

KCACR Rochester District
Quarterly Meeting
St Margaret's Rochester
Saturday 21 April 2007

Minutes of Meeting (unadopted)

The event was poorly attended with only 12 Rochester District members attending. The numbers were made up to around 30 by visitors and new members from St Margaret's. Ringing commenced at 3:30pm under the leadership of the District Secretary and tea followed by the meeting commenced at 4:30

The Chairman, Alan Driver welcomed all those attending, including the visitors who stayed for the tea. This is a historical event in that it was the first District Meeting at St Margaret's since the bells were restored in 2006 and the first since 1970.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Haynes, Susan Symons, Gareth Lawson, Sharon Davis, Rhian Bagshaw and Neil Jones

Minutes of Meeting at Cliffe

Copies of the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Cliffe on 20 January 2007 had been published on the website and circulated at the meeting. It was proposed by Margaret Funnell and seconded by Nicola Cottle that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

A question as to the progress by the KCACR on the purchase of a Wombel simulator was asked. The District Representatives stated that there had been no progress.

New Members

The following new members were proposed en bloc:

Name	Tower	Proposed	Seconded
Jeremy Jarvis	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Graham Cottle
Miriam Evans	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Graham Cottle
Jean Peters	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Graham Cottle
Douglas Seth-Smith	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Alan Driver
Mary Jeffreys	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Alan Driver
Alan Moss	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Alan Driver
Ray Cowley	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Neil Jones
Siân Fowler	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Neil Jones
Mary Burslem	St Margaret's Rochester / Rochester Cathedral	Phil Stott	Neil Jones
Phillip Brown	Rochester Cathedral / St Margaret's Rochester	Phil Stott	Neil Jones
Yvonne Lynn	Rochester Cathedral / St Margaret's Rochester	Phil Stott	Neil Jones

In proposing the new members, Phil Stott formally thanked all the Rochester District Officers and other volunteers for their assistance and encouragement in the teaching of the new band. All were elected and welcomed into the KCACR. Alan Driver congratulated the band on their achievements so far.

District Reps' Report

Florence Hamp gave a report of the County Committee meeting on 24 February and the County AGM from 9 April. This report is appended to these minutes.

One item required discussion, that of the suggestion to allow bands in the 8 Bell Striking Competition to choose their own method. The meeting was of the opinion that this should not be allowed and the District Representatives will take this back to the County Committee.

Ringing Masters' Report

Gareth Lawson sent his report in and this is appended to these minutes.

Web Master's Report

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Forthcoming Events

19 May: Striking Competition and Call Change Competition at Cuxton. There is a possibility that the location may need to be changed as some work is required on Cuxton tower. It is not known when this will commence. High Halstow are a probable alternative. The Striking Competition will commence at 2:30pm and the Call Change Competition will follow, probably starting at around 4:30pm.

Any Other Business

Graham Cottle stated that he now had the Associations entire stock of membership certificates and that they would be given out on a first come, first served basis. The Association are having some new certificates printed with a cleaned design and on A4 card. It is not known when these will be ready.

Vote of Thanks

Alan Driver thanked the Rev. Gary Colville for the use of the bells; the St Margaret's catering team for the tea and the St Margaret's ringers for their hospitality.

The meeting concluded at 5:45 and ringing continued until 6:45 under leadership of the District Chairman.

**District Reps Report from county committee meeting 24 February 2007
And County AGM on Easter Monday.**

The rules of the bell restoration fund and the guidelines for applying for a grant are now both printed in the Handbook.

There is a ringing centre conference which Peter Dale is going to.

The secretary had received an e mail about ringing for the Olympics .

Emergency lighting. All towers should have some form of lighting in case of powercuts.

James Hardy reported that the county training sessions were under subscribed. The poster with details of forthcoming training can be downloaded from the Association website.

County 6 bell striking competition will be held at Chevening on 22nd September 2007.

There was a suggestion that rather than a fixed method for the 8 bell striking competition It should be left open and districts were asked to discuss this.

Forthcoming events.

28 April 2007 Training organized by the Dover ringing centre on call changes at Lyminge.

14 July 2007 Ashford district outing to Suffolk [names to Ashford district committee.]

There were only 7 members from the Rochester district present at the AGM.

The post of membership secretary has been abolished and district secretaries will be responsible for holding a record of district members as they do now

Other:

Milton-next-Gravesend although repaired remain unusable until the influx of pigeons has been cleared.

Ringling Master's Report

Nothing much to report other than Guildford Cathedral is confirmed for the Rochester District Outing, which is to take place on Saturday 16th June. Other towers in Guildford are yet to confirm and details re: pricing of tickets/coach travel will be announced soon. I will contact each tower captain/secretary individually with details, but expect the ticket price to be as last year (£15 adults/£10 children & concessions). Coach pick up locations will be Sittingbourne, Hempstead Valley and Meopham.

With regards to district ringing events I am very pleased with the support and turn out at recent events, with 26 ringers attending the morning practice at Bobbing in February, and a good number for the March practice at Chatham. I am encouraged by this and hope this support will continue.

Steve Haynes and I are always looking for these practices to benefit everyone who attends, so please let us know what you would like to ring, or at least have a go at and we will endeavour to make it happen.

Web Master Report

Again, not much to report. I am doing my best to keep the website up-to-date with current topics, news and information - but I do need your help with content. If you know of anything that would be of interest to the district please tell me about it and I can put it on the website.

Only problem at the moment is that my computer has practically died.

Although I have a new one I am having difficulty recovering the original files. Therefore, I cannot, at present, update the website (hence the last update was 22nd March). I do hope to have this fixed in the next week or two - please keep your eye on the site!