

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Erith, Christ Church, Saturday 9th April 2022

16 people attended representing 8 towers, including 1 out of District ringer.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Philippa Rooke & Jim Rooke (Chelsfield), Tom Hinks (Bromley Parish), Ian Mills (Eltham), Diane Reynolds (Eltham), Sue Cameron (Unattached), Maurice Cook (Dartford).

2. In Memoriam

A minute's silence was held in memory of Jean Pailing (Chislehurst, St Nicholas) and Audrey Alloway (Farnborough).

3. Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held via Zoom on 8th January 2022

Posted to the County website and circulated via email to the District e-group.

It was noted that Sue Cameron was omitted from the Apologies for Absence in error.

Agreed as a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: Svetlana Sokolova Seconded: Peter Morris. Voted unanimously.

4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

Nil

5. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By	Competency Assessed By
Andrew Smith	Greenwich	Graham Long	Bill Lanyon	Rupert Cheeseman

Elected unanimously.

6. KCACR

Proposed Rule Changes Regarding Safeguarding & Conduct – A link had previously been sent via the District e-group to the page on the KCACR website explaining the reasons behind the proposed rule changes being brought to the AGM in April 2022. We are not asked to vote on this at District level but David Holdridge wanted to provide a general outline of why this was being brought to the AGM and to give some details of the rule changes themselves. A general discussion then took place with questions including:

What is the CCCBR stance on safeguarding issues?

How would any of us know if someone was on the sex offenders register?

Whose responsibility is it to check if anyone is on the register?

It was also noted that safeguarding responsibilities are slightly different at Rochester and Canterbury.

Depending on the outcome of the AGM on Easter Monday, we may need to review what we do within the district.

Annual General Meeting – St Nicholas, Chislehurst Easter Monday 18/4 - Lewisham District are hosting a scaled down in-person AGM. Help will be required on the day to move tables from the church hall along the road into the church, make tea/coffee, hand out service booklets and clear up afterwards.

Festival of Ringing – Goudhurst 18/6 – This long-awaited event will now take place at Goudhurst on Saturday 18th June and will incorporate the district 8-Bell Competition. Nearby towers will also be open for ringing and a hog roast and beer will be provided at Taywell Farm. Further details to follow when available.

County 6-Bell Competitions – Saltwood 10/9 – This year there will be both a Striking Competition and a Call Change Competition. It is expected there will be additional open towers nearby and further details will be provided in due course.

General Committee Misc - Ringing recruitment equipment (cameras, TV monitor and other equipment to facilitate watching the bells), should have been available on loan from the KCACR but Doug Davis is still making adjustments and has yet to write up instructions for the website. Should be completed shortly. Contact Doug direct for information.

E-bell loan scheme - the KCACR e-bells which are available on loan will be taken to the County AGM and the Festival of Ringing. Phil Barnes is intending to create a short video demonstration. Please contact Phil Barnes for details.

KCACR Choral Evensong of Remembrance **6/11**– Natalie Slator has spoken to the General Secretary about our concerns with regard to the date clashing with many churches holding a remembrance service themselves on the same day. However, the date for 2022 is fixed, although an alternative date could be discussed for 2023 and this should be raised at the appropriate time by our District Rep at the General Committee Meeting.

7. Events

District Practices – Tom Hinks was unable to be at the meeting but had sent a report as follows:

Our district practices so far this year have been popular and very productive, with at least 20 in attendance at Downe in February and Hayes in March. Everyone attending has been able to have a good go at something they are currently working on, from call changes through to Surprise methods. The standard of ringing has also been very good, with a strong band arranged to support each piece of ringing. Thank you very much to everyone who has supported a district practice so far this year!

All District Practices for 2022 have been arranged right up to December and details can be found in the new Handbook and on the KCACR website. The next practice is at The Annunciation, Chislehurst on **14/5**.

District Competitions – Both the Call Change and 6-Bell Striking Competitions need to be held before the inter-District competitions in September. The Committee have discussed holding these on the same day, potentially **2/7** or **23/7**, with the latter most likely to avoid a clash with a Young Ringers Competition on 2/7. More details to follow.

Training - Tom Hinks was unable to be at the meeting but had sent details of planned events:

We held a well-attended and very successful handbell training morning on Saturday 12th March, at Bromley parish church. The groups focused on plain hunt on 6 and 8, and Plain Bob Minor and Major, with a sociable tea break in between sessions. Two quarter peal attempts as part of the morning were not successful (in one case due to mechanical failure!), but gave useful opportunities for further practice. The archive of training videos on the Lewisham District Training YouTube channel continues to be well-used by people looking for an easy way to access training on a wide range of different topics. Any requests for further training videos, do please get in contact. In the summer, I am planning to run a couple of weekday evening workshop training sessions - one practical bell handling session and one theory session on either listening skills or a topic such as recruitment.

8. 120 Club Draw

Liz and Les Brett made the draw as follows:

	PRIZE	NUMBER	NAME	TOWER
1st	£20	53	Unsold	BRF
2nd	£10	31	Margaret Heald	Erith, St John's
3rd	£10	97	Natalie Slator	Erith, Christ Church
4th	£5	21	Melissa Cheeseman	N/A

Liz Brett made an appeal for a new administrator to take over the 120 Club as soon as possible as their planned move to Cumbria looks to be going ahead by August. Please contact Liz if interested and she will talk through what is required which is not too onerous.

57 shares have been sold so far for this year.

9. Any Other Business

Newsletter - The Newsletter is now available on the KCACR website and paper copies will be distributed at the AGM on Easter Monday and at the May District Practice.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Eynsford in the morning, to be followed by a walk to Shoreham incorporating a stop on the way for a picnic lunch, with hopefully more ringing at Shoreham in the afternoon.

Date of next proposed meeting – Saturday 9th July