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Newsletter

July-August 2018

For the sake of completeness given there wasn't a June newsletter, I have included some slightly earlier information but hope this does not detract from your enjoyment.

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and kind words following my recent, unexpected stay in hospital. It was an extremely traumatic time, not just for me but also family and friends. However, I'm pleased to report that I am well on the way to full recovery, and, true to those well known words, "I'll be back"!

Sue Evans



July 2018 Events

- Sunday, 1st July 2018: RWNYP mini-outing – PM.
- Saturday, 7th July 2018: RWNYP visit to London, hosted by Southwark Cathedral.
- Saturday, 14th July 2018: EACR 6 bell Method Striking Competition final at Gt Totham and 8 bell Competition at Goldhanger, ringing Lincolnshire Surprise Major.
- Friday, 20th July 2018: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 27th July 2018: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.



August 2018 Events

- Friday, 17th August 2018: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 24th August 2018: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.



September 2018 Events

- Saturday, 1st September 2018: 10/12 Bell Practice at Saffron Walden – 10.30am-12noon.
- Friday, 21st September 2018: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 28th September 2018: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.
- Saturday, 29th September 2018: Young Ringers Outing.



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NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition – Saturday, 12th May 2018 at Thaxted



Ian Kerwin, District Master, welcomed 34 ringers and friends to the meeting, [minutes attached] at the end of which the draw for the Method Striking Competition took place. Five bands were entered for this competition – Henham, Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Waltham Abbey, Willingale – and following a swift cup of tea, the competition got underway.

Congratulations go to Saffron Walden, Willingale and Henham who respectively achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and well done to Waltham Abbey and Sawbridgeworth for taking part. Saffron Walden and Willingale will go forward to participate in the EACR final at Great Totham on Saturday, 14th July 2018 and both bands are wished the best of luck. The full results were:



Position	Tower	Faults
1 st	Saffron Walden	45
2 nd	Willingale	77
3 rd	Henham	85
4 th	Waltham Abbey	96
5 th	Sawbridgeworth	Did not complete

Given the response of “oh no, not Thaxted!” when the competition venue was announced, an excerpt from comments received from Trevor Haynes from Thaxted following the afternoon’s events are shared below:

“It was good to see each team leaving the tower with smiling faces and hearing several comments about our bells along the lines of, ‘they were nowhere as bad as I thought they would be’. Visiting ringers are always welcome to our Tuesday evening practice and we hope to host further meetings and competitions in the future.”

Trevor Haynes, Thaxted

A big thank you goes to the judges, John Peverett and Alan Curtis, who did a sterling job. Thanks also go to Thaxted for hosting the meeting and competition and to everyone who provided the delicious cakes and helped with the refreshments.

The EACR Striking Competition Finals will take place on Saturday, 14th July 2018:

- **6 Bell Competition:** This will be held at St Peter, Great Totham [postcode CM9 8NP], with the draw taking place at 2:00pm. The church has a small car park shared with the owners of the Old Vicarage. Parking is also available alongside the white picket fence on Church Road.



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- The Church Hall will be available for toilets, tea and coffee during the afternoon. Good luck to Saffron Walden and Willingale from the NW District and to all participating District bands.
- **Tea** will be served in Goldhanger Village Hall, Head Street, Goldhanger, Essex CM9 8AY [4 miles, 12 minutes away] after all of the teams have rung. Names for tea to Jo Elliott by 11th July at the very latest se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk. The results of the 6 Bell Competition will also be announced at Goldhanger.
- **8 Bell Competition:** This will be held at St Peter, Goldhanger [postcode CM9 8AS] with the draw taking place at 7:00pm. The test piece is a plain course of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. There is plenty of parking at the rear of the hall or along Head Street or near the church in Church Street.



Data Privacy Notice - GDPR

Data Protection law is changing and we want to keep you up to date with the steps the Essex Association of Change Ringers is taking.

On the 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation, known as GDPR, comes into effect. GDPR imposes additional obligations on organisations and gives you extra rights around how your data is used. The changes in law will provide you with greater transparency and control over your personal data.

We want you to know that the EACR respects the information we collect and store and that we take the security of your information very seriously.

We have today published a new Privacy Notice which sets out how we will collect and use your personal information and what your individual data protection and privacy rights will be under the new regulation.

To ensure our continued compliance with data protection and privacy laws, we may update the Privacy Policy from time to time; therefore we encourage you to review the Privacy Policy periodically to keep up to date. We will always let you know if we make any material changes to the way we process and store your personal data.

We encourage you to take a moment to read our updated [Privacy Policy](#), which is also attached.

If you wish to stop receiving emails from us please let me know with a short message to datacontroller@eacr.org.uk

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us.

Andrew Brewster
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2018 Essex Course - 5th-7th April 2018

Another successful year at the Essex Course, attended by 77 students, spread across 13 groups. As I am sure you are all aware, Mary Bone retired this year as Course Organiser and at the District meeting, thanked everyone for the gifts she received.

Early notice for your diaries..... Next year's Essex Course will take place from 11th-13th April 2019. As many helpers as possible are needed for all groups and whether you can commit to one day or three, all help is greatly appreciated.



Autumn Ringing School

The Autumn Ringing School will take place for seven consecutive Saturday mornings, commencing 13th October 2018. Please let Ian Kerwin have your preferred course suggestions as early as possible.

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 for your name to be added to the helpers list.



