

NEWSLETTER

NEXT EVENTS:

Saturday March 6th QUIZ NIGHT
7.30pm North Ockendon (see page 3)

Thursday March 11th
District Surprise Major Practice at
South Weald 7.30pm (see page 3)

Saturday March 20th
District Meeting at Fobbing (8) 3pm

Thursday April 8th - Essex Ringing
Course starts - Coggeshall

Monday May 3rd
Association AGM at Chelmsford

Thursday May 6th (note date change)
District Surprise Major Practice at
South Weald 7.30pm



In each newsletter, we plan to feature one tower in the district, starting with our most unusual tower, Basildon. 8 bells, tenor 11³/₄ cwt. Practice night Wednesday 7.30–9.00pm Tower contact Roger Hobson 01268 491549. Visitors welcome.

Please send Beth a picture of your tower for the newsletter.

A REASON TO CELEBRATE

The South Weald ringers were delighted to ring a quarter on January 6th to celebrate the re-opening of the Tower Arms, the village pub which had been closed for refurbishment for most of 2009. We were even treated to a free round by the new owner! It's great to have our local operating again, even if there are complaints about the cost of the pint.

Plain Bob (tenor cover)
Minor

1260 changes in 44 minutes

Treble - Fiona A Chapman

2 - Beth Johnson

3 - Vic J. C. Dale

4 - Maria T. Jorysz

5 - Ian H. Jorysz (c)

6 - Paul R Trueman

7 - John Cousins



The ringers with Ian Drury (second right), owner of the Tower Arms.

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New District Officers this year....

Cathryn Corns - Deputy Master

I took up ringing six years ago, as the result of an unwise comment made at Eastwood that I'd always fancied learning to ring – the next thing I knew was that somehow I'd been signed up for the Prittlewell Saturday morning ringing school.

I went along thinking that I really didn't have time for this and that I'd probably be incompetent and everyone would be relieved when I said I didn't think that this was for me. However, by the end of my first lesson I was completely hooked by the challenge! I now ring regularly at Rayleigh, Langdon Hills and Fobbing as well as Prittlewell.

Having started ringing in my more 'mature years' I feel that I have a lot of work to do to catch up, but I have (in the words of Gordon Lucas) 'fallen among madmen' who ring quarter peals every Sunday and have now clocked up over 175, from minimus to major. As many people have helped me learn to ring, I'm now trying to help other learners, assisting at the Prittlewell Saturday school and I have helped to teach the new band for Canewdon.



Mark Robbins District Treasurer

Hello. My name is Mark Robbins and I had the privilege of taking over the treasurer's reigns from Phil Harrison at the ADM in January. I am sure we all wish him well in his recovery.

I live in Brentwood with my lovely wife, Adele, and our two children; John who is six and our two year old daughter, Sarah. I am a physicist by profession and work as a Technology Manager for e2v in Chelmsford. Here we make very high end imaging sensors for sometimes quite high profile instruments such as the Hubble Space Telescope. I am also Chair of the management committee of the Centre for Electronic Imaging at the Open University in Milton Keynes.

I grew up in Leigh-on-Sea and attended St. Aidan's Church as a child. Unfortunately there were no bells, so ringing did not mean much to me at the time. Moving to Brentwood and taking a part in the life of St Peter's in South Weald made me curious about the bells. A chance, unguarded comment from me that it may be fun to learn was noted by Beth Johnson, who later persuaded me to go up the tower.

I started to learn on turning forty in 2006. I am very much an apprentice ringer but I have caught the ringing bug, which, as you all know, is an incurable condition. I am being taught by Beth and friends who have seen me through the frustrating stages of learning to ring. I am now starting to learn the Standard 8 whilst trying to improve my striking! I was appointed deputy Tower Captain last year and help Beth out with our new ringers. I would certainly like to develop my teaching skills and hope to attend the learning to teach sessions at the Essex Ringing Course this year.

Thank you for electing me as your treasurer. If you have any questions please get in touch and I will try to find answers. My contact details are below. Also, if you haven't done so already, here is a gentle reminder to pay your subs! Either catch me around the district or post me a cheque payable to the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

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Obituary

Margaret Arthur 1928 - 2010

Margaret Sarah Arthur was born and spent the early years of her life in Barking. As a child she lived in Scotland for a while before returning to London during the war years. She had a varied career working for a government department, on a farm, as a children's nanny on cruise liners and later as a school secretary and then for the local authority.

