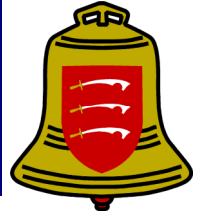


Rounds & About

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Essex Ringing Course



The 21th Essex Ringing Course will be held on **14 - 16 April 2011**, based at the Honywood School, Coggeshall.

Tutor groups on offer are:

- Call changes
- Plain Hunt
- Treble Hunt
- Plain Bob Doubles inside
- Plain Bob Minor inside
- Grandsire Doubles / Triples
- Kent & Oxford TB Minor
- Starting Plain Major
- Stedman Doubles / Triples
- Cambridge Surprise Minor / Major
- Calling & Conducting touches
- Teaching Bell Handling & Ringing

There will be an additional programme of seminars and practical sessions on a wide variety of ringing topics.

Helpers are also required for each group.

For a brochure and application form please send a stamped self-addressed C5 envelope to

Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB

or visit the EACR website at www.eacr.org.uk/course.

Closing date for applications Friday **18** February 2011

EACR at the Essex Country Show, Barleylands (Billericay) 11th-12th September 2010

How often have you had that casual conversation in the ringing room that goes along the lines of 'of course you know what you should really do ...?' Well, that's how this all got started and I blame Tony Lowe from Rayleigh (in the nicest possible way, of course!). I was helping at a tower open day when he suggested that in line with all the other country show type events EACR has supported this summer, we should try to get some space at Barleylands (Billericay) in September. That was at the end of July. I sent off the application form on the off-chance, and fully expected to be told that this year's stand allocation had already been committed. However, to my great surprise and pleasure, the organisers emailed me back and said they'd love us to take part. Result!

Now, I had less than six weeks to arrange the equipment and helpers. This bit is never easy, but due to the tight deadline, this time it was even trickier. Lots of local ringers were taking late holidays as children had just returned to their schools after the summer break, or there were tower open days, or weddings and tours etc which had already been planned. We did come perilously close to calling the whole thing off at one point. It was such a great opportunity, and we were determined to make the most of it. So Alison Nash and I dug in for another round of emails and telephone calls, and bit by bit we got there.



Chris Stirland from Terling putting a prospective new recruit through her paces

Alistair Donaldson again let us borrow the Maplestead mini-ring and his handbells, and all the other display equipment was close at hand.

On the Friday evening before the show started myself, Andy and his son Harry, together with Tony Lowe from Rayleigh set the equipment up. It was hard work but a great source of fun and camaraderie, and a chance for a last minute bit of father and son bonding (and messing about) before Harry went off to University in Manchester. So special thanks to Harry for his help (and good luck with your studies at Uni by the way).

Saturday morning dawned, and the Show was buzzing with all manner of events. Some of our



Helper Hilary 'I've Got the Hang of It' Donoghue from Downham

helpers for the two days were also new to taking part in a ringing exhibition. So they learned a great deal in terms of how to engage with the public, and how to come across enthusiastically without being too eager and scaring people off. The team also learned how to use the mini ring and then demonstrate it, and how to lap with handbells and then show young children, the elderly and handicapped. That is such a simple thing to do and the children absolutely love it. It's always a joy to see their pretty little painted faces light up at the sound of the music they are helping to make, and the less able find it equally enjoyable.

So the event served a two-fold purpose and will hopefully make it easier for us to find willing and able volunteer helpers for events like this in the future. Over the two days we took serious enquiries about learning to ring from people living as far north as Colchester, around the centre of the County in the Chelmsford area, then down to Grays, Hornchurch and Basildon in the south. We also exchanged details with visitors from West Sussex, Rochford in Kent and Lewisham.

As a relatively seasoned campaigner myself, I continue to watch and learn from my peers and from my own experiences too. I never cease to be amazed by just what can be achieved if we all put our minds to it. I left the showground on Sunday evening very tired, very pleased with the way things had gone and very grateful for all the help I'd received. And, I have to say, more than a little bit inspired and encouraged to do more of the same next year.

