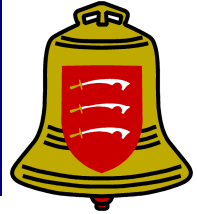


Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



57th Annual Essex Association Dinner

Join us in the pleasant surroundings of the County Hotel, Chelmsford for an enjoyable evening of good food in good company and in the presence of the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford and President of the Essex Association and guest speaker Kate Flavell, President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers - the national body overseeing ringing.

This year a Social Committee are organising the 57th Annual Essex Dinner. We have booked the Crystal Room and have the following delicious menu choices available:

Starters	Mains	Desserts
Soup of the Day (v)	Baked sea bass	Strawberry cream roulade
Warm salad of smoked duck breast	Pork loin marinated with lemon, garlic and chilli	Dark chocolate and grand marnier torte
Stuffed portabello mushrooms [v]	Open spinach ravioli [v]	Steamed treacle sponge Coffee and Petit Fours

Tickets are £32 per person. Dress: Black Tie or Lounge Suit. Download the booking form from the website <http://www.eacr/dinner2011> or request it from me or one of the social committee members below, select your menu choices, add your name and send your **completed form, SAE and payment** (payable to 'EACR') to Andrew Brewster at the address below. Last date for ordering is 1st September 2011. Alternatively secure your place now by paying a deposit of £15pp and pay the balance by 1st September.

There is accommodation available in the hotel if anyone wishes to stay. There is a bar, which sells real ale, and there are car parking spaces at the hotel or nearby, or you can use the train! We will be seated on tables of 8 or 10, so we hope groups of friends will buy the tickets for a whole table at a time.

The Essex Dinner - Why come to it?

Many churches and Associations & Guilds up and down the country hold an annual social function of some kind. Perhaps the ringers at your church do. They're often around Christmas time, but not always. Well, our Association is no different. It's a chance to dress up and enjoy a pleasant meal with friends! Why not make it your tower outing or social...How about an Essex Course group reunion...Bring friends and family - open to all, not just ringers. Do think about making up a table from your local ringing friends. The room we're hiring can take 150 people so it should be a 'good do'.

Please come along and support it!

Andrew Brewster

Ridgman Trophy 2011

The 2011 Ridgman Trophy 10 bell Striking Competition was held on 18 June at St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich. (On the back 10 for those that recognise this as a 12 bell tower!).

The day itself was very well organised with 8 teams competing and was made all the more interesting by the partial closure of the A14 just outside Ipswich and by the rather belated 'April showers' which sent many a 'would-be judge' scuttling for cover.

The test piece was 180 Grandsire Caters. The composition (1, s3, 4 repeated) was very straightforward for the conductor but with 9876 roll-ups halfway through, still needed some care to ring well.

The competition for the last few years has had a pre-arranged draw so each team knows exactly when they need to meet and ring well in advance. This arrangement was the subject of some discussion at the post-competition committee meeting where there was some suggestion that it detracts from the 'social side' of the day. To be fair, the number of people staying to be present for the results did not support that. Whether people stayed because they wanted to hear the results, or whether they were enticed by the endless cups of tea, coffee and cakes available from the local ringers or indeed whether it was the lure of the local Wetherspoons which was (allegedly!) serving an excellent array of beers and food all day, we shall never know. What we do know was that a sizeable crowd of people heard Jeremy and Ann Pratt, the judges from the Oxford District Guild, deliver their verdict. Overall they reported that the ringing was good but perhaps not outstanding. In summary the results were:-

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| 1. Norwich – 75 faults | 5. Suffolk – 156 faults |
| 2. Bedford – 96 faults | 6. CUG – 183 faults |
| 3. ESSEX – 108 faults | 7. Lincoln – 194 faults |
| 4. Peterborough – 135 faults | 8. Ely – 223 faults |

This was the first time the competition had been held since the sad passing of Bill Ridgman (the competition's founder) and so this year the Trophy was presented by Bill's long-time ringing friend, George Pipe. Simon Rudd (an ex-Essex lad of course) received this on behalf of the Norwich band – the first time that they had won this Trophy.

