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Sun shines on Farningham

The Farningham Trophy competition was held on Sunday 26th June with six bands participating. The weather was accommodating for the churchyard bbq, for socialising and for listening to the competing bands. Inside the church practice took place for a fun handbell tune ringing competition where bands attempted to ring St Paul's Steeple, transcribed by Mark Backhouse to ringing 'sheet music', and where the prize was simply the kudos of winning.



The Trophy competition, which takes place on the last Sunday in June, the church's Patronal Festival, was inaugurated in 2008 following restoration of Farningham's bells. The extensive works carried out were referred to as 'the 100 years service' as the previous significant work was in 1904. The trophy is a bowl turned from one of the old wooden headstocks and is adorned with holes from the headstock bolts.



While the judges, Peter Joyce of Gravesend and Neil Jones of Rochester Cathedral, were completing their paperwork, the handbell tune ringing contest took place judged by Philippa Rooke who in her remarks complimented the bands on their efforts. After comments such as "the tune was clear" and "the pace was steady", Philippa declared the Kent Young

Ringers as the winners with the Crayford band as the runner-up.



Churchwarden Gerald Roome congratulated all present and said how much the Farningham community enjoyed hearing their bells rung. Subsequently he presented the Trophy after judges Peter and Neil had commented on each team's performance and announced the results

1. Eynsford & Farningham - 23 faults (Call changes)
2. Crayford - 33 faults (Queen Elizabeth II Doubles)
3. Brasted - 61 faults (Plain Bob Doubles)
4. Kent Young Ringers - 85 faults (Plain Bob Doubles)
5. Erith, Christ Church - 87 faults (Grandsire Doubles)
6. Sevenoaks/ Otford - 92 faults (Plain Bob Doubles)

The E&F band, ringing call changes, comprised Daphne Paterson, Jo Colston, Emma Stander (nee Hilling), Jack Barker, David Hilling and Caroline Gould.



David Hilling

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CHAIRMAN'S BIT...

I spent a very enjoyable afternoon with some of you a couple of weeks ago at the Farningham Trophy. It was really good to see 'youth' represented at the competition in the shape of the Kent Youth team, who were preparing to take part in the Ringing World National Youth Competition in London on 2nd July (see page 7). There were two dozen bands from all over the country taking part in that event last weekend and our Kent team, including Tom from Chislehurst, did very well under the leadership of Alex Fishburn (who was himself too old to take part!) They didn't make the finals but are enthusiastically planning their trip to the competition next year which will be held in Birmingham.

I know many towers struggle to recruit and keep ringers but the huge interest in this event gives us hope that bellringing is not going to die out completely. If you have people who are interested in learning to ring but you don't feel you have the skills to teach them, let me or another District Officer know and we'll do our best to help and support you so you can get them trained and hopefully join your band. If they are under the age of 18, find out about the safeguarding procedures in place at your church, and have a look at the KCACR code of practice on the website.



On another note, our Deputy Ringing Master Diane has put a lot of work into organising the Joint Lewisham/Tonbridge District summer outing to London on Saturday 6th August, so please make sure the date is in your diary and come along if you can, even if it's only for part of the day. Full details can be found on page 7.

Philippa Rooke

Editorial



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

It was good to see the district represented in the Kent Youth Competition and for some of them to take part in the Farningham Trophy which was once again blessed with a lovely sunny day.

For the second year running the District 8 bell band came second in the County competition. This year held at Herne and won by the home band. Hopefully we'll go one better when we host the competition next year.

The annual joint Tonbridge / Lewisham District outing takes place on Sat 6th August so please come along and support that.

