

Draft Minutes District Meeting Kelvedon 7.5.11

The Master welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly those from outside the district. Janie Estcourt and Laurence Beale were especially welcomed.

The Master then began the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies were received from Janice Watkins, Pip Darkins, Kate Champness, Richard and Lyn Ould, Adrian Semken, Maurice and Kath Downs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed by David Learmonth.

Seconded by Marian Wood

New Members

There were no proposals for new adult members.

Junior member Eleanor Jolley proposed by Pip Darkins and seconded by Vicky Le Fevre. Ellie was duly accepted as a member to the association.

There were two proposals for Friends to the Association John Randall proposed by Vicki Bennett and seconded by John Elliott and David Larnar proposed by John Elliott and seconded by Vicki Bennett. These proposals were accepted.

As the secretary had omitted to bring the report from the EACR AGM held at Chelmsford Cathedral on 3.5.11 the secretary together with members highlighted some of the items discussed at that meeting.

The new membership rules had been accepted at that meeting and were now in effect. The major change was that existing members over 65 will be required to pay the annual subscription of £8.00. There was some clarification required on this and the Association Master Brian Meads was able to make the rule clear.

Tribute was paid to the band of young ringers who had come fourth in a ringing competition.

Marian Wood asked for a copy of the report from the EACR AGM is attached to the minutes from this meeting.

Achievements

Ellie Jolley 1st Quarter peal

Amanda Chittock 1st Quarter peal

The list of achievements as taken from the Ringing World will be lodged with the minutes.

Future Events.

Striking Competition 11th June. The Master asked for members to let him know as soon as possible if they intended putting in a team for this.

Association Striking Competition 2nd July 6 bell at Rayne, draw at 1:00 pm.
8 bell at Gt Bardfield, draw at 6:00 pm. Tea will be available at Stebbing Village Hall from 5:00 pm.

The secretary would not be available to organise this on the day so Marian Wood kindly offered to take on this responsibility.
Ian was asked to place a map on the district website so that members from outside the district would not get lost!

The dedication of the bells at Ridgewell will take place on Friday 27th May 2011 at 7:30 pm. An invited band will be asked to ring a service touch with open ringing afterwards.

The Annual BBQ will take place at Vic and Wendy Turner's Gainsford End, Toppesfield. Ringing beforehand at Toppesfield 2:30 to 3:30 pm. BBQ at 4:00 pm.

There will be a District Practice at Ridgewell on Saturday 13th August. This is purely for ringers from the district and will not be advertised in the Ringing World.

District Meeting Saturday 3rd September at Wethersfield. Ringing from 3:00 pm, Service at 4:40 pm followed by tea and the meeting. Evening Ringing at Finchingfield.

AOB

It is hoped that towers would be able to participate in the Discover Bell Ringing Challenge weekend in association with the London Olympics 2012. It is suggested that towers open on Saturday 23rd and or 24th June when people could try bell ringing. Tracey Southgate the association PRO can help with posters and stickers, so members should contact her if they would like to participate.

This Wednesday on Radio 3 a new piece of music is to be played to celebrate the Ringing World Centenary.

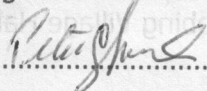
Roy Threadgold also commended members to read the recent article published in the Ringing World written by Brian Meads on the future of ringing. Brian was asked to speak to the meeting about this. He said that the idea was to invest in ringers rather than bells. He suggested that members might like to read the article and perhaps discuss it at the next meeting.

Allen Cansdale queried the omission of quarter peals rung during quarter peal month from the Ringing World. This has been an error due entirely to the Ringing World who had lost the information. The Master had received some information from Laurence Carter who had co-ordinated the quarter peal month so he would collate this to determine if the lost information is available. It was suggested that perhaps in future these should be sent in individually.

Vote of Thanks

Father David was thanked for the service and allowing the ringers to ring both sets of bells. Desmond Wood was thanked for playing the organ as this allowed our resident organist to have a rest! All those who were involved in tea were thanked for their splendid meal. Members were thanked for their attention and attendance.

Signed as true account


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Master

Date 3.9.11