



# LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Call change comp... well virtually one!

Do we or don't we?

That was the question facing the District Committee back in mid-October. What were we talking about? The District Call-Change Competition of course!

This competition is held annually in November, but like every other social event since mid-March, there was zero chance of being able to hold the 2020 competition in person for the foreseeable future. So, having had a number of online District Practices that were fairly well attended by people from a number of towers, we debated whether to hold an online competition. Clearly this would need a lot of thought and preparation by the Committee if we were going ahead, so we initially decided to see if there was much of an appetite from the towers.

The previous Call-Change Competition held at Horton Kirby in November 2019, attracted an excellent turnout of seven bands, but prior to that, the number of entrants hovered around four to five bands. When four bands confirmed they would be happy to give a virtual competition a go, the Committee decided that was enough to make it worthwhile and the planning commenced.

The judge was organised very early on with Caroline Stockmann (Sevenoaks, St Nicholas & KCACR Publicity Officer) kindly agreeing to do the honours, having attended a number of our virtual District Practices.

Many emails and a couple of Zoom Committee meetings later, we had thrashed out a plan to alter a few of the rules to accommodate online ringing, and using the Zoom breakout room facility, put each band in turn into their own room while



they rang, whilst also keeping their identity anonymous from the judge to preserve impartiality.

It was hoped that those not ringing would be able to listen in if they wanted in much the same way we might wander outside to listen in person at a real tower, but on the day, the 'listen only' link on Ringing Room didn't function as well as it should and this was often not possible. However, those not ringing were able to chat socially and all agreed afterwards that it was lovely to have the time and opportunity for a catch up.

When planning this event, our worst fear was internet issues but the virtual District Practices at 10am on Saturdays had been largely problem free, and so it turned out to be for this competition too. The draw was made on screen with Ash ringing first, followed by Eltham, Crayford and finally Chelsfield.

Around an hour and thirty minutes later, all the ringing was complete and we waited for Caroline to deliver her verdict which she did with a great deal of detail, thought and consideration....

#### Team 1 (Ash)

Didn't use the practice time allowed fully and generally there was a hesitance at handstroke. Their peal speed was 4hr 39m. The tenor had a double strike on occasions, but this was ignored in the scoring as this can happen so easily ringing online. A solid piece of ringing but handstroke leads were all delayed throughout.

#### Team 2 (Eltham)

This team used the practice time wisely to practice some

changes. Their peal speed was 4hr 15m and the leading and tenor were both steady. There were a few jumbled changes in between but generally this ringing was very pleasing.

#### Team 3 (Crayford)

This team set off at a good pace for their practice and again used the time to practice some changes. Peal speed was 3hr 23m and there were a few fumbled changes, but in between, the ringing was good. There seemed to be several oddities with the change places.

#### Team 4 (Chelsfield)

There were possibly some internet connectivity issues during their practice and they rang lots of rounds at the start. Peal speed was 4hr 15m. Not all the changes were smooth but it was a solid piece of ringing, despite a 'single' being called by mistake during the test! The ringing sped up as it went along.

And onto the final result which as you can see, was incredibly close with a tie for first place, but Crayford were declared the overall winners due to being generally more pleasing to the ear mainly due to their better peal speed. As was pointed out afterwards, Crayford would have been down the pub a whole hour before the Eltham band! Now if only a trip down the pub with ringing friends were actually possible right now.

1st Crayford 93%  
2nd Eltham 93%  
3rd Chelsfield 92%  
4th Ash 90%

Debra Say



The Crayford band: 5. Andrew, 1. Rupert, 3. Debra, 4. Pete, 2. Liz, 6. Carol (clockwise from top left)

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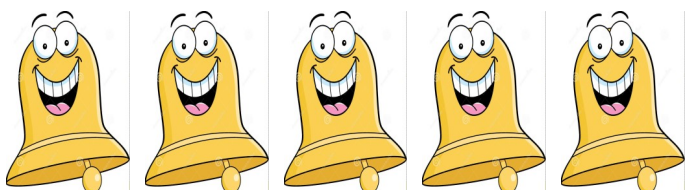
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# Chairman's bit

I'd hoped to be able to include some good news in my first "Chairman's Bit" of 2021, but sadly London and Kent start the year still in Tier 4, with no tower bell ringing allowed except by members of the same household. For me, and I suspect many others, 2020 was the first time I had not rung at my local tower on Christmas morning since I was deemed capable of ringing rounds more or less competently, and that felt very strange.