Talking of ex-Essex lads it was also good to see Alistair Donaldson who was ringing for his newly adopted county of Lincolnshire. All in all it was a fair result and a good day out with the chance to meet up with a number of old friends from across the region.

My thanks are due to all of the above for their enthusiasm and for making the organisation quite straightforward. Thanks are also due to Katrina Bond and Gill Sparling for acting as reserves and helping out with the practice session.

For the record, the Essex band (who quite by chance adopted a pleasing uniform of blue) was:-



1. Vicki Chapman
2. Christina Brewster
3. Steve Waters
4. David Sparling (c);
5. Roger Collins
6. Jon Harpole
7. Jon Waters
8. Colin Chapman
9. Brian Meads
10. Steve Nash

Next year the Competition will be on Saturday 16th June and will be hosted by the Bedfordshire Association.

David Sparling

Life Membership

Any nominations for life membership must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary by 1 December (rule 10.4) and should include details of the candidate's Association activities.

Guidelines were agreed by the Committee in February 1986 as follows: "... To honour a member for work undertaken throughout the district and promotion of work throughout the Association." Further advice on the criteria is available from the Association Master or Secretary or from your district officers.

Vicki Chapman
Hon Gen Sec

Royal Wedding Ringing – 29th April 2011



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A very big well done to everyone who managed some special ringing for the big day, and remembered to let us know about it. There were a total of 2 peals and 37 quarter peals rung across the County that we know of.

Achievements range from scoring the first peal of a particular method by all ringers and for the Association, to others simply ringing on open bells for the very first time.

The peal rung at Terling on 29th April was 5040 Changes Tiggrrr Alliance Major, Composed: D F Morrison (No. 1748). It was conducted by Alan Mayle, who tells me he chose the rather bizarrely named method for its musicality and the fact that there are no treble dodges in 5-6. He also says that it requires a very good treble ringer- I'll bet it does!

The other peal was rung at Hornchurch, and comprised 5040 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal. It took 3 hrs 12 mins to complete and was conducted by Clive Stephenson. Again, no small accomplishment

At Littlebury, there were some call changes ahead of the village street party. Congratulations to Barry Baseley, Fiona Creaven, Isabelle Page and Jane Patterson for their first public performance. It must have been nerve wracking, but I bet a few swift G&T's at the street party afterwards probably went down well!



Saffron Walden Ringers

Ten members of the Saffron Walden Society gathered to ring Rounds and Call Changes on the bells prior to the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. The band included four of their new ringers who were able to join in the celebrations whilst other society members rang quarter peals in the local district: Janice, Julia and Sue are the new members.

The band ringing at Basildon on the day was originally going to ring a quarter of Yorkshire, but on finding out TRH's new titles, decided to switch to Cambridge!

So whatever you did to celebrate, I hope you enjoyed yourselves, and well done again to everyone on their own special milestones. There are too many to mention here, but I'm sure you are justly proud of your achievements.

The commemorative booklet has been compiled and is on its way to Clarence House, the couple's official London residence. Consider it a practice run for HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year!



QP band at Basildon

MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND THE NEW RULES

The new Rules were approved and adopted at the AGM on Monday 2 May and came into force at the end of that meeting.

Use of the Membership Form is now mandatory and no elections should take place without a completed membership form. The current form has been amended and is downloadable from the EACR website. Election is only completed on payment of the relevant subscription (Rule 10.1).

While the new Rules applying to subscriptions in arrears and lapsing are now in force, clearly the “in arrears” date of 30th April has passed and will not therefore apply this year. However I will be applying that part of Rule 9.2, which states “those not paid by 31st December shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association and their names shall not be published in the Annual Report for that year”. This means however that the £8 Ringing or £4 Friend subscription for over 65's is not enforceable until 1st January 2012.

Any member whose subscription is in arrears and who has not paid those arrears by the 30th April the following year, will not have their insurance cover renewed.

