

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT OF THE
KCACR HELD AT TUNSTALL SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2009

Approximately 20 members attended. Ringing commenced at 3.00 p.m. followed by a service led by lay reader Kevnie Grown, Ann Newman was the organist. Tea was then taken prepared by Margaret Philpott and Richard Bushell followed by the meeting and further ringing.

The Chairman, alan Driver welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** were received from John and Yvonne Gander (Meopham), Rhian Bagshaw (Meopham), Tim and Diana Wraight (Rainham), Martin Rushton (Rochester) and Terry Barton (Tunstall).
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting** – due to the absence of the secretary with Swine Flu these were not available
- 3. Matters Arising** – not applicable see 2 above
- 4. Election of New Members** None
- 5. District Reps Report** – Margaret Funnell gave her report on the Minutes of the Last County General Committee Meeting – report attached. She further advised on the situation with Northfleet since the accident on the 6th July when Tony Cresswell of Chevening was badly injured whilst working on the bells. It was agreed that a get well card will be sent to Tony from the District and Margaret Funnell agreed to deal with this. Discussion ensued in relation to the accident and it was suggested that the County may offer further advice which may be sent from the Bell Restoration Officer in due course in relation to working on bells.
- 6. Ringling Master's Report** – Phil Brown thanked those members who made up the band for the 8 Bell Striking competition held at Tenterden
- 7. Specific Matters**
 - a) Alan Driver advised that Sweatshirts can now be ordered from Linela and the catalogue is available for viewing from him, he suggests where a tower has several members who require clothing, that they organize the purchase as a group themselves to save on postage.
 - b) It was ratified by the Meeting that Sonya Gowdy should organize the Grand Draw which is to be drawn at the ADM on 17th October 2009 being held at St. Margaret's Rochester. This was proposed by Richard Bushell and seconded by Florence Hamp. Sonya advised that for Legal purposed she needs to two people to be appointed to assist her and the meeting agreed that these should be Derek Gowdy and Valerie Reckless. Sonya went on to explain that tickets were now being given to all towers, one book for each member named in the Handbook, cost of each book £5.00 (10 tickets at 50 pence each). Stubs to be returned to Sonya before the ADM if at all possible.
 - c) Derek Gowdy advised that some towers have still not paid there membership subscriptions. It was agreed that they should be reminded that if the subs are not paid the members have no insurance and also to say that insurance runs from January to December.

8. Forthcoming Events – Next Meeting 19th September at Chatham Heritage Centre 6.00 p.m. Remember to take a torch and £1 donation for the tower and that you must be a member of the Association so you are covered by insurance.
17th October ADM at St. Margaret's Rochester.

9. Any Other Business –

Alan Driver advised he will not be standing for the position of Chairman at the next ADM in October but will carry on with the bookstall.
He also reminded the meeting that a 2nd Ringing Master's position remains vacant and he feels we need the additional Ringing Master as it is not fair for one person to be totally responsible to cover the events.

Alan Driver closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to Margaret and Richard and their helpers for the delicious tea and to Kevnie Growns for taking the service and Ann Newman for playing the organ.