



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS www.kcacr.org.uk

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District Striking Competition

Eynsford were the hosts for the 2014 striking competition. A bright sunny day greeted the teams although the recent rains could all too easily be seen in the height of the river at the ford. Hopefully last years two teams was a blip as 5 towers had managed to get a band together this year.

Chelsfield were having their new vicar inducted later in the afternoon so the draw was fixed so they rang first. All the bands completed their test pieces with a generally high standard of ringing. Ben Kipling and Chris Rimmer had come to judge and they came up with the following comments and result.

Band 1 (Peal speed: 2hr 49m) - Good consistent piece of ringing.

Band 2 (2hr 50m) - A few trips and seemed to be a nervous piece of ringing. Treble and tenor held it together well.

Band 3 (2hr 44m) - Bit faster but not rushed. Nice ringing.

Band 4 (2hr 49m) - Had a tendency to cartwheel so needed some more consistent leading.

Position	Rang	Tower	Faults
1st	1st	Chelsfield	12 $\frac{1}{4}$
2nd	3rd	Beckenham	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
3rd	5th	Crayford	26 $\frac{1}{4}$
4th	4th	Eltham & Chislehurst	29
5th	2nd	Erith, CC	50

So Chelsfield narrowly retained the trophy and they now go on to represent Lewisham district in the county competition in September. Thanks to Ben and Chris for coming out to judge it and to Eynsford for hosting.

Rupert



Band 5 (3hr 02m) - Nice consistent ringing and were starting to quicken by the end. Minor smash in the third lead which was recovered well from.



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Chairman's bit...

Another 3 months has shot by and brings us ever closer to hosting this years KCACR AGM at Lewisham. As always it'll be held on Easter Monday. If you've never been to one before please do come along. There are towers open in the morning and afternoon which anyone is welcome to go along to (see details on the website or elsewhere in the Newsletter). Thank you to everyone who has agreed to open their tower. There is a service at Lewisham at 12 and then a lunch in the St Mary's Centre next door. It's a 3 course meal with chicken, rice and peas as the main course which should be good. Tickets are £10 and need to be purchased in advance from Sue (kentagm@lewishamdistrict.org.uk). The meeting then follows the meal at around 2:30pm.

We are still after volunteers to help on the day and also after raffle prizes so please let Sue know if you can help with either of those things.

The striking competition was better attended this year with 5 teams doing battle at Eynsford. Chelsfield were narrow winners and go on to represent the District in the County competition in September. The Farningham Trophy returns this year on Sun 22nd June. This is a fun competition with both tower and handbell ringing (don't worry it's tune ringing and all done by numbers!). Full details on the website.

There is now a full programme of District Events on the website (and on page 12) going up to early next year so please put them in your diary and come along and support them. They are what you make them and everyone is welcome to any of them.



Rupert

Editorial



Well after a stop start few months I have decided to hang up my editing hat.

I have enjoyed producing the Newsletter—at times! As Rupert will tell you when there are plenty of articles it is not too arduous but when they are very thin on the ground as this quarter, it is hard work.

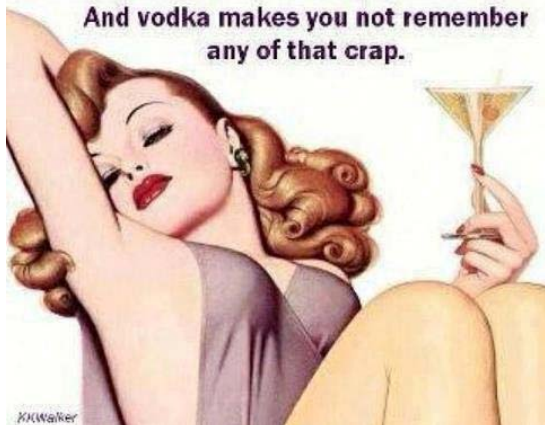
It is such a shame that there are over 30 towers in the Lewisham district but only a handful have any news to report. . . . Added to my ongoing computer problems it has been a bit of a nightmare to get this edition out .

