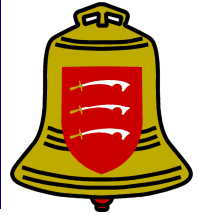


# Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



## AGM 3rd May 2010

The 131<sup>st</sup> Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 3 May. The arrangements are as follows:

General ringing	9.15 to 10.15am
Service touch	10.15am
Annual Service	<b>10.30am</b>
AGM	11.45am
Afternoon ringing	Southern District
Tea at Eastwood	

Afternoon ringing details and advance tea tickets (£3.50) are available from the Secretary: Mrs Vicki Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF (by 1 May). Please enclose a SAE.

Tea tickets (£4.00) will also be available on the door at Eastwood.

Do come along and ring at the Cathedral - the ringing is for everyone! Please arrive in good time so as many as possible can have a ring. Entrance is by the West or South doors (a service will just be finishing so please enter quietly). The Cathedral ringers will be serving coffee in the Cathedral before the service to help raise funds for their restoration appeal.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been re-arranged after the service. The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2009 Annual Report. The Rules are also available on the website (<http://www.eacr.org.uk>).

Vicki Chapman



### Girl Guides Centenary Event (WOW 100) - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July



We have been asked to run an event as part of the Essex North East branch of the Girl Guides Centenary Event, taking place at the Tendring Hundred Showground, near Lawford. The event is called WOW100 and it is for all guiding members to have a chance to celebrate their centenary without the guiders having to organise and run any of the activities. All members from Rainbows aged from 5 to Trefoil Guild members - no upper age limit - are invited to attend. The guest list will be made up of their ambassadors and people in the community who actively support them and promote them.

Alistair Donaldson has kindly offered the use of the Maplestead Mini-Ring and a set of handbells or belleplates, so that visitors can try their hand at 'lapping' as well, and we will be putting on a small exhibition. We have had some offers of help already, but we really need at least another 8 people to help on the day, with demonstrations on the mini ring, supervising handbells and taking note of any interest in taking up ringing as a hobby. If you can help between 09.30-12.30 or 1.30-5.30, please would you contact either myself on 01255-507357 or Alistair on 01787-463106. We have a deadline of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June to give the organisers the names of those helping, so would appreciate you getting in touch as soon as possible.

Tracey Southgate

### Clergy Notices

Nick De Keyser (Deputy Ringing Master, SE District) resigned as Rector of All Saints, Stock in December 2009 and was received into the Catholic Church on 19 December 2009 after over 30 years as a priest in the Church of England

Little Baddow now has a new Priest-in-charge who we are sharing with Sandon, the consequence of which is that our Sunday ringing times are changing. From Sunday 14 March onwards Sunday service ringing will be every Sunday from 9.55-10.30am and 5.55-6.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### Executive Committee Meeting News - October 2009

The February Executive Committee meeting was held at Danbury. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of John Avis, former Committee member as NE Secretary from 1968-75 & 1978-79. After the Master had welcomed the new members elected at the annual district meetings we moved on to the formal business, mainly concerned with items for the annual report and the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer's and Trustees' reports were approved and will be printed in the annual report; the accounts and full report still have to be approved by members at the annual meeting. There was also further discussion regarding insurance.

The Rules Review Sub Group have undertaken detailed work to overhauling the Objects and Rules of the Association and will be giving a presentation to the AGM.

A Motion has been put forward to the AGM for discussion regarding a proposed rule change concerning membership of those persons whose name appears on the Sex Offenders Register (or is to be added).

Most of the rest of the meeting was taken up by reports from the appointed officers and the districts - keeping everyone informed about what is going on throughout the Association.

We were unable to appoint two posts at the October meeting, but I am pleased to report that Revd Ian Jorysz has agreed to be the Association Chaplain, and will be participating at the Annual Service, and that Tracey Southgate has taken on the post of Public Relations Officer.

Do ask your district officers for further information on any of these items. The next meeting of the Committee is in October.

Vicki Chapman

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Phillip Petchey on being appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Southwark. Phillip rings in the SW District.

80th birthday congratulations to Len Bullock (January) and John Armstrong (March) both of Dagenham

90th birthday congratulations to Bill Aley (30.9.09) of Nazing

### CAMPANARI ITALIA

Paul and Anne Bray joined a number of ringers from Suffolk and other parts of the country on a ringing trip to Italy in October.

After ringing at Dordrecht ('t Klokkhuys), The Netherlands, the trip provided opportunities to ring at a number of churches that have bells rung in the Veronese style - bells counterbalanced (about 40%), ropes have no sallies and about 10ft of spare tail end which coils on the floor. There are no stays or sliders so that the bells must be held on the balance and handed over when changing ringers. The rope circles are rarely in order as the bells are hung in pairs usually half-out of the louvers and the ropes come down as per the bell arrangement. The Italian ringers ring "Concerti" - specially composed pieces requiring a conductor to call out the number of the next bell to ring. When a number is called the ringer rings one stroke and then holds the bell on the balance until the number is called again (this can sometimes be quite some time!). The intended effect is more musical than mathematical and chords (2 or 3 bells rung simultaneously) are also used.



