

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, Eynsford, 13th July 2013

One minute of silence was observed for Nancy Robins, former Tower Captain at St Paulinus, Crayford and Jessica Vale from St Mary's, Bexley who sadly had passed away recently.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received from David Macey (Beckenham), Anne Townsend (Chislehurst), Ian Mills (Eltham), Sue Allport (Horton Kirby), Deryck Jones & Esther Correia (Dartford), Doug & Nancy Fisher (Biggin Hill), Elizabeth Brett (Erith CC)

2. Minutes of last meeting (13th April 2013)

Agreed as a correct and accurate record of meeting
Proposed: Nick Wilkins Seconded: Mark Backhouse

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

- i. Shelagh Norman highlighted that after Dominic's apologies at the last meeting for the cancellation of the 'Raising & Lowering' training due to lack of helpers, the latest training day was also cancelled for the same reason. She asked for suggestions as to how further cancellations can be avoided. A request from all was to receive earlier request for helpers. Other issues were raised with regard to training days, helpers being turned down as not required, reluctant to offer their help again. Students cancelling at last minute, with too short a notice for students on the reserve list to attend as they had made other plans. Would a refundable deposit for the training days assist? Rupert mentioned that Dom's had advised that it was his intention to stand down from the training role at the end of the summer and requested that people think about the role of Training Officer and Ringing Master – should they perhaps be combined? He will speak with Ian Mills to seek his views if he stands again for Ringing Master. District Practices could be used better by local bands, supporting them in an area they may be working on.
- ii. Mark Backhouse highlighted the result of the 8 bell striking competition held on 29th June at Cliffe – WE WON!! Congratulations were given to the four members of the winning band who were present (Rachel Backhouse, Rupert Cheeseman, David Hilling and Nick Wilkins). Thanks were made to Ian Mills for organising the band, arranging practices. The remaining three band members were David Macey, Peter Swift and Dominic Meredith.
- iii. Chelsfield will be representing the district in the 6 bell County Competition on 28th September.

4. Election of new members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Douglas James	Shoreham	Philippa Rooke	Jim Rooke

Douglas was elected unanimously; subs had already been received by Rachel.

5. 120 club draw

	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1st	£20	97	Deryck Jones	Dartford
1st	£20	81	Sue Cameron	Unattached
2nd	£10	59	Mick McDonald	Horton Kirby
2nd	£10	36	Alan Smith (Rachel's Dad)	c/o Erith CC

3rd	£10	48	Esther Correia	Dartford
3rd	£10	118	David Roddy	Sidcup
4th	£5	39	Elizabeth Brett	Erith CC
4th	£5	102	Fiona Byers	Beckenham

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club

6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 23rd February 2013

The following is an abbreviated summary of the salient points of the meeting held on 27 April 2013 attended by Ian Mills (presented at the meeting by Brenda Barton)

- the secretary confirmed that member to member insurance is now in place
- it was agreed that next year 20 Handbooks per District will be given to the District secretaries for new members elected during the year. For this year District secretaries to ask towers to return to them any unwanted handbooks
- grant application for East Farleigh: £300 agreed for current application
- grant of £3000 authorised for Hollingbourne
- request for further grant for Bobbing deferred until next meeting
- it was agreed that the BRF team can purchase a new one tonne chain block
- draft rules still being assessed and hopefully will be available by next meeting
- the Canterbury District was congratulated on their running of the AGM
- it was agreed that for the AGM next year details of lunch arrangements and cost should be made available by the October ADMs
- a copy of the logo for the CC visit in 2014 is available on the website
- the committee agreed that the purchase of badges should go ahead but a further quote be obtained first
- the 8-bell competition to be on 29 June 2013 at Cliffe (Rochester District), draw 2.45pm, ringing 3.00pm (*this has now been won by Lewisham District!*)
- the Essex Trophy competition is being held at Beddington in Surrey on 14 September and the method is Lincolnshire Surprise Royal
- the 6-bell competition to be on 28 September 2013 at Lamberhurst (Tonbridge District), draw 2.45pm, ringing 3.00pm
- it was suggested that a central list of those persons who would be willing to judge striking competitions should be compiled; names to be sent to the chairman
- it was suggested that the general secretary's job could be split into general admin and minutes. Any volunteers?

7. AOB

Upcoming events

District Practices: 19th Jul – Penge (evening), 17th Aug - Woolwich (evening), 21st Sep – Fooks Cray (morning)

Joint outing with Tonbridge District – 10th Aug in Central London (details will be circulated when towers confirmed).

8. Vote of Thanks

Chris Devine (St John's, Eltham) proposed a vote of thanks to Lay Reader Peter Hill for conducting the Service and to Dale Wills for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to the Eynsford & Farningham Band for hosting us, especially Daphne Patterson and Sylvia Mackenzie for providing a delicious tea and David Hilling for organising the bells.

Next meeting is at Erith, St John on 12th October 2013 (Annual District Meeting)