



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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

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Chelsfield strike right note yet again

Sat 5th March - District Striking Competition.

For the second year in a row Farnborough was the venue for the District Striking Competition. There was one more team this year with Eltham joining Chelsfield and Crayford. Catherine Lewis and Astrid Fairclough from the Tonbridge District had come along to do the judging. Once they were ensconced in a car in the car park, the competition began. All 3 bands successfully completed a 240 of doubles. Tea, coffee and cakes were enjoyed while waiting for the judges to come to a decision.



Philippa welcomed the judges and thanked them for coming out. Astrid had not judged a competition before and had surprised herself by actually enjoying it! Catherine then gave some comments on the bands:

All pieces were good but generally it was very slow ringing for the bells. All bands were within a couple of minutes of the equivalent of a 3hr peal speed. The normal peal speed here is about 2hr 21! Maybe everyone was just being careful.

Band 1 (Crayford) (3hr) - Rhythm improved as went on but hiccup in middle and maybe caused a lose of confidence.

Band 2 (Chelsfield) (2hr 58m) - Very confident with few trips and some nice patches.

Band 3 (Eltham) (3hr 1m) - Not at all bad but most faults picked up from slow backstroke leads. Trips were quickly recovered from.



6. Richard George, 5. John Barnes, 4. Jim Rooke
1. Philippa Rooke, 2. Clare Pruden, 3. Bob Pruden

The result were then given in the traditional reverse order by Astrid.

Position	District	Rang	Faults
1st	Chelsfield	2nd	61
2nd	Eltham	3rd	79
3rd	Crayford	1st	135

Congratulations to Chelsfield for making it 5 wins in a row. They now go on to defend their County 6 bell trophy in September.

It was spotted later that there is a pattern forming to their wins. Their record since 1998 is WW L WWW LL WWWL LL WWWWW - so maybe there is hope next year for everyone else as they are due a loss!

Rupert

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CHAIRMAN'S BIT...

It seems Spring has finally arrived, so here's a couple of renewal-related reminders...tenuous link but I hope you'll allow it! At the County AGM on Easter Monday we received the latest Annual Report, and also the new Membership Cards. There will be one for every member who has paid their subs for the current year. As you may know, KCACR membership includes insurance cover for members, but some church insurance only covers resident ringers, not visitors. The idea of the membership cards is that if you go to ring at another tower, if requested you can show that you are a paid up member and covered by insurance. Of course if you're not carrying your membership card you're still covered if you're a paid up member. Hopefully we'll get more detailed information from the County to put in the next Newsletter as several members have asked for it, but in the mean time, please renew your membership as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

120 Club - please sign up / renew your entry in the 120 Club, as this helps us raise money to contribute to the Bell Restoration Fund. The Lewisham District still contributes the lowest to the BRF out of all the 6 districts, so I'm very grateful to Rachel and Mark Backhouse for continuing to run the Club ensuring we do give something back.

District practices - venues have now been found for some of the dates listed on the district website, so check out the list for more information and come along when you can.

See you at a district event soon.

Philippa Rooke



Editorial



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

It was again disappointing to see only 3 bands take part in the striking competition. Congratulations to Chelsfield who will return to Farnborough in September to defend their County striking competition trophy.

Along with KCACR handbooks, you should get a membership card if you've paid your sub this year. This is a new idea and thinking behind it is explained on page 12.

Rupert

120 club 2015-16

Income		Expenditure	
103 shares @£10	1030-00	Prizes	430-00
Unclaimed prizes	50-00	Council Fee	20-00
		Expenses	12-77
	£1080-00		£462-77
Cheque to BRF £617-23			

Thank you to all who participated last year and for the 89 (so far!) shares sold for 2016-17. The first draw will be at the April district meeting so monies need to be with me by then in order to take part in the full year. We have now raised over £6000 in total for the BRF. While we lag considerably behind the other districts in BRF contributions I am very grateful to all who support the 120 club as this is our major area of fundraising.

