

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting, St Mary, Horton Kirby 11th October 2014

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Sue Cameron (Secretary), Rachel Backhouse (Erith CC), Chris Goldsmith & Shelagh Norman (Greenwich), Philippa and Jim Rooke (Chelsfield), Esther Correia (Dartford), Margaret Heald (Erith St John) Alex Britton (unattached). Nick Wilkins attended but could not stay for the whole meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting (12th July 2014)

Posted to website and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record. Proposed: Ian Mills; Seconded: David Holdridge. Voted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nil

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Tracy Burch	Horton Kirby	Lesley Barclay	John Pettyfer
Ella Burch (Junior member)			
Anne Taylor	Chelsfield	Nicholas Wilkins	Lesley Barclay

All were elected unanimously and it was good to see that two of the new members had come to the meeting. They were encouraged to come to future district events.

5. Officer Reports

Ringling Master, Ian Mills: District Practices have been held monthly and well attended apart from Cudham where only 6 bells were rung [rather than the possible 10] but it was still very worthwhile for those that did turn up.

Lewisham won the Kent 8 Bell Trophy. The Essex Trophy was won by KCACR with half the band from the Lewisham District.

The Outing with Tonbridge went to Croydon area and was a good day out. It will be Tonbridge's turn to arrange it in 2015.

The next 6 practices have been arranged and are on the website and in the Newsletter.

Training Officers, Ian Mills, Diane Reynolds & Cathy Cheeseman: no events took place as both officers had problems due to the undefined nature of their roles.

Newsletter Editor, Sue Allport: Sue is stepping down and Rupert would be happy to do the same if someone else wanted to do it.

120 Club, Rachel Backhouse: (Presented by Mark) £620 went to BRF. It runs on the 'Financial Year' and only seven of the 120 places remain un-sold. Rachel tried to open a business account with Lloyds but the transfer of account did not run smoothly. The current position is; the account is still with Barclays and Lloyds have made a donation of £50 in compensation for the poor service. This will be passed to the BRF.

6. Election of Officers

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Rupert Cheeseman	Lesley Barclay	Brenda Barton
Secretary	Sue Cameron	Rupert Cheeseman	Mark Backhouse
Membership Secretary	Rachel Backhouse	Brenda Barton	Elizabeth Brett
Ringling Master	Ian Mills	Chris Davine	Lesley Barclay
Asst Ringling Master	Diane Reynolds	Brenda Barton	Chris Davine
Training Officer	Unfilled		
District Rep 1	Chris Davine	Rupert Cheeseman	Brenda Barton
District Rep 2	Natalie Slator		

120 Club	Rachel Backhouse	Lesley Barclay	Natalie Slator
Newsletter	Rupert Cheeseman	Mark Backhouse	Natalie Slator
Sales	Shelagh Norman	Rupert Cheeseman	Sue Allport
	Chris Goldsmith		

Notes on appointments

- This will be Rupert's third year so, as tradition dictates, he'll be standing down next year.
- Cathy Cheeseman is no longer standing for the role of Assistant RM/Training; she was thanked for her contribution this year.
- Training Officer – No volunteers.
- There was discussion about running training sessions and ways and means of achieving this. Ian suggested that some areas have training committees. Rupert suggested that the District committee have a meeting to discuss the best way forward before the next District Meeting in January.
- Newsletter Editor-Sue Allport stepped down, Rupert will continue, reluctantly as nobody else is willing to take over at present. Sue was thanked for her time and considerable effort in producing such good Newsletters.

7. 120 club draw

	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	£20	David Hilling	Eynsford & Farningham
2nd	£10	Mick McDonald	Horton Kirby
3rd	£10	Jeremy Byers	Beckenham
4th	£5	Judith Fry	West Wickham

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club.

8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 23rd August 2014

- Rev. David Cawley's offer of a trophy for the Youth Ringers has still to be decided upon what type will be appropriate.
- The Jubi-Peal is up and running and was at the Ringing Roadshow.
- I.T.T.S.-discussions still going on about finances for this and how effective the courses are as there are no mentors to provide follow up support.
- Child Protection report is available. Subsequent to the meeting, District secretaries have indicated that there are not happy with their suggested roles.
- Stanley Evans has been delighted with the many celebrations for his 70 years ringing.
- A new Chairman will need to be found as Mike has been in place for three years.

9. Upcoming Events

- County 6 Bell Competition was won by Chelsfield at Kennington.
- **15th November**, West Wickham- Call Change competition- no more than three peal ringers can be in a band but towers can combine. Full details on the website.
- Meetings in 2015 need venues. 10th **January**; Rupert volunteered Crayford as hosts. [Note: subsequently Greenwich volunteered to host which was accepted]
- **11th July** will be at Erith Christ Church.
- Venues still required for April and October.
- **7th March** Striking competition and **21st November** Call Change competition both 2015.

10. AOB

- Ringing Roadshow - Rupert went and said that he recommended it as a good day out and well worthwhile if considering going next time.
- Sue Allport has made a request for information regarding charges for ringing at weddings. A brief discussion took place. The survey results will be circulated in due course.

11. Vote of Thanks

Mick McDonald thanked Nick Williams for taking the service, John Williams the organist, Tracy Burch for giving the Address and of course the Horton Kirby members for providing an excellent tea.

Next meeting will be Saturday 10th January 2015 at Crayford (tbc) [Note: Greenwich will host.]