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Team Kent win Essex Trophy in Olympic year!



L to R David Macey, Mark Chittenden-Pile, Steve Bailey, Gwen Rogers, Phil Rogers, Ian Mills (c), Peter Swift, Colin Wyld, Liz Barnes, Paul Butler

Sadly, bell ringing is not an Olympic sport, but if it was, Team Kent would surely have come back with a gold medal this year, for their winning performance in the Essex Trophy competition.

After two consecutive years of coming second, this year, we finally succeeded in winning the Essex Trophy, for the first time in 27 years. All we had to do was to beat Guildford, who beat us last year, Essex who beat us the year before, and Sussex, who, this year, had the home advantage.

The weather in Lewes was warm and sunny on 8th September, and the local ringers made everyone very welcome, with plenty of refreshments available, as we waited for the latecomers to arrive, including the judges, Alan and Mark Ainsworth. Perhaps the difference this year was down to the lack of opportunities we had to ring together as a complete band prior to the competition, making everyone try that little bit harder? Whatever the reason, the band started the test piece confidently, rang better than we had managed in any of the practices, and continued to ring at a high standard right up to the end.

I would like to thank everyone in the team for ringing so well on the day, everyone else who helped out during the practice programme, and those who rang for us last year and the year before, for the part they played in helping us to bring the Essex Trophy back to Kent!

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The Chairman's bit...

I'm afraid I've had a lot on my plate lately and this missive is therefore rather brief – hooray I hear you say!

Since the last Quarterly Meeting when the last Newsletter was produced London has hosted a most successful Olympics and Paralympics, enthused a nation and put a smile on many people's faces.

The big Olympic Bell was heard across the world and we were the centre of attention for many. I just worry whether anything worthwhile is going to happen to that big bell!

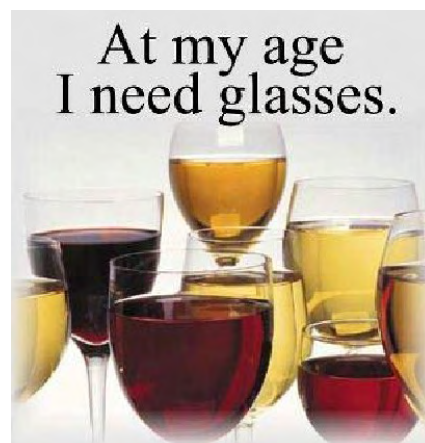
Moving from a big bell to small bells and welcome to St Giles the Abbot, Farnborough where we are doing something very worthwhile with the lightest ring of bells in the District.

Ringers of all ages have been taught to ring and the bells are particularly easy to handle by youngsters, a number of whom will be ringing for the ADM Service.

Unusually and perhaps pleasingly for a change the tea and meeting will be held in The Change of Horses public house in the village just a few hundred yards from the church.

The St Giles ringers trust you will enjoy your time in Farnborough, both ringing the bells and at the local hostelry and I will be proposing a number of the ringers for membership of the KCACR and I hope they will enjoy your support with their nominations.

Nick Wilkins



Editorial



Well I think we can safely say the summer, such as it was, is definitely over now! We've already had ice on the windscreen, a sure sign that winter is on it's way.

It's always feast or famine with articles for the newsletter and I'm afraid this is a famine edition. That said we do have good news with 'Team Kent' winning the Essex Trophy for the first time in 27 years so well done to the ringers!

There are a few reports on ringing for the Olympics and the torch relay in the Tower news section with some churches having the torch pass right by the door! Also an article in the Foundry Tales series about the Jubilee and Olympic bells.

I know many towers are short of ringers and the problem of recruitment of new ones is always a concern but Sam Pavey, the tower captain of Sidcup has put out an urgent plea for help both with recruitment and on practice nights as they have lost 3 experienced ringers recently. It would be a shame if the bells at Sidcup had to stop ringing!

So enough said—enjoy this edition and think about articles for the January edition.

