



# LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk) OCTOBER 2015

## Chelsfield win County 6 bell

A nice sunny afternoon greeted the 5 teams who assembled at Godmersham in the Canterbury District for the County 6-Bell Striking Competition on Saturday 26th September.

Unfortunately Ashford were unable to field a team this year.

The draw took place at 2.50pm and the first band from the Tonbridge District then headed into the tower to begin the days' proceedings. Brian Law was our able steward for the day, making sure all the bands kept within the rules. All of the teams had completed their test pieces by about 4.30pm and a short while afterwards the judges, Donald Niblett and Liz Barnes, joined everyone in the church to deliver their verdict.



Donald first thanked everyone for the invitation for him to come and judge the competition, commenting that it was especially nice to be able to sit in the warm sunshine. He said he had enjoyed the ringing very much, and was pleased to think that this was perhaps an indication of the level of Sunday Service ringing taking place across the County. He also commented that all teams did well, with every band improving in the 2nd half obviously after getting used to the bells as they went along. Liz Barnes then gave the results and comments as follows:

Position	District	Band	Rang	Faults	Judges Comments
1st	Lewisham	Chelsfield	4th	24	Peal Speed: 2h 54m. A very nice piece of ringing, particularly the 2nd half.
2nd	Maidstone	Staplehurst	2nd	40	Peal Speed: 3h 1m. Much slower than the first band. Leading and covering were good, but the middle of the change tended to drag out.
3rd	Canterbury	?	3rd	44	Peal Speed: 2h 55m. Good leading, but the bells in the middle of the change tended to fall in on top of each other with the tenor left dragging behind. A nasty crunch at one point but this didn't phase them and ringing improved afterwards.
4th	Tonbridge	Sevenoaks	1st	52	Peal Speed: 2h 48m Quite fast. Started nervously with inconsistent leading and the tenor dragging behind. Improved in the 2nd part.
5th	Rochester	Bobbing	5th	72	Peal Speed: 3h 6m. The band couldn't seem to agree on a speed. There were rushed leads, and a nasty crunch around in the 3rd lead but they did recover well and improved in the 2nd half.

The judges then presented the trophy to the winning Lewisham District band, and the Chairman Daniel Brady thanked Donald and Liz for judging and presented them with some port and chocolate liqueurs. He then thanked the hosting tower for having us and for the wonderful (and plentiful) tea that had been provided throughout the afternoon.

Doug Davies

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# Second Lieutenant Bryan Osmond Dewes

Following a request by Alan Regin a quarter peal was rung in memory of Second Lieutenant Bryan Dewes:

Lewisham, St Mary.

Thursday, 30 July

1260 Grandsire Triples in 54mins

1. Rhiannon M Meredith
2. Alexander J Britton
3. Sue Cameron
4. Ian G Mills (C)
5. Penelope J V Sharpe
6. David Holdridge
7. Dominic D Meredith
8. Hannah L Wilby

Rung to commemorate the life of Second Lieutenant Bryan Osmond Dewes, Middlesex Regiment, 1st Bn, a ringer from Lee and member of the Kent County Association, who died in the Great War, on 30th July 1915, aged 21.

Some further information about him:

Died 30/07/1915 Age 21 Middlesex Regiment 1st Bn. Commemorated at Rue-Du-Bacquerot (13th London) Graveyard, Laventie, France Grave F. 19. Son of Hugh William and Alice Jane Dewes, of The Grey House, Shiplake, Oxon. Born: Beckenham, Kent Enlisted: Unknown Resided: Harley Street, Middlesex

Further information:

He was educated at St. Andrews and at Repton and was about to enter St. Thomas's Hospital as a medical student having obtained the first place in the competition for an Arts Scholarship. He was a member of the London Rowing Club, which he represented at Henley in 1914.

He enlisted in the 28th County of London Battalion (Artist's Rifles), Service Number 1440, in August 1914. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on Feb. 2nd, 1915 and was serving as machine gun officer when he was killed. He is remembered on War Memorials, at St Margaret's Church in Lee, at Shiplake, Repton School and St Thomas's Hospital.

# Editorial



Thanks to the small select group who made the effort to contribute to the newsletter this time.

