

# The Essex Association of Change Ringers



## Competition for a Saxilby Simulator



The Association has been given a Saxilby Simulator which is no longer required due to a planned house move. The Simulator is being offered, via this competition, to Association members or Towers free of charge, subject to the Competition Entry Terms and Conditions.

Use of a bellringing simulator as an important training tool is widely accepted. Besides being great fun, time spent ringing on a simulator greatly helps development of both handling and listening skills and allows a person to get more practice (and with a perfect band) than can ever be achieved in a conventional practice night environment.

This Simulator is suitable for installation in a loft or other roof space, or in a tower (e.g. clock room, intermediate chamber, or wall mounted frame). More information is available at

[www.saxsim.com](http://www.saxsim.com). Installation in a church may be subject to faculty or other approval depending on the proposed installation.

Provision of a suitable PC or laptop and a copy of Abel, Beltower, or Virtual Belfry software, and any additional framework e.g. for wall mounting, is not included in this competition.

The Saxilby Simulator is not suitable for teaching basic bell handling. However, once a ringer is confident with bell handling then it can be used to help ringers develop listening skills, refine handling, and move on to learning methods.

### Who can enter?

Entry is open to fully paid-up resident Ringing Members of the Essex Association elected prior to 2020.

Entry is open to towers within the Association's boundaries who have learners and an active teaching regime and can articulate that the simulator will be of real benefit.

### How do I enter?

In a maximum of 500 words describe, taking into account the Competition Entry Terms and Conditions on page 2:

Why you want it

How you will use it

What benefits it will bring to you or your tower

Be creative, innovative, and interesting!

## Judging

Entries will be judged by the Donors of the simulator and the Association Property Trustees (3 ex-officio, 3 elected).

Entries will initially be anonymised to prevent conscious or unconscious bias and ranked subjectively taking into account interest and creativity in application and long term benefit, likely use (tower vs home), most beneficiaries, etc., to create a shortlist.

The shortlist will then be reviewed and discussed by the judges and possibly with the relevant district officers and tower captains prior to selection of the winner.

## Competition Entry Terms and Conditions

1. The Simulator is offered free of charge, without liability to the Association, on the condition that, in the event that a winner (tower or household) no longer requires the simulator or it falls out of regular use, the winner agrees that it shall offered back to the Essex Association Property Trustees at no charge, for further reuse.
2. Only one entry permitted per tower (for a proposed tower installation) or one entry per family (for a home installation). Multiple entries from a tower, e.g. tower plus families, are discouraged.
3. The entry should include very brief details of the proposed installation position, e.g. loft, ringing room wall, clock room, etc.
4. Tower entries must include confirmation of discussion with (and no objection from) the Tower Captain and confirmation that there is no objection from the Incumbent/PCC. It is not suggested that any work towards a faculty, etc., is undertaken until the winner is notified.
5. Home entries must include confirmation from the householder that they are aware of the entry and that they are happy that installation of the simulator could result in physical damage to a ceiling or loft hatch. The Association shall be not liable for any such damage, or reinstatement if the Simulator is returned.
6. If an entry is found not to be suitable (e.g. further discussion renders the installation non-feasible), then that entry may be disqualified.
7. If there are very few entries, then the Association may decide to withdraw the competition and sell the simulator or allocate it on a loan/temporary basis to facilitate short-term training.
8. Entries should be submitted by email (plain text or with attachment) to [competition@eacr.org.uk](mailto:competition@eacr.org.uk) or in writing by post to EACR Simulator Competition, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford CM2 9PF.
9. Closing date for receipt of entries is 12 noon BST on 31 August 2020 (1 September 2020 for postal entries).
10. Each entry must include name and postal address, telephone number and email address, home tower and name of beneficiary (tower or home).
11. Entrants under 18 must include their age and the entry must be signed by a parent or guardian.
12. If an entry is received from a judge's tower, then that judge shall be excluded from the judging panel. The person managing the competition shall be excluded from the judging panel.
13. The Judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
14. Winners will be notified by email no later than 30 October 2020 and announced on the Association website.
15. Winners shall be responsible for arranging installation in accordance with the Saxsim information, the Association does not provide this service but may be able to provide some guidance and assistance.
16. The winners shall sign an undertaking to signify agreement with Condition 1, above.