

# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

## LEWISHAM DISTRICT

### Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Peter & St Paul, Cudham 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

21 people attended representing 11 towers and 1 unattached member

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Rupert Cheeseman (Crayford), Megan Smith (Cudham), Debbie Runting (Sidcup), Stephanie Runting (Sidcup), Alex Runting (Sidcup), Jim Rooke (Chelsfield), Ian Mills (Eltham), David Holdridge (Eltham)

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Greenwich)

Posted to the website and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: Graham Long Seconded: Lesley Barclay. Voted unanimously.

#### 3. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

Nil

#### 4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By
Adam Coumbe	Cudham	Alison Wilson	Alison Dyer
		Witness to Lowering	Nick Wilkins
Gary Packman	Cudham	Alison Wilson	Alison Dyer
		Witness to Lowering	Nick Wilkins
Graham Carter	Ash	Brian Ashmore	Julia Kilfoyle
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Raymond Derry	Ash	Brian Ashmore	Julia Kilfoyle
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Nathan Evans	Bromley Parish	Tom Hinks	Helena Mattingley
Rev Canon Chris Moody (Associate Member)	Greenwich	Graham Long	Jim Odell

Both Ray Derry and Graham Carter are returning ringers. Ray learnt to ring in Staffordshire around Lichfield but stopped when he went to university. After a gap of more than 50 years he is enjoying ringing again in his 80's. Graham learnt to ring at Truro Cathedral in the 1950's and rang for 10 years. He rang again in the 1980's for another 10 years after a chance encounter with the Ash tower Captain and after a 20-year break, is now back at Ash.

Rev Canon Chris Moody retired in June as the vicar of St Alphege, Greenwich for the past 14 years. He is being elected as an Associate Member in recognition of his support to the ringers there.

All were elected unanimously and welcomed and Philippa briefly reminded everyone that membership fees were increased at the AGM in April with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

#### 5. KCACR – Report from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Natalie Slator outlined the main points from the last General Committee meeting:

- Membership Database being upgraded
- Change to Subscriptions – No more new Life Members as from AGM on 22nd April 2019. New Sub rates of £15 for all members aged 18 to 80 with effect from 1st January 2020 (including those previously getting free membership as being members for 25 year-plus and those aged over 65).
- Kent Mobile Ring – meetings being held to progress this and obtain clear project plan
- Safeguarding courses being held in Canterbury Diocese in May and September, David Grimwood to be contacted for details.
- ART Courses – David Grimwood to be contacted for details
- Personal Accident Insurance Policy has been renewed on same basis as last year
- Public Liability Insurance Policy has been taken out with Ecclesiastical
- Bookstall to be wound down

Points Raised in Relation to Above:

Insurance – a feature in The Ringing World (3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019) entitled Bellringing and Insurance was brought to the attention of those at the meeting. Debra Say agreed to scan and email the article to the District e-group.

Safeguarding – As discussed previously, all Tower Captains and those directly involved with teaching must complete a C2 course.

ART Courses – There is no charge for attending one of these courses so please consider signing up

### **Association Assets**

An email has recently been received from Sue Bassett (Gen Sec KCACR) asking District Secretaries to provide a list with photographs, plus value if possible, of any Association Assets such as trophies, book collections or other items donated for use within our District. If it is considered any such items should be insured by the Association this should also be mentioned and this list is needed before the next General Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. An article can be found in the July Newsletter and tower contacts will be emailed via the e-group, but any towers holding such assets are asked to provide details to Debra Say by the end of July.

### **April 2020 Quarterly Meeting Date**

The usual format of having a Quarterly District Meeting on the second Saturday in April 2020 clashes with the Easter weekend and therefore the County AGM being held in the Lewisham District on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, so an alternative date is needed. The two preceding Saturdays were discussed with the majority preference being for the last weekend in March in case of any last-minute issues regarding the County AGM. A provisional date of Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March was therefore agreed.

### **County AGM 2020**

Bickley had been contacted as the Committees first choice to host but has now been ruled out due to a pre-school who pay to use the hall. Chislehurst St Nicholas is proposed as an alternative option and talks are ongoing, although there is also one other possibility still being investigated. Options for catering will be needed once the venue is confirmed which will definitely be before the next Quarterly District Meeting.

## **6. Central Council AGM – 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September**

Volunteers are needed to help over the weekend with guiding and leading plus helpers required for Sunday morning ringing, some of which is taking place at towers within Lewisham District e.g. Greenwich, Deptford and Lewisham. Graham Long plus many of the Greenwich band will be on holiday then so extra help will be required. Members are encouraged to attend over this weekend and details can be found in an article in the latest Newsletter.

## **7. Event Updates & Results**

- Association 8-Bell – This took place on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June at Tunstall with the test piece a plain course of Turramurra Surprise Major. Lewisham District came second by four points with one method mistake. Rochester were the winners, retaining the trophy.
- District Practices – The next practice is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at West Wickham and a visit to Wilmington where there are three bells, is being arranged for a Tuesday evening in August. Nick Wilkins said he has been trying to organise a District practice at Biggin Hill without success for some time and this is an ongoing problem.

- Joint Outing with Tonbridge District – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Aug – The final schedule is yet to be published but the outing begins at St Barnabas, Pimlico at 10am and all are welcome.
- Congratulations were extended to Steph Runting in particular and the rest of the Kent Young Ringers for winning The Ringing World Editor’s Trophy for Excellence in the Ringing World National Youth Contest in Liverpool on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July and for second place in the competition overall.

### Training

Tom Hinks said the previous training sessions on bell handling and listening skills have been well attended so he intends to arrange similar sessions to be announced in due course. A Plain Bob Minor training session is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

### 8. 120 Club

This was a double draw

	No.	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	33	£20	Blanche Griffin	Farningham
1st	113	£20	Unsold	BRF
2nd	86	£10	Unsold	BRF
2nd	54	£10	Michelle Vardy	Horton Kirby
3rd	61	£10	Lesley Barclay	Horton Kirby
3rd	117	£10	Unsold	BRF
4th	107	£5	Unsold	BRF
4th	71	£5	Jim Rooke	Chelsfield

### 9. Any Other Business

- Some towers have not received their 2019 membership cards yet. Debra Say confirmed these were still with Rupert Cheeseman who is currently away on holiday. He will be reminded these are outstanding on his return.
- Natalie Slator asked for volunteers to attend practices at Christ Church Erith, in particular anyone who can call methods. Foots Cray are also needing help to allow them to make progress.
- Debbie Runting had sent details of two fundraising events at Sidcup to boost funds for the refurbishment of their clappers. Coffee and card craft is on 27<sup>th</sup> July and a 40’s themed afternoon tea on 14<sup>th</sup> September. She will provide further details via the e-group.
- Debra Say thanked contributors to the latest Newsletter on behalf of Rupert Cheeseman. The Newsletter will be added to both the District and County websites once Rupert is back from his holiday.

### 11. Vote of Thanks

Margaret Heald proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, Rev John Musson for taking the service, Graham Long for playing the organ and to Alison Wilson and everyone who helped in hosting the District meeting and for providing such a splendid tea.

### Next Meeting – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Erith, Christ Church

SIGNED as a true record by.....

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