



Newsletter

December 2017-January 2018



NW District Carol Service – Saturday, 9th December 2017

The District Carol Service will take place this year at Willingale on Saturday, 9th December 2017, commencing at 4.00pm and the Service will be conducted by the Revd Christine Hawkins. Ringing will take place from 3.15pm for anyone who would like to ring. Refreshments will be available in the church at the end of the service. It has been a number of years since a North Western District Carol Service has been held and we look forward to seeing as many ringers and guests as possible attending.

An early date for your diaries – The District Carol Service will take place next year on Saturday, 8th December 2018 at Hatfield Heath, with refreshments after the Service in the church hall.



December 2017 Events

- ❖ No events planned.



January 2018 Events

- ❖ Friday, 19th January 2018: Surprise Major at Felsted, 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 26th January 2018: Stansted Practice 7.45pm-9.00pm – method to be confirmed.



NW District ADM – Saturday, 27th January 2018

The NW District ADM will be held on Saturday, 27th January 2018 at Steeple Bumpstead. Further details will be forthcoming nearer the date.



Essex Association Annual Dinner – Saturday, 28th October 2017.

The 63rd Annual Essex Association Dinner was held on Saturday, 28th October 2017 at Little Channels, Little Waltham, near Chelmsford, and what an exceedingly entertaining evening it was! The speakers this year were the Rt Revd Roderick Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone, and Christopher O'Mahony, the newly elected President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

With a grand mixture of light-heartedness, humour and wit, with a thought-provoking touch thrown in occasionally for good measure, their speeches were very warmly received and applauded. Altogether, the delicious dinner, the sparkling company and the speeches made for an extremely enjoyable evening and we look forward to seeing more ringers and guests at next year's dinner at Little Channels on Saturday, 13th October 2018.



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NW District Meeting and Call Change Striking Competition – Saturday, 7th October 2017

The NW District Meeting took place on Saturday, 7th October 2017 at Henham and the minutes of the meeting are attached.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the draw took place for the Call Change Striking Competition, and we were absolutely delighted that nine bands had been entered.

Congratulations to Waltham Abbey, who achieved first place with 20.5 faults,



closely followed by Willingale in



second place with 26 faults and Littlebury in third place with 29.5 faults.



Congratulations and well done to all the bands who participated in this competition and who hopefully will be back next year to either retain the title or contest this year's results!

Thank you to Henham for hosting the meeting and competition at very short notice, to the Henham and Willingale ladies and gents for the refreshments and Brian Mead, who judged the competition and provided the bands with very constructive and positive comments. Finally, thank you to everyone who took part in the competition and made the afternoon so successful.



Thaxted, Moreton and Bobbingworth Practices

- ❖ Thaxted: every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm-9.00pm, afterwards at The Swan. Please contact Cathy Lowe on: lowecathy@googlemail.com if you are able to come along;
- ❖ Moreton: every Thursday evening, from 7.30pm-9.00pm, except for the fourth Thursday of the month, afterwards at either the White Hart or Nags Head, Moreton;
- ❖ Bobbingworth: fourth Thursday of the month, 7.30pm-9.00pm, afterwards at either the White Hart or the Nags Head, Moreton.



Autumn Ringing School

The eight-week Autumn Ringing Course, covering bell handling, call changes, Plain Hunt, Grandsire and conducting, commenced at Henham on Saturday, 7th October 2017, and was attended by six students, all of whom progressed really well. Thank you to Liz and Bill Griffith-Jones and all the helpers for their support and constructive advice and to all the students for their scrumptious cakes!



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Spring 2018 Ringing School

ADVANCE NOTICE!! The Spring Ringing School will take place at Henham on six Saturday mornings, commencing on the 10th February 2018. The methods to be covered will be Treble Bob Hunt, moving on to Kent Treble Bob Minor. This is an excellent introduction to six-bell ringing, and is suitable for anyone who is reasonably confident in Plain Bob Doubles. There are six available places on this course and if you wish to apply for a place please contact Ian Kerwin on iankerwin@btinternet.com



Association Training Day – Saturday, 25th November 2017

The Association Training Day took place on Saturday, 25th November 2017. Everyone met initially at Broomfield for refreshments prior to the individual groups, covering Plain Hunt, Trebling to Doubles and Minor, Plain Bob Doubles and Surprise Minor, travelling off to the towers being used - Terling, Purleigh, Danbury, Galleywood and Writtle. Hopefully everyone found the day to be an enjoyable and positive experience.