But it's good to see that many towers are still keeping in touch with their members, either through online chats on Zoom (other meeting apps are available) or the invaluable Ringing Room. One interesting feature of Ringing Room is that novice ringers are able to learn and practice new methods without having to worry about handling a bell at the same time, enabling them to make rapid progress. While some of them may find it hard to take a step back when they return to ringing on real bells, where ringing methods involves more than just hitting a computer key at the right time, I don't see this as necessarily a bad thing. Hopefully having discovered the pleasures of learning and "ringing" real methods, this will be an additional incentive to work on the basics of handling and bell control, the essential bedrock of everything from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Maximus!

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at the District online events, and in person later in the year.

David Holdridge  
Chairman  
Lewisham District  
KCACR

## Tower Handbook Updates for 2021

This is a reminder for all tower contacts for you to check and update where necessary, the information held for your tower, in preparation for the new Handbooks. An email with an attachment showing you how to log in and make any amendments was sent on 19th December 2020 and for the first time, you are also asked to add any births, marriages, obituaries etc which you might want to include.

If any tower contact needs help with the above or a reminder of the log in details, please get in touch at [sec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:sec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk) with any specific membership enquiries being directed to Rupert as membership secretary at: [memsec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:memsec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk).

The deadline for checking and updating tower details is Sunday 14th February 2021.

Debra Say

# Editorial



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

The strangest of years has come to an end but the new one begins with little prospect of real ringing for a few months yet. At least with the vaccine being rolled out a return to the tower and seeing ringing friends in person again is a more realistic prospect in the Spring/Summer.

In the meantime, the district continues to hold events on-line. If you haven't been to one yet then please do so whether it's one of Tom's training sessions or a District Ringing Room practice. After the successful virtual call change competition, a method one will take place in March although hopefully a real one will be able to take place later in the year.

Cheers and stay safe,

*Rupert*

## Guidance for Ringing During Coronavirus Restrictions

Just a reminder, here are the links for advice on ringing during the current situation. This is carefully thought through guidance from the central body that looks after the interests of bellringers and we strongly advise everyone to follow it. If your local incumbent and churchwardens have put in place stricter controls for the safety of the parishioners then of course this takes precedence.

Updates will normally appear via the KCACR and Lewisham District e-lists but it's worth checking directly with the websites from time to time just to see if there's anything new.

[www.cccbr.org.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.cccbr.org.uk/coronavirus/)

and

<https://kca.org.uk/coronavirus/>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your Tower Rep or any member of the District Committee.

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### Police call for peelers

A BEXLEY policeman who helps ring the bells at St. Mary the Virgin, Bexley Village, is starting a London-wide hunt for more "peelers" from the force.

PC Peter Shonk, who lives in Raeburn Road, Sidecup, is the secretary of the Metropolitan Police Guild of Bellringers, and with a membership of just 12, he is anxious to recruit more members.

Seen in our picture with Mr. Shonk are two of the St. Mary's team, Eddie Coode and Percy Hicks. Under the directions of bell captain Mary Andrews, the ringers practise every Thursday evening.

Another member of the Bexley team is PC Geoff Runham, of St. Mary Cray. He also belongs to the Police Guild. Members meet once a month at St. George the Martyr in Southwark, which has been used by police bellringers since the national Police Guild was formed in 1923.

Mr. Shonk told us: "Recruits for our Police Guild are very hard to come by as bellringing is not the sort of thing that

many people learn from childhood.

"We do get people coming along from time to time but they seem to lose interest as it takes such a long time to learn to handle a bell properly".