Insurance: Personal Accident - There is no top end as age limits were abolished when the current policy was renegotiated last year. This means that:

- Over 65's but under 70's receive the full benefits i.e. £300 per week for up to 104 weeks temporary total disablement; £30,000 for permanent disablement or permanent partial disablement and £30,000 on death
- 71's-75's receive limited benefits amounting to £2,500 for permanent disablement or permanent partial disablement and £2,500 on death
- Over 75's receive limited cover amounting to £2,500 on death.

For any questions relating to Membership or Subscriptions please contact myself. Queries regarding the implementation of any other aspects of the new Rules should be addressed to the Master and Secretary for clarification.

Andrew Brewster
Hon Treasurer

Association Register

Ruby Wedding Anniversary: Geoff and Rebecca Fuller (Rayne)

Golden Wedding Anniversary: Mike and Nan Gibson (Tollesbury)

Deaths:

We regret to announce the deaths of:	Fred Mansfield (Nazing)
Oliver Walton (Tendring)	Renée Armstrong (Dagenham)
Maisie Bohannan (Pleshey)	Doreen Middleton (Halstead)
Frank Southwood (Brentwood)	Malcom E Diss (Chigwell Row)

Birthdays:

Significant Birthday congratulations to Queenie Brown (Braintree) - 80

Renée Lydia Armstrong 01.03.31—20.06.11

It was with a great sense of shock and sadness that those of us who knew Renée learned of her untimely death on 20th June. Although Renée had had some health problems over the previous few months, they were not thought of as life threatening, and so her passing was totally unexpected, and has left an enormous void in the lives of her family and many friends. This was much in evidence at her cremation at Chelmsford on 5th July, and at the memorial service that followed it in Shenfield.



Shenfield Parish Church was filled to capacity for the service of celebration of Renée's life. Ringers and friends came in profusion to support her family and to show their love for such a special person. Many tears and voices choked with emotion were combined with some laughter as happier times were recalled. All in all, although difficult, it was an uplifting occasion, and the bells of Shenfield Parish Church were rung beautifully half muffled as a fitting tribute before everyone adjourned to the family home at Heybridge House for a concluding reception.

Renée Lydia Hopkins was born in Bethnal Green in London's East End. Aged 11 she won a scholarship to Dagenham County High School, and there, as a teenager, met husband to be John while rehearsing a school play. John had learned to ring at Dagenham Parish Church in 1944, and in 1947 Renée joined him in the tower. From then onwards, and for the whole of her life, Renée was first and foremost a Sunday service ringer at Dagenham Parish Church.

Renée became a most reliable and proficient rhythmical method ringer and she flourished as the team at Dagenham progressed. She rang in numerous quarter peals, and was part of the local team that rang multi-spliced surprise major to many peals, culminating in a peal of 32 spliced all the work on 10th December 1983, involving some 7,168 changes. Although not a prolific peal ringer, she notched up a total of 159 peals altogether, more than half of these being rung on the bells of Dagenham Parish Church.

As well as being a dear friend, Renée will also be remembered as a holiday and tour organiser "par excellence". Bell ringing tours always passed off smoothly whether in this country or abroad, and quite adventurous family holidays to distant locations were undertaken.

Those of us who were privileged to know Renée have had our lives greatly enhanced by her friendship. Both she and John came from loving family backgrounds, and they in their turn created a loving family unit in which they raised their children. Their own children have continued this pattern, and the Shenfield Armstrong clan is a strong unit that has rallied round to support each other at this very sad time.

We'll all miss Renée so much, but will take comfort from so many happy memories of such a dear person who enriched so many lives in the 80 years she was amongst us. May she rest in peace.

From DAVID POTTER writing in the Ringing World



Chigwell Ringing School



EACR is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a grant from Essex County Council's 'Art in Essex Small Grants Scheme'. It has long been the Association's aim to set up a ringing school in the South West of the County, and this funding is now making that dream a reality. We have been awarded a grant of £1,500 which will be used to purchase a ringing simulator together with all necessary sensors and cabling. The money will also be used to fund the purchase of a PC with a good quality set of speakers to operate the simulator from.

