

KCACR Rochester District
Quarterly Meeting
Northfleet
Saturday 19 January 2008

Minutes of Meeting

The event was attended by approximately 25 people. Ringing commenced at 15:30.

The Chairman, Alan Driver welcomed all those attending.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Tim and Diana Wraight, Gareth Lawson and Derek and Sonya Gowdy, Christine King, Arthur Vidgeon and Stuart Cox.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the AGM and the Carol Service were circulated.

It was proposed by Margaret Funnell and seconded by Steven Haynes that the minutes of the AGM be signed as a correct record.

It was proposed by John Gander and seconded by Peter Hartley that the minutes of the Carol Service be signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Following a question regarding the profit for the Grand Draw which took place during 2006, Alan Driver stated that he had been in contact with Derek Gowdy and that the profit was £800 and not £400 as he had originally stated. Alan Driver apologised for the confusion.

New Members

Rachel Pearce of St Margaret's Rochester, proposed by Phil Brown and seconded by Sian Fowler. Alan Driver welcomed Rachel to the Association

Jane Adams of Halling proposed by Janet Homewood with no seconder. As Janet Homewood was not at the meeting, and no-one had met Jane, it was proposed that her membership be held in abeyance until a District Rep could visit Halling to find out about her.

District Reps' Report

As attached

Ringing Masters' Report

Steven Haynes commented on the turnout at Sittingbourne. He mentioned that the District Outing was still being planned and would take place on 21st June 2008.

Bookstall Report

Alan Driver stated that he had a lot of Mugs to sell.

Forthcoming Events

19th January 2008: Quarterly Meeting at Northfleet

16th February 2008: Morning Ringing at Upchurch

15th March 2008: Evening Ringing at St George, Gravesend

19th April 2008: Striking Competitions and Quarterly Meeting at Hartlip

17th May 2008: Ringing at Wouldham

21st June 2008: District Outing

19th July 2008: Quarterly Meeting at Wormshill

20th September: Evening Ringing at Chatham

18th October: ADM at Frindsbury

13th December: Carol Service and Quiz at Meopham

Any Other Business

Graham Cottle handed out leaflets for the Ringing Roadshow to be held in September. He had also emailed copies of the leaflets. Alan Driver wished Anita Perryman well on her move to Southampton.

The Rochester Diocese has an ordination service at the Kent County Showground at Detling on June 21st and the Association has been asked to see if we can provide handbell ringers for it. It was suggested that Chris Trafford's mini ring might be suitable. Margaret Funnell agreed to take this back to the Association Committee. Steve Haynes volunteered to ask Chris Trafford.

Vote of Thanks

Alan Driver thanked Derek Wilkinson for the use of the bells and Barbara Cogger and Sheila Richins for organising the tea. Ringing continued until 20:00

District Reps Report from the County Committee meeting held on 24th November 2007

10 Bell challenge. This will probably be on 29th March 2008 at Ashford.

8 Bell striking competition. This will be on 28th June 2008 at Westerham, the method will be single Oxford bob triples. In 2009 the 12 bell competition will be held at St Pauls ,and this may cause difficulty if our 8 bell competition is held on the same day.

Status of tower funds. A letter had been received, enquiring if there were any rules about what happened to tower funds if a tower ceased to function. This was discussed, and it was felt that it was the decision of the ringers as to where the funds go, and this could be specified in a tower constitution.

The Charmborough mini ring will be at the Dartford festival on the 21st/22nd July [in the central park].

The ringing roadshow will be at Stoneleigh Warwickshire on 5th/6th September.

There will be a Middlesex County open day on Easter Monday.

A suggestion has been made that students in full time education should be entitled to the concessionary subscription rate. This may be put forward as a possible rule change, but it is too late for it to be discussed at this years AGM.

The alternative Association prayer is to be put on the website.

This year's AGM will be at Perry Hill, Catford. The church does not have any bells but there are good catering facilities and parking.

The county 6 bell striking competition will be held on 27th September at Aldington [TBC].

The Vice Presidents are to be invited to attend the county committee meetings.

Catherine Hills intends to resign as County treasurer at this year's AGM.

The handbook editor stated that the deadline for tower submissions to reach him would be January 14th.If he did not receive the information by that date then the tower entry in the 2008 Handbook would be the same as 2007.He has found a new printing firm in Canterbury that are able to produce the Handbooks quicker and at reduced cost compared to the previous firm.

Bell Restoration. Ivychurch bells are going to be restored as the Nick Davies memorial ring. Chevening is being augmented to a ring of 8. Farningham are out for a rehang. Mereworth are out for tower maintenance. The project for Deptford has been cancelled and the Association is looking into the possibility of placing the bells intended for Deptford at Stone.