

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Mary's, Bexley 9th April 2016

22 people attended representing 10 towers, 1 unattached member.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Margaret Heald (Erith St John), Rachel & Mark Backhouse (Erith Christchurch), Andrew Sinclair (Crayford), Esther Correia (Dartford), Ian Mills (Eltham), Alex Britton (U/A), Jim Rooke (Chelsfield) and Alex Fishburn.

2. Minutes of last meeting (9th January 2016)

Rupert noted that on the minutes of the previous meeting in October it had not been noted who proposed or seconded. This was duly done. Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman; Seconded: Diane Reynolds. Accepted by the Meeting.

He also asked if the meeting felt it should be recorded which member of the committee had approved the membership in relation to ringing down by Pat Webb where neither proposer or seconder were district officers. After discussion it was agreed this might be useful, although it could always be found on the completed membership form. In this case it had been recorded on the membership application that Rachel Backhouse vouched for Pat's ability to lower a bell safely.

The minutes from January had been posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Proposed: Chris Davine; Seconded: Lesley Barclay. Accepted by the Meeting.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere – Nil

4. Re Election of Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Clare Pruden	Chelsfield	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay
Nancy Fisher			
Doug Fisher			

All were elected unanimously back to the Association after a period of absence. All were encouraged to come along to future district events.

5. KCACR report on the meeting held on 27th February 2016

- The vacant CC Representative position for the remainder of this triennium will be filled at the AGM in March
- The accounts for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are all complete and going to be audited, hopefully in time for the handbook & AGM
- The handbook is ready to be printed and will be delivered on time to the AGM in March
- An application for a grant of £1,000 from the Training Fund from the Rochester District was discussed and approved
- New storage facilities for the bell restoration equipment and trailer need to be sought in the near future owing to Revd David Cawley's retirement later this year
- All arrangements for the upcoming AGM in March are in hand and details are available on the website
- At the AGM in March we will still be seeking a new Training Officer, Publicity Officer and at least 1 new Central Council Rep for the next triennium
- A post of Youth Officer will be made available at this year's AGM, and potential candidates have already been identified
- It was agreed that people would be invited at the AGM and via other means to become part of a group to be charged with running the KCACR Mobile Ring project
- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Method will be Grandsire Triples, touch to be decided by Daniel Brady
- It was agreed that, in memory of Frank Lewis, the Association would look to contribute towards a peal board/plaque for Brasted and also setup a digital archive named after him

- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Tower TBC.
- The County Youth Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 22nd October. Tower TBC
- The upcoming dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 are 23rd April, 27th August and 26th November
- The 2016 AGM to be held in the Rochester District will be at Tunstall on 28th March.

6. KCACR AGM report on the meeting held on 28th March 2016

- Peter Dale stood down as Training Officer after a number of years in post. This post is currently going to remain vacant whilst we find the best person to fill it
- Helen Webb stood down as Publicity Officer, and Caroline Stockmann was elected to take on the role
- A new position of County Youth Officer has been created, and young Alex Fishburn from the Lewisham District was successfully elected to this role
- Unfortunately we lost Frank Lewis, one of our Central Council Reps, last year leaving a position vacant for the remaining year of this triennium. Caroline Stockmann agreed to fill this position and was duly elected for 2016/2017 and will attend the CC Meeting in May
- Phil Larter stood down as a Central Council Representative, and as such wouldn't be standing for re-election for the new triennium (2017-2020)
- Phil Barnes and Caroline Stockmann were elected as new CC Reps for the new triennium (2017-2020)

7. Events Update and results

- The Striking competition took place in March with three bands taking part which was disappointing although one more than last year. The competition was won by Chelsfield (again) who will go on to represent the district in September's County competition.
- Philippa Rooke would like to improve the number of teams taking part. Questions put forward were: Is the date the problem? Should we try merging the two competitions to be held on one day? Is it made worse in the year that the Farningham trophy takes place, effectively having three competitions in a year? Ideas please as to how we can encourage more towers to take part.
- A successful Youth practice took place at Chelsfield with representatives from across the county. It was an enjoyable event which it is hoped will be repeated especially with Alex's new role as County Youth Officer.
- County Surprise Major practice held on the 5th Saturday of the month. Sue had been along to Leeds and found it useful and encouraged others to consider attending.
- The training day in February held at Sidcup focused on leading up and down in peal. It was well attended and the students found it useful. Please do contact Ian Mills with suggestions of topics for future sessions.

8. Future Events

- There is a list of event dates on the website, in the newsletter and a poster for each tower included in the newsletter.
- 23rd April St George's Day & District Practice at St George's, Bickley.
- 30th April County Surprise Major Practice at West Malling
- 6th June Ringing for HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations
- 26th June Farningham Trophy (ringing competition, Hand bells and BBQ)
- 6th August Joint Outing with Tonbridge District

An organiser is required for this event which is based on using public transport to get between towers. Please contact Philippa if you would be interested in organising it.

- 13th August Ringing and picnic at Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12) Canterbury District

9. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	38	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
2nd	£10	74	Elizabeth Brett	Erith CC
3rd	£10	16	Margaret Heald	Erith St John
4th	£5	55	Deryck Jones	Dartford

10. AOB

- Alex Fishburn was elected to the position of County Youth Officer at the AGM
- Membership Cards have now been produced and distributed. We are aware that some are missing. Please contact Sue Cameron with any names concerned with the added information of roughly when they paid subs and she will chase these up with the County Committee. Cards will be issued annually for all members paying yearly subs. Life members will not have their cards re-issued unless specifically requested.
- Laminated sheets have been produced by the County Committee showing examples of good handling techniques and by comparison, some common handling problems. These are being distributed with the newsletter along with any outstanding handbooks not already on their way to towers.
- Rev David Cawley's bells to be developed into a mobile ring. The County is looking for someone with technical knowledge to put the project together and progress it to enable it to be taken to fetes and events.
- Rupert thanked all those who submitted articles for the newsletter. Nick Wilkins thanked Rupert for his continued challenge of publishing the newsletter in time for the meetings.
- Philippa reminded the meeting of the District Officer Posts that will become vacant in October when Rachel and Ian have given notice that they will not be standing for re-election. Membership Secretary and or 120 club organiser, Training Officer. It should be noted that ALL posts are open for new nominations at the ADM.
- A venue is still being sought to host the July QDM. So far quite a few towers have been approached but none have been able to assist for a variety of reasons. Please contact Sue or Philippa if you are able to host us.

11. Vote of Thanks

Liz Brett thanked Rev Alison Letschko for taking the service with a very interesting sermon, Frank Roddy for playing the organ and of course the Bexley band for providing a lovely tea for us to enjoy.

Next meeting will be Saturday 9th July 2016 - venue TBC.