

# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

## LEWISHAM DISTRICT

### Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, Lewisham, 13th April 2013

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received from David Macey (Beckenham), Alex Britton (unattached), Len & Pauline Morley (Eltham), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby), Deryck Jones & Esther Correia (Dartford)

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting

Two corrections - Date of last meeting was 12th not 11th January and under AOB; KCACR will be hosting the CC meeting not hosing it!  
Proposed: David Holdridge, Seconded: Ian Mills

#### 3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nothing arising.

#### 4. Child Protection Update

Nigel Spencer, County Child Protection Officer (home tower Hythe) thanked the meeting for giving him the opportunity to give an update to the Quarterly meeting. He gave an overview of his role as the CP Officer for the county, conduit between the Dioceses and the ringing community. A protocol had been agreed and advised that there were two key documents. 'Protecting all God's children' and a Central Council of Bell-ringers guidance sheet. The latter have been circulated to all towers in the district in a laminated version. Nigel went on to notify us on some changes to the CRB checks - now called DBS checks. All Tower Captains and Ringing Masters should be DBS checked regardless of whether there are currently U16s ringing in their tower. It will also cover vulnerable adults. Portability of the check should be easier in the near future so if a person holds a DBS check i.e. as a teacher this should be valid for ringing. Nigel advised that Child Protection should be added to Tower AGMs as an agenda item. Nigel can be contacted via the KCACR website where there is also lots of information relating to the subject. If anyone has any concerns or queries to contact him.

#### 5. Election of new members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Edward GEORGE	Chelsfield	Richard George	Philippa Rooke
Stevie DAVIDSON	Chelsfield	Philippa Rooke	Jim Rooke
Christine DAVINE	Eltham	David Holdridge	Tiffany Kelly
Hannah CLARK	Hayes	Val Bracey	Rachel Backhouse
Hannah BARKER	Eynsford & Farningham	Antony Fisher	Richard (Jack) Barker

All were elected unanimously.

## 6. 120 club draw

March Draw held at the striking competition at Chelsfield

	Number	Name	Tower
1st	71	Jon PETTYFER	Horton Kirby
2nd	90	Philippa ROOKE	Chelsfield
3rd	52	Mark BACKHOUSE	CC Erith
4th	9	Deryck JONES	Dartford

April Draw held at the this meeting

	Number	Name	Tower
1st	118	David RODDY	Sidcup
2nd	77	Alastair SCOTT	Bromley Common
3rd	108	120 Club	Bell Restoration Fund
4th	20	Ian NURDIN	Ash by Wrotham

Rupert explained the 120 club for any new members present. It costs £10 per share with 10 draws taking place within the year and at least four prizes (£20, 2 x £10 and one £5) each time (double the number of prizes in July and December). The only restriction is that you must be aged at least 16 to hold a share in your name. Contact Rachel to buy a share.

Rachel advised the meeting that the 120 Club report for the 2012 - 2013 financial year can be found in detail in the current newsletter. Briefly, 105 shares were sold and £547.69 was raised. 101 shares have been sold already this year which is a record for the first draw of the year.

## 7. KCACR report on the meeting held on 23rd February 2013

- i. The county are to include 'member to member' insurance in the coming insurance year. This gives far better cover for a minimal overall increase to the policy of £10.
- ii. The new Archbishop of Canterbury has agreed to be the Association President for this year. He gave this temporary agreement as he needs to assess his workload before committing to following years.
- iii. The county will not be Gift aiding our membership payments as it would be a great deal of work to achieve very little gain.
- iv. Handbooks are now available and are in the process of distribution. Graham Coker expressed his thanks to all who assisted him in compiling all the information.
- v. Daniel Brady, County Training Officer, discussed the future of ringing and stated his main aim was to increase the numbers of young ringers as they are our future. There have been some good Young Ringers' events which have already taken place and plans for future events can be found on the County Website.
- vi. BRF Grant of £8k made to Minster in Thanet; the bells have been much improved.
- vii. County Secretary, Margaret Funnell, had hoped to retire this year after 10 years; unfortunately due to no volunteers she has agreed to stay in post for another year. Please consider standing, a job description is available on the website and she would be prepared for someone to work shadow her this year if that made things easier. Thanks were given for her sterling service for the last 10 years.

- viii. Future of ringing; the County Committee were not 100% behind the new ITTS (Integrated Teacher Training Scheme) programme. Most felt that it was what was being done already.
- ix. The Central Council Meeting is to be held in Kent next year; to celebrate, the Ringing World calendar for 2014 will feature Kent churches. Catherine Lewis sends her thanks to all those who sent photos for inclusion. Matthew Smith from CC Erith won first prize in the competition to design the logo. Eloise Scarth also from CC Erith took joint third prize.
- x. County competitions; 8 bell on 29th June at Cliffe and the 6 bell on 28th September at Lamberhurst. The inter-county 10 bell on 14th September at Beddington, Surrey.

## **8. AOB**

- i. Dominic Meredith apologised for having to cancel the Raising & Lowering training which should have taken place that morning, due to a lack of helpers. He hopes to secure the helpers in good time for future training sessions. He therefore requested helpers for the next planned training day on Saturday 8th June (Bromley Common am, Bickley pm) to make them known to him.
- ii. Post discussion at the last meeting regarding training and the ITTS Dominic had a long chat with Pip Penney; she explained the objectives are aimed at teaching bell handling in the first instance as everything builds from that. This dispelled many of Dom's concerns and showed that many will be using the techniques anyway it is aimed at sharing good practice and ideas. The two stages of the ITTS Course cost £10 each. A telephone conference call lead by Peter Dale from the Dover Ringing Centre took place after the last round of District Meetings this lead the County Committee to shy away from the ITTS as per Agenda item 7 above.
- iii. Sadly only two teams entered the Striking Competition held at Chelsfield on 2nd March. Full details can be seen in the Newsletter, Chelsfield won with 22 faults, Crayford had 66 faults and the scratch band 86 faults. Thanks were given to Peter Harrison from Kensington who judged. The Call change competition is set for 16th November at Farnborough - hopefully more teams will enter. Philippa Rooke raised, for wider discussion outside of the meeting the possibility of holding the two competitions on the same day - those present had mixed views on this.
- iv. Rupert informed the meeting that the County AGM on Easter Monday (1st April) was well attended by members from our district and reminded us all that we are hosting it next year at Lewisham. There will be many jobs to do, not just with the meeting and lunch but with the towers on route before and after the meeting. Later on in the year we will be after offers of help.

## **9. Vote of Thanks**

Elizabeth Brett (CC Erith) proposed a vote of thanks to Fr Steve Hall for conducting the Service and to Chris Stringfellow for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to the Lewisham Band for hosting us, providing a delicious tea and organising the bells.

Next meeting is at either Farningham or Eynsford on 13th July.