



# JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020



## January 2020 Events

- Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020: District Stedman Course at Henham.
- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm
- Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Methods Practice at Stansted – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020: NW District ADM at Bishop's Stortford.
- Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Young Ringers Practice – 4.30pm.



## February 2020 Events

- Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020: EACR Management Meeting at Danbury – 2.30pm-6.00pm.
- Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020: Young Ringers Practice – 4.30pm.
- Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Methods Practice at Henham – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.



## March 2020 Events

- Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Methods Practice at Stansted – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Spring Ringing Course at Henham – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Foundation Skills Practice at Willingale – 1.00pm-4.30pm.
- Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Half Day Youth Ringers Mini Outing and Evening Social.



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### NW District ADM – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The NW District Annual District Meeting will take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Bishop's Stortford. There will be open ringing from 2.45pm, the service at 4.00pm, followed by tea and the meeting. If you plan on attending the meeting and staying for tea [hopefully many of you will!] please let Veronica Brand [veronicabrand54@gmail.com](mailto:veronicabrand54@gmail.com) or 07944 874996 know by Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. Watch this space for further detail.

Please ensure all new ringers complete the EACR membership form available at: <https://eacr.org.uk/docs/admin/membership-application-form.pdf> at a cost of £8 per year.

For existing ringing members who will be continuing their EACR membership, the cost is £8, Junior ringing members £4, Friends £4; it would be helpful if as many subscriptions as possible were available at the ADM.



### District Training Day – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020

An extra training day for six students, now fully subscribed, has been arranged at Henham on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for an introduction to Stedman Doubles, with lunch arranged at The Cock.



### Spring Ringing Course

The Spring Ringing Course for six students will commence at Henham on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020, running for eight weeks. The course will cover a miscellany of doubles methods. If you can confidently ring touches to Bob Doubles and Grandsire, then this course could be for you, having a go at several other doubles methods to expand your repertoire. There are six student places available, so please let Ian Kerwin know by Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 on [iankerwin@btinternet.com](mailto:iankerwin@btinternet.com) if you wish to be considered for this course.



### 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.



### Saturday Afternoon Foundation Skills Practices

The additional Saturday afternoon practices are being held by Ian Kerwin at Willingale after the Saturday morning Spring Ringing Course, including lunch and teatime refreshments. The practices have proved very successful in the past and have been extremely well attended.



### Autumn Ringing Course

The Autumn Ringing Course took place on eight Saturday mornings during October and November at Henham for six students, covering Plain Hunt and Plain Bob Doubles.



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### Association Carol Service – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The Association Carol Service took place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Coggeshall, with very well attended open ringing prior to the service. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



### 2020 Meeting and Competition Dates for your Diaries [details forthcoming nearer the dates]:

- **NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition 2020**  
The District Meeting and Method Striking Competition will take place at 9.30am on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Arkesdon.
- **Finals of the 6 and 8 bell Method Striking Competition 2020**  
The finals of the 6 and 8 bell Method Striking Competitions will take place on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- **NW District Meeting and Call Change Competition 2020**  
The District Meeting and Call Change Competition will take place at 9.30am on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at Matching.



### 2020 AGM

A reminder that next year's AGM has been moved to Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



### Annual Essex Dinner 2020

Next year's Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



### Media

To join EACR notices email: [EACR-Notices-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:EACR-Notices-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

To join the District Facebook page, go on to Facebook, search for NW District EACR and request to join.



### 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.



### Waltham Abbey Surprise!

The new recipe book – Waltham Abbey Surprise – compiled by ringers using well tried family recipes, is still available to buy at a mouth-watering price of £7.50, with all proceeds going towards Waltham Abbey Repair Fund. To find out more or to order your copy, please contact Margaret and Perry French on 07971 297730 or Jane Walters on 07803 939023.



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#### WALTHAM ABBEY 7th BELL - UPDATE AWAITED

We are very pleased to report that the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> bells were recast at the Bell Foundry – Taylor's of Loughborough – on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

34 of us went to Loughborough for the day and were privileged to see the two castings. It was a very special experience. We were well looked after by the staff at the Foundry with the 7<sup>th</sup> cast in the morning and we



were able to watch from the gallery. We were then directed to the Three Nuns pub in the town where we enjoyed a delicious lunch, efficiently served as we had less than an hour before a tour of the Works.

