

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, Eltham St John the Baptist, 11th January 2014

A Minutes silence was held to remember Ken Gristwood from Bromley Common and Alfred (Alf) Patten formerly of Erith CC who both sadly passed away recently.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Deryck Jones (Dartford)

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

Agreed as a correct and accurate record of meeting

Proposed: Cathy Cheeseman, Seconded: David Holdridge. Voted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Cathy Cheeseman asked if anyone knew if the DBS check was portable yet. It was thought this was still to be ratified by the Church of England.

Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Jake Etheridge	Dartford	Brenda Barton	Esther Correia
Andrew Bacon			
Vincenti Luigi	Greenwich	Chris Goldsmith	Graham Long
Guisepina Radaelli		Shelagh Norman	Graham Long
Roxanne Hughes		Graham Long	Shelagh Norman
Thomas Baird	Eltham	David Holdridge	Tiffany Kelly
Thomas Wilding	Chislehurst, St Nics	Peter Skinner	Rupert Cheeseman
Kenneth Springate	Erith CC	Elizabeth Brett	Natalie Slator
Adrian Lucia		Rachel Backhouse	Mark Backhouse

All were elected unanimously. NB. Roxanne is an Associate Member.

Rupert noted that it was good to see that 4 of those being elected had come to the meeting and encouraged them and the other new members to attend future district events.

5. Subs & Handbook Tower Returns

Rachel (Membership Sec) thanked all those who had paid their subs and reminded everyone else that the subs are now due - £10 for Adults, £5 for juniors, those in full time education and those over 60. Cheques need to be made payable to Kent Association of Change Ringers (note- NO 'County').

Sue thanked all the towers that have already sent back their tower returns either by email or on the new on-line system. Feedback was that it was very 'user-friendly' to do it this way. She reminded those who hadn't sent their returns to do so and will send out a reminder email in a few days which she hoped would round up the remainder.

Lesley Barclay asked about 50 year membership nominations in particular that of John Barnes. Unfortunately, Rachel does not have records of every member's joining date. Esther advised that there were some historic membership records at Crayford and would look when next there. ACTION Sec to check back records of minutes also. (Sec Note: minutes from 1996 onwards only)

6. Kent County AGM at Lewisham 21st April 2014

Rupert asked for offers to either open towers on the tour route or at the Meeting Venue for a variety of jobs. Those volunteering their assistance are requested to please contact him or Sue. Offers from Shoreham, Horton Kirby and Chelsfield were made, please let's have more

to follow. Ian advised that the Lewisham vicar is not available to take the service so a request will be made to one of the ringing vicars.

ACTION – Sue to organise another planning meeting to be held in the next week/fortnight with the Lewisham Team and contact Margaret Funnell regarding the vicar. *Sec Note: Meeting took place on Mon 13th Jan at Lewisham.*

120 Club Draw

	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	£20	100	Jamie Drew	Hayes
2 nd	£10	119	Bell Restoration Fund	
3 rd	£10	92	Jeremy Byers	Beckenham
4 th	£5	54	Robert & Jackie Duke	Bromley Common

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club.

8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 30th Nov 2013 presented by Natalie Slator

- Ringing World Calendars sold well and made a profit. Now reduced to half price - £3.50.
- It was agreed that purchase the online facility 'Survey Monkey' to assist with collating information. This can be used by Districts if required. Cost £199 for one year.
- Letter from Kate Flavell re Etiquette for Open Days – this has already been circulated to District Secretaries.
- Life Members who have moved from the area need to apply to the Handbook Editor for their Handbook.
- There is a change to DBS (previously CRB) registration – any problems speak to Mr Spencer.
- It was agreed to purchase the old Seal Chart tenor bell at a cost of £5,000. This can be used by Minster in Thanet if they wish to make their minor five into a major five
- Chatham bells have now been taken out and are on permanent loan to St Gorran in Cornwall. There are 8 spare ropes – 70 to 80ft – available and some wheels. It was suggested these be sold and money to BRF
- It was agreed that Mr Butcher could rent a garage at £30 per month in order to store materials and spare parts etc.
- More volunteers are required for the CCBR visit in May next year. Names to David Manger.
- A new General Secretary is required as from April.
- 8 Bell Striking Competition is to be held on Saturday 5th July 2014 at Brenchley, draw at 9.45 a.m. ringing to commence 10.00a.m. Method to be rung is 216 Stedman Triples (touch found in 2013 Ringing World Diary).
- 6 Bell Competition will be held on the 27th September 2014 in the Ashford District.
- Revd David Cawley has purchased a light 6 bells (tenor $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt) and wishes to present them to the Association. They will need hanging and could be used as a portable ring or hung in a Church.
- It has been suggested that the meeting place for the General Committee Meetings should be changed as the Tower Room at Leeds is not really large enough. It has been suggested to go to Kennington but suggestions for venue are requested.