So, my thanks to them all; Alistair Donaldson, Andy and Harry Martin, John Harpole, Hilary Donoghue, Tony Lowe, Roy Jones, John Cousins, Simon Higgins, Chris Stirland, Michael Warren, Jack Lincoln, and Roger Hobson. Thanks also to Alison Nash, Southern District Secretary, for all her help in finding me such a great bunch of helpers.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to my other support network, namely my husband for his forbearance (poor man!), and to my parents for allowing me to stay at their home for the duration of the show. That saved me a considerable amount of time and travelling, and allowed me to get on with what I needed to do.

**Tracey Southgate
Public Relations Officer**

Group Personal Accident Insurance

For a number of years the Association has arranged **Group Personal Accident Insurance** cover for Association members and those under instruction by an Association member.

As agreed at the AGM in May, the benefits were increased and the lower and upper age limits on cover were removed when the policy was renewed at the end of July 2010. The policy is underwritten by Sagicor Underwriting Ltd.

Scope of coverage

Association members are covered whilst:

- ringing or attending to routine maintenance work to the bells in a church or bell tower;
- travelling to or from a church or bell tower to practice; and
- taking part in bell ringing anywhere in the United Kingdom.

(Cover should be arranged separately where it is needed in connection with major bell restoration projects.)

Insurance is extended to include members teaching bell ringing and persons under instruction by an Association member at a church or bell tower within the Essex Association.

Benefits payable in the event of a claim

Age Range (years)	Temporary Total Disablement	Permanent Disablement or Permanent Partial Disablement	Death
16-70	£300 per week for up to 104 weeks	£30,000	£30,000
Under 16	Nil	£2,500	£2,500
71-75	Nil	£2,500	£2,500
Over 75	Nil	Nil	£2,500

The maximum Sum insured for any one occurrence is £1,000,000. Medical expenses (20% of the Sum insured up to a maximum of £10,000) are payable for those aged 16 – 70 years.

Claims and queries concerning the operation of the insurance should be directed in the first instance to Andrew Brewster, Hon Treasurer.

The Essex Trophy – 11th September 2010

This year's Essex Trophy 10 bell striking competition took place at Coggeshall. Six teams entered: Essex Association; Kent County Association; Hertford County Association; Sussex County Association; Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association. The draw took place at Christ Church as there was a wedding in progress at St Peter's, however this did not stop ringing starting promptly. The test piece was a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The judges for the afternoon were Simon Rudd and Tim Peverett, both ex Essex boys! The local ringers at Coggeshall provided welcome refreshments and tea throughout the afternoon, and Paul and Anne Bray were stewards.

The results were:

- 1st Essex 116 faults
- 2nd Kent 148 faults
- 3rd Surrey 231 faults
- 4th Guildford 259 faults
- 5th Hertford 263 faults
- 6th Sussex 264 faults



Congratulations to the Essex band and thank you to everyone involved in organising the day. Next year's competition will be hosted by the Hertford County Association.

Vicki Chapman

Ringing for the Queen's visit to Maldon

The bells of Maldon, All Saints, rang out on Thursday, 28 October to greet Queen Elizabeth II on her first Royal Visit to the town in almost 40 years. Later, invited guests, amongst them the Revd. Canon Stephen Carter of All Saints, were served a lunch in the Town Hall, where Revd. Carter said Grace and was presented to The Queen. Revd. Carter asked the Queen whether she had heard the bells ringing, to which she replied that she had, and he told The Queen that two of the ringers were amongst the band who had rung for her visit in 1971 when Maldon celebrated 800 years of town charter status.

Jo Elliott
SE District Secretary

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter : Annemarie Adams (Great Bardfield)

1000th Quarter Steve Nash (22/8/10 Fobbing)

St. Christopher's, Willingale Bells & Quoins

This update is based on the article that is included in the December edition of the Willingale parish magazine but with some minor additions.

