



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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District Training

Training update:

We held a well-attended and very successful handbell training morning on Saturday 12th March, at Bromley parish church. The groups focused on plain hunt on 6 and 8, and Plain Bob Minor and Major, with a sociable tea break in between sessions. Two quarter peal attempts as part of the morning were not successful (in one case due to mechanical failure!), but gave useful opportunities for further practice. The archive of training videos on the Lewisham District Training youtube channel continues to be well-used by people looking for an easy way to access training on a wide range of different topics. Any requests for further training videos, do please get in contact. In the summer, I am planning to run a couple of weekday evening workshop training sessions - one practical bellhandling session and one theory session on either listening skills or a topic such as recruitment.

District practices update:

Our district practices so far this year have been popular and very productive, with at least 20 in attendance at Downe in February and Hayes in March. Everyone attending has been able to have a good go at something they are currently working on, from call changes through to Surprise methods. The standard of ringing has also been very good, with a strong band arranged to support each piece of ringing. Thank you very much to everyone who has supported a district practice so far this year!

Tom Hinks

LEWISHAM DISTRICT EVENTS 2022

Sat 9 th Apr	District Meeting: Erith, Christchurch, 10am ringing then cup of tea and meeting.
Mon 18 th Apr	KCACR Annual General Meeting: Chislehurst, St Nicholas
Sat 9 th May	District Practice: Chislehurst, Annuciation, 10.00am - 12.00
June	District Quarter Peal month to celebrate the Jubilee
Sat 9 th Jul	District Meeting and walk: Eynsford (tbc), 10am ringing then service and meeting. Followed by a walk to a nearby tower.
Sat 7 th Jul (tbc)	District Striking and Call Change competitions, 10am
Fri 12 th Aug	District Practice: Bromley, 7.30 - 9.00pm
Sat 10 th Sep	District Practice: Farnborough, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 8 th Oct	District Meeting: venue tbc, 3.30pm ringing then service, tea and meeting.
Sat 12 th Nov	District Practice: Bexley, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 10 th Dec	District Practice: Eynsford, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 14 th Jan	District Meeting: venue tbc

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

Chairman's bit

When I retired, one of the things I knew I wouldn't miss was all the meetings. However, having just finished an online District Committee Meeting to plan for our forthcoming Quarterly Meeting, I am now preparing for the Eltham Tower Annual Meeting next Tuesday, followed by the Kent County AGM on Easter Monday. It'll be good to get these over with and get back to doing some actual ringing again!

But meetings like this are an important way to ensure we all have a say in how our ringing organisations are run, whether at County, District or Tower level. At Eltham this will be our first in-person meeting since 2019, so it will be a good opportunity to review the peculiar circumstances of the last two years and look forward to the next twelve months.

At a county level, the KCACR officers are looking to find out how individual towers are managing now things are slowly returning to normal, and will shortly be publishing a survey in order to ascertain the state of ringing in Kent, and hear about any issues about which members are concerned. I hope we will all complete this when it comes round.

David Holdridge

KCACR Chairman's bit

A very Happy New Year to all members and friends! May it bring peace, happiness, good ringing - and a rapidly reducing viral threat.

As we look to 2022 and as we emerge from the pandemic (and we will!) we have a great opportunity to think differently about how to make ringing flourish. In other words let's not just get back to normal, but let's create a new and better normal.

Why don't we, each of us, ask ourselves what we can do to help. We need new ideas, open minds, and a willingness to help others. Our towers and Districts are often short of helpers - why not see what you can do to help? We need a constant supply of fresh officers and ringing leaders at all levels to help bring energy and stop us getting stale. So, how about it?

Are you up for the challenge in 2022? I really hope you are!

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Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Phil Barnes



Editorial



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter this time. Having not produced one for the virtual meeting in January some of the articles have carried over from then.

It's been good to see so many people attending the district practices that we've had so far. Hopefully those that have attended have got plenty out of them.

The County AGM is on Easter Monday at Chislehurst, St Nicholas. Now on the third attempt, it's a much scaled back affair than was planned in 2019. It'll be nice for it just to finally happen this year.

