

# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - LEWISHAM DISTRICT

## Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Alfege, Greenwich 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

37 attendees representing 12 towers & 1 unattached.

It was with great sadness that the meeting was preceded by a minute of silence in memory of Freda Cannon who had passed away at lunchtime this day. Freda was a long-time member of this church, the Lewisham District of the KCACR and of the Ladies Guild and will be missed by many across the district, county and the country.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Received from Liz and Les Brett (Erith CC) and Alex Britton (unattached).

### 2. Minutes of last meeting (8<sup>th</sup> October 2016)

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record  
Proposed: Lesley Barclay Seconded: Mark Backhouse.

### 3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Philippa Rooke gave apologies that the agenda was not circulated in advance alerting members to a discussion on the Rule change that Dr Philip Barnes had brought to the October meeting. Having checked that no one had attended this meeting with the specific reason to discuss the rule change, and with the agreement of all present, it would be a specific agenda item for our April meeting which will have taken place before the County AGM which is on Easter Monday.

### 4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
David Connearn	Greenwich	Graham Long	Shelagh Norman
Naoko Nakatani			
Edward Gormley	Lewisham	Graham Long	Chris Goldsmith
Matthew Amos		Ian Mills	David Holdridge
Blanche Griffin	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Jack Barker
Mark Baldwin			
Svetlana Sokolova	Sidcup	Janis Roddy	Alex Fishburn

It was good to see that Edward, Naoko and David had attended the meeting.

### 5. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	117	Judith Fry	West Wickham
2nd	£10	92	BRF	
3rd	£10	116	BRF	
4th	£5	6	Jim Rooke	Chelsfield

### 6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015

- A new copy of the Sage Accounts software has been purchased and will be setup as soon as possible, hopefully using data from the previous version if it can be exported
- Access to the KCACR website had been given to various people to allow them to edit/add their own content to the site
- Requests for towers to check their information for the next Handbook will be sent out in the near future
- Tom Winter has taken over arranging a Module 2F ART course in the County from Catherine Lewis, if sufficient interest exists
- It was agreed that the Association will provide Kent Young Ringers who enter the RWNYS each year with t-shirts
- The Strood project is no longer going ahead, so the ex - Murston bells may be offered to the Keltek Trust as they continue to help with projects in the County
- Bell Restoration grants were awarded as follows:
  - Milton Regis – augmentation to 8 with rehang - £10k
  - Monkton – framework for 2 additional bells to complete the 6 - £6k
  - Otham – refurbishment of the oldest 3 bells - £1k

- 31 responses have been received so far from the Mobile Ring survey. An offer to provide the required steelwork for free has reduced the cost by approximately £2k to around £5k. Deadline for survey entries was 31st December 2016
- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 24th June, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Touch is a plain course of Yorkshire S Major
- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 23rd September, 9.45am draw, in the Maidstone District
- Catherine Lewis agreed to update the KCACR flyer produced some time ago
- Feedback from the Districts about the proposed rule change is mixed, this will be voted on at the 2017 AGM
- The General Committee meetings for 2017 will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 22nd April, 26th August and 25th November

There was a request to confirm with the County the date of the 8 bell competition as it is usually in July, in order to avoid clashing with the National 12-Bell Competition Final, which potentially reduces both the ringers available to Districts and the calibre of judges required for this Competition.

**SECRETARY'S NOTE:** The date is confirmed as the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## 7. Events Update, results and forthcoming events

- It was excellent to see so many bands take part in the Call change competition at St Mary Cray. It's hoped that we have a similar response to the Striking competition in March to be held at Farningham. Thanks were given to Nick Wilkins for finding the judge.
- Upcoming district practices – these are on the website
 

27/01/17	Dartford	8 – 9.30pm
18/02/17	Crayford	11 – 12.30pm
10/03/17	St Johns Erith	8 – 9.30pm
21/04/17	TBC	eve
13/05/17	TBC	am
09/06/17	TBC	pm
04/03/17	District Striking Competition	2.30pm draw Farningham
17/04/17	County AGM at Cranbrook on Easter Monday	
08/04/17	Quarterly District Meeting at St Mary Cray	

## 8. AOB

- Bookstall was available at the meeting
- KCACR subscriptions are now due to the Membership Secretary, Rupert Cheeseman. £10 adults, £5 under 16, over 65 or students.
- We are expecting the request for Handbook returns imminently. They will be sent out electronically. Any Births/Deaths/Marriages to Sue Cameron or in the tower return.  
**SECRETARY'S NOTE:** The email from the handbook editor was received that evening and will be circulated.
- All were asked to give some thought to potential new advertisers for the handbook from their acquaintance or local businesses. £50 whole page, £25 half page.
- Rupert Cheeseman thanked all those who have sent articles in for the newsletter.
- Alex Fishburn encouraged people to reply to his training survey, only 6 responses so far. The survey will help him tailor training sessions to what people want.
- An email with links to the Central Council Review survey has been circulated today. All were asked to take the time to complete it to ensure an accurate picture is received.
- Nick Wilkins said he was keen to get the Quarter Peal week back up and running and was possibly looking at October half term week. The weekends at either end would be included within the dates. He said there were pros and cons of holding it at half term as some people may be away, but others may have more time to ring. If you have strong views either way, do please contact Nick.
- Ringing in memory of Freda Cannon was encouraged.

## 9. Vote of Thanks

Nick Wilkins thanked the Rev Caroline Risdon for taking the service, Graham Long the organist, and of course the Greenwich Band for providing an excellent tea. Special thanks were given to the trio; Graham Long, Angela Jackson-Smith (Clarinet) and Clare Pollard (Soprano) for their beautiful rendition of Psalm 23 and Ave Maria.

Next meeting will be Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 venue St Mary Cray.