This update on the bells and quoins projects must start with a big THANK YOU for numerous reasons. Many thanks are due to the villagers and visitors who gave so generously and spent so freely on the weekend of the craft fair and flower festival. £3,145 was raised, all proceeds going to bells and quoins (quoins is another church project that involves restoration of the external masonry). Thanks are due to the response and encouragement of so many people and organisations. The social club has agreed to give the proceeds of their 2010 charity dinner and auction evening to the bells fund, Jean Beavis is planning a bells fund raising fashion show on 16th April 2011 and the cabaret evening was a great success. Thanks are also due to our adjoining parishes of Bobbingworth, Fyfield and Moreton for allowing Willingale ringers to practice at their towers. Special thanks are due to the Keltek Trust for providing, as very short notice, a loan that enabled the Prittlewell bell to be purchased.



the "new" bell arrives

The ringing band, with Ian's guidance and encouragement, is making good progress and has been ringing St. Christopher's for special occasions, armistice Sunday being an example when the bells were rung half muffled, we suspect that this is the first time ever that St Christopher's have been rung half muffled. Together with Bobbingworth, Fyfield and Moreton we are striving to ring for each church's family service and other special occasions such as New Year.

Do come along and hear the bells. If you'd like to join in, teaching and practice sessions are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, please contact Ian on 01245 248382.

A number of the band members have joined the Essex Association of Change Ringers and it is our intention that all St Christopher's ringers are members. Ian has been attending EACR practice sessions and we greatly appreciate the encouragement and help that EACR has been giving us. We are in the process of getting CRB clearance with a view to young people becoming involved.

The newly acquired fifth bell that had been "retired" by St Mary's Prittlewell was proudly on display on the weekend of the flower festival.

This gave people an opportunity to see a church bell and its wheel closeup and better understand how a bell "works". It was pleasing to see so many people interested enough to climb the tower and see the existing bells. And, a group visit in January to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where all the St. Christopher's bells came from, albeit one 400 years ago, is fully subscribed. The way we are going collectively the villagers of Willingale will be the most knowledgeable on bells in England. The news that St. Christopher's bells can be rung continues to spread around the ringing fraternity and another visiting band came in November.



the bell on display

The church authorities are, quite rightly, very cautious about work carried out on and in church buildings. Therefore, carefully prepared schemes of the bells and quoins restoration projects have had to be prepared and specialist advice obtained on a number of aspects. The church authorities have assessed the proposals and given both the green light – an archdeacon's licence. This is a major milestone achieved. Now fund raising will commence in earnest in particular grant applications prepared.

Thank you for your support be it a contribution to the funds or an expression of interest. We look forward to 2011 with enthusiasm and a hope that tangible progress will be made.

Essex schools seek governors

National charity School Governors' One-Stop Shop (SGOSS) have teamed up with Essex LA to help recruit volunteers to fill governor vacancies that exist in schools across the county.

Volunteering to become a school governor is an excellent way to get involved in the local community. School governors do not need to have any special qualifications, have a high-powered job or be a parent - the most important quality is a real desire to help provide children with the best possible education, and be willing to work together as part of the team. A really good mix of people, from all walks of life, means different viewpoints, experience, skills and fresh ideas for a school's governing body. In fact anyone aged 18 or over from any background, who has an average of 2-4 evening meetings per term to spare, can add tremendous value to a school's governing body.

Today's schools are increasingly autonomous, placing greater responsibility on the governing body for budgeting, standard-setting and strategic decision-making. A governor's role is to be a 'critical friend' to the head teacher whilst helping with the overall management of the school. School governors gain exposure to a range of responsibilities and have a unique opportunity to develop their own skill set. Training is available to all governors free or charge.

If you are interested in this challenging and ultimately rewarding role you can contact Pam Richardson, our Governor Placement Manager at the School Governors' One-Stop Shop on 020 7288 9539, or e-mail: pamala.richardson@sgoss.org.uk or visit www.sgoss.org.uk.