So I hope enjoy this last edition of mine such as it is and that maybe more of you will support whoever takes it over

Cheers

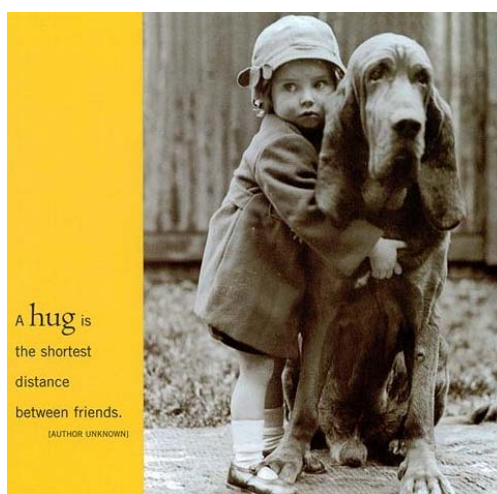
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Pain makes you stronger.
Tears make you braver.
Heartache makes you wiser.
And vodka makes you not remember
any of that crap.



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A hug is
the shortest
distance
between friends.
(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

Ladies' Guild AGM Day

Saturday 8 March was the date for our next Ladies' Guild AGM. It had been decided to hold it at Wye as two of our members (Janet and Barbara) have a small holding nearby and had very kindly invited us to visit and have lunch with them, followed by ringing at SS Gregory and Martin, before the meeting,

So we set off on our journey on a lovely, sunny Saturday morning. It wasn't too long a journey and we arrived at just the same time as some other Ladies' Guild members and a few associated 'Laddies'. As we hadn't met for a while, there was a lot of halloing and catching up.



We were then taken in and given a welcoming drink and shown into the dining room. The tables were laid; two as there were going to be 14 for dinner.

Barbara came round to tell us the menu and take our orders while Janet was finishing off the cooking in the kitchen. The choice was lasagne, made with some of their own lamb, chicken or veggie quiche. We tried the lasagne which proved to be delicious, served with their own new potatoes. Very tasty! Pudding was a choice of apple crumble or fresh fruit salad with cream or ice cream. So we were very well looked after.

After lunch we went outside to see the fields and livestock and look over the property. They keep chickens, ducks and sheep and as we walked down the garden towards the fields, their cockerel crowed at us. The sheep were in two fields happily munching



away on their feed of straw. They shyly came over to sniff one or two of us before racing away again. The ducks waddled past us in a flock. Along the side of the property is a substantial stream with a small bridge across it leading to the local cricket field - perfect for Sunday afternoons.

Janet got out the chicken feed, which was dry pellets and they all raced over to eat them. Then, so as not to leave them out for the evening, she put some into the chicken run and the chickens all went dutifully inside.

By now it was time for the pre-meeting ringing at SS Gregory and Martin, Wye, so we all went off in convoy and had a good ring on the 10 bells. A couple of good goes at Plain Hunt on 9 was on offer as well as Grandsire Triples and Caters.



Then it was time for the meeting. In case we hadn't stuffed enough food in at lunch, Helen and Sue had provided scones with cream and jam and a choice of cakes; well it would be rude to refuse so we all

St George's Day

Letter from Libby Alexander from the 'Ringing for England' Campaign

We are now in our fourth year and how well so many of you have contributed to creating a growing and successful campaign for St. George's Day. The point of this letter to you is to spur you on and to help support and encourage even more ringers to take part.

But on **April 23rd** England has a double act for it not only is St. George's Day but Shakespeare's Day and how proud we should all be of such an inheritance. It is a sad reflection on our times that a BBC Cricket correspondent when asked recently by his Australian counterpart 'How do the English celebrate their national day?' he meekly replied, for all the world to hear as it was going live, that nothing much happened and that, as a nation, we really didn't do anything in particular. So this is the why Ringing for England was formed.

Such is the growing interest by the general public that a PR company has most generously come forward to help broadcast the efforts made by all bell ringers to a far wider audience and engage with people of note to help spread the word. And part of this exercise is to engage and inform people in the media (eg: cricket correspondents!) that most certainly something is very definitely happening. In turn this has a knock on benefit of reminding the public how fortunate they are to have in their midst so many volunteer bell ringers who form an integral part of our communities, which, again in turn, will hopefully encourage new ringers to come forward.

The more towers that ring out the more the public will hear and the greater the campaign will become and then as night follows day we will have a truly nationwide event.

This is such a worthwhile cause with a hugely untapped groundswell of public support which will be my role to play in and inform. I will keep you all informed of progress and in return, in order to help me help you, I would very much appreciate it if I was kept up to date with what the towers hope to do on the day.

Last year more regional radio stations and regional newspapers covered the occasion than before. I am hoping with the PR company on board we can now inform a far wider nationwide audience and gain their support and goodwill.

I look forward to hearing from you

Libby

Ringing for England Campaign
www.ringingforengland.co.uk



tucked in with gusto! After the usual business, including a proposed change of name to Ladies' Guild South Eastern instead of Kent (as not all members actually live in Kent), we wound up the meeting and the day and set off for home.



So another enjoyable day was had by the Ladies (and Laddies) of the Guild.

Chris Goldsmith and Shelagh Norman



NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH-BY-WROTHAM

Practice Saturday 9:30am

Sunday 10am

BECKENHAM

Practice Thursday 19:50

Sunday 9am

BEXLEY

Practice Thursday 20:00

Sunday 9.30am

BICKLEY

Practice Wednesday 19:30

Sunday 10am

BIGGIN HILL

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 10am

BROMLEY

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 10am

BROMLEY COMMON

Practice Thursday 19:45

Sunday 5.30pm

CHELSEFIELD

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 10.45am & 5.45pm

CHISLEHURST (Annunciation)

Practice Wednesday 19.30—20.00

Sunday 9.30am

CHISLEHURST (St Nicholas)

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 8.45am

CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45

Sunday 9.20am

Practices have continued to be well attended. As well as the usual doubles we've tried to do a bit more minor with Plain Bob and St Clements rung recently. We've rung a few quarters with first's of Reverse Canterbury for Karen, ringing April Day on April Fools Day and one to mark Sue's Dad's 80th birthday.



An enjoyable day out was had with the Dartford ringers to East Kent. The day started at a memorable 4 at East Langdon. Memorable in that how tricky they were to ring! We then moved onto Great Mongeham, Northbourne (unbelievably



loud), Eythorne (rung from the porch) and Barham. The day finished in the best possible way sitting in the sun at a pub in Barham.

Rupert



CUDHAM

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

Sunday 10.30am

DARTFORD

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 8.50am & 3rd Sunday 5.30pm

DOWNE

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 9am

ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 9.15am



We practice regularly on a Tuesday evening from 8pm to 9:30pm and visitors are always welcome.

Firstly a big thank you to everyone involved in the January quarterly meeting which we hosted. It seemed to be a success. Particular special thanks to Chris Davine who must have been cooking for days before hand.

So far this year attendance at practices has improved. Helped in part by 3 new people who have joined us, (one new starter and two people who have moved to South East London). However, we always have room for more. What's that Caroline? "Especially anyone who can ring Stedman Triples."

A joint team from Eltham and Chislehurst took part in the striking competition at Eynsford. coming fourth out of five. A good result considering that two of the band were ringing in a striking competition for the first time.

Tom Baird

ERITH (Christ Church)

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 9.30am



ERITH (St John the Baptist)

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

Sunday 9.30am

EYNSFORD

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

Sunday 1st & 3rd 8.45am

FARNBOROUGH

Sunday 9.30am

We normally ring from 9.30 to 10.00 on Sunday mornings and practice some Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings (occasionally Tuesdays)

Any visitors are welcome but best to check before just turning up!

