

## KCACR ROCHESTER DISTRICT

QUARTERLY MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> January 2009 held at St, Margaret's, Rainham

Approximately 30 people attended. Ringing commenced at 3.00 p.m. organized by the Ringing Master, Phil Brown. Tea was at 4.30 p.m. followed by the Meeting at 5.15 p.m.

1. The Chairman, Alan Driver, welcomed everyone to the meeting including our visitors.

2. Apologies for Absence

These were received from: Nigel Haig (Cobham), Nigel Pagram (Cobham), Martin Rushton (Rochester) and Gareth Lawson (Tunstall)

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

These having been circulated to those present were taken as read, approved by the Meeting and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

There were none from the floor. The Chairman advised there had been an Extraordinary General Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Hoo St. Werburgh at which Martin Rushton was elected Secretary.

5. Election of New Members

5 members were proposed:

Craig Palmer (Cliffe) Proposed Wendy Sisterston, Seconded Florence Hamp

Sue Pagram (Cobham) Proposed Florence Hamp, Seconded Nigel Pagram

Dennis Cox (Gillingham) Proposed Peter Sims, Seconded Sheila Phyll

Pauline King (Gillingham) Proposed Marilyn Atkins, Seconded Allan Shepherd

Gertrude Elaine (Trudy) Skeete-McCollin Proposed Peter Sims, Seconded Sheila Phyll

All were duly elected and welcomed as Members of the Association

6. District Representatives' Report

Margaret Funnel gave her report from the County Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, copy attached. Voting took place in relation to the Maidstone District Proposal for amendment to the way Members names appeared in the Handbook. 12 were in favour of Proposal 1, none voted for Proposal 2 and 15 were in favour of Proposal 3. This will be given to the General committee at the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009

7. Ringing Masters

No-one else wished to take up the position of a second Ringing Master and Phil Brown agreed to continue. There was no report.

8. Forthcoming Events

The Chairman advised that Rochester District were to host the AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and asked if any tower was willing to hold this. Diana Wraight on behalf of

Rainham agreed that they would be willing to host the event subject to confirmation from the Vicar that he will be able to take the service and that the hall is available.

District Practice at Swanscombe on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10.00a.m.

District Practice at Chatham on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.00 p.m. (Please bring a torch)

Eastchurch agreed to hold the Quarterly meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April and to incorporate the Call Change and Striking Competition. Margaret Funnell to ask Rupert Cheeseman of Lewisham District to judge.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Steven Haynes proposed and Sonya Gowdy Seconded a proposal that subscriptions should be paid by Standing Order/Direct Debit. It was agreed that the District Reps would take this to the next General Committee Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February. It was also asked if Handbooks could be sent direct, but the County Secretary, Margaret Funnell, felt this would be impossible due to the cost of postage and also would put too much pressure on the Handbook Editor.

The Web master, Gareth Lawson, had sent an email advising he is redesigning the Web site and needs more articles etc. Sue Pagram of Cobham said there should be a back up who could alter/add the details on the Web if Gareth is away.

Sonya Gowdy said she is prepared to run a Grand Draw at the next ADM if the District agreed. Cost is approximately £260 and this year Bobbing Tower had agreed to sponsor the event. Each member would be given a book of tickets to buy or sell at a cost of £5 (10 tickets of 50p each), the first prize would be £100. She will also be looking for donations of prizes. The Meeting agreed this should go ahead.

The next ADM on 17<sup>th</sup> October will be held at St. Margaret's Rochester.

The Chairman thanked Meopham for hosting the Carol Service and Quiz in December.

#### 10 Vote of Thanks

The chairman thanked the Ringers of Rainham for allowing the ringing and organizing the tea and the Vicar for the use of the bells.