

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, Dartford, Holy Trinity, 12th July 2014

1. Minute of silence

Was held for Simon Sleath, Tower Captain of Downe, who died on 22nd April.

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Chris Goldsmith and Shelagh Norman (Greenwich), Mark Backhouse (Erith CC), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby)

3. Minutes of last meeting (12th April 2014)

Posted to the website after last meeting and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record of the meeting. **Proposed:** David Holdridge **Seconded:** Andrew Sinclair

4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nil

5. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Jacqueline Wickham	Erith, St John's	Margaret Heald	Luke Potgieter
Helen Smith (Junior member)			Mark Backhouse

6. County Training Events

Peter Dale from Dover Ringing Centre took over the role of County Training Officer in April and has been busy organising two ITTS training events. The first is a 2hr seminar on Thurs 14th Aug dedicated to the ITTS Mentor scheme. This is taking place at Kennington Community Centre. The mentor scheme is directed at those who can ring Plain Bob Minor inside confidently. The second is day course on Sat 23rd Aug ITTS Module II taking place at Dover. More info on both events can be found on the County Website or by contacting Peter direct (contact details on the website). The question was asked, if we went to an event would it mean that the district were committed to paying the proposed extra money in County Subs in the future. It was explained that the donation via subs was a separate issue. The commitment required is to the ITTS scheme as an individual rather than district or county level.

7. County AGM – April 2014

We, as a district, hosted this successful event on Easter Monday at Lewisham. The feedback received was all positive (especially enjoyed was the Chicken Rice & Peas!) apart from one of the towers shutting before the hour had passed. Rupert wished to thank all those who took part by either opening their towers, stewarding or in the running of the event. Special thanks go to Julia Pring and her team at Lewisham who provided the venue and the food and the clearing up. Letters of thanks were sent to the Vicar, organist and Julia after the event. We were able to make a donation to the church, BRF and to the Lewisham tower fund (to go towards a set of new ropes) with the monies left over.

8. Update from County Meeting (26th April 2014) by Natalie Slator and Chris Devine

Rupert explained the structure of the County meetings for the benefit of the new members. There are six Districts in the Kent County Association each with two district reps. Each district holds meetings four times a year. The reps then attend the four County meetings and are a conduit between the two.

- The main topic was centred on the Ringing Foundation (RF) requesting more money to run the ITTS training schemes. This was covered in depth at the last district meeting and info on it can be found in the previous minutes. Should we pay the extra money they are requesting? Can we do the same training, but in house? Shall we set up our own training fund? There is already the £1000+ profit from the calendar sales to start it off.
- MRFS proposed that the income of the county be split three ways with the General Fund receiving 50%, the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF) 25% and the new Education Fund 25%.
- There is still a will to promote and publicise a Young Ringers Section within the County. Philip Larter will be the central point of contact with involvement from Ben Legg. There is already a section on the County website and a Facebook page in existence. It is hoped that a County Youth Competition will take place, Rev Cawley has offered to provide a trophy.
- There has been an offer to take the Jubilee Peel to the Ringing Roadshow, however it needs a bit of maintenance and modification to make it easier to assemble. This may not be possible in time for September but any volunteers of help would be gratefully received by Charles Tassell.

- Catherine Lewis is seeking new quotes for enamel KCACR badges.
- Thanks were given to the Lewisham District (us) for hosting the successful County AGM in April.
- The 10 bell Essex Trophy will take place in Kent this year on 13th September.
- The County 6 bell striking comp will be held at Kennington this year, Canterbury District next year.
- The County 8 bell striking comp will be held in the Ashford District next year.
- Next County meeting is at Leeds on 30th August.

9. Events Update – Results and forthcoming

Date	Event	Time	Tower
25 th July	District Practice	8 – 9.30pm	Chislehurst
9 th August	Joint District Outing	Day	Multiple in London tbc
16 th August	District Practice	10am – noon	Cudham tbc
20 th Sept	District Practice	7-9pm	Farnborough
11 th October	ADM	3.30pm onwards	Horton Kirby

In addition to the above, the Ringing Roadshow takes place on Saturday 6th September at Newbury Racecourse. It is a great day out with lots of ‘mini-rings’ and other ringing related events and stalls.

- The Farningham Trophy took place on Sunday 22nd June with four teams competing for the trophy made from the old headstock removed during the renovation in 2008. The trophy encourages bands of all levels to enter and requires at least two members in each band to be ringing close to their level of competency. There was also a hand-bell tune ringing competition with the four tower teams supplemented by a team from Farningham Church. Crayford took the prize in the tower, but Erith CC took the top prize with the hand-bells. A full report is on the website and in the newsletter.
- Last Saturday, 5th July saw five of the six Districts gathering together at Tonbridge tower to compete for the 8 bell trophy. **We were victorious for the 4th year in a row!!** Well done Lewisham. The three members of the team present at the meeting were congratulated. Again a full report in the newsletter and on the website with photos of our CHAMPIONS.

10. 120 club draw

	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	£20	41	Tom Baird	Eltham
2 nd	£20	35	Margaret Heald	Erith, St John
3 rd	£10	62	Judith Cheeseman	c/o Crayford
4 th	£10	26	Deryck Jones	Dartford
5 th	£10	114	120 club	BRF
6 th	£10	27	Ian Nurdin	Ash by Wrotham
7 th	£5	43	John Bonny	Bexley
8 th	£5	81	Sue Cameron	Unattached

11. AOB

- Brenda Barton requested that it be recorded that she had been a rep for seven years. Brenda thanked the meeting for recording this and hoped the new reps were enjoying their role. They confirmed they were.
- Nick Wilkins had been asked by the Farnborough ringers to explore if there was any possibility of changing the timings of the meeting. They felt that as it starts at 3.30 with ringing and the meeting not finishing until about 6pm it was quite protracted before the second ringing session. Rupert explained that to incorporate all the elements, ringing, service, tea and meeting did take a while but all were considered vital components. There are only four services a year and people could come to all or part of the afternoon. Rupert said that all ringers were welcome to come to the District practices which are 100% ringing and tailored to all levels for the attendees.
- Rupert was thanked for the newsletter which was especially good this time with lots of colour photos.

12. Vote of thanks

Andrew Sinclair proposed a vote of thanks to Rev Martin Henwood for taking the service, Dartford for hosting us and to Esther and her band for supplying a very enjoyable ringers’ tea which included fresh cherries and kiwi fruit.

13. Date of next meeting

Annual District Meeting: St Mary’s, Horton Kirby, Saturday 11th October 2014.
(3.30pm ringing, 4.30pm Service, 5pm tea then meeting and evening ringing)