



# LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Call change comp victory for Crayford

On Saturday 15th November, 5 bands met at West Wickham for the annual Call Change Competition. Ben Kipling and Cathy Cheeseman had come to judge and once they were seated in the church yard the draw was made and the competition began.

All 5 bands safely negotiated 120 changes with at least 10 call changes. The judges then returned and gave their verdict.

Cathy gave some general comments. Overall they were 5 good pieces of ringing that everyone should be proud of. They felt that the tenor was the bell that gave the most problems. Some teams were quick and others slow but maybe it was not oddstuck at all. All teams rang enough changes with enough calls. The general start signal seemed to be 1,2 1,2 2 2 2..... so the 2 must have been hard to set!

Team 1: Felt the tenor was dropping a bit. Was good until the last part and not sure what happened there. Cartwheeled a little bit in Kings.

Team 2: This time tenor compensating the other way. The handstrokes were good. One small section picked up faults but overall was nice piece of ringing.

Team 3: Started off really nicely. The faults were gathered in sections, mainly where the calls were called, but otherwise good.

Team 4: Different sort of faults in this one as there were little things. There were gaps rather than clips.

Team 5: Opening was really good but a few crunches in the middle part. Overall an ok piece of ringing.



Position	Rang	Tower	Marks
1st	2nd	Crayford	87.5%
2nd	4th	West Wickham	84%
3rd	5th	Chelsfield	82%
4th	3rd	Farnborough	79.5%
5th	1st	Lewisham	76%

They then gave the results in the traditional reverse order. Crayford won again but half the band was different to last year.

Thank you to everyone who took part (hopefully more bands will enter next year!), to the judges who gave up their time and to the West Wickham ringers for hosting and keeping everyone supplied with tea and biscuits.

Rupert

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# CHAIRMAN'S BIT...

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and managed to do plenty of ringing over the holiday time.

While looking at Frank's excellent KACACR website and in particular the quarter peal statistics, it was good to see that quarters were rung in 24 (73%) of the District's towers last year. An improvement on the 52% the previous year. However, the total number rung was down by nearly a quarter at 82. I'm a big advocate of ringing quarters to help improve method knowledge and striking so maybe tower's new year resolutions should be to try and attempt one once a month or couple of months.

Rupert



**Striking Competition**  
**Sat 7th March, Venue TBC**  
**2.30pm draw.**  
**Full details will be on the website**

# Editorial



Thanks to everyone who has contributed this time.

No one volunteered to take on the Editorship at the ADM but if anyone would like to take it on then please contact me. With email and the like, it's not particularly time consuming – I've put it together in a morning this time.

Happy New Year.

*Rupert*

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## ITTS in Kent

An ITTS Module 1 course will be starting at Headcorn on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The poster and application form are available in this newsletter, or they can be downloaded from the Training pages on the KCACR website or Training group on Facebook.

The programme for the day at Headcorn includes presentations on modern coaching theory as well as practical sessions in the tower. However, anyone thinking about applying to join the course should be aware that this is only the beginning.

Follow-up group sessions to consolidate the ITTS approach will take place shortly after the day event. The Teacher, guided by their Mentor, can then begin training an absolute beginner up to Level 1 of the Learning the Ropes scheme.

By attending the day course trainee Teachers and their Mentors will be granted access to ITTS on-line resources. These including an on-line multiple-choice quiz that needs to be answered satisfactorily to complete the course.

Applicants should have sufficiently good bell control to inspire confidence in their learners, their mentors, the tower captain (if appropriate), and other members of the learner's band. They should not have handling problems themselves.

Peter Dale  
KCA Training Officer

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# Erith, Christ Church Centenary

June 2015 has been identified at Christchurch Erith for a long time as an important date as it marks the centenary of the first peal on the bells. Not only is it the 100th anniversary of the bells, but also of the tower and spire, built 40 years after the rest of the church and paid for by Canon Boulden, the vicar of the day (at a cost of £5,776/4s/0d, which we believe to equate to around £1.5million today).

