



# NEWSLETTER

## NEXT EVENTS

### ESSEX COUNTRY SHOW

10th & 11th September, Barleylands, Billericay

### DISTRICT MEETING

17 September PRITTLEWELL 3.00pm

### DISTRICT SURPRISE PRACTICE

Thursday 22 September SOUTH WEALD 7.30pm

### DISTRICT PRACTICE

Saturday 15 October 3-5pm GRAYS



### ST NICHOLAS, INGRAVE

St Nicholas has been described as one of the most remarkable 18th century churches in the county. It was built of red brick in the 1730s by the 8th Lord Petre of nearby Thorndon Hall, a Roman Catholic.

The tower holds an easy ring of 6, with a 10¼ cwt tenor. Many a ringer will be familiar with the bells, or may have started their ringing career at Ingrave under the watchful eye of Ron Brown who for several years ran a ringing school there, and still teaches in the tower. After some lean years the band is now ringing regularly, with practice night on Wednesday from 7.45 to 9pm. Visitors are always welcome.

## Striking competition - see page 6



*The winning band from Downham; Roger Dorking, Hilary Donoghue, Paul Cammiade, Julia Jones, Nigel Taylor, Ann Dorking, with judges Christina and Andrew Brewster.*

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Please note that the Membership Application Form has been amended – attached is the most recent copy which can also be downloaded from the EACR website ([www.eacr.org.uk](http://www.eacr.org.uk)). Only this application form will be accepted so please discard any other copy you may have. The form needed to be amended so it could be used in conjunction with the new Association Rules accepted at the AGM earlier this year.

## SURPRISE PRACTICE

The next surprise practice is at South Weald on Thursday 22 September, 7.30pm. The methods are Rutland, Ashted and Uxbridge. If you want to stretch your ringing to surprise and don't get the opportunity in your home tower, or practise 9- spliced, do come along.

## Essex Country Show Barleylands Billericay 10 & 11 September

Once again or Essex Association PR Tracey Southgate has secured free trade stand space for Essex ringers for this year's County Show at Barleylands, Billericay. Tracey has sufficient volunteers for Saturday but still needs help on SATURDAY. Please step forward all volunteers, whether you can just do a morning, afternoon or all day. As last year, there will use a mini ring and some handbells and a small display. Complimentary show entrance bands are provided for participants, so please don't worry about the cost of admission. Tracey says: "Those that came last year know what to expect, and if you're not sure please ask (bags of enthusiasm, mostly). As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so please step up. We managed to secure recruits for each of our six districts last year, so its well worth the effort." If you can help, please contact Tracey on [traceysouthgate@sky.com](mailto:traceysouthgate@sky.com) or phone 01255 50737.

## PROGRESS AT CANEWDON

Six of the Canewdon ringers have now rung a total of 12 quarter peals between them on either treble or tenor at Eastwood. On Saturday 4th June the youngest of the band, Louise Meldon (aged 12) rang her first quarter, on the treble to two plain doubles, then two weeks later another young member of the band, Ethan Markwood (aged 13) also rang the treble to two plain doubles. The band hopes to be able to ring the first quarter peal at Canewdon by the end of the year, with several Canewdon ringers in the band.



*Picture: left to right - Anne Porter, David Sloman, Gordon Lucas, Louise Meldon, Cathryn Corns, John Harpole*

*[The South Weald band visited Canewdon during their local outing in May and have never been so warmly welcomed, with tea and cakes and a chat about the installation. Thank you to the Canewdon ringers. ]*

## HUTTON OUTING

Raymond Jones arranged a local bellringing outing on July 23rd. We did not stray far – Ingrave, Margaretting, Fryerning, Navestock and Shenfield. It was as well really, as it meant those going on holiday or ringing for a wedding were able to join in as and when. The ringers were from Hutton, Shenfield, Ingrave, Brentwood and Bentley. At least four ringers had never been on an outing before. The whole day was very well supported with ringing ranging from call changes and various doubles methods through to Bob Minor.

In the evening more than twenty folk gathered for a barbeque at the home of Robin and Renée Page-Jones.

Once again, we were very lucky with the weather as the days prior to the outing day had all been wet and showery.



## The Essex Association Southern District Quarter Peal Fortnight.

The Southern district quarter peal fortnight was held from 12th to 26th June 2011 and can once again be hailed a great success. Of the twenty-five towers in the district, all except two had quarters attempted in them. Although six quarters were lost (two infuriatingly in the last course!), there were twenty-two quarters scored in eighteen different towers.