Essex Southern District QP Fortnight

Organising ringing in all the towers in your district doesn't sound too daunting until you try to do it! Those of you who have done it will understand what I mean. However, we decided to try our first quarter peal fortnight this year and any money raised was to go towards the installation of a new ring of bells at South Ockendon RC church.

A quarter was attempted in all the towers except four and although they were not all successful, people still donated money towards the cause. Not all towers were able to supply ringers of their own, so my thanks go to the dedicated few who rang at five or more towers in order to have the bells rung! (and missed the football too!!)

There were at least 27 quarters attempted (that I know about) in 20 different towers and 21 of these were successful. 15 different towers were quartered by 51 ringers. The amount raised was not huge, approx. £221 at the time of writing, but this will be donated to the fund for South Ockendon's proposed new ring of 8. Well done everyone and thank you. Looking forward to doing even better next year!

Rowena Marshall

The Ringing World's Centenary Celebrations

Those of you who read *The Ringing World* will be aware that our journal will be 100 years old on 24th March 2011, and that a day of celebrations is being planned in London on the nearest Saturday – 26th March. The activities announced to date include:

- Whitechapel Bell Foundry open
- Various towers open for ringing
- Tours of Westminster Abbey
- Service at Westminster Abbey, followed by Grand Ringers' Gathering in the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster



They also ask if all towers can check their Peal Boards and see if any Peals were rung in March 1911? The plan is to ring commemorative Peals on the same date in 2011 for the Centenary. If you find any, send to

www.ringingworld.co.uk

Full details of the centenary events are available at <http://www.ringingworld.co.uk/>, and are being published in *The Ringing World*.

One special event is The Ringing World National Youth Contest, taking place at St Saviour's Church Pimlico from 10:00. This is an 8 bell striking competition for ringers aged 19 and under on the 7 cwt eight. Bands can choose to ring major, triples or call changes. It is hoped that one or more bands representing the Essex Association will enter. If any of our younger ringers are interested, then please contact the district master or secretary, or the EACR public relations officer (Tracey Southgate) via pro@eacr.org.uk. Practices will be organised beforehand.

Show how much ringing and The Ringing World means to you

Our Centenary creates a unique opportunity for individuals, families, towers, guilds and associations to couple their name permanently with the exciting celebrations planned for Saturday 26th March 2011 in London. We will be publishing a souvenir programme brochure for the day, and you could have your name in that brochure listed as a Centenary Patron. We will also reproduce the list in the special Centenary issue of *The Ringing World* to be published in the week prior to this Grand Ringers' Day Out. Your name will be permanently associated with one of the most exciting events in ringing, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped *The Ringing World* start its next 100 years in style.

Send us a donation of a minimum of £25 for an individual or a family, or £40 for a tower, guild or association together with the name exactly as you would wish to see it published in the list of Centenary Patrons. We will list up to two names per donation e.g. Janet and John Smith; more than two names should be shown as a family, or a tower or other group e.g. The Smith family, John Smith and family, St Mary's Our Town ringers etc.

Become one of an exclusive club of Centenary Patrons.

wilkinson@newnet.co.uk

Executive Committee Meeting News – October 2010

The Association's Executive Committee, met at Danbury on 9th October. Our autumn meetings traditionally have a long agenda and this was no exception. The main business discussed included:

- Making donations to Chelmsford Cathedral and Boreham Choir for their services during our AGM in May.
- Discussion about the Annual Dinner and whether to hold another one next year or try something different – see elsewhere in this newsletter for what you missed this year!
- Then followed reports from, and questions to, the District and appointed officers. Only after these reports are the officers appointed for 2010.
- Andrew Brewster was thanked for presenting the interim accounts for January-August.
- There were no new grant applications to review this time.
- The Child Protection Adviser advised that he now had a supply of the new CRB forms which included the Independent Safeguarding Authority requirements.
- The Public Relations Officer gave a lengthy report on the activities throughout the year and thanked everyone that had helped at events.
- The Association's Rules Sub-Committee had provided a detailed proposal for new draft rules. It was agreed at the meeting that these would be made available, via the website, for anyone to be able to comment on. A final version will be available at ADMs and a member of the Sub-Committee will be present to answer any questions. The final, final version will then be presented at the Feb 2011 Executive Meeting and the subsequent AGM. The deadline date set for comments was 30th November.