With this in mind the local band had been making plans to celebrate the centenary year and had come up with a variety of ideas. Last May Mark and Rachel had been out walking for the day and coming home through Bexleyheath decided to pop into the Local Studies Centre in Central Library to see the church archives and glean further information. Two hours later we were still there! The documents that particularly caught our attention were the original drawing submitted to the local council and the daily and weekly diaries of the Clerk of Works covering the 13 months of the build. We thought that these would make an ideal basis for a little exhibition and so we asked if the parish could borrow them back.

The Local Studies Manager thought it all sounded very interesting but he wasn't keen on lending them out on the grounds of security and environment (ie. temperature and humidity). What he did suggest though was that we digitise the documents and apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant for a proper display.

While the Sharing Heritage stream, covering projects requesting £3,000-10,000, might be one of the easier grants to apply for there was still a lot of work involved in putting forward a proposal: identifying activities we intended to do; the

materials we would need; how we could involve the local community; budget costs; and filling in multiple pages of forms selling the idea to the HLF. An outline proposal was put forward in July for which HLF provided feedback and then with help from Simon Mckean at Local Studies a full application was submitted in September. In early November Rachel received a phone call to tell her that the application had been successful and that we had been awarded the £7,000 we asked for. The wheels turn slowly and it was nearly a month before we received the funds but the money is now in, all we have to do is deliver the project!!

Plans include: a once a month tower open day from March to September where we will have four display banners about the tower, clock and bells; a detailed booklet; a laptop with a copy of the Clerk of Works journal (also be accessible through the parish website); CCTV links to the ringing chamber and bells; a short film about ringing at Erith; and a children's leaflet. The local primary school have booked two days for a whole school visit and the displays are going out to Erith library and one of the local care homes. There will be a peal attempt, a parish lunch and a celebratory Sunday service over the anniversary weekend. Hopefully the winners of a bell themed art competition will be announced then as well.

We will be hosting the July district meeting which is the closest date to the dedication (June 5th 1915) so please come then and see what we have managed to achieve. We look forward to seeing you (we note from our belfry book that we had 55 names for tea in January 2001 so there's a challenge for you!).

Rachel Backhouse



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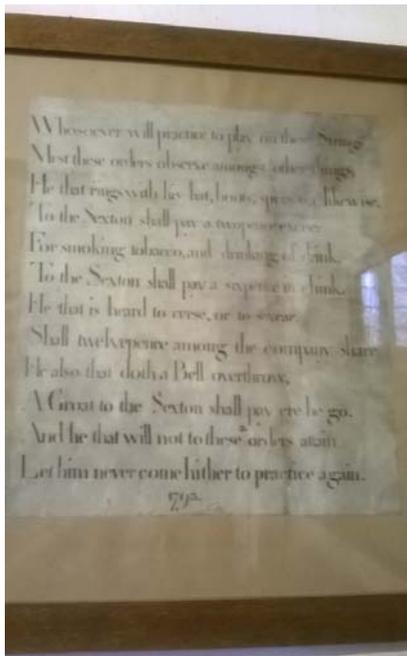


# In memory of those members of the Society of Bromley Youths (est 1773) who perished in the First World War

Three members of the Society were killed in this war. They were remembered at the Bromley Youths' AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014, one hundred years after the start. The Secretary (Isaac Emery) recorded the following in the minute books at the time.

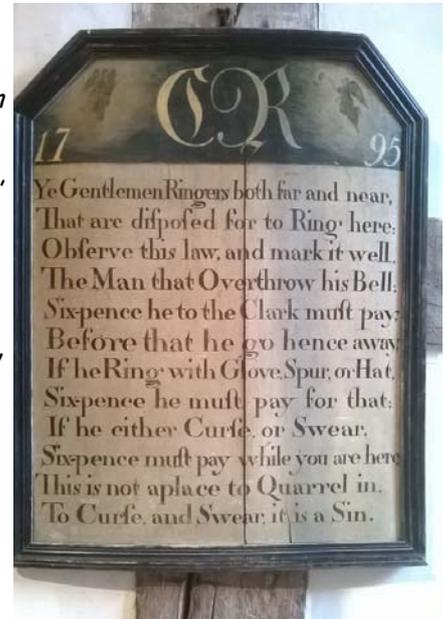
**Alfred James (killed in France 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 1917)**

