary – Alice Baverstock
No report
- Membership Secretary – Mark Jones
£2096 has come into the district through membership fees. £723 has been donated to the Bell Restoration Fund (this is mostly through the 120 club). There have been 24 lapsed memberships and only nine new members over the last year. Please encourage tower members to join the KCACR and take part in district events.
- District Training Officer – David Brown (not present, report by Jim Hardy)
There have been several successful training days arranged for the district which have been well attended.
All requests for training are welcome, from bell handling to advanced methods, including tower and bell maintenance. Please keep looking on the district website www.lewishamdistrct.org.uk for details of local training and the KCACR website www.kcacr.org.uk for county events.
Next training day, 24 November 2007 – doubles to surprise minor methods.

7 Election of district officers

| Post | Current holder | Nominee | Proposed by | Seconded by | Vote |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Chairman | Jeremy Byers | Jim Hardy | Lesley Barclay | Cathy Cheeseman | Carried |
| Ringing Master | Rupert Cheeseman | Rupert Cheeseman | Jeremy Byers | Cathy Cheeseman | Carried |
| Asst Ringing Master | Ross Hartley | Ross Hartley | Jim Hardy | Cathy Cheeseman | Carried |
| District Rep | Sara Hardy | No nominee | | | * |
| District Rep | Brenda Barton | Brenda Barton | Mark Backhouse | Carole Eastaugh | Carried |
| Secretary | Alice Baverstock | No nominee | | | ** |
| Membership Secretary | Mark Jones | Rachel Backhouse | Mark Jones | Carole Eastaugh | Carried |
| Training officer | David Brown | David Brown | Jim Hardy | Margaret Macey | Carried |
| Sales rep | Jim Rooke | No nominee | | | *** |

* The meeting will consider possible candidates for the posts of District Secretary, District Rep and Sales Rep. The posts of secretary and district rep could be combined.

** Alice Baverstock will be asked to remain the point of contact for the county until a new secretary can be found.

*** Jim Rooke agreed to continue if no one else could be found at the meeting but he will definitely stand down at next year's ADM if no one comes forward before then.

8 Election of new members

| New member | Tower | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|------------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| June Dance | Dartford | Esther Correia | Brenda Barton |

9 Forthcoming events

- 20 October 2007 – teaching to teach training day, Beckenham
- 20 October 2007 – district practice, West Wickham
- 10 November – district practice, Chislehurst, Annunciation (tbc), 7-9pm
- 24 November 2007 – district training day (venues tbc)
- 1 December 2007 – district practice, Lewisham, 7-9pm
- 28 June 2008 – eight-bell competition
- 19-20 July 2008 – Dartford Festival (see AOB)

District meetings 2008

- 12 January 2008, Beckenham (to be confirmed)
- 12 April 2008, Dartford (to be confirmed)
- 12 July 2008, St John's, Erith
- 11 October 2008 – venue needed please.

10 120 Club draw

The winning numbers for this month were:

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| 1 | 24 | Judith Fry |
| 2 | 120 | Phillippa Rooke |
| 3 | 82 | Carole Eastaugh |
| 4 | 10 | Jan |

The meeting expressed its thanks to Rachel Backhouse for her continued hard work in administering the 120 club.

11 Any other business.

- Brenda Barton asked for help with ringing for the Dartford Festival, 19-20 July 2008. Dartford ringers have booked a mobile ring of bells and need the following help
 - a vehicle and driver to collect the bells. Must have a 2-litre engine and towing capacity
 - folk to help assemble the ring on Friday night or Saturday morning
 - folk to camp on site overnight to augment festival security
 - ringers to help demonstrate the ring over the two days.A form will be distributed to each tower to gauge interest.
- Lesley Barclay reiterated the importance of returning the ringing trends questionnaire as soon as possible.
- Yvonne Wright (Sidcup) raised a question about whether towers should hold separate accounts from the church. The chairman (in his capacity as a church treasurer) advised that if the ringing society published accounts and held an AGM then the funds could be administered separately from the church. Chairman to advise Yvonne separately.

12 Votes of thanks

Votes of thanks was made to the vicar Neil Taylor for taking the service, to Graham Long for playing the organ, and to Horton Kirby for their bells and an excellent tea.