



Newsletter – April 2017

Spring Ringing Course

The Spring Ringing Course held at Willingale came to a close at the end of March. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the students, all of whom progressed well with new methods. A big thank you, therefore, to Liz Griffiths-Jones for taking the course and to all those helpers who supported the students with the benefit of their experience, advice, enthusiasm, and, above all, patience!



April 2017 Events

- ❖ Saturday, 1st April 2017: 10-12 bell practice at Saffron Walden – 10.30am-12noon.
- ❖ Thursday, 6th-Saturday, 8th April 2017: Essex Ringing Course at Coggeshall.
- ❖ Friday, 21st April 2017: Surprise Major practice at Radwinter – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 28th April 2017: Plain Bob Triples practice at Stansted – 7.45pm-9.00pm.



May 2017 Events

- ❖ Monday, 1st May 2017: EACR AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral.
- ❖ Friday, 19th May 2017: Surprise Major practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Saturday, 20th May 2017: NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition at Roydon.
- ❖ Friday, 26th May 2017: Stansted practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.



Want to know what's going on?

- ❖ The North Western District Events Programme 2017 can be accessed via www.eacr.org.uk or contact me on sue.evans.nwsecretary@gmail.com.
- ❖ The EACR Calendar of Events contains lots of information; access via www.eacr.org.uk/events



Essex Ringing Course – 6th-8th April 2017



Wishing all the organisers, tutors, helpers and students an enjoyable and positive course.

More helpers are required to assist with serving refreshments; if you are able to help at any time during the three days please contact Andrew Brewster on social@eacr.org.uk.



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EACR Annual General Meeting – 1st May 2017

This year's AGM will take place at Chelmsford Cathedral, 53 New Street, Chelmsford CM1 1TY. Ringing for all in the Cathedral will be from 9.30am, the service will commence at 10.30am and the meeting at 11.45am. Refreshments will be available until just prior to the start of the service.

The afternoon's ringing and tea will be available as under:

Venue	Time
High Ongar	2.00pm-3.00pm
Bobbingworth	2.30pm-3.30pm
North Weald	3.00pm-4.00pm
Old Harlow, Churchgate Street	3.30pm-4.30pm
Matching	4.00pm-5.00pm
Willingale	3.00pm-6.00pm

Afternoon tea will be hosted at Willingale, by the NW District, from 3.00pm-6.00pm, at a cost of £4 per person. Pre-purchased tea tickets are available from:

Rhona McEune
The Rectory
Rowhedge
Colchester
CO5 7HR

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your cheques, made payable to the Essex Association of Change Ringers. There will be a limited number of tea tickets available on the day of the AGM.



Radwinter 8 Bell Practice

Radwinter will be holding an 8 bell practice, open to all, on every 2nd Monday of the month, starting on Monday, 10th April 2017, from 7.45pm-9.15pm; as this first practice takes place during Holy Week, ringing will be via the simulator. It is planned to potentially ring a range of methods – Plain Triples, Major and Surprise Major – for those ringers who wish to extend beyond Minor or their repertoire on 8, are able to ring touches of Plain Bob Minor and have an idea of Plain Bob Triples or Major, or for those comfortable ringing Treble Bob on 8. The practices will be supported by experienced helpers. To register your interest and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Linda Bullough on lindabthree@gmail.com.



District Masters and Secretaries

District Masters and Secretaries will be attending a general discussion meeting on Tuesday, 11th April 2017 at Writtle. If anyone has any issues they would like me to raise, please let me know.



Tower Captains Meeting

Following a very productive Tower Captains meeting last year, it has been suggested that it could be useful to arrange another general discussion meeting. If you would be interested in attending please confirm your availability for the evening of Wednesday, 12th April 2017. Dependent upon responses, venue to be decided.



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St George's Day – 23rd April 2017

Are you planning to celebrate St George's Day? If so, send me your photos and narrative for inclusion in the next newsletter.



NW District Meeting and Striking Competition – 20th May 2017

The meeting and competition will this year be taking place at Roydon. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend the meeting and as many towers as possible to put in a band for the competition, with those bands achieving first and second places representing the EACR NW District at the next round. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.



Bradfield Ringing Course

The Bradfield Ringing Course, taking place from 17th-20th August 2017, is now open for applications at www.bradfield-ringing-course.org.uk. The deadline for applications is 30th April 2017 and all applications are considered together, not on a 'first come first served' basis.



Tower Support Practices

A reminder that these practices can be arranged on your own practice nights via your Tower Captain. With the support of more experienced ringers, these are certainly worthwhile practices so please contact me to request dates.



Charmborough Mini Ring

The Charmborough Mini Ring is now based locally and is available for hire for fetes, village days, etc. Apart from being fun, it is hoped that the mini ring will encourage new recruits to bell ringing. Booking details can be found at www.charmborough.org/hiring or contact Ian Kerwin for further detail.



Simulators

If you have not done so, a reminder to respond to Richard Wilson regarding the use of your tower simulators.



Association Annual Dinner

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, 28th October 2017 at Little Channels, Little Waltham. Early-bird tickets will be on sale at the Essex Course and until the AGM.



Easyfundraising

Do you shop on line for package holidays, clothes, car insurance, groceries and business purchases? If so, would you like to collect free donations for the EACR, which won't cost you a penny? Sounds good? Well, by joining easyfundraising and shopping via the website or phone App, you will be helping to raise funds for the EACR. It's easy to get started and to access the many companies in the scheme, go to easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers.



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Early Notice – Stansted Practice

Due to the church being in use on the evening of the 28th July 2017, the Stansted Practice will take place on Friday, 14th July 2017.



Future Newsletters

❖ Don't forget to let me know about any items you would like to be included in future newsletters. So far, tower information has been very quiet, but I am sure there are outings, peals,

quarter peals, or general information, which would be of interest to readers. Don't be shy!

- ❖ Please print this newsletter for your towers to ensure as wide a circulation as possible.
- ❖ Let me know if you are aware of anyone who would like to be included on my newsletter circulation list.

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