Rupert

120 club

Draw held on April 9th at Bexley

1st	38	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)
2nd	74	Liz Brett (CC Erith)
3rd	16	Margaret Heald (Erith St John)
4th	55	Deryck Jones (Dartford)

Draw held on May 13th at Eynsford

1st	41	David Roddy (Sidcup)
2nd	85	120 Club
3rd	37	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)
4th	107	Brenda Barton (Dartford)

Draw held on June 11th at West Wickham

1st	22	David Hilling (Eynsford)
2nd	47	John Chenery (Horton Kirby)
3rd	97	Natalie Slator (CC Erith)
4th	5	Jim Rooke (Chelsfield)

Rachel Backhouse

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New Membership

Secretary required

After nine years (I think) as district membership secretary I will be standing down in October. The job mainly involves data entry and banking of monies (either through NatWest or the Post Office) with the bulk of the activity being in the first two or three months of the year.

Please consider if you could take on this post or approach someone else who you think could. It would be really good to see representation from a tower that hasn't been home to a district officer in the last few years.

Rachel Backhouse

NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

BROMLEY COMMON

Practice Thursday 19:45

Sunday 5.30pm

On Saturday 25th June, the 14 ringers from St Luke, Bromley Common and St Mary's, Addington headed to Kent for a joint ringing outing. We visited Sandhurst (6 bells), Rolvenden (8) and Benenden (12) in the morning then Goudhurst (8), Horsmonden (8) and Lamberhurst (6) in the afternoon. Lunch was spent at The Peacock just outside Goudhurst. A much needed break after the mornings ringing as the bells in this area tend to be heavier to what we are use to and thus require a bit more effort and concentration.

The towers selected for the day suited all ringing abilities and enabled a wide range of methods to be rung. The bells at Sandhurst were challenging for some as they are an anticlockwise ring as opposed to the usual clockwise ring found elsewhere, such as at Bromley Common and Addington. The ringing room at Rolvenden was reached via an ancient spiral staircase that reduced in size the higher one ascended. At Benenden, all present were required to ring the 12



bells: the only church in Kent with 12 other than Canterbury Cathedral. We made a special effort here as there was an 'audience' outside of those preparing for the church fete.

After lunch, we only had a short hop to Goudhurst where the church occupies a central and lofty position in the village. Extensive views of the local countryside were to be found from the ringing room.

Two ringers were required to raise the 23 cwt tenor. At Horsmonden, we were surprised to find that the ringing room, some way up in the tower, has its own large stone fireplace. Also, the green carpeted floor bearing white lines perplexed us until we were told it was once used for short mat bowls (elsewhere). The six bells at Lamberhurst rounded off the day.

Everyone had an enjoyable day ringing in a beautiful part of Kent and we look forward to the next outing.

Chris Lawrance

CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45

Sunday 9.20am

We have continued to have a special method for practice nights and decided just after Easter that our next challenge would be Queen Elizabeth II Doubles with the aim of ringing a quarter of this for the Queen's Official Birthday celebration. This is a variation, the base method being Blaisdon (New Bob backwork and Eynesbury frontwork) and a 'That'll Do Nicely' bob.



Baring in mind that the band rang all the month variations last year, QEII proved to be surprisingly tricky. We even ended up having a special practice of it before the celebratory weekend. We went for the quarter after morning service on the Sunday. I won't claim it's the best we've ever rung but we scored and some parts of it were quite good.

After deciding to enter the Farningham Trophy, ringing QEII for that seemed to be well within the spirit of that competition. We came a comfortable second, and best method band, and had the

satisfaction of confusing the judges with what we were ringing.

Rupert

Sunday, 12 June 2016

1260 Queen Elizabeth II Doubles in 43mins

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

In celebration of HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday and Duke of Edinburgh's 95th birthday.

First in variation for all.

DARTFORD

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 8.50am & 3rd Sunday 5.30pm

It is quite a while since we reported, largely because there was not much to say, we are struggling at the moment with low numbers and other commitments. However we have managed to ring for Sundays and to practice in the week.

At the moment we are working on the tower as the church is taking part in the Dartford Festival, the weekend of the 16/17 July. There will be a flower festival in the church and we shall be taking tower tours on, with the possibility of people going on to the roof, dependent on the weather. The louvres have been pigeon proofed, the belfry has been professionally cleaned to remove the pigeon dross and the clock room floor has been largely covered with a safer floor of marine 1" ply, the original being very uneven and only ringers were officially allowed up there. So if anybody who has never been up our tower fancies a visit, you will be very welcome.