She learnt to ring at St. Clement's Leigh-on-Sea in 1960 being taught, on Saturday mornings, by Frank Cotgrove the then Tower Captain and remained a faithful and committed member of the band until the arthritis from which she suffered made it impossible for her to climb the 50 or so steps to the ringing chamber.

When the bells were renovated in the 1970s Margaret claimed the old clapper from the fifth bell as it had once done her the disservice of parting company with the bell while she was ringing it. Fortunately no harm was done but she very much wanted to keep it where she could see it!

Mary Folley

NEW CHAPLAIN



We are delighted to announce that the Rev Ian Jorysz, Rural Dean of Brentwood and Vicar of South Weald, has agreed to be chaplain of the Essex Association. Ian has been ringing since a teenager, and has been active in various parts of the country (Leeds, Durham, Liverpool, Oxford), including being Master of the Durham University Society of Change Ringers and (with his wife Maria) training a band from scratch in Cuddesdon, Oxford. Ian is a College Youth. A very 'ringable' chaplain.

LAST ORDERS

District Quiz Night

Saturday March 6th

North Ockendon Church Hall,
7.00 for 7.30pm.

Teams of 6 maximum.

Tickets by March 3rd from
Ann Beech, Tel: 01708 453169

DISTRICT SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE

There will be a District Surprise Major Practice at South Weald on Thursday March 11th, starting at 7:30 pm.

We plan to consolidate the previous practice methods of Superlative and Rutland with the aim of splicing these with Yorkshire and Cambridge.

All welcome, especially any novice surprise ringers.

The post code reference for St Peter's South Weald is CM14 5QJ; there is an ample car park adjacent to the church.

See <http://stpetersringers.southweald.org.uk/where/index.php>

QUARTER PEAL FORTNIGHT

June 13th to 29th

This is a great opportunity for all change ringers within the district to ring something new, and to help raise funds for the new ring of bells for Holy Cross, South Ockendon. Please return your forms to Rowena Marshall (01277 222814) as soon as possible so that we can identify towers that will need help to form a band, and link them with ringers who are available. *More information next time.*

CONGRATULATIONS

to Paul Trueman on his
50th birthday

ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE

Trevor Church from Leigh on Sea is once again running the London marathon. He is looking for sponsors for Havens Hospices - if you can help, visit www.justgiving.com/tc3.

NEWSLETTERS

Please send any and all reports, pictures, notices etc., to Beth Johnson (South Weald) at b.johnson@creative-plus.co.uk, Tel: 01277 205102 or post to 67 London Road Brentwood CM14 4NN.

The Southern District newsletters will be published in 2010 as follows:

End April - copy date 15 April

Mid Aug - copy date end July

End October - copy date 15 Oct

End of December - copy date 15 December

Distribution

A newsletter is circulated two weeks before each business meeting. Copies are sent to tower correspondents, preferably by email. Members can request their own copies via email by contacting Beth.

District Public Relations Officer

At the District AGM in January no-one offered to stand for the role of district Public Relations Officer, which was recommended by the Looking to the Future sub-group as a key post to help with recruitment. Tracey Southgate has now been elected as the Association PRO, and has provided the following notes on what the district role would entail:

It is not an official 'job' or 'role' as such, merely a helping hand kind of thing. With the best will in the world, I can't be in 6 different districts at the same time. So the idea is to have someone to help me in each of the 6 districts to do the following:-

- Help identify opportunities for exhibitions to promote bell ringing
- Assist with identifying recruitment opportunities at Civic Centres, Sports Halls, Schools, Regional Shows, Church Open Days etc
- Help provide access to towers to permit photographic opportunities, ensuring that the photographer and all those present are kept safe and that appropriate photographs are taken (i.e. everyone must be pictured with hard hats and safety shoes if its a restoration project for example)
- General assistance with publicity for the Essex Ringing Course
- Writing articles relevant to news stories in your District for submission to EACR Newsletter and Ringing World as appropriate
- Arrange delivery and collection of exhibition boards/display materials to exhibition venues

The above is not exhaustive but hopefully gives you a better idea of what might be involved. If you think you know someone who would like to help or need to know anything more, please let me know. I hope it won't take up too much of your time, and I would be grateful for all the help I can get!

If you would be prepared to take on this role for the district, please contact John Harpole.