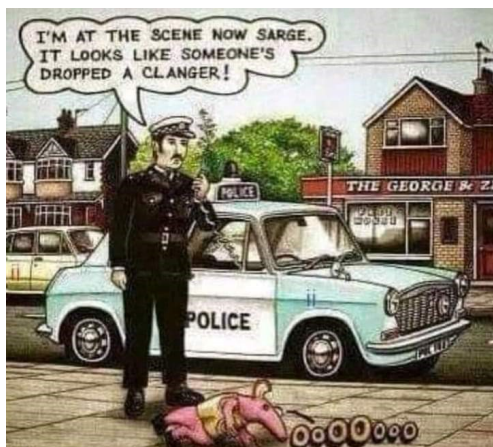
Cheers and stay safe,

Rupert

120 Club

The new 120 club year starts in April with the first draw at the District Meeting at Erith. At present, just under half the shares have been sold for the coming year – so buy yours now!

Shares may be purchased via an email to Liz and bank transfer or standing order. The application form is available on the county website, simply complete it and return to Liz. She will email your share certificate once payment is received. Numbers are allocated sequentially but, if you would like a particular number, please indicate this and if it's available it's yours.



Liz is hoping to be moving away from the area soon so a replacement will be required to run the 120 club. Please speak to Liz if you are interested.

Rupert

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NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

BROMLEY COMMON

Along with some other towers the Bromley Common band has been reduced to half its pre Covid size. That said, our weekly practices have been maintained since ringing restarted last summer thanks to the loyal support of colleagues from local towers who have boosted numbers, allowing us to ring a large number of methods and attempt new ones. We are planning to resume the monthly eight bell method practice that proved successful before it stopped in March 2020.

Another positive note has been the reintroduction, following the cessation of all church services two and a half years ago, of a monthly evening service for which the bells are rung.

Anyone is welcome to join us on a Thursday at 7.45pm but please let me know before heading our way.

Chris Lawrance

CRAYFORD

Practices have continued to be generally well attended and we are grateful for our regular visitors. We have also got back to ringing regular quarters and have rung 11 and a peal since the last newsletter.



We had a tower Spring Clean and maintenance morning in early March. It's been a long while since the last one and an impressive amount of dust and tat was removed.

A geocaching meet was hosted the week after the clean which gave a chance to demonstrate bell ringing to a different audience. Every one who came along seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

Sunday, 6 February 2022
1270 Doubles (7m) in 42mins

1. David Gyles
2. Debra Say
3. Ann Saunders
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Graeme Jefferson

Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession to the throne of HM The Queen who became Queen on 6th Feb 1952.

Sunday, 20 February 2022
1260 Grandsire Triples in 45mins

1. Nigel Pointer
2. Ian Mills
3. Sue Cameron
4. Debra Say
5. Diane Reynolds
6. Andrew Sinclair
7. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
8. David Gyles

Rung to mark the retirement of the former vicar of this church, the Ven Dr Paul Wright, who is having his farewell Choral Evensong as Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley at Rochester Cathedral today.

Also, congratulations to British Ladies Curling team who won Olympic gold today!

Circled tower; 1.

Rupert

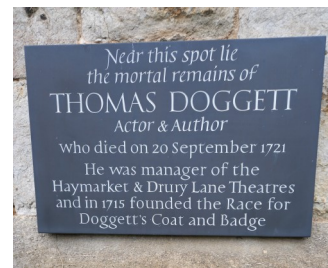
ELTHAM

We've managed to resume Sunday service ringing and Tuesday practices, although we're still not fully back to our pre-covid numbers. Occasional – or even regular – visitors are always welcome.

Last autumn, we rang two quarter-peals, as reported below. I hope to continue this in 2022.

Sunday, 3 October 2021
1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Thomas Green
2. Peter D Oates
3. Diane Reynolds
4. David Holdridge
5. Steve Fitton
6. Ian G Mills (C)



Rung to mark the 300th anniversary of the death of Thomas Doggett (d. 20 September 1721), founder of the Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge. His remains are interred in the graveyard of this church.

Sunday, 14 November 2021 in 50m
1288 Grandsire Triples

1. Rupert Cheeseman
2. Ian Mills (C)
3. Diane Reynolds
4. Ann Saunders
5. David Gyles
6. David Holdridge
7. Peter Oates
8. Thomas Green

Rung half muffled on Remembrance Sunday

The monthly Monday night Stedman Triples practices resumed in February. All are welcome; please contact me if you would like to know more.

David Holdridge

HAYES

As you may know, there is no longer a band of ringers at Hayes but some of The Meridian Ringers and ringers from St. Luke's, Bromley Common do some occasional ringing for services, weddings and other special events.

