



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at St Mary Cray on 10th October 2009

36 people attended the meeting. Peter Sims was present in his role as County Chairman.

1. Election of Chair

In the absence of the District Chairman Rupert Cheeseman was elected to chair the meeting (Proposed: Dominic Meredith; Seconded: Rhiannon Meredith).

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Esther Correia (Dartford), Cathy Cheeseman (Crayford), Ross Hartley, James Hardy and Lizzie Duffey (Beckenham), Nancy Gay (Biggin Hill) and James Rooke (Chelsfield)

3. Minutes of the District Meeting at Dartford

There were no matters arising from the minutes and they were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (Proposed: Lesley Barclay; Seconded: Sue Allport).

4. Election of District Officers

The following members were unanimously elected as district officers:

Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Chairman	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay	Richard George
Secretary	Dominic Meredith	Rupert Cheeseman	Nick Wilkins
Membership Secretary	Rachel Backhouse	Liz Brett	Brenda Barton
Ringing Master	Rupert Cheeseman	Lesley Barclay	Sue Cameron
Deputy Ringing Master	Ross Hartley	Chris Webb	Rhiannon Meredith
Training Officer	Dominic Meredith	David Brown	Chris Webb
District Rep	Brenda Barton	Lesley Barclay	Nick Wilkins
District Rep	Sue Cameron	Rachel Backhouse	Sue Allport
Newsletter Editor	Sue Allport	Nick Wilkins	Brenda Barton
Sales Rep	James Rooke	Dominic Meredith	Nick Wilkins

5. Election of new members

The following new members were elected:

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By
Rebecca Jones	Eltham	Pauline Morley	David Holdridge
Tiffany Jean Kelly	Eltham	Katherine Trill	Pauline Morley
Shelagh Norman	Eltham	Len Morley	Katherine Trill
Chris Goldsmith	Eltham	David Holdridge	Len Morley

6. KCACR Committee Meeting Report

- Brenda Barton read out her report from the previous committee meeting:
 - The County public liability insurance has been raised to £2 million.
 - New KCACR clothing catalogue will shortly be available from the District Sales Rep.
 - The County Webmaster requested that more items be sent for the website.
 - Proposed amendments to the Association Rules are being looked at.
 - The posts of County Publicity Officer and County Training Officer remain unfilled.
 - It was agreed the rules of the County Eight Bell Competition be altered to read the same as the Six Bell; namely that the judges do not necessarily have to come from outside the Association area.
 - Information regarding the accident at Northfleet in July can be found on the county website. It has highlighted the need for ringers to ask to see the quinquennial report for their tower. Furthermore there should be a risk assessment completed for ringing and simple maintenance for each tower. A generic risk assessment form will be appearing on the County website for guidance.
 - The next meeting will look at the implications of the latest Child Protection Guidance notes which are due to be implemented late next year. Tower captains will receive a copy from their District Secretary.
 - The next County meeting will be on the 28th November.
 - The County Six Bell Competition was held at Lynsted (Canterbury District) on 26th September. Chelsfield represented Lewisham District and they came a close third despite suffering from a broken rope during their test piece.

7. 120 Club Results

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	85	Jan Odell	Foots Cray
2 nd	70	Alan Smith	Charlton Kings
3 rd	93	120 Club	-
4 th	106	120 Club	-

8. Forthcoming Events

- The District Meetings for the next year are to be held on the following dates:
 - 9th January – Ss Peter and Paul, Bromley (tbc)
 - 17th April
 - 10th July – St Martin of Tours, Chelsfield (tbc)
 - 9th October – St George, Beckenham (tbc)
- Rupert requested that all towers consider whether they could host the April meeting as currently no tower had yet volunteered.
- The next District Training Day (due to be held on the 31st October) has had to be postponed. An alternative date will be found.
- The District Call Change Competition will be held on the 21st November at Farningham.
- The District Quarter Peal week has been set of 12th-21st February next year. The intention is that as many firsts as possible are rung during the week.

9. AOB

- The secretary outlined the new child protection guidelines which he has received from the KCACR. These will be sent around via e-mail. Paper copies can be sent out on request.
- Certificates for the District Striking Competition were presented.
- Brenda Barton organised a raffle for the BRF which raised £48. There will be another at next year's AGM.

10. Vote of Thanks

- Rhiannon Meredith proposed a vote of thanks to the St Mary Cray band for organising the tea, Reverend Chris Kitchener for conducting the service and Derek Longhurst for playing the organ.