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TOWER :

THE A.G.M.

The 1995 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, 29th May 1995. The Service and Meeting are to be held at Chelmsford Cathedral with the Cathedral bells available for general ringing from 9.15am until 9.45am. Members and visitors are requested to be seated by 9.55am as the service will start at 10am sharp. This year the address is to be given by the Rev'd. Canon Desmond Sherlock, vicar of St. Nicolas, Witham. Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside our control, the Boreham Choir cannot be with us this year. The Meeting, also held in the Cathedral, will follow the Service and is to start at 11am. Morning coffee will be available from 9.15am at the Age Concern Hall, and lunch, also in the Age Concern Hall, will be at 1pm. This year the lunch is to be served by members of the Northern District with afternoon ringing in the South-Eastern District. Tea will be available at Broomfield. Tickets for Lunch (£4.50) and Tea (£1.50), including a Tower List, are available from M.A. Bishop, 56, Edinburgh Gardens, Braintree, Essex CM7 9LH. Please send your cheque, made payable to the EACR, together with names and a SAE, by Wednesday 24th May.

The February Committee Meeting

The Committee met as usual, at Danbury, on the first Saturday in February, where the following points were amongst the items on the agenda.

Nominations for Association Officers. The present Officers had indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and had been nominated en bloc by all the Districts. These nominations would go forward to the AGM.

Nominations for Life Members. One nomination had been received, that of Peter Childs, Boreham, proposed by Mick Edwards, seconded by Joe E.G. Roast. This nomination goes forward to the AGM.

Nominations for Association Representatives to the Central Council: Of the current representatives only Fred Bone and John Armstrong had indicated their willingness to stand for election. Two other nominations had been received as follows:- David Sparling, Proposed by Bernard Fairhead, seconded by Chris Lamb and Adrian Semken, Proposed by David Sloman, seconded by Alan Cansdale. These nominations would go forward to the AGM.



'Old Boys Celebrate Centenary

Southend High School for Boys celebrates it's centenary this year and among the many events being held, a group of bell-ringers paid their own tribute. Five of the band are still living and ringing in the area but they had to look further afield for the remaining three ringers. One, Roy Threadgold, wasn't far away - still in Essex at Wethersfield and the other two were found at Tunbridge Wells and Swindon. Whether much persuasion was needed, I wasn't told but they all turned up at Prittlewell and rang a peal of 5056 Plain Bob Major. The complete band was:-

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| 1. David Sloman (C) | 5. David Hill |
| 2. Bernard Sadler | 6. Pip Sadler (Tunbridge Wells) |
| 3. Steven Halliwell | 7. Peter Sloman |
| 4. Roy Threadgold | 8. Peter Giles (Swindon) |



COUNTY TRAIL LEADS TO BELCHAMP ST. PAUL



Having applied for an entry form to take part in the BBC Essex County Trail, I was somewhat perplexed to be rung up one Thursday and asked if everything was in order for Sunday week. The form had been put to one side with me thinking I might do something about it some time!! However, never one to refuse a challenge, I told them we'd sort something out and I put the 'phone down and panicked.

We'd been asked to set the trail in the north of the County and who better to help me out than the Master of the Northern District. An impromptu meeting after a District Practice at Halstead set the venues; now all we had to do was work out the clues. We had to make them interesting but, at the same time, make sure that the radio car was sent to the right places.

Thursday before the day, another 'phone call. Could we change the last venue? They didn't think the radio car would get to Belchamp St. Paul in time. I tried to explain that to get another church where we could ring the bells and arrange for ringers to be there at the right time would not be easy, and I thought there would be plenty of time for the radio car. Rather reluctantly, they decided to give it a go, but they didn't think they'd received a radio signal that far away, so could we arrange a mobile 'phone, just in case.

On the morning, however, all went according to plan. They found the handbell ringers on Terling village green, worked out the clue which sent them to The Five Bells at Colne Engaine and finished the trail to the sound of tower bells at 'le beautiful fields' (Belchamp St. Paul). Even the weather stayed fine, although it did rain all afternoon. It was great fun and my thanks to all those ringers, mostly from the Northern District, who gave up part of their Sunday to help.

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V.J. DAY EVENT

At the time of writing, I still do not have any further details of ringing times for the VJ-Day event, which is to be held on 20 August. I believe it is being organised by the M.O.D.

As it is in the middle of the school holidays it will not be easy to arrange. Towers that normally have more than a full complement and ring on a Sunday morning should have no problem, but I'm asking you to arrange for any ringer who is not needed in their own tower, to go and help at a tower which is short on numbers or which does not normally ring. Let's see just how many bells in Essex we can have rung at the same time. I don't expect miracles but if we all work together on this one, we might be surprised at the results.

Of course, we need all the ringers we can get to make this work, so if you know of anyone who used to ring and doesn't at the moment, try and persuade them to come along, and have another go. If we can just persuade people to help us out on the one day, who knows how many of them may stay permanently?

If your tower is one that will need help, please let your District Officers know. I'm sure they'll do all they can to assist you.

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1000 - Not Out

If the thoughts of ringing a peal fills you with dread, imagine ringing 1000 of them! Well, that's what two of our members have recently completed. First past the post was Joe Roast (LVP) on 24th November, 1994, ringing Yorkshire Surprise Major, at Terling. The second was Adrian Malton (Report Editor), ringing Uxbridge Surprise Major, at Lavenham, on 17th December, 1994.