So the summer is behind us and the nights are drawing in which means that it must be ADM time. This year it is being hosted at Beckenham. Please do come along especially if you'd like to do the Ringing Master, Chairman or newsletter editor jobs because all of these post holder are not seeking re-election this year.

Also a quick reminder that the Call Change Competition is coming up on Sat 21st November. This is aimed at less experienced bands and it would be good to see a large turn out at Farningham. Bands are allowed to combine in order to enter or if you are short then please let Ian or myself know and we'll do our best to complete your band.

*Cheers.*

*Rupert*

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## Likes and Dislikes

I like to ring with Danny Lodge,  
He'll never miss a 3-4 dodge.  
I hate to ring with Lottie Dash,  
She doesn't dodge, just makes a clash.

I like to ring with Billy Steed,  
He doesn't slow his backstroke lead.  
I hate to ring with Micky Dingle,  
He'll miss long thirds when's called a single.

I like to ring with Gertie Prings,  
She wipes her hands before she rings.  
I hate to ring with Freda Tallie,  
She leaves hand cream smeared on the sally.

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I like to ring with Johnny Stower,  
He's accurate in raise or lower.  
I hate to ring with Bobby Down,  
The blighter's always upside down.

I like to ring with Peter Stine,  
With Grandsire he rings last each time.  
I hate to ring with Harry Moore,  
He just stares at the bloomin' floor.

I like to ring with Mary Styett,  
When watching she keeps very quiet.  
I hate to ring with Charlie Blatter,  
Who sits aside and spouts out chatter.

I like to ring with Sarah Guise,  
She's good at her Cambridge Surprise.  
I hate to ring with Gerry Mobbe,  
Who knows not how to Treble Bob.

I hate to ring with Terry Stuggly,  
Because he just so bloomin' ugly.  
I love to ring with Lucy Porteous,  
Because she's simply - bloomin' gorgeous!

# NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

## CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45

Sunday 9.20am

In spite of many of our ringers having holidays during the summer months, practices have continued to be fairly well attended although our repertoire is mainly limited to doubles methods. Sunday morning service ringing has been a little more sporadic due to lack of numbers and we have, unfortunately, had to cancel a few times recently.

We have continued with our aim of ringing the doubles variations named after the months of the year, successfully scoring quarters at the first attempt of July, August and September at Halling, Chalk and Eynsford respectively, and Tuesday practices over the coming months will include October, November and December doubles to complete our challenge.



August doubles was rung again at Crayford at the end of the month in memory of Frank Lewis.

Debra Say

Thursday, 20 August 2015

1280 August Doubles in 42mins

1. Mary Hayward
2. Brenda Barton
3. Sue Cameron
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Debra Say



Rung in memory of Frank Lewis, former chairman of the KCACR (among many other things!), who passed away last month.

1st in variation; 2&3.

## ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 9.15am

Ringng has continued over the summer months, with

only a couple of Sundays when we didn't have enough to ring. Our practices have been a little depleted recently, but we have a couple of new learners, so there is enough to keep us busy most weeks.

A couple of special quarter peals have been rung recently. Firstly (following a failed peal attempt), a quarter was rung to mark the 300th Anniversary of the "Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge". The founder, Thomas Doggett, is buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist, Eltham. The event is a rowing race that takes place on the Thames between London Bridge and Chelsea, and is one of the oldest annual sporting events in the world.

Saturday 1st August

1263 Stedman Triples in 43m

1. Stephanie J Pattenden (C)
2. Ruth E R Corney
3. Penelope J V Sharpe
4. Peter W Emery
5. David Holdridge
6. Samuel C Cave
7. James W Belshaw
8. Richard L Thumwood



More recently still, a quarter was rung to mark 100 years since the death of Lance Corporal Leonard Murphy of Eltham, who died on 30 September 2015 of wounds sustained at the Battle of Loos. He is commemorated by a brass plaque in the ringing chamber.

Sunday, 27th September  
1260 Grandsire Triples in 46m

1. Rupert J Cheeseman
2. Rachel A Backhouse
3. David Holdridge
4. Ian G Mills (C)
5. Sue Cameron
6. Diane J Reynolds
7. Cathy L A Cheeseman
8. Mark D Backhouse

Another, happier, event was enjoyed on Saturday 26th September, when we were delighted to celebrate the wedding of two of our ringers, Tiffany Kelly and Tom Baird, both of whom learnt to ring at Eltham. We rang the bells before and after the service, and a number of ringers attended the evening reception. As usual, some of them were among the last to leave!

