



INVICTA

# LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS **October 2007**

See the Website at: [www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk](http://www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk) for the latest news and information

## Lewisham District visits Southwark Cathedral

**Mary Hayward and Karen Day, Crayford**

Whilst standing outside the Parish Door, waiting for the bell ringers to arrive, two fearless but intrepid students of two months experience were invited, nay coerced, into writing about the Lewisham practice at Southwark Cathedral. Gradually more and more ringers arrived for the annual practise at Southwark. Then we entered the beautiful historic religious building on the south bank of the Thames.

Well we are used to the little gentle stairway at St. Paulinus in Crayford, Kent so were totally unprepared for the 'Everest' climb up to the bell tower.

Up and up we climbed, round and round we trod, stone steps that had been worn away through centuries of people traipsing up the tower. Then we

came to a gallery with a fantastic view. But, there was little time to admire it – Cathy was urging us onwards and upwards. Charles Dickens had been here before us; *'we reach the first halting place, we feel but weak about the knees and giddy about the head, and are glad to cross along the level flooring of the loft'*. Never were truer words written we exclaimed!

Eventually, after several more floors, climbs, ladders and steps we arrived starved of oxygen in a

large room with the bell ropes. There, we collapsed gratefully onto the benches provided. *'We emerge breathless in the ringers room'* noted Dickens again all those years ago, and how true that was. Wow! The room was amazing – 13 ropes suspended from a central wooden bell and high Gothic



The view from the tower roof

*(Continued on page 7)*

# A Word from the Editor

The Annual District Meeting for 2007 has rolled around, which means I've been editing the District Newsletter for a year now. Doesn't time fly? It also means that several of our District Officers will be standing down and being replaced. If you are wondering about standing as an officer, feel free to drop the current incumbent an e-mail (see page 3 for contact details) to discuss what the role entails.

I'd like to thank all the tower correspondents for taking the time to write short summaries of their recent activities. Hopefully this rate can be sustained and tower captains can use the Newsletter to publicise any forthcoming events or significant milestones. If you are a tower contact and you're looking for inspiration just take a look at what people have written in this issue. As always, articles for the next issue can be sent to: newsletter@lewishamdistrict.org.uk.

---

## Forthcoming District Events:

**Annual District Meeting:** Saturday 13th October, Horton Kirby, St Mary. 3.00pm Bells, 4.30pm Service then tea, meeting and evening ringing.  
Names to tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk

**District Practice:** Saturday 20th October, West Wickham, St John the Baptist, 7-9pm

**County Training Day:** Saturday 20th October. Teaching bellhandling. See the KCACR website for details.

**District Practice:** Saturday 10th November, Chislehurst, Annunciation (tbc), 7-9pm

**6 bell Call Change Contest:** Saturday 17th November, St Mary Cray, St Mary (tbc). 2.30pm draw. Method: 120 of rounds and call changes.

**District Practice:** Saturday 1st December, Lewisham, St Mary the Virgin, 7-9pm

|          |  |           |
|----------|--|-----------|
| <b>S</b> | <b>District Ringing Master's Bit</b>   | <b>3</b>  |
|          | The district ringing master talks about the forthcoming ADM  |           |
| <b>D</b> | <b>District Officer's E-mail Directory</b>   | <b>3</b>  |
|          | How to contact your district officers  |           |
| <b>A</b> | <b>Around the District</b>   | <b>4</b>  |
|          | Latest news from district towers   |           |
| <b>C</b> | <b>County Six Bell Competition</b>   | <b>8</b>  |
|          | A report on the County Six Bell Competition at Chevening   |           |
| <b>1</b> | <b>120 Club Update</b>   | <b>9</b>  |
|          | Check the results of the most recent draws   |           |
| <b>2</b> | <b>2008 Ringing Roadshow</b>   | <b>10</b> |
|          | A notice on the 2008 Ringing Roadshow  |           |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Minutes</b>   | <b>10</b> |
|          | Minutes from the AGM held at Chelsfield on the 14 <sup>th</sup> July                               |           |
| <b>A</b> | <b>Agenda</b>  | <b>12</b> |
|          | Agenda for the Annual District Meeting, to be held at Horton Kirby on the 13 <sup>th</sup> October |           |

---

What's the difference between a battery and a bell-ringer?

A battery has a positive side and is useful for something.

