

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Minutes of the meeting held at Great Easton on May 23rd 2009

Welcome

The turn out at this meeting was disappointing as only nine members attended. The Master welcomed those who were present.

Apologies for absence

These were received from Allen and Maureen Cansdale, Peter Smith, Di Carpenter, Vic and Wendy Turner, Vicky LeFevre, Terry and Wendy Earle, Brian Meads and Andrew Taylor.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved and signed as a true record on the proposal of Kath Downs, seconded by Pat Healy.

Matters Arising

David Learmonth questioned the progress regarding the setting up of a regular quarter peal day to enable those who had learnt methods at the Beyond Bob Minor sessions might have a chance to consolidate what they had learned. No further news regarding this had been received from Alistair Donaldson.

Nominations for Membership

[Brian C Judd](#) of Black Notley had been proposed by Ernie Andrews and seconded by Derek Hammond. The meeting accepted this nomination. There were no other nominations for membership.

Ringling Achievements

Congratulations were extended to [Peter Olley](#) for ringing his first quarter inside to Plain Bob Doubles at the age of 11years.

Future Events

Striking Competition- Marian Wood has organised for Alan Mayle and Maurice Rose to be judges on June 6th for our District competition but to date only a team from Wethersfield and a combined team from Coggeshall and Rayne have indicated that they will take part. If no other teams come forward the competition will be cancelled. Maurice Downs said that in the past when this situation had occurred the two teams went forward to the Association Final and the position that they achieved against each other there was considered to be the District result.

Association Striking Competition Final – This will be held on July 4th with the 6-bell competition at Theydon Garnon and the 8-bell at Chigwell Row. Maurice Downs has eight ringers willing to take part and practices are being arranged.

District B B Q This has been arranged to take place at Boydells Farm Wethersfield on August 1st. We need BBQ equipment. If you have a portable BBQ and are willing to lend it, please contact Marian Wood.

Evening Practice- The next one is at Pentlow on September 5th.

Association Dinner - Marian Wood encouraged members to attend. Names and deposits to Vicky Chapman.

Any Other Business

Insurance Information - All towers should have received this from Andrew Brewster, Association Treasurer.

Future Officers - Marian Wood reminded the meeting that both she and Maurice Downs would not be standing for re-election at the next A D M. Nominations for new officers to be with Peter Smith by December 1st.

Ringing School - Marian Wood indicated that she would not be organising this in 2010. If the District wished for this to continue someone would need to be appointed to organise it. Two people could share the task if necessary, one to organise the helpers and one the ringing.

Quarter Peal Month – Maurice Downs requested that someone else took over organising this. It requires obtaining information from those towers who are organising their own quarters, arranging for extra ringers where needed and arranging quarters at those towers where there are no ringers so that once again we can ring at least one quarter peal in each ringable tower in the District.

New Incumbent - It was suggested that a letter of welcome be sent to Rev Canon Ivy Crawford recently licensed to the Five Parishes. Marian Wood undertook to do this.

Votes Of Thanks

These were extended to Jim Brown for the use of the bells and to Canon Ivy Crawford for the use of the church.