



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Wow – from the District call change competition to the National 12 Bell trophy

In 2019 one time Eynsford boy Matthew Hilling held aloft the National 12 Bell Competition trophy at Exeter Cathedral to rapturous applause from a packed nave of maybe a thousand folks. The Cathedral band led by Matthew had triumphed beating Birmingham, the College Youths, St Paul's Cathedral and others in the Stedman Cinques test piece. The Dean who presented the Trophy was clearly delighted with the result! Matthew's response was – "wow" followed by many emotional thankyou's. The Exeter triumph came on top of their splendid hosting providing very much a win - win day.

Earlier proceedings had commenced with a welcome by The Bishop and The Dean and the loan of the Bishop's mitre for the draw! More than a hundred busy volunteers ensured that the days arrangements ran smoothly. Listening and socialising was from the south cloister garden with the adjacent Chapter House facilities and also from the colourful and extensive Bishop's Palace garden with marquees for refreshments and toddlers' play. Some warm summer weather arrived on cue – and all twenty-four beer barrels were drunk dry!

The proceedings were broadcast on YouTube for eight hours by an accomplished presenter and shown on large screens in the Chapter House and the Cathedral nave. The YouTube broadcast can be found with a search "Exeter 12 bell competition". Test pieces were relayed via a camera above the bells and Exeter's piece is at 2h 39m with the results at 7h 50m.



In 1989 12 year old Matthew was holding another trophy as a District call change winner with the Eynsford and Farningham band. It was Matthew's first competition having learned at Eynsford earlier that year. In the December he rang his first peal, at Eynsford.

Ringing and further learning at Kent towers followed and included cycle outings when the roads then were less hazardous. Election to CY membership was shortly after his 14th birthday and he began to develop his twelve bell skills.



At Exeter University Matthew joined the Exeter Colleges Guild and was Master for two years. After graduation he decided his life would be in Devon and ended up back at Uni working in an I.T. role. He became Tower Captain at St Mark's, a position he held for 15 years during which time he managed the augmentation there to ten bells.

For many years, ringer development has been on Matthew's agenda with tutoring at Hereford (alongside many from our District), Keele and at Central Council courses. He was Exeter Branch Ringing Master for ten years helping others to advance.

Continues over

For the past thirteen years Matthew has been Ringing Master at Exeter Cathedral where a high standard is achieved and where many members are

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comfortable in advanced Surprise Maximus methods. He has led the Exeter Cathedral band in 12 bell competition finals where their highest position was fourth, and in the Devon 8 bell call change competition which the band has won.

Matthew has rung Exeter Cathedral tenor (72 cwt) single handed to Maximus three times. Elsewhere he conducted the record peals of Cambridge S Maximus (2015) and the 25,000 Bristol S Maximus (2017).

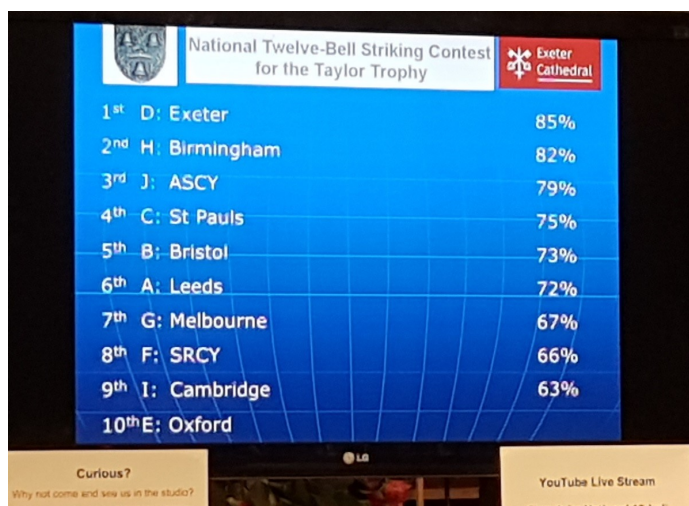
Chairman's Bit

County AGM 2020 - as previously flagged, the Lewisham District is hosting the County AGM on Easter Monday 13 April. At the time of writing we don't have a confirmed venue but hopefully we will very soon. In the mean time please make sure the date is in your diary and keep it free if you're able, as we're going to need lots of help to deliver the service, lunch and meeting.