There was also an opportunity to watch ringers using the Bolognese style. The bells are rung without ropes, by pushing a wooden bar attached to the headstock and catching it as it comes round the other side. On heavier bells there are 2 ringers - 1 on each side of the bell, and on very heavy bells short ropes are also used with an additional 2 ringers under the bell on a floor a few feet below.



Finally we got to see the traditional "Ambrosian" system at Roncobello, where there is a very enthusiastic group of young ringers. The Ambrosian style bells are counterbalanced to about 80% and therefore turn very slowly. There is only one controllable stroke. There are chiming hammers fitted to the bells and a small carillon keyboard up in the bells, which is played enthusiastically by the young ringers.

The trip is run on a 2 yearly basis by Stephen Pettman. Email [qualdisc@clara.net](mailto:qualdisc@clara.net) if you would like details for 2011 when they become available.

## Ringling for England

To: Ring Masters, Peal Secretaries and Tower Captains

Last year I became involved in a campaign suggesting that the whole country knit together in the act of ringing bells to celebrate St. George's Day. It had the good fortune to be picked up by the national and local press and given some interesting exposure. As a result I was encouraged to take up the challenge to promote it further so that an act of ringing would take place right across the Nation on April 23rd.

I absolutely understand that none of the above can take place without the full voluntary cooperation of the many wonderful bands of ringers. Indeed some already have a custom of ringing on that day. However, these individual acts, whilst of great local consequence, would be greatly magnified if the entire Nation of bell ringers were to ring out on this Friday 23rd April in unison around the time of 6 - 6.30 pm in the evening.

With my many discussions with the Editor of The Ringing World and various Vice Presidents and Secretaries (including Prudence Fay and Sheila Cheesman) it would seem there is a ground swell of optimism that this unique act, a very English act, could take place and become part of our national celebrations. The hope is to create sufficient publicity and exposure that it will become a fixed event every year on April 23rd.

The outcome of the meetings felt that it would require only a half hour of ringing or a quarter peal at the most.

May I take this opportunity to request most fervently for your full support in engaging with your bands to participate in this event and allow the Nation to salute your efforts and expertise with joy.

Robert Lewis (Editor of The Ringing World) is endorsing this proposal.

My Best Regards - Libby Alexander

## Bell Restoration Fund Grant Applications

A new procedure for considering applications for grants from the Bell Restoration Fund was agreed by the Executive Committee at the meeting in February.

In future Grant Applications will be considered by a Sub-Group in advance of the Executive Committee meetings. Applications should be submitted to the Association Secretary by 1 December for consideration at the February meeting or 1 August for consideration at the October meeting.

The Sub-Group will consider the detailed technical information relating to each application against the Guidelines provided with the Application Form and will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to whether each Application should be supported and to what extent.

The Sub-Group will produce a short report on each of the projects considered together with key financial and technical information and the recommended grant. (Guidelines for the level of grant appropriate for each category of work are given in the Guidance Notes).

The Sub-Group will be convened by the Hon. Technical Advisor and will include one representative from each District who will be elected annually at the District's ADM.

The representatives for this year are:

The first meeting of the Sub-Group will take place on Thursday 9 September 2010.

Northern	Vicky Le Fevre
North East	David Culham
North West	Roger Collins
Southern	John Harpole
South East	Jim Towler
South West	Peter Rayner

## 100 Quarter Peals in a Year!

Congratulations to these Essex Ringers who appeared in the top 100 of the Leading Quarter Peal Ringers 2009:

7th	Liz Griffith-Jones (Henham)	229
10th	Clive B Moore (Sawbridgeworth)	189
33rd	Penny Browne (Radwinter)	131
39th	Bill Griffith-Jones (Henham)	121
45th	Fred Bone (Sawbridgeworth)	114
61st	Carol Wilkinson (Saffron Walden)	105

## Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to:

Jim and Yvonne Towler on their recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

With the help of Andrew Craddock's "Pealbase", it was established that Yvonne and Jim rang their 1000<sup>th</sup> peal together at Saffron Walden ringing Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008, which happened to be their 39<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

Additional congratulations to Jim on his 2000<sup>th</sup> Peal!

