

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St George, Bickley 8th July 2017

16 people attended representing 9 towers, 1 unattached member.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Alex Britton, Shelagh Norman and Chis Goldsmith (Greenwich), Ian Mills (Eltham)

2. Minutes of last meeting (8th April 2017)

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter.

Proposed: David Holdridge; Seconded: Liz Brett. Accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere – For ratification of membership, the witnessing of lowering a bell safely by Mark Harris was undertaken by Sue Cameron.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Davina Pike	Bromley Parish	Tom Hinks	Helena Mattingly
Tim Pike			
	Witness to lowering	Sue Cameron	

Tim and Davina had every intention of attending this meeting however the arrival of a first grandchild 10 days ago meant that they were with family, but sent their apologies.

5. KCACR report on the meeting held on 22nd April 2017

- A couple of figures were incorrect on the 2016 accounts in the handbook, but these don't affect the totals which are correct. The accounts are now with the auditor, Aaron Jacobs. The Treasurer is also going to consider whether it is worth moving to CAF Bank instead of Natwest.
- A plan around a recruitment campaign to train new ringers in time for Armistice Day 2018 will start being worked on by PR & Training with additional help.
- The 2017 Handbook can now be purchased via the website, and existing members with their own hard copy can access an online version using the code printed inside the front cover.
- Kent Young Ringers continue to be active, and all information about the RWNYC has now been received.
- As we currently don't have a Handbook Editor, it was decided that we will look to move away from automatically printing a copy for every member and make most of the information available online for members. A printed copy will be provided for every tower, and anyone wanting a printed copy will be able to place an order to be collected at the AGM as normal. The Secretary is investigating what the minimum print run would be and how much this would cost.
- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 24th June, 9.45am draw, at Shoreham in the Lewisham District. Touch is a plain course of Yorkshire S Major.
- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 23rd September, 9.45am draw, in the Maidstone District
- The General Committee meetings for 2017 will be held on 26th August and 25th November

6. Events Update, results

- The annual 8-bell striking competition took place on 24th June at Shoreham. Five teams entered on the bells that are not easy bells to strike. A good day was had by all, particularly Lewisham as we won! Thanks to Nick Wilkins for battling on to find a judge which was hampered by the clash with the National 12-bell being held at Southwark Cathedral.

Thanks also go to Philippa Rooke for organising the pub across the road for hosting the competitors and audience, providing coffee, bacon butties and biscuits. Nick Wilkins had undertaken some research; out of 33 events, Maidstone have never won, Host Districts have won on 11 occasions.

- At the County AGM on Easter Monday Philippa Rooke had agreed to represent views from district members with regard to the proposed Rule Change. At the last minute she was unable to attend due to family reasons so Sue Cameron kindly acted on her behalf. The new rule was not supported; 27 for, 11 abstentions, 43 against.

7. Upcoming Events

29/07/17	Strike Back Express	Train trip to Bath in aid of SBABC	
29/07/17	District Practice	Chislehurst St Nicks	10 – 12 noon
12/08/17	Joint Outing with Tonbridge	London	
15/09/17	District Practice	Horton Kirby (tbc)	8 – 9.30pm
06/10/17	District Practice	TBC	8 – 9.30pm
14/10/17	Annual District Meeting	TBC	
10/11/17	District Practice	TBC	8 – 9.30pm
18/11/17	Call Change Competition	Downe	2.30pm draw
01/12/17	District Practice	TBC	8 – 9.30pm

8. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	24	Chris Davine	Eltham
1st	£20	119	Debra Say	Crayford
2nd	£10	99	Diane Reynolds	Eltham
2nd	£10	37	Daphne Patterson	Eynsford & Farningham
3rd	£10	51	Ian Nurdin	Ash-by-Wrotham
3rd	£10	40	Lesley Barclay	Horton Kirby
4th	£5	11	Frances Wallis	C/o Erith CC
4th	£5	56	Chris Lawrance	Bromley Common

This was likely to be Rachel's last meeting and in charge of the 120 club due to her and Mark moving out of the area. All 120 balls have been sold for this year's lottery. The Chair asked if there were any volunteers to take over the running of the club; in particular anyone from Dartford or Horton Kirby as their bands are keen supporters and have a quite a few shares. Lesley Barclay asked if payments could be managed by electronic banking. It is a Barclays account but not known if electronic banking is available. Enquiries to be made.

9. AOB

- Rupert Cheeseman thanked everyone who submitted articles for the newsletter. Nick Wilkins thanked Rupert for compiling it once again.
- Philippa Rooke then gave a short address, thanking Rachel and Mark Backhouse for their outstanding support of the district for more than 30 years. They have attended meetings, practices, and assisted towers regularly during this time. Rachel has also been the Membership Secretary for many of those years. As a token of the District's thanks they were presented with a card with the County logo and some Garden Centre vouchers which can be used to get their new garden looking as they would like it. Rachel thanked everyone for this unexpected and generous gift.

10. Vote of Thanks

Lesley Barclay thanked Fr Richard Noman for taking the service, at which many of the congregation took Communion. Liz and Jeremy Clitheroe were thanked for hosting the meeting and providing a generous tea and Sue Cameron for providing homemade cupcakes.

Next meeting will be Saturday 14th October 2017 at venue tbc. Secretary to contact Margaret Heald at Erith, St John to enquire if they could host it.