Ringewise we have continued to ring at other towers on Sundays, for weddings and to help out.

Esther Corriea

ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 9.15am

Ringings continued regularly, numbers were a bit down this last month probably people going on holiday. Although we did have a new ringer join us which was

the only result from a small recruitment drive we launched off the back of our AGM which consisted of posters in local supermarkets and trying to get a mention for our practices in the 'what's on' section of local newspapers.

A few exciting things we are looking forward to obviously hosting the district meeting which would have happened by the time you read this. Also we have picnic organised at Avery Hill at 2pm on 28th of August, which you welcome to join us at.

Tom Baird



ERITH (Christ Church)

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 9.30am

On Monday June 13th, we marked the 90th birthday of HM the Queen by ringing 90 Call Changes based on Queens. Mark composed the calls and we had practiced them over several weeks.

1 Natalie Slator; 2 Shirley Scarth; 3 Elizabeth Brett; 4 Ken Springate; 5 Rachel Backhouse; 6 Les Brett; 7 Adrian Lucia; 8 Mark Backhouse (C).

Christchurch hosted the "Our Erith" Exhibition in May - art and craftwork inspired by Erith. With a large number of people likely to visit the exhibition, we decided that we could use the opportunity to recruit some new ringers. We prepared a leaflet outlining who we are and what we do, with a suitably adapted copy of the famous poster of Lord Kitchener on the front. Sadly, we had no responses but will make the leaflets available for similar events.

Elizabeth Brett

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

On Tuesday 31st May we had a Mini Outing to St Giles, Farnborough, St Bartholomew, Oftord and St. Peter & St Paul, Shoreham. We had a splendid lunch at The Kings Arms, Shoreham. It was particularly pleasing to see Mike Medway back to ringing with us.



The Meridian Ringers and friends outside St. Peter & St. Paul, Shoreham

We rang for the Lewisham Archdeaconry Service at Southwark Cathedral on 9th June which will be one of the last rings on the bells before they are removed in late July to be renovated by Taylors of Loughborough. Many thanks are due to some of the cathedral band and some other Lewisham district members who helped us out.

For the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations we had two celebration rings:

Greenwich, St Alfege

Sunday, 12 June 2016 (23-2-14 in D)

90 Mixed Doubles

Three touches of 90 Mixed Doubles, Rounds, Call Changes and Firing on 8 and 10 bells. The ringers who took part were:

1 Graham Long (C) 2 Jim Odell 3 Eddie Coode 4 Brenda Coode 5 Hazel Bing 6 Shelagh Norman 7 Chris Goldsmith 8 John Bonney 9 Emma Roberts 10 JJ Aiston 11 David Connearn 12 Tom Roberts

To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday. Three touches of 90 Mixed Doubles on the ex-Westminster Abbey Roped Front Six. Also Rounds, Call Changes and Firing on 8 and 10 bells. First blows on a bell, backstrokes only for rounds on 6 (12).

Greenwich, St Alfege

Monday, 13 June 2016 in 45mins (8-2-14 in A)

1290 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob)

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

To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday. Ringing was on the ex-Westminster Abbey roped front six and concluded with firing and ringing down in Queens.

Our three recruits are continuing to make good progress.

A reminder that Freda Cannon, our Tower Captain Emeritus, is resident at Fairmount Residential Care Home, Mottingham Lane, SE9 4RT, Tel: 020 8857 1064. She would welcome visitors at any reasonable time. Alan brings Freda to Greenwich so she can go to Evensong and hear us ringing once a month.

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

Graham Long

National Youth Ringing Competition

On Saturday 2nd July, The Ringing World National Youth Contest took place in London, based at St Mary le Bow. There were 24 teams that came from around Britain. This was the first time Kent had ever competed in this competition and members of the Kent team were from the Tonbridge, Lewisham and Rochester Districts.



