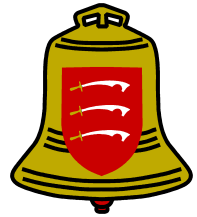


# Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



## Special points of interest:

- What's coming up in 2004
- Will people look down on me as a learner?

## The 125th Annual General Meeting

The Association's 125th Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 3 May. The arrangements are as follows:

|                   |                   |   |
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| General ringing   | 9.15 to 10.15am   | Afternoon ringing details and tea tickets (£2.50) available from: Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB (by 29 April). Please enclose a SAE. |
| Service touch     | 10.15am           |   |
| Annual Service    | 10.30am           |   |
| AGM               | 11.35am           |   |
| Afternoon ringing | Southern District |   |
| Tea at Brentwood  |                   |   |

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Do come along and join the general ringing, especially if you haven't rung at the Cathedral before - the ringing is for everyone. Please arrive in good time so as many as possible can have a ring. Entrance is by the West or South Doors - quietly as a service will just be finishing

The address at the Service will be given by the Ven Michael Fox, Archdeacon of West Ham and a Vice-President of the Association. The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been re-arranged after the service.

The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2003 Annual Report. There are two proposals for election as Life Members of the Association (Dennis Hewitt and James Towler). The Rules were printed in the 2002 Annual Report and the text is also available on the website (<http://www.eacr.org.uk>).

Ringing and singing in the morning with more ringing in the afternoon, good company and, usually, fine weather! We look forward to meeting you again then.

Mary Bone

## Committee Round Up



The Association's Executive Committee met as usual at Danbury at the beginning of February. All the new district officers were introduced, and the Master had decided that this time everyone would wear a name badge!

The main business of this meeting is always to prepare for the AGM: the Treasurer's and Trustees' reports have to be considered and approved before they are submitted to the members. The AGM agenda is also prepared as all nominations and notices of motions have to be submitted by 1 February. Please see the separate item about the AGM in this newsletter; the full agenda is printed in the Annual Report.

Then we move on to discussion of the reports from the sub-committees (125th Anniversary and Central Council visit) and officers (technical adviser, peals, education, report and public relations). A grant application from St Osyth provoked lengthy debate on the rehangng of the bells and restoration of the old frame. David Sloman intends to stand down as our technical adviser - please contact one of the officers if you might be interested in this position.

The meeting concluded with an exchange of news from all the districts - and more news in Any Other Business and, informally, at The Griffin.

Mary Bone

## Calendar Artwork

Thanks to everyone's generosity most of the 2004 calendar artwork was sold at Annual District Meetings, raising £490 for funds. Bocking and Thaxted both went for £60!

Margaretting and Southminster are the only two left. If anyone wants either of these, please send a suitable donation, payable to EACR, to me at the address at the back of this newsletter.

Vicki Chapman

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## Anniversary Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner will be held at the County Hotel, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, on Saturday 2 October. The evening will follow the well-established format, with speeches and entertainment after the meal. There will of course be a bar!

This year's Dinner is expected to be very popular so there will once again be an advance reservation system. Why not get a group together to make up a table of 7 or 8? A few large tables for 12 may also be available this year. (Deposits will be refunded if the dinner has to be cancelled for lack of support.)

Reserve your tickets **now** by sending a deposit of £15 per person (cheques payable to the Essex Association of Change Ringers) and names for the seating plan to reach me (Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB) by the end of May. Do make sure that you include your phone number or email address as well. The final ticket price is expected to be approx £25 a head. A booking form is also available on the website.

Mary Bone



## Leigh on Sea

The Tenor was taken down on 20th February with thanks to Adrian Semken (and friend) and the lifting tackle. The bell remained on the floor of the church for all to see prior to being whisked off to Whitechapel.

Frantic work was carried out to ensure that all was ready for the return of the new bells and new frame. Whitechapel delivery and hanging started around 15th March. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help get things ready.