9. Upcoming Events

Fri 24th (*subsequent to meeting changed to 31st*) January 20:00 – 21:30 District Practice at Eynsford (venue TBC)

Sat 22nd February 10:00 – 12:00 District Practice at Erith St John

Sat 1st March Striking competition at Eynsford (venue TBC)

Sat 15th March 19:00 – 21:00 District Practice at Crayford (venue TBC)

Sat 12th April QDM at Bromley Common

Please note that the times will be 15:30 Ringing, 16:30 Service, then Meeting (about 17:00), tea and evening ringing.

Mon 21st April (Easter Monday) KCACR AGM at Lewisham

Fri 25 th April 20:00 – 21:30	District Practice venue TBC
Sat 17 th May 10:00 – 12:00	District Practice at Dartford (venue TBC)
Sat 21 st Jun 19:00 – 21:00	District Practice at Chelsfield (venue TBC)
Late June	Farningham Trophy (date TBC)
Sat 12 th July	QDM at Dartford (back to usual timings)
Fri 25 th July 20:00 – 21:30	District Practice venue TBC
Sat 11 th Oct	ADM at Horton Kirby
Sat 15 th Nov	Call Change Competition venue TBC

We will check with David Hilling to see if the Farningham Trophy will take place this summer.
Sec Note: This competition will take place in late June, the exact date TBC.

10. AOB

- The 2014 Ringing World Calendars made a profit for the Kent BRF. They have now been reduced to a bargain price of £3.50 – contact Chris or Shelagh if you would like one (or 2, 3 etc). They also have the books and clothing for sale.
- The Call Change comp took place at Farnborough on 16th Nov. Only four teams took part and the combined Dartford/Crayford band retained the trophy. Please see the full article in the latest newsletter.
- Talking of the Newsletter, 50 editions after Rupert's first edition he found himself editing the latest one. He thanked everyone for their contributions please keep it up for Sue Allport for the next one in three months time. A discussion around size and colour took place. Most attendees felt that they liked the A4 size and that the extra £15 (£25 B&W £40 Colour) to have it produced in colour was worth it.
- Margaret Heald has some new learners which she is teaching on Saturday mornings. They are progressing well but are now at the point where they need some additional help to ring in with others. The February District Practice Sat am session will be held at Erith St John to assist with this, but if anyone can offer any assistance on some Saturday mornings, Margaret would be very grateful to assist these enthusiastic beginners.
- Ian had received no volunteers interested in filling the vacant positions of Deputy Ringing Master or Training Officer. Rupert likewise. After a brief discussion around filling these vital posts that actually related directly to ringing, Cathy Cheeseman offered herself up to help when she could fit it in with her busy singing commitments. This spurred Diane on to volunteer her services too. The two ladies were swiftly taken up on their offer and before they could change their minds they were Proposed by Chris Goldsmith and Seconded by Lesley Barclay. It was decided that they would be given the title of Deputy Ringing Mistresses (Or Ian's girls!) and the three of them would cover the Training Officer role.
- Jim Rooke spoke on behalf of the Trustees of the Margaret Macey Fund which provides funding for individuals to attend Ringing Courses. There are three main ringing courses; Essex and Hereford which take place in April and Bradfield which takes place in August. Application forms are available on the Lewisham website. The application date for Hereford is very soon, so if you wish to apply for funding please submit your application ASAP.

11. Vote of Thanks

Eddie Coode proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Davine for all her baking the previous day to supply us all with splendid cakes for the ringers' tea.

Philippa Rooke proposed a vote of thanks to Fr Jim Bryson for conducting the Service and to James Graham for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to the Eltham Band for hosting us, and for the delicious warming winter tea and cakes etc which was enjoyed by all.

Next meeting will be at Bromley Common Saturday 12th April 2014.