SueX

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened



The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy

If you can't be a good example then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

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Foundry Tales 7.....

Celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics have brought bells and bell ringing into the public gaze, with much coverage in newspapers, magazines, on radio, and on television.

Whitechapel Bell Foundry and Christchurch Erith have been heavily involved:

The Jubilee has provided the stimulus for a range of church bell projects, from replacing a single bell, through adding extra bells to an existing ring, to installing a completely new peal of bells into an empty tower:



Steeple Aston in Oxfordshire decided to replace their existing tenor bell, which was poor tonally, with a new 12 ½ hundredweight bell as a jubilee project, even having the royal coat of arms cast on the bell as extra decoration;

Kempsey in Worcestershire had two new bells cast to augment their existing 6 bells and create a ring of 8, choosing to have their new bells made to special profiles so they would match in shape and tone with the old ones;

The church of St Dunstan in the West, Fleet Street used to have a ring of 8 bells, but these were out of use by 1900 and were removed from the tower in 1969 and scrapped. A new ring of 10 bells, largest 11 hundredweights, have been cast and installed in a new frame. Each bell bears the royal coat of arms, and they were rung to welcome the Queen as she processed into the City of London from Westminster for the thanksgiving service in St Paul's Cathedral.

The church of St James, Garlickhythe in London has never had a ring of bells, just 3 clock bells, and have had a complete ring of 8 cast, largest 9 ½ hundredweight, each bearing the



royal coat of arms and the name of a senior member of the royal family, causing them to be called the "Royal Jubilee Bells". These bells, and their fittings, were lent to the Thames river pageant and installed in a temporary steel structure mounted in the huge barge leading the jubilee flotilla, being rung by 8 intrepid bellringers standing down in the hold of the barge out of sight, but making themselves heard! The bells could be seen turning full circle by a billion people worldwide, showing everyone how bells are rung properly!

Rachel, Rob and I went and stood on the riverbank amid the crowds waiting to see the Queen and other members of the

Royal Family cruising past – It was a great day but we got very wet!

Following the pageant the bells and fittings were returned to the foundry for refurbishment before being installed in the church. The new peal of bells in the tower has necessitated the removal to a quieter location of the tower's



The Jubilee and Olympic Bells

famous resident mummy, Jimmy Garlick! (Previously introduced to you in "Foundry Tales 1") Rachel and I have since been to St James' Garlickhythe to ring on the bells, and they sound much heavier and grander than 9 ½ hundredweight – perhaps they know that they are the "Royal Jubilee Bells" and are special!



The Olympics has raised interest in bells in many ways;

A sound recording and a film were made of existing bells, including bicycle bells, shop bells, school bells, bells at the foundry and church bells to create a "soundscape" tracing the route from the city of London to the Olympic stadium as part of Tower Hamlets "Summer Safari" project.

Church bells were rung around the country to mark the passing of the Olympic flame in the torch relay, it passed by Christchurch Erith on Sunday 22nd of July – we were ringing!

At 8.12 am on the day of the opening ceremony there was an initiative to ring "all the bells" in the country for 3 minutes as part of a performance art work – again, any bell from a bicycle bell upwards was included, and we rang the church bells. The

foundry staff joined in, ringing bells out on the pavement, in the works and getting passers-by to join in too!



The opening ceremony itself opened with the ringing of a huge bell, commissioned from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which is **the largest tuned bell in the world**. The bell weighs 23 Tonnes, is about 11 feet in diameter and over 8 feet high – a real monster! (Big Ben is only 13 ½ Tonnes!)

To tie in with the theme of the opening ceremony the bell is inscribed with a line from Shakespeare's *The Tempest* –

"Be not afeard; the isle is full of noises"

– it certainly was during the opening ceremony! I was lucky enough to be offered a ticket to attend the dress rehearsal for the opening ceremony on the Wednesday before – most impressive, even without some bits that were still secret surprises (the Queen and James Bond, Mr Bean, and the whole Olympic Flame and Cauldron display).