[Left: bell metal ready to cast]

We saw our new headstock, brightly painted, and the repaired clapper of the 11<sup>th</sup> bell, as well as learning about the tuning process and how wheels are made. Then it was time for the 6<sup>th</sup> casting, again, fascinating to watch.

The two bells are in memoriam for ringers:

- The names on the 6<sup>th</sup> bells are:
  - Peter Laws, Owen Webster and Neville Unwin.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> bell was recast by the EACR in memory of Life Vice Presidents:
  - John Armstrong, Don Cobb, Peter Eves and Adrian Semken.



[Above: casting the 7<sup>th</sup> bell]

We are now awaiting a firm date for the bells to come back, hopefully in January 2020.

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



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### A Year of Welsh Delights

In 2018 Clive Moore came up with the idea of ringing the 12 Delight minor methods named after the months in the Cornish language, each method to be rung in the named month. We managed to complete the challenge, not always with the same band, and with a few retries along the way.

For 2019, Ian Cresshull suggested that we ring the 6<sup>th</sup> place versions of the Cornish methods and name them after the Welsh months. These would all be new methods so were available for us to name once we had completed a quarter. In the event, one of the 6<sup>th</sup> place Delight methods had already been rung and named so Ian had to devise a new method for that month. This year the same band rang all the quarters except once when Frank Warboys trebled for us. The band comprised Ian and Pat Cresshull, Clive Moore, Di Carpenter, Liz Griffith-Jones and our ever-reliable treble Gerald Pearson. All the quarters were rung at Hatfield Heath or Henham in the relevant month.

The new Delight minor methods are named after the Welsh months: Mis Ionawr, Mis Chwefror, Mis Mawrth, Mis Ebrill, Mis Mai, Mis Mehefin, Mis Gorffennaf, Mis Awst, Mis Medi, Mis Hydref, Mis Tachwedd and Mis Rhagfyr.

It has been a challenging but very enjoyable project. All we need now is something to keep us busy in 2020!

### Liz Griffith-Jones, Henham



### Willingale Becomes an ART Hub



The restoration of Willingale's bells in 2012 necessitated the teaching of new ringers. There had not been a Willingale band prior to the restoration and restored bells without ringers is pointless. That teaching activity has continued, with Willingale being proud to have hosted many teaching courses, etc. and recently facilitating the re-establishment of regular ringing at Bobbingworth, Moreton and Thaxted.

Willingale's bells, that are of average weight and go well, combined with the ringing simulator and the ringing chamber being bright and airy with good access, makes the tower particularly suited to the teaching of new ringers. Also, the church has a toilet and tea/coffee making facilities.

Ian Kerwin, who has led the teaching at Willingale, has completed ART Module 1 and is working towards being accredited at Module 2, such that all elements are in place for the tower to be recognized as an ART Centre. This it now is. The emphasis at the Willingale Centre will be the teaching of new ringers, this being essential to keeping ringing alive and well, and for the re-establishment of regular ringing at towers that have laid dormant.

New ringers can expect a warm welcome, structured learning and know that best practice is being used in their teaching. To find out more visit ART at - [ART](#) or contact Ian [iankerwin@btinternet.com](mailto:iankerwin@btinternet.com)

### Peter Tottman, Willingale





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#### Celebrating Christmas in Style



On the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 43 ringers, family and friends from Willingale and the benefice thoroughly enjoyed Christmas dinner, superbly organized by Kelly Kerwin, at Mulberry House near Ongar, and we were treated to a lovely traditional fayre.



Peter Tottman took the role of Master of Ceremonies, ensuring glasses were charged [as if we needed encouragement!!] for the toasts and inviting each of the Tower Captains to provide a brief resume of their year's activities.

Then Ken Heymer took to the floor and delivered a fantastic awards ceremony, with BAMBI Awards being presented to deserving people. The Awards ended a great evening and a good year for the benefice.



And if you are wondering what BAMBI stands for, you will just have to wait for the next newsletter!!



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