---

# District Ringing Master's Bit

**Rupert Cheeseman, District Ringing Master**

The Annual AGM is upon us again and so volunteers will be needed to host the district meetings next year. Please give it some thought and let Jeremy, myself or one of the other officers know if you can host a meeting but cannot attend the ADM. The District is also hosting the County AGM on Easter Monday next year and a venue needs to be found for that too.

It is also the time to elect District Officers with at least one not standing again this year so we are certainly after a membership secretary. If you'd like more details then please contact Mark (address on the website).

Thank you to all the people who have attended a district practice or meeting this year. Good progress has been made with various firsts for people or improvements made. It would be nice if more people did come along and support the practices even if you cannot make it every month. Anybody is welcome to come along of any ability. It is far more satisfying to help someone do their first blows of plain hunt or similar rather than ringing surprise major with a band that can already do it. These practices are designed for people to learn so come along and make use of them.

The District Call Change competition is also coming up and it would be nice to see more bands than last year entering.

And finally, congratulations to Chelsfield on coming a very close 3rd in the County 6 bell competition at Chevening.

See you at the AGM,  
Rupert

## **District Officer E-mail Directory:**

### ***Website:***

[www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk](http://www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Chairman:***

Jeremy Byers

[chairman@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Secretary:***

Alice Baverstock

[sec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:sec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Membership Secretary:***

Mark Jones

[memsec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:memsec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Ringing Master:***

Rupert Cheeseman

[master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Assistant Master:***

Ross Hartley

[ringing@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:ringing@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Training Officer:***

David Brown

[training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***District Representatives:***

Sara Hardy

[rep1@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:rep1@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

Brenda Barton

[rep2@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:rep2@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Sales Representative:***

James Rooke

[sales@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:sales@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

### ***Newsletter Editor/Press Representative:***

Dominic Meredith

[newsletter@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

# Around the District

## Ash by Wrotham

At Ash, we have a hole in our tower, some of the flints fell out, I know the jokes about Holy towers will flow but the flints need putting back before the whole tower repeats what it did in the 1830's when the opposite side of the tower collapsed! The architects had a look and he says 'soon' so we're looking at £100,000 for the tower and over £30,000 for the bells. The choir are doing a sponsored sing for the bells on the 29th of September. Order your choice of hymns and a time and come and hear it! We'll try and assemble some bits and pieces to sell as well but I think we need some big money donations, any ideas and support would be very welcome. Our caller is off to university so it's going to be fun while the tower Captain learns to call. Saturday morning practice continues and we have another learner started, so that make it 4 beginners and 8 irregulars in the Sunday / Wedding band. We're managing to turn out mainly local bands for weddings and ring the bells to some standard most Sundays. Oh, the callers going to Bradford, the Cathedral's short on ringers.....

## John and Gabrielle Stook

### Biggin Hill

As with all towers we have our ups and downs. A high (or a pair of them) was achieved this summer with two youngsters, Matt Allan and Mel Case ringing their first quarter peals together, at Biggin Hill with Matt on treble and Mel behind, and later at Chelsfield, reversed roles. We are very grateful to Nick Wilkins, particularly, and Bobbie Fairclough, Lesley Barclay and Rachel Backhouse who made up the bands.

We were dismayed when, late August, our dear Fred collapsed in Main Road, was whisked (after a 40 min-

ute wait for an ambulance!) to Princess Royal Hospital where heart failure was diagnosed, then later to King's for a quadruple by-pass and new valve (from a pig, to his perverse delight!). The Wednesday after his attack his wife Pat rang to give his apologies for not attending practice! He is chirpily on the way to recovery.

We still have difficulty recruiting young ringers-- simply because the ones most interested are so busy with other things already. However we welcome two new ringers, Sarah and Andrew Scott, recently moved to St Mark's. Their presence makes method ringing a real possibility at last!

Sound control is an on-going challenge. It appears now that we will have to have builders in to do the job--at great expense. Until then the wardens have closed the tower to extra-ordinary ringing. Watch this space!

## Nancy Gay

### Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Biggin Hill, Kent

St Mark

Sunday, 13 May 2007 in 44mins (6½cwt)

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

1. Matthew Allan
2. Nicholas Wilkins (c)
3. Bobbie Fairclough
4. Nancy Gay
5. E. Lesley Barclay
6. Melissa Case

First Quarter-peal: 1 & 6

### Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Chelsfield, Kent

St Martin of Tours

Tuesday, 21 August 2007

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

1. Melissa Case
2. Nicholas Wilkins (c)
3. Bobbie Fairclough
4. Rachel Backhouse
5. Nancy Gay
6. Matthew Allan

---



## Crayford

Things have taken a bit of an upturn since writing in the last newsletter as we have recently started teaching 3 new learners. Two of which having been coming a couple of months now and have just started to try ringing in rounds with the rest of the band.

