

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting, St George's Beckenham 10th October 2015

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Rachel Backhouse (Erith CC), Chris Goldsmith & Shelagh Norman (Greenwich), Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield), Esther Correia & Deryck Jones (Dartford), Peter Skinner (Chislehurst, St Nicholas), Janis Roddy (Bromley Common), Alex Britton (unattached).

2. Minutes of last meeting (11th July 2015, Erith CC)

Posted to website and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record.
Proposed: Mark Backhouse; Seconded: Elizabeth Brett. Voted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Mark requested that Rupert send any photos of the Erith Birthday cake to Rachel.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Alexander Fishburn	Bromley Parish	Mark Backhouse	Chris Davine

Elected unanimously and it was good to see him at the meeting and at previous events.

5. Officer Reports

Ringling Master, Ian Mills: District Practices have been held monthly and well attended with the format of Fri evenings, Sat mornings and Sat evenings.

Training Officer, Ian Mills: two of the three events have taken place; the first was raising and lowering in peal. This was very popular and probably enough interest to run another one. The second was an introduction to hand-bell ringing, not too many took part, but it was enjoyed by those who attended. Since it was run, more interest has been shown so another session may be arranged. There is one more Training Event scheduled for 7th November, details will be circulated when more info available. Quarter Peal week is scheduled for 8th – 15th November. If anyone wants to ring in one or assistance in ringing a quarter peal, please contact Ian.

Membership Sec, Rachel Backhouse: (Presented by Sue) There were 10 new members elected in the last year. Total membership numbers down 11 to 212. Most of these have not been lost to ringing but moved away from the area or moved district.

120 Club, Rachel Backhouse: (presented by Mark) £572.06 went to BRF. It runs on the 'Financial Year' (April to April) and 115 shares were sold out of possible 120 - the most sold yet. So far for this year 103 have been purchased.

6. Election of Officers

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Philippa Rooke	Rupert Cheeseman	Lesley Barclay
Secretary	Sue Cameron	Philippa Rooke	Bethany KIRRAGE
Membership Secretary	Rachel Backhouse	Brenda Barton	Les Brett
Ringling Master	Vacant		
Asst Ringling Master	Diane Reynolds	Sue Cameron	Bethany KIRRAGE
Training Officer	Ian Mills	Lesley Barclay	Natalie Slator
District Rep 1	Chris Davine	Philippa Rooke	Elizabeth Brett
District Rep 2	Natalie Slator		
120 Club	Rachel Backhouse	Brenda Barton	Jim Rooke
Newsletter	Rupert Cheeseman	Diane Reynolds	Bethany KIRRAGE
Sales	Shelagh Norman	Rupert Cheeseman	Bethany KIRRAGE
	Chris Goldsmith		

Note on appointments:

- The vacant Ringling Master position will hopefully be re-addressed in January. In the interim, Rupert and Sue will organise towers for the District Practices next year and invite Guest 'Ringling Masters' to run a practice whenever Diane is not available.

7. 120 club draw

	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	£20	Ian Mills	Eltham
2nd	£10	Hannah Clark	Hayes
3rd	£10	Esther Correia	Dartford
4th	£5	Mark Backhouse	Erith CC

8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 1st August 2015

- A minutes' silence was held to remember Frank Lewis who recently passed away
- Work on the accounts is well underway and the outstanding grants for Wrotham and Broomfield have now been paid
- Doug Davis is looking after the KCACR website for the time being in the absence of an official Webmaster
- Due to lack of interest, it is likely that the ITTS Module 1 course scheduled for 31st August and the ITTS Module 2 course scheduled for 19th September will be cancelled
- The grant application for Hollingbourne was reviewed but not increased, however an offer of a short-term loan will be made
- Following updated figures and information from St. Peter in Thanet, a maximum grant of £10,000 was agreed
- It was agreed that we should retain a separate Training fund, and final details around usage and process would be decided at the next meeting
- It was agreed that we would investigate the possibility of re-printing the bell handling posters available at the Central Council meeting in Hull
- The Youth Striking Competition this year will be Call Changes only and will be held on 24th October at Chalk. Lewisham has a team that will be entering – Good Luck!
- It was agreed that a County Mailing list would be setup to help communication across the Association, approx. 100 have signed up so far. Please consider signing up.
- A membership database has been established and is in the early stages of being updated; Membership cards will also be looked at for the coming year. Doubt was expressed in our meeting as to the need for this.
- It was agreed that a County Surprise Major practice would be setup and trialled, the first is set for 31st October at Wrotham 10 - 12 noon.
- The 2015 County 6-bell Striking Competition would be held on 26th September at Godmersham, 2.45pm draw. Lewisham went on to win this – well done Chelsfield.

9. Past Events and Upcoming Events

- County 6 Bell Competition was won convincingly by Chelsfield at Godmersham.
- **17th October** District Practice at Downe 10 – 12 noon.
- **7th November** District Training event – further details to follow.
- **8th – 15th November** Quarter Peal Week
- **21st November**, Farningham - Call Change competition- no more than three peal ringers can be in a band but towers can combine. Full details on the website.
- **12th December** District Practice at Dartford 7 – 9pm.

10. Any Other Business

- Philippa reminded the meeting that the Lewisham District is due to hold next year's County 6 bell competition; Nick Wilkins is offering Farnborough as host.
- Request for details of what is available from the Book stall to be placed on the district website and if possible for the stock be brought to meetings by someone else if Chris or Shelagh are unable to make it.
- Rupert thanked those who had contributed to the newsletter during the year, more articles are always greatly received.

11. Vote of Thanks

Alex Fishburn, our newly elected member, thanked Rev Tina Kelsey for taking the service and Nicholas Wibberley the organist. He gave special thanks to the Beckenham band for hosting the meeting, letting us ring their bells and for providing such a delicious and plentiful tea.

Next meeting will be Saturday 9th January 2016 at Greenwich.