Rachel Backhouse

January draw

Held at Greenwich District Meeting on 9th Jan

1st	21	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)
2nd	89	Sue Cameron (Unattached)
3rd	46	Janis Roddy (Sidcup)
4th	33	Foots Cray tower (Foots Cray)

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March draw

Held at Farnborough competition on 5th Mar

1st	87	120 club
2nd	30	Natalie Slator (CC Erith)
3rd	111	David Holdridge (Eltham)
4th	78	Mark Baldwin (Eynsford & Farningham)

Artists Photographers Craftspeople

CALLING ALL

If you enjoy art, photography or craftwork of any kind, Friends of Christ Church, Erith, in association with Bexley College, invite you to submit an original piece of your work to be displayed in our exciting NEW pop-up exhibition

our erith

An Artistic Celebration of Where We Live

We are looking for artwork that reflects Erith in some way; whether this is the industrial landscape, the natural geography such as the River Thames, the architectural heritage past and present or the diverse multi-cultural place it is today.

Find your inspiration and show us what you can do.

Closing date for entry
Saturday 30th April 2016

Exhibition to be held
Christ Church, Victoria Road, Erith

Friday 13th May 2016
12pm - 5pm

Saturday 14th May 2016
10am - 5pm

Sunday 15th May 2016
12pm - 5pm

For more information and an entry form
VISIT: www.christchurcherith.org.uk and click on 'Friends of Christ Church'
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NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45

Sunday 9.20am

Practices and Sundays continue to have variable attendance but when everyone makes it we've managed Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples and Cambridge minor. More often though we've been sticking to doubles.

Five quarters have been rung since the last newsletter. We had a visiting band ring Yorkshire S Major then the next day we had a successful rerun of the Plain Bob Minor that had been unsuccessful before Christmas. We are continuing to ring different Doubles methods and scored New Bob in February. Andrew celebrated his 50th birthday in March and we rang a date touch to mark it. Finally, the Bishop was again in attendance for the Palm Sunday Confirmation Service and we rang some Grandsire Triples before it.

We didn't ring in Holy Week like normal but instead went for a curry which was enjoyed by all. Must not wait until next Easter to do it again!

Rupert

Sunday, 14 February 2016

1260 New Bob Doubles in 41mins

1. Sue Cameron
2. Debra Say
3. Helen Webb
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Rhian Bagshaw

With birthday wishes to Sue and best wishes to Lukas Niall and Hailee Rose Byrne who were married on 29th January in Kumeu, New Zealand. 1st in method; 2.

Thursday, 10 March 2016

1966 Doubles (8m/p: 96 Stedman, 240 each Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St Martin's, St Simon's, Plain Bob and 430 Grandsire) in 64mins

1. Angela Jackson-Smith
2. Debra Say
3. Helen Webb
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Shelagh Norman

Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Andrew today and also Rev Antony Lane whose birthday is tomorrow.



We would like to associate Sue, and her exceedingly nice cakes, with this date touch.

ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday

20:00

Sunday 9.15am

Ringling continued regularly. Attendance as always is better on Tuesday than

on Sunday. We came 2nd in the 6 bell striking contest, (which I am sure has been written up elsewhere), although I was not there myself I am reliably informed that we were closer to first than to third so who knows for next year.

In January we had our new year meal at Delicio in Eltham, which I think was enjoyed by all. I am now in the process of planning a picnic for the summer should be good.

Tom Baird

ERITH (Christ Church)

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 9.30am

We have a new peal board at Erith to mark our centenary peal, paid for by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

There is an art exhibition (titled Our Erith) to be held in church over the weekend of May 13th-15th

<http://christchurcherith.org.uk/sites/default/files/ourerithleaflet.pdf> (see advert on p3)

We hope to be able to have our centenary display banners on show and have a bit of a recruiting exercise as our numbers are getting lower with six bells being the default for Sunday service. Rachel.