Mr. Shonk told us that members of the Police meet every couple of months and do a lot of travelling around the country visiting towers, often staying away for a full weekend.

Places visited recently include Dorchester, Brightwell, Brentwood, Southend, Brighton and Ipswich.

Mr. Shonk points out that there must be a number of ringers in the police who could join the guild. "I think they are worried that if they join us they will be persuaded to leave their own tower. This just isn't so. If policemen want to get in touch with me, they can ring after 7.0 p.m. on 01-850-1014".

News Shopper  
14. 2. 1974

# NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

## CRAYFORD

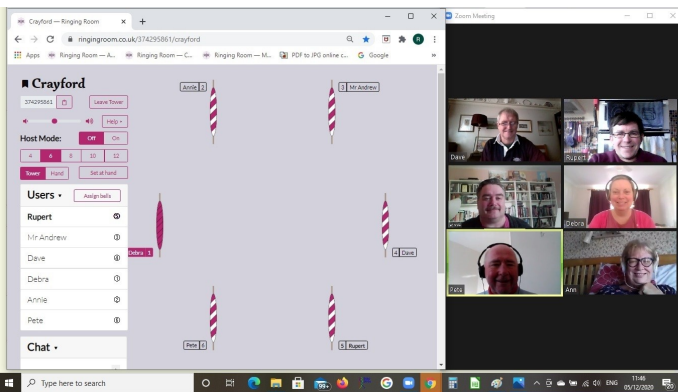
We have continued to hold a regular weekly chat and practice on Tuesday evenings. We've been numbering these and are currently on 41. Rather depressingly it's looking quite likely that we will almost certainly hit the half century in the next couple of months.

Having had a few goes, with a mixture of human and internet failures stopping success, we finally managed to 'ring' a quarter peal on Ringing Room in December. Never has so much concentration been required to ring Plain Bob Doubles!

Ringing Room (Crayford, St Paulinus), Kent  
Saturday, 5 December 2020  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 48mins  
1. Debra Say (Bexley)  
2. Ann Saunders (Bexleyheath)  
3. Andrew Sinclair (Crayford)  
4. David Gyles (New Barn)  
5. Rupert Cheeseman (Longfield) (C)  
6. Pete Morris (Blackfen)

Rung to mark the resumption of church services tomorrow after Lockdown II.  
First quarter on Ringing Room for all.  
First quarter; 6.

Rupert



## FARNBOROUGH

The tenor (8th) for the soon to be augmented bells at Farnborough was cast at Taylor's, Loughborough in December.

The new treble is to be cast in January and will solely bear the name of John Barnes.

Unfortunately due to current restrictions, viewing of the castings is not possible.

Please contact Nick if you have any questions

Donations via Just Giving towards this exciting and extremely worthwhile project will be very welcome:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Bells4Farnborough>

Nick Wilkins



# Sylvia Mackenzie ~ 18th April 1938 – 5th January 2021

Sylvia learned to ring as a youngster in her home village of Ash in Surrey and started ringing at Farningham and Eynsford in the mid 70's when Frank started to teach her son Duncan as a teenager.

She has been sorely missed in the tower since her increasing dementia made it difficult for her to ring in recent years.

Her funeral will be on Jan 25th of January at St. Peter and Paul's Farningham at 2pm (family only).

Our condolences go to George and her family at this sad time.



Some memories from people who knew her:

Sylvia met George at a dance. Their first date started with meeting on the steps of St Martins in the Fields at Trafalgar Square - if he did not turn up the plan was to go to ringing practice. One practice she was happy to miss.

Duncan Mackenzie (son & bellringer)

My family got to know Sylvia over 30 years ago. After reading the DGGS newsletter our son Neil expressed an interest in learning to ring. This led to our daughter Jane, Neil and I learning at St Martin's Eynsford in 1987. With 6 of us in all, I remember Sylvia always being there to support Frank and give encouragement, happily ringing a bell for long spells to enable us to take turns following. She was a regular, reliable attendee at practices and Sunday services with a patient and unflappable disposition. Her cheerful, gentle manner and helpful tips have helped many of the band over the years.

