

## KCACR ROCHESTER DISTRICT

QUARTERLY MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010 held at St. Margaret's, High Halstow

Approximately 30 people attended. Ringing commenced at 3.00 p.m. organized by Helen Webb. Tea was at 4.00 p.m. followed by the Meeting at 4.45 p.m.

1. The Chairman, Ray Morgan, welcomed everyone to the meeting including our visitors.

2. Apologies for Absence

These were received from: Neil Jones (Rochester Cathedral), Sven Wraight (Rainham), Nigel Haig (Cobham) and Kenneth Clark (Rainham).

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.

5. Nomination of Ringing Masters

Alan Driver advised there were two nominations Helen Webb and Gareth Lawson. He proposed that they be elected as joint Ringing Masters; this was seconded by Diana Wraight and approved by the meeting. Helen and Gareth were duly elected.

6. Election of New Members

Two nominations were received:

Peter Joyce (Southfleet) Proposed by Rhian Bagshaw and seconded by Yvonne Gander.  
Joshua Bament (Rochester Cathedral) Proposed by Neil Jones and seconded by Steve Fitton.

Both were duly elected and welcomed as Members of the Association.

7. District Representatives' Report

Helen Webb gave the report see copy attached.

8. Forthcoming Events

District Practice at St. John's Higham 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

County AGM 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at St. Margaret's Rainham.

Alan Driver said if anyone is free on the morning we will need stewards at towers and also help at the Millenium Hall to put out tables etc. Please contact any committee member if you can help.

Prizes are also required for the raffle; any donations would be gratefully received.

## 9. Any Other Business

a) Sonya Gowdy is applying for the licence for the Grand Draw and also for the raffle at the AGM. If any tower wishes to sponsor the Grand Draw the approximate cost of printing tickets is £80, the Licence is £40 and the first prize is £100. Sonya needs to know by April in respect of sponsorship. Tickets will be on sale in July. Tim Wraight proposed and Alan Driver seconded the motion that Sonya Gowdy will organize the Grand Draw to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and also the Raffle at the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and she will be assisted by Derek Gowdy and Valerie Reckless. The motion was approved by the Meeting.

b) Peter Joyce gave the background to Southfleet Bells and said that they had been inspected by both Alan Hughes of Whitechapel and Matthew Higby. Alan Hughes said everything was wrong with them; they were 'awful' and needed a complete re-hang. Peter went on to say that the villagers were enthusiastic to get the bells ringing again so he is hoping to teach a band of ringers so that when the bells are able to be rung then he will have a band to ring them.

c) Alan Driver said he had 'Maps of Kent Bells' available for sale at £2 each, monies go to the KCACR bell restoration fund

## 10 Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked the vicar, Revd. Stephen Gwilt, for the use of the bells and June and Jean, ringers at High Halstow, for the magnificent tea.

Meeting closed at 5.05 p.m. Ringing followed until 6.00 p.m.