### Essex Association

**Terling, Essex**

All Saints

Wednesday, 28 October 2009

in 2h 46 (11)

### 5088 Rutland S Major

Composed by: C W Roberts

- 1 Terry Earle (C)
- 2 Susan Page
- 3 Yvonne A Towler
- 4 Katrina A Bond
- 5 Richard F Prime
- 6 Michael A Mills
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 James L Towler

2000<sup>th</sup> Peal - 8



## That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

### First Quarter :

Mick Pennock (30/8/09 Kirby-le-Soken)

Rosemary Kelsell (15/11/09 Sawbridgeworth)

Ryan Finlayson (15/11/09 Rayne)

Anna Biddulph, Aged 12 (29/11/09 Bentley Common)

### First Peal :

Roger Carey-Smith (19/9/09 Great Bentley)

## Personal Accident Insurance: Consultation

At the recent Executive Committee meeting, I was asked to investigate the benefits and coverage of the personal accident insurance which the Association pays on behalf of its members. In particular I was asked to look at the possibility of increasing the weekly temporary total disablement while possibly removing the death and capital benefit altogether. I am therefore seeking views from the general membership on the possible options that are available which are outlined below.

The policy currently covers individual members (but not non-resident members) and anyone under instruction prior to being accepted for membership, anywhere in the United Kingdom whilst undertaking work in respect of inspection, maintenance, restoration and any other work on church bells. The policy also covers the actual ringing of bells and direct travel to and from any of the above. There have been two claims in the past twenty or so years. The renewal in 2009 was £1,014.

The benefits currently are:

- £10,000 for death, permanent loss of sight, speech, hearing (both ears) or limbs and permanent total disablement. £2,500 for permanent loss of hearing in one ear.
- Up to £100 per week for temporary total disablement (up to 104 weeks and not exceeding any member's weekly income).

Unemployed members do not receive temporary disablement payments. Those members aged under 16 are covered for £1,000 only upon death. Those aged 75 or over are only covered for £1,000 on death and receive no other benefits. In addition, in the event of death by accident, funeral expenses of up to £2,500 may be paid. The Executive Committee have already agreed that cover for temporary or permanent total disablement, as outlined above, will be extended to those aged 65 or over from this coming renewal in July with a premium of £1,270 (2009 prices).

The £10,000 death and capital benefit has been in place since the inception of the insurance and some people feel that this is no longer adequate. To increase this amount to £15,000 or £20,000 would cost £1,905 or £2,540 (2009 prices). This will inevitably require an increase in subscriptions.

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There are a number of options available.

**Option 1:** To do away with personal accident insurance altogether.

**Option 2:** To leave the cover and benefits as they are.

**Option 3:** To increase the death and capital benefit to £15,000/£20,000/£25,000 or higher and weekly temporary total disablement to £150/£200/£250 or higher. The implication of this is that subscriptions will inevitably have to rise.

**Option 4:** To do away with the death and capital benefit cover altogether and increase the weekly temporary total disablement to £300 or more (cost unknown).

I am seeking further information from our brokers which I will report to the AGM in May.

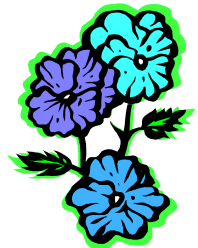
If you have any thoughts or comments regarding any of the above options, or more generally on our insurance please let me know either by email [andrewbrewster@freeola.com](mailto:andrewbrewster@freeola.com) or by telephone 01245 420648.

**Andrew Brewster**  
**Hon Treasurer**

## Big Plant Swap Practice

Great Baddow ringers will be holding a Big Plant Swap Practice on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm to 9pm. Bring along your surplus plants & seedlings and/or take away anything you fancy! You don't have to bring, & you don't have to take anything. Just come along to the practice at St Mary's on 7<sup>th</sup> May, ring the bells and make a donation to the St Mary's bell fund. Non-ringers are welcome to come along and join the plant swapping fun, plus, if they would like to, have a go at ringing a bell between 7.30pm and 8pm.

For more details, phone Sarah on 01245 469560.



## Association Register

### Deaths:

Many Essex ringers will know of **John Mardon** who sadly died on Tuesday, 12th January. John and his wife Jean moved to Sproughton from Cock Clarks near Purleigh some 7 or 8 years ago and John immediately became an enthusiastic, regular and valuable member of the Sproughton band. John learnt to ring at Purleigh in his mid seventies. Sadly John suffered a stroke a couple of years ago and although he did have one go at ringing after his stroke (which delighted him so much he left in tears of joy!) he knew it was no longer practical for him to ring. John sadly suffered a further stroke in the autumn of 2009. His warm, kindly, generous, humorous and Christian personality will be sorely missed.

