



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Kent Band Wins the Essex Trophy

This is an annual ten bell competition for Guilds and Associations in the south-east, inaugurated by the Essex Association in its centenary year 1979. The Kent C.A. has been successful in the modern era having won in 2012, 2013 and 2014 with bands organised by Ian Mills.

And there was another win in 2019 on 14th September when the Middlesex C.A. hosted at Southgate, north London. Lewisham is usually well represented and this year there were four District members in the band. The Southgate bells with a tenor of 25cwt go well enough; the challenge is with the acoustics where some little bells are indistinct. The test piece was a three course touch of Stedman Caters. The band was organised by Association Chairman Phil although he and Liz were unable to take part as they were ticketholders at a not insignificant event at The Oval, the final Ashes test.

Six bands had entered. The welcome and draw took place in the church and refreshment was available at the nearby hall and at a hostelry with a large and, on this sunny day, popular garden. Our practices earlier on home turf had not been exactly smooth and we clearly had saved ourselves for the day and turned in a very comfortable test piece. Our approach was to ring steadily and with clearly open handstroke leads. In fact ours was the steadiest ringing of the day (peal pace of 3h27) and the Guildford D.G. came in second with the second steadiest piece. The judges were Paul and Kate Flavell of Kingston.

The full result was:

1st	Kent C A	51
2nd	Guildford D G	68
3rd	Sussex C A	70
4th	Essex A	73
5th	Surrey A	75
6th	Hertford C A	86



Band, l-r: David Hilling (C) 1, Doug Davis 6, Adam Brady 2, Neil Jones 7, Andrew Hills 3, Peter Joyce 8, Mark Chittenden-Pile 4, Ian Mills 9, Colin Wyld 10, Peter Swift 5.



This was another 'wow' occasion. The band did a great job and gelled superbly; very well done all.

Trophy photo – Doug Davis, Peter Swift, Peter Joyce and Colin Wyld.

The trophy is a model bell which is far from lightweight and not the sort of thing when presented to be hoisted aloft 12 bell competition style or football trophy style. We weren't challenged though with taking the substantial trophy on the train to Kent as fortunately one member of the band had driven to Southgate! The trophy is now in the ringing chamber at All Saints Maidstone where it can be admired for the best part of a year.

David Hilling

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Chairman's Bit

I'm delighted to say that St Nicholas Chislehurst will be our venue for the KCACR County AGM on Easter Monday next year. As the hosting District we have to deliver lunch, a raffle and have towers open on the way to and from the venue so we're looking for help for the following:

LUNCH - Please could you let me or any of the officers know if you have any catering contacts, or even be prepared to plan and deliver the meal yourself, or as a group (with a lot of help from others in the District, obviously!) If you don't know anyone directly please ask around, if you can. The meal is usually two courses for around 50 people and has to be delivered for around £10-12 per head. We need to get this sorted out asap so please do let us know if you have any ideas.

THE BAR & BEER – a bar is usually provided during the lunch and before the meeting, and it's traditional that a couple of craft beers are available on draught for people attending. If you fancy becoming landlord for a day, planning and delivering a simple bar (including getting a temporary license, but we may be able to help with that), please get in touch!

RAFFLE – the host District has to cover the costs of the day, so one of the ways most Districts raise funds is by holding a raffle. If you'd like to help us by coordinating this please let us know.

TOWERS - Nick will be in contact with those towers that we'd like to open on the day. Stewards will also be required to help run them.

No one is expected to do these tasks on their own, the committee will help as will all available ringers in the District, but we're looking for some people to lead on them to ensure they get delivered.

If you have any queries please contact me, your tower rep or any member of the District committee.

Thank you!

Philippa

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Call Change Competition

Saturday 16th November

Horton Kirby

2.30 draw

Editorial



Thanks to everyone who has made the effort to contribute to the newsletter this time.

This newsletter coincides with the ADM where District Officers are elected and towers are requested to host the meetings next year. So please give some thought to doing either of those things.

St Nicholas, Chislehurst will be the venue for next Easter Monday's County AGM which we are hosting. Plenty of help will be required to make sure that the day goes smoothly. More details on page 2.

