

KCACR Rochester District  
Quarterly Meeting  
Cliffe  
Saturday 20 January 2007

Minutes of Meeting

The event was attended by more than 45 people. Ringing commenced at 3:30pm and tea followed by the meeting commenced at 4:30

The chairman, Alan Driver welcomed all those attending. He asked that the meeting stand for a minute's silence in memory of Jessie Vidgeon of Hoo St Werburgh who died on 14 January 2007. He asked that the meeting extend their condolences to Arthur and Yvonne Vidgeon and also to Tim and Diana Wraight, Alan Bishop and Graham and Nicola Cottle who had also had relatives pass away in the last few weeks.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Arthur Vidgeon and Chris Funnell of Hoo St Werburgh, Derek and Sonya Gowdy from Eastchurch and Jackie Dyson of Newington.

Minutes of ADM

Copies of the minutes of the ADM held at Hoo St Werburgh on 21 October 2006 had been published on the website and circulated at the meeting. One amendment was made: In "Any Other Business", 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 6<sup>th</sup> sentence, changed to read: "It was proposed and agreed that there should be a minimum of one non peal ringer in a Call Change Competition Band". With that amendment, it was proposed by Nicola Cottle, seconded by Alan White that the minutes be signed as a correct record. The meeting accepted the proposal and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of Carol Service

The minutes of the short meeting held after the Carol Service at Tunstall on 16 December 2006 were read out. It was proposed by Roger Pocock and Seconded by Gareth Lawson that the minutes be signed as a correct record. The meeting accepted the proposal and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the previous meetings

There were none.

New Members

Ben Kipling of Rochester Cathedral proposed by Phil Stott and seconded by Martin Rushton; Kyle MacKenzie of Rochester Kings School proposed by Roger Pocock, seconded by Barry Roberts; Joe Barton of Newington proposed by Jackie Dyson, seconded by Gareth Lawson; Penny Seymour of Bobbing proposed by Chris Prior, seconded by Roger Durrant; Lauren Hatcher, Edna Hales, Michael Rockard and Christopher Burdett all of Cliffe, proposed by Bryan Boughton, seconded by Wendy Sisterson. All were duly elected and welcomed to the KCACR.

District Reps' Report

Florence Hamp gave a report of the KCACR Committee Meeting on 25 November 2006.

- Car stickers now available, 50p each.
- Membership certificates are to be shrunk to A4 size.
- A documentary on bell ringing will be available on DVD from December 2006. The film was made by George Perrin who is a ringer from Surrey.
- Charity status is now sorted out.

- A memorial service for Bishop David Say will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Friday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Training.  
James Hardy suggests that each district should have its own training officer and do their own basic training. He wishes to refresh the helpers list ,and has asked the district to supply him with names. A training day on how to arrange a training day is a possibility for Feb 07 with hopefully 3 other events this year. Unfortunately the teaching handling day was not well supported ,possibly because people didn't realize that they might need help in teaching handling to prevent faults being passed on.
- The maximum bell restoration grant has been raised to £6000
- There is no reply from Maidstone museum yet , as to whether they will take the jubipeal.
- It was felt that a wombel would be a good idea, but we need somewhere to store it and someone to run the booking system, and someone to transport it [it fits in an estate car] .A wombel is a dumb bell, which becomes a simulator when connected to a laptop.
- Bell restoration grants. The chairman said that Mr Butcher should get back to Hartlip and say that they had not followed the rules for applying for a grant, as the work should not have been carried out before a grant was applied for. Florence Hamp intends to bring this up again at the next committee meeting as she has been unable to find such a rule within the Bell Restoration Rules as printed in the Handbook.
- Striking competitions.
  - County 8 bell –at St Margarets Rochester on 24/2/07 .draw at 2.45 ringing commencing at 3pm .Tea will be after the competition , as the kitchen is next to the ringing room which is open to the church. The method is a plain course of Oxford treble bob major.
  - County 6 bell -22/9/07 at Chevening
- AGM Thannington 09/04/07

Alan Driver commented on the training issue. It may be necessary for the District to organise much of it. He stated that if any tower required extra training sessions, then they should contact him and an effort to lay on such training would be made.

### Ringling Masters' Report

Gareth Lawson gave a brief report of the previous few week's activities.

- The Quarter Peal week resulted in 13 Quarter Peals being rung, slightly down on the previous year.
- The outing on 16 June will be to the Guildford area. It is hoped to ring at the cathedral and surrounding towers.

### Sales and Marketing Rep's Report

Susan Symons apologised for not having brought the bookstall. She stated that a list of merchandise may be viewed on the website and ordered via email. They would then be delivered as soon as possible.

### Forthcoming Events

Graham Cottle read out a list of forthcoming events as they are known now:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
20/01/2007	15:00	Cliffe	Quarterly
17/02/2007	10:00	Bobbing	Practise
17/03/2007	18:00	Chatham	Practise
21/04/2007	15:00	St Margaret Rochester	Quarterly
19/05/2007	14:30	Cuxton (tbc)	Competitions
16/06/2007		Tour to Guildford area	
21/07/2007	15:30	Frinsted (tbc)	Quarterly

15/09/2007	18:00	Hartlip (tbc)	Practise
20/10/2007	14:00	Rochester Cathedral	ADM
17/11/2007		Quiz	
15/12/2007	15:30	Sittingbourne	Carol Service
19/01/2008	15:30	Northfleet	Quarterly
16/02/2008	10:00	Upchurch	Practise
15/03/2008	18:00	Gravesend (tbc)	Practise
20/09/2008	18:00	Chatham	Practise

Details of these can be found on the Website.

#### Any Other Business

Tim Wraight stated that consideration was being made to transferring the ring of bells at St Mary Chatham (was the Heritage Centre) to another tower, possibly via the Keltek Fund. He said that the bells were now becoming difficult to ring and maintain and that they were not getting as much use as they should. A complete rehang in the current tower would be prohibitively expensive and as the church is now redundant would not be eligible for grant assistance from the BRF. Tim Wraight asked that if anyone had any comments, they should contact him. Roger Pocock stated that he would object and resist any proposals to send the bells abroad.

Bryan Boughton thanked those attending for coming to try out the bells and the KCACR for their support and assistance with the removal and rehang work.

Alan Driver stated that the raffle had raised £401 for the BRF. He thanked Sonya Gowdy for organising it.

#### Vote of Thanks

Alan Driver thanked the Rev. Edward Wright for the use of the bells and the Cliffe Ringers for their hospitality.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 and ringing continued until 7:30.