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## **Newsletter – June/July 2017**

### **Method Striking Competition**

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Well done and congratulations to Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford and Great Parndon who respectively achieved 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the Method Striking Competition held at Roydon on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Well done also to the other five bands who took part in this competition – Henham, Radwinter, Waltham Abbey 1 and 2 and Willingale – and better luck next time! I was extremely delighted that eight bands were entered in this competition, something which hasn't been seen for some while, so thank you to all the tower captains who encouraged [and cajoled!] their ringers to take part and to all the ringers for 'having a go'! Of course, a thank you also goes to Colin and Vicki Chapman for being such excellent judges and for their constructive comments on the bands' performances. Finally, thank you also to Roydon for hosting this competition and for providing the vital refreshments to keep everyone going.



**Ian Kerwin**  
**District Master**



### **North Western District Newsletter**

As some of you will have heard at the recent meeting, the NW District Newsletter will, on a trial basis, change from monthly to bi-monthly. We will see how this goes, and if well received, will continue on a bi-monthly basis. Please do let me have any comments, and please remember to let me know as early as possible if you have any items you wish to be included in the newsletter. Alternatively, I can issue reminders or information items via EACR Notices.



### **Facebook comes to the North Western District!!**

At last, the NW District has a Facebook page! If you would like to become a friend, contact Ian Kerwin via Facebook 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.



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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EACR-Notices>



### June 2017 Events

- ❖ Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017: 10-12 Bell Practice at Waltham Abbey 10.30am-12noon. All welcome who wish to ring on higher numbers; rounds and call changes to Caters and Surprise Royal.
- ❖ Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Surprise Major Practice at Radwinter – 1.30pm-3.30pm. **Note change of venue.**
- ❖ Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.



### July 2017 Events

- ❖ Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Association Striking Competition.
- ❖ Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed. **Note change of date.**



### August 2017 Events

- ❖ Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 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](http://www.eacr.org.uk) or contact me on [sue.evans.nwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sue.evans.nwsecretary@gmail.com).
- ❖ The EACR Calendar of Events contains lots of information; access via [www.eacr.org.uk/events](http://www.eacr.org.uk/events)
- ❖ Why not join the EACR Notices group, a free 'announcement' mailing list – to join, contact:



### Bobbingworth and Moreton Practices

Practices have commenced at Bobbingworth on the third Thursday of the month and at Moreton on the first Thursday of the month, both from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, meeting after Moreton ringing at the White Hart, Moreton.



### Tower Captains Meeting

A Tower Captains general discussion meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at The Cock Inn, Henham. It was a very useful and positive meeting and the notes will be circulated to all in due course for information. Hopefully, more Tower Captains will attend the next meeting which will be arranged later in the year.



### NW District Meeting Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017



The meeting took place at Roydon prior to the Striking Competition and was attended by 30 members; the minutes will be circulated in due course. As noted earlier, the Method Striking Competition was won by Sawbridgeworth, with second place going to Bishops Stortford. Both bands will represent the NW District at the next round on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and we wish them every success.



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Andrew Brewster for tickets on [treasurer@eacr.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@eacr.org.uk).



### 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.



### BBC Music Day

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

For this year's BBC Music Day, the theme is "the power of music" and the BBC would like to build on last year's success by inviting tower and handbell ringers from the UK and around the world to ring at 7pm local time. If you would like to be involved, further details are on the flyer, which can also be downloaded at [cccbr.org.uk/bbc-music-day-2017](http://cccbr.org.uk/bbc-music-day-2017).

Please let me know if your tower participates in this event, and always pleased to receive any pictures!



### Heritage Open Days

**7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Registration for Heritage Open Days is now open – another opportunity to get local people into your tower and possibly attract new learners. Check the website <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk> for further information.



### Association Annual Dinner

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Little Channels, Little Waltham. Contact



### 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](http://www.charmborough.org/hiring)

Ian Kerwin took the mini ring to the Hatfield Broad Oak Fete on Bank Holiday Monday and 24 potential ringers, from Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridge, 13 of whom were local, expressed their interest. Ian will be arranging for these people to commence learning to ring and if anyone is able to offer their help, please let Ian Kerwin know.



### 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](http://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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers).



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### Youth Group

The Ringing World National Youth Contest will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. If you know any young ringers who will be under the age of 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 who would like to join the monthly group practices, please contact Christina Brewster on [essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk](mailto:essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk)



### EACR 8 Bell Striking Competition Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017

This competition will be taking place on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Earls Colne, the method being rung is St Martins Bob Triples method. Good luck to all those bands taking part!



### Future Newsletters

- ❖ Don't forget to let me know about any items you would like to be included in future newsletters.
- ❖ Let me know if you are aware of anyone who would like to be included on my newsletter circulation list.

**Sue Evans**

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