Also a reminder about the Call Change Competition on Saturday 16th November which will this year be held at Horton Kirby. Please try and get a band together to enter. If you are a few ringers short then please contact a district officers and we'll see what we can do to help you complete a band.

Cheers,

Rupert

Btw, the scarecrow pictures were seen by Sue at St Michael's church, Stoney Stanton.

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120 club

In April a total of £586.52 was sent to the Bell Restoration Fund. However, the sum this year is likely to be lower as only 87 shares have been sold, even though unsold prizes go to the BRF. However, an increasing number of sales are now made via email – making administration easier. Payments can be made by Bank Transfer or Standing Order (details on request). Up-to-date documents on the District website would make the process even simpler. Several other districts run their lotteries mainly via internet and email.

Earlier this year, the KCACR General Committee looked at the ways districts run their 120 Clubs. It may be possible for all to be covered by a single licence from a Local Authority, which save some money and save me a lot of hassle getting ours renewed!

Elizabeth Brett

July 19th 2019. District Meeting, Cudham – Double Draw			
1 st	£20	33	Blanche Griffin, Eynsford & Farningham
		113	(unsold – prize to BRF)
2 nd	£10	86	(unsold – prize to BRF)
		54	Michelle Vardy, Horton Kirby
3 rd	£10	61	Lesley Barclay, Horton Kirby
		117	(unsold – prize to BRF)
4 th	£5	107	(unsold – prize to BRF)
		71	Jim Rooke, Chelsfield

{No draw in August}

September 16th, Practice, Erith Christchurch

1 st	£20	4	Elizabeth Brett, Erith CC
2 nd	£10	31	David Hilling, Eynsford & Farningham
3 rd	£10	77	Brenda Barton, Crayford
4 th	£5	8	Deryck Jones, Dartford.

NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH BY WROTHAM

What a busy summer the Ash Band has had. It all started with ringing for the opening of Ash Village Fete on the 20th June. After ringing for the opening we opened up the tower to visitors. We had over 80 visitors climbing the tower to see the bells and the view from the top. Many of the visitors were either grandparents or parents wanting to show their children the things they had done when they were young.

On 28th June the entire band, apart from those on holiday, had a chance to ring before the patronal service.

On 20th July we had (for this Ash band) our first tower tour, organized by Frank Cottee. After a very wet and late start, due in part to a locked car park, we visited four Kent churches near us. The morning two towers were S.S. Peter & Paul East Sutton and St Michael Chart Sutton, both ground floor rings. We had an excellent pub lunch at The Cock Inn at Boughton Monchelsea before going on to ring at SS Peter & Paul at Yalding, another but heavier ground floor ring, before ending our tour at St Mary Stansted, a glazed gallery ring. From there we all made our way home.

In August it was more difficult keep the numbers up for both practice sessions because of holidays, but we did manage to ring for all the Sunday services. One of our band even attended a practice session at Edinburgh Cathedral. It was only after she had climbed the tower that she was asked if she had a head for heights, as they had to walk across the Cathedral roof to reach the ringing chamber.

September was again a month when holidays affected numbers at our practice sessions, but we managed to ring for a wedding and for all services.

We ended this quarter by ringing before a special concert to celebrate the first anniversary of the new organ.

Practices: Tuesday from 10.45 till 12.00, Saturday from 9.00 till 10.30 but not the first Saturday of the month.

Julia Kilfoyle

CRAYFORD

Not much to report this time. Things are still ticking along. Ringing has taken place most Sundays and Tuesdays and we are grateful for our regular supporters. We continue to try different methods to add a bit of

variety and have practiced then rung quarters of Stedman Slow Course and Union Bob Doubles recently.

We hope to enter one or maybe even two teams into the call change competition in November.

Rupert

Sunday, 25 August 2019

1260 Stedman Slow Course Doubles in 42mins

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Brenda Barton | 2. Debra Say |
| 3. Peter Skinner | 4. Andrew Sinclair |
| 5. Rupert Cheeseman (C) | 6. David Gyles |

Rung before the Christening of Archie Perring and with 65th birthday compliments to Dave.

