

KCACR Rochester District
Striking Competition, Call Change Competition and Quarterly Meeting
Hartlip
Saturday 19 April 2008
Minutes of Meeting

The event was attended by approximately 25 people. The Striking Competition commenced at 14:30 with two teams entering and the Call Change Competition commenced at 16:00 with five teams entering. Tea was consumed during the course of the event and the meeting commenced shortly after the competition was completed.

The Chairman, Alan Driver welcomed all those attending.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Nigel Haig, Gareth Lawson and Derek and Sonya Gowdy.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Quarterly Meeting at Northfleet were circulated. One amendment was required. The meeting for 19th July will be at Wormshill and not Wouldham as stated.

Once corrected, it was proposed by Margaret Funnell and seconded by Peter Silver that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

There were none

New Members

Jane Adams of Halling, proposed by Peter Silver, seconded by Janet Homewood. Jane was duly elected and welcomed to the association.

Derna Simpson of Rochester Cathedral proposed by Tony Gilbert, seconded by Phil Brown. Derna was duly elected and welcomed to the association.

Debra Hardy of Hoo St Werburgh proposed by Graham Cottle, seconded by Margaret Funnell. Debra was duly elected and welcomed to the association.

District Reps' Report

As attached

Ringling Masters' Report

Neither of the Ringling Masters were present. Some comments were made about the turnout at St George Gravesend in March. The District Outing is still planned for 21st June.

Bookstall Report

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

Forthcoming Events

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

Vote of Thanks

Alan Driver thanked Peter Bandon for the use of the bells and for providing tea.

Results of the Competition

Having not been able to get judges for the competitions, they were judged by Graham Cottle and Margaret Funnell. The results were as follows:

Striking Competition

1. Meopham
2. Rochester Cathedral

Call Change Competition

1. Meopham
2. Rochester Cathedral
3. High Halstow / Cobham
4. Halling
5. St Margaret's Rochester

St Margaret's Rochester were congratulated for having taken part and were awarded a KCACR 125 Anniversary Mug. Alan Driver thanked the judges for stepping in.

Post Meeting Note

Rhian Bagshaw sent the following item:

At the meeting on Saturday I forgot to mention that The Revd. Sylvia Green died on March 30th after a long illness. She was a loyal member of the Meopham band from 1975 to 1991 and also District Secretary from 1989 to 1991 before she left the county to take up an appointment as Diocesan Secretary in Hereford.

District Reps Report from the County Committee meeting held at Leeds Church on February 23rd, 2008 and the County AGM held at St George, Catford

Tonbridge District are organizing a coach trip to the Ringing World Roadshow, which will be open to members of other districts if there are still spare seats in May.

There was a discussion about church fees. There had been a problem at Dartford, where the church had imposed high fees for outside groups to use their facilities, this had affected a Lewisham district meeting but had now been resolved. It was considered that paying heating costs was acceptable. Organists from the Royal School of Church Organists are entitled to be paid.

No response had been received from Mr Hardy, as to whether he intended to stand again as training officer.

The bells which were being held by the Keltek trust for Deptford St Nicholas are now being offered to Stone by Dartford. Kenneth Clark, the vicar there, is a Rainham ringer.

There were 2 blank pages in the new Handbook, but the editor circulated a suggested belfry office. This now appears in the new handbook and is intended as a guide to district secretaries and incumbents for planning district services.

10 bell challenge. 29th November 2008, to be held either at Beckenham, Greenwich or Cudham. Invitations will be extended to all Districts by Lewisham. The method will be Stedman Caters, and Donald Niblett will set a touch of around 300 changes.

8 bell competition. 28th June at Westerham. Draw at 3.45. The Method is Single Oxford Bob Triples and the touch is on the website, as is a map and details of parking.

6 bell competition. 27th September at Aldington. Draw at 3.45.

AGM 2009. Plans are in hand for this to be held at Aylesford.

From the AGM.

Pat Barton has now been a member of the Association for 50 years.

There was still no communication from Jim Hardy as to whether he was prepared to stand again as training officer, and there were no other nominations. Regular training sessions take place at Dover and Lydinge, organized by the Cinque Ports ringing centre, but this is not easily accessed by ringers from the western end of the county. District reps were asked to raise the issue of training at the next district meeting and to report to the next county committee meeting on 26th April. Personally I feel this is a very important issue, as currently we do not have anyone organizing training in our district or at county level.