Sunday Service Ringing - I know several towers struggle to get enough ringers to ring the bells before their regular Sunday service, or know a neighbouring tower that is. Have a think about whether you could join up with another band or two to ring bells after a service instead of before, once a month for example, so they still get rung. The congregation will be happy to hear the bells, and if they ask why they're being rung after instead of before, it could be a way in to recruiting some new ringers.

Joint Outing - another date for your diary is Saturday 10 August, when we'll have our regular joint ringing outing to London with the Tonbridge District. Come along if you can, it's a great day out and there will be plenty of support if you're not sure about strange bells. See details elsewhere in the Newsletter and watch for emails on the District E-list.

Philippa Rooke
Chairman
Lewisham District
KCACR



That's all probably worth another "wow"! One wonders how he fits it all in with busy family life and a career!

David Hilling

Editorial



Thanks to everyone who has made the effort to contribute to the newsletter this time.

The National 12 Bell Competition wouldn't normally make the district newsletter but as the winning captain this year is an ex-District member it seemed only right. Well done Matt and his band on beating the mighty Birmingham band.

The Central Council will be holding their meeting in London in September and volunteers will be required to help so please contact Philippa if you are able to do this.

Cheers,
Rupert

120 Club

120 Club Results April - June 2019

April 13th 2019. District Meeting, Greenwich

1st	£20	78	(unsold – prize to BRF)
2nd	£10	115	(unsold – prize to BRF)
3rd	£10	72	(unsold – prize to BRF)
4th	£5	81	Sue Cameron

May 17th 2019. District Practice, Cudham

1st	£20	19	Deryck Jones	Dartford
2nd	£10	38	Jackie Wickham	Erith, St Johns
3rd	£10	103	(unsold – prize to BRF)	
4th	£5	62	Judith Cheeseman	Crayford

June 28th 2019 District Practice, Erith Christchurch

1st	£20	97	Natalie Slator	Erith, CC
2nd	£10	38	Jackie Wickham	Erith, St Johns
3rd	£10	80	(unsold – prize to BRF)	
4th	£5	1	Margaret Heald	Erith, St Johns

A number of shares are still available. I will be at the District meeting should you wish to purchase.

Elizabeth Brett

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Lewisham District Egroup

Are you signed up to the District E-Group?

The E-Group is a very useful tool for communicating quickly and effectively around the District and is used to advertise District practices, meetings, events and competitions along with training opportunities etc. Anyone signed up to the group can send an email to all other group members by using the address lewisham_district@yahooogroups.co.uk which could be very useful when towers find themselves short of ringers for a wedding for example, to find those extra people.

If you are not yet signed up to the e-group, you can do so by sending an email to lewisham_district_subscribe@yahooogroups.co.uk. So come on, get connected, what's stopping you?!

Debra Say

NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH

I'm sure we all like to hear a success story, so as the Tower Rep for Ash, I would like to share their achievement and no, they don't know I am writing this article.

About five years ago, ringing at Ash was in a very precarious state with Sunday service ringing reduced to 'Three Blind Mice'. Through a combination of recruitment and attracting back lapsed ringers, along with a lot of hard work and dedication including two practices a week, the band has grown steadily. It's not been easy with everybody learning together without the luxury of a strong group of experienced ringers around them, but from rounds and call changes, the band have progressed to Plain Hunt and onto Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, and some are even starting to ring touches now too. It has also been encouraging to see some of them at a couple of District Practices this year and I hope they have found these useful and will continue to attend when possible.

At their patronal festival at the end of June, thirteen local ringers turned up to ring for the service which is definitely a far cry from 'Three Blind Mice' only five years ago! We all know the bells at Ash are not the easiest to ring so they have done really well to get where they are today and they totally deserve this public acknowledgement. So well done to the Ash ringers and may you continue to go from strength to strength.

Debra Say

BEXLEY

After reporting in the last newsletter that practices would resume in June following works to the tower, unfortunately ill health has now hit the local band (Get well soon Eddie!) and so practices are suspended at least until the new year. In the meantime, in order to keep the bells ringing, a quarter will be attempted roughly once a month. Three have been rung already with the July one being the first spliced for some of the band.

