

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting held at Sevenoaks, St Nicholas on Saturday 13th July 2024

22 attendees signed the register of attendance, representing 7 different towers.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Andrée Jordan (Eltham), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby), Sue Cameron (unattached), Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield), Chris Lawrance (Bromley Common), Alison Jones (Sidcup), Bernadette Katchoff (Chislehurst, St Nickolas) and Nigel Pointer (St Mary Cray).
2. A **minute silence** was kept in memory of Christine Webb. She died on the 25th June 2024 at the age of 77. She was a member of the association for over 60 years, Lewisham District Secretary at some point and stalwart of Bromley ringing for over 50 years. David Holdridge said that he rang in a couple of her many peals. Jim Hardy pointed out a peal board on a wall in Sevenoaks ringing room with Chris' name on it, which commemorates a silent non-conducted peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, she rang treble to, on the 26th February 1977.
3. The **minutes** of the last meeting were circulated via e-mail to the district e-group. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
There were no matters arising.
4. Eight **new members** were elected unopposed and welcomed into the Association:
 - Bromley, St Peter & St Paul: **Hannah Revak-Sebok, James Smith, Sataryu Blundred and Grace Willoughby**. All witnessed ringing down by Tom Hinks;
 - Crayford, St Paulinus: **Aaron Sampson** witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman;
 - Sidcup, St John: **Jackie Walsh, Kevin Walsh and Jane Peachey** witnessed ringing down by Alexander Runting.
5. A **County Rep update** was provided by Peter Norwood.

ART Learning Hubs Project

The General Committee had a brief discussion on Learning Hubs, which are showing great promise: Milton, Staplehurst, Lamberhurst, Harrietsham. Alexander Runting said it would be good to make Sidcup an M1 training hub.

- Debbie Runting would like to know what's required for a tower to become M1 training centre. Peter Norwood agreed that it'd be very beneficial for the district to have a local training centre (tower suggestions are invited), as all the existing centres are too distant.

Safeguarding Updates & GDPR

It is considered not unreasonable for the parish to hold some basic information purely from a health and safety point of view. It was reiterated, the advice for towers to keep an attendance register.

Forthcoming Events

Essex 10-Bell Trophy Competition – 14/09/2024 at St Martin of Tours, Epsom (KT17 4PX)

6-bell Striking Competitions – 28/09/2024 in Lewisham District at Beckenham

District ADMs – October 2024

Choral Evensong – 17/11/2024 at Canterbury cathedral.

Date of next county meeting – 27/07/2024

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

Number	Prize, £	Name	Tower
120	20	Debbie Runting	Sidcup
39	20	Beverley Sharp-Georgiev	Greenwich
12	10	Liz Morris	Crayford
16	10	Jon Fry	Cudham
10	10	Liz Morris	Crayford
31	10	Ian Nurdin	Ash-By-Wrotham
	5	Judith C	Unattached
	5	Jim Rooke	Chelsfield

Liz notified that there are 2 more shares to sell for the current year. Instructions on how to purchase a share can be found on KCACR website or via email to

120club@lewishamdistrict.org.uk.

7. **Any Other Business**

- David Holdridge on behalf of Philippa Rooke invited everyone to support the Big Chelsfield Fair after the meeting. The event's headline charity is Chelsfield Spire Appeal. There are 70+ stalls and 3 flying displays including the Spitfire.
- Jim Hardy informed all attended that Christine Webb's funeral will take place on Wednesday 24th of July at GreenAcres Kemnal Park at 2 pm. He said that she was very active ringer until a medical condition developed, having a negative impact on her mobility. If anybody would like to attend the funeral, they should let Jim know, so he can pass the information to the funeral organisers as they need to know the numbers.
- Graham Long would like to invite all ringers to a special ringers' evensong to mark the 200th anniversary of the casting of the tenor bell and the 70th anniversary of the casting and rehangng of the bells. The service is on Sunday 28th July at 4:30 pm with ringing before (from 3:30 pm) and after. All are welcome to meet up after the service for refreshments in the Church Hall. To give some idea for catering, all intended to attend (The Evensong and/or next district meeting on the 11th of October) are encouraged to message Beverley (office@st-alfege.org.uk) or Graham (gandjlong@gmail.com).
- If anyone would like to visit Sevenoaks tower again, our today's host, Caroline Stockman, informed that the local band is practicing on Mondays from 8 pm to 9:30 pm. Sunday ringing is at around 10:20 am to 11 am, and then at 5:30 pm to 6 pm.
- David Holdridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Sevenoaks band for making arrangements to host the district practice and meeting.

There has been no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed and the ringing was resumed.