Nick

FARNINGHAM

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 2nd & 4th 8.45am

The Farningham Trophy competition will be held on Sunday 22 June with the draw at 12 noon. This is a fun event with a bbq and refreshments - and a handbell tune ringing competition courtesy Mark and Rachel.

Bands at all levels are encouraged. Method ringing and call change ringing is accommodated. Please see rule three which requires at least two members of each band to be performing at or close to their level of technical competence. This helps to include challenge for all and to even up things (and avoid a surprise minor band ringing something much simpler). The full set of rules will be available on the website.



Do consider taking part. Let me know (dphilling@gmail.com) by Saturday 14 June please.

The competition was inaugurated in 2008 following restoration of Farningham's bells. The trophy is a bowl turned from one of the old wooden headstocks and is adorned with bolt holes.

1. *Ringers must have a regular association with the service band entered to the competition.*
2. *A competition band can be representative of one or two service bands.*
3. *Each competition band must contain a minimum of two ringers performing at or very close to their level of achievement.*

David Hilling

FOOTS CRAY

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

HAYES

Practice Tuesday 20:00
Sunday 10am & 6pm

HORTON KIRBY

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

We have found a great local source of Peal Boards in one of our ringers, Martin Bailey, and have now recorded for posterity the first and last peals on 6 bells and the first peal on the 8 bells.

For more information on the peal boards and a no obligation quote contact Martin at info@getitframed.co.uk

Lesley



SIDCUP

Practice Wednesday 20:00

WEST WICKHAM

Practice Wednesday 20:00
Sunday 9.15am

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

The Meridian Ringers

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

We have some reasonable turnouts at practice nights, sometimes ringing all 10 bells, some triples, minor and some additional doubles methods and some work on Treble Hunting Minor. We are usually doing some service ringing for the monthly Choral Evensong (last Sunday of the month) at Greenwich and very occasionally for Evensong at St. John's, Deptford.

With the help of ringers from Bexley and Christ Church, Erith we have managed to ring again for the midweek daytime service at Greenwich for St. Alfege's & St. Peter's Church of England Primary School's Easter Service [end of Spring Term].

We are pleased to announce that we have started ringing at Woolwich again – this will be about once a month on a Monday 8-930pm – all welcome. The next dates for these are 28th April & 18th May – it is best to check our website to see when we'll be ringing there in the future. In order to get things going again at Woolwich it meant that a work party of Alan, Jim, Graham and Luigi met up to lay a new carpet [actually some remnants left from when the church gallery was carpeted a few years ago] – a bit of a patchwork quilt but will serve us well and didn't cost us any money. We also did a lot of cleaning up, de-cluttering and tidying up in the ringing chamber and the floor below so it is looking much better there now. We have also bought some new chairs for Woolwich.

At Greenwich we have had a new carpet fitted and this looks superb and will be the envy of many who visit the tower. Many thanks to Alan for arranging this to be done through



LEWISHAM

Practice 5th Wednesday

PENGE

Ringling by arrangement

ST MARY CRAY

Practice Thursday 19:30
Sunday 9.30am

SHOREHAM

Practice Monday 20:00
Sunday 10am



an old contact of his who deals with contract flooring work for hotels, pubs, offices etc. The cost of this, paid out of our own funds, was very low for what it is [very high quality contract carpet with underlay, and completely fitted] and we are all very pleased with this. We have also fitted two more high quality lights and the church authorities have installed some new electrical heating – we are just waiting for the ring main and wiring to be upgraded in the ringing chamber before this is completed. Another addition is a very nice rope hole boss [from Whitechapel] for the service bell rope to the group floor.

On the social side, we had our post-Christmas Dinner at the Ashburnham Arms in January 2014 which was most enjoyable and excellent value.