Ralph Earey, Tower Captain, All Saints' Sproughton

We are really sad hear of the death of **Richard Wilden** (affectionately known as 'Snowy') on 28th January 2010. Richard moved to Essex, to work for Marconi after graduating from Oxford University, in 1987 and was a regular ringer at Gt Baddow and Galleywood for many years until his health started to fail around in the 1990's. He was an extremely talented ringer and conductor and will be remembered by many ringers in Essex for his enthusiasm and charisma - happily cycling miles to ring peals and quarter peals. Richard died after a battle of just over a year with cancer.

Sarah Troubridge

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010 the Little Baddow band lost one of their popular members when **Mick Kennedy** died suddenly. Mick lived in Cold Norton, but had been ringing with us for 9 years. He is much missed.

Sandra Lee

A quarter-peal of 1260 Plain Bob doubles was rung at St Mary's, Burnham-on-Crouch, on Monday 8th February 2010 in memory of Mick Kennedy who died on 3rd January this year.

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| 1. Wendy Hooper  | 2. Jean Thorogood        | 3. Graham Snow |
| 4. Brian Clayden | 5. Ray Jones (Conductor) | 6. Allan Pye   |

We also regret to announce the deaths of:

- **Margaret Arthur** (Leigh-on-Sea)
- **John Avis** (Layer-de-la-Haye) former Secretary of the NE District
- **Janet Crabb**, Tower Captain of Epping Upland
- **Anne Edwards** (Chelmsford Cathedral)
- **Desmond Mayell** (South Weald)

## Practice Dates for your Diary (From the website)

### APRIL

17 Eight Bell Practice (Advanced Practice), Braintree	N
23 Learners' Practice, Hempstead	NW
23 10-bell Practice, West Ham	SW
24 Six Bell Practice (Beyond Bob Minor), Felsted	N
24 10-bell practice, Writtle	SE
29 Surprise Major Practice, Gt Holland	NE
30 Surprise Practice, Terling	SE

### MAY

4 10-bell Practice, Hornchurch	SW
6 Surprise Practice, S Weald	S
8 Joint Surprise Practice, Finchingfield	N/NW
14 District Minor Practice, Gt Bromley	NE
14 District Practice, Stansted	NW
15 Eight Bell Practice (Advanced Practice), Braintree	N
15 10/12-bell Practice, Saffron Walden	NW
18 District Practice, Burnham-on-Crouch	SE
27 Surprise Major Practice, Gt Holland	NE
27 District Evening Practice, Brentwood	S
28 Learners' Practice, Nazeing	NW
28 Surprise Practice, Terling	SE
29 Six Bell Practice (Beyond Bob Minor), Wethersfield	N

### JUNE

9 10-bell Practice, Walthamstow, St Mary	SW
11 District Minor Practice, Gt Bromley	NE
11 District Practice, Stansted	NW
12 Joint Surprise Practice, Ashdon	N/NW
16 District Practice, Ingatestone	SE
19 Eight Bell Practice(Advanced Practice), Braintree	N
24 Surprise Major Practice, Gt Holland	NE
25 Learners' Practice, Chrishall	NW
25 Surprise Practice, Terling	SE
26 Six Bell Practice (Beyond Bob Minor), Wethersfield	N
29 5th Tuesday Practice, Saffron Walden	NW

### JULY

2 10-bell Practice, West Ham	SW
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## Dates for your Diary (From the website)

### APRIL

- 8-10 Essex Ringing Course, Coggeshall** ALL  
24 District Meeting, Henham NW

### MAY

- 1 Coach outing to London NE  
**3 Association AGM Chelmsford Cathedral from 9.30** ALL  
8 Spring Meeting and Striking Competition, Layer de la Haye NE  
15 Evening Meeting, Toppesfield N  
15 Striking Competition, Shenfield S

### JUNE

- 5 District Striking Competition, Gosfield N  
5 District Striking Competition and Social Evening, Arkesden NW  
5 6-bell Striking Competition and District Meeting, Sandon SE  
12 Ring and Ride Day NE  
12 District Outing, Hertfordshire S  
12 6-bell Striking Competition, Dagenham SW

### JULY

- 2 10-bell Practice, West Ham SW  
**3 Association Striking Competitions, Tendring & Gt Bentley** NE

## Association Dinner 2010

Despite being slightly down on numbers in 2009, it was generally agreed by the Executive Committee that we should have a Dinner again this year. Therefore I have made a provisional booking to hold the Dinner - the only Association-wide social event - in Chelmsford on Saturday 2 October.

Expressions of support would be welcomed by the beginning of May so that a decision on whether to go ahead, or not, can be taken at the AGM on 3 May. Please email [secretary@eacr.org.uk](mailto:secretary@eacr.org.uk) to express your support, write or phone (20 Mews Court, Chelmsford CM2 9PF 01245 358040), or download the form available on the website.

Suggestions for the Dinner entertainment are also needed, so if have any contacts please let me know.

Vicki Chapman

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for August 2010.

Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to

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