

**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, of the Lewisham District of the KCACR
held at St Alfege, Greenwich on 13th April 2019**

31 people attended representing 10 towers, 2 unattached, 1 from Tonbridge District/KCACR and 1 from Rochester District/KCACR

Philippa Rooke (Chair) welcomed two guests: KCACR Youth Officer, Jen Thomas and KCACR Asst. Secretary, Cathy Cheeseman. Jen reported that a band representing Kent came second in the SE England Youth Striking Competition held at Horton Kirby on 6th April.

1. Apologies for Absence

Debra Say (Crayford); Tom Hinks (Bromley); Helena Mattingley (Bromley); Eddie Coode (Bexley); Mary Andrews (Bexley); Alan Munden (Greenwich).

2. Minutes of last meeting (QDM at Sidcup, 12th January 2019)

These had been posted on the website and circulated in the Newsletter. They were agreed by the meeting as a correct and accurate record. Proposed: Lesley Barclay; Seconded: Nick Wilkins.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

None

4. Election of new members.

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
David Horne	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Mark Baldwin
		Witness to Lowering	Rupert Cheeseman
Elizabeth Rolph	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Mark Baldwin
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Marion Bond	Eynsford & Farningham	David Hilling	Mark Baldwin
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Caroline White	Greenwich	Alan Munden	Graham Long
		Witness to Lowering	Philippa Rooke
Maria Hardy	Greenwich	Graham Long	Shelagh Norman
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Lynn Dobson	Greenwich	Alan Munden	Graham Long
		Witness to Lowering	Debra Say
Helen Scarlett (Junior Member)	Farnborough	Nicholas Wilkins	Lesley Barclay

All of the above were elected unanimously and welcomed to the Association with special mention being given to Maria and Lynn who were at the meeting.

5. KCACR Report.

Natalie Slator outlined the main points of the last committee meeting.

- A central membership database is under consideration to ensure compliance with GDPR. This would involve having a central membership secretary and subscriptions paid directly to KCACR. Members would be able to log in to pay subs and check their details.
- Publicity to emphasise the benefits of membership.
- Bookstalls. Districts would maintain some basic stock but it was envisaged that purchases of books be made online via the County website, as is now the case for clothing.
- Consideration needs to be given for aiding ringers with dementia. Each case must be considered individually.
- Safeguarding. Details of Diocesan training are on the website. (Further discussion at Item 6 below).
- Monitoring of the Junior Facebook page.
- Mobile ring – Cost £30K approx. Aiming for 2020 – the committee voted to go with Matthew Higby and will seek acceptance of that at the AGM.
- Accounts not yet signed off. A central policy on expenses was needed.
- Training. Further ART events planned. Further Safeguarding training planned.
- CCCBR meeting in London, September 2019. (Further discussion at Item 7 below).
- KCACR AGM. Nominations needed for Treasurer and Safeguarding officer.
- A grant was made to support Young Ringers.

Association Library and Archive:

The County Librarian requests support. There is a need for a person with appropriate skills to ensure that ringing records in the county are maintained and developed. Anyone interested to make themselves known to a District Officer.

County AGM 2020:

This will be held in the Lewisham District on Easter Monday, April 13th 2020. Philippa reported that the District Committee has commenced planning. Bickley have been approached as first choice for the venue, but they are still working out whether it's possible for them to host. Back-up venues are also being considered.

6. Safeguarding.

The KCACR is strongly recommending that all ringers undertake C0 and C1 online training (accessed via Diocesan websites), but ringers must also check with their Parish church as they may require further training to be taken. Tower Captains and those directly involved in teaching must complete a C2 course. The Chairman emphasised that each local church took the lead on how safeguarding was managed on its premises, and the KCACR guidance was supporting that, not replacing it. If a church required its ringers to do more, that had to be respected, but if this would cause major problems for anyone the County Safeguarding Officer could be consulted for advice.

It was suggested that ringers can work in groups to take the course, particularly those who may be unfamiliar with working online or who do not have easy access to the internet. It was important to appreciate that safeguarding covers both children and vulnerable adults.

A question was asked regarding the minimum age to start ringing. Towers had different rules, based on age, height and ability to learn. Consideration must also be given to insurance cover; the local church insurance cover may have an age limit specified. Cathy Cheeseman reported that the

Association was considering changing its insurers. Incidents may also be covered by an individual church insurance. It was agreed that further clarification was needed.

7. Central Council AGM – September 2019.

This will take place at Goldsmiths College, New Cross on Saturday 7th September. Related events and a mini 'Ringing Roadshow' will take place over 6th – 8th September. We have been asked to help by supplying volunteers to ensure events run smoothly (cf Gamesmakers at the 2012 Olympics!). In particular, they are looking for one person from the District or area to lead and coordinate this – volunteers please!

