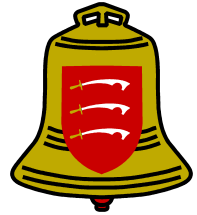


# Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



## Committee Round Up

### Special points of interest:

- Essex Ringing Course
- Roadshow 2005
- Story of Writtle Bell Project

The autumn meeting of the Association's Executive Committee was held on 9 October at Danbury. Many of the agenda items are routine and record our activities during the year: the AGM, striking competitions, Dinner, the Ringing Course and all the district ringing and social events.

The Master reported on the recent meeting with Bishop John Gladwin to discuss the revised Central Council Child Protection Policy. Bishop John recommended that the Association adopt this policy and this was voted at the meeting. There will be further debate next year on implementing the policy, but meanwhile please ensure that a copy is displayed in your ringing chamber.

The Treasurer noted a satisfactory financial position and did not propose any increase in subscriptions for 2005! Two small grants from the Bell Restoration Fund were approved for Liston and North Stifford. The Committee agreed that the generous bequest received from the late Mrs Phyllis Tovell should be placed in a separate fund. No decisions have yet been made on how this fund will be spent.

Ian Hamilton had prepared a report on the Demo Bell. The Bell is currently out of action pending repairs. After extensive review of all the implications of owning, insuring, maintaining and hiring out the Bell, the Committee decided to sell the Bell. Please contact the Property Trustees if you might be interested in buying the trailer, simulator box or dumb bell.

The next part of the meeting looked at some of the 125th Anniversary activities - peals, public relations and the Central Council meeting in Colchester. The final event will be the Carol Service on 11 December, and there's still time to ring a few more peals.

The appointed officers were re-appointed for 2005, with the exception of the Honorary Technical Adviser. The Master suggested that the appointment procedure should be revised.

This was a much fuller, and longer, meeting than in February. Do ask your district officers for a more detailed account of the meeting or contact the Master (Steve Nash 01268 490061) for further information on Child Protection issues.

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Mary Bone

### A 'Thank You' Message from Grays

St Peter & St Paul's church in Grays currently have no resident local band of ringers and over the summer they had 14 wedding couples that had expressed a wish to have bells at their wedding services. As North Ockendon is their closest neighbour I volunteered to help them out by trying to organise bands for each of these weddings. Now as many Tower Captains know, trying to find ringers willing to ring for weddings at their own tower is bad enough, but to find ringers willing and available to ring at another tower whilst still supporting their own weddings is even harder!

However, I am pleased to say that we did manage to get bands together for 12 of those weddings, and Eileen Webb, the tower correspondent at Grays, wrote a letter to me recently expressing her thanks for helping them out, and has asked me to convey her thanks to all those ringers who gave up their Saturdays to go and ring there - you know who you are!

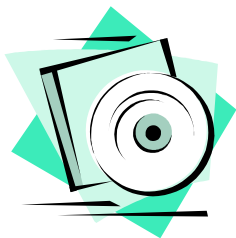
I personally would also like to add my thanks to all those ringers who agreed to ring, and I hope I didn't make too much of a nuisance of myself with the numerous phone calls that I made. It was certainly a weight off my mind when I finally got a complete band together for each of the weddings. Thank you all.

Andrew Beech

### The story of the Bell Project at Writtle

What do you give the person who has everything? Are you stumped for that ideal Christmas present for a loved one? Then why not buy the DVD of the Writtle Bell Project. It is now available priced at £12.50. The DVD lasts 1½ hours and tells the story of the project from the removal of the old bells, the raising of the old frame, casting of the new bells, arrival and installation of the new frame and bells, the Hallowing and Dedication Services and first ring.

Andrew Brewster would be pleased to receive your orders in writing to: 9 Chancery Place, The Green, Writtle, Essex CM1 3DY. Please make cheques payable to WASBA. All proceeds to the Writtle All Saints Bell Appeal. Happy viewing!



## Essex Ringing Course

21st—23rd April 2004

A 3 day non residential course based at Honywood School, Coggeshall.

Tutor Groups on offer are:

- Call Changes
- Plain Hunt
- Treble Hunt
- Plain Bob Doubles Inside
- Plain Bob Minor Inside
- Grandsire
- Treble Bob Hunt
- Stedman
- Surprise Minor beyond Cambridge
- Calling & Conducting
- Tower Maintenance



Other ringing related lectures include change ringing on handbells, rope splicing, young persons seminar, and achieving good striking are available to students and helpers.

