

Roll up, roll up

The Association's Annual Dinner will be held at the Courage Hall, Middleton Hall Lane, Brentwood on Saturday 12 October 2002 at 7 for 7.30pm.

The speakers will be the Master, the Very Revd Peter Judd, Dean of Chelmsford, and Chris Pickford, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and bell historian. Our newly-elected Life Members will be presented with their certificates during the evening. We will be entertained after the formal proceedings and there will be plenty of time for socialising before the bar closes!

As usual there will be a raffle in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund and donations of prizes will be very welcome.

The menu will be *either* Paté *or* Melon with Ginger; Turkey Escalope with vermouth sauce accompanied by seasonal vegetables; dessert selection, and coffee. A vegetarian main course is available and special diets can be catered for - please check when ordering your tickets.

Tickets are available from Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB at £22.50 each. Please enclose your payment (cheques payable to EACR) and SAE with your order, and include names for the seating plan and your choice of first course. The deadline is 25 September.

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The Ridgman Trophy 2002

Contrary to the organiser's expectations, given the difficulty of getting a band together for the day and my poor organisational skills, the Essex Association band came 3rd in this year's Ridgman Trophy.

Our hosts this year were the Suffolk Guild and the competition was held at The Norman Tower, Bury St Edmunds. The ringing slots had been pre-allocated so it was just a case of turn up, listen to some excellent ringing whilst soaking up the sunshine and the products of the local hostelryes. Eight teams entered ringing the set touch of 257 Stedman Caters for our judges Paul Flavell and Jake Loveless.

The outright winners on the day were the Leicester D.G. with 86.8%, followed by Bedfordshire (81.5%) and Essex (80.3%); the remaining positions going to Suffolk, Cambridge Univ., Hertford County, Ely D.A. and Lincoln D.G. respectively.

Like last year I tried to get a band representing all the districts, however District Striking Competitions, School Half-Term holidays and the tail end of Jubilee peal ringing seemed to prevent this.

The band was as follows :-

1. Michael Edwards
2. Gill Sparling
3. Richard Saddleton
4. James Hustler (c)
5. Vicki Chapman
6. Fred Bone
7. Andrew Beech
8. David Sparling
9. Colin Chapman
10. Stephen Nash

My thanks to all the band for their time, effort and patience and also to Mary Bone and Helen Saddleton for being reserves and potential babysitters - I think we all enjoyed ourselves.

The touch for those interested is the 257 in the Ringing World diary.

James Hustler

The Finals

The Striking Competition finals were held at Steeple Bumpstead and Helions Bumpstead on 6 July. The judges for the 6-bell competition were Margaret and Mike Thomas; Ian Davies and Richard Green judged the 8-bell competition. They were all presented with limited edition 'Jubilee ringing' coffee mugs as a thank-you.

11 teams competed in the 6-bell inter-district finals. Dagenham regained the trophy after facing some stiff competition, with all the ringing of a very high standard: 1st Dagenham (12 faults); 2nd Chelmsford Cathedral (15); 3rd Downham (19½); 4th Kirby-le-Soken (22); 5th North Ockendon (25½); 6th Bocking (28); 7th Coggeshall (30); 8th Writtle (40); 9th Great Parndon (45½); 10th Colchester Shrub End (48) and 11th Hornchurch (52).

All six districts competed in the 8-bell competition ringing a set touch of Plain Bob Major. The South-East District came first again (25 faults), 2nd South-West (29), 3rd Southern (46), 4th North-West (48), 5th Northern (59) and 6th North-East (77).

Our congratulations to the winners and to all those who competed in district competitions. Thank-you to the judges, the MCs, the North-West district officers for the organisation, and, especially, to Steeple Bumpstead for the refreshments and gallons of tea!

Mary Bone

125th Anniversary - 2004

Why should we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Association?

- 🔔 Another 25 fabulous years have passed in the history of this Association, so much has been achieved;
- 🔔 Many of us were too young or not ringing in 1979 - Centenary Year. This is our first chance to celebrate all things good about this Association;
- 🔔 The development of technology, ringing schools, the Essex Ringing Course, has given the Association endless opportunities to embrace.

What is proposed and **when**?

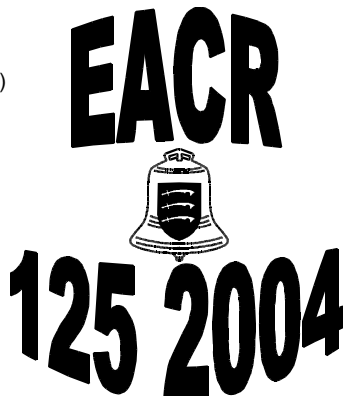
- 🔔 2004 Calendar, produced "in house", on sale from July 2003;
- 🔔 Update and Reprint of Joe Roast's "Change Ringing in Essex" - available from October 2003;
- 🔔 Guide Book, giving more information about all churches in the Association than is in the Annual Report - available from October 2003;
- 🔔 Possible augmentation / restoration project;
- 🔔 Quarter Peal Month - as many as we can manage in March 2004;
- 🔔 Commemorative Event - A lunch followed by a service of thanksgiving - Sunday 6th June 2004;
- 🔔 Open Day - possibly August Bank Holiday 2004;
- 🔔 Essex Trophy - September 2004;
- 🔔 Barn Dance - September / October 2004;
- 🔔 Mighty Oak Brewing Co. Session Beer - ALL YEAR!!
- 🔔 Association Carol Service - 11th December 2004;
- 🔔 Peal Year - the target is to peal every tower throughout 2004.