The following special ringing took place recently:

Thursday, 4 November 2021

630 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles in 20mins

Treble Shelagh Norman 2 Edward Gormley

3 Hazel Bing 4 Jim Odell

5 Graham Long (C) Tenor Andrew Smith

An 'Eighth' rung after today's morning Commemoration Service for All Souls when the names of loved ones were read out. Also, in memory of Shelagh's brother-in-law, Ian Goldsmith (7 March 1957 to 21 October 2021). Also, remembering Alan Munden and Tom Barlow.

Sunday, 19 December 2021

A Quarter Peal of 1260 Doubles (2m) - 660 Grandsire, Various touches of Doubles, rounds and call changes

Treble Shelagh Norman 2 Alastair Scott

3 Jonathan Payne 4 Graham Long (C)

5 Chris Lawrence Tenor Jonathan Hutton

Ringing for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

When things return to some sort of normality, the aim is to try and continue to ring for a service about once a month, some quarter peals and some occasional general ringing practices. Unfortunately, as there is currently an interregnum there are no Sunday Evening services which we have often rung for. There is also a possibility of organising a Tower Open Day sometime to demonstrate the bells and hopefully to get some of the local community to take up ringing and get a regular band ringing at Hayes again.

MERIDIAN RINGERS

Our normal ringing pattern:

Wednesdays 730pm-900pm – Practice (usually at Greenwich)

Beginners' session 715pm to 8pm – Wednesdays at Greenwich

Sunday morning Choral Eucharist Service at Greenwich [depends on availability] – 915am to 10am

Choral Evensong at Greenwich – last Sunday of the month, 540pm to 630pm

Sunday Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a

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SURPRISE PEAL HAS BECOME PLAIN BOB**



month [but not at the moment as there are no Evening services due to the interregnum].

We also ring at Hayes occasionally, usually for a Sunday Evening service once a month [but not at the moment as there are no Evening services due to the interregnum]. See separate item for Hayes elsewhere in the newsletter.

We don't ring at Woolwich much these days as access is quite difficult at times due to The Deeper Meaning Life Church using the balcony for their services and meetings. There was a pigeon infestation, although the birds are no longer there but some major professional cleaning is needed.

We have some 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.

Once there are limited restrictions, we plan to arrange some more of our two-hour Ringing School Workshops in due course, with some intense work on Doubles work, plain hunt on 6 and 7, and Bob Minor.

The following special ringing has taken place in recent months:

Greenwich, St Alfege - Sunday, 31 October 2021

Plain Bob Doubles, Rounds and Call Changes on 10

There were 11 ringers:

Hazel Bing, Graham Long, Shelagh Norman, Bill Lanyon, Giuseppina Radaelli, Luigi Vincenti, Naoko Nakatani, Lucy Suttle, David Connearn, Edward Gormley, Jim Odell

Bells rung half-muffled before The Commemoration Service for All Souls, remembering all those who have died this year and in previous years.

Especially remembering our dear friends Alan Munden and Tom Barlow.

We have a tradition of meeting up to ring at 12 noon on 1st January every year and have pictures from previous years displayed in the ringing room.
We rang a short touch to mark 2022:

Greenwich, St Alfege - Saturday, 1 January 2022 in 7m
222 Minimus and Doubles (3m)
(72 Plain Bob Minimus, 30 Grandsire Doubles, 120 Plain Bob Doubles)

Treble Hazel Bing	2 Jim Odell
3 Michael Robinson	4 Bill Lanyon
5 Graham Long (C)	Tenor Lucy Suttle

Touch to welcome 2022 on our annual 12 noon New Year's Day ringing.

There was also some excellent ringing of Rounds and Call Changes on Ten, with the following also taking part: Shelagh Norman, Jan Odell, Chris Lawrance, Edward Gormley
Rung at 12 noon for our Annual New Year's Day Ringing.

Remembering past members at this time who used to take part in previous years, especially Freda Cannon, Ken Deller, Revd Canon John Ardley, Richard Bing and Alan Munden

Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events and for socialising afterwards, usually at The Ashburnham Arms.
Our website address is: www.meridianbells.webs.com

Graham Long

SIDCUP

Publicity

We have organised various tower tour events in the past few months which have brought in a good number of people who are either interested in behind the scenes, enjoy the sound of the bells, willing to show their friends or learn themselves. Alexander, Debbie and Steph all produced fine graphics as souvenirs and contact cards for those who visited to make ourselves present. Ringing and updates are regularly posted on the Facebook page which are generally well looked at and received.

Post restriction easing

We started off with the Runting bubble of 3, carried out a detailed risk assessment and have been able to resume regular Sunday ringing with at least 3 to 4 ringers. Ventilation, testing, face coverings, ear muffs on occasions and Access4All (new church buildings of

toilets and kitchen) facilities have been key.