The Kent Young Ringers proudly showing off their medals with Alex Fishburn, the KCACR Youth Officer

The morning heats were in three towers, St Dunstan in the West, St James Garlickhythe and St Saviour Pimlico. During the time that your team was not ringing there were things to do, for example: a tour of the bells in St Pauls Cathedral and ringing at lots of other towers. At lunch time everyone went back to Bow to hear the qualifying teams for the final.

Six teams qualified for the final, they were: Young@Herts (Hot Buns,) Fen Tigers, Three Spires (Lichfield and Walsall,) Bedfordshire Young Ringers, Oxford DG and Sussex Young Ringers. Whilst they were ringing the other teams had lots of other ringing in the afternoon.

We went back to Bow for the final results and grades. All the teams received a medal and a grade. Kent were awarded a 'B' grade. The winners of the gold medal for the Call Changes Category were Young@Herts (Hot Buns) and the winner of the gold medal and the Whitechapel trophy for the Method Category were Bedfordshire.

Ellen Jones

District Outing, 6th Aug

The next joint Tonbridge and Lewisham District Outing takes place on Saturday 6th August. It's been organising so it can be done by public transport.

The towers for the outing are;

St Botolph Without, Bishopsgate 9.30-10.30

Christ Church, Spitalfields 11-12

Lunch

St Botolph Without, Aldgate 2-3

St Katharine Cree, Leadenhall Street 3-15-4.15

St Olave, Hart Street 4.30-5.30

Everybody and ability welcome so please come along and support it.

Diane Reynolds

Upcoming District events

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| Sat 30 th Jul | County Surprise Major Practice: Wrotham, 10.00am - 12.00 |
| Sat 30 th Jul | District Practice: Chelsfield, 7-9pm |
| Sat 6 th Aug | District Outing (See above) |
| Sat 20 th Aug | District Practice: Cudham, 10am-12 |
| Fri 16 th Sept | District Practice: Chislehurst Annunciation, 7.30 - 9pm |
| Sat 24 th Sept | County 6-bell Striking Competition: Farnborough (Lewisham District). |
| Sat 8 th Oct | Annual District Meeting: Bromley, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30pm Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk |
| Fri 21 st Oct | District Practice: Erith, Christ Church, 7.30 - 9.00pm |
| Sat 29 th Oct | County Surprise Major Practice: TBC, 10.00am - 12.00 |
| Sat 12 th Nov | District Practice: Sidcup, 10am-12 |
| Sat 19 st Nov | Call Change Comp: TBC, 2.30 draw. |
| Fri 9 th Dec | District Practice: TBC, 8 - 9.30pm |

Bok Tower Gardens Carillon, Florida

This time last year, I wrote an article for the newsletter on the Loughborough carillon. This May, I found myself in Florida on US National Public Gardens Day, so, taking advantage of the free entry, I decided to visit Bok Tower Gardens, just north of Lake Wales where I knew there was another carillon. What I found was actually rather beautiful and I also discovered there was a connection to Loughborough too, as the bells were cast at John Taylors Bell Foundry.



So why was the carillon built here?

Edward Bok was a Dutch immigrant who arrived in New York with his parents in 1869, aged six. They were a poor family but through hard work and determination, Edward grew up to become a Pulitzer prize-winning author, editor of the Ladies Home Journal for 30 years, a humanitarian and advocate for world peace.

By 1921 Edward and his wife Mary were enjoying winters spent at Lake Wales with its mild climate. They bought some land covering the area of Iron Mountain, the highest point in Florida, and set about creating a Mediterranean-style mansion surrounded by subtropical garden and a bird sanctuary. The carillon, or Singing Tower as it became known, was added in 1928 as a centerpiece and with a nod to his Dutch heritage.

The tower was designed in an art deco and neo-Gothic style incorporating unique elements to represent Florida's nature. It is built with a steel frame encased in coquina stone from St Augustine on Florida's Atlantic coast and with pink and grey marble from Georgia. The tower features sculpted finials, balconies, an arched entranceway and elaborately carved screens, friezes, tiles, metalwork and a sundial.