A dear friend, she will be greatly missed.

Daphne Paterson (E&F Ringer)

She had been a bell-ringer at Eynsford and Farningham churches for many years and was a master technician and a stalwart of the group!

Jack Barker (Present Tower Captain)



My reflection of Sylvia is of someone who was very supportive and no doubt that was the case in all that she did. She was a regular attender and very helpful with learners. She had a neat handling style and I often said to learners to replicate the way Sylvia handled a rope.

When it came to District meetings and teas Sylvia was prominent making cakes and contributing to the arrangements. Contributor is the word that just keeps coming to mind. For the 2008 Farningham bells restoration Sylvia was there throughout contributing following the bells removal by clambering over the frame and assisting with the wire brushing and painting. She also led the work on local fundraising.

We rang the Farningham peal on 1 July 2001 marking the ruby wedding anniversaries of both George & Sylvia and of John and Jean Luffman.

David Hilling (retired E&F Tower Captain)





INVICTA

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT



INVICTA

#### Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held via Zoom, Saturday 10th October 2020

24 people attended in total representing 13 towers, 2 unattached, 2 from outside Lewisham District. All were welcomed to our first District Zoom meeting with special mention for Phil Barnes (Chairman, KCACR) and Jen Thomas (Youth Officer, KCACR)

The meeting opened with Philippa asking if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded to help with taking the minutes. No objections were raised.

#### 1. In Memoriam

Five long standing ringers had passed away since January and each was mentioned before observing a one-minute silence in their memory:

John Cannell (West Wickham) - Was elected in 1947, a previous Tower Captain at West Wickham and a member for 70 years

Peter Skinner (Chislehurst, St Nicholas) - Tower Captain who died in March. Learnt to ring in the 1960s and was re-elected in 1995.

Percy Hicks (Bexley) – Taught to ring by Mary Andrews in 1972 and continued ringing until 2016. Rang many quarter peals and gave 48 years of service.

Geoff Mills – Passed away very recently and condolences were passed on to Ian and Diane. Known to many only through Facebook which he embraced when no longer able to ring.

Angus Ogilvie (Chislehurst, St Nicholas) – Learnt to ring at Brighton around 1970 and later joined Chislehurst St Nicholas and Eltham bands after he moved to the area. Rang many quarter peals before being forced to give up in 2012 after an earlier diagnosis of Parkinson's.

The total number of years' service given by these five people is in excess of 189 years and is a great loss to the District.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

Received from Dave Gyles (Ash), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby), Chris Devine (Eltham), Graham Long (Greenwich), Ian Mills (Eltham), Luke Potgieter (Erith, St Johns).

#### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting (11th January 2020 at Hayes)

Posted to the County website and circulated via email to the District e-group. Agreed as a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: Diane Reynolds Seconded: Svetlana Sokolova. Voted unanimously.

#### 4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nil

#### 5. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By	Competency Assessed By
Ed Webb	Lewisham	Julia Pring	Pauline Symons	Nick Wilkins
Christine Webb	Lewisham	Julia Pring	Pauline Symons	Nick Wilkins
Alex Webb (Jnr)	Lewisham	Julia Pring	Pauline Symons	Nick Wilkins
Olivia Stanton (Jnr)	Farnborough	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay	Nick Wilkins
Zoe Applegate	Horton Kirby	Lesley Barclay	Nick Wilkins	Nick Wilkins
Rob Hodgetts	Bromley Parish	Tom Hinks	Dickon Love	Tom Hinks

Most of these have been held over since before lockdown started in mid-March so it was good to be able to elect these new members today, and Ed, Christine and Alex were with us on Zoom. All were elected unanimously using the Zoom poll facility set up in advance, and welcomed to the Association.

## 6. Officer Reports

The reports had been circulated in advance via the District e-group but were also shared on screen at this point in the meeting.

### Ringling Master

There were at least two (conventional) practices every month from October 2019 to early March this year until Covid19 brought a juddering halt to ringing as we know it – or knew it...!