First in method for all.

50th qtr; 6.

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

1260 St Simon's Doubles in 42mins

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Brenda Barton | 2. David Gyles |
| 3. Peter Skinner | 4. Rupert Cheeseman (C) |
| 5. Andrew Sinclair | 6. Bethany Kirrage |

On practice night cos everyone else was on holiday!!

Tuesday, 8 October 2018

1260 Union Bob Doubles in 42mins

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Peter Skinner | 2... Andrew Sinclair |
| 3. David Gyles | 4... Debra Say |
| 5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)... | 6... Bethany Kirrage |

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday tomorrow of David Sinclair, Andrew's father.

First in method; 3&4.

Rupert



HAYES

My wife and I recently moved to Hayes and now live at 24 Everard Avenue, Hayes, Bromley. BR2 7LR

As you will know, there is no longer a band of ringers at Hayes and no regular ringing although ringers and friends from St. Luke's, Bromley Common have helped out from time to time with weddings and any other special events.

Whilst wishing to continue my association with The Meridian Ringers, once settled into our new home, I was keen to get some ringing done at Hayes, with the aim of trying to ring once a month for Evening Worship, occasional quarters and other ringing; we have two weddings coming up. I am pleased to say that ringing started again when we rang for Evensong on 21st July, which included the following touch:

400 Plain Bob Doubles

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Natalie Slator | 2. Hazel Bing |
| 3. Shelagh Norman | 4. Bill Lanyon |
| 5. Graham Long (C) | 6. Jim Odell |

Rung for Evensong. Also, to wish Shelagh all the best for her trip to New Zealand.

In August, Greenwich tower was unavailable one Wednesday due to work being carried out in the church; we therefore, transferred our practice to Hayes and had a good practice. We also rang for Evensong on 18th August when the Vicar also asked me to play the organ! We recently went for a quarter peal on Thursday 26th September, although we had to ring on five as Alan Munden was taken into hospital that day – we wish Alan well and hope he recovers promptly.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 39mins

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|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Svetlana Sokolova | 2. Bill Lanyon |
| 3. Michael Robinson | 4. Jim Odell |
| 5. Graham Long (C) | |

To celebrate the Baptism of Beatrix Hannah Cocker, daughter of Dan (ringer at Greenwich) and Ania Cocker, at Youlgrave, 14th July 2019. Alan Munden was due to ring in this quarter but was taken ill - he and all the Meridian Ringers wish to be associated with this quarter.

The Lewisham District will be having at a practice at Hayes on Friday 8th November – all welcome.

Graham Long
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SIDCUP

Debbie Runting has been appointed Tower Captain of St John's, continuing to run practices every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday. Debbie has built up good relations with the church congregation and raised awareness of the bells with continual updates on events and ongoing progress regarding bell ringing events and fundraising activities – managing to squeeze in with the churches current Access4All fundraising development.

Bell ringing itself

We have recruited 3 new ringers – pleased to say that one lady has just successfully rung for her first Sunday morning service (06/10/2019). The second ringer is not too far behind, nearly ringing independently, with occasional assistance and the 3rd started training on Wednesday 2nd October. All trainees being taught by Alexander.

Sunday service numbers tend to vary between 3 and 5. We have 4 regular ringers most weeks for the past few months and have been supported by a local ringer from St Mary Cray, for which we are truly grateful. Positive comments from local community has also helped sustain good relations with our bells. Practice nights have also been successful with trainee practice, this taking priority whilst continually trying to recruit aiming ultimately for a local home band which can ring 6 bells on a Sunday service. Occasional assistance within the district has helped us with practice development. Very pleased to say that on 6th October we had 6 bells ringing with a home band including a trainee (ringing her first rounds on 6 incredibly well).

Training

Training is held as part of practice nights and also after Sunday services with permission from the vicar, on fully muffled bells – training muffles are being sought for this purpose.

Steeple keeping

Several events such as Vintage Cream Tea Afternoon taking place raising funds for the clapper refurbishment, along with donations from the congregation and awareness raised by the vicar on Sunday morning has helped to boost this amount. We have managed to reach our target in order to have the clappers refurbished. We have had Inspections for quotes on refurbishments of the clappers which will include rounding off the balls and fitting new clapper top ends with grease nipples. No date is set at present as we await one more bellhanger quote.