The sculptural details are mostly comprised of American birds and plants, along with depictions of a man sowing a garden, a man feeding cranes, Adam and Eve, and the serpent. Upper balconies feature carved eagles with folded wings, and the panels depict doves carrying laurel or oak branches as symbols of peace, goodwill and strength. Besides various flowers and trees, there are cranes, herons, eagles, seahorses, jellyfish, fin fish, peacocks, pelicans, flamingos, geese, swans, foxes, storks, tortoises, hares and baboons.



The great brass door on the north side of the tower depicts the Biblical story of creation, the Book of Genesis, starting with the creation of light and ending with Adam and Eve being banished from the Garden of Eden. The iron gates leading to the Tower were hand-wrought and feature birds with various expressions and wings for flight.



The sundial on the south side of the Tower features a bronze snake, the ancient symbol of time, as well as the 12 signs of the zodiac to mark the 12 months of the year and Roman numerals to mark the hours of the day.

The colourful tile grilles adorn the openings of the bell chamber allowing the sounds of the bells to fill the Gardens at recitals given from November-May. Behind the grilles hang 60 bells ranging in weight from 16lb to 214cwt and this carillon is widely considered to be the finest of the 600 that exist worldwide.

The estate was presented as a gift to the American



people in 1929 and the words at the bottom of the sundial are from President Calvin Coolidge's speech, "dedicated and presented for visitation of the American people" that commemorate the dedication of the Gardens.

Edward Bok died one year later in January 1930 at Lake Wales, within sight of his beloved Singing Tower, and his grave is directly in front of the brass door.

To see a video and hear the carillon, go to www.tinyurl.com/boktowercarillon

Debra Say





THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Mary, Bexley 9th April 2016
22 people attended representing 10 towers, 1 unattached member.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Margaret Heald (Erith St John), Rachel & Mark Backhouse (Erith Christchurch), Andrew Sinclair (Crayford), Esther Correia (Dartford), Ian Mills (Eltham), Alex Britton (U/A), Jim Rooke (Chelsfield) and Alex Fishburn.

2. Minutes of last meeting (9th January 2016, Greenwich)

Rupert noted that on the minutes of the previous meeting in October it had not been noted who proposed or seconded. This was duly done. Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman; Seconded: Diane Reynolds. Accepted by the Meeting.

He also asked if the meeting felt it should be recorded which member of the committee had approved the membership in relation to ringing down by Pat Webb where neither proposer or seconder were district officers. After discussion it was agreed this might be useful, although it could always be found on the completed membership form. In this case it had been recorded on the membership application that Rachel Backhouse vouched for Pat's ability to lower a bell safely.

The minutes from January had been posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Proposed: Chris Davine; Seconded: Lesley Barclay. Accepted by the Meeting.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nil

4. Re-Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Clare Pruden	Chelsfield	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay
Nancy Fisher			
Doug Fisher			

All were elected unanimously back to the Association after a period of absence. All were encouraged to come along to future district events.

5. KCACR report on the meeting held on 27th February 2016

- The vacant CC Representative position for the remainder of this triennium will be filled at the AGM in March
- The accounts for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are all complete and going to be audited, hopefully in time for the handbook & AGM
- The handbook is ready to be printed and will be delivered on time to the AGM in March
- An application for a grant of £1,000 from the Training Fund from the Rochester District was discussed and approved

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- New storage facilities for the bell restoration equipment and trailer need to be sought in the near future owing to Revd David Cawley's retirement later this year
 - All arrangements for the upcoming AGM in March are in hand and details are available on the website
 - At the AGM in March we will still be seeking a new Training Officer, Publicity Officer and at least 1 new Central Council Rep for the next triennium
 - A post of Youth Officer will be made available at this year's AGM, and potential candidates have already been identified
 - It was agreed that people would be invited at the AGM and via other means to become part of a group to be charged with running the KCACR Mobile Ring project
 - The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Method will be Grandsire Triples, touch to be decided by Daniel Brady
 - It was agreed that, in memory of Frank Lewis, the Association would look to contribute towards a peal board/plaque for Brasted and also setup a digital archive named after him
 - The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Tower TBC.
 - The County Youth Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 22nd October. Tower TBC
 - The upcoming dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 are 23rd April, 27th August and 26th November
 - The 2016 AGM to be held in the Rochester District will be at Tunstall on 28th March.