Congratulations to both of them on this achievement and here's looking to the next 1000!



A Celebration of 50 Years
on
The Central Council

Frank Lufkin will soon complete 50 years as a representative of the Essex Association to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Since 1945 he has represented our best interests, served on sub-committees and attended Central Council annual meetings in all parts of the country.

To celebrate this remarkable achievement, and to show our appreciation to Frank for his service to the Association over the years, a buffet lunch is planned at the Church Hall, Kirby-le-Soken on Sunday 4th June from 12.30-3.30 p.m. A presentation will be made to Frank during the event.

All Essex Association members are invited including their non-ringing partners (there is no charge but a "retiring collection" will be made to cover costs). Ann Chapman is co-ordinating the event and would appreciate offers of help to prepare the lunch and to help on the day (otherwise you may be press-ganged anyway!). It is essential to have an idea of numbers attending, so if you would like to attend please telephone Ann on 01245 324461 by 21st May.



CHRISTIAN Aid's 50th Birthday

We have been asked by Christian Aid if we could ring as many Quarter Peals as possible over the weekend of 30th September/1st October, 1995. The occasion is Christian Aid's 50th birthday, and Johanna Jones, Area Co-ordinator, and bell-ringer at Burwell near Cambridge, is asking if we could ring in celebration. Christian Aid is a development agency of the churches and as such, it seems highly appropriate for it's birthday to be celebrated with the ringing of bells.



ALICE WHITE CENTENARY

Who? you may ask. Alice White was the first lady to ring a peal and February 1996 will be the centenary of that peal. It is hoped that ladies throughout the country will be able to arrange ladies peals to celebrate this event. Sue Rothera is hoping to arrange a peal of Surprise Major which will take place during the first week of February 1996. If you are interested in taking part in the peal, or would like to arrange one yourself, please contact Sue Rothera, 43 New Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford CM2 7QT (Tel: 01245 475363) for more information.



First Peal at 71!

Having managed a half-peal on his 70th birthday last year, Albert Wiseman decided that for his 71st he would like to attempt the full length. Highly delighted with his success, we are now all looking forward to what he might be planning for his 72nd birthday.

Terling, Essex. All Saints

Sunday 5th March 1995. 2hr 48mins. 11cwt

5040 Plain Bob Triples.

Comp. by Frank T. Blagrove.

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| 1. Ann Dorking. | 5. David A. Childs. |
| 2. Susan Page. | 6. Paul A. Cammiade. (C) |
| 3. Paul Clarry. | 7. James L. Towler. |
| 4. Roger H. Dorking | 8. Albert H. Wiseman. |

First peal, on his 71st Birthday 8.

First of Triples 1 & 4.

First of more than minor on tower bells as conductor.



Changes at the ADMs

At the ADMs the following changes in District Officers took place:-

Northern:

Deputy Master: Mike Whitaker

Southern:

Committee Rep: Peter Knight

South-Western:

Master: Ian Blows

Deputy Master: Colin Newman



Association Registers

In Memoriam

It is with regret that we report the death of George Trendell, Life Member, Pebmarsh; Raymond Sayer, Tolleshunt D'Arcy; Bert Bartholomew, Life Member, Galleywood; Margaret Ta'Bois, Life Member, Chigwell; Eileen Knight, Chigwell Row; Stan Clark, Life Member, Fyfield; Ted Duffield, Life Member, Association Master 1934-1936; Peter Came, South-Eastern District; Arthur Brynt, Shenfield; Henry Halls, Burnham-on-Crouch.

Births:

Congratulations to:- David and Laura Childs, *Braintree*, on the birth of Thomas Richard born 18th March, 1995, weighing 7lbs 1oz.

Marriages:

Congratulations to:- Tim Peverett *Wethersfield*, now non-resident and Caroline Burton, who were married at Gedling, Nottinghamshire on 2nd January and Andrew Downs *Rayne*, now non-resident and Claire Wright who are to be married at Cherry Hinton, Cambridgeshire on 15th April.



Calendar Update

May

13th	East London	District Outing	SW
19th	Great Totham	District Practice	SE
20th	Ingrave	District Striking Competition	S
26th	Henham	Learners Practice	NW
29th	A.G.M. - CHELMSFORD & SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT		

June

3rd	Tillingham	District Practice	SE
10th	Woodford	District Striking Competition	SW
10th	Pebmarsh	District Striking Competition	N
10th	Shrub End	District Striking Competition	NE
17th	Manuden	District Striking Competition	NW
17th	Quarter Peal Week		SE
23rd	Matching	Learners Practice	NW
23rd	District Dinner		N
24th	District Barbecue		SE

July

1st	ASSOCIATION STRIKING COMPETITION - To be held in the North-Western District		
8th	Epping Upland	District Meeting	SW
8th	Wethersfield	District Practice	N
8th	Fund-raising Quiz Night		S
14th	Stansted	District Practice	NW
15th	District Barbecue		NW
16th	District Barbecue		N
16th	Quarter Peal Week		N
17th	Galleywood	District Practice	SE
28th	Bobbingworth	Learners Practice	NW

The above information is believed to be correct. Check The Ringing World for details.

The next issue of the Essex Association of Change Ringers NEWSLETTER is planned for August, 1995.
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by 23rd July.