Rachel Backhouse

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

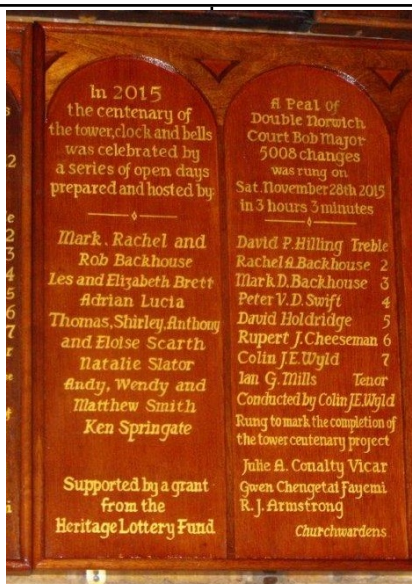
The Meridian Ringers

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

We usually have good attendances at practice nights, sometimes ringing all 10 bells, some triples, minor and some additional doubles methods and some work on Treble Hunting Minor. We are usually doing some service ringing for the monthly Choral Evensong at



The quarter peal band after ringing for Brenda Coode's 80th birthday



Greenwich and also ring for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month [check the website for dates]. We occasionally also have a monthly practice at Woolwich but, again, it is best to check our website for the dates.

In January we hosted the Lewisham District ADM at Greenwich - there was some good ringing, a service led by the Vicar, Rev. Chris Moody who preached another splendid and appropriate sermon, with Graham Long playing the organ. A splendid tea was served after the service, followed

by the business meeting and evening ringing.

We had our Post Christmas Dinner at the King's Arms, Greenwich which was a most enjoyable occasion.

Sadly, one of our former ringers, Nick Carter died in January - he learnt ring in 2014 and progressed to ringing rounds but had to give up early last year due to his wife and himself being unwell. We rang a well stuck half-muffled quarter in memory: .

Greenwich, St Alfege

Monday, 25 January 2015

1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 45mins (Tenor 8½ cwt in A)

1. Shelagh Norman
2. Andrew Sinclair
3. Eddie Coode
4. Jim Odell
5. Graham Long (C)
6. Alan Munden

Rung half muffled in memory of Nick Carter who learnt to ring here in 2014.

Also, in memory of Cathie Shore, Director of Poscimur Choir and music examiner - a very good colleague and friend of the conductor.

One of our dear friends, Brenda Coode celebrated her 80th birthday in March and we were pleased to mark this with an excellent quarter peal, followed by some general ringing. Brenda and Eddie arranged for us to have a celebration lunch at the King's Arms afterwards which was a splendid occasion.

Greenwich, St Alfege
Friday, 11 March 2016
1280 Plain Bob Doubles in 44mins (Tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt in A)

1. Jim Odell
2. Andrew Sinclair
3. Brenda Coode
4. Eddie Coode
5. Graham Long (C)
6. Alan Munden

80th birthday compliment to Brenda Coode (3).

Also, 50th birthday compliment to Andrew Sinclair (2).

Hazel Bing, Jan Odell and Ken Deller joined afterwards for some general ringing which included 80 Stedman/Plain Bob Doubles, 50 Grandsire/Plain Bob Doubles and some firing!

Mary Andrews wishes to be associated with the quarter - she listened to the quarter but was unable to climb the tower steps.



Ringers and friends outside at Greenwich after ringing to celebrate Brenda Coode's 80th birthday

For St. Alfege's School we rang for their Easter Service during Holy Week. It was especially pleasing that we were able to ring for the Easter Day Eucharist at St Alfege, Greenwich.

We have three recruits who have been making excellent progress and are very keen to do well.

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

Graham Long

Farningham Trophy 2016

The Farningham Trophy competition will be held on Sunday 26 June at SS Peter and Paul Farningham with the draw at 1pm. This is a fun event with a bbq and refreshments - and a handbell tune ringing competition courtesy of Mark and Rachel.

Please let me know asap if your band expects to enter. Emails to dphilling@gmail.com.

Bands at all levels are encouraged. Method ringing and call change ringing is accommodated. Please see rule three below 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. The full set of rules will be available on the website.