6. KCACR AGM report on the meeting held on 28th March 2016

- 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)

7. Events Update and results

- The Striking competition took place in March with three bands taking part which was disappointing although one more than last year. The competition was won by Chelsfield (again) who will go on to represent the district in September's County competition.
- Philippa Rooke would like to improve the number of teams taking part. Questions put forward were: Is the date the problem? Should we try merging the two competitions to be held on one day? Is it made worse in the year that the Farningham trophy takes place, effectively having three competitions in a year? Ideas please as to how we can encourage more towers to take part.
- A successful Youth practice took place at Chelsfield with representatives from across the county. It was an enjoyable event which it is hoped will be repeated especially with Alex's new role as County Youth Officer.
- County Surprise Major practice held on the 5th Saturday of the month. Sue had been along to Leeds and found it useful and encouraged others to consider attending.
- The training day in February held at Sidcup focused on leading up and down in peal. It was well attended

and the students found it useful. Please do contact Ian Mills with suggestions of topics for future sessions.

8. Future Events

- There is a list of event dates on the website, in the newsletter and a poster for each tower included in the newsletter.
- 23rd April St George's Day & District Practice at St George's, Bickley.
- 30th April County Surprise Major Practice at West Malling
- 6th June Ringing for HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations
- 26th June Farningham Trophy (ringing competition, Hand bells and BBQ)
- 6th August Joint Outing with Tonbridge District

An organiser is required for this event which is based on using public transport to get between towers. Please contact Philippa if you would be interested in organising it.

- 13th August Ringing and picnic at Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12) Canterbury District

9. 120 club draw

	No.	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	38	£20	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
2nd	74	£10	Elizabeth Brett	Erith, CC
3rd	16	£10	Margaret Heald	Erith, St John
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10. AOB

- Alex Fishburn was elected to the position of County Youth Officer at the AGM
- Membership Cards have now been produced and distributed. We are aware that some are missing. Please contact Sue Cameron with any names concerned with the added information of roughly when they paid subs and she will chase these up with the County Committee. Cards will be issued annually for all members paying yearly subs. Life members will not have their cards re-issued unless specifically requested.
- Laminated sheets have been produced by the County Committee showing examples of good handling techniques and by comparison, some common handling problems. These are being distributed with the newsletter along with any outstanding handbooks not already on their way to towers.
- Rev David Cawley's bells to be developed into a mobile ring. The County is looking for someone with technical knowledge to put the project together and progress it to enable it to be taken to fetes and events.
- Rupert thanked all those who submitted articles for the newsletter. Nick Wilkins thanked Rupert for his continued challenge of publishing the newsletter in time for the meetings.
- Philippa reminded the meeting of the District Officer Posts that will become vacant in October when Rachel and Ian have given notice that they will not be standing for re-election. Membership Secretary and or 120 club organiser, Training Officer. It should be noted that ALL posts are open for new nominations at the ADM.
- A venue is still being sought to host the July QDM. So far quite a few towers have been approached but none have been able to assist for a variety of reasons. Please contact Sue or Philippa if you are able to host us.

11. Vote of Thanks

Liz Brett thanked Rev Alison Letschko for taking the service with a very interesting sermon, Frank Roddy for playing the organ and of course the Bexley band for providing a lovely tea for us to enjoy.

Next meeting will be Saturday 9th July 2016 - venue TBC.



Lewisham District Events 2016

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Fri 9 th Dec	District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
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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@lewishamdistrct.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.lewishamdistrct.org.uk nearer the event in case of any last minute changes or phone or email Nick on master@lewishamdistrct.org.uk

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