Thanks go to Richard Wilson for arranging the entire day, Broomfield for their hospitality, the Tower Captains for arranging the use of

the ringing chambers, the course tutors and helpers for their patience and practical advice and, most of all, the participating students.



2018 Essex Course

The Essex Course will run from the 5th-7th April 2018. To ensure that there are no conflicting requests for tower usage during these dates, Mary Bone has asked if all towers could note these dates and to expect the usual requests for bells to be available.

The Course will be advertised as usual in the December issue of Rounds & About and the brochure and application form will be on the website by mid-December.



Essex Course Administrator

The EACR requires a new Essex Course Administrator from 2018. There is an opportunity to work with the current Administrator as the April 2018 course is organised to find out what is involved. This is an extremely important role for the EACR as it has been running for 25 years. If you think you may be interested in this role, please contact Rhona McEune in the first instance on secretary@eacr.org.uk



Master of the Association

John Harpole recently announced that he would not be standing for re-election as Master of the Association. If anyone would initially like to talk to John about the role, please contact him on igh96515@btinternet.com.

A job description can be found at <https://eacr.org.uk/about/rules/jobdesc.html> on the EACR website. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and must be received by Thursday, 1st February 2018.



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EACR Bookstall

Are you looking for a special gift for someone this Christmas? Some new books are now available from the Bookstall, along with some of the old favourites. Alternatively, if there are any other books or merchandise you wish to order, please see the list of current stock on pages 6 and 7 of the attached.

The books and merchandise can be obtained from the Bookstall Administrator bookstall@eacr.org.uk whilst stocks last. Please email Christina Brewster to discuss arrangements for delivery – dependent on method of delivery P&P may have to be added to the cost.



EACR Insurance: Summary of Policies

Please see attached summary of the Association's personal accident and public liability insurance. Can Tower Captains please ensure this is displayed in your towers.



Ringling for Peace Armistice100

For 2018, the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day, how will we make this really special for bell ringing? I have attached a guidance document from Caroline Stockmann, Central Council Public Relations Officer, regarding next year's Remembrance Day ringing which I hope you will find useful.



Win £1000 from Ecclesiastical!

Ecclesiastical is running a scheme where charities can 'win' £1000, which can be used for a variety of activities including attracting more ringers. All you need to do is complete the nomination form on the link below, quoting 'Central Council of Church Bell Ringers', Charity No.270036. The deadline is 5th December.

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/12-days/index.aspx>



Easyfundraising

In the year since the EACR signed up to [easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) 29 supporters have raised £326.75, with over 3,300 retailers ready to give a free donation every time someone shops on line. It's really simple and doesn't cost anything; just go to:

- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/in/vite/B5JIB7/AMXK3U>;
- Enter Essex Association of Change Ringers in the search box;
- Click 'Join Us' and enter your details and click on 'Create My Account';
- Do your online shopping as normal and the Association will receive a free donation.

By using the unique referral link above, a bonus 50p donation will also be given to the EACR.



Tower Support Practices

Tower support 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 Sue Evans to request dates.



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Want to know what's going on?

❖ Don't forget to join the NW District Facebook page by contacting Ian Kerwin on: **North Western District EACR**. Once you are a friend, you will be able to put items on this Facebook page, for example, if you are looking for ringers for weddings or you have information you wish to share.

- ❖ The EACR Calendar of Events contains lots of information; access via www.eacr.org.uk/events
- ❖ Why not join the EACR Notices group, a free 'announcement' mailing list – to join, contact:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EACR-Notices>



*On behalf of all District Officers,
I would like to wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Ian Kerwin



Sue Evans

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