Regular checks in belfry have ensured that clappers are well greased to prevent further wear to the bushes which are nearly life expired. A complete repaint of the belfry in red and blue by Debbie and Alexander over the past couple of months has also been part of the refurbishment (a video showing the whole refurbishment will be on YouTube shortly). The main part of the repaint has also aimed to be completed ahead of tower tours occurring on 12th October. The wooden parts of the frame, including the wheels are also due to be sanded



down and wood preservative painted on as part of the refurbishment. An Ellacombe hammer for mid-week services is in question currently in conjunction with the progress on Access4All.

Publicity

Debbie has been busy promoting events, the bells and recruiting with the support of the home band in order to raise funds and awareness of the fundraising through the community of Sidcup and other towers at practice nights. Alexander has also created leaflets and contact cards as part of the Cream Tea fundraiser (an idea of one of our trainees) with plenty of stock photos and videos.

Quarters, peals and special performances

The past couple of years has seen many quarter peals and special performances rung either in aid of, in memory, firsts or part of a special event. These can seen on Bell Board – searching for Sidcup on the criteria.

The locals and congregation really appreciate the bells and are keen for their ringing to continue. The bell ringers have close relations with the congregation and are greatly supported by Cathy the vicar.

Alexander and Debbie Runting
Steeple Keeper and Tower Captain

WEST WICKHAM

We continue to ring regularly for Sunday services and practice. We are fortunate to have support from ringers at other local towers to help the home band.

Our annual barbeque was held in September and a quarter peal was rung in August, which included 3 members of our band.

Wednesday, 21 August 2019 in 44m (13cwt in F#)
1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Chris Lawrance | 2. Judith Fry |
| 3. David Whitehead (C) | 4. John Perrin |
| 5. Michael J Morton | 6. Jon Fry |
- A 60th birthday compliment to Jon Fry

Judith Fry

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

The Meridian Ringers

We have continued with our normal ringing pattern, with our usual practice night on Wednesdays, 8pm-9.30pm,

St John's Society of Change Ringers Fundraising Event,
presents Tower Open Day...

See the bells; information about our tower; refreshments and bellringing demonstrations by our fantastic band (including our special dumb bell)

YOU might even want a go!

Happening at:

St John the Evangelist,

Sidcup... On:

Saturday 12th October

Small charge, on the door:
£3—11 yrs and older
£1—10 yrs and younger



at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich if Greenwich is not available. We usually ring for the monthly Choral Evensong at Greenwich and for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month [check the website for dates]. We occasionally ring at Woolwich for practices, although we have had a recent problem there with a pigeon infestation, so we still need to do some clearing up in due course.

Ringling for the Sunday morning Choral Eucharist Service at Greenwich is continuing on a regular basis and this has been much appreciated by the congregation and ministry team at St. Alfege's.

We have some 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 have a dedicated learners practice from about 7pm on Wednesdays which has been a real asset, then a session from about 8.30pm for more advanced ringing.

We had another of our Ringing Schools on a Saturday afternoon in August, with some intense work on Doubles work, plain hunt on 6 and 7, and Bob Minor. We plan more of these in the future.

The extensive renovation work at St Alfege's is nearing an end, the external scaffolding is now down and if you visit Greenwich now you will notice how bright and white the walls are! The church has received a grant of £1,836,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the Heart of Greenwich, Place and People project, thanks to the National Lottery. After the essential repairs being undertaken, work is now starting on the North side of the church which will provide improved access, new toilets and other facilities in the church including enhanced landscaping, and the creation of a new entrance visible from the street.

The bells at Greenwich recently had the annual maintenance done by Taylors and all is in order with just a few very minor things to attend to. We have new ropes on order from Avon Ropes and hope to have them by the end of this year.

Both St John's, Deptford and Greenwich hosted ringing on the Friday and Sunday of The Central Council Weekend.

