

**Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at St Giles Farnborough on
Saturday 13th October**

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Sue Cameron, unattached; Margaret Heald, St Johns Erith; Anne Townsend, Jim Rook, Chelsfield; Rachel Backhouse, Erith CC; Esther Correia, Dartford.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

An amendment to the name of the first prize winner in 120 Club draw:

Frances (not Francis) Wallis.

The minutes were then adopted.

Proposed: Cathy Cheeseman Seconded: Ian Mills

Vote unanimous

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Officers Reports

Ringling Master – Ian Mills

District Practices have been successful with all ringers welcome. Special methods attempted including Five Rings triples and doubles (for the Olympics) and various surprise methods.

There has been ringing for the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee at many towers.

The joint outing to London with the Tonbridge District was in August and many enjoyed the Jubilee barge bells now at St James Garlickhythe.

Lewisham District has been successful in winning both the Kent 8 and 10 bell competitions and the Essex Trophy –see articles in the Newsletter.

Training Officer – Dominic Meredith

Ringers have been taught at Lewisham who had no band at all before. Not all the training events have been possible this year but there will be a programme of events this year; please get in touch with Dominic if you have any training requests.

Advance notice was given that Dominic will fill this role for just one more year.

Newsletter Editor – Sue Allport

It is all in the Newsletter.

120 Club – Rachel Backhouse

Represented by Mark Backhouse. 120 draw to follow.

5. Election of District Officers

Chairman - Rupert Cheeseman

Proposed by Lesley Barclay and seconded by Sue Allport

Elected unanimously

Secretary – Sue Cameron
Proposed by Lesley Barclay and seconded by Sue Allport
Elected unanimously

Membership Secretary – Rachel Backhouse
Proposed by Elizabeth Brett and seconded by Les Brett
Re-elected unanimously

Ringling Master – Ian Mills
Proposed by Diane Reynolds and seconded by Dominic Meredith
Re-elected unanimously

Assistant Ringling Master – David Macey
Proposed by Rupert Cheeseman and seconded by Cathy Cheeseman
Re-elected unanimously

Training Officer - Dominic Meredith
Proposed by Phillippa Rook and seconded by Brenda Barton
Re-elected unanimously

District Representatives
Dominic Meredith
Proposed by Ian Mills and seconded by Diane Reynolds
Elected unanimously
Brenda Barton
Proposed by Len Morley and seconded by Cathy Cheeseman
Elected unanimously

120 Club Convenor
Proposed by Elizabeth Brett and seconded by Cathy Cheeseman
Re-elected unanimously

Sales Representative – Shelagh Norman and Christine Goldsmith
Proposed by Rupert Cheeseman and seconded by Len Morley
Elected unanimously

Newsletter Editor – Sue Allport
Proposed by Cathy Cheeseman and seconded by Ian Mills
Re-elected unanimously

5. Election of new members

Charlotte Parkhouse, St Giles, Farnborough
Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
Isabel Parkhouse (junior), St Giles, Farnborough
Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay

Caitlin Parkhouse (junior), St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Carole Fruin, St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Andy Fruin, St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Rebecca Fruin (junior), St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Hannah Fruin (junior), St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Esther Fruin (junior), St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Jacqueline Moore, St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay
 Alex Moore (junior), St Giles, Farnborough
 Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Lesley Barclay

Elected unanimously.

Election of non resident Life Member
 Gavin Bennett
 Proposed: Alex Brittan Seconded: Phil Larter
 Elected unanimously

6. 120 Club Draw

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	11	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
2 nd	106	120 Club	BRF
3 rd	112	120 Club	BRF
4 th	29	David Hilling	Eynsford
1 st	42	Denis Golding	Crayford
2 nd	67	Pauline Smith	Charlton Kings
3 rd	33	John Barnes	Chelsfield
4 th	46	Melissa Cheeseman	Crayford

Thanks were given to Rachel Backhouse for running the 120 Club so efficiently.

7. KCACR Committee Report

27th July Rachel Backhouse attended for the District
County Committee July 27th Report

A new Treasurer has been co-opted- Donald Holden. He will be asked to look again at the possibility of subs being gift aided, this needs charity status first. Discussion continued about forwarding committee minutes to all members.

Frank Lewis will put bullet points on the website.

The County Librarian (I think) has recently laid wreaths on the graves of former County members in the War Grave Cemeteries including William Barton Young of Erith.

A letter has been received from the vicar of Farnborough thanking the County for the contribution to the bells project.

Tower certificates for Diamond Jubilee Ringing (to 'match' the Silver and Golden Jubilee ones) will hopefully be made available online for any tower who wishes to print off for their own use.

A request was made regarding the possibility of certificates to mark Life Membership but it was decided that there was no need, you already had (could have) an ordinary membership certificate.

Peter Dale will stand down after the next Central Council Tri-ennium and will need to be replaced.

The handbook is finally available although there were nearly two print runs! The new handbook editor (Graham Coker) would be grateful for any suggestions as to what should be included and any suggested changes. He will contact all towers regarding their returns and aims to have this information by December (district secretaries will be asked to contact those who don't reply) and will ask how many copies each tower actually wants rather than assuming one per member as at present.

A request for a proposed rule change (viz: Mr Sims proposed a rule change to be from the General Committee, but subject to Mr Little's agreement, by adding a new rule 16 (v): When a rule has been discussed and voted upon at an AGM it will not be discussed and voted on again for a minimum of 3 years unless proposed by, either, at least twenty Practising Members from each of at least four different Districts, or, at least fifteen members of the General Committee; Mr Brady suggested we should email this proposed change to the Districts so it can be discussed at their July quarterly meetings; the response of the Districts to be brought back to the next General Committee Meeting.) unfortunately did not make it to the July Lewisham District meeting for comments. This will now go the AGM next April for voting.

There is also a suggested rule change to be proposed by the new Handbook Editor regarding how long you should be given to pay your subs and still be allowed to remain a member.

A sub committee will be set up to review all the rules.

The 2014 Ringing World Calendar will be of Kent towers, organised by Catherine Lewis.

The 2014 Central Council meeting will be held in Kent (Maidstone?)

Next County Meeting 24th November

8. AOB

24th Nov meeting Brenda cannot attend but Dominic Meredith may be able to.

Call change competition Saturday November 17th at Horton Kirby. 2.30 draw.

2014 Some consideration was given to the hosting of the Kent AGM two years hence. Chislehurst is not a possibility as not enough space for the meal or parking – to be raised again with a view to considering Bickley.

Notice of district meetings can be published in the Ringing World at no charge. (NB Sue Cameron – new Secretary)

Doug Fisher expressed his thanks for the encouragement and enthusiasm generated by those teaching the new Farnborough band.

9. Vote of Thanks

Paul Beamiss proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Matthew Hughes for conducting the service and to Ian Skipper for playing the organ. Nick Wilkins was thanked for organising the bells and the tea and meeting in the Change of Horses public house.

Meeting closed at 6 50pm

Next meeting at Crayford on Saturday 12th January