MINUTES of Annual District Meeting at Brentwood

Saturday 16th January 2010

1 & 2. Welcome & Thanks

The Master, John Harpole, opened the meeting with a few minutes silence in member of Margaret Arthur of Leigh-on-Sea who died on 9th January 2010. The Master welcomed all present, including visitors, Brian Meads - Association Master, Vicki Chapman - Association Secretary, Colin Chapman - Report Editor, Anne Bray - Association Newsletter Editor, Paul Bray - Technical Advisor and David Learmonth with the Book Stall. The Master invited everyone to sign the roll book also Rachel Chapman and Robin Winkworth and a get well card to Phil Harrison who is currently in hospital.

The Master thanked the Rev. Colin Hewitt for taking the service and for the use of the bells, the organist Peter Best, the Music Director Stephen Darkin and the Brentwood Choir and the Brentwood ringers for the wonderful tea.

The service touch was Stedman Triples rung by Andrew Beech, Colin Chapman, John Cousins, John Harpole, Rowena Marshall, Darren Osborne, Stephen Nash and Paul Trueman.

3. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Brewster - Association Treasurer, Beth Johnson (South Weald), Sally and Tim Bassett (Great Wakering), Laurence Beal and Sheena Booth (Rayleigh), Trevor Church (Leigh-on-Sea), Julia Jones and Nigel Taylor (Downham), Mike Hallett (Rettendon), Judith McCall, Frank Southwood, Warren Hawkings, Nick Rayner and Paul Burke (Brentwood), Jackie Carr, Sally-Ann Elkington, Peter Hawes, Marion Squier, Joan Marshall, Peter Nicol and Charlotte Meldon (Canewdon), Alex Underwood (Hutton), Martin and Veronica Newman, Colin Hall, Jill Knight, and Helen McBride (Eastwood), David Timmins, Jennifer Darby and Victoria Routledge (Rochford), Gordon Lucas (Langdon Hills/Fobbing), Helen Harpole (Basildon), Bernard and Josie Sadler (Prittlewell).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Navestock on 21st November 2009 were printed in the December 2009 District Newsletter. There being no amendments the Minutes were signed as a true copy.

5. Matters Arising

The Association Carol Service at Writtle was very enjoyable. All who attended enjoyed the service.

6. Correspondence

The master read out the Association Officers who were standing for another year, namely, Association Master - Brian Meads, Secretary - Vicki Chapman, Treasurer - Andrew Brewster. Nominations for other posts were also needed: Property Trustees (3), Independent Examiners (2), Central Council Representatives (5), who are at present John Armstrong, Brian Meads, David Sparling, Fred Bone and Adrian Semken. Any motions for the Association Annual General Meeting need to be sponsored by two members and received by the Association Secretary by 1st February 2010.

Stephen Nash asked if there has been any nominations for Life Membership. To date, none had been received.

7. Reports

- (a) The Master, John Harpole, presented his report for 2009 and is attached to these Minutes.
- (b) The Secretary, Alison Nash, presented her report for 2009 and is attached to these Minutes.
- (c) The Treasurers report was presented by John Harpole in the absence of Phil Harrison who is in hospital. The report is attached to these Minutes.

8. Election of District Officers and Other Appointments

The Association Master, Brian Meads, took the chair while nominations for District Master were taken. John Harpole was proposed by Rowena Marshall; seconded by Vic Dale; re-elected District Master.

Cathryn Corns was proposed by Stephen Nash as Deputy Master and was seconded by Peter Sloman and was elected.

John Harpole asked for nominations for District Secretary. Alison Nash was proposed by Hilary Donoghue and seconded by Cathryn Corns and re-elected.

Mark Robbins was proposed by John Harpole as Treasurer; seconded by Stephen Nash and was elected.

Cathryn Corns agreed to stand as Education Officer, proposed by Andy Martin, seconded by Peter Knight and was re-elected.

John Harpole briefly ran through the role of Public Relations Officer. They would publicise the district and liaise with the Association PRO. No-one was willing to stand as Public Relations Officer and therefore this post remains vacant.

Beth Johnson was willing to stand as Newsletter Editor, proposed by Mark Robbins, seconded by Hilary Donoghue and was re-elected.

9. Election of New Members

The following new ringing members were elected to the Association:

Ethan Markwood (Canewdon) proposed by Penny Sloman, seconded by David Sloman.