We also held a successful tower open day as part of Open House weekend. Over 80 people came up to see and do some ringing and then take a trip up to the top of the tower to see the bells and view. Plenty of interest was shown by a few people to come along and learn to ring so hopefully that interest will manifest itself in some more students.

We are still indebted to our regular visitors who come along and make Sundays and practice much better than they would be otherwise. So thanks again to them.

## Rupert Cheeseman

---



## Dartford

Dartford does not have a great deal to report we are, like many other towers, struggling. We have one regular off with a trigger thumb and another caring for an aged P. who can only come if there is a babysitter available. 3 others can only manage fortnightly because of work/family commitments but we usually manage to ring on Sunday morning even if sometimes it seems/sounds like 3 blind mice. We are joined by Ash if they can manage it and we reciprocate by helping them for weddings. On Friday we had a social evening, courtesy of one of our newer recruits. Today (23) we restarted our hand bell sessions with the junior members of the choir and 2 of them have expressed an interest in learning to ring the big bells so here's hoping. Mark and Rachel from Erith continue to give us help on the 4th Wednesday of the month for which we owe them many thanks. We are trying to reinstate our 4th Saturday ringing (10am) with the help of Ash, who practise Saturdays, but so far communication has been a touch poor. 29th October is now pencilled in.

## Esther Correia

---



## Deptford, Greenwich and Woolwich

As we no longer ring at Lewisham we are going to ring a little more often at St. John's, Deptford so the bells are rung every other month or so. To start with Deptford will take the place of Lewisham as being the venue for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month.

This would make our normal schedule:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Weds Woolwich
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds Greenwich
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds Greenwich
- 4<sup>th</sup> Weds Greenwich
- 5<sup>th</sup> Weds Deptford

All practices start about 8pm and finish at 930pm

Sometimes Greenwich is not available due to concerts and other events - we ring at Deptford or Woolwich on those occasions.

Visitors are very welcome to ring with us and for those who have not sampled it; The Ashburnham Arms (a Shepherd Neame pub tucked away) is a joy to behold afterwards!

## Graham Long

---



## Erith, Christchurch

The main item of interest over the summer has been the significant reduction in the number of weddings at Christchurch. The wedding list issued by the Vicar in spring had about 30 weddings on it, covering most Saturdays during the summer. However, around half of these failed to take place – so our anticipated income from weddings is down. We would be interested to know whether other towers have experienced such a drop.

Practices have continued during the summer, but often with only 5 or 6 ringers. We have been working our way through different Doubles methods, a useful experience for many of us. One recent practice was devoted solely to Reverse Canterbury!

Our learner, Alan, continues to make very good progress and rang for his first wedding in August.

*(Continued on page 6)*



(Continued from page 5)

A warning to all who have a spare tower key that is not kept in a secure place; recently the church was accidentally left unlocked following the Sunday service and, during the week, intruders were able to gain access to our Ringing Chamber and unfortunately took some money. The loss was discovered when we arrived to ring for a wedding. The spare key is now kept locked in the Vestry!

### **Elizabeth Brett**

---

#### **Eltham**

Once again, at the last AGM, the matter of dwindling local ringers came up. While being an easy to get to tower means we are blessed with visitors most practice nights, to keep the ringing varied, getting enough to ring on Sundays can be a struggle sometimes. So this year we decided to do something about it and the good news is that we have succeeded.

For those keen to do the same, you will be interested to know that the factual article in the local freebie paper got zero response, while the non-ringer who wrote in the local magazine about her experience of visiting a practice night resulted in 2 new learners joining our band. We have also had a returnee begin again. Very welcome they are too.

Future plans include a revamp of a leaflet "Get Roped In" and more active use of the church's web site.

If anyone wants to share recruitment ideas, please let me know – contact details are in the handbook.

### **Katherine Trill**

---

#### **Horton Kirby**

Our most important news is that the bells have now been augmented to 8. The work was completed at the beginning of July and we are still getting to grips with ringing at 8 bell speed. We have been very lucky with help at practices from Frank Rogers, Jim Rooke and through the summer when Lesley was away Nick Wilkins. We are really grateful for all their help as it has made the change so much easier.