Friday, 5 July 2019

1260 Spliced Minor (2m: 900 Plain and 360 Little, 24 com atw) in 41mins

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ann Saunders | 2. Debra Say |
| 3. Peter Skinner | 4. Sue Cameron |
| 5. David Gyles | 6. Rupert Cheeseman (C) |

With birthday compliments to Peter (13/7) and Ann (6/7).
First spliced; 2,3 & 5.

Rupert

BROMLEY COMMON

Sunday 26th May was a sad day for the ringers at St Luke's. That was when the bells were rung on a Sunday for the last time. We had reverted to ringing for the evening service when the Hope Church took our morning slot to host its 'meeting' about five years ago. The new Vicar of St Augustine's with St Luke's has decided to end evening services after just three months in post. An eight o'clock service remains for the time being. For the last service a band supported by colleagues from Bromley Parish and Beckenham ensured that the occasion was appropriately marked. We continue to practice Thursdays but only when numbers permit as bellringing has to compete with various other activities that take place. However, the monthly eight bell practice, started about eighteen months ago, has proved a success, is well attended and continues. The bells at Bromley Common will continue to be available for visiting bands, quarters/peals and for weddings.

Chris Lawrance

CRAYFORD

Things have been ticking along at Crayford quite nicely both with our regular visitors giving us the ability to challenge ourselves with some new doubles variations and minor methods, and our four learners who continue develop their Plain Hunt on its own and to methods. All four ring regularly on Sunday mornings and we now manage to ring all eight bells most weekends, even if it is just rounds and call changes.

Seven quarter peals have been rung in the last three months including a half-muffled quarter of Maundy Thursday Doubles rung in solidarity with Notre Dame and a second half muffled quarter of Easter Doubles before the Saturday evening Easter vigil.

On Sunday 2nd June our Rector Paul and his wife Vicky celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary and Paul thought it was a good idea to arrange a blessing of their marriage without telling his wife. He duly organised a service led by the Archdeacon of Bromley & Bexley, The Ven Dr Paul Wright, himself a former Rector of St Paulinus and the ringers, sworn to secrecy, were asked to ring as for a wedding. To mark such a special occasion, we decided to ring quarter peals both before and after the service which we also attended. Anniversary Doubles was the variation chosen before the blessing with a three-method quarter rung afterwards as we knew we would be ringing this one having partaken in a glass of champagne! Paul is very supportive of the ringers at St Paulinus and we were

delighted to be asked to share in their celebration.

Such a high note was sadly followed a few weeks later by a quarter peal of In Memoriam Doubles, rung open in celebration of the life of Brenda Barton's brother on the day of his funeral held in Australia where he lived.

Thursday, 18 April 2019

1260 Maundy Thursday Doubles in 42mins

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. David Gyles | 2. Debra Say |
| 3. Thomas Wilding | 4. Andrew Sinclair |
| 5. Rupert Cheeseman (C) | 6. Neville Wilding |

Rung half muffled before the Maundy Thursday service and in solidarity with Notre Dame.

First in variation for all.

Saturday, 20 April 2019

1260 Easter Doubles in 42mins

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Brenda Barton | 2. Sue Cameron |
| 3. Peter Skinner | 4. Debra Say |
| 5. Rupert Cheeseman (C) | 6. Andrew Sinclair |

Rung half muffled before the Easter Vigil and with congratulations to Michael Gentry, former Tower Captain at this church, and Sue McMahon on their engagement.

First in variation for all

Sunday, 2 June 2019

1260 Anniversary Doubles in 41mins

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Peter Skinner | 2. Ann Saunders |
| 3. Debra Say | 4. Andrew Sinclair |
| 5. Rupert Cheeseman (C) | 6. David Gyles |

Rung to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Paul and Vicky Prentice, the Rector at this church, whose blessing took place afterwards.

1st in variation; 2.