Finally, on Saturday 5th September, we had our annual joint outing with St Nicholas Chislehurst. This year we travelled to the north of London, and rang at five towers, starting at Monken Hadley and finishing at Berkhamsted. We were slightly short on numbers this year, because of various competing commitments, which meant that the more experienced ringers had to work especially hard. Thanks to Neville Wilding of Chislehurst for arranging this year's outing.

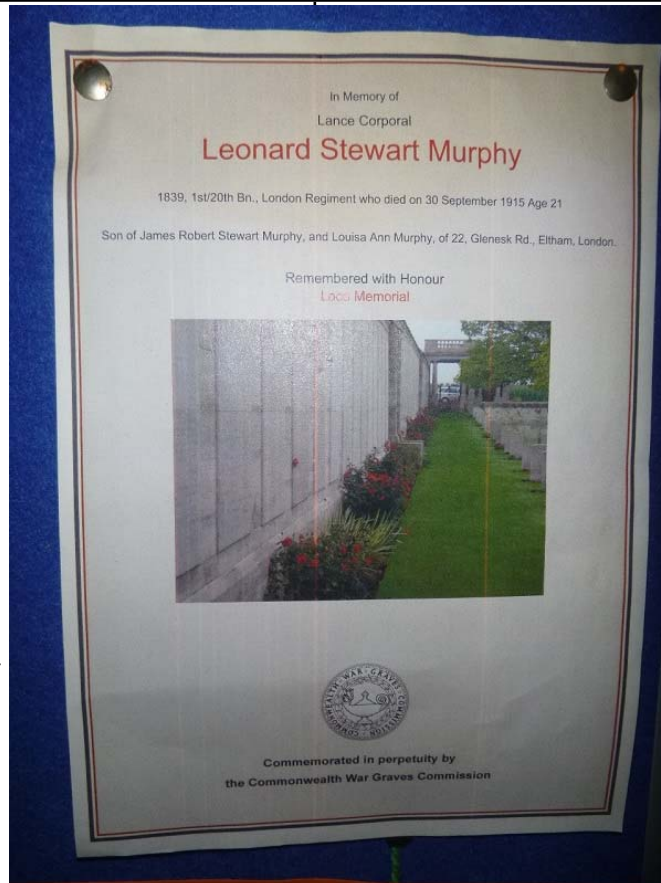
David Holdridge

## ERITH (Christ Church)

*Practice Monday 20:00*

*Sunday 9.30am*

Sunday 20th September saw the last of our 'Open Tower' sessions. We had a number of visitors - some from nearby; others from elsewhere in the borough. One special visitor was David Earl - now the Tower Captain at Barming. David learned to ring at Christchurch during the 1960s and was delighted to return.



Since March, we have had a total of nine sessions and attracted about 170 visitors. Visitors' ages ranged from children and young adults to the more mature! Visitors came from all parts of the local community, reflecting the population in the area. We were also visited by about 40 Brownies and over 400 children from Christchurch Primary School. Our hope is that the 'seed' of an interest in bellringing has been planted in at least some of them.

The widespread distribution of our leaflets to all Bexley libraries and a number of

schools and other deanery churches ensured that plenty of people knew about the Open Days. The Christchurch website had much information about the centenary and several visitors found out about it through this medium.

Natalie baked a range of excellent cakes for each open day and the Friends of Christchurch provided tea and coffee. Visitors were very generous and the donations for refreshments have been split between the Friends and our Tower funds.

Rachel now has the task of writing the final report required by the Heritage Lottery Fund!

In other news, we have a new young learner - he attends Christchurch with his family and visited the tower after a Sunday morning service. He is making good progress and will be a helpful addition to the Sunday band as we have temporarily lost our other young ringers. Eloise has returned to Cornwall for her second year at university and Matthew is commencing a degree in Classical Civilisation at Warwick.

In July, Ken, one of our older ringers, married again

and is currently splitting his time between England and the United States. We rang a Quarter Peal to celebrate the wedding. .

