

Essex Association of Change Ringers Northern District

MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING BLACK NOTLEY 24th OCTOBER 2009

1 WELCOME

Marian Wood, District Master, welcomed the 26 members present, with a special welcome to the Association Treasurer Andrew Brewster and Christina Brewster.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Maurice and Kath Downs, Andrew Taylor, David Learmonth, Libby Laurence, Ted Tennant and Debbie Hill.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held at Great Easton on 23rd May 2009 were received and signed as a true and correct record on a proposition from Peter Wood.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 4. No progress has been made with arrangements for Quarter Peals emanating from Beyond Plain Bob

Minute 7[3] In the Association Striking Competition Kirby-Le-Soken won the 6 bell competition with Rayne/Coggeshall 7th. The 8 bell competition had the Southern District in 1st place with the Northern District 3rd. Congratulations to our band on a good result.

Minute 7[4] The District BBQ was an enjoyable social occasion despite the rain starting just as the cooking began. The youngsters enjoyed ringing at Wethersfield and their walk to Boydells Farm. The mini-ring was a success and a fitting end to a good event. Our Thanks to Roy and Cherry Threadgold for their hospitality. £162 was raised for the Belfry Repair Fund

Minute 7[5] Those present at the Pentlow evening practice signed a card of good wishes to Di Carpenter who is unwell. Di thanked the District for the kind thoughts.

5 NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There were no nominations

6 REPORT of ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Master presented the report of this meeting which is lodged with the minutes.

The District Secretary asked the meeting to record our thanks to the Association Master, Brian Meads, for the efficient and compassionate way he conducted the meeting. This was agreed.

7 DISTRICT OFFICERS 2010

Nominations for these should be with Secretary by 1st December 2009.

The present Master, Marian Wood, and Deputy Master, Maurice Downs, will not be seeking re-election. The importance of filling these positions was emphasised and members asked to seek out suitable candidates.

The EACR wish each District to have a contact member for Education, Child Protection, and Public Relations; also a representative on the Grants Application Committee.

Post-meeting note: New people are also needed to run the Saturday Ringing School and the monthly Advanced Practice.

8 RINGING ACHIEVEMENTS

There were 1st's in Quarter Peals:-

Esther Pilgrim	Most methods in Doubles [6] Grandsire Doubles
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Esther also won the young ringer of the year - presented to her at the BBQ

John Pearson	Plain Bob Minor
Stewart Gilbert	Single Oxford Bob Minor
Alistair Donaldson	Conducting Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob

1st Quarter Peals

Lewis Williams <i>[aged 11]</i>	Rayne
Georgina Benton	Wethersfield
Philip Kelly	Braintree

9 FUTURE EVENTS

The meeting asked the present Officers to prepare a provisional programme for 2010/11 for presentation to the ADM and the new Officers.

November is Quarter Peal Month. Marian Wood is the co-ordinator, so let her know of your towers plans and if you need help.

7th November is the date of the Quiz Night at Kelvedon: 7 for 7.30pm. Please try to put in a team. Tickets from District Officers £6 each.

There are still places on the Association Training Day based at Basildon on 28th November. Helpers are also required. Contact Liz Rayner - liz.rayner@lineone.net

The Association Carol Service is at Writtle on Saturday 5th December - ringing from 3 to 4.15pm, service at 4.30pm.

Our ADM is on Saturday 9th January 2010

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pebmarsh are ringing again and they thanked the Association for the grant.

Memorial Service for Bernard Fairhead, Association Life Vice President and an Association master, was well attended with excess of 100 ringers present.

Terry Earle thanked Peter Wood for the article in the Ringing World describing some of the older ringers when they were young and the peal they rang.

11 VOTES OF THANKS

On the Districts behalf the Master thanked Revd. Beth Bendry and the Notley ringers for the use of the Church and bells, Peter Wood for playing the organ, Derek Hammond and his wife for a nice tea.

The meeting thanked Marian Wood for arranging and leading the service

The Collection raised £14.53 and the Raffle £31