"I must now touch upon the saddest thing that has happened to our Society in living memory, I of course refer to the death of our friend and fellow member, Mr A James, Sen. who made the great sacrifice in France on Easter Monday. He was badly wounded in the shoulder, and bled to death in a dug-out. His place in the belfry will be hard to fill, for he was a good ringer, and very dependable, his main qualities being punctuality, a bright and cheerful disposition, and a readiness always to oblige others. He leaves a wife and a family of 7 (including a son who is one of us, but, who is also in France with H.M. Forces) and 4 young children of tender age. We attempted a half-muffled peal in his memory, but were not successful, but we rang a  $\frac{1}{4}$  peal of Stedman Triples [band names given]. We also rang the bells half-muffled on the following Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>, which under the sad circumstances seems all that we could do (may he rest in Peace). I trust that ere another annual meeting comes round we shall have rung some peals for peace, and that the other absent ones will be safe home with us again."



**Archie Mansfield (of the Machine Gun Corps, killed in France Aug 1917)**

"He was a good lad, and a very promising ringer, and although he was not a member of the Kent County Association, I trust that his name may be inserted on the proposed Roll of Honour to be placed in the



Association belfries." [In fact his name doesn't appear on the KCACR Roll of Honour.]

**Eric G Feltness (killed in Palestine July 1918)**

Eric was killed "much to the regret of us all and of everyone who knew him. I saw his young wife and tendered her our deepest sympathy, we also rang the bells half-muffled, which was unfortunately all we could do in such sad circumstances. We have however had his photo enlarged and framed, and placed in the belfry, with that of the late Alfred James and also Archie Mansfield."

**Post Script**

In April 1919, the Secretary wrote "we are very glad to welcome back safely A James Jun. [Son of Alfred James, mentioned earlier] After a long spell in France and also Mr Spice after his 8 months service in the RAF. We also hope to have ere long our Probationer T Knight home for good with us." The Youths rang for the Signing of the Armistice and the Secretary said he hoped they would soon be ringing for peace." T Knight was elected a full member 2 months later.

Dickon Love

# NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

## ASH-BY-WROTHAM

Practice Saturday 9:30am  
Sunday 10am

## BECKENHAM

Practice Thursday 19:50  
Sunday 9am

## BEXLEY

Practice Thursday 20:00  
Sunday 9.30am

## BICKLEY

Practice Wednesday 19:30  
Sunday 10am

## BIGGIN HILL

Practice Tuesday 20:00  
Sunday 10am

## BROMLEY

No Practice  
Sunday 10am

At the AGM of the Society of Bromley Youths, held in November, Jean Soames stood down as Treasurer after 25 years in post. We are very grateful for all the work Jean has done over that quarter century. Michael Berridge has taken over the reigns.

A new simulator has been installed in the tower, and our first new ringer has been taught on it. We are hoping to start training new ringers at weekends



Belles on the Bells: Jean Soames and Pat Powell



after which we will consider setting up a new practice night.

Dickon Love

## BROMLEY COMMON

Practice Thursday 19:45  
Sunday 5.30pm

## CHELSEFIELD

Practice Monday 20:00  
Sunday 10.45am & 5.45pm

## CHISLEHURST (Annunciation)

Practice Wednesday 19.30—20.00  
Sunday 9.30am

## CHISLEHURST (St Nicholas)

Practice Wednesday 20:00  
Sunday 8.45am

## CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45  
Sunday 9.20am

Having had very few Sunday evening services during the rest of the year in November and December there is one most weeks. We rang 9 quarters for them and only lost one. A few of note were Christmastide Doubles on Christmas Eve, St Nicholas on Christmas Day and a 1290 of Grandsire for my Nan's 90th birthday. In addition the Cumberlands came along and rang a peal of Bristol for their peal weekend.

Rupert

Thursday, 20 November 2014

1290 Grandsire Doubles in 0:42mins

1. Shelagh Norman
2. Brenda Barton
3. Sue Cameron
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Karen Robinson

With 90th birthday compliments to Nora Cheeseman, Rupert's Nan.

Wednesday, 24 December 2014  
1260 Christmastide Doubles in 0:42mins

1. Helen Webb
2. Sue Cameron
3. Cathy Cheeseman
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Shelagh Norman

Rung between the Nativity and Candlelight Carol services.  
First in variation for all.

