

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Report from the Executive Committee held on October 10th 2009

The meeting was a long one as there were several items of importance to discuss.

The secretary had received notice of a) the Ringing World Centenary on 26th March 2011. Towers in London will be available for ringing. Tours of Whitechapel Bellfoundry and Big Ben will also be taking place. Districts requested to keep this date free from meetings. b) The Guide Centenary on 17th July 2010.

Annual Dinner was a success in spite of poor attendance. After discussion it was agreed to hold another next year.

From the various reports received the following items are of interest:-

- a) Kelvedon. This situation is difficult now that Taylors Bellfounders are in administration.
- b) Dates for the 2010 Essex Course 8th-10th April.
- c) Child Protection. Several towers have yet to notify Steve Nash of those members who have C.R.B. checks. New legislation regarding these came into force on October 12th 2009. Child protection policy for the association is currently being reviewed in collaboration with Rev Jean Halliday Diocesan Child Protection Officer. Training for tower captains is under consideration.
- d) Peal fees are to increase to 50p half will be paid to the general fund and half to the bell restoration fund.
- e) A discussion paper reviewing the Accident and Public liability insurance was received. It was agreed to extend the cover for those members over 65yrs.
- f) Grant applications were received from:- Feering, this was no longer required as the work had been carried out by volunteers. Walthamstow St Mary and South Okendon, these were both deferred for further information. It was agreed to form a sub committee to consider applications for grants who would then present recommendations to the executive committee. One representative from each District to be elected at district annual meetings.
- g) Appointment of Officers for 2010.
 - Chaplain, Vacant
 - Report editor and peal secretary, Colin Chapman
 - Technical Advisor, Paul Bray
 - Education Officer, Liz Rayner
 - Public Relations, Vacant
 - Newsletter Editor, Ann Bray
 - Essex course convenor, Mary Bone
 - Child Protection Officer, Steve Nash
 - Web Master, Fred Bone. Fred reminded everyone to remember to send to him any changes in E- mail addresses asap.
- h) Looking to the Future. This report was accepted. To be published on the web site. Changes in the job descriptions for Education officer and Public Relations Officer

were recommended. It was agreed that each District should appoint a contact for each of these posts.

i) Review of the Association rules is to be undertaken. A sub committee was formed to report back in October 2010.

j) Adrian Malton. The state of his membership was reviewed and the suspension was continued. A full statement is available on the web site.

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