



# Newsletter

## February-March 2018



### **NW Annual District Meeting – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

The NW District ADM was held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Steeple Bumpstead.

General ringing commenced at 2.45pm, followed by the service conducted by Revd Sue Cruse. Dr Rhona McEune played the organ beautifully. Tea was held in the village hall a short distance from the church, with the chilli and jacket potatoes provided by John Hall extremely welcome on such a cold and wet afternoon. Other members provided desserts and cakes, again, very well received.

34 members and visitors attended the meeting and the following officers were elected:

**District Master: Ian Kerwin**  
**Deputy Master: Mike Slowe**  
**District Secretary: Sue Evans**  
**District Treasurer: Fred Bone**

I must admit to being rather disappointed that more members didn't attend or send their apologies for the afternoon, particularly given it is an annual meeting, and I would really like to

see more people at Waltham Abbey next year, and at this year's May and October meetings. This is, after all, your District, so come along and have your say!

Thank you to Revd Sue Cruse, Dr Rhona McEune, John Hall, and everyone else who contributed toward the afternoon's proceedings.

The minutes of the meeting and associated documentation are attached.

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



### **In Memoriam - David Osgood**

Thaxted bell ringers are sad to report the death of David Osgood, a loyal Sunday service ringer who passed away on the 4th of January, following a massive stroke. We miss David's friendly, helpful, cheerful nature and good humour. Our last memory of David is a happy one: on the Christmas Eve morning service, we were running out of time so 7 of us rang down together. Although not quite in peal we made a wonderful, if slightly clamorous sound. We will be ringing half muffled at David's funeral, anticipated during the week commencing 11th February 2018.

**Trevor Haynes, Thaxted**



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### February 2018 Events

- Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018: 10-12 bell practice at Waltham Abbey – 10.30am-12noon.
- Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018: EACR Management Meeting at Danbury – 2.00pm.
- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Spring Ringing Course starting at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Surprise Major at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018: Stansted practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Young Ringers Practice at Boreham [8 bells].



### March 2018 Events

- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Young Ringers half-day mini outing and evening social.
- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Surprise Major at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018: Stansted practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.
- Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018: 10-12 bell practice at Saffron Walden – 10.30am-12noon.
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Young Ringers Practice at Galleywood [8 bells].



### April 2018 Events

- Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Essex Ringing Course, Coggeshall.
- Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Young Ringers SEECON Practice.
- Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018: 10-12 Bell Practice at Saffron Walden – 10.30am-12noon.
- Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Third SE England Youth Striking Contest [SEECON] at Warnham, Sussex.
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Surprise Major at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.
- Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Young Ringers Practice.



### Spring 2018 Ringing School

The Spring Ringing School will take place at Henham on six Saturday mornings, commencing on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The methods to be covered will be Treble Bob Hunt, moving on to Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Helpers are always required to assist on both the Spring and Autumn courses. There are a good number of extremely knowledgeable ringers in the District and if you are willing to spend some time providing advice and passing on the benefit of your experience, please contact Ian Kerwin on [iankerwin@btinternet.com](mailto:iankerwin@btinternet.com) for your name to be added to the helpers list.



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### 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.



### 2018 Essex Course

The Essex Course will run from the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Ian Kerwin will be organising the ringing towers and towers can look forward in due course to receiving requests for tower usage during these dates. Application forms can be found at [essexcourse@eacr.org.uk](mailto:essexcourse@eacr.org.uk) and the deadline for course applications is Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Mary Bone has asked for suggestions for additional sessions, also for more experienced ringers to apply as helpers, organised by Hilary Donoghue: [coursehelpers@eacr.org.uk](mailto:coursehelpers@eacr.org.uk) The Adrian Semkin scholarship covering the full course fee can be applied for by anyone under 25 on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018; there is also a special course rate for under 18s.



### 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](mailto:secretary@eacr.org.uk)



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

For the first time in a good number of years, the District Carol Service took place at 4.00pm on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Willingale. The service was conducted by the Revd Christine Hawkins, Priest in Charge at Willingale, and approximately 40 people attended. The Service and the readers were superb and were greatly enjoyed by everyone, and the refreshments served after the service were very much welcomed.

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.



### BBC Essex Radio

Early in the morning on New Year's Eve, Ian Kerwin and Peter Tottman, both from Willingale, gave an interview on BBC Essex Radio, promoting both bell ringing generally and the need for more ringers for the commemoration of the end of WW1 in November 2018. It was a very good interview and I hope some of you managed to catch up with this on BBC Iplayer.



### 2018 Subscriptions

Can Tower Captains please ensure that all member subscriptions are collected and paid as soon as possible.



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#### Benefice Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Willingale, Bobbingworth, Fyfield, and Moreton held their Benefice Christmas Dinner at the White Hart in Moreton on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017, with about 40 people attending. Peter Tottman and Ken Heymer delivered an



extremely entertaining after-dinner speech and together with the good food and good company, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



#### Ringling in the New Year at Waltham Abbey

A gathering of ringers and their families met at 11.30 pm on New Year's Eve to ring out the Old Year and ring in Waltham Abbey. There Kerwin, District Master and Worcestershire who was rang, including two experienced the event custom, members of the commented how the bells marking New



Year. There were seven ringers including Ian Eleanor Baber, ringer from visiting. Three of our new ringers youngsters, who had not before. Since we began this local church and community have meaningful it is for them to hear Year.

**Jane Walters**  
**Waltham Abbey**



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### Thaxted Tour – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Saturday, 20th January was a cold, wet but enjoyable day for our Thaxted tour. With much appreciated support from Willingale, we travelled over the border into the North District and rang at Finchingfield, Great Bardfield, Stebbing, Felsted and Great Easton. Being a group of both novice and experienced ringers, it was good to try a wide variety of bells within five different ringing chambers. We returned to Thaxted for a well earned drink at the Swan followed by overnight earned recharge before 9:25am Sunday service ringing. The tour will hopefully become an annual event with a fresh set of towers each year.



**Trevor Haynes**  
Thaxted

**Sue Evans**  
**Secretary – North Western District**

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