Talks are on-going between senior officers, officers from SW District and the ringers and PCC at St Mary's about the practicalities of establishing the ringing school. We have considered what type of courses should be run and are in the process of preparing all the necessary teaching materials for use on the courses.

It is hoped that the learning needs of a considerable number of learners in the area can be addressed. It will not just be an exclusive SW District ringing school; the facilities are open to any ringers throughout the County. In the first instance, we plan to run a total of six courses, each lasting three Saturday mornings, with the aim of offering consistent teaching and the encouragement of further development back at the home tower.

We expect demand for places to be reasonably high given the emerging bands in the area, so please register your interest in a place on any of the courses as early as you can. Courses will be advertised in the usual manner i.e. posters for towers and announcements on the website and in Rounds and About. For experienced ringers, please support the opening of this wonderful new resource by offering your help on a Saturday morning.

Tracey Southgate
Public Relations Officer



Chigwell Ringing School is run under the auspices of the Essex Association of Change Ringers and is funded by Essex County Council's 'Arts in Essex Small Grants Scheme'



CHIGWELL RINGING CENTRE - FIRST COURSE

Dates: Saturday 5th/12th/19th November Time: 09.30-11.30

Method: Plain Hunt Doubles & Minor

Course Fees: £15.00, cheques made payable to Essex Association of Change Ringers

Only 4 student places available, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

For registration and further information please contact:- Sandra Lee – SW District Master
Tel: 020 8555 6835 Email: sw-district-master@eacr.org.uk

Ringling World National Youth Competition

It was announced in September/October 2010 that the first 'Ringling World National Youth Contest' would take place on Saturday 26 March 2011 and form a key part of the Ringling World's Centenary Day in London. The eight bell striking contest was seen to be an exciting opportunity for bands of ringers aged under 19 years to ring together (the test piece could be triples, major or call changes) and compete against bands from all over the country.

During January numerous phone calls were made to parents, which resulted in a pool of eleven ringers willing and able to ring on the day and in February two practices for this group were held at Terling and Danbury. From this group the final band was as follows:

Rebecca Steed	– Cathedral	Emer Wilson	– Writtle
Becky Pasmore	– Writtle	Ellanor Collop	– Writtle
Neil Pasmore	– Writtle	David Meah	– Writtle
Adam Sloman	– Writtle	Andrew Smiley	– Little Baddow

Adam Sloman agreed to be the conductor (they could have had a non-ringing conductor of any age) and their chosen test piece was 160 rows (minimum) of call changes.

During March there were two further practices. The last practice session was due to be at Tollesbury and then Goldhanger but unfortunately a clapper fell out at the latter tower during a peal attempt the day before the practice. Fortunately it was possible to extend the practice session at Tollesbury and particular thanks go to Christine Drake and Marion Barrett from Tollesbury who provided plentiful supplies of welcome refreshments during this practice – even though they are possibly still amazed at how many biscuits young ringers can consume!

Drawn 5th out of six in the morning session it was clear from the outset that they were up against some stiff opposition, many of whom were quite a bit older. The results were announced during the Grand Reception at Central Hall, Westminster later in the afternoon. In the call change competition they were placed 4th out of nine and overall came 6th out of the twelve teams and each ringer returned home with a "goodie bag" for taking part and a medal to mark this very special event.

It was a splendid result and also a great experience for the youngsters and this was followed up by the Essex Association who invited them all to attend the AGM in May to congratulate them and present them with a token of recognition of their achievement.



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Some of the band have contributed the following reflections of the day:

Rebecca Steed: When Christina Brewster first asked me to ring in the National Youth competition in London on Saturday 26/3/11, it seemed a daunting and exciting prospect. To represent Essex in a national competition with a team of like-minded young people seemed a great idea! Despite only having had one afternoon practice at Tollesbury with the final team, we were in high spirits when we met at Chelmsford station on the day of the competition at the unspeakable hour of 7.30am! We were the first team to arrive at Pimlico and as the other teams arrived they seemed increasingly bigger, stronger and older - but maybe that was just the nerves! We had all agreed that we could only do our best, and that is exactly what we did. It was such a relief when we had finished and nothing had gone drastically wrong! Adam did a fantastic job calling the changes and I was so pleased to have rung the treble as I couldn't make any mistakes by following the wrong bell!