Thursday, 20 June 2019

1260 In Memoriam Doubles in 42mins

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Brenda Barton | 2. Debra Say |
| 3. Peter Skinner | 4. David Gyles |
| 5. Rupert Cheeseman (C) | 6. Andrew Sinclair |

Rung to celebrate the life of Brian Benney (1949-2019), brother of Brenda, whose funeral took place today in Belmont, NSW, Australia.

First in variation; 3&4.

Debra Say

ERITH, CHRISTCHURCH

We have had a busy few months in the bell tower. Following our AGM, we combined bell maintenance with a tower clean from top to bottom – resulting in bags full of spider webs, twigs and much more.

Natalie started a recruitment campaign at the local scout troop. She took along the hand bells and they thoroughly enjoyed ringing simple tunes and carols. Subsequently there was a scout visit to the tower for a taster ringing session, aided by members of our band together with local ringers who kindly helped out, which



"Oh yeah? Maybe this rings a bell..."

was much appreciated. As a result of this we have a new keen young ringer.

In June we enjoyed a brilliant day out to Thatcham to visit Mark and Rachel. After a tour of their house and lovely garden, lunch was laid on - a table groaning under the weight of homemade pizzas, quiches and salads, together with an array of desserts. Then for the towers; St Barnabas, Peasemore (6 bells), St Mary's, Ilsley (8 bells) and St Mary's, Thatcham (10 bells). After tea and cake, we waddled home. Although we enjoyed ringing there, we were happy to return to our own lovely tower and bells.

At district practice on 28th June it was great to see so many ringers, especially as we could ring all eight bells.

Shirley Scarth

HORTON KIRBY

There is not much news to report from Horton Kirby but just to reiterate that we practice on Thursday evenings from 8 - 9.30pm and that all visitors will be made very welcome.

Isobel Bailey

WEST WICKHAM

Wednesday, 26 June 2019

1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 46mins

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Rosemary Stretton | 2. Judith Fry (C) |
| 3. John Perrin | 4. Jackie Toulman |
| 5. Jon Fry | 6. Tony Besgrove |

Dedicated to the life of Bob Sullivan, father of a former ringer, who was very fond of St John's church and loved the sound of the bells.

First quarter; 6.

Judith Fry

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

The Meridian Ringers

We have continued with our normal ringing pattern, with our usual practice night on Wednesdays, 8pm-9.30pm, at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich if Greenwich is not available. We usually ring for the monthly Choral Evensong at Greenwich and also for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month [check the website for dates]. We occasionally ring at Woolwich for practices, although we have had a recent problem there with a pigeon infestation so we need to do some clearing up in due course.

Ringling for the Sunday morning Choral Eucharist Service at Greenwich is continuing on a regular basis.

We have some good attendances at practice nights, sometimes ringing all 10 bells, some triples, minor and additional doubles methods. On Wednesdays, we have a dedicated learners practice from about 7pm which has been a real asset; then a session from around 8.30pm for some more advanced ringing.

We have arranged three Ringing Schools on Saturday afternoons in the first part of this year. These have been of real benefit and there has been some intense work on ringing up and down in peal, Plain Hunt and Doubles work.. We have another one planned for early August.

The following quarter was rung at Greenwich to mark the retirement of the vicar:

Sunday, 23 June 2019

1260 Plain Bob Doubles with 768 cover in 48mins

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| 1. Bill Lanyon | 2. Emma Roberts (first inside) |
| 3. Shelagh Norman | 4. Michael Robinson |
| 5. Graham Long (C) | 6. Dan Cocker |
| 7. Jim Odell | 8. Alan Munden |

Rung for Choral Evensong held to celebrate the retirement of The Vicar, Revd Canon Chris Moody – Vicar of The Parish since 2005.

After the quarter, there was open ringing before and after the service – with JJ Aiston, Naoka Nakatani, David Connearn and Edward Gormley also ringing.

Please note that I have recently moved to
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Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events – please check our website for further details: www.meridianbells.webs.com; or contact me, as above.



Graham Long

REMEMBERING EDITH CAVELL

You might be interested in a peal I was invited to ring in at St Mary's, Dover yesterday, 14th May. It was to mark the centenary of the return of the body of Edith Cavell, WW1 nurse and heroine executed by German firing squad in Brussels in 1915.