How do I get involved?

- 🔔 Find out more information from your District representative;
- 🔔 Provide feedback to your District representative;
- 🔔 **Volunteer to be your District's Quarter Peal / Peal co-ordinator;**
- 🔔 Help organise one of the events, there's bound to be one happening near you!
- 🔔 Support as many events as you can throughout 2004.

Who do I contact?

- 🔔 Vicki Chapman - Sub Committee Convenor (01245 358040)
- 🔔 Steve Nash - Association Master
- 🔔 Mary Bone - Association Hon. General Secretary
- 🔔 Andrew Taylor - Association Hon. Treasurer
- 🔔 Janet Edwards - CCCBR Rep
- 🔔 Andrew Brewster - SE District
- 🔔 Barry Fisher - NW District
- 🔔 Sandra Lee - SW District
- 🔔 Charlotte Mackle - N District
- 🔔 Andy Martin - S District
- 🔔 Anne Turner - NE District



Bits & Bobs

The Essex Trophy 10-bell striking competition will be held at Watford on Saturday 14 September 2002. Supporters welcome.

Recruitment leaflets; new supplies of the Central Council leaflet are in stock. Please contact your district secretary or the Association Bookstall.

The Ringing World has moved to:
Eagleside House
7-9 Chantry Street
Andover
Hampshire
SP10 1DE
Tel: 01264 366620
Fax: 01264 360594
Website: www.ringingworld.co.uk

Ringers' Hymns
Do let Mary Bone know about new (or different) ringers' hymns - it's always nice to add to our favourites. Does anyone want to write a completely new hymn (preferably to a well-known tune)?

Very advance notice: The Ringing Roadshow at the Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln, on Saturday 26 July 2003.

Training Day

The Training Day this year will be on Saturday 23rd November. Topics offered will again depend on demand: if there's something you particularly want please let me know as soon as possible. My address and phone number are in the Report, or email me at Fred.Bone@dial.pipex.com

Fred Bone
Education Officer

The AGM

The Cathedral bells were kept busy for over an hour before our Annual Service on 6 May. The service was conducted by the Precentor, Revd Dr Genny Tunbridge, with the Master reading the lesson and our Chaplain, Canon Roger Mason, leading the prayers. The music is always a highlight: Old Hundredth, the anthem 'Be thou my vision', and Theodore Dubois' Toccata in G Major. The address was given by Revd Ian Jorysz, a ringing member of the Association. Ian declared that ringing is "useless"; fortunately this was soon qualified as "glorious" as bells ring out the joy and beauty of creation.

At the AGM the proposed rule changes were approved (the revised text is available on the Association website). Three Property Trustees were elected (Colin Chapman, Bernard Fairhead and Andrew Brewster) and the other officers were re-elected unopposed. Both Dr John Armstrong and Dennis Ellison were elected as Life Members of the EACR.

Ringing after lunch was at a number of Northern District towers, finishing at Coggeshall. I would like to thank all those involved in the day's arrangements, especially the Cathedral staff, Miss Hilliar and the Boreham choir, Mrs Walker the Organist, and those who prepared and served tea at Gosfield.

And, once again, the weather was kind to us. So book next year's date in your diary now: Bank Holiday Monday 5 May 2003.

Mary Bone



N.E District Treasure Hunt

Starting at 2.30pm from The Clocktower

on The Sea Front Greensward

Frinton on Sea

Saturday 21st September 2002

Entry £1 per person. Teams of up to 6 people.

Come and join us

Everyone Welcome



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Golden Jubilee Ringing

Many thanks to all those who sent me details of their special ringing for Her Majesty the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. These have been compiled into a booklet and sent to Her Majesty.

Details can still be added to the Association's own copy of this booklet; please send any further details to me (address etc in the Annual Report) by 30 September 2002. I would also be pleased to receive copies of any articles in local newspapers or magazines.

Mary Bone

Ringers who took part in the Essex Association Golden Jubilee Peal at Chelmsford Cathedral on 4 June. All the band are still resident in Essex and took part in peals in Essex at the time of the Coronation in 1953. The Peal was organised by Peter Eves and conducted by Joe Roast.

Ringers left to right:

Terry Earle, Alan Syder, Allen Cansdale, Mary Roast, Peter Eves, Joe Roast, Noel Orman, Bernard Sadler.