Do ask your district officers for further information on the meeting.

Vicki Chapman
Hon. Gen. Sec.

AGM 2011

Nominations for Association officers (Master, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Property Trustees and 2 Independent Examiners) must be received by the Secretary by 1 February 2010. Nominations may be made at a district meeting or can be sent directly to reach the Secretary before the deadline; please remember to include the name of the proposer and seconder. A form can be downloaded from the Association website.

In 2010 we elected 4 out of the 5 representatives to serve on the Central Council for a three year term starting in 2011. Nomination forms for the remaining post can also be downloaded from the Association website. Information about any nominations for Life membership of the EACR will be available at the Annual District Meetings.

Elections will take place at the 2011 Annual General Meeting on 2nd May, Bank Holiday Monday, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Notices of motion for the AGM (items for debate or proposed rule changes), sponsored by at least 2 members, must also be received by 1 February. Vicki Chapman

FAREWELL TO PHIL AND TRICIA STEPHENS

Sunday 8th August was Phil & Tricia's last service at All Saints, Writtle before their move to Wareham, Dorset. The Vicar thanked them for all that they have given to All Saints over the last 32 years; especially Phil's time and expertise for the fabric of the church and of course we think of his leadership in the bell tower in the work that went into the fund raising and work for the new peal of twelve bells and sound lantern. A card and cheque was presented. After the service Phil and Tricia had provided drinks and the social committee had laid on some 'nibbles' which seemed to be much enjoyed.

Later that day a local band of ringers, chosen and conducted by Phil, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (Phil's favourite method) as a farewell from the entire band.

The following Tuesday was their last practice night. Phil and Tricia had invited a number of ringers from other local towers to help them say goodbye which swelled our numbers and many of us adjourned inevitably to the Wheatsheaf for a pint or three where the landlord and landlady had laid on some food.

Sunday 15th August was Phil and Tricia's last Sunday service ring. The ringing chamber was packed with all our ringers, spouses and parents as over 40 people crammed in to see them both off in style. We finished with a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters before Andrew Brewster attempted to encapsulate their contribution to ringing at Writtle. He then

presented them with a handmade card (by Ellanor Collop, one of our young ringers), cheque and a specially engraved armillary sundial. Afterwards we stood on the steps of the west door for a photograph of the group before wishing them a fond farewell.

PS: We were able to present them with two framed photographs of the day's events before they left. Writtle's loss is Wareham's gain. We all wish them the very best in their new life.

Andrew Brewster



EACR Annual Dinner – 2nd October 2010

It was great to see some new faces as well as the regular dinner goers, at the County Hotel in Chelmsford on 2nd October.

Our Master, Brian Meads invited Father David Reynish from Kelvedon to say Grace, after which we enjoyed a fabulous three course meal. The hotel staff were as friendly and efficient as ever. There did seem to be a bit of musical chairs going on, but I think that's because people were getting up and mingling with other tables, and taking the chairs along with them.

After the meal Brian proposed a toast to HM The Queen before running through some highlights of the Association's year, interspersed with some questionable jokes! Brian was extremely proud of the striking competitions held throughout the year, and was particularly pleased with Essex's recent success in the Essex Trophy which was on display throughout the evening.

He had enjoyed his many visits to different districts and remarked on how each one conducts itself slightly differently to the rest, but the same foundations are always there; our combined fellowship through our ringing, our contributions to our individual communities and our faith which we practice locally.