During the games, church bells were rung along the routes of the marathon, cycling road races etc. to give visitors a taste of why Great Britain is called "The Ringing Isle".

The foundry had open days for tourists for the first 2 weeks so people, including accompanied children, could see inside the works while we were working.

Mark Backhouse



NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH-BY-WROTHAM

Practice Saturday 9:30am

Our tower tour to the Dover area was blessed with, at that time, unusual sunshine. Despite Felicity attempting her first long journey in her new car, Gabrielle's inability to navigate and Brian getting stuck in traffic, we all got to Godmersham, Newington next Hythe and the Fox for lunch. Post lunch we enjoyed a course at CPRC, which helped us make progress and attempt new skills.

On July 24 we had an outing to see the Tall Ships moored at Tilbury, much easier than trying to see them at Greenwich, 2 days later. It was a really warm day with a sail on the ferry and a friendly waterside pub.

We spent Friday evenings in July, painting the metal in the belfry. Such warm, dusty, cramped work deserved a reward in the pub.

'All the Bells' saw a group of ringers having fun with ringing, trying to be as loud and quick as possible, whilst still with a semblance of control.

Unfortunately, due to tower captain's family commitments, things have been quiet since, though we have had several visitors, including a walking group, who plan to include us in a mass walk in the New Year.

We are also expecting a party of Explorer Scouts, in the next few days, as well as a ringing outing from Thannington.

Gabrielle

BECKENHAM

Practice Thursday 19:50

BEXLEY

Practice Thursday 20:00

BICKLEY

Practice Wednesday 19:30

BIGGIN HILL

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Our young ringers are coming on very well. Henry is tackling Plain Hunt—not easy when there is no tenor and no one to stand by him—and endeavouring to ring up and down in peal. Maisie cannot come to Tuesday night practices, but

rings on Sundays when there is a band, so is also progressing. We are very proud of them. We also have a new adult learner, Pat, who is finding the whole thing a combination of physics and mystery!

Some of you will have heard that the PCC is considering more gubbins on the tower, receivers this time. We have objected to the unsightliness of the proposal, though the carrot is the promise that the interior of the tower will be improved. We are not holding our breath!

Nancy

BROMLEY

Practice Tuesday 20:00

BROMLEY COMMON

Practice Thursday 19:45

CHELSEFIELD

Practice Monday 20:00

Chelsfield has had a fairly quiet summer, apart from...the Olympics!

We took part in 'All the Bells' on Friday 29th July to celebrate the Opening Ceremony, when the ringers gathered at 8am and were joined by a dozen parishioners, including some children. As some of you know, Chelsfield is a little unusual in that our noise complaints are from villagers who CAN'T hear the bells because of the noise of the Orpington bypass, which cuts the church off from the village. So the parishioners took their bells - handbells, cow bells, temple bells and a bicycle bell - down to the edge of the bypass and, as they heard us pull off at 8.12am, rang them as loudly as possible for a bit longer than the requisite three minutes. They were very happy to find lots of drivers joining in by tooting their horns - not bells, but in keeping with the spirit of making as much noise as possible at the right time! We rang some rounds and call changes and signed our names in the book to mark this special occasion. It was only afterwards that we learned how successful the event had actually been, with lots of good news coverage.

The day before I was fortunate enough to be asked to ring at St Martin in the Fields as the Torch Relay passed by. It was quite nerve racking as there were so many people packed into Trafalgar Square, but I'm reliably informed the noise from the crowds and the accompanying news helicopters completely drowned us out!



We practice on Mondays at 8pm, and ring on Sundays at 10.30am and 5.45pm – all welcome.

Philippa

CHISLEHURST (Annunciation)

Practice Wednesday 19.30—20.00

CHISLEHURST (St Nicholas)

Practice Wednesday 20:00

CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45

The Olympics and Paralympics have rather dominated things for the last few months. We've been down on ringers due to people volunteering and working on the games but happily things are now starting to return to normal. We rang a quarter peal to welcome the torch relay to Crayford, one on the morning of the Olympic opening ceremony as part of Martin Creed's 'All the Bells' project and one to mark the ending of both the Olympics and Paralympics games.