These consisted of one general practice often, but not always, on a Friday evening and one Surprise Major practice at Chelsfield on the second Wednesday evening of the month. Host towers were Bexley, Hayes, Erith St John, Chislehurst Annunciation and Lewisham.

Additionally, there were two 10-bell practices at Beckenham on Thursdays 14th November and 13th February.

Last year on 16th November the call-change striking competition was held at Horton Kirby and won by Chelsfield.

On 7th March the District Method Striking competition was held at Crayford also won by Chelsfield. Disappointingly only Chelsfield and Crayford, the host tower, entered.

Sadly, the planned joint outing with the Tonbridge District to London on Saturday August 8th which I had partly already organised had to be cancelled.

Turning to the general health of ringing in the District, the practices saw varying numbers attending and ringing ranged from rounds and call changes up to Surprise Major and Surprise Royal and Stedman Caters at Beckenham. As expressed last year, it does worry me that some towers in the District have been struggling with low ringer numbers and I can only see this situation getting worse once we return to some sort of new normal following the Covid19 ringing restrictions. May I thank those who have contributed to the recent tower survey. The results will be useful at District level to see how many towers are active and identify those where ringing has yet to resume. I am also feeding the results up to County level.

This year, following the ceasing of conventional practices, we have held Zoom and Ringing Room sessions. These have occurred approximately once a month since normal practices ceased, usually on a Saturday morning. I'd like to thank Rupert for being able and willing to lead a lot of the ringing and he has built up an excellent and loyal following. Ringing has ranged up to plain hunt on 11 and Grandsire Triples.

As ever, I am very grateful to those that support me with the ringing in the district.

Nick Wilkins

### Membership Secretary Report

The District currently has 199 members (163 adults, 15 80 & over, 3 18 & under, 15 life, 2 Associate, 1 Vice President) down from 219 (112 adults, 62 over 65, 16 over 65 and 25-years membership, 12 junior, 15 life, 1 Associate, 1 Vice President) members last year. As you can see from the breakdown there has been a change of membership categories this year to simplify things. Some of this drop is due to the removal of the 65 and over and 25 years membership free category where some members who were no longer active previously remained on the books.

As we have only held one meeting so far this year there have only been 2 new members elected but hopefully there will be a few more at the ADM.

For payment of next year's subs, it is the intention of the County to make it possible for individuals to pay online. More details nearer the time but for anyone not happy to do it this way then the old traditional way will still be possible. Subs next year will again be £15 for 18-80 and £7.50 for under 18s.

Rupert Cheeseman





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## **Training Officer**

Training events in the district this year have been popular and well-attended. A raising and lowering workshop in early March was hosted by Beckenham and gave district members the opportunity to hone their skills at ringing up and down - singly and in peal. The online training sessions which were run on Saturday mornings from April through to July were very well attended, with sometimes up to 40 attendees from the district and around the Association. Topics included handbell ringing, method structure, listening skills and conducting. All the talks can be found on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuwovfc8KHEEEgsMTfLrjA/videos>

Tom Hinks

## **120 Club Administrator**

This has been a difficult year to say the least! However, we have managed to keep the draws going. 68 shares have been sold for the current year (88 in the previous year). Thanks to everyone who bought shares and particular thanks to Phillipa and Nick for carrying out virtual draws. We have also managed a couple on Zoom meetings during virtual district practices.

For I think the first time, most of the applications for shares this year were made via email – this is in many ways much easier. Up-to-date application forms are available on the Lewisham District website. Emailing applications saves both paper and postage and I have also been emailing share certificates back to members. Most payments have been by bank transfer. I would encourage those who are happy to continue membership each year to set up a Standing Order with their bank – this is even easier to administer. A Standing Order for payments of £10 per share to be made in February or March for the new draw year (starting in April) will ensure continuing membership.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
88 shares @£10	£880	Prizes	£540
Unclaimed prizes	£170	Council fee	£20
		Expenses	£12.43
TOTAL	£1050	TOTAL	£572.43
		To BRF	£477.57

Elizabeth Brett

## **Newsletter Editor/PR**

It's obviously been a strange year and with 2 district meetings being cancelled only two Newsletters were produced. A paper copy of the January one went to all towers as usual but for the October one it was decided that, for the first time, only an online version would be produced for downloading from the County website. I foresee this continuing all the time we are having virtual meetings, but the intention is to go back to hard copies for each tower once we are back meeting in person again.