Helpers are also required for each group.

For a brochure and application form please send a stamped self-addressed envelope (C5 size) to:  
Mrs Vicki Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF or visit the EACR website at [www.eacr.org.uk](http://www.eacr.org.uk)

## 2005 Ringing Roadshow

Put this in your diary now. Saturday 10th September 2005 at Newbury Racecourse, Berkshire.

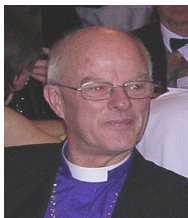
Why not organise a coach from your tower or district?

Visit the website at [www.ringingroadshow2005.org.uk](http://www.ringingroadshow2005.org.uk)



## The Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner took place at the County Hotel, Chelmsford, on 2nd October. Grace led by the Right Reverend John Gladwin, Bishop of Chelmsford. A superb meal of soup, chicken and summer pudding was followed by the serious business of speeches.



Bishop John

Our Master opened by reminding us of the decline of ringing during 1830-60, then the setting up of territorial guilds and associations by clergy, from about 1875. In proposing a toast to the Church, he was reminded at a recent district meeting that a Church does not need a building as it is made of people.

In replying, Bishop John congratulated the Association on its anniversary, upholding an important tradition in society. He did say that bells are not always welcome – but then why move next to a Church then complain about the noise!

The bells spoke of the forgiveness of God to the community.

Ex-Essex boy, Michael Henshaw, President of the Central Council, spoke of fondly of learning to ring at Fyfield. He was especially pleased to have been able to hold the CCCBR annual meeting in Essex during our anniversary year. He thanked the Bishop for his words and said how important it was to have a “ringable Bishop”. A superb rendition of “A model of a modern Council President” set to a Gilbert & Sullivan tune followed, with everyone joining in the chorus. This was followed by Michael’s one-man “Three classes of ringers” sketch (loosely adapted from John Cleese and the Two Ronnies). Wherever, and whatever, we ring, Michael reminded us that all ringers proclaim the presence of the Church in the community and ring praise to God. We joined in his toast to the Essex Association enthusiastically.



Michael Henshaw

The Master concluded by toasting the newly elected Life Members, Jim Towler and Dennis Hewitt. The ladies were presented with flowers, and the gents - a couple of mugs! Entertainment followed from the Robert Miles Jazz Trio. The raffle raised £144 for bell restoration.

Congratulations to Mary Bone on a fantastic evening, supported by 115 guests.



Jim Towler—LM

### Quarter Peal Report

With this newsletter you should find a new Quarter Peal form for 2005. Please make sure your 2004 form is with the Peal Secretary, Colin Chapman by 15th January 2005.

### NW April 05 Meeting

Please note that the NW District Meeting for April 2005 has been moved to 2nd April. Still at Steeple Bumpstead, still starting with ringing at 3.30pm followed by service at 4.30pm, then tea, meeting and more ringing.

### Sponsorship

Over £600 is currently available for grants in the Association's Education Fund. Students attending any recognised course may apply - it's not restricted to the Essex Ringing Course.

Application forms are available from the Association or district secretaries. Completed forms should be returned to the Association Secretary (Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB).

### Elections 2005

The Association officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 2 May, Bank Holiday Monday, at Chelmsford.

Nominations for these posts - Master, General Secretary, Treasurer, Property Trustees (3) and Independent Examiners (2) - should be made by 1 February.

Nominations may be sent directly to the Secretary or made at a district meeting. All nominations, with the name of the candidate(s), proposer and seconder, must be sent to the Secretary by 1 February (Rule 8). Notices of motion - for instance, to change the rules - must also be submitted by this date and must be sponsored by at least two members.



### 2005 Annual Dinner

The Dinner will be held on Saturday 1 October 2005 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford.

Book this date in your diary now! And reserve your places by sending a deposit of £15 per person (cheques payable to EACR) to the Secretary by 31 May 2005.

## Annual Young Bell Ringer's Cycling Tour 2005 - Bedfordshire Sunday 24 July - Saturday 30 July



The YBRCT is a moderately paced cycling/ringing tour. In 2005 the tour will be based at Buckden Towers near Huntingdon. The accommodation is either "youth hostel" style 20-bed dormitories or more luxurious twin-bedded or family rooms in the adjacent Retreat House.

