

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at St Martin's, Eynsford, Saturday 9th July 2022

15 people attended representing 8 towers.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Philippa Rooke & Jim Rooke (Chelsfield), Ian Mills (Eltham), Sue Cameron (Unattached), Natalie Slator (Erith CC), Sue Fever (Ash), Les Brett (Erith CC), Margaret Heald (Erith, St John's), David Gyles (Ash), Peter Morris (Crayford).

2. In Memoriam

A minute's silence was held in memory of Jean Rogers (Eynsford) and Graham Carter (Ash).

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

Circulated via email to the District e-group.

Agreed as a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman Seconded: Liz 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
Anthony Bompas	Crayford	Andrew Sinclair	Debra Say	Rupert Cheeseman
Corinne Hendry	Ash-by-Wrotham	Frank Cottee	Dave Gyles	Rupert Cheeseman
June Gilchrist	Ash-by-Wrotham	Frank Cottee	Dave Gyles	Rupert Cheeseman
Yvonne Sterry	Ash-by-Wrotham	Frank Cottee	Dave Gyles	Rupert Cheeseman
Gillian Watling	Ash-by-Wrotham	Frank Cottee	Dave Gyles	Rupert Cheeseman

All were elected unanimously and with four of the five new members in attendance at the meeting, all were welcomed to the Association and invited to join us at further District Practices and events.

6. KCACR

Updates from the County AGM held at St Nicholas, Chislehurst on Easter Monday 18/4 - Lewisham District hosted this event and an email had been received from the KCACR General Committee thanking the Lewisham District Committee for making all the arrangements, and also thanking those who helped on the day.

The proposals for the rule changes regarding safeguarding were discussed fully and passed at the AGM. Clarification was sought by a District member at this Eynsford meeting regarding the general purpose of the rule change and it was explained that essentially, the rule change would allow the KCACR to suspend members should the name of the Association be brought into disrepute. Prior to this rule change, there was no mechanism to suspend anyone and the need for this had come about because of a couple of safeguarding issues that had arisen recently.

Update from Festival of Ringing/Inter District 8-bell Competition – Goudhurst 18/6 – Four Districts out of the six entered the 8-bell competition, including a band from the Lewisham. Our District rang very well but unfortunately failed to complete the test piece. The winners were the Canterbury District. Those who attended the long-awaited Festival of Ringing including food and drink at Taywell Farm, mini-ring and open towers reported that it wasn't that well attended. The ringers there seemed to be those ringing in the 8-bell competition and it was felt that the open towers generally needed more support.

County 6-Bell Competitions – Saltwood 10/9 – Both the County 6-bell Striking Competition plus the new County Call Change Competition are due to be held at Saltwood on 10th September, so two bands will be needed to represent the Lewisham District.

7. Event Updates

District Practices – Attendance has continued to be very good and ringing has been productive, helped by having the support of more expert ringers from around the District.

The next practice is at St Peter & St Paul, Bromley on Friday **12/8** from 7.30-9pm

District Competitions – Both the Call Change and 6-Bell Striking Competitions will be held on **23/7**, venue to be confirmed. At present it looks like Chelsfield and Crayford may be the only entrants for the Striking Competition so it was suggested that instead of holding a competition, that both bands could visit each other on a practice night to decide who should represent the Lewisham District at Saltwood.

Regarding the new County Call Change Competition, it has been pointed out to the KCACR General Committee that the aims of our District Call Change Competition to encourage new ringers to enter, conflict with the aim of the new KCACR competition to produce the best Call Changes. With it being very uncertain how many bands may enter either of the District competitions, it was agreed that the Secretary should email all tower contacts to find out exact numbers before any decisions are made.

Training - Tom Hinks was at the meeting and outlined his intention to hold an evening raising and lowering workshop in September. This will cover both raising and lowering in peal as well as individually. Tom also reminded everyone that the District YouTube channel videos are still available.

8. 120 Club Draw

Liz and Les Brett are moving away to Cumbria shortly so this will be their last 120 Club draw before handing over to Liz (and Peter) Morris. As usual, the July draw is a double draw:

	PRIZE	NUMBER	NAME	TOWER
1st	£20	24	Jonathan Hutton	Bromley Parish
1st	£20	55	Deryck Jones	Dartford
2nd	£10	56	Unsold	BRF
2nd	£10	68	Unsold	BRF
3rd	£10	2	Andrew Correia	Dartford
3rd	£10	116	Unsold	BRF
4th	£5	20	Daphne Patterson	Eynsford
4th	£5	115	Unsold	BRF

A formal vote of thanks was given to Liz and Les Brett by the Chairman for their commitment to the 120 Club over the last 5 years and Liz and Peter Morris were thanked for agreeing to take on the role of 120 Club Administrator.

9. Any Other Business

Handbooks – Most of the 2022 Handbooks have now been distributed but there are still a few left. Anyone who ordered one but has not yet received a book is asked to contact Rupert Cheeseman.

Newsletter - The summer Newsletter will be finished and available online over the weekend.

A vote of thanks was given by the Secretary to Rev'd Dorothy McGarvey for taking the service, to Barry for playing the organ for the service and to the Eynsford ringers for providing tea, coffee and cakes.

The meeting was brought to a close with the Chairman inviting everyone to come on a walk to Shoreham incorporating a stop on the way for a picnic lunch, with more ringing arranged at Shoreham this afternoon.

Date of next proposed meeting – Saturday 8th October