8. Tower Reps Proposal.

The Chairman outlined the scheme, the details of reps/towers is in the April Newsletter. The District Committee (ie the elected officers) are now meeting on a regular basis outside of District Quarterly Meetings. Although these meetings have been triggered by the planning of the next County AGM in our District, in 2020, they will continue after that as they are useful. One of the things agreed is a trial 'Tower Reps' scheme, where each member of the committee has three or four towers in the District that they are officially the rep for at meetings. The idea is they would visit these towers on a practice night (if they have one) every couple of months, and communicate information about business that has arisen since the last District Quarterly meeting. The ringers at the tower can also ask them to let the committee know anything they would like to flag up or ask about, for example help in training new learners, or issues with their church. Many other Districts have this system already. The list of towers and their reps is shown below:

Ash by Wrotham – Debra Say	Erith Christ Church – Natalie Slator
Beckenham – Tom Hinks	Erith St John – Natalie Slator
Bexley – Debra Say	Eynsford – Diane Reynolds
Bickley – Rupert Cheeseman	Farnborough – Nick Wilkins
Biggin Hill – Philippa Rooke	Farningham – Diane Reynolds
Bromley Common – Tom Hinks	Foots Cray – Natalie Slator
Bromley Parish – Tom Hinks	Greenwich – Liz Brett
Chislehurst Annunciation – Chris Davine	Hayes – Nick Wilkins
Chislehurst St Nicholas – Chris Davine	Horton Kirby – Nick Wilkins
Chelsfield – Philippa Rooke	Lewisham – Chris Davine
Crayford – Rupert Cheeseman	Penge – Tom Hinks
Cudham – Rupert Cheeseman	Shoreham – Philippa Rooke
Dartford – Deryck Jones	Sidcup – Nick Wilkins
Deptford – Liz Brett	St Mary Cray – Philippa Rooke
Downe – Rupert Cheeseman	West Wickham – Diane Reynolds
Eltham – Chris Davine	Woolwich – Liz Brett

9. Event Updates and Results.

Call Change Competition, November.	1 st Farnborough 2 nd Bromley 3 rd Crayford
Striking Competition, March	1 st Chelsfield 2 nd Crayford 3 rd Eltham

The Chairman presented certificates to the winning towers. She encouraged all to consider taking part in competitions. It was a good experience for all, both new ringers and more established ones.

Ian Mills was congratulated for being part of the SRCY team that got through to the final of the National 12 Bell competition.

A member of the Lewisham District is in the Kent Young Ringers team taking part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest on 6th July in Liverpool.

Nick Wilkins outlined forthcoming practices – details in newsletter.

Training:

Tom Hinks was unable to be at the meeting but had sent an update: Two successful events, bell handling and 10 bell ringing, had been held. Further training, including Listening Skills, Plain Bob Doubles and Steeple keeping were planned. Tom encouraged as many students as possible to sign up for the training courses available, as we are providing a lot of high-quality opportunities this year and it would be great to see these opportunities shared widely throughout the District.

The Lewisham/Tonbridge Joint Outing to London will be on Saturday 12th August, probably centred on the Victoria/Pimlico area.

10. 120 Club.

This was originally set up to raise funds for the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund. However, at present the BRF appeared to be well funded and there was a discussion regarding passing the proceeds to alternative funds in the Association – e.g. Training; Youth. Liz Brett reported that the beneficiary could be changed, but at present all documentation referred to the BRF. It was agreed to continue unchanged for the 2019-20 season. However, the question will be discussed at the ADM in October.

The April draw was made:

	PRIZE	NUMBER	NAME	TOWER
1 st	£20	78	(unsold)	
2 nd	£10	115	(unsold)	
3 rd	£10	72	(unsold)	
4 th	£5	81	Sue Cameron	Unattached

11. AOB

The Chairman announced that 2019 Handbooks were available but had to be signed for. Rupert Cheeseman thanked those who had contributed to the newsletter. Tower copies were available and it was on the District and County websites.

Lesley Barclay asked whether we could have printed copies of the KCACR committee reports at the meeting. Cathy Cheeseman noted that details were on the County website.

12. Vote of thanks.

Svetlana Sokolova proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. Chris Moody for taking the service, to the pianist Graham Long and to the Greenwich band for an excellent tea and for permitting all to ring the bells.

Philippa Rooke thanked Liz Brett for taking the Minutes of the meeting.

Next Meeting – Saturday 13th July at Cudham

SIGNED as a true record

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