AmazonSmile Foundation

If you shop online, why not go to smile.amazon.co.uk and choose The Central Council of Church Bellringers <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/270036-0> to help raise funds to develop new learners and leaders. The AmazonSmile Foundation operates a charitable giving portal which donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to your chosen charity [purchase price being the amount paid for items minus rebates and excluding shipping and handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes or service charges].



Ringing Remembers in 2018

The Ringing Remembers campaign is gathering momentum now, but we are still a way off our target of 1400 new recruits in time for ringing on 11th November 2018 for the Centenary of the Armistice.

In order to assist with promotion of the campaign in your area, as well as finding other resources on the CCCBR website, you can now order copies of the Ringing Remembers A3 poster and the leaflet at : <https://a100.cccbr.org.uk/order/> Districts and individual towers can request them if they need them.

Don't forget to make sure that your learners are registered at <https://a100.cccbr.org.uk/register/> in order to be included in the 1400 and to receive their special badge nearer the time.

Vicki Chapman

Ringing Remembers Project Co-ordinator

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Representative

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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.



Essex Young Ringers - Ringing World National Youth Contest – 7th July 2018

This event will be hosted this year by Southwark Cathedral. Heats will be held in the morning with the top two bands from each heat going through to the final in the afternoon.



64th Annual Essex Dinner

Following all the delightful comments received last year, this year's annual dinner will again take place on Saturday, 13th October 2018 at Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 3PR. To secure your place please send a non-returnable deposit of £15pp and complete and return the Booking Form together with the appropriate amount. If you would rather make your payment via direct credit, then please email for details at social@eacr.org.uk. A Booking Form and menu can be downloaded from the EACR website.



NW District Meeting and Call Change Striking Competition

The next NW District meeting will be held at **Parndon on Saturday, 6th October 2018, commencing at 9.30am**. This will be followed by the draw for the Call Change Striking Competition. It would be good to see as many bands as possible taking part in this competition, so time enough to 'encourage' your tower captains to start thinking about entering a band.



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Learning the Ropes

Finally, thank you to Ken Heymer from Moreton for the following poignant and emotional article.....

LEARNING THE ROPES!

In the course of the last 18 months or so, I sincerely trust that members will have cast an eye over the WW1 Bell commemoration project and the invitation offered by Ian Kerwin to join in this important, nationwide event. The take up thus far has been a little disappointing so I thought it was about time that I, (as one who has taken up the challenge), shared something of my experiences and in so doing will hopefully stir just a few more people into action.

For me, the inspiration goes back many years. I have always loved music in its many and varied forms. I am something of a traditionalist: not only am I proud of my country but more importantly I am proud of the pathway that was laid for me by my parents and grandparents. That inevitably has historic links to the horrors and privations of two world wars. The sheer grit, determination and of course sacrifices they made that laid the foundations for our generation to thrive and succeed. How can we, in some small way, repay that debt?

Now before I attempt to answer that question let me just mention something else that I hope will strike chords of emotion in some of our readers. In this "Green and Pleasant Land" that is England, it fascinates and intrigues me that despite the advances and technology of the 21st century there are still many sounds of the past that linger on and remain unchanged. The first cuckoo of Spring; then, living as we do, close to North Weald, the distinctive sounds of vintage aircraft that are often heard. The hoot and whistle of the Ongar steam trains are constant reminders of past years. Pass by Moreton School at morning break or at lunchtime and the sound of children at play is as fresh and timeless as ever. And so inevitably we then come to

"THE BELLS."

The ringing of church bells goes back centuries and in our parish of Moreton, Willingale, Fyfield and Bobbingworth we have the good fortune and distinction of having four wonderful country churches, each with a well maintained and fully functioning set of 6 bells. (They also have good organs; but that's perhaps another story for another day). The problem is that in order to get that glorious sound of celebration and remembrance that we all enjoy and far too easily take for granted, someone (ideally at least a minimum of 6 someone's) have to learn the necessary skills of bell control and then the various routines and change patterns in order to achieve the end result.

Yes, it takes time, energy and commitment but as one who is relatively early in their ringing career I can assure you that the satisfaction and enjoyment that comes from taking part and passing through just some of the many milestones of learning that await, the end result is truly rewarding and very satisfying.



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My own personal experience actually began on Christmas Eve of 2016, when I simply paused for a few minutes in the entrance of St Germain's just before the Journey to Bethlehem children's service. A band of 6 ringers were in full action and orders to the ringers (which at the time made absolutely no sense at all to me) were being called. My grandson was also intrigued at the sight of the 6 ringers and later that evening in that wonderful atmosphere of Christmas excitement he challenged me by betting that I could not be one of the 6 that would ring at the Christmas service, one year later. Well the rest, as they say is now history, just like those who will be remembered in November this year. I have had a few bumps and bruises along the way, and my pride has been dented on a few occasions when absolutely stupid and unforgiveable mistakes have been made. But despite now turning 70 years, I still look forward to many more Christmases and I for one know exactly how I can repay something of the debt to my ancestors.

At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month I shall be in the bell tower.

(plus of course a few more evenings before then in earnest, hard practice).

ANYONE FEEL LIKE JOINING ME?

Then do give Ian Kerwin or indeed myself a call and your personal challenge can commence. (But don't leave it too much longer, time is running short).

Ian Kerwin: 07837 170816 (email: iankerwin@btinternet.com).

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..... and as Ken has said, hopefully this will stir just a few people into action

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