



KCACR ROCHESTER DISTRICT

NOTICEBOARD

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DISTRICT OUTING – Thanks to all those who supported the District Outing in May. The day was a total success with 31 people on the coach and ringing at 5 towers in-and-around Brighton. We also managed to raise £40 for the BRF. So thank you... and if you didn't come this year I hope you will next year. Speaking of which... ideas please! [Gareth Lawson]

TUNSTALL WIN DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION – It was a glorious sunny April Saturday in Chalk, where this year's Rochester district striking competition was held. Three bands entered the contest, which was judged by Alex Britton and Rachel Backhouse (Lewisham District). After having a ring themselves to sample the 'go' of the bells the competition got underway with last year's winners, Meopham drawn to ring first. Second to ring their party piece were Tunstall. Before the results were announced Alex Britton humorously referred to the band as "a bunch of show-offs for ringing Norwich Surprise Minor". Last but not least Hoo/High Halstow rang "a fine piece of wedding ringing", according to Alex Britton. The method was Grandsire Doubles.

Following tea and biscuits and a few little nibbles the quarterly meeting began, which was chaired by Sue Symons and attended by 19 ringers representing 9 towers. The judges commented on the performances from each band and announced (in the usual reverse order) Tunstall as the winner of the 2006 District Striking Competition with 36 ½ faults. Hoo/High Halstow came second with 53 faults and Meopham third with 76 faults. Tunstall will now represent the district in the county 6-bell striking competition in September, for which the Rochester district will play host (venue tbc).

10 BELL PRACTICE - Rochester Cathedral will hold another open 10 bell practice on **Thursday 31st August** from 7.30-9.15pm. Methods to be rung will be Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal, Little Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal. All are welcome. [Neil Jones – Tower Captain]

THE GRAND DRAW IS BACK! - Our fund raising efforts for the BRF have improved over the last couple of years and in part this is due to the Grand Draw. As you will be aware this is to be an annual event intended to take place at the Quiz Night in November. In preparation for this tickets will be circulated by September – one book of tickets to the value of £5 for each member to buy or sell to friends. Additional tickets will be available on request. If any person, company or tower would like to sponsor this event (covering the cost of tickets) please get in touch with me ASAP (contact details in the handbook). Your continued support is appreciated – THANK YOU! [Sonya Gowdy]

NEW MEMBERS – Congratulations to Brian Lawson (Newington), David Irwin (Halling) and David Smith (Rochester Cathedral) who were all elected members of the KCACR at the Chalk quarterly meeting on 22nd April.

CLIFFE - The bells are now back in action following their return from Taylor's, Eayre & Smith. On 13th March 2006 the restoration project began and the bells were taken to Loughborough for turning, tuning and new fixtures (wheels, bearings and headstocks).

The bells returned to Cliffe on Saturday 3rd June 2006 where they were welcomed by a Bell Fair.

All 8 bells have now been rehung and ringing commenced on 13th June. The tenor now weighs 13-2-10 and remains in the key of E flat.

SPREAD THE WORD – In producing this Noticeboard and maintaining the district website I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to keep me posted with any district news and events that would be of general interest to our ringers. Please phone or email me with tower news, bell restoration news, forthcoming events and topics for inclusion on this here piece of paper, and the website. My details are in the handbook at the front of the Rochester district section. With thanks! [Gareth Lawson]

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (all welcome)

Sat 19th August – District Practice, Shorne (7-9pm)

Sat 16th September – Call Change Competition, Bredgar

- 3.30pm Draw, competition, tea, results and open ringing

Sat 21st October – Annual District Meeting, venue tba

- 3.30pm Open ringing
- 4.30pm Service
- 5.00pm Tea
- 5.30pm Meeting
- 6.30pm Open ringing

12th-19th November – District Quarter Peal Week

18th November – Quiz Night

Sat 16th December – Carol Service, Tunstall

- 3.30pm Open ringing
- 4.30pm Carol Service
- 5.00pm Tea
- 5.30pm Open ringing

Sat 20th January 2007 – Quarterly Meeting, Cliffe