The ringing normally consists of about 6 towers each day spaced out over a route of about 25 miles. The terrain is fairly gentle, rolling and mostly rural. Whilst a semi-invalid couch-potato would not enjoy the tour, any reasonably active person should find it no problem.

Our ringing includes everything from rounds/call-changes to eight-spliced and as long as you can ring a bell safely and strike it in rounds you will get on alright. Our party normally number around 35 and includes people in the early stages of their ringing career. I believe we are a sociable crowd and enjoy the social side of the event as well as the ringing and cycling. We have been delighted to witness an increase in young families in recent years but on the other hand, quite a few young people turn up on their own and quickly fit in to the company. We have quite a few "older people" too!

I arrange everything for you, from supper on the Sunday night to breakfast on the Saturday morning, including booking towers and insurance. Bed, breakfast & evening meal are included in my charge to you. You just pay me your money and turn up - as simple as that.

Cost inclusive of B, B and evening meal, all administrative costs and insurance

Over 12 - £130 in the dormitory accommodation (For costs in Retreat Centre e-mail me)

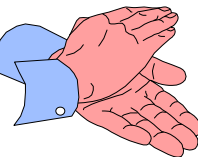
For more information send an SAE to:

Rev. G. Stickland, Quedgeley Rectory, Gloucester GL2 4PN

Or look on my church website at [www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk](http://www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk) (see "cycle tour")

## That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Quarter Peal recently: Jake Suett (20/5); Roger Payne (11/6); Andrew Humphrey (14/7); Pip Darkins (8/8); Michael Kennedy (19/9); Michael Watson (2/10); Holly Mifsud (24/10).



First as Conductor: Roger Carey-Smith (28/5); Liz Griffith-Jones (17/7).

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Peal recently: Graham Tobbell (24/7); Michael Goodchild (11/9); Jake Suett (25/9); Margaret French (7/10); Richard Brindley (16/10); David Burton, Chris Bailey (16/10); Diane Carpenter (26/10); Martin Jones, Jenny Askew, Frances Cleaver & Bryan Morrissey (all Mistle 30/10); Charles Cope (2/11); Matt Santry, Tom Santry, Richard Wilson, Andrew Britter & David Quinnear (all Springfield 7/11).

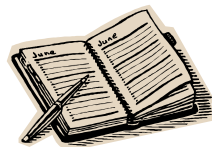
First as Peal as Conductor: Andrew Beech (16/10); Bryan Morrissey (30/10); Philip Saunders (7/11).

Congratulations to Denis Hewitt who rang his 900th Peal.

## Association Register

**Births:** Congratulations to Claire & Andrew Beech (North Ockendon) on the arrival of William Matthew born on 21st August.

**Birthdays:** Congratulations to Jim Bullock (Dagenham) 80; Peter Eves (Chelmsford) on his 75th; John Warboys (Rayne) on his 70th; Roger Folley, Wendy Godden (Little Baddow) and Adrian Semken (Coggeshall) on their 60th, Stephen Nash (North Ockendon) on his 40th.



**Wedding Anniversaries:** Congratulations to Peter & Kath Childs (Boreham) and Dennis & Betty Whent (Shrub End) on their Golden Weddings; Chris & Margaret Pain (Hornchurch) on their Ruby wedding.

**Deaths:** We regret to report the deaths of Major Capel-Cure (Bobbingworth), Brian Turnpenny (Fyfield) who died on 4th July and Margaret Burbery, NW District Master who died on 6th November.

## Dates for your Diary



January	8	ADM – Great Bardfield	Northern
	8	ADM – Great Waltham	South-Eastern
	15	ADM – Great Bentley	North-Eastern
	15	ADM – Great Ilford	South-Western
	22	ADM – Rayleigh	Southern
	29	ADM – Sawbridgeworth	North-Western
February	5	Committee Meeting—Danbury	
March	5	District Meeting—Felsted/Great Dunmow (tbc)	Northern
	5	District Meeting (tbc)	South-Eastern
	19	District Meeting—Little/Great Bromley	North-Eastern
	19	District Meeting— Leigh-on-Sea	Southern
April	2	District Meeting—Steeple Bumpstead	North-western
	21-23	Essex Ringing Course—Coggeshall	



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for April 2005. 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 19th February 2005.



