



## KCACR ROCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING (ADM)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006  
HOO ST WERBURGH**

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was preceded by open ringing, a service and tea. It was attended by 19 members representing 9 towers in the district and welcomed by Margaret Funnell, who chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Diana & Tim Wraight, Gareth Lawson, Rhian Bagshaw, Roger Pocock, Arthur Vidgeon, Brian Trill, Chris Funnell, Neil Jones and Ray Morgan.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and agreed.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. New members – Ian Jennings of Minster - proposed by Roger Durrant & seconded by Derek Gowdy; Clifford Collingwood of Halling - proposed by David Irwin & seconded by Phil Stott; and Paul Williams of Tunstall - proposed by Emma Cundiff & seconded by Steve Haynes.
5. District Officer's Reports: -
  - Secretary (Sonya Gowdy) – Sonya spoke briefly of district events throughout the year with attendance steadily decreasing. As for the recent call change competition having to be cancelled due to a lack of participating bands – a sign of the times? With the Grand Draw we have contributed towards the BRF and towers within the district have benefited from this. The draw will be continued as an annual event. Family and health commitments have prevented Sonya from taking an active role this year and she thanked those who had been helping to do secretarial duties, in particular thanks to Gareth for taking on the bulk of it.
  - Treasurer (Derek Gowdy) - Report circulated and seconded by Graham Cottle. It was accepted by all present
  - Ringing Masters (Steven Haynes & Gareth Lawson) - Steve spoke of the time and effort he & Gareth have put in - visiting approx. 70% of towers within the district and speaking with individual ringers, which has brought a positive response. Recent work commitments are impinging on the amount of time available to continue this approach and any suggestions of improving general motivation as well as ringing standards are welcome.
  - District Reps (Florence Hamp & Ray Morgan) - Florence gave a report with details of events.
  - Sales & Marketing (Sue Symons) - Not many sales reported on books. There was an enquiry about sweatshirts and Sue informed the meeting that this information was on the district web site. Anyone without internet access should contact Sue.
  - Webmaster (Gareth Lawson) - The meeting was informed of the work that Gareth had done over the past year and continues to put in – he was thanked in his absence.
6. Election of District Officers for 2006/7 [proposed by (1), seconded by (2)]
  - Chairman – Alan Driver - Sue Symons (1), Steve Haynes (2)
  - Secretary – Graham Cottle - Sonya Gowdy (1), Sue Symons (2)
  - Treasurer – Derek Gowdy - Graham Cottle (1), Steve Haynes (2)
  - Ringing Masters –
    - i. Gareth Lawson - Graham Cottle (1), Nicola Cottle (2)

- ii. Steve Haynes - Nicola Cottle (1), Graham Cottle (2)
- District Reps –
  - i. Florence Hamp - Steven Haynes (1), Alan Driver (2)
  - ii. Margaret Funnell - Alan Driver (1), Steve Haynes (2)
- Sales & Marketing – Sue Symons - Sonya Gowdy (1), Florence Hamp (2)
- Web Master – Gareth Lawson - Sonya Gowdy (1), Steve Haynes (2)
- Committee Members –
  - i. Sonya Gowdy - Sue Symons (1), Steve Haynes (2)
  - ii. Emma Cundiff - Roger Durrant (1), Alan Driver (2)
  - iii. Roger Durrant - Emma Cundiff (1), Sonya Gowdy (2)

7. Forthcoming Events – see handbook

- 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November - Quarter peal week. Feel free to contact Steve or Gareth if you need help with this – details of all quarter peals and attempts to Gareth.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 18<sup>th</sup> - Quiz Night at Newington Scout Hut 7pm. Cost £3 each; bring your own food and drink. Please contact Sonya to book a table and leave a contact number.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service and Grand Draw - 3.30pm at Tunstall. Tickets will be sent out ASAP. Usual conditions – one book of tickets to be issued to each member to the value of £5 for you to either buy or sell to others – more tickets will be available on request.
- 20<sup>th</sup> January - Quarterly Meeting at Cliffe.

8. Any other business

- It was suggested that the district August event is scrapped ,as it is so poorly attended - mostly due to people on holiday
- Possible change from the third Saturday in the month which may assist in getting judges for competitions/more ringers to events, It seems likely there would be similar issues whichever Saturday of the month, as it would clash with other districts or County events.
- Phil Stott congratulated Steve & Gareth for their district presence and helpful teaching element, which he would like to continue. Steve commented they had few requests for help.
- It was noted that the number of members at district events varied between districts, though generally there has been an all round decline.
- Graham Cottle would like the district to return to the 'knockout' competition to encourage all bands to participate and make it more fun. He thinks it would work if it was organised and could be for either call change or striking competition. Graham suggested the possibility of merging competitions so they are held on the same day. There was a brief explanation given of the Knockout rules. Alan suggested a mixed band for the call change competition only. It was proposed and agreed that there should be a minimum of one non-peal ringer in a call change competition band. It was noted this subject was already earmarked for discussion at the first committee meeting along with all other suggestions. Any thoughts on this please speak to any committee member, use the district web site or email Gareth.
- Thanks were extended to Newington for use of the bells in September for the County Competition.

9. A vote of thanks was proposed by Florence to the ringers at Hoo St Werburgh for their hospitality, to the vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service and to Margaret for chairing the meeting. Also to Sonya for her past efforts in her role as secretary and to everyone for coming. Ringing continued after the meeting.