Whilst the District website has continued to be updated, the County website has now become much easier to update and so both Debra and myself have increasingly been using that to provide information to the District. If you haven't already, then please sign up to the KCACR Mailing List by visiting [https://kcacr.org.uk/category/association\\_news/weekly](https://kcacr.org.uk/category/association_news/weekly) to receive a news summary every Saturday morning with important District announcements. We will also continue to send out information to the District yahoo group and the tower contacts group so again, please sign up to the yahoo group if you have not done so already by sending an email to [lewisham\\_district-subscribe@yahoogroups.co.uk](mailto:lewisham_district-subscribe@yahoogroups.co.uk)

Rupert Cheeseman

No questions were raised about the contents of any of the Officer Reports and the only additional comment was from Liz Brett who mentioned that this year has shown the benefits of using online communication for running the 120 Club.

## **7. KCACR General Committee Notification of Rule Change**

This item and the following one were the main reasons Phil Barnes was attending and he was asked if he would like to take the floor to explain. The wording of the proposed rule change was shared on screen for all to read.

The rule change concerns a proposal to reword the rule which relates to how the KCACR Central Council Representatives are elected. Phil explained the Central Council is an over-arching body which used to elect a new council every three years. Around two years ago this was changed so that representatives are now elected annually at each AGM and this is the word change needed to the current rules. It is completely non-controversial and will be proposed at the 2021 AGM. For now, this is just a notification.

Questions and comments were invited but nothing was raised.

## **Notification of KCACR to Become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

A letter from Phil Barnes had been received prior to the meeting that was intended to be read out. Considering Phil was attending in

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person, he decided to explain the contents himself.

For around 12 months the KCACR General Committee has been looking into applying for Charitable Status for the KCACR as a whole – at present only the Bell Restoration Fund is registered as a charity which enables it to apply for grants only available to charities. The benefits for the Association as a whole are numerous including financial benefits such as Gift Aid and better funding opportunities only available to charities. In addition, it will also improve the governance of the Association allowing better communication with members which has been highlighted as being of particular importance this year. Becoming a **Charitable Incorporated Association**, would also provide financial protection for the Officers and to a lesser extent, the members for example in the unlikely event of the KCACR becoming bankrupt. Becoming **Incorporated** means the Association would become a legal entity which it currently is not in its current form.

The General Committee initially proposed to go ahead with becoming a **Charitable Incorporated Association** however questions have been raised that a CIA would fundamentally change how the KCACR is run, for example the Chairman could not be elected by the members but would be appointed by trustees, and other areas within the CIA model are also of concern.

The alternative now being looked at is for the KCACR to become a **Charitable Association**. The main difference of not being Incorporated is no separate legal entity and the protections for officers are fewer, although these are generally more suited to businesses with buildings, property and employees and so the extra hassle and overheads of going down the Incorporated route is now deemed unnecessary.

The financial benefits of becoming a charity under the **Charitable Association** model remain, so Gift Aid, the ability to apply for certain grants plus we would still be electing trustees to improve the governance, whilst remaining accountable to both the members of the Association and in addition, the Charity Commission. These are the legal implications.

Once the KCACR becomes a charity, it will be necessary to re-state the objects of the Association to enable it to fit the aims of a charity and the charitable objects proposed are in line with the original draft constitution which can be read here <https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Constitution-820.pdf> The proposal to make the KCACR a Charitable Association will be brought to the 2021 AGM and there will be another opportunity to discuss this again at our January QDM .

