

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Alfege, Greenwich 10th Jan 2015

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Margaret Heald (Erith St John) and Alex Britton (unattached).

2. Minutes of last meeting (11th October 2014)

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Minutes in rear of Newsletter should read that Anne Taylor was proposed as a Chelsfield member by N Wilkins and Seconded by L Barclay. Once corrected, Proposed: Edward Gormley; Seconded: Tom Baird

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere - Nil

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Emma Roberts	Greenwich	Shelagh Norman	Graham Long
JJ Aiston		Chris Goldsmith	Alan Munden
Ian Nurdin	Ash-by-Wrotham	Brian Ashmore	Ian Paddy
Tom Hinks	Bromley	Dickon Love	Ian Mills
Matthew Sheasby (Jnr Member)			

All were elected unanimously and it was good to see that one of the new members had come to the meeting. Two others came along later. We also welcomed back to the District, Helena Mattingley who has moved back to the area. All were encouraged to come along to future district events.

5. Training Officer Reports

Peter Dale from the Dover Ringing Centre has two training events coming up
28th March ITTS Module 1 at Headcorn

18th April – Bell Maintenance at Lympne by Brian Butcher. Names required by 28th March
Further details for both can be found on the County Website

6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 29th November 2014

- It was agreed that an accountant would be employed to work on the accounts with the Treasurer so they are accurate for 2015
- Profits from the sale of the 2014 Ringing World calendar amount to £1200 and will be held in a separate account to be used for Training.
- It was agreed the KCACR should pay for the removal of the bells from Murston and store them until such time as they are required
- At the County AGM the current Chairman, Treasurer and Handbook Editor are not standing for re-election. Please give consideration to standing for one of these posts.
- The 6 Bell striking competition is to be held in the Canterbury District 26th September
- The 8 Bell striking competition is to be held in the Ashford District 4th July and the method will be Little Bob Major. The specific touch is on the County Website.
- The following grant applications were considered and awarded as follows: Thanington: £900, Wrotham: £5,000 and Lydd: £700

7. Events Update, results and forthcoming events

- Call change competition took place in November with five bands taking part. It was won by Crayford. The competition was tight with not a great margin of points between first and last.
- Ian Mills (Ringing Master) gave an outline of how Surrey Assc run their District Practices and Training events. A training event is held every month. Several options were suggested varying from practices or training event each month; no practice or event in the

month where there is a District Meeting. Ian agreed that after the current practices already scheduled, he would plan one training event for each quarter. It would be held in a different month to the quarterly district meeting. If these were planned ahead it would enable helpers and students to commit early to the event. A request was made that the venue for training events and practices be moved around the district. There were offers from Chelsfield and Bromley to host a training event.

- Meetings venues were still required for April and October. Dickon made an offer to host the October ADM. He suggested that a helpful note be put together to assist towers know what was involved in hosting a meeting. His experience from meetings in the Canterbury district, had him believe that it was a far more arduous affair than he has seen today and was now confident that his small band would be able to host one. Graham Long made an offer to host the meeting again at Greenwich, possibly for January next year. We all agreed it was a great venue for the cold January month as it was lovely and warm and a wonderful church.
- The striking competition will be held on 7th March, no venue set yet. Nick Wilkins offered to research the possibility of holding it at Farnborough. UPDATE: this is now confirmed.
- Upcoming district practices
 24/01/15 Erith CC 10:00 – 12:00
 20/02/15 Horton Kirby 20:00 – 21:30
 21/03/15 Chislehurst Annunciation 19:00 – 21:00
 County AGM at Marden on Easter Monday 06/04/15
 Quarterly District Meeting on 18/04/15 venue tbc

8. 120 club draw

Dec	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	6	Liz Brett	Erith CC
	£20	65	Margaret Heald	Erith St John
2nd	£10	13	John Stook	c/o Ash-by-Wrotham
	£10	11	Ken Springate	Erith CC
3rd	£10	90	John Chenery	Horton Kirby
	£10	112	Chris Davine	Eltham
4th	£5	96	Nigel Parsons	Unattached
	£5	91	Jon Pettyfer	Horton Kirby

Jan	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	110	David Holdridge	Eltham
2nd	£10	66	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
3rd	£10	55	Margaret Heald	Erith St John
4th	£5	87	Sue Allport	Horton Kirby

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club which has now raised over £5,000

9. AOB

- 120 club applications in the Newsletter, first draw of the new year is April
- KCACR subscriptions are now due to Rachel please. £10 adults, £5 under 16, over 65 or students.
- Handbook returns have been sent out electronically, a third have replied which is great. Others to do those ASAP please. Any Births/Deaths/Marriages to Sue or in the tower return.
- Shelagh has the bookshop, please see her if you wish to buy anything.
- Rupert thanked all those who have sent articles in for the newsletter.

10. Vote of Thanks

Gerry Piggott thanked the Revs Chris Moody and Caroline Risdon for taking the service, Graham Long the organist, and of course the Meridian Ringers for providing an excellent tea.

Next meeting will be Saturday 18th April 2015 venue TBC