Regarding Freda Cannon, our Tower Captain Emeritus, who is now 85, things are much better. Freda is now resident at Fairmount, a lovely care home in Mottingham which was originally the home of the famous cricketer, W.G. Grace [there is a blue plaque to denote this] and she would welcome visitors to come and see her at any reasonable time.

Fairmount Residential Care Home
Mottingham Lane,
Mottingham,
SE9 4RT
Tel: 020 8857 1064

Alan has managed to pick up Freda a couple of times and bring her to Greenwich so she can attend Evensong. Although no longer able to ring Freda did manage to get up the tower at the end of March to listen to us ring.

Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events – please check our website for further details:
www.meridianbells.webs.com.

Graham Long



Cutting edge stuff, Mrs Bellamy -
Cordless Bell Ringing




On a recent outing to towers in Kent we went to Eythorne and read these children's messages on love and marriage.....

when you marry a girl you have to give her a best man
Richard aged 6

why do all those footballers
 kiss each other on the telly.
 They're not married
 they're not even
 engaged,
James aged 6

I think you can fall in love if you have
 your picture taken in front of the
 church.
Ben aged 5



I think love means you
 have to buy stamps at
 the post office and when
 you go to the doctor he
 marries you free
Martha aged 8

My big sister fell in love And
 She went to this place where they
 sell you holy matrimony but I
 Don't think she paid them all the
 Money because she said it wasn't
 worth it.
Malcolm aged 7

It's silly to get married
 before you are 12
Edward aged 6

Chris & Shelagh

120 club report 2013-14

Income		Expenditure	
Shares sold 115	£1150-00	Prizes	£515-00
Prizes not taken	£60-00	Council Fee	£20-00
		Expenses (stamps)	£3-50
Totals	£1210-00		£538-50
BRF contribution for 2013-14		£671-50	

January draw held at Eltham District Meeting January 11th 2014

1 st	100	Jamie Drew (Hayes)
2 nd	119	120 Club
3 rd	92	Jeremy Byers (Beckenham)
4 th	54	Rob and Jackie Duke (Bromley Common)

March draw held Eynsford Striking Competition March 1st 2014

1 st	12	Andrew Fisher (Eynsford)
2 nd	68	Sue Allport (Horton Kirby)
3 rd	75	John Chenery (Horton Kirby)
4 th	76	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)

We will start again for 2014-15 (our 10th year!) at the April meeting at Bromley Common. Thank you to those of you who have already joined, and for any others please consider joining and help our district contribute to the County Bell Restoration Fund. In recent years several towers in the district have received grants from the BRF. Last year we had supporters in 21 different towers in the district plus some from outside and sold 115 shares in total, our best supported year yet. It costs £10 for 1 year with 10 draws a year and at least 4 prizes (£20, 2 by £10 and £5) each time (double the number of prizes in July and December). The only restriction is that you must be aged at least 16 to hold a share in your name. Forms always available from me or they can be printed off from District Website.

Rachel Backhouse

Top Tips for Ringing Hard Methods

1. For ringing Kent.

Dodge everywhere until you smash into someone at two consecutive 3-4 downs, then go on to the front.

2. For ringing Surprise Maximus.

Work out which place bell you are and which you should become then pull your bell randomly 48 times but strike it in the right place at the lead end. Repeat 11 times. Few conductors will notice as they are probably doing the same!

3. An alternative to the above tip is to ring half a course of Little Bob (6 leads) with an extended dodge (eg 3-9 down) to accommodate the correct lead end. Repeat 11 times.

4. For Pudsey.

Ring the work of Yorkshire but in the most stupid order possible. It's bound to be right.

5. For Yorkshire.

Ring the work of Cambridge but miss out half of your places and put the other halves in the large gaps which appear between Cambridge places.

6. For Rutland.

Set your bell and go the pub early.

7. For Stedman.

If you arrive in 4-5 down without knowing whether to go in quick or slow, note the bell you strike over at your first blow in 4ths. If on leaving 4-5 this bell is not on the front anymore you know that they have gone wrong and that you have a 50% chance of joining them.