It was amazing that ringers from all over the country had gathered in the capital to celebrate and we enjoyed the various events arranged by the Ringing World especially the awesome ringing on 24 hand bells at the Reception in Central Hall, Westminster. Then came the results and we were more nervous about hearing how well we had done than actually ringing our test piece. We were all immensely proud of our success of being placed 4th out of 9 teams ringing call changes, and joint 6th out of the total 12 teams which included those who rang methods. We were especially pleased as our team had one of the lowest average ages of all the teams, just 14 ¼! Our thanks go to Christina and Andrew Brewster who without their organisation and dedication this would not have been possible.

Emer Wilson: I enjoyed doing the competition because even though it was a big and competitive it was still enjoyable and about fun. I enjoyed ringing at a different tower that was quite far away from home. It was a good day to meet new and different people that had come from different places.

Neil and Becky Pasmore: It was a fantastic day out and a privilege to be part of the first National Youth Competition which was well organised and contained some excellent ringers. The high points for us were being part of the competition, ringing Bow Bells and visiting the Bell Foundry. Thanks so much to everyone that helped to make it a great day.

Adam Sloman: We had a really good time. I was very nervous as we walked up the stairs as everyone would hear and know if I made a mistake. But once we had gone down the stairs it was a huge relief. As well, seeing where most of the bells were made was really good and it was nice to see a factory that has been running for hundreds of years.

Andrew Smiley: On Saturday the 26th March I rang a competition that included teams from all of Great Britain. The competition was for young people under the age of 19. There were 12 teams of 8 ringers in total. Some of the teams were: the Cheshire Cats, Lincolnshire Poachers and Kids Ring Out. We were the Essex SE District band, but we also represented all of Essex, since we were the only band entered from Essex. I rang the tenor and Adam called the call changes, of which there were 160 changes. Whitechapel Bell Foundry was open for tours and I went with some of the ringers from our team and their parents after we rang our competition piece. I thought the foundry was excellent, seeing how the bells are made. At 4:00 all the ringing teams and hundreds of other people went to the Centenary Reception in Central Hall, Westminster. We got medals, tea and ate a couple of slices of cake.

Personally, I would like to thank the whole pool of youngsters who were involved in the event, the towers and local ringers involved with the practices and Andrew Brewster who attended all the practices and the competition to act as the "row counter".

Christina Brewster



ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

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RINGING SCHOOL

**The Autumn term of the NW RINGING SCHOOL
will be at Matching Church,
starting on Saturday morning, 1st October.**

**10.00am until 12noon, Saturday mornings.
The dates for this term are:**

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29th, and November 5, 12, and 19th.

The sessions are arranged to help those who wish to move on from Rounds and Call Changes to Plain Hunting, and also for those who want to learn or improve their Bob Doubles.

One-to-one teaching will be available, with a good steady band around you. Please ring Liz for more details, or to discuss dates etc.

Limited places are available, please do apply early!

LIZ GRIFFITH-JONES, 01279 850351 or lizgj@aol.com

North-West District outing: video

36 people from the NW Essex District went on an Outing to London in May; we had a tour round the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, then rang on the 8 bells at St Botolph's in Aldgate, and then went on to St Magnus the Martyr - the beautiful new ring of 12 near London Bridge. You can see a short video of this at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Mrm0LUlwuM>

and it's worth noting that many of our ringers were new learners who had never rung on 12 before.

After a pub lunch near the Monument, we rang on the 10 at St Dunstan's in Stepney, (and finished here with a service touch for a local wedding), and finally to the 10 at West Ham before getting the coach back home. Our thanks to all the London towers for making us so very welcome, and for giving us a GREAT day out!