Father David Reynish from Kelvedon

It was then the turn of Father David to reply and in doing so he touched on the troubled bell installation at Kelvedon. He thanked the Association for all its help and support, and commented that even amongst the frustration; there is always time for a joke. The bell frame has been removed from the tower for some remedial work, and the bells are sitting patiently in the church waiting for its return.

Apparently the bell hangers thought they would amuse themselves by putting the frighteners on a praying churchgoer, by pretending to be the voice of God! The lady promptly told them 'if that is God, please be quiet, I'm trying to talk to your Mother!' Father David praised the determination of Kelvedon's tower captain John Elliott in keeping the project on track, and that they are hopeful the frame will be back soon, and the bells will be ringing in time for Christmas.

Then it was the turn of Martin Cansdale, Master of ASCY. Martin learned to ring at All Saints, Writtle before moving out of the County. He told us that he had recently changed jobs and had only just plucked up the courage to 'come out' to his new colleagues that he was a bell ringer. He braced himself for all the usual puns, and then wondered how much more ribbing he would get if he told them he'd been invited to speak at the Essex dinner.



Martin Cansdale and his fiancée Becky Sugden

Martin is trying to convince them that there are many interesting facts about Essex. For instance, the best jam in the country comes from Tiptree (Wilkin & Sons); radio was invented in Chelmsford (Marconi); and did you know that Canvey Island has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest? No, not because of the oil refinery! Because of the very large number and variety of insects on the Island which cannot be found anywhere else in the UK. There are also many grassland plants such as Orchids, who would have thought we had Orchids growing on Canvey!

Aside from our self deprecating sense of humour, Martin said there are many successes about ringing in Essex, which we should be justly proud of. In particular the number of emerging young ringers and first performances in quarter peals and peals etc. Ringing in Essex is in a very healthy state. He concluded by reading a poem called 'An Estuarine Paradise' which gives an entertaining and whimsical account of life in the county.

It just remained for Brian to toast our guests and to present their partners with bouquets. He concluded by drawing the raffle prizes, raising £177 for EACR's Bell Restoration. Last but by no means least Brian thanked Vicki Chapman, the Hon Gen Secretary for all her hard work in arranging another fabulous Dinner.

The evening finished off with some background clarinet and saxophone music from Martin Wakeford a young ringer at Chelmsford Cathedral. What a brave young man! We carried on drinking and chatting until it was time to go home, dodging the standing water and road works on the A12 as we went.

Tracey Southgate
Public Relations Officer

Youngsters from the South Eastern District visit the Northern District

On Saturday 16 October, twelve of the districts young ringers from Chelmsford Cathedral, In-worth, Little Baddow and Writtle, together with some not so young ringers, headed into the Northern District in a mini-outing organised by District Master, Christina Brewster.

Here are two reflections on the outing from a couple of the youngsters:

Philip Spalding (aged 17). During the afternoon the outing took us to three different towers. Feering (18cwt) was the first tower of the afternoon which had 8 bells. The bells were quite heavy for some of us used to ringing on lighter bells but we managed to ring rounds and call changes and some basic method ringing thanks to the helpers that also came on the outing. The second tower that we rang at was Bocking (18cwt) which had ten bells. It was the first time for some of us ringing on ten bells. The ringing went well again thanks to the more experienced ringers helping us with our striking and anybody having problems. It felt much slower ringing on ten bells than my usual six and you really had to hold up the first backstroke for ages when you pulled off!

Finally, we went to Stisted (9cwt). This was a six bell tower which were much lighter than the first two towers. Even the actual space inside the ringing room wasn't very big. We had to shut the trap door before we could ring the bells. The ringing went very well while we were at this tower and the helpers only really needed to point out which bell the learners were supposed to be following if they got lost. The final piece of ringing in the last tower was Plain Bob Doubles and it was rung by us young people with no help from the adults. We were very proud of that as the ringing was pretty good.