Thursday, 25 December 2014  
1260 St Nicholas College Bob Minor

1. Shelagh Norman
2. Sue Cameron
3. Richard Pearce
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Cathy Cheeseman
6. Rupert Cheeseman (C)

For Christmas.  
First in method for all.

### CUDHAM

Practice Monday 20:00 (except 1st) 19:45 Joint Practice with Downe  
Sunday 10.30am

### DARTFORD

Practice Wednesday 20:00  
Sunday 8.50am & 3rd Sunday 5.30pm

### DOWNE

Practice Monday 20:00  
Sunday 9am

### ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday 20:00  
Sunday 9.15am

As I am writing this in December I thought I would have a quick reflection over the last 12 months. Numbers for practices have been good but we have struggled for numbers on a Sunday.

Back in January we hosted the quarterly meeting, which I seem to remember was a great success

(although it seems like it was along time ago).

In the summer we had a picnic in Avery Hill Park, something which is becoming an annual tradition. Our outing this year was to Essex (around Basildon) in September.

We recently appeared in a online article.

[http://www.thereallondon.net/article/details/eltham\\_bell\\_ringers](http://www.thereallondon.net/article/details/eltham_bell_ringers)  
[These photos came from there - Ed]



We are looking forward to Christmas and New Year and everyone at Eltham wishes you a happy 2015.

Tom Baird

### ERITH (Christ Church)

Practice Monday 20:00  
Sunday 9.30am

Rachel writes elsewhere about our plans for the

centenary of the bells in 2015 which will (hopefully) include a peal of Double Norwich Major - the method rung in 1915 as the first peal on the bells. To give us all a taste of Double Norwich, during the summer Rachel had us ringing Double Court Minimus. Later, several of us had a go at ringing a plain course of Double



Court Minor - which, after a few false starts, actually came round!

In preparation for the centenary we have purchased

new ropes from Peter Minchin and these are currently being fitted. The old ones (also Minchin) have done very well – lasting over 11 years.

As usual, we decorated a Christmas tree for the annual Christmas Tree festival. In addition, this year we were asked to take part by providing some musical entertainment during the Saturday and decided to ring Christmas carols on handbells. We practiced regularly on Sunday afternoons during the Autumn and gradually developed our proficiency. Some carols were quick to learn; others, including 'Ding Dong merrily on High', took some time!



We gave two 'performances' on Saturday December 13th which were generally well-received. An item about the festival on the 'News Shopper' website included a picture of the ringing!

Liz Brett

### **ERITH (St John the Baptist)**

*Practice 1st Wednesday 20:00, then Thursdays 20:00  
Sunday 9.30am*

### **EYNSFORD**

*Practice 1st (Surprise Major) & 3rd Friday 20:00  
Sunday 1st & 3rd 8.45am*

Major works are in progress at Eynsford and all services and activities have been cancelled while the church is in the hands of the contractor. It is hoped that St Martin's will be in action again for Easter by which time it will have a new floor and new heating, a new vestry and meeting rooms, a toilet, tea station, disabled access and re-tiling of much of the nave roof.

Services that hitherto have alternated between the benefice churches at Eynsford and Farningham are all taking place at Farningham as is all ringing. The E&F ringers look forward to returning to normal Eynsford and Farningham schedules around Eastertide.

David Hilling

### **FARNBOROUGH**

*Sunday 9.30am*

At Farnborough we ring on Sunday mornings from 9.30 to 10.00am and practice some Sunday afternoons and occasional Tuesday or Wednesday evenings but intending visitors should check before attending.

Nick Wilkins

### **FARNINGHAM**

*Practice Wednesday 20:00  
Sunday 2nd & 4th 8.45am*

### **FOOTS CRAY**

*Practice Wednesday 20:00  
Sunday 9am (not 1st)*

### **HAYES**

*Practice Tuesday 20:00  
Sunday 10am & 6pm*

### **HORTON KIRBY**

*Practice Thursday 20.00  
Sunday 1st 10.30am 2nd & 3rd 9am  
(subject to variation)*

*[Apologies to Lesley as this should have gone in the last newsletter—Ed]*

We have two new members to propose for membership at the AGM. Ella came to learn to ring for her Duke of Edinburgh Award, she was supported by her Mum, Tracey. They have both made excellent progress and have become regular members of the band.

In the last few weeks we have another new ringer and a returning ringer who first learned to ring for her primary school leavers service.

We had a joint outing with Farnborough to Romney Marsh which is reported under Farnborough entry.



We have lively practices and welcome regular visitors and infrequent ones as well as our loyal regulars.

Lesley Barclay

## LEWISHAM

*Practice Monday*

*Sunday, 9:15 (third Sunday only)*

*Evensong, by arrangement (first Sunday only)*

The band at Lewisham continues to progress. We entered the call change competition at West Wickham and produced a very credible performance. We've started ringing for Sunday services, only once a month at the moment but we hope to ring more often in the future. The band is currently ringing rounds and call changes and starting some simple methods.

If anyone would like to join us on Monday nights for our practice you'd be most welcome, but please check beforehand.

Dom Meredith

## PENGE

*Ringing by arrangement*

## ST MARY CRAY

*Practice Thursday 19:30*

*Sunday 9.30am*

## SHOREHAM

*Practice Monday 20:00*

*Sunday 10am*

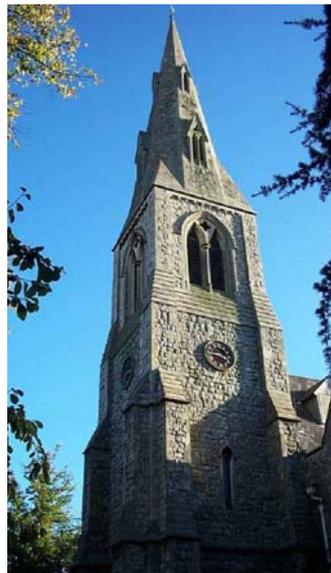
## SIDCUP

*Practice Wednesday 20:00*

## WEST WICKHAM

*Practice Wednesday 20:00*

*Sunday 9.15am*



## WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

### The Meridian Ringers

Our normal practice night is Wednesday, 8pm-930pm, at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich if Greenwich is not available. We usually have 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 are usually doing some

service ringing for the monthly Choral Evensong (now on the second Sunday of each month) at Greenwich. We are also attempting to ring for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month, usually the last Sunday.

We are now ringing at Woolwich again about once a month on a Monday 8-930pm - all welcome; it is best to check our website to see when we'll be ringing there in the future.

With the help of ringers from Bexley, Eltham and Christchurch Erith, we rang for St. Alfege's Church of England Primary School Christmas Service on the afternoon of 17th December and managed to have all 10 bells going.

We also rang for recent Carol Services at Greenwich and St. John's and were able to have eight bells ringing for Midnight Mass as Rupert and Cathy Cheeseman joined us, as did a visitor from Eastbourne, Nick Cant, whose daughter lives nearby in Plumstead.

On New Year's Day we had our usual tradition of ringing in the New Year at noon at Greenwich with some excellent ringing on 10 and some splendid firing on all 10 which made an amazing noise to herald the day! As an addition this year we also went on to ring at St. John's afterwards for the New Year.



Ringling for the New Year at Greenwich  
Back row: Graham Long, Eddie Coode, Alan Munden, Chris Goldsmith, Jim Odell  
Front row: Ken Deller, Shelagh Norman, Vicky Watson, Natalie Slator, Hazel Bing, Brenda Coode



Alan and Graham went along recently to help out with ringing for a programme to be broadcast on BBC Click. A few weeks ago a crew from BBC's click programme went to Christchurch, Isle of Dogs to find out more about how The Docklands Ringers are using the latest release of the Abel simulator software to teach people to ring. This has moving video images of real ringers, so our new ringers can practice ringing in time with an electronic band of ringers, rather than real ringers.

A radio version of the programme was broadcast on BBC World Service and there is also a podcast: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p002w6r2/episodes/player> The producers have not yet scheduled the Television version of the programme, which will be shown on various BBC channels and will be available on the BBC iPlayer.

An article about the software was also published in The Ringing World magazine and is downloadable below from the following link:

<http://www.docklandsringers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Ringing-World-article.pdf>

As several of us are now retired we intend to have some more weekday mini outing trips with some weekend ringing trips also to be arranged sometimes.