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 holes from the headstock bolts.



David Hilling

The rules:

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.

Ringin' in the City

For those of us who commute to work in the City, there is lunchtime ringing available. There are three churches where ringing for lunchtime services takes place, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, and all start at 12.30pm for a 1.05pm service. All three towers usually ring Minor methods, and they sometimes get eight going, although this is on relatively few occasions when sufficient ringers turn up.

St Botolph, Aldgate is open on Tuesdays, and access through the glass door on the left as you enter the church, then up the narrow stone steps. Getting to the church is not easy at the moment, due to continual roadworks which almost surround the church, where they are creating an urban open space where once traffic continually rushed by. They usually ring Grandsire/Plain Bob or perhaps St Clements/St Simons and variations - occasionally Stedman or Cambridge/Norwich if the right people come. Doves has it as a 25cwt tenor, but they only ring the front six, which means the heaviest bell is about 13cwt, so not that heavy to turn in.

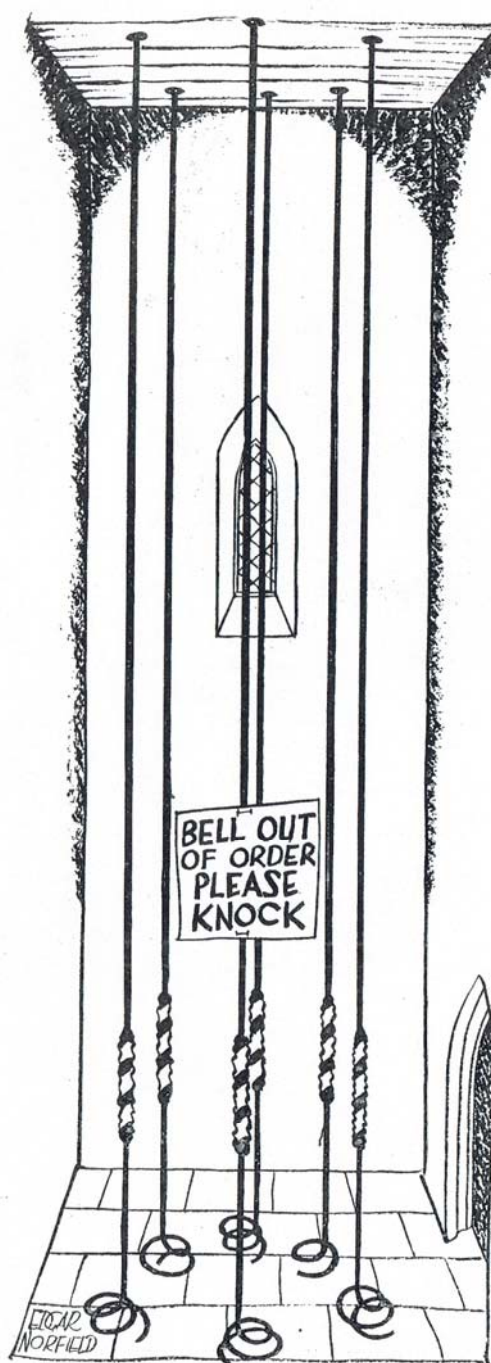
St Botolph in Bishopsgate is open on Wednesdays - access is through the left hand door in Bishopsgate itself (not the side door) and then take the creaky wooden stairs immediately inside. It's quite a climb, but there are good views from the roof if you like. Doves has the tenor as 20cwt, but as with Aldgate, they normally ring the front six, so the No. 6 bell is also about 13cwt. The tower is known to move, as the church suffered a bit of structural movement about 25 years ago, so occasionally a bell will behave oddly, but not that often. Usual methods rung are the same as Aldgate, so they cater for all standards.

St Katharine Cree is a tiny church in Leadenhall Street, hidden amongst larger commercial offices, but has a ground floor light ring of six that were new in about 1992 when the church was significantly repaired. They go very well indeed, and they normally ring up to Surprise methods, with Plain Bob/Grandsire/Stedman also. With the right people, then London is occasionally rung, although Cambridge and Norwich are more frequently tried. You do have

to concentrate here, as the ringers are usually open to the street, so hazards range from pedestrians taking photographs, to sirens from passing ambulances or police cars.