After the war, in 1919, her body was brought by ship to Dover, then taken to Westminster Abbey for a commemoration service and then to Norwich where she was buried in the precincts of the cathedral. As her body arrived in Dover on 14th May 1919 a full peal was rung on the bells and a peal board in the ringing chamber, shown below, records that fact.

The details of the latest peal are as follows:

Kent County Association
St Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent
Tuesday, 14 May 2019
5040 Grandsire Triples in 2h 52m

Composed by Joseph J Parker (12-part)

1. David Finch
2. Jacqueline M Barlow
3. Maureen A Poole
4. Marisa A Hayes
5. Alan R Baldock (C)
6. Andrew J Corby
7. Terence V Barnard
8. Nicholas Wilkins



Rung with the bells half muffled except the tenor to mark the centenary of the body of Nurse Edith Cavell being received in Dover, a similar peal using the same method and composition having been rung on 14th May 1919.

There was extensive coverage by the press in Kent and when the peal 'came round' after 2hrs 52mins ringing there was applause from those listening in the church.

The memorial to Edith Cavell is in London, situated close to St Martin in the Fields and Trafalgar Square.



Central Council Weekend in London



Welcome to London 2019, the Central Council's annual weekend which this year takes place at Goldsmiths College, London SE14 6NW between Friday 6th and Sunday 8th September.

The programme is open to all ringers and I hope you will find a great deal to interest you, whether it is the social evening on Friday 6th September, the chance to come and discuss the Council's work on Saturday 7th September, the Mini Roadshow, exhibition and speaker events taking place on Sunday 8th September, or the opportunity to visit St. Paul's Cathedral and ring at some iconic London churches.

There is no charge to take part in the Council's annual meeting on Saturday 7th September and no charge for ringers under the age of 18 to attend the Mini Roadshow on Sunday 8th September. Elsewhere we have done our best to keep costs at reasonable levels and there is a registration fee of £12 for those over 18 attending the MiniRoadshow on Sunday 8th September to offset some of the costs of organising the event.

To register, simply use the links at <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2019-meeting/>

If you plan to come for more than one day, you can also find details of nearby accommodation. On behalf of the Central Council I look forward to welcoming you to Goldsmiths and hope that you find it an informative and inspiring weekend.

David Kirkcaldy
Deputy President, Central Council
Chair of the London 2019 Organising Committee

<https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/190602-Initial-Programme.pdf>

Programme highlights:

Friday 6th September

- Afternoon ringing at City churches and other London towers
- Guided tours of St Paul's Cathedral ringing room and belfry kindly organised by the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers
- Hot buffet supper at Goldsmiths College followed by an informal quiz evening with a difference.

Saturday 7th September

- Central Council Workgroup presentations at Goldsmiths College – come and find out how you can contribute to the Council's work on tower stewardship, recruitment, education, heritage, technology and composition.
- The Ringing World Annual General Meeting
- The 2019 Council Meeting
- Act of Worship and Celebration
- President's Reception & Annual Dinner

Sunday 8th September

- Service ringing at City churches and other London towers
- Mini-roadshow with trade stands, demonstrations, speaker events and the chance to try out mini rings and training bells. Including contributions from Steve Coleman, Bill Hibbert, Simon Linford, Alan Regin, Guildford Young Ringers and Marcus Booth from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

What is ART all about?

Saturday morning, 22 June, I arrived at Higham and parked by a Victorian looking building with a bell tower and spire... St John's Church. I am a bit early but decide to go in anyway to check that I am at the right place. I'm booked for ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) course here today.

The church seems empty but I find a room with some other trainees, refreshments and someone who serves these refreshments. 'It was worth coming here' I thought sipping my tea, munching biscuits and feeling very welcomed.



When everybody had arrived we went through registration and plans for the day and then our fun began! I understand that we all have been taught how to ring so we all obviously have some ideas of how to teach. But...

There are so many teachers who have different approaches and techniques which you don't know about because you have only been taught by one or two of them. I feel like this course collects and combines all the known options, experiences, advices, ways and structures of teaching in one module. It seems like a lot to take in. Despite that you don't have to make piles of notes as everything is covered and supported by provided guides and logbooks, which are in a very well organized manner containing all the safety considerations you should go through with your learner, building skills exercises, practical and theory targets.