A reminder that Freda Cannon, our Tower Captain Emeritus, is now resident at Fairmount Residential Care Home, Mottingham Lane, Mottingham, SE9 4RT, Tel: 020 8857 1064. She would welcome visitors at any reasonable time. Alan picks Freda up to bring her to Greenwich so she can go to Evensong and hear us ringing once a month.

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

[www.meridianbells.webs.com](http://www.meridianbells.webs.com)

Graham Long

## 120 club 2014-15

October draw

Held at Horton Kirby District Meeting on 11th Oct

1st	33	David Hilling (Eynsford and Farningham)
2nd	88	Mick McDonnell (Horton Kirby)
3rd	53	Jeremy Byers (Beckenham)
4th	17	Judith Fry (west Wickham)

November draw

Held St Mary Cray District Practice on 14th Nov

1st	63	Caroline Gould (Eynsford and Farningham)
2nd	96	Nigel Parsons (unattached)
3rd	34	David Hilling (Eynsford and Farningham)
4th	64	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)

The December district practice was cancelled so we will have the December (double) draw at the January meeting.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the 120 club. Forms for 2015-16 will be available with this newsletter.

Rachel Backhouse



# Kent County Association Training

## Bell Maintenance Course

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
St Stephen, Lympne

9.30 am to 1.00 pm

**Course fee £6 payable when booking**  
(includes coffee and tower donation)

**Presenter: *Brian Butcher***  
(Bell Restoration Officer - Kent County Association)

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Slide presentation  
“Hands-on” practical session  
Your questions answered  
Free copy of Central Council maintenance booklet

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### Booking Procedure

Please complete the Application Form and post it, with your cheque payable to “KCACR”, to Peter Dale, (Maintenance), 9 Chisnall Road, River, Dover, CT17 0RH.

The course fee of £6 per delegate must be paid at the time of booking.

**Closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015.** There are limited places so early booking is advised. Programme details are available from [training@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:training@kcacr.org.uk) Technical questions should be directed to [brf@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:brf@kcacr.org.uk)

*The form is available from the KCACR Training group on Facebook and will also be in the winter editions of District newsletters. It may also be found and printed off via the training section of the KCACR website, otherwise mail [training@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:training@kcacr.org.uk) to request a form.*

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# Keymer Outing in Sussex

Once again we had been invited by the Keymer band to accompany them on their Autumn outing. So after an early breakfast, we set off and assembled at SS Cosmas and Damian, Keymer, to wait for the tour bus which would be taking us; this year, however, due to there being so many keen ringers taking up the offer of a fun-filled outing (15 in all plus Simon driving), three of us were going by car. This turned out to be us, Chris, Shelagh and our good friend Dawn, the advance party as we arrived first at All Saints, Laughton before the coach. This is a lovely 'spacious' church, where we were warmly welcomed. Here we started off gently with rounds and call changes before launching into Stedman (for those who could). We also had time for a 'selfie'. Well, we oldies have to keep up with the times!



Next we moved on to another All Saints at Heathfield, a modern chamber - a bit dark, but lovely red carpet! This 8 bell ring also sounded good, although the number 3 rope was pronounced to be 'wobbly'. There was an interesting addition outside the church, as they'd made a clever replica trench in the lych gate in honour of the centenary WW1

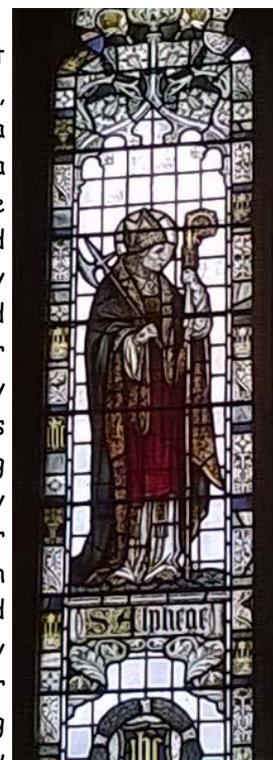
celebrations. Moving swiftly on to All Saints and S Bartholomew at Waldron where we were ringing after a baptism. The lucky guests were to have some impromptu ringing that they hadn't planned for! So, after some call changes and plain bob doubles to warm up, they were treated to some Cambridge, which they seemed to appreciate, especially as the bright summer weather had suddenly turned to autumn rain and we had a heavy downpour, forcing us to run and splash back to the car.

