

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting held at Crayford on Saturday 11th January 2025

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

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Rhiannon Meredith (unattached); Jim and Lizzie Hardy (Beckenham); Nick Wilkins (Farnborough); Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby), Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield), Nigel Pointer (St Mary Cray), Chris Lawrance (Bromley Common), Becca Hardy (Beckenham) and Stephanie Chan (Chislehurst, St Nick's).
2. Two **members passed away** since the last meeting:
 - Christabel Drakes (Greenwich), who came to learn to ring the bells in 2023/24, died on 30th December;
 - Daphne Paterson passed away on Boxing Day. She was a long-standing member of the Eynsford and Farningham band and a former County Representative.A minute silence was kept in their memory.
3. The **minutes** of the last meeting at Greenwich were circulated via e-mail to the district e-group, accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
There were no matters arising.
4. Two **new members** were elected unopposed and welcomed into the Association. Nick Wilkins proposed to ratify **Elle Buttery** and **Lucas Owen** as non resident life members to KCACR. They were elected prior to a peal at Farnborough on Sunday 29th December. Doug Davis, KCACR membership secretary, confirmed that usual witnessing of ringing down by a District or Association Officer is not required.
5. A **County Rep update** was provided by Peter Norwood:

CCCBR AGM (7th September) took place in Exeter. Central Council levy will go up from 20p per member, to 40p soon. It was mentioned that eventually it'll be £1 per member.

Ringling 2030 programme is highly promoted. We are at around 30,000 ringers now, with the majority over 60. If this isn't addressed, bellringing will be at risk in 10 years' time. Ringling 2030 campaign target audience are those at school.

Essex 10-Bell Trophy Competition took place on 14th September at St Martin of Tours, Epsom. The test piece was spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal. Lewisham came 4th. Next year's Essex 10-Bell Trophy will likely be on the Isle of Wight.

6-bell Striking and Call Change Competitions took place on 28th September at Beckenham, St George. Tonbridge, Rochester, Lewisham and Canterbury District took part in striking competition, with Canterbury taking the first place. Bredgar won the call change competition.

Forthcoming Events:

- AGM will be in April (in Tonbridge District, likely to be at Sevenoaks, TBC);
- Young Ringers Interdistrict Striking Contest – Otford and towers around (1st March).

[Ruth Pointer contributed to the Ringing 2030 topic sharing her experience of recruiting primary school children with Becca Hardy. Ruth and Becca invited the pupils (with their parents to start with) to learn to ring on Sunday afternoons at Bromley, Ss. Peter and Paul. It required a lot of commitment, patience and dedication. 20 children were invited and 6 of them are still ringing. We don't have to wait until 2030 to be proactive. Ruth offered help and advice on how to organise such training to anyone who's interested in following this path.]

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

Number	Prize, £	Name	Tower
116	20	Julie Furlong	Dartford
119	10	Debra Say	Unattached
29	10	Lesley Barclay	Horton Kirby
110	5	Christine C	Horton Kirby

Liz notified that there's no draw in February, only one more draw in March left. All shares were sold this year. Liz would like to know as soon as possible if members would like to keep the same numbers. Instructions on how to renew or purchase shares can be found on KCACR website or via email to 120club@lewishamdistrict.org.uk.

7. **Any Other Business**

- Rupert Cheeseman reminded that membership is due to renew.
- Peter Norwood proposed a vote of thanks to the Crayford band for making arrangements to host the practice and the meeting and providing refreshments.

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