Anyone who knows me well will be aware that number 6 is my favourite!

Rachel Backhouse

(shamelessly copied from The Ringing World, 23rd Oct. 1998)





Lewisham District Events 2014



- Sat 13th Apr Quarterly Meeting: Bromley Common, 3.30pm bells, 4.30pm Service, meeting, tea and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Mon 21st Apr KCACR Annual General Meeting: Lewisham, (Lewisham District)
- Fri 25th Apr District Practice: Sidcup, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 17th May District Practice: Dartford, 10.00am - 12.00
- Sat 21st Jun District Practice: Crayford, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Sat 22nd Jun Farningham Trophy: Farningham, noon draw.
- Sat 5th Jul County 8-bell Striking Contest: Brenchley (Tonbridge District). 9.45pm draw.
- Sat 12th Jul Quarterly Meeting: Dartford, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Fri 25th Jul District Practice: Chislehurst, St Nicholas, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 9th Aug District Outing (with Tonbridge District)
- Sat 16th Aug District Practice: Cudham (tbc), 10.00am - 12.00
- Sat 6th Sept Ringing Roadshow: Newbury Racecourse For more details see the Ringing Roadshow website www.cccbr.org.uk/pr/roadshow/
- Sat 20th Sept District Practice: Farnborough, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Sat 27th Sept County 6-bell Striking Competition: tbc (Ashford District).
- Sat 11th Oct Annual District Meeting: Horton Kirby, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30pm Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 18th Oct District Practice: Shoreham, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 14th Oct District Practice: St Mary Cray, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 15th Nov District 6-bell Call Change Competition: West Wickham, 2.30pm draw.
- Sat 13th Dec District Practice: Biggin Hill, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- 2015**
- Sat 10th Jan Quarterly Meeting: venue tbc, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 24th Jan District Practice: Erith, Christ Church, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 20th Feb District Practice: Horton Kirby, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 21st Mar District Practice: Chislehurst, Annunciation, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Mon 6th Apr KCACR Annual General Meeting: Marden, (Maidstone District)

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 Ian master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk

For the latest county and news from other Districts see the KCACR web site at www.kcacr.org.uk

If you would like to join the Lewisham District email group to get reminders/updates of district events please visit http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/lewisham_district or email lewisham_district-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Eltham on 11th January 2014

A Minutes silence was held to remember Ken Gristwood from Bromley Common and Alfred (Alf) Patten formerly of Erith CC who both sadly passed away recently.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Deryck Jones (Dartford)

2. Minutes of last meeting (13th October 2013)

Agreed as a correct and accurate record of meeting

Proposed: Cathy Cheeseman, Seconded: David Holdridge. Voted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Cathy Cheeseman asked if anyone knew if the DBS check was portable yet. It was thought this was still to be ratified by the Church of England.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Jake Etheridge	Dartford	Brenda Barton	Esther Correia
Andrew Bacon			
Vincenti Luigi	Greenwich	Chris Goldsmith	Graham Long
Guisseppina Radaelli		Shelagh Norman	Graham Long
Roxanne Hughes		Graham Long	Shelagh Norman
Thomas Baird	Eltham	David Holdridge	Tiffany Kelly
Thomas Wilding	Chislehurst, St Nics	Peter Skinner	Rupert Cheeseman
Kenneth Springate	Erith CC	Elizabeth Brett	Natalie Slator
Adrian Lucia		Rachel Backhouse	Mark Backhouse

All were elected unanimously. NB. Roxanne is an Associate Member.

Rupert noted that it was good to see that 4 of those being elected had come to the meeting and encouraged them and the other new members to attend future district events.

5. Subs & Handbook Tower Returns

Rachel (Membership Sec) thanked all those who had paid their subs and reminded everyone else that the subs

are now due - £10 for Adults, £5 for juniors, those in full time education and those over 60. Cheques need to be made payable to Kent Association of Change Ringers (note- NO 'County').

