



Newsletter – May 2017



EACR AGM 1st May 2017

This year's AGM took place at Chelmsford Cathedral with ringing for all in the Cathedral, followed by the service and the meeting. The afternoon's open tower ringing took place at High Ongar, Bobbingworth, North Weald, Old Harlow, Matching and Willingale and all towers were very well attended, so thank you to all the volunteers who manned the open towers. Afternoon tea was hosted by the NW District at Willingale. I would like to say a big thank you to Denise Kerwin who organised the entire afternoon's refreshments and to the Willingale ladies who provided the scrumptious cakes and worked feverishly to ensure there was ample to eat and drink. Thank you also to the Willingale gents who kept the 'slightly stronger' liquid refreshments going! The afternoon at Willingale ended very enjoyably with dancing [the term, of course, used very loosely!] round the maypole. Thank you to all the ringers who visited some or all of towers and I hope everyone had a thoroughly pleasant and entertaining afternoon.



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.



Essex Ringing Course – 6th-8th April 2017



A big thank you to all the organisers, tutors and helpers for the benefit of their experience, their encouragement and constructive advice at this year's course. I hope all the students found it an enjoyable and positive experience and that there were many



moments!

Very early notification from Mary Bone that next year's Essex course will take place from 5th-7th April 2018. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding next year's course, please let Mary know.



May 2017 Events

- ❖ 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: Little Bob Minor and Major at Stansted practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.



June 2017 Events

- ❖ Saturday, 3rd 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, 16th June 2017: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 23rd June 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
- ❖ Why not join the EACR Notices group, a free 'announcement' mailing list – to join, contact:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EACR-Notices>



Odd-struckness Meter Seminar – 10th June 2017

Nigel Taylor, EACR Honorary Technical Adviser, has advised that there are still available places at the above seminar, taking place from 9am-1pm on Saturday, 10th June 2017 at All Saints, Writtle. For those who may be interested, please contact Nigel Taylor direct on nigelsdtaylor@outlook.com or 01268 783792.



Bobbingworth Practice

After a lapse of five years, Bobbingworth has started a practice on every third Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend from 7.30pm-9.00pm, afterwards at the White Hart, Moreton.



District Masters and Secretaries

A number of District Masters and Secretaries attended a general discussion meeting at Writtle on Tuesday, 11th April 2017. It was very informative and helpful and well worth attending.



Tower Captains Meeting

A Tower Captains general discussion meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, 12th April 2017 at The Cock Inn, Henham. It was a very useful and positive meeting and notes will be circulated as soon as possible to all Tower Captains.



St George's Day – 23rd April 2017



A 12-strong band of ringers and friends met at Norton Heath Café for brunch and set off to ring at Bobbingworth, Moreton and Willingale, toasting St George at each with home-made damson gin. Ringing Queens and Kings, Bob Doubles and Old George Doubles [Bob Doubles gone wrong!!] the band made their way to the Willingale Sports and Social Club for a final toast or two and a BBQ at the Kerwin household.



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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 enter a band for the competition, with those bands achieving first and second places representing the EACR NW District at the next round. The meeting will commence at 3.30pm, followed by the draw for the competition. The agenda and minutes of the District Meeting held on 15th October 2016 attached.



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, 15th June 2017

I have attached a flyer advertising this year's BBC Music Day. The theme this year 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 ccbr.org.uk/BBCMusicDay2017.



Heritage Open Days 7th-10th 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.



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



Simulators

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



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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Association Annual Dinner

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, 28th October 2017 at Little Channels, Little Waltham. Contact Andrew Brewster for tickets on treasurer@eacr.org.uk.



Annual District Meeting 28th January 2017

Thank you to Carol Wilkinson for providing the attached minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at Harlow Common on the 28th January 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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