Liz Brett

Sunday, 12th July 2015

1280 Grandsire Doubles in 44mins

1. Natalie Slator
2. Elizabeth Brett
3. Shirley Scarth
4. Rachel Backhouse (C)
5. Mark Backhouse
6. Les Brett

Rung as a Wedding Compliment to Ken and Jill Springate, married 11th July at St. Nicholas, Plumstead.

First inside for Shirley. .

## WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

### The Meridian Ringers

Our normal practice night is Wednesday, 8pm-930pm, at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich if Greenwich is not available. We usually have good attendances at practice nights, sometimes ringing all 10 bells, some triples, minor and some additional doubles methods and some work on Treble Hunting Minor. We are usually doing some service ringing for the monthly Choral Evensong at Greenwich and also ring for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month [check the website for dates].

We occasionally also have a monthly practice at Woolwich on a Monday 8-930pm - all welcome; [again, it is best to check our website for the dates].

In the last newsletter, I reported that the ninth clapper at Greenwich came out when we were ringing on Sunday 14th June to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta. We managed to get the clapper taken down and Alan took it down to the church and showed it to the Vicar and Wardens who immediately said that we'd need to do something about this!

We had already had a quote from Taylors to renovate the clappers last November and we were

due to sort this out this autumn. However, this event set things rolling and the Vicar and Church wardens said that we had to get the work done as soon as possible.



Nine of the clappers in the paint drying room at Loughborough

Last autumn, Peter Hayward came down from Taylors to do a survey on the bells as they were due to have some maintenance and he did a full check over and sent us a fully detailed report. This proposed two possible rehang possibilities - a full rehang and a partial rehang and reconfiguration of the front four bells which would also improve the rope circle. Of more urgency was the need to have all the clappers renovated; Peter also proposed that we have an annual maintenance visit from the foundry. We sent the report to the Vicar and PCC and the plan was to investigate doing something about it in the latter part of 2015 due to various other things happening at the church.

The PCC were in agreement that we should have the annual inspection done from now on. They were happy to have the work done to the clappers but not about the rehang - mainly due to the age and historical nature of the frame. However, we are hoping to discuss the possibility of the partial rehang of the front 4 in the near future - as this would only affect a slight part of the frame this might be more acceptable to the PCC and other interested parties!

Soon after the mishap with the 9th clapper, we managed to get the 7th, 8th and tenor clappers out but kept the front 6 as we had several weddings to do in July. Then after the last wedding we took out the 6 and then transported them to Loughborough courtesy of Alan Munden and his trailer. Apart from a 2 hour delay at the Dartford crossing we [Alan, Graham, Ken, Jim] had a good trip and were shown round the foundry and had a ring on the bells. All the staff at Taylors were most pleasant and helpful and we intend to return to visit the Foundry in the not too distant future. Transporting the clappers ourselves and taking them out has obviously helped with the costs.

When we were unloading the clappers at Loughborough I asked about the pros/cons of having a wooden clapper for the tenor. [I was recently at Guildford Cathedral for a practice night and David Beadman, their steeple keeper, took us up and showed us the bells - I noticed the wooden clapper and asked him about it; he said it was a real advantage.

So we decided to have a wooden shafted clapper made for the tenor. We can now ring up the tenor easily with one person and the bell also sounds much better.

We have the original tenor clapper, fully restored, on display in the ringing chamber.

A reminder that Freda Cannon, our Tower Captain Emeritus, is now resident at Fairmount Residential Care Home, Mottingham Lane, Mottingham, SE9 4RT, Tel: 020 8857 1064. She would welcome visitors at any reasonable time. Alan picks Freda up to bring her to Greenwich so she can go to Evensong and hear us ringing once a month.

Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events - please check our website for further details [www.meridianbells.webs.com](http://www.meridianbells.webs.com)

Graham Long



The clappers, including the new wooden shafted tenor clapper, on the ringing chamber floor prior to being reinstalled.