Carol Wilkinson
NW District Secretary

Striking Competition Finals Results

Thank you to the Northern District who hosted this years 6 and 8 bell striking competitions at Rayne and Great Bardfield respectively. The judges for both competitions were Richard Munnings and Ruth Eagle from Suffolk.

The results for the 6 bell were:

1st	West Ham (rang Grandsire Doubles)	28½ faults
2nd	Kirby le Soken (rang Plain Bob Minor)	29½ faults
3rd	Chelmsford (rang Plain Bob Minor)	35½ faults
4th	Writtle (rang Grandsire Doubles)	38 faults
5th	Great Bromley (rang Plain Bob Minor)	40 faults
6th	Saffron Walden (rang Grandsire Doubles)	47 faults
7th	Downham (rang Grandsire Doubles)	47½ faults
8th	Dagenham (rang Plain Bob Doubles)	52½ faults
9th	Langdon Hills (rang Cambridge S Minor)	53 faults
10th	Sawbridgeworth (rang Grandsire Doubles)	54 faults
11th	Rayne (rang Plain Bob Doubles)	65 faults

The 8 bell test piece was 266 Plain Bob Triples and the results were:

1st	Southern District	44 faults
2nd	South Western District	48 faults
3rd	South Eastern District	49 faults
4th	North Eastern District	53 faults
5th	North Western District	54½ faults
6th	Northern District	56 faults

Thank you to everyone involved in the arrangements for the day, and to those who rang in each team to make the competition worthwhile.

Vicki Chapman
Hon General Secretary

That's a First

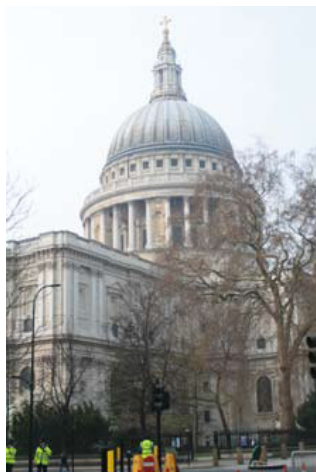
Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter: Wiil Worth (Chigwell)	James Worth (Chigwell)
EllieJolley- 14 (Pebmarsh)	Richard Carson (Springfield)
Louise Meldon- 12 (Eastwood)	Katie Dunmow (Kelvedon)
Ethan Markwood -13 (Eastwood)	Julia Pointer (Henham)
Aaron Chittock -14 (Rayne)	Lewis Williams -13 (Rayne)

The Ringing World Centenary Celebrations

The Ringing World, the ringer's weekly journal and affectionately known as "The Comic", celebrated its 100th anniversary recently. 100 years after John Goldsmith published the first edition on 24th March 1911, the current board of directors planned a day of celebrations in London on Saturday, March 26th. This is a personal account of my day.

My day started by catching the 8:37 train from Billericay, where I bumped into Peter, David and Penny Sloman (Prittlewell), and Marion Squier (Canewdon). During the morning many towers all around London were open, along with tours of the Whitechapel bell foundry and guided walking tours of the City. There was also the first ever National Youth Striking Competition, which was held at Pimlico and Essex was represented by a band from the south-east district.



OFF TO ST. PAUL'S...

While the Sloman's and Marion went off to meet their City tour guide, I made off down Bishopsgate on my way to a special event. A draw had been organised for a chance to ring at St Paul's Cathedral, and I was one of the lucky 20. I'd heard various stories about the ring of 12 bells; their weight (the tenor weighs 61 cwt), the long draft, the boxes varying from a few inches for the trebles through to 4 foot for the tenor, as well as the history and prestige of the tower. After a nerve settling coffee in the crypt I met up with the rest of the victors, along with a number of members of the St Pauls' Guild, who were all very friendly and put us at our ease. Just before 10:30am we started our ascent up to the bells, first climbing the south-west tower before crossing over to the north-west tower; we had an amazing view of the nave, and also went through a vestments workshop and a graveyard for old pulpits!

