

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting held at St Mary Cray on Saturday 13th January 2024

29 attendees signed the register of attendance, representing ten different towers

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Debra Say (Crayford); Rhiannon Meredith (unattached); Graham Long (Greenwich); Nick Wilkins (Farnborough); Ruth Pointer (St Mary Cray); Tom Hinks, Helena Mattingley and Rufus Mattingley-Hinks (Bromley).
2. The news of the **death** of Anne Taylor (1941-2023), ringer at Farnborough, was reported by David Holdridge on behalf of Nick Wilkins. Anne died on 29th November and her funeral took place at Chelsfield on 11th of January. A minute silence was kept in Anne's memory.
3. The **minutes** of the last meeting were circulated via e-mail to the district e-group, accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Peter Norwood Seconded: Nigel Pointer

There were no matters arising.

4. Four **new members** were elected unopposed and welcomed into the Association:
 - Greenwich: **Beverley Sharp-Georgiev** proposed by Graham Long, seconded by Bill Lanyon and witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman;
 - West Wickham: **Peter Jaffray** and **Mike Noakes** proposed by Judith Fry, seconded by Jon Fry and witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman;
 - Bromley Common: **Esra Uluadam** proposed by Chris Lawrence, seconded by Alastair Scott and witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman.
5. A **County Rep update** was provided by Svetlana Sokolova:

New membership system has been actively discussed at the last county meeting in November. It's set up and running. Everyone's encouraged to log in, renew their membership and message Doug Davis if there are any difficulties in doing so.

A quick recap of 2023 events:

- In Essex Trophy competition Kent came 3rd out of 6 teams. Little Bob Royal at St Martin's Epsom might be this year's competition.
- 4 teams entered into each Association 6-bell competition and Canterbury District won by one point.

Forthcoming 2024 events:

- KYR Striking Competition is planned for 17th of February at Chalk and Shorne, organised by Rochester District;
- AGM 2024 is planned for 1st of April at Rainham, organised by Rochester District;
- 8-bell Striking Competition & Ringing Festival, including BBQ, is planned for 22nd of June at Quex Park. Method to be Canterbury Pleasure Bob Triples;

- 6-bell Striking Competitions will be on 28th of September, organised by Lewisham District for both method and call change competitions.

The General Secretary would like to know as soon as possible if you are approaching 50- or 75-year anniversary of bellringing or if you know of anyone reaching these milestones, so that Certificates can be signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in time for presentation at the AGM.

6. The **120 club draw** was held by Liz and Peter Morris:

Number	Prize, £	Name	Tower
75	20	Jim Rooke	Chelsfield
26	10	David Gyles	Ash by Wrotham
74	10	Jim Odell	Greenwich
18	5	Maurice Cook	Dartford

Liz notified that the next draw will be in March. All members are asked to renew or purchase shares for the new year. Instructions on 'how to' can be found on KCACR website or via email to 120club@lewishamdistrict.org.uk.

7. **Any Other Business**

- a. Nigel Pointer encouraged everyone to get in touch if they don't receive **monthly email updates** from the ringing masters. Now that Newsletter is suspended it's one of the top methods to keep up with district ringing highlights and forthcoming events.
- b. All attended joined Nigel Pointer with a round of applause in congratulating **Dickon Love** on being awarded an **MBE in the New Year Honours list** for services to bellringing in London and Kent. Dickon is an extremely talented ringer (tower and hand) and the steeple keeper at St Peter & Paul, Bromley. He's also tower captain at St Magnus the Martyr, St James Garlickhythe and St Mary Woolnoth. Dickon led the installation of the new bells at St Magnus, St Dunstan-in-the-West and at St James Garlickhythe (the Royal Jubilee Bells which Dickon managed when they rang on the river Thames leading the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant).
- c. Rupert Cheeseman advised for new members to join the association online using new membership system. New members don't have to be elected anymore. It's more convenient and easier to join online.
- d. David Holdridge commented positively about ringing masters' monthly updates. They are really useful and interesting. Those that are missing out can contact Rupert Cheeseman to be added to the district e-mail group. Nigel Pointer said that this year district events fall on second Saturday of each month (with a couple of exceptions) and the next district practice will be on the 10th of February at Farnborough at 10:30.
- e. Sue Cameron proposed a vote of thanks to St Mary Cray band for making arrangements to host the meeting and providing hot beverages.

There has been no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed and the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing.