



The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Lewisham District

Minutes of the District Meeting at Erith, Christchurch 10th January 2009

26 people attended the meeting.

In the absence of the District Chairman and Secretary, Rupert Cheeseman acted as Chairman and Rachel Backhouse took the minutes.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dominic Meredith (Beckenham), Esther Correia (Dartford) and Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield).

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The following corrections were made to the previous minutes under item 6 120 club results: Terry Alcock to read Terry Elcock and Sue Alcock to read Sue Allport.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record proposed by Cathy Cheeseman and seconded by Lesley Barclay.

3. Matters arising

There had still been no offers for people to take up the posts of District Newsletter Editor and second District Representative. Brenda Barton (our current rep) said that the District Representative need only attend two meetings a year (at Leeds) usually lasting from 9.30am –noon as she would attend the other two meetings.

A proposal was made for District Newsletter Editor. Sue Allport of Horton Kirby was proposed by Rupert Cheeseman and seconded by Lesley Barclay. All members were asked to contribute items and Dominic and Rupert as previous editors would be available for advice and support.

Cathy Cheeseman enquired as to the status of the Stone-by Dartford project. There was no firm information available but it was thought that there were issues regarding the frame.

The County 10 bell challenge striking competition was held at Greenwich on November 29th. Five districts entered and our team came a very close second to the Canterbury District. Rupert anticipates issuing a challenge to the holders in two years time. Freda Cannon was thanked for arranging the tower, use of hall and the teas.

4. Election of new members

The following were proposed and duly declared elected:

New member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Gill Sammons	Bromley	Dickon Love	David Kingston
Christopher Sheasby	Bromley	Dickon Love	David Kingston
Louise Warner	Crayford	Cathy Cheeseman	Rupert Cheeseman
Matthew Warner	Crayford	Rupert Cheeseman	Cathy Cheeseman
Thelma Harrold	Downe	Simon Sleath	Donald King
Stephen Hunt	Downe	Simon Sleath	Donald King

Caryn Newell	Downe	Simon Sleath	Donald King
Gary Weekes	Downe	Simon Sleath	Donald King
George Cooban	Dartford	Brenda Barton	Graeme Jefferson
Bryony Holdridge	Eltham	David Holdridge	Brenda Barton
Diane Reynolds	Eltham	Ian Mills	David Holdridge
Andrew Fisher	Eynsford	Anthony Fisher	David Hilling

5. 120 Club draw

The winning numbers for this month are:

1 st	97	Unclaimed, back to 120 club
2 nd	17	Margaret Heald (St John Erith)
3 rd	41	Colin Senneck (Ash)
4 th	55	Mick McDonnell (Horton Kirby)

6. KCACR Committee Report

The county AGM is to be held on April 13th at Aylsford. Further details including the meal and towers available will be posted on the county website.

There will be a proposal at the AGM to increase the subscriptions to £10 from the current £9 (and presumably the others pro rata).

Posts that will be requiring new nominees will be Publicity Officer, Training Officer and Chairperson as the present incumbents will not be standing again.

The county 6 bell striking competition will be held at Lynstead (Canterbury District) on September 26th.

Please advise of any members known to be due their 50 years membership certificates this year.

A proposal is to be made on behalf of the Maidstone District to amend the way in which names are to be recorded in the County Handbook. The suggestion is that a person's name should be listed under their main tower (i.e. the tower through which they pay their subs) as normal and that for any other towers with which they are associated their name should be listed in italics. This would make record keeping easier for treasurers and the handbook editor and would perhaps also identify the true strength of a band. There were three suggestions made as to how the vote could be put to the County AGM. It was the feeling of the meeting that none of these accurately reflected the proposal put forward as we understood it and we would request an amendment to the wording of the suggested proposals for the vote.

7. Any other business

Rachel Backhouse reminded the meeting that subscriptions for 2009 were now due. Also that renewal forms for the 120 club (new season to start in April) were now being sent round to towers.

The call change striking competition was held at Horton Kirby on November 15th. Beckenham came 1st, Chelsfield 2nd and Chislehurst 3rd with 6 teams entering.

Rupert reported that the district website had just had its 5000th hit. He would continue to endeavour to keep the information up to date.

Next district events are a Training Day on January 24th (please contact David Brown) and quarterly meetings at Cudham (April 4th), Eynsford (July 11th) and St Mary Cray (October 10th).

Rupert discussed district practices which have had very varied attendance levels. He proposes to make some practices 'training evenings' whereby people will ask in advance for the methods they would like help with and then Rupert will make sure enough helpers attend to make this possible. These will be in addition to the training days organised by David Brown. Some practices will continue to be run on the current format and there will be a mix of morning and evening practices. As soon as a list of practices is arranged lists will be issued to towers and posted on the district website and Campanophile.

8. Votes of thanks

Sue Cameron proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, Rev John Draycott, for taking the service and to the Christchurch Erith ringers for making their tower available at short notice and for providing the teas and coffees.