**THE BEAUFORT SCALE OF FIRE-UPS**

0. Perfect Ringing - Complete absence of any fire up whatsoever.
1. Mild Inaccuracies - Slight frowning of the Conductor's brow - Conductor says "Keep them moving".
2. Small Trip - Frown on face of Conductor. Conductor says "Come along now".
3. Bigger Trip - Conductor begins to glare. Conductor says "Finish it" quite loudly.
4. Light crunching involving 2 or more bells - Conductor begins to go red. May shout "PAUL" or some other band member's name.
5. Heavier crunching involving 3 or more bells - One end of change begins to disappear. Conductor begins to stamp foot and shout coursing order. Conductor now crimson.
6. Full crunching involving at least half the band - First bell on wrong stroke. Conductor now purple with vein standing out on forehead. First obscenity uttered. Light damage to composition.
7. Light firing - Half the band now striking at once. At least 2 bells on the wrong stroke. Conductor now doing full Morris dancing/village idiot impression. Instructions now incoherent.
8. Heavy firing - Most of the band now striking together. At least 3 bells on the wrong stroke. Ringing now beyond engineering capabilities of Conductor. Structural damage to composition.
9. Storm force firing - All but one band member now striking together (called a "Whoomph Ping") At least half the band on the wrong stroke. Terminal damage to composition.
10. Heavy storm force firing - near total absence of striking. A "wall of ropes". Conductor considers saying "Stand".
11. Hurricane force firing - Complete absence of striking whatsoever. Conductor says "Stand", grudgingly.

The Peal Pixie



# Jim and Lizzie get married

On Saturday 12th September, relatives, friends and ringers met at St George's, Beckenham to celebrate the marriage of Lizzie Duffey and Jim Hardy.

A quarter peal was rung before the service followed by some general ringing. The bride was bang on time (did she dare be anything else!). The service included a Gaelic Blessing sung by Lucy and Amazing Grace by Kat and the St George's junior choir.



pandered to Jim's known taste in food by having, the base was a traditional cake, the top tier was a whole cheese and the middle one, a huge pork pie!

A good day was had by all and best wishes to the happy couple for a long and happy life together .

Rupert



More ringing afterwards, including the impressive sight of the bride climbing up the tower and managing to ring in her dress and of course a bit of firing.

While this was happening, what can be best be described as a 'ringers tea' was available in the church, delicious it was too!

Then it was over to the church hall for the evening reception. The early evening entertainment was provided by the Jim's children and nieces singing and playing a variety of songs. A mobile pizza oven was outside which served up a tasty evening meal.

The wedding cake was particularly interesting as it



Saturday, 29 August 2015  
1287 Stedman Caters in  
46mins

1. Dickon R Love
2. Nigel Pointer
3. Rupert J Cheeseman
4. Dominic D Meredith
5. Jeremy R Byers
6. David S Brown
7. David P Macey (C)
8. Christopher N Sheasby
9. James J Hardy
10. Ross E Hartley



Rung on the occasion of Jim's stag night and to celebrate the wedding of Lucy and Jonathan Poole. Christine M Webb would like to be associated with this quarter peal.

Saturday, 12 September 2015 in 43min  
1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1. Helena J Mattingley
2. Dominic D Meredith
3. Thomas J Hinks (C)
4. David S Brown
5. Ian G Mills
6. Ross E Hartley
7. Jeremy R Byers
8. Christopher N Sheasby

Rung before the wedding of Lizzie Duffey and James Hardy.

Best wishes to the happy couple from all the band and all those who ring at Beckenham





# Lewisham District Events 2015

- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct Annual District Meeting: Beckenham, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30pm Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to [names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct District Practice: Downe, 10.00am - 12.00
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov District Training Event. Times and venue tbc. Email [training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk) for details
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Nov Quarter Peal week. Please attempt a quarter during this week.
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov District 6-bell Call Change Competition: tbc, 2.30pm draw.
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec District Practice: Dartford, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- 2016
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Quarterly Meeting: Greenwich, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to [names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan District Practice: Ash by Wrotham, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb District Practice: tbc, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb District Training Event. Times and venue tbc. Email [training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk) for details
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar District 6-bell Striking Competition: tbc, 2.30pm draw
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Mar District Practice: Bromley Common, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Mar KCACR Annual General Meeting: Tunstall, (Rochester District)

