

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Chelsfield on 14th April 2012

One minute's silence was held to remember John Hills of Sidcup

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Rupert and Cathy Cheeseman, Sue Allport (Horton Kirby) Tom, Anthony and Eloise Scarth (Christchurch, Erith), Esther Correia (Dartford)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

With two amendments for name spelling of new members: Colin Auton and Annette Cutts both of Dartford; the minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Jim Rooke. Seconded: Les Brett.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Election of new members

Peter Matthew Smith (Junior) of Erith Christchurch.
Prop: Shirley Scarth. Sec: Rachel Backhouse

James Newton Vick (Junior) of Erith Christchurch.
Prop: Rachel Backhouse Sec: Mark Backhouse

Elected unanimously.

5. 120 Club Draw

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	11	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
2 nd	55	Len Morley	Eltham
3 rd	4	Jim Rooke	Chelsfield
4 th	101	120 club	BRF

Last year £673.59 was raised for the Kent Bell Restoration Fund.
Thanks were given to Rachel Backhouse for running the 120 Club so efficiently.

6.i) KCACR Committee Report

21 present at meeting – 25th February 2012

Badges – not for 2012 Olympics and Jubilee due to cost but in place for 2014
Central Council visit to Kent.

Festival Committee considered Diamond Jubilee date but no attractive venue available. Put off until after 2014.

St George's Day ringing information circulated
Subscription rates on KCACR website

Handbook has some glitches! (It is due out at the beginning of May.)
Bell Restoration Lewisham District towers – Hayes needs repairs to soundproofing, Beckenham has a single bell needing attention but a 40 ft ladder is needed, Chislehurst needs to be inspected.

It was hoped Chatham bells would be ringing for Olympics.

Training Day for Maintenance to be advertised shortly at Speldhurst or Leeds. Health and Safety advice is that ringers should always be told of tower access by a third party.

Dates for Competiton: 8 Bell – Mardon 30th June
6 Bell – Inter district Chalk 22nd September
Essex Trophy – 8th September

6.ii) KCACR Annual General Meeting

Ashford District – Headcorn on Easter Monday 9th April

A very long meeting with discussion and voting on rules that were changed last year – remain the same.

Election of officers:

Chair – Mike Little

Hon. Secretary – Margaret Funnel 9for one more year only)

Treasurer – Daniel Lavender (temp. post for 1 yr - Pat Phipps to help initially)

Training officer – Daniel Brady

Handbook – Graham Coker

Publicity – Doug Snozzwell

Two extra members on committee – Peter Simms and Alan Chandler

5 certificates for 50 years' membership were presented

MRFS – the Canterbury District Sec. will coordinate QP's rung for the Jubilee. Will those conducting them send straight to MRFS -contact details on previous email to District.

7. AOB

Volunteers were requested to attend the Kent Committee meetings on April 28th – Leeds 9.30 start and 28th July. Sue Cameron and Brenda were thanked for representing the District.

Ian Mills – dates to consider ringing for:

April 23rd St George's Day - 6pm (contact Libby @ Ringing for England)

Sat 2nd June – Coronation

5th June – Diamond Jubilee

21st 22nd 23rd July Olympic Torch Relay (Dominic Meredith to coordinate)

All the bells Project – 8am on Friday July 27th.

Events are all on the website

Fees for RW for QP's rung to celebrate the Jubilee to be coordinated by David Macey. Conductors of these QP's please send the details to MRFS as above but fees to David please.

Bromley Common

St Luke's (Rochester District) is likely to be sold after the retirement of the incumbent. What will happen to the 8 Taylor bells? Some interest from the Hope Church but little known by the locals. Information to be shared with John Barnes and Brian Butcher.

A suggestion that the webmaster should be an officer of the association was followed by a formal proposal by Philippa Rooke that this be brought to the AGM in October.

Some consideration was given to the hosting of the Kent AGM two years hence. Chislehurst was thought to be a possibility.

8. Vote of Thanks

Ian Mills proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Paul Spreadbridge for conducting the service and to Gwen Bowen for playing the organ. The Chelsfield band were thanked for organising the bells, the hall and for the tea.

Meeting closed at 6.48

Next meeting at Cudham on Saturday 14th July