



Essex Association of Change Ringers

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Registered Charity No 292250

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT



Newsletter

November-December 2018



November 2018 Events

- Friday, 16th November 2018: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 23rd November 2018: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 24th November 2018: Association Training Day, Southern District.
- Sunday, 25th November 2018: Young Ringers Practice.



December 2018 Events

- Saturday, 1st December 2018: 10/12 Bell Practice at Waltham Abbey – 10.30am-12noon.
- Saturday, 8th December 2018: NW District Carol Service at Hatfield Heath.



January 2018 Events

- Friday, 25th January 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 26th January 2019: NW District ADM at Waltham Abbey.



Ringling Remembers

Updated Ringling Remembers information can be found via the EACR website: www.eacr.org.uk ; Facebook page and Essex Notices. The District needs to get as many as possible churches to ring at 12.30pm. Please let me know about the ringling events your tower has planned. Towers can also add their planned events to the Ringling World Bellboard on <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk>, remembering to confirm completion. If anyone requires assistance with their ringling plans please let Ian Kerwin know.

From Vicki Chapman: vicki@cvevrc.co.uk>

CCCBR has been updating the sign-up database over the last few weeks in anticipation of sending out Ringling Remembers badges to new recruits. If you have already registered, please ensure you have logged in and updated your account so CCCBR knows you are learning to ring. Please help by asking other new recruits to register and update their profile via the link <https://a100.cccbr.org.uk> Badges will be sent out to those learners who registered prior to the 11th October 2018 and hopefully will be received in time for them to wear when they ring on Armistice Day. These special badges are for Ringling Remembers recruits to recognise their participation.

Learners who have signed up after 11th October 2018 will still receive a badge but delivery prior to Armistice Day cannot be guaranteed.



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The cut-off day for being counted as part of Ringing Remembers is the 11th November 2018 – after that day learners will no longer be able to register for this campaign which has sought to recruit new bell ringers to commemorate the 1400 that died in WW1. Ringing Remembers recruits will ring on Armistice Day alongside existing ringers across the country.

All bell towers will be able to receive special certificates for ringing at 12.30pm on 11th November 2018 to recognise their contribution to the UK Government's National WW1 centenary commemorations. More details for these certificates will be announced shortly.



NW District Carol Service – Saturday, 8th December 2018

The District Carol Service will be held on Saturday, 8th December 2018 at St. Mary the Virgin, Hatfield Broad Oak, a fine ring of eight, tenor 17-1-15. There will be open ringing from 3.00pm, with the Service commencing at 4.00pm, followed by refreshments in the church. I have again attached the voting slip which you can use to choose your three favourite carols – don't forget the deadline for voting is Sunday, 4th November 2018. We look forward to seeing a good number of you there.



Autumn Ringing School

The Autumn Ringing School commenced at Henham for six students on the 13th October 2018, covering Trebling, Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor. The course is for eight weeks and finishes on Saturday, 1st December 2018.



Saturday Afternoon Practices

Additional Saturday afternoon practices after the Saturday morning Ringing School, commenced for eight weeks from Saturday, 13th October 2018 at Willingale from 1.30pm-4.30pm, using the simulator to cover bell handling, rounds, call changes and ringing up and down. There is no need to book, just come when, and for as long as, you wish, although it would be helpful to let me know in advance if you are attending. Tea, coffee and cake will be available to keep you going – donations welcome – or just come for afternoon tea if that suits.

Ian Kerwin

District Master



Helpers Needed

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.



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NW District Meeting and Call Change Striking Competition

The NW District Meeting and Call Change Striking Competition were held at St Mary's, Great Parndon on Saturday, 6th October 2018. The meeting commenced at 9.30am, with 47 ringers and friends attending, minutes attached.

The draw for the Call Change Striking Competition followed the meeting and the results were:

Place	Band	Faults
1 st	Waltham Abbey	37
2 nd	Sawbridgeworth	47
3 rd	Henham	54.5
4 th	Thaxted	55
5 th	Bishops Stortford	56.5
6 th	Willingale A	59
7 th	Willingale B	72.5



Congratulations to Waltham Abbey for winning this competition for the second year running. The band comprised [L-R]:

Roger Pascoe,
Susan John,
Jane Walters,
Amanda Beggs,
Ian Apps,
Peter Phelps.



Congratulations also go to Sawbridgeworth for achieving 2nd place and to Henham for achieving 3rd place.





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Well done to Thaxted, Bishop's Stortford, Willingale A and Willingale B bands for their very creditable efforts in this competition, particularly given how close the scoring was for the middle placed bands.

It was very pleasing to have seven bands entered for the competition, and we look forward to more bands taking part next year.

A big thank you goes to John Harpole, who did a sterling job judging the competition and providing good feedback on band performances, all whilst during the ringing, competing with the wind, rain and tree surgery taking place! Thanks also go to Great Parndon for hosting the meeting and competition and to everyone who provided the delicious cakes and helped with the refreshments.



64th Annual Essex Dinner

Again, this year's dinner, held at Little Channels, Chelmsford, was an extremely enjoyable evening, with good food, delightful company and excellent speeches from Andrew Kelso, Master of the Association, the Venerable Vanessa Herrick the Archdeacon of Harlow and Colin Parker, former organiser of the Ringing World National Youth Contest.



New and Returned Ringers

Are you aware of any new and returned ringers in your towers who are not on my circulation list for the newsletters/information etc? If so, please ask them to contact me to ensure they are kept informed as to what is happening in the District.



2019 Essex Course – 11th-13th April 2019

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.



EACR and easyfundraising

There's never been a better time to invite your friends and family to join easyfundraising. For a limited time only, for every friend that registers to join Essex Association of Change Ringers, they will be entered into the prize draw to win a £500 donation. Plus, don't forget to use your unique referral link to get £5 bonus donations for everyone who signs up and raises £5. To find out more, go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/B5JIB7/AMXK3U/>



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.



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Older Ringers

I was recently sent a copy of an article by Wendy Graham relating to those ringers who take up bell ringing in their later years and the problems and issues which can arise. I found it to be a very interesting article [not least because I could identify with some of the problems!!] so take a look. Good for experienced ringers to read as well! <https://www.treblesgoing.org.uk/olderringers.html>



**On behalf of the North Western District Committee, I
would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

Ian Kerwin, District Master



Sue Evans
Secretary – North Western District

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