Eventually we got to the ringing chamber – it was smaller than I expected and relatively modest compared to the rest of the Cathedral. I saw all the boxes, and noticed all the historic peals painted on to the walls. John Cousins had asked me to look for his late father's name, and I found it on a marble tablet listing deceased members of the Guild. Before we were allowed to ring on the 12, we were all asked to ring a few rounds on the middle 6 to make sure we could handle the bells; this also helped to calm nerves. Having passed this test, I was allowed to ring on the 12! I had several rings,



including a course of Stedman Cinques and ringing the 10th (30 cwt) to call changes. We were also taken up to see the bells; even with ear defenders the sound was deafening and you could feel the tower shake every time the tenor sounded. The views of London were also pretty amazing!

...AND THEN THE ABBEY

Eventually it was time to go, and I then went off to “grab” St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield; the 5 cwt anti-clockwise 5 brought me back down to earth! I also had the quickest of rings at St Katherine Cree in Leadenhall Street, before heading off to Westminster. The main event of the day was a special Ringing World celebratory choral evensong at The Abbey. Before the service I met up with my sister, Pat, and her husband, Ian, in the Dean’s Yard, where Taylors had set up a beer tent. At this much-needed refreshment I bumped into many old ringing friends, as well as various ringers from Essex. There were many famous ringers standing around, and it was fun trying to put names to people you normally only see in the comic. Writing this two weeks after the event it’s sad that one of the well known ringers I recognised was Rod Pipe from Birmingham, who died suddenly on April 1st.



By 3 pm the Abbey was full with more than 2,000 ringers and the service started. The Abbey choir sounded amazing, and the address was given by the Dean. I couldn’t escape the history of the building, as I was sitting close by statues of William Gladstone and Benjamin Disraeli. After the service the Abbey bells rang out; there had been 6—another draw for a chance to ring at The Abbey (even more difficult to get a ring at than St Paul’s), and Paul Cammiade from Downham was one of the lucky 30 to ring there.

HANDBELLS AND TEA

We all walked over to the Methodist Central Hall for tea, carefully minding the hordes of police who were on standby for the massive TUC march going on at the same time. Time to catch up with old friends again, and then we were treated to a world record breaking performance of change ringing on 24 handbells. The music was amazing, and the room erupted with applause when it ended (I have found this recording on the internet http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gx_cTkvpqbk). The results of the youth striking competition were then given out; it was won by Hertfordshire, with the Essex band coming a very creditable 4th in the call change category.

It was then time to leave the Central Hall and head back to the City for some more ringing. We got to ring on the 12s at St Mary le Bow in Cheapside, and St Giles, Cripplegate in the Barbican. All too quickly the day was over and it was time to say goodbye to Pat and Ian, and walk back to Liverpool Street. This will be a day that will live long in my memory, and I hope generations to come will be able to celebrate future anniversaries of The Ringing World.

John Harpole

ASSOCIATION TRAINING DAY

This years training day is on Sat. 26th November 2011, 9.45am – approx. 4:30pm and is based in the South East District with the initial meet at Writtle.

The groups on offer are:

- Improving your Basic Skills/First Steps in Plain Hunt
- Plain Hunt/Trebling to Plain Methods on 5, 6 or 7
- Plain Bob Doubles and Minor
- Grandsire Doubles

To apply for a place, download an application form from www.eacr.org.uk training page or send an SAE for an application form to: Liz Rayner, EACR Education Officer, 33 Harcourt Road, Stratford, London E15 3DX.

Forms will be available from both sources from August 22nd 2011 onwards. Limited spaces available; first come, first served. The closing date for applications is 4th November 2011.

Helpers are also required; please contact Liz on 020 8534 6726 or e-mail: education@eacr.org.uk .

The Olympic Torch Relay will arrive in Chelmsford July 2012

The Olympic Torch Relay will arrive in Chelmsford on Friday 6 July 2012 for a spectacular evening community celebration followed by a tour through the town on Saturday 7 July 2012, just three weeks before the Games begin at the Olympic Stadium in Stratford.