Some of us know all the theory, can easily explain the physics of a moving bell and yet feel anxious to grab a rope to rescue a learner. If that's you, I encourage you to try this course. Some of us are more than happy to assist physically with back/hand strokes, taking rope

from a learner but not good at the talking part. And again... If that's you - try this course.

We had a few sessions of theory and a few practice sessions (and lunch!). We were teachers, we were learners, working on hand and back strokes, ringing up and down, rescuing each other and spotting bad handling. An interesting exercise was to ring left handed. It makes you think and adds a bit of a twist to your ability to control the bell.

Also what really stood out for me is how many psychological aspects are involved in teaching handling. The way you were taught to ring won't necessarily work for your learner, because we are all unique. We all understand, memorise and learn things differently. For some verbal instruction is enough, others would like to see a demonstration and some have to experience physically what it's going to be like. So if you want to be a good teacher you'll have to patiently and tactfully adapt to your trainee's needs for him/her to succeed in their learning journey.

We covered some safeguarding issues as potentially we will have to work with children and vulnerable adults. Every learner should be deeply respected and valued.

I think this is it from me. Now all I have to do is to find a learner, a volunteer, a victim! Any takers? I'll see you in St John's Church, Sidcup, Wednesdays at 8 pm.

Endless thanks to Roger Booth for teaching us to teach, to David Grimwood for being that someone who serves the refreshments and to Higham ringers for hosting the course and letting us into your tower.

Svetlana Sokolova

Association Assets

I have received an email from the KCACR General Secretary asking for details of any Association Assets held within our District. Such items might include competition trophies, book collections or items donated for use by the District/Association.

It won't be difficult to put together a list of the trophies we hold, but it is more difficult to know exactly what is being held in individual towers within the District and even if those assets are considered as belonging to the District/Association or whether they belong to the individual church.

If your tower has any items which could be considered as Association Assets, would you please email me with the details by the last weekend of July. If you are also able to provide a photograph and an approximate value that would be helpful, and if you consider that any such items should be insured by the Association, then please indicate this so I can pass on this information for consideration at the next KCACR meeting.

Debra Say



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Alfege, Greenwich 13th April 2019

31 people attended representing 10 towers, 2 unattached, 1 from Tonbridge District/KCACR and 1 from Rochester District/KCACR

Philippa Rooke (Chair) welcomed two guests: KCACR Youth Officer, Jen Thomas and KCACR Asst. Secretary, Cathy Cheeseman. Jen reported that a band representing Kent came second in the SE England Youth Striking Competition held at Horton Kirby on 6th April.

1. Apologies for Absence

Debra Say (Crayford); Tom Hinks (Bromley); Helena Mattingley (Bromley); Eddie Coode (Bexley); Mary Andrews (Bexley); Alan Munden (Greenwich).

2. Minutes of last meeting (QDM at Sidcup, 12th January 2019)

These had been posted on the website and circulated in the Newsletter. They were agreed by the meeting as a correct and accurate record. Proposed: Lesley Barclay; Seconded: Nick Wilkins.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

None

4. Election of new members.

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By
David Horne	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Mark Baldwin
		Witness to Lowering	Rupert Cheeseman
Elizabeth Rolph	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Mark Baldwin
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Marion Bond	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Mark Baldwin
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Caroline White	Greenwich	Alan Munden	Graham Long
		Witness to Lowering	Philippa Rooke
Maria Hardy	Greenwich	Graham Long	Shelagh Norman
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Lynn Dobson	Greenwich	Alan Munden	Graham Long
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Helen Scarlett (Junior Member)	Farnborough	Nicholas Wilkins	Lesley Barclay

All of the above were elected unanimously and welcomed to the Association with special mention being given to Maria and Lynn who were at the meeting.

5. KCACR Report.

Natalie Slator outlined the main points of the last committee meeting.