The new bells have been hung and the 8 already tried out. The dedication service will be on 23rd April at 8pm with ringing from 7pm and plenty of refreshments afterwards. We very much regret that there will be no ringing after the service. Everyone is then welcome to join us on practice nights on Thursdays at 8pm.





## What's Coming Up?

Here at last, 2004, the 125th Anniversary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. There are plenty of things to keep you interested and occupied during this year, here's a taster of what's on it's way soon.

**3rd May**—The 125th Annual General Meeting as detailed by Mary on the front cover of this newsletter.

**8th May**—Tollesbury Handbell Ringers in Chelmsford High Street, taking part in the Chelmsford Cathedral Festival. For more information contact the Festival Office on 01245 359890.

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*Dates for  
your diary!*

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**13th May**—5.30pm A History of Change Ringing in Essex by Stephen Nash, at Chelmsford Record Office as part of the Chelmsford Cathedral Festival. For tickets contact the Booking Office on 01245 606505.

**6th June**—Anniversary Lunch and Service at Writtle. Lunch is by ticket only, available from District Officers NOW. Open ringing and service starts from 2.30pm open to everyone.

**3rd July**—Striking Competition Finals in the North East District at Thorpe-le-Soken & Kirby-le-Soken.

**30th August**—Southern District Open Day. Watch out for details in the August Newsletter and The Ringing World.

**Check out the 125 Website at  
[www.cvevrc.clara.net/eacr125/eacr125.htm](http://www.cvevrc.clara.net/eacr125/eacr125.htm)**

Don't forget you can still buy:



Calendars  
£1.00  
From District  
Officers



Anniversary Mugs  
£3.50  
From District Officers

Anniversary Badges  
£2.00  
From District Officers

Belfry Bitter  
From Mighty Oak  
Brewing Co Ltd  
01621 843713

### Will people look down on me as a learner?

Not at all! Ringers are delighted when new people start to learn. You will always find a welcome in any tower. Ringers tend to come from a wide variety of backgrounds as well. Ringing is a great social leveller. "Showing off" is not respected in ringing circles - so there is no pressure to pretend that you are better than you are.

Note: When you first visit do not be put off if ringers look serious and intense and do not talk to you when they are ringing. This does not mean they are grumpy or anti-social. They may be concentrating hard - but enjoying it really! The only person who normally speaks during the ringing is the one who is "conducting" - otherwise it would be very confusing and distracting. You may hear the conductor shouting to put someone right! But this is normal practice to make sure that none of the words are lost. No offence is meant.

Taken (with permission) from <http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/brickell/frequent.htm#Can%20anyone%20ring?>

## New Scheme for Giving to Charity through the Tax Return

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From April 2004, people who complete a Self Assessment tax return will be able to nominate a charity to receive all or part of any repayment due to them. The new scheme will have real advantages for participating charities:

- The donation will be paid direct to the charity's bank account
- The form will incorporate a Gift Aid donation
- Gift Aid tax will be paid without the charity having to make a claim

For the first time, charities will benefit from Gift Aid from an anonymous donor.

A list of participating charities will be available on the Inland Revenue website. Donors should enter the code for their chosen charity on their tax return. The code for the EACR is SAE63XG.

This does not replace the existing Gift Aid scheme and I encourage all members to continue to make good use of Gift Aid to benefit the EACR.

Please let me know if you have any questions on Gift Aid or would like further details ([andrew@act.abelgratis.co.uk](mailto:andrew@act.abelgratis.co.uk)).

Andrew Taylor  
Hon Treasurer

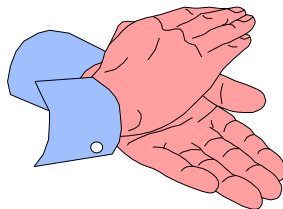


## Changes to 2003 Annual Report:

Southern District ADM now 22 January 2005 (not the 15th), at Rayleigh.