Please note my address (since May 2019) is now 24 Everard Avenue, Hayes, Bromley. BR2 7LR

Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events – please check our website for further details.

www.meridianbells.webs.com

Graham Long

Ringers' Sunday at Chelsfield

20th October

All Welcome

We're very fortunate at St Martin's, Chelsfield, that the church has a long tradition of celebrating bells by holding a 'Ringers' Sunday' every year. At Evensong on that day a guest speaker talks about an aspect of ringing or bells, and past speakers include Alan Regin on the Ypres / WWI bells project, Dickon Love on the Jubilee Barge bells project, and Alan Hughes on Whitechapel Bellfoundry.



The Rochester Cathedral Bells
Centenary Project

This year our Ringers' Sunday is on Sunday 20th October, and the guest speaker at Evensong will be Neil Jones, the Tower Captain of Rochester Cathedral, who will talk on the history of the Cathedral Bells and the '12 in 21' Centenary Project. This is a scheme to refurbish the bells and fittings and add two new bells, to make a ring of 12, to commemorate their 100th birthday.

We'd like to invite all ringers in the District to join us at this event – the service starts at 6.30pm with ringing from 5.45pm, and there will be tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

Philippa



Kent Young Ringers

Date	Time	Event	Venue
OCTOBER	Please	arrange practices for	your District Team
Half-term Week beg 21st Oct		Quarter Peals? / Training	
Monday 21st Oct	09:15 – 5pm	ART Training for KYR	Milton Regis
Saturday 26th Oct	10 am - 12 2 - 4pm 4.30pm	MINIs KYR Ringing QP	East Farleigh Hollingbourne Tower TBC
Saturday 2nd Nov	1.45- 4.30pm 5 – 6.15pm ? 6.30pm?	KCACR Youth Striking Contest Ringing Pizza????	Sturry Canterbury District St Stephens requested Pizza Hut???
Saturday 23rd Nov	10am-12 2 – 4pm 4.30pm	MINIs KYR Ringing QP	Frinsted Marden Tower TBC
2020 Fri 3rd Jan	11.30am 1.30 - 5.30pm	Quarter peal late am Ringing Outing	Bromley? Bickley? / Bromley Common/ Beckenham? (+ tea at ???) TBC
Saturday 25th Jan	10am - 12 2 – 4pm 4.30pm	MINIs Ringing QP	East Farleigh Marden Tower TBC
Saturday 15th Feb	2 – 4pm	Ringing	Aylesford
Half-term Week beg Monday 17th Feb	¼ Peal Day (s)	3 or 4 quarter peals & practice for SECON ART Training cont.	Towers TBC



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LEWISHAM DISTRICT



INVICTA

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Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Peter & St Paul, Cudham 13th 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 (12th April 19 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 1st January 2020.

5. KCACR - Report from 27th 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 (3rd May 2019) entitled Bellingringing 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 3rd 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 13th 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 28th 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 – 6th/7th/8th 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. Events Update and results

- Association 8-Bell – This took place on Sat 29th 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 26th 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 10th 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 7th 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 21st Sept.

8. 120 Club

	No.	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	33	£20	Blanche Griffin	Farningham
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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 27th July and a 40's themed afternoon tea on 14th 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.

10. 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 will be Saturday 12th October 2019 at Christchurch, Erith.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT EVENTS 2019/20

- Sat 12th Oct Quarterly Meeting: Erith, Christ church, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Fri 18th Oct District Practice: Bexley, 7.45 - 9.15pm
- Thurs 7th Nov District 10 bell Practice: Beckenham, 7.50 - 9.30pm
- Fri 8th Nov District Practice: Hayes, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Wed 13th Nov District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 16nd Nov District 6-bell Call Change Competition: Horton Kirby, 2.30pm draw
- Fri 6th Dec District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Wed 11th Dec District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
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- Wed 8th Jan District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 11th Jan Quarterly Meeting: Hayes, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 28th Mar Quarterly Meeting: TBC, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Mon 13th Apr KCACR AGM: Chislehurst, St Nicholas
- Sat 11th Jul Quarterly Meeting: TBC, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 10th Oct Quarterly Meeting: TBC, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk

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

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