The annual St Paulinus open day is taking place on 6th Oct. Over the last few years this has involved taking over 130 people up the tower during the day. It'll be interesting to see if it's still as popular and more importantly if we can get any new ringers out of it!

Rupert

CUDHAM

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

Earlier this year we were asked if a visiting band could ring a peal on all 10 bells. For the non bell ringers, this is a continuous ring of 5040 pulls where one mistake and the peal fails. On 10 bells this is especially difficult. The peal attempt was made on Sunday 26th August and ringers from London, Warwickshire, Hampshire, Derbyshire, Norfolk and Surrey including ringers from both Derby and St Pauls cathedrals made up the band, conducted by Anthony Cotton who grew up in Oxted. The peal was in a ringing method called Cambridge Surprise Royal and it took the band 2 hours and 47 Minutes to complete it successfully. It was the 71st peal to be rung on our bells, the last one was in 2006 and it was the 100th peal conducted by Anthony Cotton.

Laurence Bond

Derby Diocesan Association

Cudham, Kent, SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 26 August 2012 in 2h 47m

5040 Cambridge S Royal

- 1 Janet E Archibald
- 2 Susan E Marshall
- 3 Joanna K Dorling
- 4 Benjamin D Constant
- 5 John E Hawes
- 6 Adam S Greenley
- 7 Richard P J Carter
- 8 Anthony P Cotton (C)
- 9 Claire F Roulstone
- 10 Andrew B Mills

100th as conductor.

DARTFORD

Practice Wednesday 20:00

DOWNE

Practice Monday 20:00

ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday 20:00

ERITH (Christ Church)

Practice Monday 20:00

Earlier in the year, we reported that Christchurch was likely to be on the route of the Olympic Torch Relay. Once this was confirmed we made arrangements to ring as the Torch went past. So, on the afternoon of Sunday July 22nd most of the band assembled at about 4.30 pm. We rigged up one of our CCTV cameras (as used during weddings) to give us a view of the main road outside and we also had Liz and Les' daughter stationed up the road, sending texts reporting on the progress of the relay. We commenced ringing as the start of the cavalcade came near, ringing rounds as the Torch approached so that we could all have a quick look at it on the TV screen.

The following Friday – the day of the Olympic Opening Ceremony - a number of us assembled in the morning to take part in "All the bells" project. We rang the bells partially up and then down again to follow, as far as possible, Martin Creed's instructions. Several of those who could not be there rang bells at home or at work.

The Vicar of Christchurch, John Draycott, retired earlier this year and on Wednesday September 26th we rang for the Collation and Installation of the new Vicar, Rev. Julie Conalty. We look forward to welcoming her to a practice night before too long.
Elizabeth Brett

ERITH (St John the Baptist)

Practice 1st Wednesday 20:00, then Thursdays 20:00

EYNSFORD

Practice 1st (Surprise Major) & 3rd Friday 20:00

FARNBOROUGH

Practice alt Tuesday/Wednesday by arrangement 20.00

FARNINGHAM

Practice Wednesday 20:00

FOOTS CRAY

Practice Wednesday 20:00

HAYES

Practice Tuesday 20:00

HORTON KIRBY

Practice Thursday 20.00

Practice nights continue to be fairly quiet as many ringers have been away and others unable to come for various reasons. Our Vicar has now retired due to ill health and during the interregnum the services are fairly disrupted with more services being shared with St Johns at Sutton-at-Hone. Fortunately we haven't yet arrived to ring on Sunday morning only to find the service has been changed—it has been close though!

We rang for the 'All the bells' project on the morning of the opening ceremony of the Olympics just about managing 6 bells with people being at work or away.

We are hosting the call change competition in November once again and we look forward to seeing lots of bands entering. Our bells are lovely for those of you who have never rung them—a nice light ring of 8— so if you find you have a spare Thursday do come along and join us. You will be made most welcome—and there's always the pub to look forward to afterwards!

