

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, Christ Church, Erith 11th July 2015

16 people attended representing 5 towers, 1 unattached member.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Esther Correia, Jake Ethridge and Deryck Jones (Dartford), Graham Long (Greenwich), Philippa and Jim Rooke, Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby) Christine Goldsmith and Shelagh Norman (Unattached), Chris Davine (Eltham), Ken Springate (Erith CC).

2. Minutes of last meeting (14th April 2015)

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Proposed: Diane Reynolds; Seconded: Natalie Slator.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nothing.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Gillian Harris	Lewisham	Dominic Meredith	Andrew Clark
Keith Moss	Chislehurst, St Nicholas	Ian Mills	Diane Reynolds

Both were elected unanimously and it was good to see that Keith was able to attend the early ringing, service and tea but an evening engagement prevented him from staying for the meeting.

5. Training Events

- Ian reported that the Training event had gone well with raising and lowering taking place in both Dartford and Eltham with a total of 14 students split between the two venues. There were just enough helpers with three at one and two at the other. More would have been beneficial. There is another training event scheduled for 22nd August and although Ian was open to suggestions of what people would like as a subject, he was minded to run another raising and lowering as there were so many applicants for the last session that he could not accommodate them all. Please let him know if you can help out.
- There is an ITTS 1 running at Tunstall on 31st August
- There is an ITTS 2 running at Staplehurst on 19th September

6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 25th April 2015

- as a result of demand in the Canterbury District, MRFS is looking into sourcing enamel badges at a reduced cost. The General Committee will be kept advised of progress
- it was agreed that Peter Dale would draft a set of guidelines around what would be considered suitable to spend money from the Training fund/budget on from the next meeting
- Caroline Stockmann is stepping down as Independent Auditor so as to not risk any conflict of interest with her new position on the General Committee
- there was now a link to the KCACR Facebook group on the homepage of the KCACR website
- Tim Munt agreed to look into the setup of a membership database, and the possibility of providing membership cards will also be looked into
- a grant request was received from St Peter-in-Thanel, but as the extent of the work required on the bells was not yet known it was agreed to defer any grant offer for the time being
- it was agreed that a Youth Striking Competition would be arranged for the last Saturday in October, hopefully by Ben Legg
- it was agreed that we should approach Ben Legg to ask whether he would be willing to take on the role of "Youth Officer"
- owing to the reduced time the General Committee meetings were now taking, it was agreed future meetings would start at 10.00am instead of 9.30am

- the 2015 County 8-bell Striking Competition would be held on 4 July at Headcorn, draw at 2.45pm; method will be Little Bob Major
- the 2015 County 6-bell Striking Competition would be held on 26 September at Godmersham, 2.45pm draw
- the dates of future General Committee meetings in 2015 were confirmed as 1 August and 28 November, both starting at 10.00am with coffee served from 9.30am

7. Events Update, results and forthcoming events

- The KCACR band were triumphant at the Tewkesbury Shield 10-bell competition, winning at the first time of entering. Well done to all the members of the band. A majority of which were from the Lewisham District.
- After four years of being the winners of the County 8-bell, it was Rochester District who lifted the trophy this time. Lewisham finished in second place.
- The annual joint outing with the Tonbridge District is being held on 8th August with towers in London. The first is in Tottenham and then working south into the centre of London. Further details will be circulated when known.
- At the last meeting the venue for the October AGM was still being sought. Since then Beckenham have agreed to host us on the 10th October.
- Upcoming district practices

25/07/15	District Practice	Biggin Hill (TBC)	10 – 12 noon
14/08/15	District Practice	Beckenham	8 – 9.30pm
22/08/15	Training	TBC	TBC
19/09/15	District Practice	Eltham	7 – 9pm
10/10/15	ADM	Beckenham	3.30pm onwards
8 th – 15 th November		Quarter Peal Week	
- Centenary of Erith Christchurch bells in July 2015, monthly open days are taking place. See pamphlets that were circulated in your April newsletter for more info.

8. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	55	Mark Backhouse	Erith CC
1st	£20	26	Elizabeth Brett	Erith CC
2nd	£10	50	Nigel Parsons	Unattached
2nd	£10	118	Matthew Smith	Erith CC
3rd	£10	62	Jack Barker	Eynsford & Farningham
3rd	£10	32	Jan Odell	Foots Cray
4th	£5	75	David Hilling	Eynsford & Farningham
4th	£5	57	Megan Smith	Cudham

We were beginning to wonder if the only balls in the bag belonged to the band hosting the meeting!

9. AOB

- Rupert thanked all the people who submitted articles for the newsletter which is back up to its usual 16 pages this time.
- Sue spoke about a new unified University's website which has for the first time brought all contacts and information in to one place. It covers everything anyone going off to Uni may need and for towers who may have university students nearby to advertise their towers and encourage attendance from this source. An email with the information and link will be circulated to the tower contacts and email group for onward circulation to all ringers. Sue encouraged people to forward it on to any young person you may know heading off to University in the autumn too as an option for them to pursue when they start.
- Youth band competition. We would like to enter a Lewisham District band so please let Ian or Sue know if they are any young people in your band that would like to take part.
- Rupert reminded everyone that the Officer roles are up for election in October with notice that the current incumbents of the Ringing master, Chairman and Newsletter Editor posts were not re-standing.

10. Vote of Thanks

Ian Mills thanked Rev Ann Norman for taking the service, Ed Sage the organist, and of course the Erith CC band for providing very tasty refreshments plus the amazing birthday cake for the tower's centenary created by Natalie.

Next meeting will be Saturday 10th October 2015 at St George, Beckenham.