

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St John the Baptist 14th April 2018

17 people attended representing 9 towers plus 1 unattached member

The meeting commenced with a minute of silence to remember Ken Deller (Greenwich) and Colin Jeal (Bexley) who passed away since our last meeting in January.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Alex Britton, Chris Goldsmith and Shelagh Norman (all unattached)

2. Minutes of last meeting (13th January 2018)

The minutes were on the rear of the newsletter distributed at tea and will be added to the website. Proposed: Les Brett; Seconded: Jim Rooke.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere – Nil.

4. Proposed Rule change at the AGM

There were two rule changes put to the vote at the County AGM. The first, concerned the structure of the County and Districts to being headed by a Master rather than Chair and Ringing Master was not carried. Amongst those present it was felt that had it been split into two rule changes separating the County and District it may well have gone through for the County structure. The second rule change related to reducing the size of the county committee. This was passed after a minor amendment to include the Bell Restoration Officer as part of the committee. Vice Presidents are no longer included in the General Committee and only three of the five Central Council Reps and one of the two District Reps may attend any one meeting.

5. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Jasmine Hutton (Jnr)	Bromley Parish	Helena Mattingly	Tom Hinks
Jonathan Hutton		Tom Hinks	Helena Mattingly
		Witness to lower	Philippa Rooke
David Gyles	Ash by Wrotham	Julia Kilfoyle	Brian Ashmore
		Witness to lower	Rupert Cheeseman

6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 25th February 2017

- The Association Training Officer stood down ahead of the meeting.
- The accounts are ready for the AGM in April. Expenses are increasing, so with healthy BRF and Training funds it is likely a recommendation of 100% of subs to go into the General Fund will be presented to the AGM.
- The handbook is almost ready for final production, with an approximate order of 400 printed copies being required instead of 2,000. 61 people pre-ordered a copy of the Handbook.
- Storage facilities for the Bell Restoration trailer is still being sought, making progress on the mobile ring impossible at present.
- The Youth Competition has taken off and as such David Cawley agreed to pay for a trophy – the General Secretary will arrange for something suitable.
- A Grant Application had been received from Stockbury with regards to help for work on the tower there. £2,000 was awarded.
- The census in November 2017 went well and analysis is almost complete. We had a response rate of 65%. Almost ¼ of Sundays at the towers that responded during November were silent (no ringing at all). Further details will be published soon. **Sec Note** :- a further breakdown of results for the Lewisham District are being sought to see if there are any towers that need more assistance.
- Catherine Lewis has agreed to lead the Management Committee for the mobile ring to move the project forward.
- Plans for the AGM are in place, details on the website. We are seeking a Training Officer, a Handbook Editor, a Chairman and a replacement Central Council Rep. We may also need a General Secretary, and the Treasurer is only looking to do 1 more year.

- The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2018 will be held on Saturday 30th June 9.45am draw at Aylesford and the method will be Erin Triples.
- The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2018 will be held on 22nd September 9.45am draw at Upchurch.
- The Youth Competition will be held on 3rd November in the Ashford District, venue TBC. Jen Thomas is really getting the Youth group up and running with a Youth practice on the 4th Saturday of the month. They are taking part in youth competitions on a regular basis.
- The General Committee will meet in 2018 on 28th April, 28th July and 24th November

7. Events Update and results

The **Striking competition** took place in February at Downe with four bands taking part. The competition was won by Eltham who will go on to represent the district in September's County competition. Finally a tower has wrestled the trophy from Chelsfield! Full report in the newsletter.

Quarter Peal Week was very successful with half the towers in the district ringing. Full details can be found in the newsletter.

County AGM roundup.

- Dr Philip Barnes is the new Chair of the County.
- There was no increase in subscriptions this year but there may be a proposal for next year as more and more members move in to the reduced price or free categories.
- Handbooks can still be purchased for £4 or are free online with your password which can be found on your membership cards – Look for the 'Existing Members' link. It was proposed and agreed that next year a hard copy would be free for all members, but on request only.
- The upper age limit for the insurance has been extended from 75 to 80.
- There are some ringing remembers leaflets available. Caroline Stockmann wasn't 100% satisfied with them, but they were created by an outside agency who weren't open to suggestions to make them more appropriate.
- Doug Davis decided during the meeting to not stand for re-election. After a hiatus in the meeting Susan Bassett with assistance from Cathy Cheeseman was elected to replace Doug in the General Secretary role.
- Margaret Funnell announced that she would stand down from the treasurer role at the next AGM and the Handbook Editor position remained vacant.

8. Future Events

28th April	District Practice	Beckenham	3pm - 5pm
24 th June	Farningham Trophy	Farningham	1pm onwards
30th June	County 8 Bell Competition	Aylesford	9.45am draw
14 th July	QDM	Crayford	3.30pm – 7pm
11 th Aug	Joint Tonbridge/Lewisham Outing (Poplar, Limehouse, Cubit Town, Greenwich, Deptford and Lewisham)		
11 th Nov	Battle's Over, please register at http://brunopeek.co.uk		

9. 120 club draw

	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	48	Lesley Barclay	Horton Kirby
2nd	£10	46	Brenda Barton	Dartford
3rd	£10	103	Unsold	BRF
4th	£5	106	Unsold	BRF

Liz Brett informed the meeting that thankfully she had at last managed to change the licence over with the council from Rachel Backhouse.

10. AOB

Margaret Heald asked if anyone was able to assist with an inspection of the bells as she was unable to do so. It was suggested that Brian Butcher, Bell restoration officer would be the best person to contact, to see if he could assist John Bonney who has attended some bell restoration courses.

11. Vote of Thanks

Debra Say thanked the vicar, Rev Rob Radcliffe for taking the service and Margaret and her band for providing a very nice tea and allowing us to ring their bells.

Next meeting will be Saturday 14th July 2017 at St Paulinus, Crayford.