

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting
held at St Mary of Charity, Faversham on Saturday 19th July 2025

13 attendees signed the register of attendance, representing four different towers

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Colin Wyld (unattached); Debbie, Alexander and Stephanie Runting (Sidcup); Graham Long and Beverley Sharp-Georgiev (Greenwich); Nick Wilkins (Farnborough); Bernadette Katchoff (Chislehurst, St Nick's); David Holdridge, Alison Jones and Andrée Jordan (Eltham); Margaret Heald (Erith, St John's); Elizabeth Schweitzer, Ann Saunders, Rupert Cheeseman and Nink Sampson (Crayford), Tom and Helena (Ss. Peter and Paul, Bromley).
2. There were no reports of **members passed away** since the last meeting.
3. The **minutes** of the last meeting at Foots Cray were circulated via e-mail to the district e-group and accepted as a true record.
There were no matters arising.
4. Four **new members** were elected unopposed and welcomed into the Association:
 - **James Camden** and **Kamila Camden** (Ss. Peter and Paul, Bromley) witnessed ringing down by Tom Hinks;
 - **Juan Ribes Andrés** and **Mario Ribes López** (St John's, Sidcup) witnessed ringing down by Rupert Cheeseman.
5. A **County Rep update** was provided by Peter Norwood.

The Extra-Ordinary General Meeting was held on 21st April 2025.

The General Committee had been trying to change the objects for the BRF for some time, to omit reference to the 'Christian religion' in Rule 2 of the BRF.

Current wording: *The object of the fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to churches in the county of Kent or that part of London formerly in the county of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by the making of grants from the fund.*

Agreed new wording: *The object of the fund shall be to advance the art of bellringing by providing financial assistance for bell installations in the county of Kent, or that part of London formerly in the county of Kent, for the purposes of maintaining and improving these installations for public benefit, promoting community cohesion and enhancing cultural life by enabling communities to mark local, national or other occasions in a time-honoured way, and facilitating healthy mental and physical recreation for multi-generational groups.*

At the EGM on 21 April 2025, a few members expressed concerns over the legality of the change in wording of BRF Rule 2, specifically over the removal of reference to 'religious' events and churches, it was proposed that the KCACR seek paid-for legal advice.

The big priority for publicity coming up is the Ringing Discovery Day on 2 August. All members encouraged to advertise the even within non-ringing groups and communities.

Forthcoming Events:

2 August – Ringing Discovery Day –10am-4pm – St Margaret’s Rochester. All confident ringers encouraged to help teach/assist.

13 September – Essex Trophy competition – Carisbrooke on the Isle of Wight, hosted by W&P Guild.

27 September – Association 6-Bell Competitions (Call Change & Striking) – Maidstone District (Barming), 9.45am draw.

7 March 2026 – KYR Inter-District Striking Competition – Ashford district; Tower TBC

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

Number	Prize, £	Name	Tower
41	20	Philippa Rooke	Chelsfield
55	20	Ruth Pointer	Beckenham
72	10	Nink Sampson	Crayford
33	10	Lizzie Hardy	Beckenham
18	10	Maurice Cook	Dartford
79	10	Natalie Slator	Erith, Christ Church
73	5	Jeremy Byers	Beckenham
62	5	Judith C	Unattached

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.

7. **Any Other Business**

Margaret Heald from St John's Erith passed a message asking whether anyone would be able to do some maintenance on the bells at St John's.

There has been no other business, the meeting was declared closed.