

# Essex Ringing Course 2017

## THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

0900–0935 **Reception** – please book in at the Course Reception Centre in the main school building. Information will be provided on your Group Tutor and the towers that you will be visiting. Please then locate your Tutor.

Any outstanding Course fees must be paid at this time.

0935–0950 **Welcome** by the Master of the ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.  
**Introduction** to the Course and to the Group Tutors.

0950–1045 Meet in Tutor Groups for first lecture.

1045–1100 **COFFEE**

1100 Leave for first practical ringing session.

1130–1245 Practical ringing session.

1245–1400 **LUNCH** (see note below) and travel to next practical session.

1400–1515 Practical ringing session.

1545–1600 **CUP of TEA**

1600–1650 Lectures for individual groups.

1655–1740 A choice of:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

1745–1805 **CUP of TEA and LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

1810–1910 **Talk** by guest speaker: Jim Phillips (St Paul's Cathedral Guild)

1930–2100 The following local towers practice on Thursday, subject to confirmation, and are keen to welcome Course participants. Please visit whichever tower you would like to:

Colchester St Peter 8: 21-0-17 (1900 - 2030)  
Terling 8: 11-1-13 (1945 - 2100)

## FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

0900–1005 A choice of:  
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1005–1025 **COFFEE**

1025 Leave for practical ringing session.

1100–1215 Practical ringing session.

1215–1330 **LUNCH** (see note below) and travel to next practical session.

*Groups A to C*

*Groups E to K*

1330–1445 Practical ringing session.

1330–1500 Practical ringing session.

1515–1615 Practical ringing session (bell handling)

1530–1545 **CUP of TEA** at Honywood School.

1625–1640 **CUP of TEA** at Honywood School.

1545–1640 Lectures for individual Groups.

1640–1740 A choice of:  
9.  
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1745–1845 A choice of:  
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1845–2230 Social Evening – Bar and Buffet – Fun and silly games for all.

## SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

0900–1005 A choice of:  
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1005–1025 **COFFEE**

1025 Leave for practical ringing session

1100–1230 Practical ringing session.

1230–1400 **LUNCH** (see note below) and travel to next practical session.

1400–1530 Practical ringing session.

1600–1625 **CUP of TEA** at Honywood School.

1630–1700 Final meeting and Course closure.

During any of the “choice” periods Tutors may arrange to meet their Groups.

**Individual tutorials** will be available by request; please contact Mary in advance with details of your request.

**Optional sessions:** see the last page for a brief guide to the additional lectures. Your tutor will be happy to advise you further.

**Lunch** is not included in the price of the Course. Groups usually take lunch at a local pub close to either the morning or afternoon tower, as this allows useful discussion and advice to continue over the break. These days it is extremely rare for pubs to have any problem with young people being part of the group, and young people should, if possible, budget for a pub lunch each day. If however any group member intends to make their own arrangements for lunch, or to bring sandwiches, you must let your group tutor know when you arrive at the school so that they can take this into account in making their arrangements for the group.

# A guide to Additional Lectures

## **First Steps in Listening Skills – Parts 1 and 2**

Using the “Listening to Ringing” Central Council recordings, a practical guide to improving your striking through listening.

## **Raising and Lowering a Single Bell**

**For Students ONLY (not helpers)** who have not done this before or who want help improving technique. **Pre-booked places only.**

## **Elementary Bell Maintenance**

A simple look at caring for bells and their installations.

## **Understanding and Calling Call Changes**

Learn the theory, and practise (in the classroom) your first steps in calling call changes.

## **Ropesight**

Some ideas (followed by discussion) about finding and staying on that line I've learned so well but seem to keep falling off!

## **Belfry Jargon**

Are you puzzled by terminology you keep hearing in the ringing chamber – or even confused by it? Then this is for you!

## **Will you call a touch please?**

An introduction to calling easy touches of Doubles and Minor suitable for practice nights and service ringing.

## **Tune ringing on Handbells – Parts 1 and 2**

Ever wondered how to use that set of handbells in your tower? Come and find out!

## **Can I play Conkers in the Belfry?**

Sensible advice on Health & Safety and Risk Assessment for ringers.

## **Fitting a Simulator – how to go about it**

## **How methods work**

An introduction to place notation, grids and method construction.

## **Raising and Lowering in Peal**

**For Students ONLY (not helpers)** who can already ring up and down a single bell unaided. A chance to practise the bell control skills required to ring up and down in peal. The session will be on tied bells and use the “follow the leader” approach. **Pre-booked places only.**

## **Change Ringing on Handbells: an introduction – Parts 1 and 2**

Ring two in-hand from scratch to as far as you can go. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard as places will be limited. All participants must attend the first session as this is a series.

## **Change Ringing on Handbells – Advanced**

A “drop-in” session for those who can already ring a plain course of Bob Minor in hand.

## **Doubles beyond Plain Bob and Grandsire**

What Doubles come next? This lecture will give an insight into what other methods and variations can be considered.

## **Running an effective practice**

Do you have to run the practice? How can you use the time effectively and maximise the ringing opportunities for the people who come?

## **Bluff your way in Yorkshire Surprise Royal**

How it's rung, how to bluff using the rules, and looking for the signposts. To benefit from this talk you should be confident in Yorkshire S Major.