So much so that we rang our first quarter on 8 on 4<sup>th</sup> September. We wanted to use as many Horton Kirby ringers as possible so we did it with a 7, 6, 8 cover. It was a bit slow (very slow!) but we got through it with a lot of TLC from Nick.

Our young ringers continue to make good progress with two coming regularly on Sunday mornings. We have lost some as they have moved on to different things but hopefully they will return to ringing someday. But on the plus side we have two new ringers, a younger brother and sister to two other ringers. Altogether we have 6 under 18's.

### **Sue Allport**

**Kent County Association of Change Ringers**  
**Horton Kirby, Kent**  
St Mary  
Saturday, 4 September 2007  
**1260 Plain Bob Doubles with 7, 6,8 cover**

1. Jon Pettyfer
2. Lesley Barclay (c)
3. Nick Wilkins
4. Sue Allport
5. Jim Rooke
6. Isabel Bailey
7. Martin Bailey
8. Mick McDonnell

First Quarter Peal on the augmented bells  
First Quarter Peal: 6

---

#### **West Wickham**

It was decided to mark the Centenary of scouting with a Quarter peal in the tower, as 3 of our ringers have strong links to the local Scout troop and I myself began ringing to gain my Bellingring badge when I was a Girl Guide.

We also held our annual BBQ in July, another glorious sunny afternoon spent in Alys's garden, we are now in our 15<sup>th</sup> year, and only been rained on once. A new venue will be needed next year, so thanks to Alys for her hard work over recent years.

Mike, our deputy Captain reached a milestone, 50 in July, so a quarter of Cambridge was rung to mark the occasion

Our regular practices vary from P B Minor to the basic Surprise methods, but like many towers we have trouble recruiting new members.

### Judith Fry

**Kent County Association of Change Ringers**  
**West Wickham, Kent**  
St John the Baptist  
Wednesday, 22 August 2007  
**1260 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

1. Alys Helm
2. Judith Fry
3. John Perrin
4. Mike Christie
5. Jackie Toulmin
6. David Gebbett (c)

**Kent County Association of Change Ringers**  
**West Wickham, Kent**  
St John the Baptist  
Wednesday, 18 July 2007  
**1296 Plain Bob Minor**

- |                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Roger Davie    | (Quartermaster)                       |
| 2. Judith Fry (c) | (Queen's Guide)                       |
| 3. Alys Helm      | (Leader in Charge & ex Beaver leader) |
| 4. Ron Ockleford  | (District Chairman)                   |
| 5. John Perrin    |                                       |
| 6. David Gebbett  |                                       |

First Inside: 4

### Lewisham District Trivia:

How many times has Lewisham District won the County Eight Bell Striking Competition?  
(Answer at the bottom left corner of page 9)

*(Continued from page 1)*

windows facing the city.

Gradually the experienced bell ringers rang the bells up and then the rounds began. To our complete amazement and total nervousness we were invited to join in with the ringing. We were a couple of nursery pupils joining in with an A-level class! But in turn we did it, ably supported by Cathy and Jim assisting with the hand stroke. (Braver souls there never were!)

Then we were invited to go further up to the very top of the tower. The view was fantastic and definitely worth the climb. It was even better than the view from St. Paul's Cathedral, which we had visited two weeks previously.

It was astounding how the tower shook when the bells were being rung – and several of the more esteemed bell ringers reassured us that the tower had to move or it would fall down. Never being very competent at physics, we trusted them.



All too soon we were going back down the shaking tower to the bell room and we sat and wrote our article to the appealing sound of 'Grandsire Caters'. The bells sounded as if they had years of experience (or are very harmonious we were reliably informed by our patient tutor). It

was a joy to write down our thoughts within the bell room, to the sound of those beautiful bells, with some friendly people and on a wobbly vibrating table.

Our evening ended at the local pub and we all stood outside in the warm evening air. It was a very pleasant way to end what was a very memorable experience. We would like to extend our thanks to all those who made us feel so very welcome at our first district practise.

# County Six Bell Competition

From the KCACR website - [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

On a bright and sunny afternoon on Saturday 22 September five of the six Districts sent their representative band to Chevening for the annual 6-bell competition. Rochester District were unable to attend.



Nick Wilkins collects the third place certificate on behalf of the Chelsfield band

The draw took place at 4pm and ringing started at 4.10pm. The judges, Robin and Gillian Leale from Kingston on Thames, found a suitable spot in the car park where they could hear the bells to their best advantage.