Sue Allport

LEWISHAM

Practice 5th Wednesday

PENGE

Ringling by arrangement

ST MARY CRAY

Practice Thursday 19:30

SHOREHAM

Practice Monday 20:00



SIDCUP

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Dear All!

We are in desperate need of help!

Unfortunately we have lost 3 ringers within a couple of weeks and this has forced us to shut up shop for a while. Mark Backhouse helps us out on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, for which we are duly grateful, but if anyone else is able to help out on other weeks or have any good recruitment advice then please get in touch. It will be a massive shame if the bells at St John's Sidcup have to fall silent.

As quoted in Star Wars

"Help me Obi Won Kenobi, you're my only Hope".

Sam Pavey (sampavey@hotmail.com)

WEST WICKHAM

Practice Wednesday 20:00

WILMINGTON

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD The Meridian Ringers

Affiliated to the London Docklands Ringing Centre

Our normal practice night is Wednesday, 8pm-930pm, mostly at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich (please check beforehand).

Not a great deal to report at the moment but we are back in the swing of it after the summer recess and have been pleased to welcome some new, younger student ringers, Rosie, Roxy and Kieran, who have been visiting us recently.

We are having some good turnouts at practice nights, regularly ringing all 10 bells, some triples, minor and some additional doubles methods. We are usually doing some service ringing for the monthly Choral Evensong (last Sunday of the month) at Greenwich.

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

www.meridianbells.webs.com.

GDL

Cudham Ringers Outing

On September 15th we embarked on our tour of South Essex. The day took in 4 towers North and South Ockendon, Orsett and Grays. Not the most beautiful countryside, in fact one tower was in the middle of a housing estate.

North Ockendon though is a lovely church with a ground floor anticlockwise ring, which really made us think! As most towers go from the smallest treble bell to the largest tenor bell in a clockwise direction, ringing the other way round caused us to make a few mistakes.



This was followed by a nearly new tiny ring in South Ockendon Catholic church (also unusual), where the bells rang very easily and because they were so small we were able to give Seraphina Wilson her first lesson in campanology.

Off to Orsett next where the bells were very loud in the ringing room and we had a slight scare as there was a distinct smell of burning when we arrived ! Interestingly Orsett still has an animal pound and the village lock-up although both were empty!



Lunch at the Whitmore Arms and then into Grays. We found the church in the middle of an area that seemed quite deprived, however the church was a definite oasis, the bells were lovely to ring and in a great position within the church.

We had about 12 ringers, some long standing friends, a couple of dogs and with the lovely weather, a great day was had by all. Thanks to Paul Alexander for making all the arrangements – well done Paul !

Laurence Bond

120 Club

Draw held at Cudham on July 14th (Double draw)

1 st	50	Frances Wallis (c/o CC Erith)
1 st	53	Chris Webb (Bromley Parish)
2 nd	111	David Holdridge (Eltham)
2 nd	91	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)
3 rd	56	David Brown (Bromley Parish)
3 rd	46	Melissa Cheeseman (c/o Crayford)
4 th	34	John Barnes (Chelsfield)
4 th	19	Esther Correia (Dartford)

September's draw got missed because of my holiday! We will do September and October at the meeting at Farnborough.

Rachel Backhouse

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Joint District Outing to London

Several Lewisham and Tonbridge district ringers who were able to peel their eyes from the Olympic coverage for a few hours took part in a trip to ring in the capital.

Rupert Cheeseman from the Lewisham district arranged a variety of towers, the most popular being the first of the day at St James, Garlickhythe. These beautiful bells were those which were rung on the Jubilee barge a few weeks ago – quite some feat to have them up and running in the tower already and they sounded quite lovely.