Sue thanked all the towers that have already sent back their tower returns either by email or on the new on-line system. Feedback was that it was very 'user-friendly' to do it this way. She reminded those who hadn't sent their returns to do so and will send out a reminder email in a few days which she hoped would round up the remainder.

Lesley Barclay asked about 50 year membership nominations in particular that of John Barnes. Unfortunately, Rachel does not have records of every member's joining date. Esther advised that there were some historic membership records at Crayford and would look when next there. ACTION Sec to check back records of minutes also. (*Sec Note: minutes from 1996 onwards only*)

6. Kent County AGM at Lewisham 21st April 2014

Rupert asked for offers to either open towers on the tour route or at the Meeting Venue for a variety of jobs. Those volunteering their assistance are requested to please contact him or Sue. Offers from Shoreham, Horton Kirby and Chelsfield were made, please let's have more to follow. Ian advised that the Lewisham vicar is not available to take the service so a request will be made to one of the ringing vicars.

ACTION - Sue to organise another planning meeting to be held in the next week/fortnight with the Lewisham Team and contact Margaret Funnell regarding the vicar. *Sec Note: Meeting took place on Mon 13th Jan at Lewisham.*

7. 120 Club Draw

	Prize	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	£20	100	Jamie Drew	Hayes
2 nd	£10	119	Bell Restoration Fund	
3 rd	£10	92	Jeremy Byers	Beckenham
4 th	£5	54	Robert & Jackie Duke	Bromley Common

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club.

8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 30th Nov 2013 presented by Natalie Slator

- Ringing World Calendars sold well and made a profit. Now reduced to half price - £3.50.
- It was agreed to purchase the online facility 'Survey Monkey' to assist with collating information. This can be used by Districts if required. Cost £199 for one year.
- Letter from Kate Flavell re Etiquette for Open Days - this has already been circulated to District Secretaries.
- Life Members who have moved from the area need to apply to the Handbook Editor for their Handbook.
- There is a change to DBS (previously CRB) registration - any problems speak to Mr Spencer.
- It was agreed to purchase the old Seal Chart tenor bell at a cost of £5,000. This can be used by Minster in Thanet if they wish to make their minor five into a major five
- Chatham bells have now been taken out and are on permanent loan to St Gorran in Cornwall. There are 8 spare ropes - 70 to 80ft - available and some wheels. It was suggested these be sold and money to BRF
- It was agreed that Mr Butcher could rent a garage at £30 per month in order to store materials and spare parts e

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- More volunteers are required for the CCBR visit in May next year. Names to David Manger.
 - A new General Secretary is required as from April.
 - 8 Bell Striking Competition is to be held on Saturday 5th July 2014 at Brenchley, draw at 9.45 a.m. ringing to commence 10.00a.m. Method to be rung is 216 Stedman Triples (touch found in 2013 Ringing World Diary).
 - 6 Bell Competition will be held on the 27th September 2014 in the Ashford District.
 - Revd David Cawley has purchased a light 6 bells (tenor $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt) and wishes to present them to the Association. They will need hanging and could be used as a portable ring or hung in a Church.
 - It has been suggested that the meeting place for the General Committee Meetings should be changed as the Tower Room at Leeds is not really large enough. It has been suggested to go to Kennington but suggestions for venue are requested.