Samuel Jones (Canewdon) proposed by David Sloman, seconded by Penny Sloman.

Benjamin Jones (Canewdon) proposed by Peter Sloman, seconded by Penny Sloman.

Carl Hoad (Ingrave) proposed by Ron Brown, seconded by Renée Page-Jones.

Ronnie Crighton (Ingrave) proposed by Ron Brown, seconded by Renée Page-Jones.

Colin Tilbrook (Ingrave) proposed by Ron Brown, seconded by Renée Page-Jones.

Wendy Olley (Ingrave) proposed by Ron Brown, seconded by Renée Page-Jones.

Victoria Lowe (Ingrave) proposed by Ron Brown, seconded by Renée Page-Jones.

Susan Matthews (Hutton) proposed by Renée Page-Jones, seconded by Robin Page-Jones.

Colin Hewitt (Brentwood) proposed by Chris Bailey, seconded by Warren Hawkins.

Jennifer Nunn (Brentwood) proposed by Warren Hawkins, seconded by Chris Bailey.

Darren Osborne (Fobbing) proposed by Gordon Lucas, seconded by Cathryn Corns.

There were no Friends or Non-Resident members of the Association elected.

10. District Programme for 2010

The master ran through the District Programme for 2010. He pointed out the ADM in 2011 would be the fourth Saturday in the month as New Years Day fell on the first Saturday.

Cathryn Corns, Education Officer, stated that if any training was needed to please contact her. Perhaps 3 or 4 ringers from one tower needed training on a certain method then something could be arranged for them. Obviously helpers would be needed.

Brentwood are still hosting their quarterly district evening practices, but those at Basildon have been stopped due to lack of support. A bi-monthly surprise major practice is to be held at South Weald.

The outing this year is to be held on Saturday 12th June in the St Albans area of Hertfordshire.

The Quiz Night this year is taking place on 6th March and not in September. This is in the hope more teams will enter.

John Harpole suggested a Quarter Peal event.

Each tower taking part in a quarter peal and, where necessary, other ringers from the District helping out. A volunteer is needed to arrange this. It is hoped that every tower would attempt a quarter peal, with the help of other district members as required.

The Essex Ringing Course has now been advertised for 8th-10th April. It is a worthwhile event for students and helpers alike. Places are now being booked so if you would like to take part as a student apply now. Helpers are always needed.

11. Any Other Business

After the Annual District Meeting at Chelmsford on 3rd May, the afternoon ringing and tea is being held by this District. The proposed towers are Downham, Rettendon, tea at Eastwood, then Rochford with Canewdon to finish.

Raymond Jones (Shenfield) advised the meeting estimates had been received to have the clappers at Shenfield removed by parishioners and taken to Taylors for them to be re-bushed and for Taylors to re-install them. This would cost approximately £1,500. The District Striking Competition is to be held at Shenfield at present. This may need to be re-arranged if Shenfield bells are out of action.

David Sloman spoke about the proposed new ring at Holy Cross, South Ockendon, a Roman Catholic church. He wondered if those churches with the same dedication as them could arrange a sponsored quarter peal in aid of South Ockendon's funds.

Brian Meads, Association Master, made a plea for the Association Dinner stating it is a very enjoyable evening but last year was short on numbers. The Dinner has again been booked for this year 2nd October - please come if you can.

A bouquet was presented to Renée Page-Jones to thank her for all her hard work as Deputy Master.

Again, John Harpole, reminded everyone a volunteer was needed as the District PRO.

Service collection - £105.37, Teas - £100, Raffle - £115

The meeting closed at 6.26pm. Further ringing was available until 8pm.

MASTER'S REPORT FOR 2009

2009 was another busy year for the district, with the normal quarterly business meetings, method and call change striking competitions, afternoon and evening practices, an outing to Surrey and a quiz night.

Two of the highlights for me were the completion of the projects at Canewdon and Brentwood, and I was lucky enough to be invited to both the try outs and dedication services. It was a very special evening in February when the 10 new bells at Canewdon rang out for the first time, and I was delighted to see so many of you at our first ever meeting there in September. Brentwood bells have been difficult to ring for a long time and I'm sure you'll all agree that it is great to hear all 8 bells ringing again. Congratulations to both towers for seeing these projects through.