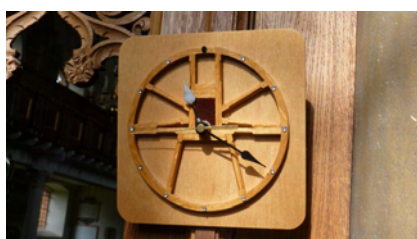
The day continued with ringing at: St Mary Magdalene, Richmond (8) – church beautifully festooned with Olympic flags.



All Hallows, Twickenham (10) – a squeaky computer in the corner shook in time with the tower.



St Mary's, Twickenham (8) – pretty church by the River Thames.



All Saints, Kingston (12) – helpful practice for the learners as well as two reasonable attempts at Stedman Cinques, although neither came round despite our best efforts.

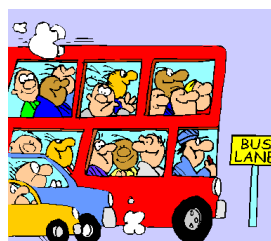
After the first, very busy tower, about 15 of us enjoyed the other visits mainly by hopping on and off buses. Richmond produced a pub lunch or an opportunity for a picnic watching the locals prepare for a cricket match on the green. It also provided an opportunity for one of the band to leave her purse behind (thankfully later found).

The learners with us made very good progress throughout the day with the more experienced always available to help.

All in all a most pleasant day – no lockouts, no broken stays, no complaints and a good opportunity to get acquainted with those from another district. It was a pity though, that there weren't more ringers on the trip to enjoy the variety of towers made available. Maybe next year?

Thank you to everyone

Tessa Worthington, Sevenoaks





Anniversary Celebrations



On Saturday, 8th September Robin and Nicki Clarke celebrated their Golden Wedding. Robin, who is Tower Captain at St James' Cathedral, Toronto, and his wife, Nicki, were ringers at St. John's Eltham in the late 1950's

The day's celebrations started in the morning in the belfry at Eltham. Before ringing started Robin and Nicki sat in a window alcove, and to everyone's amusement, announced that this was the spot where they first held hands.

In November 1966, Robin, together with his two brothers, Philip and Geoffrey and Brenda and Eddie Coode, rang in the first peal by a local band at Eltham. Geoffrey called Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples.

Photos of the five remaining members of the 1966 peal band were taken in front of their peal board. They were then joined by family friend, Clare Pritchard, Robin's Godson, Neil Coode and Tiffany Kelly from Eltham. Tiffany very kindly stood in to make up the 8. Despite three of the ringers having given up ringing more than 20 years ago the bells were raised and lowered in peal and we managed



Philip, Geoffrey & Robin Clarke with
Brenda & Eddie Coode in front

plain courses and touches of Grandsire triples, Stedman doubles and Plain Bob Major. Amazingly all three lapsed ringers agreed that Stedman was the easiest method to remember. We heard that they ached a little the next morning.

The day continued with a reception and meal at the Bull Hotel in Chislehurst where Robin and Nicki had their wedding reception exactly 50 years earlier.

We would like to thank the Vicar and ringers of St Johns Eltham for allowing us to use their bells for this celebration.

Brenda and Eddie Coode

July 15th 2012 was the day when Peggy and I, both KCACR members, celebrated our DIAMOND wedding anniversary. Diamond celebrations are clearly not just the domain of Royalty much as we dearly love our Queen.

Unable to ring many Peals together in the early years of our marriage we did however manage to become the 1st Husband and Wife to ring a Peal together at St Luke's church Heywood, Lancashire, our home tower and the church where we were married. That peal was rung in 1960 and was conducted by Norman Smith of 23 spliced fame.

Moving on some twelve years, our last Peal together was at Rochester Cathedral, Erin caters rung half muffled in memoriam for the Duke of Windsor and conducted by Chris Osenten (uncommonly from the tenor, the covering bell).

Sadly Peggy has been unable to ring for several years, and I have had similar problems for the last couple of years, always hoping to improve but not holding my breath. However the good news is that we are still together, thankful for the happiness that we have been able to enjoy together and blessed with a super family of caring Children, Grandchildren, and Great grandchildren.

