

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT**

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting, Erith St John, 12th October 2013

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received from David Macey (Beckenham), Sue Allport & Mick McDonnell (Horton Kirby), Mark Backhouse (Erith CC), Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)

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

Agreed as a correct and accurate record of meeting

Proposed: Lesley Barclay, Seconded: Chris Goldsmith. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nil

4. Officer Reports

Ringling Master, Ian Mills: There were 12 practices scheduled for the last year, all bar two went ahead. The Penge practice was cancelled due to a new hoop structure being installed to protect users of the ladder to comply with H&S. This means it is safe to climb the ladder to service the bells, however, unsafe to ring the bells! All the practices were attended well enough to make the practices viable. We also won the County striking competition.

Training Officer, Dominic Meredith: I will be standing down at this meeting due to lack of time to devote to this role. Sadly two of the training days did not go ahead, sometimes due to lack of helpers the other due to lack of time to organise it. I apologise that this year has not been so productive on the training front.

Newsletter Editor, Sue Allport: Lesley spoke on behalf of Sue, who was unable to attend. It has been an onerous task to produce the newsletter mainly due to lack of material being put forward for inclusion. Thanks though to those who have sent articles in. If there is no one else to take on this role, Sue is only prepared to produce two newsletters next year, October and July.

120 Club, Rachel Backhouse: There are only 5 unsold balls for this current club year. A breakdown of monies raised will be reported at the end of the club year.

Membership Secretary, Rachel Backhouse: There are currently 227 members which is down from 231 last year. There were 14 new members in the last year.

5. Election of Officers

David Macey stood down as the Assistant Ringing Master due to family commitments consuming most of his time now.

Dominic Meredith stood down as the Training Officer & District Rep due change in circumstances resulting in lack of time to commit to the role. Dominic was thanked for his time and commitment over previous years.

Brenda Barton stood down as District Rep, having been in the role for several years she felt it time for someone new.

David, Dominic and Brenda were all thanked for their time and commitment over previous years.

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Rupert Cheeseman	Shelagh Norman	Esther Correia
Secretary	Sue Cameron	Chris Goldsmith	Lesley Barclay
Membership Secretary	Rachel Backhouse	Rupert Cheeseman	Brenda Barton

Ringling Master	Ian Mills	Nick Wilkins	Shelagh Norman
Asst Ringling Master	Unfilled		
Training Officer	Unfilled		
District Rep 1	Chris Devine	Sue Cameron	Lesley Barclay
District Rep 2	Natalie Slator		
120 Club	Rachel Backhouse	Jim Rooke	Dominic Meredith
Newsletter (Oct & Apr) (Jan & Jul)	Sue Allport	Chris Goldsmith	Lesley Barclay
	Rupert Cheeseman		
Sales	Shelagh Norman	Brenda Barton	Les Brett
	Chris Goldsmith		

All Officers were elected unanimously. Natalie was confirmed as District Rep after she had been voted in as a new member.

Ian agreed to act as Training Officer as part of his Ringling Master role until the post can be filled.

6. Election of new member

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Natalie Slator	Erith CC	Rachel Backhouse	Shirley Scarth

Natalie was elected unanimously.

7. 120 club draw

Sept	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1st	£20	103	Alex Britton	Unattached
2nd	£10	69	Esther Correia	Dartford
3rd	£10	72	Robert Backhouse	Erith CC
4th	£5	18	Helen Sims	Ash by Wrotham

Oct	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1st	£20	86	John Fry	Cudham
2nd	£10	8	Pauline Symons	Lewisham
3rd	£10	87	Judith Fry	West Wickham
4th	£5	119	Bell Restoration Fund	

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club

8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 24th August 2013

The following is an abbreviated summary of the salient points of the meeting attended by Ian Mills (presented at this meeting by Brenda Barton)

- Ringing World Calendars are now being distributed to the Districts for sale at £7.00. A profit of approx £4.50 per calendar will be made if we sell all 1040
- Handbook Editor will be contacting District Treasurers with regard to Membership details
- Our Child Protection Policy will be published on the Website. There is going to be a change in respect of portability details will follow shortly
- Wouldham grant application deferred to next meeting awaiting completed form
- Grant of £1000 agreed for Seal for rope and pulley installation
- Revised Rules will be forwarded to Districts to be discussed at their ADMs
- Bishop of Dover has agreed to attend the reception dinner for the Central Council visit in 2014
- Chatham bells are being sold to St Goran, Cornwall. They will be made available for members to ring on 2nd Nov before they are removed from the tower
- The following have agreed to be available for judging Striking Competitions: Rupert Cheeseman, Rachel Backhouse, Dominic Meredith, Catherine Lewis, Frank Lewis, Pamela Manger and David Manger

- It is being suggested that Quex Park be used for the 12 Bell competition in 2018/19 – it is the 200 year anniversary of Quex
- Forthcoming events: 22nd September 2013 at 10.30 a.m. at Chiddingstone Dedication of the Chiming Bell in memory of Phil Corby
- 20th October 2013 at 7.00 p.m. Quiz and Ploughman's Supper at Meopham

9. County Rule Changes

Inclusion of "The safety and wellbeing of its members" added

(4) (i) (c) The amount to be allocated to the Associations BRF for the current year of operation shall be resolved at the AGM.

(4) (i) (e) Members aged 65 years or over (changed from 'or more')

(6) (iv) No business shall be transacted at an AGM or EGM unless a quorum of 25 practising members is present

There was little detail from the County Committee as to what the changes had been and why, members were asked to go away and look on the website if they wished to find out more.

10. Upcoming Events

Fri 18th Oct 7.45pm – Practice at Bromley Common

Sat 16th Nov 2.45pm – Call Change Competition at Farnborough

Sat 23rd Nov 7pm – Practice at Ash by Wrotham

Sat 14th Dec 10am – Practice at Chislehurst, St Nicks

2014 meetings

11th Jan at Eltham, 12th April Venue TBC, 12th July at Dartford and 11th Oct at Horton Kirby (all subject to agreement from the various churches)

21st April (Easter Monday) KCACR AGM at Lewisham

1st Mar Striking competition venue TBC

15th Nov Call Change Competition venue TBC

11. AOB

- Dominic asked if there was anyone who could assist the Lewisham Band ring for their first Sunday Service next Sunday (20th October) 9.15am meet as they are one short.
- 2014 Ringing World Calendars which feature on the front page of the Newsletter are available from Shelagh and Chris at a price of £7. Profits, if bought from them will go to the Kent BRF.
- Cudham & Downe will be sharing practices on Monday evenings. (1st & 3rd at Cudham, 2nd & 4th at Downe)

12. Vote of Thanks

Natalie Slator proposed a vote of thanks to Rev Rob Radcliffe for conducting the Service and to Graham Sadler for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to Margaret Heald and Erith St John Band for hosting us, and for providing a delicious tea which was enjoyed by all.

Next meeting will be at Eltham, St John on Saturday 11th January 2014.