During the first half of 2009 we asked all towers to complete questionnaires as part of Brian Meads' "Looking to the Future" initiative. The projects at Brentwood and Canewdon are the latest examples of considerable investment in the hardware of ringing – during my ringing career I have seen similar restorations, augmentations and new rings at Ingrave, Navestock, Leigh-on-Sea, Grays, Basildon, Eastwood, Langdon Hills and South Weald (apologies if I have missed any one out). The questionnaire confirmed what we all see in our own towers – the average age of ringers is getting older and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit new ringers. Now is the time that we must invest in ringers if all

the investment in bells is to be worthwhile. You also indicated that the Association can help with attracting and training new ringers. The Association education officer role will be expanding to work much more closely with district education officers to share resources, best practices, etc. I don't believe we have had a public relations officer in the district for many years now; however there is a wealth of experience and material available to help attract new ringers, and I believe it is essential that we appoint a district PRO to work with the Association officer to help promote ringing and recruit new ringers. The results of the questionnaire are available on the Association website, and I have a copy with me.

Much of the year was overshadowed by the conviction of a member of the association for serious sexual offences involving children. The person involved has had their membership of the Association suspended indefinitely. Many of you shared your views on how the Association should react, and the Executive Committee has decided that the Association rules need to be revised in the light of this. A sub-group has been formed under the chairmanship of Colin Chapman to come up with a new set of rules that meet the current recommendations of the Charity Commissioners and best practices of other Associations and Guilds, and they are due to report by the autumn.

I was delighted to see so many of you on the district outing to Surrey in June. It's a very enjoyable day out where we ring together as a district, as well as exploring another part of the country. This year I am proposing that we visit St Albans and the surrounding area of Hertfordshire.

In July our 8 bell team won the Association striking competition, which was held at Chigwell Row. Well done to all involved.

Attendance at our district practices has been mixed. I believe that one of the most important roles of the district is to bring ringers together and to provide help and support to help us advance, whether it being ringing rounds or spliced surprise major. I urge you all to support these practices and if you have any specific training needs, to contact our education officer.

On a more personal note, I was very honoured to be asked to tutor a group on the Essex Ringing Course for the first time, along with Steve Nash. Several other district members were students and helpers, and we all had a very enjoyable and worthwhile time. I would encourage all of you to consider enrolling in one of the groups or volunteering as a helper.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of you for your support during 2009. Special mention goes to my fellow officers: deputy master Renée Page-Jones, secretary Alison Nash, treasurer Phil Harrison, education officer Cathryn Corns and our report editor Beth Johnson. I wish you all a very happy 2010, with lots of good ringing!

John Harpole, Southern District Master

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2009

Our ADM was held at Prittlewell with 74 members and visitors attending. Throughout the year we had 3 business meetings at Downham, Canewdon, and Navestock.

The 6 Bell Striking Competition was held in May at Ingrave. This was won by Downham with Langdon Hills in second place. At the Association Final held in July Downham was placed 6th but Langdon Hills failed to finish.

At the 8 bell Striking Competition held at Chigwell Row, 251 Oxford Bob Triples was run. Our district was the only team without any method mistakes and we won the trophy.

In November the District Call Change Competition was held at Navestock. Five teams entered and North Ockendon won the trophy for the third year in a row.

During the year we elected 10 full members and 2 junior new ringing members to the District.

The following members and friends sadly died:

James (Jim) Brown (Orsett), Des Mayell (Hutton), Margaret Arthur (Leigh-on-Sea)

Afternoon District Practices were held in February, at Orsett, and in October, at Stanford-le-Hope. In June we had a District outing to Surrey. This was a great success with over 40 members attending with 15 different towers being represented. A wonderful £80 profit was raised for the Bell Restoration Fund. In September, North Ockendon hosted another Quiz Night and raised a total of £135 for the Bell Restoration Fund. Quarterly District evening practices were held at both Basildon and Brentwood.

