

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - LEWISHAM DISTRICT

### Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting held at Foots Cray on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

16 attendees signed the register of attendance, representing seven different towers

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Nigel Pointer (St Mary Cray); Ruth Pointer, Jackie Downing, Jim and Lizzie Hardy (Beckenham); Rupert Cheeseman and Nink Sampson (Crayford); Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield); Graham Long (Greenwich); Bernadette Katchoff (Chislehurst, St Nick's); Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby); Nick Wilkins (Farnborough); Alison Jones (Sidcup), Daniel Oats (Eltham), Jonathan Hutton (Bromley, Ss. Peter and Paul).
2. There were no reports of **members passed away** since the last meeting.
3. The **minutes** of the last meeting at Crayford were circulated via e-mail to the district e-group, accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman (proposed by Peter Norwood, seconded by Max Ganesh).  
There were no matters arising.
4. Five **new members** were elected unopposed and welcomed into the Association:
  - **Elizabeth Schweitzer** (St Paulinus, Crayford) witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman;
  - **David Martyn, Temi Adibaye** and **Robbie Harrison** (St Alfege, Greenwich) witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman;
  - **Gary Blinch** (All Saints, Footh Cray) witnessed ringing down by Peter Norwood.
5. A **County Rep update** was provided by Peter Norwood.

General Committee Meeting was held in Maidstone on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.

#### Forthcoming events:

- 21<sup>st</sup> April - AGM and EGM will be held at Sevenoaks. Ringing starts at 11am;
- 21<sup>st</sup> June - Association 8-bell Competition & Festival of Ringing. Venue: Lewisham, St Peter & St Paul Bromley. Method: Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Judges: Stu Aitken and one other from Guildford Guild;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Ringing Discovery Day - 10am-4pm, St Margaret's Rochester. KCACR is working with Central Council to hold the project. It's aim is looking at ways of bringing people into ringing. Possible dates: 26<sup>th</sup> July or 2<sup>nd</sup> August at St Margaret's, Rochester;
- 13<sup>th</sup> September - Essex Trophy competition - Carisbrooke on the Isle of Wight;
- 27<sup>th</sup> September - Association 6-Bell Competitions (Call Change & Striking), Maidstone District (Barming), 9.45am draw;
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Choral Evensong, venue TBC;
- 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - KYR Inter-District Striking Competition. Venue: Ashford district, tower TBC.

Safeguarding Updates & GDPR - KYR Membership. Under the previous membership system, the Youth Officer would be notified of new members under 18 joining the Association. Our new membership system doesn't automatically ask new members under 18 years of age to permit their details to be passed on to the Youth Officer. We want them to opt in to send this notification to Youth officer. It was agreed that this would be set for anyone aged 25 or under.

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

Number	Prize, £	Name	Tower
63	20	Lizzie Hardy	Beckenham
70	10	Maurice Cook	Dartford
61	10	Unsold	BRF
47	5	Nick Wilkins	Farnborough

Liz notified that there are shares available to purchase. Instructions on how to renew or purchase shares can be found on KCACR website or via email to [120club@lewishamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:120club@lewishamdistrict.org.uk).

## 7. Any Other Business

Peter Norwood proposed a vote of thanks to Gary, Jim and Jan for making arrangements to host the practice and the meeting. Donations towards provided refreshments were encouraged.

David Holdridge reminded that the district is having call change and method striking competitions on 10<sup>th</sup> May, asking to support the event by entering a band for one or both competitions.

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