Whilst the individual bands were ringing the remainder of us massed in the churchyard and partook of the splendid tea provided by the Chevening ringers. Especially of note was the 6-bell cake (see photo below). After the last band had rung and the judges had finished their deliberations the results were given. Robin said that the ringing was of a very high standard, there had been no method mistakes from any of the bands and the judging was very difficult, especially between the first three bands. He mentioned that four of the bands rang Doubles and one rang Minor. Gill then gave out the results in the traditional reverse order. Tonbridge, representing Tonbridge District, were voted the winner by half a fault.

Gill then presented certificates to all the teams and the trophy to Tim Lynch of the Tonbridge band.

The Chairman thanked the rector of Chevening for the use of the bells and the church, the Tonbridge District for organising the afternoon and the Chevening band for the wonderful tea. He also thanked the judges for attending and giving up their afternoon for our benefit.

The full results are set out below.

| Placing | District   | Rang | Represented by               | Faults | Method            |
|---------|------------|------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1st     | Tonbridge  | 1st  | Tonbridge                    | 28     | Plain Bob Doubles |
| 2nd     | Canterbury | 4th  | St. Dunstan's,<br>Canterbury | 28½    | Grandsire Doubles |
| 3rd     | Lewisham   | 5th  | Chelsfield                   | 29½    | Plain Bob Minor   |
| 4th     | Ashford    | 2nd  | Brabourne                    | 35     | Grandsire Doubles |
| 5th     | Maidstone  | 3rd  | Aylesford                    | 39     | Plain Bob Doubles |



# 120 Club

Rachel Backhouse

**Draw held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Chelsfield (Quarterly meeting)**

1<sup>st</sup> 104 Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)  
1<sup>st</sup> 59 Jan Odell (Footscray)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 64 Rachel Backhouse (CC, Erith)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 103 120 club  
3<sup>rd</sup> 4 Jeremy Byers (Beckenham)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 114 120 club  
4<sup>th</sup> 57 John Barnes (Chelsfield)  
4<sup>th</sup> 42 Sylvia McKenzie (Eynsford)

**Draw held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at St Nicholas, Chislehurst (District practice)**

1<sup>st</sup> 55 Carol Eastaugh (CC, Erith)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 6 Mrs ED Byers (Beckenham)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 78 Tony Fisher (Eynsford)  
4<sup>th</sup> 114 120 club

## London Ringers' Advent Carol Service

The London Ringers' Advent Carol Service will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at St. Giles Cripplegate. The plan for the event is as follows:

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 6.00pm | General Ringing  |
| 7.30pm | Service, sung by/with the Ringers' Choir   |
| 8.30pm | Party – The Red Herring on Gresham Street (Hosted by Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) |

Everyone welcome, especially ringers from Lewisham District.

## Campanology Camp?

Originally from Jane Shilling, *The Times*, 10/09/2007

### Campanology is convivial? That rings true

Have you ever listened to the wonderful sound of church bells ringing and thought, "I'd love to try my hand at that?" What do you mean, you've listened to the wonderful sound of church bells and thought you must complain to the council's noise abatement officer? Campanology (that's bellringing to you) isn't just a wonderful; old tradition practised by rustic types in braces to annoy townie incomers who have moved into the Old Rectory next to the village church, you know. On the contrary, it is a highly social activity and good for mental agility. Think of it as a cross between Pilates and Su Doku with added clanging, and you will begin to see the charm.

Convinced? Splendid. Because Warner Leisure Holidays are offering Campanology Experience mini-breaks this October in Bodelwyddan Castle, a Grade II-listed castle in north Wales with (says the press release) tropicarium spa treatments and live entertainment in the Cabaret Hall (to ring the changes in those rare moments when you're not stuck into a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles) Welcome to the fabulous world of novice campanology. Just remember: do say, "Look to! Treble's going. She's gone!" Don't say, "Hallo, vicar, I seem to be a bit tied up at the moment."

### Trivia Answer:

Lewisham District has won the County Eight Bell Striking Competition 10 times in the 23 years since the competition was started in 1985. No other district has won more than six times and Maidstone District has never won, the only district not to have done so.

(Information from the KCACR website at [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk))

---

# 2008 Ringing Roadshow

The 2008 Ringing Roadshow will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Roadshow and promises to be the biggest yet. Stoneleigh Park is a premier showground, the event will extend over two days and there will be a vast array of items of interest to all ringers, whether of tower or hand bells or both, as well as attractions for ringers and non-ringers alike

We would like to enlist the help of Kent County Association to publicise this event to your members. As usual there will be extensive advertising in the Ringing World, but ringing associations are a huge source of getting to all ringers who might be interested in attending this event, which will have something for ringers at all levels. . Please can you include it in your programme for 2008 and please can you avoid scheduling any association events for either of those days if at all possible?

We are planning a major publicity drive accompanied by early discounted sales of tickets through District annual meetings in the autumn and spring (when it seems most of them take place). I have compiled a list of your District AGMs and secretary contacts from your guild website and entry in the Ringing World diary – can you check this and fill in any gaps please.

Finally, the Ringing Roadshow is also a good fundraising opportunity for association BRFs. At previous events, towers and associations have raised money in a variety of ways, and have been very successful. If you would like more details on the practical aspects of the show, please contact Derek Smart who is co-ordinating the exhibits at the show on a\_dsmart@longdon1.demon.co.uk or 01564 730081. He will be pleased to supply an exhibitors information sheet.

---

## Minutes from the Last Meeting



### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

#### MINUTES OF QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING AT CHELSFIELD 14 JULY 2007

##### 1. Apologies for absence

- 24 people attended the meeting.
- Apologies for absence were received from: Liz and Les Brett (Erith), Margaret Macey (St Mary Cray), Esther Correia (Dartford).
- Also Jeremy Byers, Jim Hardy, Lizzie Duffey and Dominic Meredith from Beckenham who all were stuck on the M25 after a quarter peal day. Rupert Cheeseman stepped in and chaired the meeting in the Chairman's absence

##### 2. KCACR Committee Meeting report

- The County is preparing some new display boards which will be available to towers to use for recruitment

– half the board will show KCACR information and the other half will be for towers to put their own information on

- A copy of the Central Council tower maintenance handbook will be provided to every tower

### 3. Election of new members

| New Member    | Tower        | Proposed By      | Seconded By     |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Helen Valuks  | Beckenham    | Rupert Cheeseman | David Brown     |
| Hannah Elcock | Horton Kirby | Lesley Barclay   | Cathy Cheeseman |
| Terry Elcock  | Horton Kirby | Lesley Barclay   | Cathy Cheeseman |
| John Chenery  | Horton Kirby | Lesley Barclay   | Nick Wilkins    |
| Isabel Bailey | Horton Kirby | Lesley Barclay   | Nick Wilkins    |

The following new members were elected:

### 4. 120 club draw

|         |                  |                     |
|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 – 104 | Philippa Rooke   | Chelsfield          |
| 2 – 59  | Jan Odell        | Foots Cray          |
| 3 – 64  | Rachel Backhouse | Christchurch, Erith |
| 4 – 103 | Unsold           |                     |
| 5 – 4   | Jeremy Byers     | Beckenham           |
| 6 – 114 | Unsold           |                     |
| 7 – 57  | John Barnes      | Chelsfield          |
| 8 – 42  | Sylvia McKenzie  | Eynsford            |

The draw took place and the winning numbers for this month were:

### 5. Arranging the County AGM

It is Lewisham district's turn to host the County AGM next year on Easter Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We need to find a hall to host it in. The hall needs to be large enough for about 100 attendees to have a meal. No volunteers or suggestions were forthcoming.

### 6. Forthcoming events

| Event                   | At           | Date       |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| District practice       | Cudham       | 28 July    |
| Annual district meeting | Horton Kirby | 13 October |

### 7. AOB

- There are now general email addresses for all of the district officers and a general address for names for tea on the website
- Horton Kirby have been augmented to 8 bells.
- Consideration being given to augmentation at Chelsfield but likely to be a couple of years before it happens.
- Towers were encouraged to let Jim Hardy know if they would like particular training events arranged

### 8. Vote of thanks

Lesley Barclay proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Virgo for conducting the service, to Gwen Bowen for playing the organ and the Chelsfield ringers for the excellent tea.

---

# Agenda for the Next District Meeting

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS  
LEWISHAM DISTRICT

**Annual District Meeting at Horton Kirby, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting at Chelsfield on 14<sup>th</sup> July
3. Election of new District Officers
4. Election of new members
5. 120 club draw
6. Forthcoming events
7. Any other business
8. Vote of thanks

---

# *Next District Practice*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007 - West Wickham, 7-9pm

---