



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Dartford on 12th April 2008

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from John and Gabrielle Stook (Ash), Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield), Margaret Macey (Foots Cray) and Ross Hartley and Rhiannon Meredith (Beckenham)

2. Election of new members

The following new members were elected:

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By
Phoebe Pinkerton	Chelsfield	Jim Rooke	Nancy Gay
Gary Pinkerton	Chelsfield	Jim Rooke	Nancy Gay
Eloise Scarth	Erith (Christchurch)	Liz Brett	Les Brett
Alan Lucia	Erith (Christchurch)	Rachel Backhouse	Mark Backhouse

3. 120 Club Results

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	133	120 Club	-
2 nd	107	Brenda Barton	Dartford
3 rd	70	120 Club	-
4 th	62	Chris Webb	Bromley

4. KCACR Committee Meeting Report

- Brenda Barton drew the meeting's attention to the forthcoming Ringing Roadshow, to be held on 5th/6th September at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
- Tonbridge District are considering hiring a coach to go to the Roadshow. See KCACR website for details.
- The cost for district meeting was discussed:

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- The major costs were for heating and organ players
 - Districts were urged to remind churches of the services they rendered if costs were too high
 - The Committee thanked Rupert for his work organising the AGM
 - The County 10 bell challenge will take place on the 29th November and will be hosted by the Lewisham District
 - The Keltek Trust is in the process of installing a ring of bells at Stone-by-Dartford. The Committee debated whether the new ring should fall within the Lewisham District or the Rochester District.

5. AOB

- Cathy Cheeseman drew attention to the vacancy for a County Training Officer, which had been discussed at the County AGM. Anyone who is potentially interested in this role should contact Catherine Lewis for more information.
- The meeting then discussed the possibility of a training centre, similar to the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre, situated at this end of the County. The possibility of a joint centre with another district was raised – the idea of a Lewisham/Tonbridge District ringing centre, perhaps at Otford, was suggested.
- David Brown reported that the April Training Day was fully booked and the next was on 26th July. All application to David by the start of July.
- Rachel Backhouse reminded the meeting that county subs were due.
- Brenda Barton requested help for the Dartford Festival on 19th and 20th July. She also confirmed that the Charnborough Ring was to be there.
- Nancy Gay appealed for any help at Biggin Hill practices. She also asked that any visitors thinking of attending a Biggin Hill practice should check with her beforehand to make sure the practice hadn't been cancelled.
- James Hardy announced that Beckenham would be missing several practices in May due to church events and requested that any visitors should check before attending.
- Rupert Cheeseman:
 - KCACR AGM. Rupert thanked everyone who had helped with the AGM, especially Graham Long.
 - The website had been updated.
 - The District Striking Competition had been very poorly attended, with only three teams present
 - The next district practice is on 10th May at Eynsford, from 7.00-8.30. It is a joint practice with the Maidstone District
- James Hardy thanked Rupert for his hard work towards the AGM

6. Vote of Thanks

- The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Dartford band for organising the tea and to Jeanette Crouch for conducting the service.
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