

KCACR Rochester District
Annual District Meeting
Frindsbury
Saturday 18 October 2008
Minutes of Meeting (Unadopted)

The event was attended by approximately 25 people. Ringing commenced at 15:00. Evensong led by Rev Ian Brown with Nigel Malcolm playing the organ commenced at 16:30. This was followed by tea and the meeting.

Alan Driver welcomed all attending including two visitors from Essex.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Florence Hamp, Tim and Diana Wraight, Derek Wilkinson, Phil Brown, Sonia Gowdy, Sharon Davis, Dave Wallace, Gareth Lawson, Martin Rushton and Nigel Haig.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Quarterly Meeting at Wormshill were circulated. It was proposed by Margaret Funnell and seconded by Peter Hartley that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Rhian Bagshaw advised that Meopham had received their grant towards the repair of their bells. He passed on the band's thanks. Rhian Bagshaw advised that Meopham had entered the County 6 Bell Competition and came 5th, with some good ringing having taken place.

Margaret Funnell advised that the 10 Bell Challenge would now take place at Greenwich on 29th November. The set piece would be a touch of Stedman Caters.

New Members

Helen Webb of Rainham proposed by Alan Driver, seconded by Diana Wraight.
Benjamin Vinay of Frindsbury proposed by Geoff Morrad seconded by Carole Morrad.
Sarah Morrad of Frindsbury proposed by Geoff Morrad seconded by Chris Fisher.
Vincent Howell of Frindsbury proposed by Geoff Morrad seconded by Tony Gilbert.
Paul Linington of Frindsbury proposed by Geoff Morrad seconded by Tony Gilbert.
All were duly elected and welcomed to the association.

Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report – attached Appendix A
Secretary's Report – attached Appendix B
Treasurer's Report – attached Appendix C
Ringing Masters' Report – attached Appendix D
District Reps' Report – attached Appendix E
Webmaster's Report – attached Appendix F
Sales Rep's Report – Alan Driver mentioned that all accounts were up to date and that the stock had recently been replenished.

Election of Officers

Chairman: Alan Driver, proposed Nicola Cottle, seconded Margaret Funnell
Secretary: It was not possible to elect a Secretary. Alan Driver will canvas towers.
Treasurer: Derek Gowdy, proposed Nicola Cottle, seconded John Gander
Ringing Master: Phil Brown, proposed Alan Driver, seconded Mary Jeffries
District Reps: Helen Webb, proposed Graham Cottle, seconded Mary Jeffries
Margaret Funnell, proposed Nicola Cottle, seconded Graham Cottle
Sales Rep: Alan Driver, proposed Graham Cottle, seconded Nicola Cottle
Webmaster: Gareth Lawson, proposed Alan Driver, seconded Graham Cottle

Forthcoming Events

Week commencing 15th November: Quarter Peal Week
13th December: Carol Service and Quiz at Meopham

KCACR Training Officer

The post of County Training Officer is vacant. A job specification was discussed.

Rule Changes

Two rule changes, one to allow those in full time education to pay junior rates, and one to allow the Vice Presidents to sit on the KCACR General Committee had been proposed for ratification at the KCACR AGM at Easter 2009. Some discussion took place, with the consensus being that the changes were acceptable.

Any Other Business

There was none.

Vote of Thanks

Alan Driver thanked Rev Ian Brown for taking the service and the use of the bells, Nigel Malcolm for playing the organ and the Frindsbury ringers for the tea.

The meeting closed at 18:20 and some further ringing took place.

Appendix A – Chairman’s Report

The 2008 ADM sees a number of district officers retiring from their posts and I would like to offer them the thanks of the membership for their past work. District secretary; - District representative, (who has been in post for the past twelve years) and the two ringing masters.

Also my thanks must go to the District Treasurer and to the District Representative who remain in their posts for their work during past year and their continued involvement in the association.

Numbers at district meetings have varied over the past year and I would encourage all towers to have at least some representation at our quarterly meetings so as to maintain contact and feedback.

Finally, my thanks to all ringers throughout the district for keeping the bells ringing.

Appendix B – Secretary’s Report

Attendance has varied through the course of the year, ranging from 10 to 25 people at various events. We have had quite a few visitors from outside the District at these events.

We were pleased to be able to arrange and present 50 year certificates to Lawrence and Hazel Mitchell and Pat Barton. Once again our congratulations go to them for their achievements.

The District Outing was well attended. Gareth will speak more about that.

The Striking Competitions were better attended with two teams entering the Methods Competition and five entering the Call Change Competition. Congratulations go to Meopham for winning both competitions. Commiserations go to Meopham when they entered the County Six Bell Competition, coming 5th.

The District did not enter the County 8 Bell Competition.

Appendix C – Treasurer's Report

Income & Expenditure Account for year ending 31st December 2008 (to 1st October)			
	2008	2007	
Income			Expenditure
Subscriptions	£1,434.40	£1,523.30	Admin
Donations	£289.00	£471.00	Excess
Raffle	£0.00	£0.00	
	<u>£1,723.40</u>	<u>£1,994.30</u>	
			Bank Receipts (Subs)
			£1,375.40
			Bank Receipts (BRF)
			£269.00
			Cash in hand
			£33.57
			<u>£1,677.80</u>
BRF Donations	2008	2007	Subscriptions
Hoo		£100.00	Full members
Eastchurch		£30.00	Senior Citizens
Visitors J.Squirrel - Cash	£5.00		Junior
Rochester Cathedral		£100.00	Associate
Rainham	£125.00	£120.00	Life
Bredgar		£27.00	
Frinsted		£27.00	
Chalk	£27.00		
Cliffe	£30.00		
High Halstow	£30.00		
Halling	£30.00		
Cuxton	£27.00		
Swanscombe - Cash	£15.00		
Cobham		£40.00	
Sittingbourne		£27.00	
	<u>£289.00</u>	<u>£471.00</u>	
			2008
			2007
			141
			24
			7
			21
			11
			204
			214

Appendix D – Ringing Masters' Report

Firstly, please accept and pass on my apologies for being unable to attend the ADM. Secondly, it is with regret that I wish to stand down as Ringing Master. I would like to thank all those that have supported me and the district outings, for which I express my gratitude. I have thoroughly enjoyed organising the coach trips over the last three years and being involved in district practices and events. I am however sorry that I have not been able to give as much time to the district in the last year due to my work commitments. Please know that I'd be more than happy to assist and advise with any future events where possible.

Appendix E – District Reps' Report

District Reps Report from the County Committee meeting held at Leeds church on August 23rd 2008.

The old display boards are to be stored at Leeds, and will be available to borrow, if there are two requests to use the boards. The Walter Dobbie ringing machine is to be housed in the museum at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Heritage open days are for sites which are not normally open to the public, and it was suggested that the KCACR should apply for registration.

The Webmaster reported that only 58% of towers have e mail addresses, he would like more if possible, and suggested a generic address for towers, so he can then send out tower details if people request them.

Catherine Lewis had prepared a job description for the post of Training Officer. It was requested that this should be discussed at ADM's and that a report should be made back to the November Committee meeting

There was a discussion about bell restoration grants that had been outstanding for more than 5 years, and decided that if a grant had not been used within that time, the offer would lapse, and a new application would be required.

Striking competitions

10 bell challenge 29th November 2008 at Greenwich. Draw at 2.30. TBC

8 bell competition 27th June 2009 in the Ashford district. It will be a major method.

Forthcoming event. Barndance at Harrietsham village hall at 7.30 pm 8th November 2008 in aid of BRF. Tickets for sale on the door.

125 anniversary photographs are still available from Jo Horton

Dates of County committee Meetings

22nd November 2008

28th February 2009

2nd May 2009

22nd August 2009

28th November 2009

Appendix F – Webmaster's Report

As for the district website, I am happy to continue maintaining this (unless there is someone that would really like to do it). All I ask is that members from each tower contact me with district and tower news, events, even gossip! Because without their eyes and ears I know nothing!