- A central membership database is under consideration to ensure compliance with GDPR. This would involve having a central membership secretary and subscriptions paid directly to KCACR. Members would be able to log in to pay subs and check their details.
- Publicity to emphasise the benefits of membership.
- Bookstalls. Districts would maintain some basic stock but it was envisaged that purchases of books be made online via the County website, as is now the case for clothing.
- Consideration needs to be given for aiding ringers with dementia. Each case must be considered individually.
- Safeguarding. Details of Diocesan training are on the website. (Further discussion at Item 6 below).
- Monitoring of the Junior Facebook page.
- Mobile ring – Cost £30K approx. Aiming for 2020 – the committee voted to go with Matthew Higby and will seek acceptance of that at the AGM.
- Accounts not yet signed off. A central policy on expenses was needed.
- Training. Further ART events planned. Further Safeguarding training planned.
- CCCBR meeting in London, September 2019. (Further discussion at Item 7 below).
- KCACR AGM. Nominations needed for Treasurer and Safeguarding officer.
- A grant was made to support Young Ringers.

Association Library and Archive:

The County Librarian requests support. There is a need for a person with appropriate skills to ensure that ringing records in the county are maintained and developed. Anyone interested to make themselves known to a District Officer.

County AGM 2020:

This will be held in the Lewisham District on Easter Monday, April 13th 2020. Philippa reported that the District Committee has commenced planning. Bickley have been approached as first choice for the venue, but they are still working out whether it's possible for them to host. Back-up venues are also being considered.

6. Safeguarding.

The KCACR is strongly recommending that all ringers undertake C0 and C1 online training (accessed via Diocesan websites), but ringers must also check with their Parish church as they may require further training to be taken.

Tower Captains and those directly involved in teaching must complete a C2 course. The Chairman emphasised that each local church took the lead on how safeguarding was managed on its premises, and the KCACR guidance was supporting that, not replacing it. If a church required its ringers to do more, that had to be respected, but if this would cause major problems for anyone the County Safeguarding Officer could be consulted for advice.

It was suggested that ringers can work in groups to take the course, particularly those who may be unfamiliar with working online or who do not have easy access to the internet. It was important to appreciate that safeguarding covers both children and vulnerable adults.

A question was asked regarding the minimum age to start ringing. Towers had different rules, based on age, height and ability to learn. Consideration must also be given to insurance cover; the local church insurance cover may have an age limit specified. Cathy Cheeseman reported that the Association was considering changing its insurers. Incidents may also be covered by an individual church insurance. It was agreed that further clarification was needed.

7. Central Council AGM – September 2019.

This will take place at Goldsmiths College, New Cross on Saturday 7th September. Related events and a mini 'Ringing Roadshow' will take place over 6th – 8th September. We have been asked to help by supplying volunteers to ensure events run smoothly (cf Gamesmakers at the 2012 Olympics!). In particular, they are looking for one person from the District or area to lead and coordinate this – volunteers please!

8. Tower Reps Proposal.

The Chairman outlined the scheme, the details of reps/towers is in the April Newsletter. The District Committee (ie the elected officers) are now meeting on a regular basis outside of District Quarterly Meetings. Although these meetings have been triggered by the planning of the next County AGM in our District, in 2020, they will continue after that as they are useful. One of the things agreed is a trial 'Tower Reps' scheme, where each member of the committee has three or four towers in the District that they are officially the rep for at meetings. The idea is they would visit these towers on a practice night (if they have one) every couple of months, and communicate information about business that has arisen since the last District Quarterly meeting. The ringers at the tower can also ask them to let the committee know anything they would like to flag up or ask about, for example help in training new learners, or issues with their church. Many other Districts have this system already. The list of towers and their reps is shown below:

Ash by Wrotham – Debra Say	Erith Christ Church – Natalie Slator
Beckenham – Tom Hinks	Erith St John – Natalie Slator
Bexley – Debra Say	Eynsford – Diane Reynolds
Bickley – Rupert Cheeseman	Farnborough – Nick Wilkins
Biggin Hill – Philippa Rooke	Farningham – Diane Reynolds
Bromley Common – Tom Hinks	Foots Cray – Natalie Slator
Bromley Parish – Tom Hinks	Greenwich – Liz Brett
Chislehurst Annunciation – Chris Davine	Hayes – Nick Wilkins
Chislehurst St Nicholas – Chris Davine	Horton Kirby – Nick Wilkins
Chelsfield – Philippa Rooke	Lewisham – Chris Davine
Crayford – Rupert Cheeseman	Penge – Tom Hinks
Cudham – Rupert Cheeseman	Shoreham – Philippa Rooke
Dartford – Deryck Jones	Sidcup – Nick Wilkins
Deptford – Liz Brett	St Mary Cray – Philippa Rooke
Downe – Rupert Cheeseman	West Wickham – Diane Reynolds
Eltham – Chris Davine	Woolwich – Liz Brett

9. Event Updates and Results.

Call Change Competition, November	1 st Farnborough
	2 nd Bromley
	3 rd Crayford
Striking Competition, March	1 st Chelsfield
	2 nd Crayford
	3 rd Eltham

The Chairman presented certificates to the winning towers. She encouraged all to consider taking part in competitions. It was a good experience for all, both new ringers and more established ones.

Ian Mills was congratulated for being part of the SRCY team that got through to the final of the National 12 Bell competition.

A member of the Lewisham District is in the Kent Young Ringers team taking part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest on 6th July in Liverpool.

Nick Wilkins outlined forthcoming practices – details in newsletter.

Training:

Tom Hinks was unable to be at the meeting but had sent an update: Two successful events, bell handling and 10 bell ringing, had been held. Further training, including Listening Skills, Plain Bob Doubles and Steeple keeping were planned. Tom encouraged as many students as possible to sign up for the training courses available, as we are providing a lot of high-quality opportunities this year and it would be great to see these opportunities shared widely throughout the District.

The Lewisham/Tonbridge Joint Outing to London will be on Saturday 12th August, probably centred on the Victoria/Pimlico area.

10. 120 Club.

This was originally set up to raise funds for the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund. However, at present the BRF appeared to be well funded and there was a discussion regarding passing the proceeds to alternative funds in the Association – e.g. Training; Youth. Liz Brett reported that the beneficiary could be changed, but at present all documentation referred to

the BRF. It was agreed to continue unchanged for the 2019-20 season. However, the question will be discussed at the ADM in October.

The April draw was made:

	No.	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	78	£20	(unsold)	
2nd	115	£10	(unsold)	
3rd	72	£10	(unsold)	
4th	81	£5	Sue Cameron	Unattached

11. AOB

The Chairman announced that 2019 Handbooks were available but had to be signed for. Rupert Cheeseman thanked those who had contributed to the newsletter. Tower copies were available and it was on the District and County websites. Lesley Barclay asked whether we could have printed copies of the KCACR committee reports at the meeting. Cathy Cheeseman noted that details were on the County website.

12. Vote of thanks.

Svetlana Sokolova proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. Chris Moody for taking the service, to the pianist Graham Long and to the Greenwich band for an excellent tea and for permitting all to ring the bells.

Philippa Rooke thanked Liz Brett for taking the Minutes of the meeting.

Next Meeting – Saturday 13th July at Cudham

LEWISHAM DISTRICT EVENTS 2019

- Sat 13th Jul Quarterly Meeting: Cudham, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Fri 26th Jul District Practice: West Wickham, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 10th Aug District Outing with Tonbridge: TBC, all day
- Wed 14th Aug District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Thurs 22th Aug District 10 bell Practice: Beckenham, 7.50 - 9.30pm (tbc)
- Wed 11th Sep District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Fri 13th Sep District Practice: Eynsford, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 12th Oct Quarterly Meeting: Erith, Christ church, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Wed 16th Oct District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Fri 18th Oct District Practice: Bexley, 7.45 - 9.15pm
- Thurs 7th Nov District 10 bell Practice: Beckenham, 7.50 - 9.30pm (tbc)
- Fri 8th Nov District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Wed 13th Nov District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 16nd Nov District 6-bell Call Change Competition: Horton Kirby, 2.30pm draw
- Fri 6th Dec District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Wed 11th Dec District Surprise Practice: Chelsfield, 8.00 - 9.30pm

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 nearer the event in case of any last minute changes or phone or email Nick on master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk

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