Alison Nash, Southern District Secretary

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Unaudited Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ending
31 December 2009

INCOME

General Fund

	£	£	£	2008 £
Subscriptions				
Ringing (Full)	136 @	8.00	1,088.00	129 1,032.00
arrear	4 @	8.00	32.00	0 0.00
advance	2 @	8.00	16.00	0 0.00
Junior	12 @	4.00	48.00	12 48.00
arrear	- @	4.00	0.00	0 0.00
Friends	11 @	4.00 min	56.00	7 28.00
arrear	1 @	4.00	4.00	0 0.00
Non-Resident	1 @	8.00	8.00	0 0.00
Sale of Badges	- @	1.00	0.00	1 1.00
Sale of Annual reports	- @	3.50	0.00	0 0.00

GENERAL FUND - TOTAL INCOME £ 1,252.00

£ 1,109.00

Bell Restoration Account

	£	£	
Donations		2.00	96.00
Donations in lieu of Subs.		242.00	176.00
Service Collections		323.98	276.04
Profit from Teas		593.00	342.30
Profit from Raffles		307.10	403.50
Quiz Night (including Raffle)		135.00	141.05
Profit from District Outing		80.00	5.00

BELL RESTORATION ACCOUNT- TOTAL INCOME £ 1,683.08

£ 1,439.85

2,935.08

2,548.85

TOTAL INCOME £ 2,935.08

£ 2,548.85

EXPENDITURE

	£	
Postage and telephone	12.40	11.68
Stationery	0.86	1.99
Engraving 8 bell trophy	5.00	0.00

18.26

13.67

TOTAL INCOME less EXPENDITURE £ 2,916.82

£ 2,535.22

Payments to Association Treasurer

	£	£
Add: Cash in hand at 1 January 2009	2,916.82	2,543.22
Less : Cash in hand at 31 December 2009	2.00	+ 2.00
	<u>2.00</u>	- 10.00
Total net district income	£ <u>2,916.82</u>	£ <u>2,535.22</u>

John Harpole

on behalf of Phil Harrison (Southern district treasurer)

EACR Committee Meeting held at Danbury on 6th Feb 2010

Edited highlights!

EACR AGM May 2010 at Chelmsford Cathedral

Arrangements: General ringing 09.30 – 10.15h, followed by service at 10.30h. Meeting will follow the service. Afternoon ringing is in the Southern District

Nominations for Officers:

Master: Brian Meads

Secretary: Vicki Chapman (unable to confirm at the meeting whether she was willing to stand)

Treasurer: Andrew Brewster

One motion for the AGM has been received and seeks to prohibit any one whose name appears on the Sex Offenders Register from being a member of the Association. After much discussion the Executive Committee voted by a large majority not to approve the motion.

Bell restoration grants

In future, to ensure that all the required information is provided, all grant applications will have to be made using an Association pro-forma. Applications must be received by 1st December for discussion at an Applications Sub-Group before the February EACR meeting and by 1st August for the October meeting. The proforma will be available on the EACR website.

Update on existing applications: it is now proposed that the bells at Kelvedon are removed and re-hung in a new frame. £25K has been pledged locally to support this.

Essex Ringing Course:

There are enough application to make 12 groups viable. 52 applicants from Essex and 25 from outside Essex have been received. Only 4 people have applied from the Southern District.

HELPERS are still required – would anyone able to help please contact Yvonne Towler.

Until now teas, meals and entertainment on the course have been arranged by volunteers, but this now has to change. It was proposed that from 2011 the Districts would arrange these events on a rota basis. The requirements are for:

- Teas at Honywood school each day of the course
- Afternoon tea on Thursday and supper on Friday
- Entertainment on Friday evening

This means that each District would have to carry out one duty in alternate years.

Concern was expressed by the Southern District because of the distances involved and the practicalities of such a rota.

The proposal was agreed in principle, but because of the concerns expressed it was agreed that the practicalities involved would be discussed at the October committee meeting.

Personal accident insurance

At the October 2009 meeting it was agreed to extend the upper age limit for insurance cover for permanent total disability and temporary total disablement from 65 to 75. This has significant impact on premiums and additional sources of funding would be required to implement this. The cost of providing insurance is constantly increasing for relatively small benefits.

Child protection:

The updated Child Protection Policy will be published in the next Annual Report

EACR Chaplain

Rev Ian Jorysz (a South Weald ringer) has agreed to become Chaplain to the Association.

Olympics

Vicki Chapman has been representing the EACR on a committee trying to find ways of promoting ringing on the back of the Olympic Games. Not much progress is being made and we need to decide if we want to use the 2012 Olympics as a recruitment opportunity? If so, how?

Rules Subcommittee

Colin Chapman reported on the progress that the sub-committee is making on a thorough review of the Objects and Rules of the Association. They are planning to make an interim presentation at the Association AGM to enable members to get an initial view of the proposed changes.