



# NEWSLETTER

## JULY-AUGUST 2019



### July 2019 Events

- Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019: RWNYS at Liverpool.
- Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019: EACR Striking Competition.
- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019: Young Ringers Practice.
- Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.



### August 2019 Events

- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019: District Ringing Outing.
- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm.



### September 2019

- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019: 10-12 Bell Practice at Waltham Abbey [venue subject to change] – 10.30am-12noon.
- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Young Ringers Day Outing.



### Media

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### NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition

The NW District Meeting took place at Nazeing on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019, followed by the Method Striking Competition. Four bands took part – Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Waltham Abbey and Willingale; unfortunately, Saffron Walden had to withdraw its band at the last moment.

Bishop's Stortford and Waltham Abbey drew first and second places to ring but both, unfortunately, failed to complete. Willingale rang next with some fine ringing but experienced a slight mix-up at the very end of the method and ended with 82.5 faults. Sawbridgeworth rang last although their ringing was slightly unsettled, ending with 101 faults. However, due to the Willingale mix-up, Sawbridgeworth was adjudged to be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place and Willingale 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Thanks to Nigel and Julia Taylor for judging this competition and to Nazeing for providing the very welcome refreshments.



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### 6 bell competition

The finals of the 6 bell competition take place on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Unfortunately, due to holidays and general unavailability, Sawbridgeworth is unable to field a band for this competition, and Bishop's Stortford will be joining Willingale in the finals at St Laurence and All Saints, Eastwood SS2 6UY. The draw will take place at 2.00pm.

If travelling to Eastwood from the A127 take the first exit at the Tesco roundabout; do not turn right at the first roundabout but take the third exit at the second roundabout where the church is signposted. Parking is in front of the church and also in the closed off road beside the church – go through the open gate and ignore the double yellow lines. Facilities and refreshments will be available in the church during the afternoon.

After all the bands have rung, and a short walk away, tea will be served at the Church Hall, Eastwoodbury Lane, SS2 6UH. The results of the 6 bell competition will be announced at tea. Names for tea by the 10<sup>th</sup> July at the latest to Beth Johnson [s-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk](mailto:s-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk) Parking is available in front of, and behind, the hall.

### 8 bell competition

The District will be entering a band for the 8 bell competition, also taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at St Andrew's, Rochford SS4 1NW. The draw will be at 7.00pm. Parking is available on the grass by the church wall.



### **NW District Meeting and Call Change Competition**

The next District meeting and Call Change Competition will take place at Sawbridgeworth at 9.30am on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019. As discussed at the last meeting, two dates have been agreed with Sawbridgeworth on which bands can practice prior to the competition:

- Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 10am-12noon;
- Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 2pm-4pm.

As many bands as possible are encouraged to attend this competition and if your tower would like to participate in a pre-practice, please let me know your preferred date.



### **District Outing – Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Penny Browne is well on the way to completing arrangements for the District outing on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 around the Suffolk area, so look out for further updates.



### **Autumn Ringing Course**

The Autumn Ringing Course will take place over eight consecutive Saturday mornings commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please let Ian Kerwin know which methods you would like to practice.



### **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](mailto:iankerwin@btinternet.com) for your name to be added to the helpers list.



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### Saturday Afternoon Practices

The additional Saturday afternoon practices held by Ian Kerwin at Willingale after the Saturday morning Spring Ringing Course again proved very successful and the sessions were extremely well attended. These sessions will take place after the Autumn Ringing Course.



### 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Essex Dinner

This year's dinner will be held at Benton Hall Golf and Country Club, Wickham Hill, Witham CM8 3LH. on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Alan Regin MBE, Steward of the CCCBR Rolls of Honour and Revd Paul Watkin, EACR Chaplain, have been confirmed as speakers. The ticket price is £34 and further details of menu and order form can be found on the EACR website.



### Association Training Day 2019

Some way off, but a reminder for your calendar, that the Association Training Day will take place in the North Western District on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.



