

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St John the Baptist, Eltham 9th July 2016

21 people attended representing 8 towers, 2 unattached members.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Rupert Cheeseman (Crayford), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby)

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

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Proposed: David Holdridge; Seconded: Nick Wilkins. Accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere - Nil

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Andrew D Howell	Coulsdon	Alex Britton	David Holdridge
Caroline Wilson	Chislehurst, St Nicholas	Peter Skinner	Rupert Cheeseman

Andrew was elected as a Non Resident Life member prior to a Peal on 11th June at Bexley.

5. KCACR report on the meeting held on 23rd April 2016

- The accounts for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are all complete and are still with the auditor
- The domain name for the KCACR website has been moved to an alternative (cheaper) hosting company as it came up for renewal
- The handbooks were printed & distributed on time at the AGM at the end of March, and next year we plan to provide an extra copy to each tower to place in church
- An award of £150 was made from the Training Fund to Higham to help them install a simulator to allow them to increase their practice time whilst restricted under a Noise Abatement Order from the local council
- It was agreed that, going forward, awards from the Training Fund up to £250 would be agreed by the Training Officer and one of the trustees (Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) rather than the Training Officer alone
- The Publicity Officer is going to work to create some 'ready-to-go' publicity material that can be used within the County when events occur with media involvement
- An Association consent form for young ringers will be produced with the help of Nigel Spencer
- Kent Young Ringers will be entering a band into the Ringing World National Youth Competition for the first time this year on 2nd July in London
- Congratulations to the Kent Young Ringers band who came 2nd overall (1st ringing call changes) in the South East Youth Competition
- A grant of £1,000 was awarded to Downe for some maintenance work on the bells (total cost approximately £6,000)
- Anyone who hasn't received a membership card should contact the General Secretary to request one
- A possible project for work on the bells at East Peckham is being considered
- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Tower TBC, but likely Herne
- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District at Farnborough.
- The County Youth Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 22nd October. Tower TBC, potentially Otford.
- The upcoming dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 are 27th August and 26th November

6. Events Update, results

- A full report on The Farningham Trophy which took place on 26th June can be found in the newsletter. It was won by the home band with well struck rounds and call changes. Crayford came a close second.
- The National Youth Contest took place in London on 2nd July. The Kent band came a very respectable 10th on their first time of entering. They are already looking forward to entering again next year.
- The County 8 bell striking competition also took place on the 2nd July. It is fair to say that most entrants would not have been eligible for the Youth contest! Lewisham District came a close second to the hosting district, Canterbury.

7. Upcoming Events

30/07/16	County Surprise Practice	Wrotham	10 – 12 noon
30/07/16	District Practice	Chelsfield	7 – 9pm
06/08/16	Joint Outing with Tonbridge	London	
20/08/16	District Practice	Cudham	10 – 12 noon
08 - 11/09/16	Heritage Weekend		
10/09/16	Rochester District Outing	Oxford	
08/10/16	Annual District Meeting	Bromley	
12/11/16	District Practice	Sidcup	10 – 12 noon
19/11/16	Call Change Competition	TBC	

- The Chairman and Ringing Master will explore the possibility of Sidcup hosting the CC Comp, teams could consider attending the District Practice the week before to get used to the bells. May encourage more teams to enter.
- Lewisham District will be hosting the County 8 bell Striking Competition in 2017 so consideration needs to be given as to a suitable tower. The Ringing Master to pursue.

8. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	90	Deryck Jones	Dartford
1st	£20	39	Janis Roddy	Sidcup
2nd	£10	73	Deryck Jones	Dartford
2nd	£10	1	Mary Andrews	Bexley
3rd	£10	21	Ken Springate	Erith CC
3rd	£10	87	Rob Backhouse	Erith CC
4th	£5	32	Hannah Clark	Hayes
4th	£5	67	Pauline Smith	C/o Erith CC

9. AOB

- Rupert Cheeseman had left a message (he'd had to go and ring for a wedding at Chislehurst) to thank all the people who submitted articles for the newsletter and do keep them coming.
- Philippa Rooke reminded everyone that the Officer roles are up for election in October with notice that after 9/10 years Rachel would not be re-standing for the Membership Secretary role. There is a short article in the newsletter with an outline of the role. The Chairman and Secretary agreed to re-stand for their roles should no one else step forward.

10. Vote of Thanks

Jon Fry thanked Rev Jim Bryson for taking the service, Herman Jordaan the organist, and of course the Eltham band for providing very tasty meal and cakes.

Next meeting will be Saturday 8th October 2016 at Bromley Parish.