

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Alfege, Greenwich 9th Jan 2016

36 attendees representing 14 towers & 2 unattached.

The meeting was preceded by a minute of silence in memory of Peggy Mills.

Philippa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to St Alfege, a church with significance to her family as her parents married here.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield), Brenda Barton (Dartford) and Shelagh Norman (unattached).

2. Minutes of last meeting (10th October 2015)

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Number of attendees to be added ~ 20.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

A volunteer has been found for the vacant post of Ringing Master; Nick Wilkins :- Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman, Seconded; Lesley Barclay. Unanimously elected.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Lisa Cole	Eltham	David Holdridge	Ian Mills
Patricia Webb	Bromley Common	Chris Lawrence	D Alastair Scott

Both were elected unanimously and it was good to see that Lisa had attended the meeting.

5. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	21	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
2nd	£10	89	Sue Cameron	Unattached
3rd	£10	46	Janis Roddy	Sidcup
4th	£5	33	Foots Cray Tower	Foots Cray

6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 28th November 2015

- Information for the 2016 handbook will shortly be requested by the Handbook Editor via District Secretaries and Treasurers
- Guidelines for the use of the Training Fund were finalised and agreed
- A grant of £2,500 was awarded to Canterbury St. Dunstan to rehang the back 3 bells on new gudgeons and bearings
- The membership database is now in place and nearly up-to-date, and will be used by District Treasurers to update membership records ready for the 2016 handbook
- It was agreed that we will provide membership cards to every member, to be printed by the Secretary and provided to District Secretaries to distribute
- A poster about the Facebook groups and County mailing list has been sent to District Secretaries, and an A5 copy will be included in every 2016 handbook
- Following the success of the inaugural Youth Striking Competition, Revd David Cawley is now preparing a trophy as a gift to the Association
- At the 2016 AGM in March, we will currently be seeking a new Training Officer and at least 1 new Central Council Rep for the next triennium
- Ringing has been requested for St George's Day – 23rd April
- Ringing has been requested to commemorate HM Queen's 90th birthday – 6th June
- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Tower, method and touch TBC

- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Tower TBC.
- The dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 were agreed as 27th February, 23rd April, 27th August and 26th November

7. Events Update, results and forthcoming events

- The Call Change competition took place in November at Farningham with seven bands taking part. It was won by a combined Crayford & Dartford Band. The competition was tight with not a great margin of points between the teams. It was good to see so many teams entering.
- The county Youth Call change competition took place in October at Chalk with Lewisham taking the trophy. Congratulations to Bethany, Bethany, Tamsin, Becca, Tom and Alex.
- First Peal congratulations go to Alex Fishburn (Sidcup) and Jamie Austin (Brasted).
- Ian Mills advised that the next Training Day will be held on 20th February (Tower TBC, but maybe Farnborough) and will move on from the previous session, ringing up and down in peal to leading up and down in peal. Interest is already being shown so do please contact Ian to book a space.
- The striking competition will be held on 5th March, no venue set yet. Nick Wilkins has offered Farnborough.
- Upcoming district practices – are on the website

23/01/16	Ash by Wrotham	10:00 – 12:00
19/02/16	TBC	20:00 – 21:30
12/03/16	Bromley Common	19:00 – 21:00

30/01/16 County Surprise Major Practice, Leeds 10:00 – 12:00

20/02/16 Youth Practice, Chelsfield 12:00 – 15:30

05/03/16 District Striking Competition 14:30 draw

28/03/16 County AGM at Tunstall on Easter Monday

18/04/16 Quarterly District Meeting at Bexley (please note that there are roadworks on the main thoroughfare through Bexley so parking in the Bexley Car park and walking up is advised)

8. 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 theirs ASAP please. Any Births/Deaths/Marriages to Sue or in the tower return.
- There is a flyer in the newsletter with details of what is available from the Bookstall and Clothing. Further details on the website.
- Please give some thought to new advertisers for the handbook. £50 whole page, £25 half page. Catherine Lewis is happy to make contact with any suggested businesses. Ringer friendly pubs near towers may benefit from visiting towers on outings in the area.
- Rupert thanked all those who have sent articles in for the newsletter.
- Rachel would like to step down from one of her officer roles at the AGM in October so please give thought if you can take on one of her roles (membership secretary / 120 club)

9. Vote of Thanks

Chris Lawrence thanked the Rev Chris Moody for taking the service, Graham Long the organist, and of course the Greenwich Band for providing an excellent tea. Special thanks were given to the trio; Graham Long, Angela Jackson-Smith (Clarinet) and Clare Pollard (Soprano) for their beautiful rendition of Ave Maria.

Next meeting will be Saturday 9th April 2016 venue Bexley (Please note that there are roadworks on the main thoroughfare so parking in the main village car park and walking down to the church is advised)