Training

Jane, our pre-lockdown trainee returned too, virtually picked up where she left off and is a committed member of the Sunday band. This brings our total to a solid 4.

Dani patiently waited until restrictions were eased to start learning, having waited for around a year and is now progressing to gain independent bell control. She and her mum Alison (who is also learning and promoting the band and ringing where she can) are much loved and we hope will be committed members of the band. Alison is familiarising backstrokes and is learning when time allows.

Rachel started to learn again as restrictions were eased and is now making solid progress on putting handstroke and backstroke together.

Sunday ringing

Peter Norwood has joined us long term whilst St Mary Cray isn't ringing for the morning service and is a welcome addition, bringing our total for Sunday morning to a solid 5 – we are truly grateful! With Svetlana, Peter, Alexander, Steph, Jane and Debbie present we have 6 ringers who can be available at long last – hurray! Dani is on the way to ringing independently.

Practice nights

Since we have at least 2 people who are learning at a time on occasions and 1 learning to raise, we discussed alternating Wednesday practices; therefore, having one Wednesday for training on fully muffled bells, and the next Wednesday for open ringing practice. So far, we haven't had any visitors so have only publicised this as far as the local band.

Technology

A new PC has been kindly been allocated for training purposes and a new CCTV switcher for cameras which can be displayed both via a screen in the ringing room and in the church on the big screen. We have received complimentary

feedback from the congregation, vergers and vicar who seem to really enjoy watching the bells on Sundays.

A series of successful quarters organised by members of the band have been scored since restrictions eased. It is hoped a peal can be scored sometime this year.

Debbie Runting

My kidnappers returning
me after listening to me talk
about bells for two hours



Jean Pailing RIP

Jean Pailing nee Addicott was born on 18 July 1938, and was brought up and taught to ring at Whitnash near Leamington Spa in Warwickshire. As an undergraduate, reading Maths at St Hilda's, Oxford between 1957 and 1960, she was academically an exact contemporary of mine, and also of the late James (Jim) Pailing who Jean married a year or two after going down. Jean became Head of Maths at a secondary school, and Jean and Jim had three children together, two sons and a daughter.

Jean died on Tuesday 4 January and her funeral took place at St Giles' Oxford on Friday 21 January. There was ringing, half-muffled, both before and after the service.

After going down from Oxford, Jean and Jim moved around the country, to Biggleswade in Bedfordshire, and then Preston in Lancashire, but they lived for the longest period at Orpington in Kent, during which time Jean rang at Chislehurst and then Chelsfield, and rang her last QP there in 2011. They had frequent contacts in that area with two OUS ringers, Bob Winstanley and Nicholas Martin (both also now deceased), and Jean also kept actively in touch with another near-contemporary in the OUS, Rachel Hands nee Corner, who lives in Oxford and rang at St Giles' until a few years ago.

When Jean and Jim moved to Orpington they joined the congregation at St Nicholas, Chislehurst, and became loyal and enthusiastic members of the ringing band. They rang in many quarter-peals there and at other towers in the locality. Sadly, in the 1990s Jim contracted the rare neurological condition progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), which eventually forced him to give up ringing, although Jean continued to support local ringing whenever possible. She was also interested in local history, and in 2002 published a book about Canon Francis Murray, Rector of St Nicholas from 1846 to 1902.

Jim had given up ringing rather sooner than Jean - his last peal was at Bexley in 1998 - but his brother Neville is still an active ringer, and Neville's family's ringing activities were reported on in an article in the RW earlier this year, which also included a copy of a newspaper article describing the death of Jim and Neville's father in a tower accident in the 1950's.

After retirement, Jean's mobility became limited by problems with her legs, and eventually, early in 2021, beginning to show signs of dementia, she moved to live with her daughter Caroline, who lives in Oxford, and then to the Lady Nuffield Care Home in Summertown, where she died.