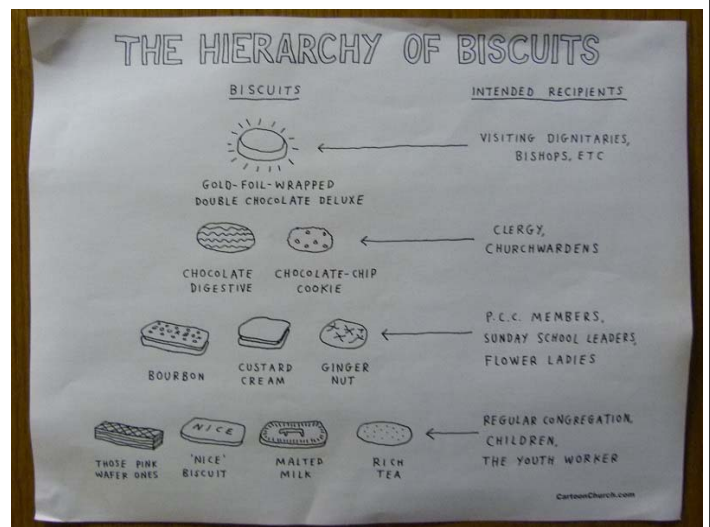
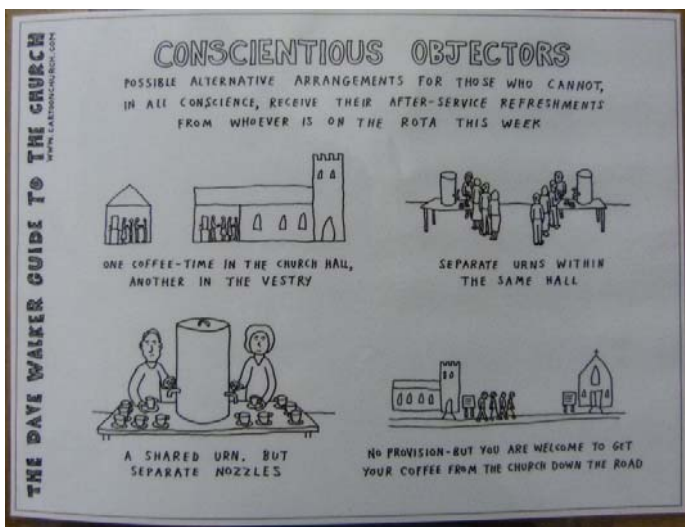
Everybody is welcome to all of these. What is actually rung will be tailored to who turns up.

Please check the district website [www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk](http://www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk) nearer the event in case of any last minute changes or phone or email Ian on [master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

For the latest county and news from other Districts see the KCACR web site at [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS  
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, Christ Church, Erith 11th July 2015  
16 people attended representing 5 towers, 1 unattached member

**1. Apologies for absence**

Received from Esther Correia, Jake Ethridge and Deryck Jones (Dartford), Graham Long (Greenwich), Philippa and Jim Rooke, Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby) Christine Goldsmith and Shelagh Norman (Unattached), Chris Davine (Eltham), Ken Springate (Erith CC).

**2. Minutes of last meeting (14<sup>th</sup> April 2015)**

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Proposed: Diane Reynolds; Seconded: Natalie Slator.

**3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**

Nothing.

**4. Election of New Members**

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Gillian Harris	Lewisham	Dominic Meredith	Andrew Clark
Keith Moss	Chislehurst, St Nics	Ian Mills	Diane Reynolds

Both were elected unanimously and it was good to see that Keith was able to attend the early ringing, service and tea but an evening engagement prevented him from staying for the meeting.

**5. Training Events**

- Ian reported that the Training event had gone well with raising and lowering taking place in both Dartford and Eltham with a total of 14 students split between the two venues. There were just enough helpers with three at one and two at the other. More would have been beneficial. There is another training event scheduled for 22nd August and although Ian was open to suggestions of what people would like as a subject, he was minded to run another raising and lowering as there were so many applicants for the last session that he could not accommodate them all. Please let him know if you can help out.
- There is an ITTS 1 running at Tunstall on 31st August
- There is an ITTS 2 running at Staplehurst on 19th September

**6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 28th February 2015**

- as a result of demand in the Canterbury District, MRFS is looking into sourcing enamel badges at a reduced cost. The General Committee will be kept advised of progress
- it was agreed that Peter Dale would draft a set of guidelines around what would be considered suitable to spend money from the Training fund/budget on from the next meeting