### Association Carol Service

Also some way off, there is no District Carol Service this year as it is the year for the Association Carol Service which takes place once every five years in one of the districts. This year the Carol Service will be held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Coggeshall, with ringing from 3.00pm and the service commencing at 4.30pm.



### 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.



### Essex Course Clothing

Colin Chapman has received several enquiries for Essex Course clothing since the course ended and is happy to place a further order. The course clothing catalogue and order form can be found via the link at the bottom of the Essex Course page on the EACR website or <http://www.chapman2.uk/eacr/EssexCourseClothing/>. The web page contains the pricing and catalogue information, downloadable as a PDF or by scrolling down the page. Use either the PDF order form or email Colin directly via the link on the web page with your requirements [garment type and reference, size, colour, quantity, price]. Payment can be by cheque payable to EACR and sent to the address on the order form, or email Colin for bank details. Colin will place the order after the Striking Competition finals on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to have the garments available during August.



### Heritage Open Days 2019

A reminder that Heritage Open Days will take place across two weekends from 13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September, providing an opportunity to get people into your tower. This year is 25 years of Heritage Open Days and it has a special theme: PEOPLE POWER. There is also a mini-project called 'Unsung Stories', looking at bringing to life stories [individual and collective] that haven't been highlighted before. Does your tower have a unique story? Would it make good publicity for you? HOD can commission artists to work with local organisers to really make that story stand out. To get involved, follow the link: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>



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### WALTHAM ABBEY 7th BELL - UPDATE

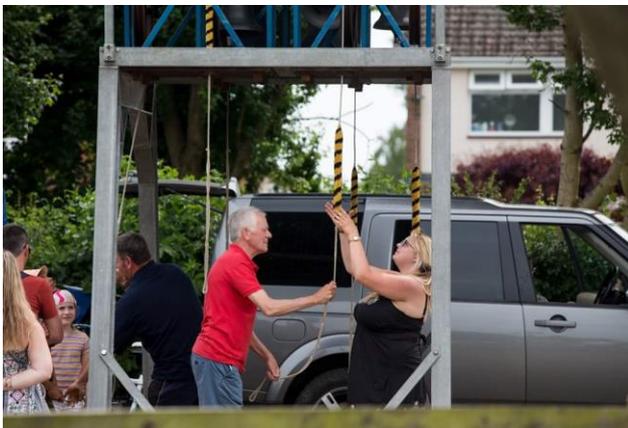
The work on repairing the 7<sup>th</sup> bell and restoring the ring of twelve is progressing. Before the practical work can begin decisions have to be made and permissions sought. We are presently awaiting a decision by the PCC to recast the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> bells. It makes sense to recast the 6<sup>th</sup>, the only other Briant bell in the tower, as it could crack in the near future. Also, we can buy one, get one half price, as we will save on labour costs by doing both together! If they agree then we can apply for a Faculty – a slow process. All are supportive of getting the bells in working order as soon as possible. We ring the front six on Sundays and for weddings, but they don't sound very good! When we are ready to go we shall be very grateful for any ringer who can spare time to provide labour to work with the bell hanger to get the bells in and out of the tower. Watch this space!!

**Jane Walters, Waltham Abbey**



### The Charnborough Ring at Thaxted Fayre

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019, the Charnborough Ring came to Thaxted Fayre. The weather was exceptionally fine and we had a steady flow of visitors throughout the day, with many willing to have a go at ringing for the first time. Amongst the visitors was one who hadn't rung since 1952 and he hadn't lost his touch either, quickly getting the feel of ringing on the very light bells! We had interest from visitors of all ages and it was particularly good to have many young people stop by and have a go. At the end of the event we had the contact details for 12 potential ringers who will, hopefully, in due course expand the



numbers for both ourselves and neighbouring towers. The Thaxted Fayre Trust was so impressed they have asked us to return next year with the promise of a 'pride of place' pitch and the opportunity to provide a ringing demonstration as one of their main attractions. A big thank you to Ian and Denise Kerwin, Peter Tottman and Bill and Liz Griffith-Jones for their invaluable assistance in making the day such a great success.

**Trevor Haynes, Thaxted**



**Sue Evans**

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