John Pusey

Donald King RIP

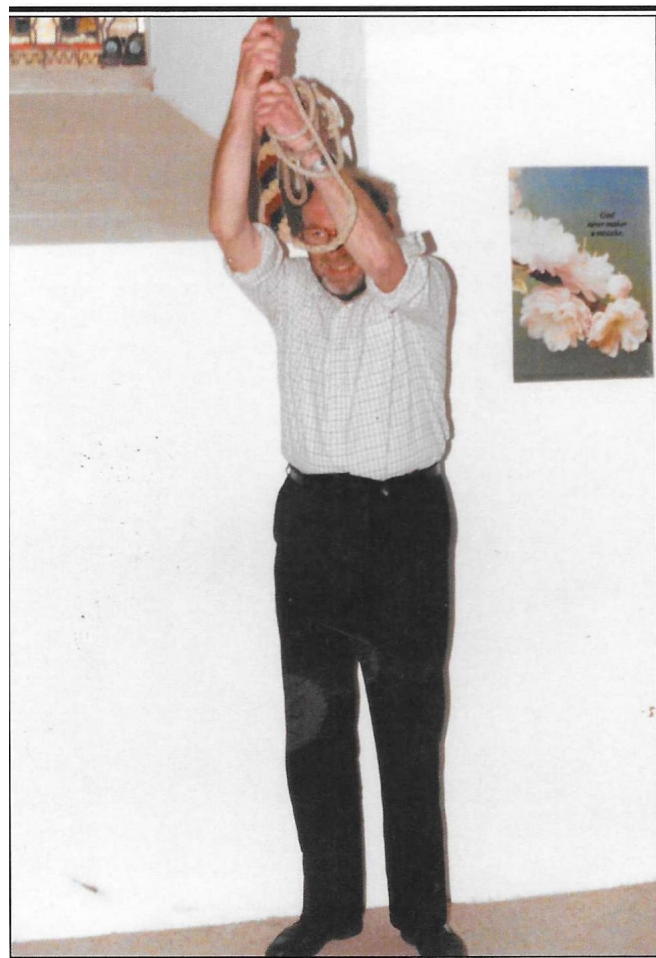
1926 to 2021

Donald learnt to ring in the 1960's when he moved to Downe and soon became Tower Captain, a role which he kept for many years. Donald was passionate about ringing and the bells. He love telling new ringers about the bells in Downe, their history and how they worked. He even made a small model to show how the bells worked. Donald spent many, many hours maintaining the bells, including making stays when we broke them and it is to his credit that the bells are in such good condition today.

Donald continued to ring until his early 90's but he never lost his passion for the bells. Whenever he could he would come and hear us ring.

Donald sadly passed away on 6th November and he will be sorely missed. It was very fitting though that during our practice on the following Monday, Samuel Sleath (our youngest ringer) tolled the bell in his memory.

Caryn Newell



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held via Zoom, Saturday 8th January 2022

17 people attended representing 10 towers

The meeting opened with Debra Say asking if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded to help with taking the minutes. No objections were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Dave Gyles (Ash), Maurice Cook (Dartford), Frank Cottey (Ash), Margaret Heald (Erith, St John's), Jim Rooke (Chelsfield).

2. In Memoriam

A minute's silence was held in memory of Donald King and Bridget Robbie, both of Downe.

3. Minutes of Annual District Meeting held at Erith, St Johns on 9th October 2021

Posted to the County website and circulated via email to the District e-group.

Rupert Cheeseman advised that Zoe Applegate who was elected in October 2021, was in fact already a member, having been elected previously in October 2020.

Agreed as a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: Natalie Slator Seconded: Liz Morris. Voted unanimously

4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

Nil

5. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By	Competency Assessed By
Samuel Sleath	Downe	Caryn Newell	Jon Fry	Rupert Cheeseman
Andrew Correia	Dartford	Graeme Jefferson	Maurice Cook	Rupert Cheeseman

Andrew Correia was being re-elected after an absence of a few years. Both were elected unanimously and both were also attending the meeting, so were welcomed to the Association with David Holdridge commenting that we hoped to ring with them in person soon.

6. KCACR

Webpage & Survey - The County will be organising a survey to find out what members want from the Association but are still finalising the questions. This will be discussed again at the next General Committee meeting and brought back to Districts later in the year.

Annual General Meeting - Officer Vacancies/Hosting - A number of County Officers have given notice they will be standing down at the AGM in April so vacancies will exist for Chairman, Treasurer, Training Officer, Central Council Rep, Public Relations Officer, Health & Safety Officer and Librarian. Anyone interested in taking on any of these roles should contact the General Secretary.

With regard to hosting the April AGM, Lewisham District has been asked if we could potentially host a scaled down in-person AGM and the committee have agreed that we would be prepared to do so, once again at St Nicholas Chislehurst, subject to their agreement. There will be no meal provided, no alcoholic drinks for sale and no open towers.

Festival of Ringing - This event planned to take place at Benenden in 2021 keeps being postponed and the Spring 2022 date has now been cancelled too. Dates are now being considered in May or June, possibly incorporating the inter-District competitions but we await further details.