Happily, the number of ringers taking part was slightly up this year and although the number of firsts was fewer, congratulations go to Cathryn Corns, Lesley Pinks, Anna Bidulph, Ethan Markwood, Helen Harpole, Paul Trueman, John Harpole, and the Langdon Hills band. Fifty-six different ringers decided to participate, with the conducting shared between twelve of them.

Special thanks to Cathryn Corns, Simon Greenwood and Alan Moody, who rang 9, 8 and 7 quarters each, and to John Harpole, our leading conductor (five) who managed to range successfully from Plain Bob Doubles to eight spliced Surprise Major, a personal first. Also thanks to those kind souls who agreed to organise quarters in other towers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Well done everyone! Rowena Marshall

### Rayleigh, Holy Trinity, Essex

Sunday 12th June 2011 in 48mins  
1280 spliced surprise major (3m)  
586 Yorkshire, 448 Lincolnshire,  
256 Cambridge

1. Peter Smith
2. Cathryn Corns
3. Lydia Roberts
4. Gordon Lucas
5. David Belcham
6. Richard Dunhill
7. Andrew Martin
8. John Harpole (C)

For Whitsunday and to celebrate the 90th birthday of HRH Prince Philip. Most surprise spliced major for 2. 300th on the bells for 8.

### Shenfield, St Mary, Essex

Monday 13th June 2011 in 37mins  
1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Alan Gisby
2. Alan Moody
3. John Cousins
4. Simon Greenwood
5. Raymond G Jones
6. John Harpole (C)

Rung as part of the Southern district quarter peal fortnight.

### Orsett, St Giles and All Saints, Essex

Wednesday 15th June 2011 in 44mins  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Michael Warren
2. Alan Gisby
3. Cathryn Corns
4. Philip Denton
5. Simon Greenwood (C)
6. Chris Bailey

Rung as part of the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Basildon, St Martin of Tours, Essex

Wednesday 15th June 2011 in 48mins  
1260 Doubles (2m) 300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob

1. Roger Hobson
2. Roger G Butt
3. Jim Laken
4. Philip Denton
5. John Harpole (C)
6. Helen Harpole

Rung for the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Stanford-Le-Hope, St Margaret of Antioch, Essex

Thursday 16th June 2011 in 41mins  
1280 Cambridge surprise major

1. Jim Laken
2. Jillian Laken
3. Simon Greenwood
4. Roger G Butt
5. Rowena L Marshall
6. John Cousins
7. David Sloman
8. Paul J Bloomfield (C)

Rung for the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Ingrave, St Nicholas, Essex

Thursday 16th June 2011 in 45mins  
1296 Cambridge surprise minor

1. Rowena L Marshall
2. Jim Laken
3. Jillian Laken
4. Simon Greenwood
5. Alan Moody
6. Paul J Bloomfield (C)

Rung for the Southern district quarter peal fortnight.

### Rettendon, All Saints, Essex

Friday 17th June 2011 in 44mins  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Lesley Pinks
2. Linda Benson
3. David Benson
4. John Harpole (C)
5. Simon Greenwood
6. Jim Laken

First quarter away from cover for 1. Rung for the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Fobbing, St Michael, Essex

Friday 17th June 2011 in 44mins  
1260 doubles (11m)  
Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, S. Nicholas, Huntley Place, S. Remigius, Plain Bob, S. Martin, S. Simon, Eynesbury and S. Osmund.

1. Catherine Gisby
2. Gordon Lucas (C)
3. Clive Garroway
4. Cathryn Corns
5. David Belcham
6. Dennis Stott

Rung for the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Eastwood, St. Laurence and All Saints, Essex

Saturday 18th June 2011  
1260 doubles (2m) 720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob

1. Ethan Markwood
2. Gordon Lucas
3. Penny Sloman
4. Cathryn Corns
5. David Sloman (C)
6. John Woollard

First quarter for 1. Rung for the Southern District quarter fortnight.

### Rayleigh, Holy Trinity, Essex

Sunday 19th June 2011 in 45mins  
1272 Plain Bob Minor

1. Doug Bowles
2. Gordon Lucas
3. Lawrence Beal
4. Simon Smith
5. Cathryn Corns
6. David Belcham (C)

150th quarter on the bells for 5. Rung for the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Bentley Common, St Paul, Essex

Sunday 19th June 2011 in 42mins  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Pattie Folkson
2. Rowena L Marshall
3. Anna Biddulph
4. Ronald J Brown (C)
5. Alan Moody
6. John Cousins

1st quarter on an inside bell for 3. Rung for the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

### Brentwood, St Thomas, Essex

Sunday 19th June 2011 in 44mins  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Beth Johnson
2. Amanda Hazel-Rayner
3. Andrew Beach (C)
4. Alan Moody
5. Chris Bailey
6. Jonathon Lee

For the Southern District quarter peal fortnight.