Once we had rung at all of the towers we headed off to the bowling alley at Braintree for a couple of games of bowling. Some people used the side railings to try and keep the balls under control but some of us kept getting the ball in the gutter which caused a lot of laughter and frustration. After the first game the food arrived so we sat down for a little bit where we could. It was really delicious and plenty of it. We then went back to finishing the last game of bowling. By the end of the evening we all knew each other a bit better and we all had a great afternoon and evening together. We were very pleased that most of the helpers came to join in the evening fun too.

I can't wait for next year and hope that a few more of the young ringers from the district will also come along. I shall make sure I tell them what fun it was when I see any of them.

Emer Wilson (aged 14). The outing gave me the chance to meet new people from other towers as well as catch up with those I have previously met. It can take a little time to get used to the bells at new towers but all of the helpers were good at assisting both experienced ringers trying new methods as well as those who were doing rounds and call changes. The ten-pin bowling was good fun even though I came last!!

I would recommend going along on the next outing as you will definitely have a really good time, have the opportunity to ring in new places to help with your experience, learn about new towers and meet new & old friends.

We all enjoyed the ringing at the first two towers so much that the Jelly Babies brought by Writtle (a Saturday afternoon learners practice tradition) were forgotten about and did not appear until we arrived at Stisted!

Thanks go to Christina for organising the outing; the ten parents and friends for helping and providing transport; the incumbents for allowing us to ring and those who opened up for us at each tower.

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A good time was had by all and it is hoped to have another similar outing next year.

Andrew Brewster, Writtle

The youngsters outside St Mary's, Bocking from l to r: Emer, Neil, Ellanor, David, Thomas, Adam, Philip, Rebecca, Rachel, Andrew, Ellen and Penny.



Pam Jackson and John Harrod married

The wedding took place on 17 July at Wormingford, Essex.

Pam, nee Jackson, has been a ringer at Wormingford for many years and will be very much missed as the couple are moving to Wiltshire.



Pam spent most of her life in nursing and latterly as a driving instructor until she retired. The church was full with friends and parishioners. Pam had a ring on the bells on her way out to great applause from the congregation.

Barry Gibbons

Association Register

Weddings:

Richard Sherington and Claire Dale (Tollesbury)
Pam Jackson (Wormingford) and John Harrod

Deaths:

We regret to announce the deaths of:
David Collins, former Tower Captain at Manuden
Eleanor Howell (West Ham)
Elizabeth Wycherley (Leigh on Sea)

Birthdays:

Significant Birthday congratulations to:
Vic Dale - 80



Dates for your Diary (From the website)

JANUARY	8	Annual District Meeting Little Baddow	SE
	8	Annual District Meeting Gestingthorpe	N
	14	District Practice Stansted	NW
	15	Joint Surprise Practice Sible Hedingham	N/NW
	15	Eight Bell Practice Braintree	N
	15	Annual District Meeting Bures	NE
	15	Annual District Meeting	SW
	22	Annual District Meeting Thorpe Bay	S
	28	Learners' Practice Matching	NW
	29	Six Bell Practice Felsted	N
	29	Annual District Meeting Saffron Walden	NW
	FEBRUARY	5	Association Committee Meeting Danbury
11		District Practice Stansted	NW
12		Joint Surprise Practice Halstead	N/NW
19		Eight Bell Practice Braintree	N
25		Learners' Practice Arkesden	NW
26		Six Bell Practice Felsted	N
MARCH		Business Meeting Toppesfield	N
	11	District Practice Stansted	NW
	12	Joint Surprise Practice Radwinter	N/NW
	19	Eight Bell Practice Braintree	N
	25	Learners' Practice tba	NW
	26	<i>Ringing World</i> Centenary Celebrations	London
	26	Six Bell Practice Felsted	N
APRIL	14-16	Essex Ringing Course Coggeshall	ALL
MAY	2	Association AGM Chelmsford Cathedral	

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for April 2011.

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