

# NW DISTRICT NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2010

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## ESSEX RINGING COURSE

COGGESHALL, 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL

This is always very popular and usually over-subscribed, and there are less than three weeks left now to get your applications in!

There are more choices than ever available this year, from Call Changes, Plain Hunting, Trebling to methods, Plain Bob Doubles or Minor, Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Double Norwich, and 'Training to Teach' sessions. For details, go to [www.eacr.org.uk](http://www.eacr.org.uk) or send an A5 sae to the Course Convenor, Mary Bone, at 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 9DB for full details of times, choices, venue and optional extra sessions.

Closing date to apply: 12 February.

### PRACTICE DATES FROM DECEMBER 2009 TO MARCH 2010

#### Learners Practices

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, from 7.45 to 9pm:

Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2010:	Clavering
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Matching
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2010	Hempstead

#### District Practices

These are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, at Stansted:

12<sup>th</sup> February 2010

12<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

April 2010 – Please note no District Practice in April as the Essex Course is on that weekend.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday practices at Saffron Walden:

No practice on 30 March 2010 as it will be Holy Week

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Practice at Sawbridgeworth

Saturday, 30 January 2010 - 6.30 – 8.00pm. These practices (only 3 a year) are for ringers of all abilities, to ring whatever you want to try – everybody welcome, just turn up.

#### N/NW District Combined Surprise Major Practice

On the second Saturday of the month, 2.30 – 4.30pm:

Saturday, 13 February	Halstead
Saturday, 13 March	Radwinter

Contact Alistair (07968 280215 / [Alistair@donaldsonfamily.org.uk](mailto:Alistair@donaldsonfamily.org.uk)) or Liz (01279 850351 [lizgj@aol.com](mailto:lizgj@aol.com)) for details, or to confirm if you are coming. There will be no Surprise Major practice in April though, as this clashes with the Course).

### **'Beyond Bob Minor' Practices**

These are run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month by Linda Bullough, 10am-12noon at Henham - but check with Linda on 01799 599339 or email: linda@nottages.co.uk. Provisional dates are: Saturday 20 February, Saturday 20 March, Saturday 17 April.

### **Summary of the ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING, held on Saturday, 23 January 2010**

At the Annual Meeting, Fred Bone was re-elected as District Master (he insists it's his last!) and Mike Slowe from Great Parndon was elected Deputy Master. Roger Collins becomes the District's Representative on the Grant Review body (which deals with the allocation of funds for bell repairs and maintenance in Essex). The Secretary and Treasurer were also re-elected, and Liz Griffith-Jones has taken on the new role of Education officer, with Bill continuing as Maintenance Officer. Over the year, we elected 15 new members, and taking into account those that have left or moved away, our membership now stands at 189.

The programme of events for the year is attached, and you will see details of all practices for 2010. Please put this on your Notice Board, and join in whenever you can, all abilities most welcome.

Our Treasurer's Report this year shows that we contributed significantly more to the Bell Restoration Fund than usual, mostly due to the very gratifying amount raised from all the successful quarter peals during Quarter Peal month, and also from the Quiz Night in November, so thanks to all our members.

A new suggestion this year was a **District Outing**, and on a show of hands there was a lot of interest in this, so Fred agreed to investigate some ideas. It will be open to ALL MEMBERS – watch this space! The Striking Competition will be held on 5 June at Arkesden, a nice easy ring of 6, with the village green outside to listen and the village hall for teas next door. Do put this in your diaries now, so that you can plan the band well ahead.

If any members who couldn't get to the meeting would like to suggest any new initiatives in our plans, or to propose any completely new ideas, please speak to any Committee member at any time, and they can be discussed at the next meeting.

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**Subs** If you haven't yet paid your subs, may we remind you that they can be sent direct to our Treasurer, Penny Browne, at Branfield, Top Road, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, CB10 2XJ, and made out to the Essex Association of Change Ringers, thanks.

**Emails** To get the most up-to-date news and information, you **REALLY** do need to be on the email list! To add your address, email: carolwilkinson9@aol.com To join the EACR list to receive county-wide information from the Association Secretary, send a blank email to: EACR-Notices-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

**Quarter Peal Reports for 2009:** If your tower hasn't yet sent this to Colin Chapman, you can do so online by requesting an editable version from: colin.chapman2@co.uk, or you can send it by post to 2 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF.

## **PLEASE DISPLAY THIS NOTICE ON YOUR TOWER NOTICE BOARD**

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### **NW DISTRICT OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**

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