If anyone would like to try them out, then feel free to join us - don't be put off by thinking that the standard will be beyond you, as all are welcome, from call-changes onwards.

Jon Fry



Report from KCACR AGM

Despite Storm Katie trying her best to stop us from getting about on the morning of Easter Monday with fallen trees and closed bridges plenty of ringers ventured out to ring at the various towers open on the way to Tunstall, the venue for this year's County AGM being hosted by the Rochester District.

As ringers converged on Tunstall from 11am, there was open ringing followed by the service touch of Stedman Triples prior to the annual church service. Revd Alan Pinnegar, with assistance from Revd Kenneth Clarke from Stone-next-Dartford gave us a very enjoyable service and Revd Stanley Evans read aloud the names of all those ringers that had sadly passed away during the previous year. It was particularly sad that Martin Pring of All Saints, Maidstone was included on this list having lost his battle with cancer over Easter Weekend.

Following the service, a wonderful lunch was provided at Tunstall Village Hall - judging by the clean plates around the room, I think it's safe to say the food went down very well indeed! Many thanks go to Nicky and her team for providing the meal. Of course there was plenty of real ale and other drinks to wash everything down with, expertly dispensed by Ray Morgan and Helen Webb from Rochester Cathedral.

The AGM started shortly after 2.45pm and was pushed along nicely by the Chairman Daniel Brady. Thankfully there were no rule changes to worry about this year! Most of the Association's officers are unchanged for the coming year, apart from the following:

Peter Dale stood down as Training Officer after a number of years in post. This post is currently going to remain vacant whilst we find the best person to

fill it. Helen Webb stood down as Publicity Officer, and Caroline Stockmann was elected to take on the role

A new position of County Youth Officer has been created, and young Alex Fishburn from the Lewisham District was successfully elected to this role

Unfortunately we lost Frank Lewis, one of our Central Council Reps, last year leaving a position vacant for the remaining year of this triennium. Caroline Stockmann agreed to fill this position and was duly elected for 2016/2017 and will attend the CC Meeting in May

Phil Larter stood down as a Central Council Representative, and as such wouldn't be standing for re-election for the new triennium (2017-2020)

Phil Barnes and Caroline Stockmann were elected as new CC Reps for the new triennium (2017-2020)

A high point of the AGM each year is when the Chairman gets to award some members with their 50 year membership certificates. There were quite a few this year, and also a 70 year certificate which was awarded to Derek Chatfield. Those who achieved their 50 year membership certificate are as follows:

Hilary Hinde - Meopham
Robert W Hinde - Meopham
Anthony Bridges - St. Peter in Thanet
Mary Bridges - St. Peter in Thanet
P Charles Sinden - Brabourne
A Jim Small - Willesborough
Hilary Small - Sellindge
Richard A Birch - Newnham
Donald H Niblett - Canterbury, St. Stephen
Ruth S Niblett - Canterbury, St. Stephen
Anne M Oakley - Canterbury Cathedral
Richard W H Hayes - Unattached

There are photos on the KCACR website showing the Chairman presenting those who were present at the meeting with their certificates. Anyone not able to make it to the AGM will receive their certificates in due course.

Many thanks to the Rochester District for organising a great event, and thanks to all those involved in making the day a success.

