



# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION



## OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Shoreham on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### 1. Minute's Silence

Before the meeting started a two minute's silence was held for Mark Jones.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Rooke (Chelsfield ), Rhiannon Meredith (Beckenham) and Carol Eastaugh, Tom Scarth, Shirley Scarth, Eloise Scarth, Anthony Scarth (Erith CC)

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.  
Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman Seconded: Sue Cameron.

### 4. Election of new members

Lottie Davies (Downe) and Phoebe Bellfield (Biggin Hill) were elected new members.  
Rupert Cheeseman to clarify with Kent Sec. about rules concerning new members and ringing down.

### 5. 120 Club Draw ( a double draw)

	Number	Name	Tower
1 <sup>st</sup>	48	Fran Horton	Beckenham
1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Andrew Fisher	Eynsford
2 <sup>nd</sup>	83	Mark Backhouse	Erith CC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	94	Deryck Jones	Dartford
3 <sup>rd</sup>	95	Deryck Jones	Dartford
3 <sup>rd</sup>	26	Janis Reddy	Sidecup
4 <sup>th</sup>	49	John Barnes	Chelsfield
4 <sup>th</sup>	74	Esther Correia	Dartford

### 6. KCACR Committee meeting report

24/9/11 Teach the teachers course – Catherine Lewis

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New Vice President – The Venerable Philip Down Archdeacon of Ashford

Child Protection Legislation is due in November. Parishes have responsibility to ensure CRB checks are in place. It was suggested that ringing masters should be checked.

Complaints in the Rochester District regarding the new membership criteria brought in at the county AGM. (see under election of new members)

Rule change suggested such that the split of monies to General Fund and BRF are made retrospectively. A rule change will be proposed at the next AGM.

Association Quarter Peal Week Friday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2012  
8 bell striking competition won by Lewisham district at Chelsfield on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

Essex Trophy 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – Ian Mills agreed to find a band. To be held at St Peter's, St Albans. Method: London (No 3) Surprise Royal.

Inter District 6 bell competition 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011 at Hunton, Maidstone District. Lewisham district will be represented by Beckenham.

A question was asked about how to attract more members and help them feel proud of the association – especially younger members.

There was an incident in a tower due to an obstruction on a wall.

Central Council comes to Leeds, Kent in 2014

Next County Meeting 20/8/11

## **7. AOB**

Cathy Cheeseman informed the meeting KCACR Sweatshirts were available from Helen Webb

Dominic Meredith asked about how one makes a rule change. This concerned rules for the 8 Bell competition – they are very thin. It was proposed to adopt some of the 6 Bell rules. Nick Wilkins asked Dominic if he would be prepared to put some rules together and bring them to the October meeting. Rachel Backhouse asked district reps to raise this at the next County meeting in August. Christine Webb suggested 2 mins was not sufficient for a warm up and asked that be included.

Nancy Fisher told the meeting of Biggin hill Tower shut down because of a crack which was found to be not hazardous and ringing resumed. There is an ongoing issue of water leaks. The threat of more masts and radiation hazard is now gone.

District website; Rachel Backhouse gave information that the County website has dates published and a link to the Lewisham district site. Rupert Cheeseman to put Newsletter on and update events

Training days – 6<sup>th</sup> Aug Beckenham 10-4. Day tailored to requests. Helpers and students please contact Dominic Meredith

13 August – a joint outing with Tonbridge to London Towers. Details through Tower contacts.

Stone Bells are in and ringing. Practice is Thursday at 7.30 – doors are locked so be in good time. Contact is the Vicar – Rev Ken Clarke

The Secretary explained the delay in producing handbooks. Due to printing omissions and some pagination errors.

## **8. Vote of Thanks**

Mark Backhouse proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Richard Freeman for conducting the service and the booklet for the order of service and the Shoreham band for the tea.