As for the future, all I can say is BRING IT ON, we are still here!!!.

For the past all I can say is THANK YOU GOD!!!.

Geoff Mills.



London Open House Weekend

Rotherhithe Event

We saw an email from Docklands ringers

"Volunteers wanted to help at an open house event".

As part of the Open House London weekend, (a London-wide initiative to show various buildings to interested members of the public), they planned to give interested parties the chance to have a look at the bells and ringers in action and find out more of what's involved. Well we could ring rounds and call changes so we replied we could help. St Mary's, Rotherhithe, was open, so the bell ringers decided that this was an ideal opportunity to drum up some interest in ringing and hopefully recruit some new ringers. As anybody who has tried this already knows the more help you can get the better, as Docklands ringers had put out a call for willing assistants, and as we can ring rounds and call changes we answered the call and were warmly welcomed.

So on a miserable, rainy Sunday we took the train to Rotherhithe Station and made our way, dripping through the wet streets to St Mary's, Rotherhithe, a lovely 8 bell ring.



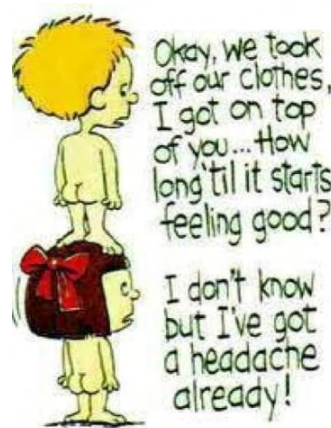
As the tower benefits from an unusual arrangement of a viewing chamber sited above the bells and a trap door

giving a bird's eye view of the bells in action, the plan was to take visitors up to view one bell being turned over whilst explanations were given as to the mechanics of ringing in the ringing chamber. After this the visitors would descend to watch a demonstration of ringing rounds, call changes or even a method, and have the chance to have their questions and queries answered by the ringers. It had been decided not to let visitors 'have a go' on the day, primarily for safety reasons, but they were all encouraged to sign the book and leave contact details so they could be chased up!

After a very busy morning in which 50 people braved the bad weather and winding staircase, we were in need of refreshment! We all repaired to the Old Salt Quay for a delicious lunch and a well-earned pint. Later the afternoon shift returned to the tower to repeat the whole process.

And the visitors?... well, judging by their faces and comments they spent an enjoyable time viewing the bells, finding out a little about how they work along with a bit of history of the church and ringing. And who knows how many will come back to learn a bit more!?!

Shelagh Norman and Chris Goldsmith





THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION



OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Cudham on 14th July 2012

In the absence of Nick Wilkins, David Macey took the Chair – the meeting agreed unanimously.

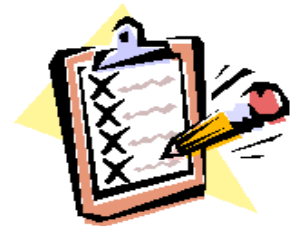
1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Anne Townsend & Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield), Sue Cameron (unattached), Dominic & Rhiannon Meredith (Beckenham), Margaret Heald (St Johns Erith), The Scarth family (CC Erith), Mick McDonnell (Horton Kirby), Rupert Cheeseman (Crayford), Esther Correia (Dartford) and Ian Mills (Eltham).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

With two amendments: Peter Matthew under new members. Snoswell no ZZ; the minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Mark Backhouse, Seconded: Sue Allport
Vote unanimous



3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Election of new members

Paul Beamiss - St Giles, Farnborough . Proposed: Nick Wilkins, Seconded: Lesley Barclay
Rosalind Scarlett - St Giles, Farnborough. Proposed: Nick Wilkins, Seconded: Lesley Barclay
Carl Jason Scarlett - St Giles, Farnborough. Proposed: Nick Wilkins, Seconded: Lesley Barclay
Adam Scarlett (Junior) - St Giles, Farnborough. Proposed: Nick Wilkins, Seconded: Lesley Barclay
James Rodgers - St Giles, Farnborough. Proposed: Nick Wilkins, Seconded: Lesley Barclay
Olivia Rodgers (Junior) - St Giles, Farnborough. Proposed: Nick Wilkins, Seconded: Lesley Barclay
Pauline Jean Symons - Lewisham. Proposed: David Macey, Seconded: Helen Valuks
Theo Wilson (Junior) - Cudham. Proposed: Laurence Bond, Seconded: Jon Fry

All elected unanimously.