Doug Davis
KCACR Hon Sec





Lewisham District Events 2016

Sat 9 th Apr	Quarterly Meeting: Bexley, 3.30pm bells, 4.30pm Service, meeting, tea. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
Sat 23 rd Apr	District Practice: Bickley, 10.00am - 12.00
Fri 13 th May	District Practice: Eynsford, 8.00 - 9.30pm
Sat 11 th Jun	District Practice: West Wickham, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 2 nd Jul	County 8-bell Striking Contest: TBC (Canterbury District). 9.45pm draw.
Sat 9 th Jul	Quarterly Meeting: TBC, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
Sat 30 th Jul	County Surprise Major Practice: TBC, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 30 th Jul	District Practice: TBC, 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sat 6 th Aug	District Outing (with Tonbridge District)
Sat 20 th Aug	District Practice: TBC, 10.00am - 12.00
Fri 16 th Sept	District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
Sat 24 th Sept	County 6-bell Striking Competition: Farnborough (Lewisham District). 2.45pm draw
Sat 8 th Oct	Annual District Meeting: Bromley, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30pm Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
Fri 21 st Oct	District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
Sat 22 nd Oct	County Youth Striking Competition: TBC (Tonbridge District).
Sat 29 th Oct	County Surprise Major Practice: TBC, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 12 th Nov	District Practice: TBC, 10.00am - 12.00
Sat 19 st Nov	District 6-bell Call Change Competition: TBC, 2.30pm draw.
Fri 9 th Dec	District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
2017	
Sat 14 th Jan	Quarterly Meeting: TBC, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
Fri 27 th Jan	District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
Sat 18 th Feb	District Practice: TBC, 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sat 4 th Mar	District 6-bell Striking Competition: TBC, 2.30pm draw
Fri 10 th Mar	District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
Mon 17 th Apr	KCACR Annual General Meeting: TBC, (Tonbridge 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 Nick on 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@yahoogroups.co.uk



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Alfege, Greenwich 9th January 2016

36 attendees representing 14 towers & 2 unattached.

The meeting was preceded by a minute of silence in memory of Peggy Mills.

Philippa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to St Alfege, a church with significance to her family as her parents married here.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Nick Wilkins (Farnborough), Brenda Barton (Dartford) and Shelagh Norman (unattached).

2. Minutes of last meeting (10th October 2015, Beckenham)

Posted to website and circulated in the Newsletter. Number of attendees to be added - 20.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

A volunteer for the vacant post of Ringing Master, Nick Wilkins Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman, Seconded: Lesley Barclay. Unanimously elected.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Lisa Cole	Eltham	David Holdridge	Chris Davine
Patricia Webb	Bromley Common	Chris Lawrence	D Alastair Scott

Both were elected unanimously and it was good to see that Lisa had attended the meeting.

5. 120 club draw

	No.	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	21	£20	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
2nd	89	£10	Sue Cameron	Unattached
3rd	46	£10	Janis Roddy	Sidcup
4th	33	£5	Foots Cray Tower	Foots Cray

8. KCACR report on the meeting held on 28th November 2015

- Information for the 2016 handbook will shortly be requested by the Handbook Editor via District Secretaries and Treasurers
- Guidelines for the use of the Training Fund were finalised and agreed
- A grant of £2,500 was awarded to Canterbury St. Dunstan to rehang the back 3 bells on new gudgeons and bearings
- The membership database is now in place and nearly up-to-date, and will be used by District Treasurers

to update membership records ready for the 2016 handbook

- It was agreed that we will provide membership cards to every member, to be printed by the Secretary and provided to District Secretaries to distribute
- A poster about the Facebook groups and County mailing list has been sent to District Secretaries, and an A5 copy will be included in every 2016 handbook
- Following the success of the inaugural Youth Striking Competition, Revd David Cawley is now preparing a trophy as a gift to the Association
- At the 2016 AGM in March, we will currently be seeking a new Training Officer and at least 1 new Central Council Rep for the next triennium
- Ringing has been requested for St George's Day - 23rd April
- Ringing has been requested to commemorate HM Queen's 90th birthday - 6th June
- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Tower, method and touch TBC
- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Tower TBC.
- The dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 were agreed as 27th February, 23rd April, 27th August and 26th November

As I grow older.....