By now we were ready for a break and a well-earned lunch; off to the King's Head at Horsbridge where

we were offered a staggering array of choices on the menu. After this delicious break we proceeded to SS Peter & Paul, Hellingly. These bells were quite flighty with a longish draft and a very light-set tenor - lots of money in fines went into the pot by several people not able to stand the tenor!

Our penultimate tower was S Mary, Hailsham. We had a bit of trouble finding this one, due to an errant sat nav sending us the wrong way. Once there, we had a much better ring and on signing the visitors' book found a few familiar signatures of ringers from Lewisham District who had visited in the early 90s (not all on the same day - you know who you are!)

Finally we reached the last tower of the day, S Andrew, Alfriston. This provided a really daunting prospect - a long draft in the middle of the aisle, which luckily was fenced off from the congregation - by a piece of rope and sallye. What a surprise for those of us who were initially reluctant to have a go, the bells were lovely and easier to ring than they appeared to be! By now, our party were gasping for a cuppa, so we were even happier when we were offered tea, coffee and biscuits by members of the local band - for a small donation. On exploring the church we found a window with a representation of St Alphege, but with a different spelling to Lewisham's Greenwich church!



Sadly, our day had now ended and, after a raffle organised by Frances (where Simon won the cider and Roy won the beer!), we said 'goodbye until next year' and headed off for home and a richly deserved glass of wine. So a big thank you to our friends in Sussex for letting us tour with you again!



Shelagh Norman and  
Chris Goldsmith



# Lewisham District Events 2015



- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Quarterly Meeting: Greenwich, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to [names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Jan District Practice: Erith, Christ Church, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb District Practice: Horton Kirby, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar District Practice: Chislehurst, Annunciation, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Apr KCACR Annual General Meeting: Marden, (Maidstone District)
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Apr Quarterly Meeting: venue tbc, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to [names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

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

Please check the district website [www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk](http://www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk) nearer the event in case of any last minute changes or phone or email Ian [master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk)

For the latest county and news from other Districts see the KCACR web site at [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

If you would like to join the Lewisham District email group to get reminders/updates of district events please visit [http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/lewisham\\_district](http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/lewisham_district) or

email [lewisham\\_district-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lewisham_district-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk)

Full 2015 programme coming soon!





THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS  
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at St Mary, Horton Kirby 11th October 2014

**1. Apologies for absence**

Received from Sue Cameron (Secretary), Rachel Backhouse (Erith CC), Chris Goldsmith & Shelagh Norman (Greenwich), Philippa and Jim Rooke (Chelsfield), Esther Correia (Dartford), Margaret Heald (Erith St John) Alex Britton (unattached). Nick Wilkins attended but could not stay for the whole meeting.

**2. Minutes of last meeting (12<sup>th</sup> July 2014)**

Posted to website and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record.  
Proposed: Ian Mills; Seconded: David Holdridge. Voted unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**

Nil.

**4. Election of New Members**

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Tracy Burch	Horton Kirby	Lesley Barclay	John Pettyfer
Ella Burch (Junior member)			John Pettyfer
Anne Taylor			Lesley Barclay

All were elected unanimously and it was good to see that two of the new members had come to the meeting. They were encouraged to come to future district events.

**5. Officer Reports**

**Ringling Master, Ian Mills:** District Practices have been held monthly and well attended apart from Cudham where only 6 bells were rung [rather than the possible 10] but it was still very worthwhile for those that did turn up.

Lewisham won the Kent 8 Bell Trophy. The Essex Trophy was won by KCACR with half the band from the Lewisham District.

The Outing with Tonbridge went to Croydon area and was a good day out. It will be Tonbridge's turn to arrange it in 2015.

The next 6 practices have been arranged and are on the website and in the Newsletter.

**Training Officers, Ian Mills, Diane Reynolds & Cathy Cheeseman:** no events took place as both officers had problems due to the undefined nature of their roles.

**Newsletter Editor, Sue Allport:** Sue is stepping down and Rupert would be happy to do the same if someone else wanted to do it.