Questions/comments were then invited for Phil:

**Q.** Does the County own any property in its own right e.g., mobile rings etc as a Charitable Association cannot own property?  
**A.** The only property currently is a Chairman's badge plus a few competition trophies. If the situation arose in the future where the KCACR owned any property, the Charitable Association could at that point become Incorporated fairly easily. The process the other way to become unincorporated is much more difficult.

**Q.** Have any other ringing associations already been down this route?  
**A.** Not since the option of a CIA existed which was around 2014, but many are full charities including nearby Essex and Sussex, the latter since the 1970s.

## 2021 Subscription Renewals

It is still expected that next year's subs will be paid by individuals online although there should still be the option of paying via your tower/tower captain. Rates remain the same as this year, £15 for adults 18-80 and £7.50 for junior members. Further details will be provided once this information is received from the County. Phil Barnes commented that paying individually and each member maintaining their own records, will improve communication through the recording of email addresses and simplify the payment of subs which will now go direct to the County rather than through several District channels before being sent on to the County Treasurer.

Members elected at today's meeting will pay half the annual subs mentioned above. Please contact Rupert for details of the County bank account to make an online payment.

## 2021 County AGM

Impossible to predict what will happen regarding the global pandemic and its effect on the 2021 AGM which is currently rescheduled to take place in the Lewisham District on Easter Monday (5<sup>th</sup> April). Phil Barnes was pressed regarding a date for a decision and his thoughts were that a final decision would be made and communicated around February.



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## 7. Election of Officers

A notice asking for any nominations had been circulated via the e-group in the weeks before the meeting and the table below was shared in advance, as well as on screen at the meeting:

Post	Nominations for Officers 2020-21		
	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	David Holdridge	Philippa Rooke	Debra Say
Secretary	Debra Say	Rupert Cheeseman	Liz Morris
Membership Secretary	Rupert Cheeseman	Debra Say	Pete Morris
Ringling Master	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay	Debra Say
Deputy Ringling Master	Diane Reynolds	David Holdridge	Ian Mills
Training Officer	Tom Hinks	Ian Mills	Diane Reynolds
District Rep	Natalie Slator/Svetlana Sokolova	Liz Brett	Chris Davine
120 Club Administrator	Liz Brett	Natalie Slator	Shirley Scarth
120 Club Assistant	Deryck Jones		
Youth Coordinator	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay	Jim Rooke
Newsletter Editor	Rupert Cheeseman	Dave Gyles	Brenda Barton

A Zoom poll was prepared in advance with all attendees able to vote for each post individually. All were elected unanimously and with Philippa not standing for re-election, she thanked both Sue Cameron and Debra Say for their diligence as Secretary during her tenure, and the wider committee for their ongoing support, and thanked David Holdridge for volunteering to take over as the new Chairman.

Nick Wilkins then spoke on behalf of everyone to thank Philippa for all her hard work and commitment over the past five years. The last two years especially have been very time consuming with the 2020 County AGM which was then cancelled, plus the Coronavirus situation, in addition to her other commitments which include tower captain, church warden, archivist, chorister, pension trustee and amateur dramatics, and Nick wished Philippa every success in the completion of her degree this year. A virtual round of applause was given to show our appreciation.

## 8. 120 Club draw

Liz & Les Brett made the October draw on screen as follows:

No	Prize	Name	Tower	
1st	86	£20	Unsold	BRF
2nd	118	£10	Unsold	BRF
3rd	81	£10	Sue Cameron	Unattached
4th	91	£5	Unsold	BRF

## 10. Any Other Business

Rupert Cheeseman thanked everyone who had contributed to the latest Newsletter which was now available online.

Virtual District Practice dates have been arranged up to the end of 2020 and are in the District calendar on the KCACR website.

Tom Hinks was thanked for all his hard work in arranging online training sessions via Zoom from April right through until the summer that were well attended and enjoyed by Lewisham District members and beyond. Tom confirmed that further online training will be arranged if local lockdowns become a feature once again.

The meeting was then called to a close.

**Next meeting** will be Saturday 9th January 2021 via zoom.