5. 120 Club Draw – a double draw

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	50	Francis Wallis	CC Erith
1 st	53	Chris Webb	Bromley
2 nd	111	David Holdridge	Eltham
2 nd	91	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
3 rd	56	David Brown	Bromley
3 rd	46	Melissa Cheeseman	Crayford
4 th	34	John Barnes	Chelsfield
4 th	19	Esther Correia	Dartford

Thanks were given to Rachel Backhouse for running the 120 Club so efficiently.

6. KCACR Committee Report

28th April Meeting

2012 KCACR AGM to be held at Birchington on 1st April, Easter Monday.

Email had been received from Daniel Brady in relation to signing the petition to ensure that alterations to Listed Places of Worship should be VAT exempt

Emails had been received from BBC South East in relation to coverage of ringing for the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. These had been sent to nearly all members and Mr Snoswell has been in touch and is trying to organise recordings of ringing.

New Independent Examiner

Child Protection Report – Nigel Spencer

Essex Trophy to be held at Lewes (Southover) on 8th Sept. Ian Mills to organise the band again.

Inter district 6 Bell to be held at Chalk on 22nd September. Chelsfield will represent our district

Doug Snoswell wants publicity for events.

Tim Wraight – Chatham Bells are still out of action following the fire there.

Next County meeting 28th July. Rachel Backhouse will attend for Sue Cameron.

7. AOB

Handbook has some glitches! At the 8 Bell Competition at Marden It was announced that Frank Lewis and

Tim Munt would undertake to get the Annual Report to the printers.

Certificates presented for the District Striking Competition won by Chelsfield.

8 Bell – Marden 30th June. Won by Lewisham District. An excellent result.

Dates for Competitions

6 Bell – Inter district Chalk 22nd September

Essex Trophy – 8th September

Call change competition November 17th possibly at HK

Torch ringing

23rd July Olympic Torch Relay (Dominic Meredith to coordinate)

Times 8.00 Lewisham 9.00 Bromley 9.50 Beckenham 10.15 Penge

All the bells Project

8am on Friday July 27th 8.12 to 8.15

Many towers going to try to ring

Jim has 2 copies of new Dove. Old copy to go to HK

Are there plans to have certificates for Diamond Jubilee? Margaret Funnell has been contacted by Rachel Backhouse

Brenda's daughter is taking part in the Torch Relay –see newsletter.

David Macey was thanked for his article on Barge ringing and gave some interesting details. There was a quarter peal of Cambridge S Major also rang courses of Bristol and Yorkshire S Major. Bells put into St James' Garlickhythe 2 weeks ago. Quarter Peals and Peals planned.

District events are all on the website.

Ask HK for Nov Call Change competition.

Some consideration was given to the hosting of the Kent AGM two years hence. Chislehurst was thought to be a possibility – to be raised at Oct AGM

8. Vote of Thanks

Jim Rooke proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. John Musson for conducting the service and to Denis Moore for playing the organ. Laurence and Sharon Bond were thanked for organising the bells, the hall and for the tea.

Meeting closed at 6.12pm (37mins)

Next meeting at St Giles Farnborough on Saturday 13th October



New Government initiative

Just saying goodbye, I'm leaving town.....

To help save the economy, the Government will
announce next month that the
Immigration Department will start deporting seniors
instead of illegals in order
to lower Social Security and Medical costs

Older People are easier to catch and will not remember
how to get back home!



I started to cry when I thought of you

Then it dawned on me.....

.....I'll probably see you on the bus!

