



## KCACR ROCHESTER DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
COBHAM

### MINUTES

The meeting at Cobham was held in the church and attended by 13 ringers & friends representing 6 towers within the district. Margaret Funnell acted as chairman, and the minutes were recorded by Florence Hamp. Visitors from Prittlewell in Essex were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Sonya & Derek Gowdy, Tim & Diana Wraight, Sue Symons and Steve Haynes.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated. Rhian Bagshaw stated that "he felt team one had done well to recover from their crunch" despite the judges comments at the district striking competition at Chalk. The minutes were then accepted as correct.
3. Matters arising - Rhian Bagshaw congratulated the ringing masters on arranging an excellent outing to Brighton.
4. New members - Nigel Pagram of Cobham was proposed by Peter Hartley and seconded by Florence Hamp, and was duly elected by the members present.
5. District Reps report was given by Florence Hamp. Margaret Funnell had some more up-to-date information regarding Charity status for the bell restoration fund which has been regained. Nigel Spencer has agreed to represent the Association to the dioceses with respect to CRB issues. With regards to Peter Dale's suggestion about the Association purchasing a "womble", it was suggested that someone might be able to make one at less cost.
6. County 6-bell competition - Rochester District is hosting the competition in September 2006. The secretary and ringing masters have approached 4 towers already - none were able to help. Gareth Lawson is going to approach Jackie Dyson to see whether Newington would be able to host the competition.
7. There was no correspondence.
8. Forthcoming events: -
  - 19<sup>th</sup> August - District practice at Shorne (7-9pm)
  - 16<sup>th</sup> September - Call change competition at Bredgar
  - 21<sup>st</sup> October - Annual district meeting (venue tbc)
  - 18<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz night and grand draw (venue tbc)
9. Any other business
  - Sonya Gowdy will be stepping down as secretary at the ADM. As we do not have a chairman at present nominations for both posts are required.
  - A "wedding lis" has been set up by Gareth Lawson. This is to help towers that are short of ringers for weddings. you are able to help, or require more details, please contact Gareth.
  - The bells at Cliffe are back, and Friday practices have resumed.
  - The Alice Fether cup is awarded annually to the winner of the call change competition. Alice celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in May, and a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by members of the association to mark the occasion. The Association extends its best wishes to her.
10. A vote of thanks was given to Canon Chris Collins and Rev Struan Dunn for the use of the bells at Cobham and Meopham, and also to the Cobham Ringers and their wives for tea. Evening ringing took place at Meopham.