



KCACR ROCHESTER DISTRICT

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NEW WEBSITE – The district has just launched a brand new website, which has been put together by Gareth Lawson. Not only does the site have details about the towers within the district and their ringing times... it also has the latest district news and information... as well as detailed information about forthcoming events. For those of you that haven't already done so subscribe to the mailing list and receive free emails - or join the E-group, which will enable you to have discussions about district-related topics with other members. See all at www.rochesterdistrict.org.uk

DOING THE ROUNDS - At the last ADM **Gareth Lawson** was elected to join Steven Haynes as **District Ringing Masters**. Some of you will know them - some of you won't... which is why they will be arranging to visit to your tower's practice in the next few months. As well as introducing themselves to you all... they aim to build a bridge of communication between the ringers, towers and district officers.

Both Steve and Gareth want to find out what you expect from district. They'll also be looking for ideas and ways to improve district events, and devise a method by which the district (and its ringers) can provide support to each other. One example would be to appoint **Area Reps**, who will be our eyes and ears between a select number of towers in their area. It is impossible for the District Ringing Masters and Secretary to attend all the towers on a regular basis (they too have jobs and other interests outside of bell ringing). Therefore, the role of the Area Reps will be to liaise directly with their designated towers and assist in providing extra ringers from other towers ringers for practices, Sunday services and any other events when a tower is low on numbers. The Area Reps will also report back to the district secretary/ringing masters to update them on tower news and any requests their towers may have.

Also, have a think about where you'd like to go on next years **District Outing**. Feel free to submit your suggestions to the district ringing masters via the brand new website – or when you see them next!

Gareth and Steve will be happy to discuss any issues and ideas with you when they visit your tower. Alternatively, you can telephone them or email them from the new website.

EASTCHURCH bells are home from Whitechapel with new headstocks and bearings. They were rehung on Sat 5th November. Photos and details of future ringing will be posted on the district website. **It was originally thought the tower building work would not be complete for the quarterly meeting on Sat 21st Jan, but this is no longer the case and the meeting will now go ahead at Eastchurch.**

DISTRICT SHOP will be re-opening for business again soon, following the theft of the stock a few months back. Keep an eye on the website for details!

KCACR SUBS are due **ASAP** - £9 for adults, £4.50 for those under 18years & over 65 years, associate member not less than 90p and life membership is £120. 50% of subs go to the BRF (Bell Restoration Fund) where it is used to keep bells around the county in a suitable state for ringing. About £1.50 goes to KCACR insurance, which covers all paid up members for both personal accident and public liability. A further £1.50 goes to providing members with their own copy of the KCACR Handbook. Approx 50p is spent on publicity and training material, another 50p is spent on officers' expenses attending national meetings, and the final 50p is spent in a variety of ways, including postage, payment of auditors and general running expenses. Nobody derives any financial benefit from the Association.

THE GRAND DRAW will take place on Saturday 21st January during the quarterly meeting at Eastchurch. 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £30 PLUS many other prizes. Tickets are currently being distributed to each tower contact allowing one book for each member recorded in the Association Handbook. Each ticket is 50p and there are ten in a book, each book is to the value of £5. All proceeds go to the BRF. If you would like more tickets to buy yourself or to sell please contact Sonya, Steve or Gareth. Please show your support!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (all welcome)

Sat 21st Jan 2006 – Quarterly Meeting, Eastchurch

- 3.30pm Open Ringing
- 4.30pm Meeting
- 5.00pm Tea followed by more ringing

Sat 18th Feb – Morning Ringing, Frindsbury

- 10.00am – 12 noon

Sat 25th Feb – County 8 Bell Competition, East Farleigh

Sat 18th Mar – Evening Ringing, Chatham

- 6.00pm – 8.00pm