9. Upcoming Events

Fri 24 th (<i>subsequent to meeting changed to 31st</i>)	January 20:00 - 21:30	Dist Prac at Eynsford (venue TBC)
Sat 22 nd February	10:00 - 12:00	District Practice at Erith St John
Sat 1 st March		Striking competition at Eynsford (venue TBC)
Sat 15 th March	19:00 - 21:00	District Practice at Crayford (venue TBC)
Sat 12 th April		QDM at Bromley Common
Please note that the times will be 15:30 Ringing, 16:30 Service, then Meeting (about 17:00), tea and evening ringing.		
Mon 21 st April (Easter Monday)		KCACR AGM at Lewisham
Fri 25 th April	20:00 - 21:30	District Practice venue TBC
Sat 17 th May	10:00 - 12:00	District Practice at Dartford (venue TBC)
Sat 21 st Jun	19:00 - 21:00	District Practice at Chelsfield (venue TBC)
Late June		Farningham Trophy (date TBC)
Sat 12 th July		QDM at Dartford (back to usual timings)
Fri 25 th July	20:00 - 21:30	District Practice venue TBC
Sat 11 th Oct		ADM at Horton Kirby
Sat 15 th Nov		Call Change Competition venue TBC

We will check with David Hilling to see if the Farningham Trophy will take place this summer. *Sec Note: This competition will take place in late June, the exact date TBC.*

10. AOB

- The 2014 Ringing World Calendars made a profit for the Kent BRF. They have now been reduced to a bargain price of £3.50 - contact Chris or Shelagh if you would like one (or 2, 3 etc). They also have the books and clothing for sale.
 - The Call Change comp took place at Farnborough on 16th Nov. Only four teams took part and the combined Dartford/Crayford band retained the trophy. Please see the full article in the latest newsletter.
 - Talking of the Newsletter, 50 editions after Rupert's first edition he found himself editing the latest one. He thanked everyone for their contributions please keep it up for Sue Allport for the next one in three months time. A discussion around size and colour took place. Most attendees felt that they liked the A4 size and that the extra £15 (£25 B&W £40 Colour) to have it produced in colour was worth it.
 - Margaret Heald has some new learners which she is teaching on Saturday mornings. They are progressing well but are now at the point where they need some additional help to ring in with others. The February District Practice Sat am session will be held at Erith St John to assist with this, but if anyone can offer
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any assistance on some Saturday mornings, Margaret would be very grateful to assist these enthusiastic beginners.

- Ian had received no volunteers interested in filling the vacant positions of Deputy Ringing Master or Training Officer. Rupert likewise. After a brief discussion around filling these vital posts that actually related directly to ringing, Cathy Cheeseman offered herself up to help when she could fit it in with her busy singing commitments. This spurred Diane on to volunteer her services too. The two ladies were swiftly taken up on their offer and before they could change their minds they were Proposed by Chris Goldsmith and Seconded by Lesley Barclay. It was decided that they would be given the title of Deputy Ringing Mistresses (Or Ian's girls!) and the three of them would cover the Training Officer role.
- Jim Rooke spoke on behalf of the Trustees of the Margaret Macey Fund which provides funding for individuals to attend Ringing Courses. There are three main ringing courses; Essex and Hereford which take place in April and Bradfield which takes place in August. Application forms are available on the Lewisham website. The application date for Hereford is very soon, so if you wish to apply for funding please submit your application ASAP.

11. Vote of Thanks

Eddie Coode proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Davine for all her baking the previous day to supply us all with splendid cakes for the ringers' tea.

Philippa Rooke proposed a vote of thanks to Fr Jim Bryson for conducting the Service and to James Graham for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to the Eltham Band for hosting us, and for the delicious warming winter tea and cakes etc which was enjoyed by all.

Next meeting will be at Bromley Common Saturday 12th April 2014.

KCACR AGM Easter Monday 21st April 2014

Annual General Meeting at Lewisham.
Service at noon, lunch at 1pm and meeting at 2.30pm.
Lunch and meeting at St Mary's Centre, Ladywell Road, SE13 7UW.



For Lewisham either park in the surrounding streets or **Slaithwaite Road Car Park** (SE13 6DP) which has 144 spaces, is a 6 min walk away and is free on Bank Holidays. Disabled parking at the St Mary's Centre is available but very limited and will be strictly allocated on application.

A list of towers open during the day and further details about the AGM itself can be found on the County website. www.kcacr.org.uk

Everybody welcome.