## That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Quarter Peal recently: Janet Hegner (9/11), Linda Bullough (29/11), Isobel Norton (30/11), Des Thorne (3/12), Heather Elston (3/12), Jackie Clarke (7/12), Deborah Thornton (21/12), Richard Pewsey (21/12), Lucy Jerram (24/12), Philippa Field (31/12), Jan Rennie (31/01), Jim Rennie (31/01), Steve Miller (8/02), Joan Miller (15/02), Thomas Earle *aged 12* (18/02).



Congratulations!

First as Conductor: Margaret Burbery (6/10).

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Peal recently: Jenny Parris (14/12), Derina Hughes (23/12), Ant Brickell (1/01), Michael Sykes (1/01), Eric Teverson (31/01), Ian Hamilton (28/02), Viv Hamilton (28/02), Liz Griffith-Jones (28/02).

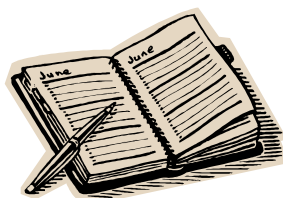
## Association Register

**Births:** William Darren Stanley Bloomfield on 20 December to Julie & Tony.

**Birthdays:** John Hall (Steeple Bumpstead) 50; Ann Woolley (50); Jim Towler (Inworth) 60; Evelyn Reeve (Wormingford) 65; David Rothera (Chelmsford) 65; Dennis Withams (Little Waltham) 70; Jessie Kippin (Downham) 95.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ruby - David & Anne Lloyd (Chelmsford), Diamond - Connie & Don Robinson (Southminster).

**Deaths:** We regret to report the deaths of Jim Aley (Harlow Common), aged 89; Ken Ebeling (Epping Upland); Charlie Farrow (formerly Saffron Walden) aged 84; Lawrence Smith (Great Baddow); Ron Suckling (Bocking) aged 89; David Wright; Jean Yardley (Burnham on Crouch).



**Don't forget the EACR Website at [www.eacr.org.uk](http://www.eacr.org.uk)**

## Dates for your Diary



|        |       |   |               |
|--------|-------|---|---------------|
| April  | 3     | District Striking Competition – Little Waltham                                | South-Eastern |
|        | 3     | District Ringing Ramble   | South-Western |
|        | 15-17 | ESSEX RINGING COURSE – Coggeshall   |               |
|        | 17    | District Meeting – Barking  | South-Western |
|        | 24    | District Quiz Night – North Ockendon  | Southern      |
| May    | 1     | District 10-bell practice – (venue tbc)                                       | North-Eastern |
|        | 3     | A.G.M. - CHELMSFORD & Southern District                                       |               |
|        | 15    | District Striking Competition – Shenfield                                     | Southern      |
|        | 22    | District 10/12-bell practice – Waltham Abbey                                  | North-Western |
|        | 29-31 | Central Council Meeting - Colchester  |               |
| June   | 5     | District Striking Competition – Henham  | North-Western |
|        | 6     | ANNIVERSARY LUNCH & SERVICE – Writtle   |               |
|        | 12    | District Striking Competition – Gosfield (tbc)                                | Northern      |
|        | 12    | District Striking Competition – Langham                                       | North-Eastern |
|        | 12    | District Striking Competition – Chigwell                                      | South-Western |
|        | 19    | District Ringing Outing   | Southern      |
|        | 27    | Barbecue & District Meeting - Terling   | South-Eastern |
| July   | 3     | ASSOCIATION STRIKING COMPETITION FINALS<br>– Thorpe-le-Soken & Kirby-le-Soken |               |
| August | 2     | District 12-bell practice – Chelmsford  | South-Eastern |
|        | 7     | District 10-bell practice – Coggeshall  | Northern      |
|        | 30    | ASSOCIATION TOWER OPEN DAY  | Southern      |

## Happy Easter!

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for August 2004. Please send contributions to Vicki Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF, Tel: 01245 358040 or email: [vicki@cvevrc.co.uk](mailto:vicki@cvevrc.co.uk) by 1st July 2004