Chelmsford is one of 66 Evening Celebration locations across the UK confirmed by the London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). The evening events will offer thousands of people the opportunity to come together and get involved in celebrations and share in the Olympic spirit. As part of the events, LOCOG and the Presenting Partners, will stage exciting entertainment where a cauldron will be lit from the Olympic Flame, marking the end of the day's proceedings.

The Olympic Flame will shine a light right across the town, celebrating the culture and heritage of the area and showcasing the very best of Chelmsford. Details will be confirmed once the detailed daily route is known later this year

If we can find a way for EACR and its members to become involved in the day's celebrations, we will certainly do so and I am currently making enquiries. I will keep you up to date with developments.

In the meantime, keep an eye on www.essexlegacy.org for updates on the torch relay in Essex.



Tracey Southgate
Public Relations Officer

Practice Diary (From the website)

AUG	12	District Minor Practice	Gt Bromley	NE	7:30
	12	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	13	Surprise Major Practice	Harlow Cmn	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	20	Surprise Minor Practice	Henham	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	25	Surprise Major Practice	Gt Holland	NE	7:30
	26	Learners' Practice	Clavering	NW	7:45
	30	5th Tuesday Practice	Saffron Walden	NW	7:45
SEPT	9	District Minor Practice	Gt Bromley	NE	7:30
	9	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	17	Surprise Minor Practice	Henham	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	21	District Practice	Tillingham	SE	7:45
	22	District Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7:30
	23	Learners' Practice	Gt Parndon	NW	7:45
	24	Surprise Meeting	Springfield	SE	4:00
	29	Surprise Major Practice	Gt Holland	NE	7:30
30	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45	
OCT	8	Surprise Major Practice	Toppesfield	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	14	District Minor Practice	Gt Bromley	NE	7:30
	14	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	15	Surprise Minor Practice	Henham	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	15	District PM Practice	Grays	S	3:00–5:00
	18	District Practice	Inworth	SE	7:45
	27	Surprise Major Practice	Gt Holland	NE	7:30
	28	Learners' Practice	High Ongar	NW	7:45
	28	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
NOV	11	District Minor Practice	Gt Bromley	NE	7:30
	11	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	12	Surprise Major Practice	Stansted	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	17	District Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7:30
	17	District Practice	Purleigh	SE	7:45
	19	Surprise Minor Practice	Henham	N/NW	2:30–4:30
	24	Surprise Major Practice	Gt Holland	NE	7:30
	25	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	29	5th Tuesday Practice	Saffron Walden	NW	7:45



Dates for your Diary (From the website)

SEPT		Quarter Peal Month	All towers	NE	
	10	Call Change Comp.	Ilford (tbc)	SW	10:00
	10	Essex Trophy Striking Competition		St Albans	
	10/11	Essex Country Show	Barleylands,	Billericay	
	17	Stedman Training	Gt Bentley	NE	9:00–12:00
	17	District Meeting	Prittlewell	S	3:00
OCT	1	Association Annual Dinner, County Hotel, Chelmsford			
	8	Association Committee Meeting, Danbury			2.30
	15	Autumn Meeting	Colc.(St Peter)	NE	3.30
	15	Call Change Comp.	Ford End	SE	2:30 draw
	15	Quarterly meeting	(tba)	SW	6:00
NOV	12	Quiz Night	Tendring	NE	7:30
	19	Outing to Southwell		NE	all day
	19	Quiz Night	Hatfield Heath	NW	7:00
	19	District Meeting preceded by			
		Call Change Comp.	North Ockendon	S	2:30
	26	Association Training Day (Writtle)			SE 9.30

(Practice Diary can be found on P15)

TERLING, Essex, All Saints

Sun May 15 2011 2h44 (11)

5088 M D Major

Comp. D F Morrison (No.3463)

1 Janice S Spalding

2 Terry Earle

3 Paul A Cammiade

4 Yvonne A Towler

5 James L Towler

6 David M Hengeli

7 Simon J Tolliday

8 Alan P Mayle (C)

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

Yvonne Towler's 1,000th peal for the Association, the first lady to reach this total.

100th peal on the bells: 3. Sue Page wishes to be associated with this peal.

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