9. Past Events and Upcoming Events

- The Call Change competition took place in November at Farningham with seven bands taking part. It was won by a combined Crayford & Dartford Band. The competition was tight with not a great margin of points between the teams. It was good to see so many teams entering.
- The county Youth Call change competition took place in October at Chalk with Lewisham taking the trophy. Congratulations to Bethany, Bethany, Tamsin, Becca, Tom and Alex.
- First Peal congratulations go to Alex Fishburn (Sidcup) and Jamie Austin.
- Ian Mills advised that the next Training Day will be held on 20th February (Tower TBC, but maybe Farnborough) and will move on from the previous session, ringing up and down in peal to leading up and down in peal. Interest is already being shown so do please contact Ian to book a space.
- The striking competition will be held on 5th March, no venue set yet. Nick Wilkins has offered Farnborough. Update: this may change as it was held here last year.
- Upcoming district practices - are on the website

23/01/16	Ash by Wrotham	10:00 - 12:00
19/02/16	TBC	20:00 - 21:30
12/03/16	Bromley Common	19:00 - 21:00
30/01/16	County Surprise Major Practice, Leeds	10:00 - 12:00
20/02/16	Youth Practice, Chelsfield	12:00 - 15:30
05/03/16	District Striking Competition	14:30 draw
28/03/16	County AGM at Tunstall on Easter Monday	
18/04/16	Quarterly District Meeting at Bexley (please note that there are roadworks on the main thoroughfare through Bexley so parking in the Bexley Car park and walking up is advised)	

10. AOB

- 120 club applications in the Newsletter, first draw of the new year is April
- KCACR subscriptions are now due to Rachel please. £10 adults, £5 under 16, over 65 or students.
- Handbook returns have been sent out electronically, a third have replied which is great. Others to do theirs ASAP please. Any Births/Deaths/Marriages to Sue or in the tower return.
- There is a flyer in the newsletter with details of what is available from the Bookstall and Clothing. Further details on the website.
- Please give some thought to new advertisers for the handbook. £50 whole page, £25 half page. Catherine Lewis is happy to make contact with any suggested businesses. Ringer friendly pubs near towers may benefit from visiting towers on outings in the area.
- Rupert thanked all those who have sent articles in for the newsletter.
- Rachel would like to step down from one of her officer roles at the AGM in October so please give thought if you can take on one of her roles (membership secretary / 120 club).

11. Vote of Thanks

Chris Lawrence thanked the Rev Chris Moody for taking the service, Graham Long, the organist, and of course the Greenwich Band for providing an excellent tea. Special thanks were given to the trio; Graham Long, Angela Jackson-Smith (Clarinet) and Clare Pollard (Soprano) for their beautiful rendition of Ave Maria.

Next meeting will be Saturday 9th April 2016 venue Bexley (Please note that there are roadworks on the main thoroughfare so parking in the main village car park and walking down to the church is advised).

KCACR Membership Cards

This year along with your handbook you will be receiving a new association membership card. These have been given to District Secretaries in most cases, and will find their way to you. The purpose of this card is to prove your insurance status if asked. While this is presently not the norm, there are some towers, normally secular or redundant churches who do not have their own public liability insurance. For example, this was in practice locally at Chatham before the bells were relocated, this excerpt is taken from our 2013 handbook. "Ringing limited to those covered by Accident and Public Liability Insurance (such as that provided to KCACR members). Ringers not members of the Association will need to provide evidence of these insurances in order to be granted permission to ring."

This does not effect how towers within the association should operate and is certainly not an indicator that you should be asking for such evidence of insurance to your visitors (unless this is a local policy imposed by your church).

Another reason was to just give each member something to show they are a member and part of something bigger than just their local tower - hoping to give them more a sense of belonging. It isn't uncommon for members of groups or associations to have membership cards - in fact it's rare to not receive one.

Life Members will not get a new card every year, but can request a replacement from me if it becomes damaged or lost.

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KCACR Sec

Stedman - Quick or Slow?



- Those who remember
- Those who swap feet
- Those who use the 4-5 rule
- Those who watch their course bell
- Those who watch the bells leading
- Those who count the sixes
- Those who just "know"
- Those who wait to see if anyone lets them in quick... Ahh, BUGGER!