- Caroline Stockmann is stepping down as Independent Auditor so as to not risk any conflict of interest with her new position on the General Committee
- there was now a link to the KCACR Facebook group on the homepage of the KCACR website
- Tim Munt agreed to look into the setup of a membership database, and the possibility of providing membership cards will also be looked into
- a grant request was received from St Peter-in-Thamet, but as the extent of the work required on the bells was not yet known it was agreed to defer any grant offer for the time being
- it was agreed that a Youth Striking Competition would be arranged for the last Saturday in October, hopefully by Ben Legg
- it was agreed that we should approach Ben Legg to ask whether he would be willing to take on the role of "Youth Officer"
- owing to the reduced time the General Committee meetings were now taking, it was agreed future meetings would start at 10.00am instead of 9.30am
- the 2015 County 8-bell Striking Competition would be held on 4 July at Headcorn, draw at 2.45pm; method will be Little Bob Major
- the 2015 County 6-bell Striking Competition would be held on 26 September at Godmersham, 2.45pm draw
- the dates of future General Committee meetings in 2015 were confirmed as 1 August and 28 November, both starting at 10.00am with coffee served from 9.30am



## 7. Events Update, results and forthcoming events

- The KCACR band were triumphant at the Tewkesbury Shield 10-bell competition, winning at the first time of entering. Well done to all the members of the band. A majority of which were from the Lewisham District.
- After four years of being the winners of the County 8-bell, it was Rochester District who lifted the trophy this time. Lewisham finished in second place.
- The annual joint outing with the Tonbridge District is being held on 8th August with towers in London. The first is in Tottenham and then working south into the centre of London. Further details will be circulated when known.
- At the last meeting the venue for the October AGM was still being sought. Since then Beckenham have agreed to host us on the 10th October.
- Upcoming district practices
 

25/07/15	District Practice	Biggin Hill (TBC)	10 - 12 noon
14/08/15	District Practice	Beckenham	8 - 9.30pm
22/08/15	Training	TBC	TBC
19/09/15	District Practice	Eltham	7 - 9pm
10/10/15	ADM	Beckenham	3.30pm onwards
8-15 Nov	Quarter Peal Week		
- Centenary of Erith Christchurch bells in July 2015, monthly open days are taking place. See pamphlets that were circulated in your April newsletter for more info.

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## 8. 120 club draw

Apr	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	55	Mark Backhouse	Erith CC
1st	£20	26	Elizabeth Brett	Erith CC
2nd	£10	50	Nigel Parsons	Unattached
2nd	£10	118	Matthew Smith	Erith CC
3rd	£10	62	Jack Barker	Eynsford & Farningham
3rd	£10	32	Jan Odell	Foots Cray
4th	£5	75	David Hilling	Eynsford & Farningham
4th	£5	57	Megan Smith	Cudham

We were beginning to wonder if the only balls in the bag belonged to the band hosting the meeting!

## 9. AOB


- Rupert thanked all the people who submitted articles for the newsletter which is back up to its usual 16 pages this time.
- Sue spoke about a new unified University's website which has for the first time brought all contacts and information in to one place. It covers everything anyone going off to Uni may need and for towers who may have university students nearby to advertise their towers and encourage attendance from this source. An email with the information and link will be circulated to the tower contacts and email group for onward circulation to all ringers. Sue encouraged people to forward it on to any young person you may know heading off to University in the autumn too as an option for them to pursue when they start.
- Youth band competition. We would like to enter a Lewisham District band so please let Ian or Sue know if they are any young people in your band that would like to take part.
- Rupert reminded everyone that the Officer roles are up for election in October with notice that the current incumbents of the Ringing master, Chairman and Newsletter Editor posts were not re-standing.

## 10. Vote of Thanks

Ian Mills thanked Rev Ann Norman for taking the service, Ed Sage the organist, and of course the Erith CC band for providing very tasty refreshments plus the amazing birthday cake for the tower's centenary created by Natalie.

Next meeting will be Saturday 10th October 2015 at St George, Beckenham.

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**Call Change Competition**  
**Saturday 21st November**  
**Farningham**  
**2.30 draw**

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