Other - Ringing recruitment equipment (cameras, TV monitor and other equipment to facilitate watching the bells), are now available on loan from the KCACR. Contact Doug Davis for details.

E-bell loan scheme - the KCACR has purchased ten pairs of e-bells that are available on loan. Please contact the County Chairman for details.

The idea to produce Kent County certificates for the Duke of Edinburgh tolling has been abandoned. Individual Districts or towers are encouraged to produce their own if they wish. We will not be pursuing this as a District but towers may want to produce their own certificate.

Young Change Ringers Association - this is the new National Association and the KCACR have said if any young ringer wants to join, they can apply to have their subscriptions paid by the County. This policy will be reviewed in 18 months. Fees are £15.

The Memorial service held at Rochester Cathedral in November 2021 to remember ringers who had died over the previous two years will now become an annual event. Philippa Rooke mentioned that the timing was not good being the first weekend in November, as many churches already hold a memorial service that weekend which prevents some ringers attending the Rochester event. Natalie Slator was asked to take our concerns back to the General Committee for discussion on 26th February.

7. Events

District Practices - We have managed a few monthly practices recently concentrating on ground floor, relatively Covid safe towers and all have been well attended. The next practice is at Downe on 12th February and Diane Reynolds will be organising practices for the rest of the year in the next few weeks ready for inclusion in the new handbook.

District Competitions - Our call change competition was postponed in November 21 as is our 6-bell method competition which would usually take place in March 22. We need to reorganise both before the inter-District competition in September so the District Officers will discuss holding these in the summer, possibly June before the main wedding season, but avoiding any ringing events planned for the Platinum Jubilee once we know what that entails.

County 8-bell/6-bell Competitions - The 8-bell competition is due to be held on 25th June provisionally at Chiddingstone. The test piece is Stedman Triples and we expect to enter a District band. The 6-bell competition is planned for 24th September possibly at Saltwood. Rules were changed in February 2021 and can be found in the Handbook.

Training - Tom Hinks was unable to be at the meeting but had sent details of planned events. January – new content on the YouTube channel focussing on Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and trebling to methods, February – another handbell training session at Bromley, date to be confirmed, March – possibly a handling workshop at Beckenham depending how high Covid numbers are then. In his role as Youth Officer, Tom highlighted a successful young ringers practice at Downe on 21st December that all enjoyed. Ringing included Call Changes, Plain Hunt and Plain Bob Doubles. A second practice for young ringers is planned for 15th February, details to follow, all young ringers welcome.

8. 120 Club Draw

Liz and Les Brett made the draw on screen as follows:

	PRIZE	NUMBER	NAME	TOWER
1st	£20	42	Unsold	BRF
2nd	£10	112	Unsold	BRF
3rd	£10	30	Graeme Jefferson	Dartford
4th	£5	75	Unsold	BRF

As is usual, there will be no draw in February so the next and final draw for this year will be at the District Practice in March. All towers are asked to encourage their members to renew or purchase shares for the new year using the application form which can be found on the website and if possible, pay by bank transfer, details again on the website.

9. Any Other Business

Handbooks - Tower contacts will already have received an email from Debra with information on how to update their tower details for the 2022 Handbooks. Any membership queries should be sent to Rupert. Any births, marriages, anniversaries or obituaries also need to be uploaded either by the tower contact or sent onto Debra to do. Obituaries should be no more than 1500 characters and the deadline for all handbooks updates is 27th February.

Personal copies of the 2022 Handbook can now be ordered via the KCACR website with one copy per tower being issued automatically.

Membership - Annual subscriptions are due now and most members should have received an email reminder. Renewals need to be done via the KCACR website; any problems please contact Rupert. Cost is £15 for adults up to age 80, £7.50 for 18 or under and free for over 80's. Life members and over 80's still need to log into their membership records and confirm they are still active ringers, even though payment is not required.

Newsletter - The Newsletter is being finished now and will be distributed as a paper copy at the February District Practice.

Philippa Rooke mentioned an email had arrived during the meeting to say that Jean Pailing, former ringer at Chislehurst and wife of Jim Pailing, had sadly passed away. It was agreed she would be formally remembered at the next Quarterly Meeting in April.

A general discussion then took place regarding ringing for the Platinum Jubilee. Some towers are going to need help due to a lack of ringers and it was agreed that it might also be a good idea to perhaps aim to ring a quarter peal in every tower during June. This is something the District Committee will take away to discuss further.

Date of next proposed meeting – Saturday 9th April