Association Register

- Births:** Congratulations to Andrew and Clare Beech (North Ockendon) on the arrival of Samuel Adam on 30th July weighing in at 6lb 13oz.
- Birthdays:** Congratulations to Pat Saltmarsh (LVP - Danbury) who was 75 in March, Ron Petchey of Barking who was 80 in May, Brian Beech (North Ockendon) who was 65 on 27th April, belated greetings to Peter Childs (Boreham) who was 70 in December, Ken Day (Chigwell) who was 75 in June, Sue Elliott (Gt Pardon) was 50 in June, Bernard (Bunn) Mann 90 in February.
- Anniversaries:** Congratulations to Marion & Greg Barrett (Tollesbury) who celebrated their 30th Anniversary in April, to Marian and Peter Wood (Stebbing) who celebrated their Ruby Anniversary in April.
- Deaths:** We regret to report the deaths of Keith Shore, formerly of Waltham Abbey who died on 12th February,

That's a First!

The following ringers are to be congratulated for ringing their first Quarter or Peal.

Quarter:

Chris Apps (20/04), Pat Chapple (18/04), David Cope (13/04), Tony Eaton (20/04), Dee Robertson (01/04), Valerie Hicks (24/03), Barbara Rolinson (06/04), Pattie Folkson (09/04), R B Wood - Walker (14/04), Sara Pracy (09/04), Roger Fleming (19/03), Matthew Santry (21/04), Tom Santry (14/04), Angie Walsh (21/03),

Peal:

Stephen J Hunter (02/06)

Why Do People Ring?

Change ringing is a non-competitive and non-violent team activity that is highly stimulating intellectually and mildly demanding physically, and makes a beautiful sound. It develops mental and physical skills in a context of communal effort. The intense concentration required brings euphoric detachment that cleanses the mind of the day's petty demands and frustrations. Many people ring as a contribution to church life.

In addition, there is the companionable nature of ringers. The interdependence among individuals creates a tremendous fellowship. Visitors to a change ringing session will invariably be asked to join in if they are ringers. Almost all ringing sessions include time for socialising.

From the North America Guild of Ringers Website at www.nagcr.org/pamphlet.html

Bell Projects

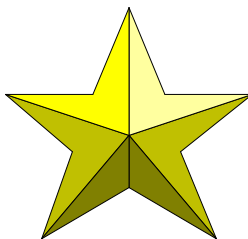
Projects for the restoration, repair or augmentation of existing rings of bells and for the installation of new rings vary in complexity but require careful advance planning and significant sums of money. Although the bellfounding and bellhanging companies will perform inspections and make recommendations, typically at nominal cost, the Central Council offers additional advice and resources to support those responsible for initiating and managing bell projects.

The Towers and Belfries Committee offers technical advice, the Bell Restoration Committee assists in the planning of fund raising and the Redundant Bells Committee on bells in redundant churches. The independent Kelttek Trust helps churches acquire surplus and/or redundant bells.

From the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers website at www.cccbr.org.uk/projects/projects.html

DIARY

September	7	District Meeting & Harvest Supper - Great Baddow	South-Eastern
	14	District Meeting - Bocking	Northern
	14	District Call Change Competition - Dagenham (tbc)	South-Western
	14	District Meeting - Great Tey	North-Eastern
	21	Treasure Hunt	North-Eastern
	21	District 10/12-bell practice - Waltham Abbey	North-Western
	21	District Meeting - Shenfield	Southern
	26	Quiz Night - Gestingthorpe (tbc)	Northern
	28	District Ringing Outing	North-Eastern
	28	Quiz Night - Writtle	South-Eastern
October	5	COMMITTEE MEETING - Danbury	
	12	ASSOCIATION DINNER - Courage Hall, Middleton Hall Lane, Brentwood	
	19	District 12-bell practice - Chelmsford	Northern
	19	District Meeting - Barkingside (tbc)	South-Western
November	26	District Meeting - Hatfield Heath	North-Western
	9	District Meeting - Gosfield (tbc)	Northern
	9	Quiz Night - Tendring	North-Eastern
	9	Call Change Competition & District Meeting - Great Totham	South-Eastern
	16	District Meeting - Ingrave	Southern
December	23	ASSOCIATION TRAINING DAY - North-Western District	
	23	District Training Day - (venue tbc)	South-Eastern
	30	District Social - Terling	South-Eastern
	7	District Carol/Advent Service - Rayleigh	Southern
	14	District Carol Service - Stebbing	Northern
	14	District Carol Service - Great Bromley (tbc)	North-Eastern
14	District Carol Service - Bishops Stortford	North-Western	
14	District Carol Service - Galleywood	South-Eastern	
14	District Social - (venue tbc)	South-Western	



The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for December 2002. Please send contributions to Vicki Chapman at 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF. Tel: 01245 358040, or E-Mail vicki@cvevrc.co.uk by 1st November 2002.

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