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## Newsletter

### October/November 2017



**Last call for Essex Association Annual Dinner tickets on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**Closing date for ordering tickets is Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Essex Dinner is now just four weeks away and time is running out to book your place at Little Channels, Little Waltham, near Chelmsford. If you are thinking of joining those who have already booked, either as an individual, a couple, or a table of eight, then now is the time to act. Please check with your fellow tower members at your practices or service ringing this week.

The cost of the Dinner is £32, representing excellent value for money. The evening will take the normal format, black tie or lounge suit. There is time to socialise before the meal and speeches, gathering from 6.45pm for 7.30pm, and time for further socialising afterwards. There is a pay bar with real ale too!

The speakers this year are Christopher O'Mahony, the newly elected President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, who undoubtedly will have something to say about the reforms of the

Council and how it might affect our Association and ringers, and the Rt Revd Roderick Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone since 2015 and a provincial episcopal visitor for conservative evangelical members and parishes of the church.

The booking form can be downloaded at <http://eacr.org.uk/events/annual-dinner-2017.html>. Select your menu choices, add your name and send your completed form, SAE [for tickets] and full payment [payable to EACR] to Andrew Brewster, 16 The Priory, Writtle, Essex CM1 3JE. To help with the organising, it would be appreciated if you could book and pay for your tickets at the earliest opportunity. If you wish to pay by bank transfer please contact Andrew Brewster for details at [social@eacr.org.uk](mailto:social@eacr.org.uk)

Please come along and support the dinner and consider bringing a raffle prize as an individual or as a tower. Even if you aren't coming to the Dinner please consider donating a raffle prize – all proceeds are for bell restoration.



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## NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT



### NW District Meeting and Call Change Striking Competition – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The venue for the meeting and the competition, originally planned to take place at Chrishall, will now take place at Henham. The agenda and minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 are attached. The meeting will commence at 3.30pm, followed by the draw for the competition, which is to be judged by Brian Meads. If you have not already done so, please let Ian Kerwin or Sue Evans know if you plan to enter a band. A copy of the competition rules is also attached.



### October 2017 Events

- ❖ Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017: North Western District meeting and Call Change Striking Competition at Henham. **Note venue change.**
- ❖ Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.
- ❖ Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Association Annual Dinner at Little Channels.



### November 2017 Events

- ❖ Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017: Surprise Major Practice at Radwinter – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.



### December 2017 Events

- ❖ No practices planned.



### NW District Carol Service – Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The District Carol Service was unfortunately unable to be held at Hatfield Heath this year and has been moved to Willingale. The Service will take place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017, commencing at 4.00pm and will be conducted by the Reverend Christine Hawkins. Refreshments will be available in the church at the end of the service. It has been a number of years since a Carol Service was held in this District and it would be really good to see as many ringers as possible attending.

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



### NW District ADM – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

An early reminder for your diaries that the NW District ADM will be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Steeple Bumpstead. Further details will be forthcoming nearer the date.



### Essex Young Eagles

If you know any young ringers who would like to join the monthly group practices, please contact Christina Brewster:

[essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk](mailto:essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk)



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### **Bobbingworth and Moreton Practices**

Practices have now commenced at Moreton every Thursday evening, from 7.30pm-9.00pm, except for the fourth Thursday of the month when ringing practice will take place at Bobbingworth, again from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, meeting after ringing at either the White Hart or the Nags Head, Moreton.



### **Thaxted Practices**

After a very long absence, ringing has commenced every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm-9.00pm at Thaxted. Thaxted ringers are a small but enthusiastic band and the start of weekly practices will hopefully encourage more people who are interested in learning to ring to come forward. Whilst the band is fairly new, progress is being made and confidence is growing. If anyone is available to help at these practices with theory and bell handling, it would be much appreciated, and, of course, meeting after ringing at The Swan for a well-earned drink. Please contact Cathy Lowe if you are able to come along on [lowecathy@googlemail.com](mailto:lowecathy@googlemail.com)



### **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.



### **Appeal for 'A Peal for Pudsey'!**

It's coming up to that time of year when a familiar yellow bear with a head bandage starts to appear on TV screens and posters around the country ..... yes, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 is Children in Need night and it's not too far away.

So what has this got to do with bell ringing?

This year, Auntie Beeb is asking bell ringers to get involved and do a sponsored ring to help raise funds. It can be anything from rounds, short touches to peals [and you can ring Pudsey if you want!] and it can be on tower bells, handbells or mini rings. There will be a special BT MyDonate page to show how much bell ringers have raised and an event also created for BellBoard.

You can ring from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 up to the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Not only is it a great excuse to get some extra ringing in but it can be used to raise local awareness of the bells through publicity and sponsorship.

For more information, the link to the Central Council website is:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/2017/08/16/a-peat-for-pudsey-children-in-need-needs-you/>

If you require any help with publicity or have any questions, please contact Emily Ashton on [PRO@eacr.org.uk](mailto:PRO@eacr.org.uk)



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### CCCBR Ringing Reform – Call for Volunteers for Work Group Leaders or Helpers

This is a message from Christopher O'Mahony, CCCBR President:

This is your chance to influence the future direction of the central ringing organisation, to re-energise and reinvigorate ringing at local, national and international levels. To do this, skilled, charismatic, hands-on change agents, ready to give something back, are needed. Even if you are unable to make a commitment yourself, please put this under the noses of fellow ringers who you believe have plenty to offer.

The Executive will start processing nominations after the published closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, particularly with a view to appointing workgroup leaders. The on-line form will, however, remain open for a further week, until 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017, and late nominations will be considered for any positions that remain unfilled. The link is:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/reform/nomination-form>



### Autumn Ringing School

The Autumn Ringing Course commences at Henham on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and runs on Saturdays for eight weeks during October and November. The course, for six students, will cover bell handling, Plain Hunt, and Grandsire.



### Association Training Day – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Helpers are required for the Association Training Day which will be taking place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017. It is based in the South East District this year starting at Broomfield, the other towers being used are Terling, Purleigh, Danbury, Galleywood and Writtle. The groups are Plain Hunt, Trebling to Doubles and Minor, Plain Bob Doubles and Surprise Minor. Applications are open until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, details on the website.

If you are able to help either on the entire day or part of the day, please contact Richard Wilson as soon as possible on 01245 358765 or [education@eacr.org.uk](mailto:education@eacr.org.uk)



### 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](http://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>



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### 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)



### 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).



### Future Newsletters

- ❖ Don't forget to let me know about any items you would like included in the next newsletter.
- ❖ If you are aware of anyone who is not receiving either this newsletter or EACR notices, please ask them to contact me.

**Sue Evans**

**Secretary – North Western District**

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