

# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

## LEWISHAM DISTRICT

### Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at St Mary the Virgin, Hayes, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020

24 people attended representing 15 towers.

The meeting opened with Philippa thanking Graham Long for getting the bells at Hayes ringing again and for hosting the District meeting.

A minute's silence was then held in memory of John Barnes (Chelsfield), John Stook (Ash) and Rev Stanley Evans (Vice-President KCACR 1944-2019) who have all passed away since our last meeting.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Sue Cameron (Unattached), David Holdridge (Eltham), Ian Mills (Eltham), Ann Saunders (Unattached).

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Erith, Christ Church)

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

Proposed: Svetlana Sokolova Seconded: Peter Morris. Voted unanimously.

#### 3. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

Nil

#### 4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By	Competency Assessed By
Chris Fry	West Wickham	Judith Fry	Jon Fry	Nick Wilkins
Ellis Baker (Junior Member)	Farnborough	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay	Nick Wilkins

Chris Fry is the son of Jon & Judith Fry and was previously a member before going to university. He now rings at West Wickham and is being re-elected.

Ellis Baker is 9 years old and has recently rung his first quarter peal at Farnborough, details in the January Newsletter.

Both were elected unanimously and welcomed to the Association.

#### 5. KCACR - Report from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

- The plan to trial the new membership database to allow payment of subscriptions online in 2020 has been put on hold. The procedure for paying subscriptions for 2020 will remain unchanged.
- The trailer and mini bell ropes from the disbanded Kent Mobile Ring project are for sale.
- An independent examiner is still required for the annual audit – contact the KCACR Secretary, Treasurer or Chairman if interested.
- 120 clubs to obtain their own Lottery Licences.
- Stock remaining from the bookstall will be available for purchase at the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Catherine Lewis may run an independent bookstall in the future. Clothing can be ordered via Catherine Lewis through the KCACR website.
- Feedback is requested to the idea of alternating District meeting dates to free up more Saturdays for training and other ringing events.
- The possibility of introducing a call change option at the County 6-bell competition, maybe as a separate contest on the same day, has been raised. It is suggested that if this goes ahead, no ringer would be permitted to ring twice in the competition. Feedback is requested to this proposal.
- Consultation regarding the application for Charitable Status for the Association is to be undertaken.
- Members are encouraged to attend the Central Council AGM and Roadshow in Nottingham on 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September

- SEECON Striking competition – 4<sup>th</sup> April in Essex, Association 8-bell – 27<sup>th</sup> June at Chiddingstone, RWNYC – 4<sup>th</sup> July in York, Essex Trophy – 12<sup>th</sup> September at St Mary the Virgin Ashford, Kent Youth Inter-District competition – 7<sup>th</sup> November in Lewisham District.

### **Matters Arising:**

Membership Database - Lewisham had previously agreed to trial the new subscription system in 2020. Rupert Cheeseman advised that he thought the delay was due to the lack of email addresses held for members. It is expected that these will be gathered during 2020 ready for the trial in 2021.

Examiner for Annual Audit - Philippa Rooke asked if anyone was interested and able to apply for this role. There were no firm offers but Debra Say said she had heard that somebody from another District had possibly come forward since the General Committee meeting.

Alternating District meeting dates - This was previously discussed at the October meeting and once again there was no strong feeling for/against the idea from those present. The Lewisham District Committee will now discuss the proposal and return formally to Sue Bassett (KACR Secretary).

## **6. KACR AGM – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Venue – St Nicholas, Chislehurst

Lunch – Rhiannon Meredith has kindly offered to lead a team to deliver the traditional lunch; the cost has been set at £15

Bar – Peter Norwood will be running the bar selling craft beers with the support of The Hoppers Hut in Sidcup

Raffle – Natalie Slator is coordinating and will be needing ideas for prizes

Open Towers – Nick Wilkins is organising two routes leading to Chislehurst and one route leading away from the venue later in the day. Four towers are being arranged on each route and volunteers will be needed to run each of the towers, especially at Foots Cray bearing in mind how light/difficult they are and the lack of a home band.

VOLUNTEERS will be needed for lots of other jobs on the day from setting up and clearing up to selling raffle tickets and serving the lunch and drinks. A dedicated email address has been set up for volunteers to offer their time and Liz Brett will be coordinating so if you are able to help on the day, please email [KentAGM@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:KentAGM@lewishamdistrict.org.uk) to let us know how long you can help (even an hour could be useful) and whether you can move tables/chairs or would prefer lighter duties or admin tasks.

## **7. Event Updates and Results**

- A poster has been produced for each tower and is included in the January Newsletter, detailing all District practice dates and events plus towers where already arranged, for the whole of 2020.
- The joint outing to London with the Tonbridge District is confirmed as 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and will include ringing at West Ham, Bow and Clerkenwell (tbc).
- The Call Change Competition took place on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November at Horton Kirby and was won by Chelsfield. There was a good turnout of seven bands which was very pleasing. Thanks are extended to Horton Kirby for hosting the competition.
- The District 6-Bell Striking Competition will take place on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March at Crayford, 2.30pm draw and all towers are encouraged to enter. Rules have been relaxed a little over recent years, so if a tower does not have a complete band, consider entering a joint band.
- The Farningham Trophy takes place on 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- Training – Tom Hinks was at the meeting and outlined his proposal to hold a raising and lowering training event on a Wednesday evening at Beckenham shortly, plus a Saturday in March to concentrate on Plain Bob Doubles/Minor. Dates to be advised in due course.
- Ringing Out for Peace – Backed by the Central Council of Bellringers, this event has just been announced as part of the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. All bells are asked to ring at 7pm (if possible) on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May which is a Bank Holiday.

## **8. 120 Club**

**Profits Allocation-** This subject was again up for discussion following both our April and October 2019 meetings. A question raised by Natalie Slator at the General Committee meeting in November concerning the needs of the various funds, has resulted in a proposal for the County to investigate the setting up a general fund for all 120 Club profits. This would allow the County the flexibility to allocate the profits depending on need each year.

The proposal was therefore to leave the BRF as the sole recipient for April 2020-March 2021 pending a decision from the County on a general fund. A vote was taken and was supported unanimously.

The draw then took place as follows:

	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	111	David Holdridge	Eltham
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	103	Unsold	BRF
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10	2	Liz Brett	Erith, Christ Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	£5	22	Daphne Patterson	Eynsford

## 9. Any Other Business

Rupert Cheeseman thanked contributors to the latest Newsletter.

He also reminded everyone that KCACR subscriptions are due at the new rates - £15 for adults (18-80), £7.50 for juniors (under 18), over 80's are free.

Personal copies of the new 2020 Handbook need to be requested via the form on the KCACR website as per the email previously sent by Debra Say.

Tower contacts are asked to provide details of any anniversaries, marriages, births, deaths/obituaries for inclusion in the 2020 Handbook to Debra Say by mid-February. DS to email all tower contacts next week.

## 10. Vote of Thanks

Judith Fry proposed a vote of thanks to Rev Napo John for taking the service and for allowing the use of the church and ringing of the bells. Thanks also go to Graham Long for playing the organ and to Jim, Hazel and Graham for organising a splendid tea, assisted once again by Chris and her lovely baking.

## Next Meeting – Saturday 28th March 2020 at Chelsfield

**SIGNED as a true record by.....**

**DATE.....**