**120 Club, Rachel Backhouse: (Presented by Mark)** £620 went to BRF. It runs on the 'Financial Year' and

only seven of the 120 places remain un-sold. Rachel tried to open a business account with Lloyds but the transfer of account did not run smoothly. The current position is; the account is still with Barclays and Lloyds have made a donation of £50 in compensation for the poor service. This will be passed to the BRF.

## 6. Election of Officers

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Rupert Cheeseman	Lesley Barclay	Brenda Barton
Secretary	Sue Cameron	Rupert Cheeseman	Mark Backhouse
Membership Secretary	Rachel Backhouse	Brenda Barton	Elizabeth Brett
Ringling Master	Ian Mills	Chris Davine	Lesley Barclay
Asst Ringling Master	Diane Reynolds	Brenda Barton	Chris Davine
Training Officer	Unfilled		
District Rep 1	Chris Davine	Rupert Cheeseman	Brenda Barton
District Rep 2	Natalie Slator		
120 Club	Rachel Backhouse	Lesley Barclay	Natalie Slator
Newsletter	Rupert Cheeseman	Mark Backhouse	Natalie Slator
Sales	Shelagh Norman	Rupert Cheeseman	Sue Allport
	Chris Goldsmith		

### Notes on appointments

- This will be Rupert's third year so, as tradition dictates, he'll be standing down next year.
- Cathy Cheeseman is no longer standing for the role of Assistant RM/Training; she was thanked for her contribution this year.
- Training Officer - No volunteers.
- There was discussion about running training sessions and ways and means of achieving this. Ian suggested that some areas have training committees. Rupert suggested that the District committee have a meeting to discuss the best way forward before the next District Meeting in January.
- Newsletter Editor-Sue Allport stepped down, Rupert will continue, reluctantly as nobody else is willing to take over at present. Sue was thanked for her time and considerable effort in producing such good Newsletters.

## 7. 120 club draw

	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	£20	David Hilling	Eynsford & Farningham
2nd	£10	Mick McDonald	Horton Kirby
3rd	£10	Jeremy Byers	Beckenham
4th	£5	Judith Fry	West Wickham

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club.

## 8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 23rd August 2014

- Rev. David Cawley's offer of a trophy for the Youth Ringers has still to be decided upon what type will be appropriate.

- The Jubilee is up and running and was at the Ringing Roadshow.
- I.T.T.S.-discussions still going on about finances for this and how effective the courses are as there are no mentors to provide follow up support.
- Child Protection report is available. Subsequent to the meeting, District secretaries have indicated that there are not happy with their suggested roles.
- Stanley Evans has been delighted with the many celebrations for his 70 years ringing.
- A new Chairman will need to be found as Mike has been in place for three years.

## 9. Upcoming Events

- County 6 Bell Competition was won by Chelsfield at Kennington.
- **15th November**, West Wickham- Call Change competition- no more than three peal ringers can be in a band but towers can combine. Full details on the website.
- Meetings in 2015 need venues. 10th **January**; Rupert volunteered Crayford as hosts. [Note: subsequently Greenwich volunteered to host which was accepted]
- **11th July** will be at Erith Christ Church.
- Venues still required for April and October.
- **7th March** Striking competition and **21st November** Call Change competition both 2015.

## 10. AOB

- Ringing Roadshow - Rupert went and said that he recommended it as a good day out and well worthwhile if considering going next time.
- Sue Allport has made a request for information regarding charges for ringing at weddings. A brief discussion took place. The survey results will be circulated in due course.

## 11. Vote of Thanks

Mick McDonald thanked Nick Williams for taking the service, John Williams the organist, Tracy Burch for giving the Address and of course the Horton Kirby members for providing an excellent tea.

Next meeting will be Saturday 10th January 2015 at Crayford (tbc) [Note: Greenwich will host.]

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# KCACR Subs 2015

County subs are due from January 1<sup>st</sup>. The rates are unchanged at £10 for adults and £5 for concessions (65 and over, 18 and under, full time education).



Any cheque payments to be made out to **Kent Association of Change Ringers** to make my life easier with the bank who want the wording exactly as it is written in the paying in book.

Rachel Backhouse