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**South Weald, St Peter, Essex**

Sunday 19th June 2011 in 43mins  
 1280 spliced surprise major (8m)  
 160 each: Bristol, Cambridge,  
 Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey,  
 Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire.

1. Roger G Butt
2. Helen Harpole
3. Rowena L Marshall
4. Maria Jorysz
5. John Harpole (C)
6. Ian Jorysz
7. Paul Trueman
8. Stephen Nash.

For evensong.

Most spliced surprise major for 2  
 and 7. Most spliced surprise major  
 as conductor. Rung for the Southern  
 District quarter peal fortnight.

**Navestock, St Thomas, Essex**

Monday 20th June 2011 in 46mins  
 1260 doubles (2m) 780 Grandsire, 480  
 Plain Bob.

1. John Cousins
2. Rowena L Marshall
3. Ronald J Brown
4. Alan Moody
5. Raymond G Jones (C)
6. Chris Bailey

Rung for the Southern District quarter  
 peal fortnight.

**Hutton, All Saints, Essex**

Monday 20th June 2011 in 42mins  
 1260 doubles (2m) Grandsire and  
 Plain Bob.

1. Alexandra Underwood
2. Renee Page-Jones
3. Roger G Butt
4. Alan Moody
5. Raymond G Jones (C)

Rung for the Southern District quarter  
 peal fortnight.

**Downham, St. Margaret, Essex**

Wednesday 22nd June 2011 in 41mins  
 1260 Plain bob doubles

1. Barbara Leigh
2. John Cousins
3. Renee Page-Jones
4. Alan Moody
5. Simon Greenwood (C)
6. Chris Tucker

Rung for the Southern District quarter  
 peal fortnight.

**Basildon, St Martin of Tours, Essex**

Wednesday 22nd June 2011 in 48mins  
 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1. Roger G Butt
2. Darren Osborne
3. Simon Greenwood
4. Cathryn Corns
5. Andrew Beech
6. Jim Laken
7. John Harpole
8. Andrew Martin (C)

Rung to celebrate the life of Renee  
 Armstrong.

Also for the Southern District quarter  
 peal fortnight.

**South Benfleet, St Mary the Virgin, Essex**

Thursday 23rd June 2011 in 46mins  
 1260 doubles (2m) 660 grandsire, 600  
 plain bob.

1. David Belcham
2. Philip Denton
3. Cathryn Corns
4. Michael Warren
5. Julian Lees (C)
6. Simon Greenwood

Rung for the Southern District quarter  
 peal fortnight.

**Rochford, St Andrew, Essex**

Sunday 26th June 2011 in 41mins  
 1260 doubles (2m) 540 plain bob and  
 720 Grandsire

1. Don Stoneman
2. Peter Sloman
3. Cathryn Corns
4. Gordon Lucas
5. David Sloman
6. Brian Meldon

Jointly conducted by 2,3,4 and 5.

Rung for the Southern district quarter  
 peal fortnight and the band wish to  
 associate local ringers Anne Banton  
 and David Timmins with this quarter.

**Langdon Hills, St Mary, Essex**

Sunday 26th June 2011  
 1272 Gilpin Green Surprise minor

1. Alan Gisby
2. Cathryn Corns
3. Gordon Lucas
4. Dennis Stott
5. Darren Osborne
6. Stephen Nash (C)

First blows in method for all.

Rung for morning service and for the  
 Southern district quarter peal fortnight.

*It is with deep regret and sadness that  
 during our quarter peal fortnight we  
 heard of the death of a well known  
 and much respected ringer who lived  
 in the district, Renee Armstrong, and  
 we would like these quarters to be  
 associated with her.*

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## BELL QUILT

In February, the cathedral of Christchurch, New Zealand was badly damaged in the earthquake there. At the end of May, through the Ringing World, Pippa Moss, a ringer from Pettistree in Suffolk and also a well known quilter, asked for ringers who are also quilters to make a 'bell' block. These were to be incorporated into a commemorative "bell" quilt which will hang in Christchurch Cathedral, N.Z.

The worldwide response was obviously good. The quilt was on display at the Festival of Quilts which was held at the N.E.C. Birmingham on August 11th to 14th. Apart from the "bell" blocks, the quilt has a dark green border round it which has been quilted with bells and ropes trailing all around. ( My block is third from the left on the top row)

I understand from Pippa that one of the Cathedral ringers is coming over to England in the Autumn and she will take the quilt back to New Zealand with her.

**Renée Page-Jones**



## District Outing to Cambridgeshire

This year's district outing was to Cambridgeshire on Saturday, June 11th. Some 26 district members, friends and family congregated at the first church, All Saints Longstanton, at 9:15am; unfortunately, the person with the key didn't arrive until 9:45! After a hurried ring, we went on to Cottenham before driving into the city of Ely. We rang at All Saints, where a large number of guests were gathering for a wedding.

We all went our separate ways for lunch, with most taking the opportunity to explore the beautiful Cathedral (which, unfortunately, doesn't have any ringable bells). We were treated to magnificent music as a choir rehearsed for a concert in the Cathedral later in the evening.

After lunch we went on to the difficult 10 at Soham, followed by Burwell where the obligatory group photo was taken. The day finished with the 6 at Bottisham. Despite nearly having a lock-out at the first tower, the rest of the day went well, with a varied selection of bells and good weather. Thanks to all who came along.

All Saints,  
Cottenham



St Mary,  
Burwell



Ely Cathedral



## District Striking Competition

This year's district striking competition was held at St Laurence, Eastwood on Saturday, May 21st. Five teams entered and the judges were Christina and Andrew Brewster from Writtle in the south-east district. Despite fears that the judges may not be able to hear all of the test pieces due to big jets taking off from the adjoining airport, the afternoon passed without incident and the judges delivered their verdict after a fantastic tea in the church hall.

This year's winners were Downham, with Langdon Hills coming second. Well done to all the teams who entered.



Downham

Roger Dorking, Hilary Donoghue, Paul Cammiade, Julia Jones, Nigel Taylor, Ann Dorking.

They were drawn first, rang Grandsire Doubles and accumulated 30 faults.



Prittlewell

Anne Porter, Peter Sloman, Judy Rolfe, Lawrence Beale, Steve Halliwell, John Woollard

They were drawn second, rang Plain Bob Doubles and accumulated 53½ faults.



North Ockendon

Hilary Spooner, Alison Nash, Michael Warren, Matthew Scott, Andrew Beech, Brian Beech

Drawn third, rang Plain Bob Doubles, and accumulated 51 faults.



South Weald

Vic Dale, Maria Jorysz, Helen Harpole, Mark Robbins, Beth Johnson, Alan Ball

Drawn fourth, rang Plain Bob Minor, and accumulated 71 faults.



Langdon Hills

Steve Nash, Andy Martin, Dennis Stott, Cathryn Corns, Gordon Lucas, Alan Gisby

Drawn fifth, rang Cambridge Surprise Minor, and accumulated 34 faults.

## Striking Competition Finals

The association striking competition finals were hosted by the Northern district on Saturday, July 2nd.

In the 6 bell competition held at Rayne, the Southern district was represented by Downham and Langdon Hills, who came 7th and 9th respectively, the winners being West Ham.

The Downham band had one change from the district heat, with Chris Tucker replacing Hilary Donoghue who had unfortunately fractured her wrist – we wish Hilary well for a complete recovery.



In the 8 bell competition, held at Great Bardfield, all of the district bands managed to complete the tricky touch of Plain Bob Triples chosen by the Association Master. The district band were:

Andrew Beech, John Harpole, Rowena Marshall, Andy Martin, Julia Jones, Steve Nash, Paul Cammiade, Nigel Taylor.

When the results were announced, we were amazed to be placed first, with the south west and south east districts coming second and third.



Steve Nash, who called the touch, collected the trophy from judges Richard Munnings and Ruth Eagle from Suffolk; it will be on display in the various towers that the band was drawn from during the year.

Rowena was especially pleased with the result!





# The Essex Association of Change Ringers



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (See Note 1 overleaf)

PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLOCK CAPITALS

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*I consent to my membership details being held on computer in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (see Note 3 overleaf). If under 18 years of age please obtain the approval of your parent or legal guardian*

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**Please tick the box to confirm that you have read the Rules of the Association and that you are eligible for membership**

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Membership category  
(See Note 2 overleaf)

Ringling / Friend / NRLM \*

\* Delete whichever not applicable

*For Ratification of Belfry Election (ratification only applies to Ringling or Non-Resident elected prior to a peal attempt) tick here* ☐  
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### Notes

**PROPOSERS AND SECONDRS MUST BE RINGING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**IF YOU WISH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO BE SUBJECT TO GIFT AID, PLEASE COMPLETE THE DECLARATION**

## Gift Aid Declaration (See Note 4 overleaf, especially 4(c) which applies to those aged under 18)

**The Essex Association of Change Ringers (EACR)** Charity Number 292250

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**N.B. District Treasurer's to send original form to Association Treasurer as soon as possible please**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NOTES (also see Rules 8, 9 and 10, published in the Annual Report)

### Note 1: Membership Validity

Election of Members may take place at any business meeting. Prospective members shall apply using the prescribed Application Form and may only be elected by a majority vote of members present. Election is only completed on payment of subscriptions. **Subscriptions become due on election and on the 1st January each year** (cheques are payable to the *Essex Association of Change Ringers*, or *EACR*). Membership is in arrears if the subscriptions due are not paid by 30th April each year and those not paid by 31st December shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association. Lapsed members may be readmitted without election in the year following non-payment if payment of arrears and the current year's subscription are received by 30th April. After this date lapsed members shall be re-elected.

### Note 2: Membership Categories

**Ringling Member:** able to ring changes to a standard suitable for Sunday Service ringing on tower bells or to ring handbells. Changes shall be deemed to include method ringing, call changes and tenor cover on tower bells. Handbell ringers shall be capable of ringing methods on two bells retained in hand. You should live within the Association boundaries and choose to pay an annual subscription. Covered by the Association insurance. Can vote at meetings. Those aged less than 18 years on 1st January are entitled to a 50% reduction in their subscriptions.

**Friend:** a non-ringer who wishes to be associated with and support the objects and activities of the Association but who is not eligible for membership under any other category. Covered by the Association insurance. Cannot vote at meetings.

**Ringling Members or Friends** may become "Life-Paid" by paying a lump sum equal to not less than 20 times the annual subscription at the current time.

**Non-Resident Life Member (NRLM):** one qualified to be a ringling member who does not live within the Association boundaries and who does not wish to pay an annual subscription. Usually a peal ringer from elsewhere. Ringling Members who have paid five consecutive years subscriptions may become NRLM on moving away on paying the current year's subscription. NRLM moving into the Association area become Ringling Members on payment of current subscription without election. Not covered by the Association insurance. Cannot vote at meetings.

**Life Member and Life Vice President:** special procedures apply and this form is not valid.

### Note 3: Data Protection Policy (Declaration of Consent)

Please note that the details, which you have provided on this form, will be held on a computer and a manual filing system. This data will be processed by the Association and will be included in the Association's annual report and will only be used for ringling purposes. No commercial use will be made of the information provided.

Where you are a tower correspondent or an officer of the Association, it may also be published on the web pages or in newsletters and provided to third parties such as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (who may publish it on the CCCBR website), The Ringling World Limited (for publication in *The Ringling World*, *The Ringling World* website or *The Ringling World Diary*), and to other ringers upon request. The data may also be sent to ringers or bellringing associations outside the European Economic Area (*i.e. the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway*) upon request.

Details of peals rung on behalf of the Association, including names of the ringers, will be sent to *The Ringling World* and may also be published on the Internet e.g. *Campanophile*.

Any restrictions to the consent should be notified in writing separately to the Association Officers.

If you wish to obtain a copy of the data processed, a description of the purposes for which it is being processed, description of any potential recipients of the data, or any information as to the source of the data, please contact the Honorary Treasurer (the Association's Data Controller). Please note that the Association is entitled to charge a statutory fee not exceeding £10 for the provision of this information.

### Note 4: Gift Aid

Membership subscriptions and donations can be subject to Gift Aid, which allows the Association to re-claim Income Tax – see notes below or ask the Secretary or Treasurer for further details. To qualify for Gift Aid, you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your subscription/donation in the appropriate tax year (currently 25p for each £1 given). Please ensure you obtain a receipt for all payments to the charity.

- a) Please notify the charity if: you change your name and address; you want to cancel your declaration; or you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains tax.
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- c) **Membership can be Gift Aided if payment is made by a parent or legal guardian on behalf of a child under the age of 18.**
- d) If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity, or you can visit [www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/index.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/index.htm).

### Note 5: For Official Use Only

District Secretaries/Treasurers please note that the Association Treasurer must be sent the original copy of this form for Membership and Gift Aid purposes. You are advised to keep a copy for your own records. The date and place of election, payment receipt number and any age details **must** be recorded in the spaces provided otherwise the form will be returned for completion as this may be required by HM Revenue & Customs for audit purposes.