

Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



Special points of interest:

- Essex Ringing Course 2006
- Public Liability Insurance

New Newsletter Editor

I have decided that after 8 years producing the Association's Newsletter, it was time for someone else to have ago. I still believe that the Newsletter is a very important communication tool for the Association, even with the advent of email and the internet. Many members do not have access to these facilities and the Newsletter is possibly the only way they get to hear news from the Association.

I am pleased to say that Bryan Morrissey will produce the Newsletter from the April edition and I hope that you keep him well supplied with news, events and other information.

Send your contributions to Bryan at Jireh, 30 Turner Avenue, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2LG or by email at bdm@pempo.co.uk or call on 01206 392959.

Thank you for all your contributions in the past, keep them coming in.

Vicki Chapman

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Tovell Bequest

Copies of the terms of reference may be obtained from the website or from the Secretary. These will also have been sent directly to towers which had already enquired about applications. The Committee intends to consider the first group of applications in February so full completed application forms should be returned by 31 December 2005.

Mary Bone

The Annual Dinner

Saturday 1st October 2005, The Crystal Room, The County Hotel, Chelmsford.

Approximately 90 members and friends gathered in Chelmsford for the Annual Dinner. Guests were: the Rev'd Dr Ian Jorysz (ringing member from South Weald) and his wife Maria; and Simon Rudd (ex Essex boy, now found north of the border) and his partner Amanda Richmond.



John Loveless & Alf House

The Master especially welcomed Alf House, who had travelled from Somerset, probably the oldest member of the Association at 93 years. The Association was also honouring David Sloman who had until recently held the post of Association Honorary Technical Advisor for the past 30 years or more.

Also amongst the revellers were two young ladies from Germany; colleagues of the daughter of one of our members, who had entered "Essex Bells" into a web search engine and found the details of the dinner and decided to come along.

After dinner and much discussion over what a posset is, the Master declared "order" and the speeches ensued. First the Master, Stephen Nash, proposed a toast to the Church saying that the general pattern amongst ringers is that friendship crosses the divide and that no-one really knows what anyone else does outside of ringing, but this doesn't stop us from being one big family striving for the same goals in our ringing.

Ian Jorysz replied by telling of efforts to get a new band for one of his previous parishes in Leeds. A group of 8 nuns arrived and applauded at absolutely everything, sadly none of them took up the "habit"! He urged us to celebrate the human weakness of the Church and hold on to our sense of humour. He thanked ringers for the joy of ringing for those who hear the bells and advised us all to keep smiling.

Simon Rudd grew up in Great Bromley and it struck a nostalgic cord to be back in Essex. He wanted to say his public thanks to various Essex ringers who have influenced him over the years. He mentioned Harry Millatt ("half man, half belt") and the band at Thorrington, for whom he had great respect. He told us not to forget the importance of ringers on PCCs and in congregations, of our ability to be leaders, teachers, experts and enthusiasts setting examples to others. These were values not always apparent, but priceless.

The Master concluded by giving a summary of Association activity over the past year. He thanked Adrian Malton for his efforts in organising the morning's peals; the original plan was to have 8 separate attempts for each of the standard 8 methods. Seven were attempted, but sadly only 3 were successful.

The guests were presented with gifts and flowers. Three leads of Kent Major followed on handbells and the raffle raised £137 for bell restoration.

As usual, the evening went off very smoothly, and thanks go to Mary Bone for all her arrangements.



Fred & Mary Bone and the Master relax after the formalities

Vicki Chapman

2006 Annual Dinner

The Dinner will be held on Saturday 7 October 2006 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 2006.

Quarter Peals Report

With this newsletter you should find a new Quarter Peal form for 2006. Please make sure your 2005 form is with the Peals Secretary, Colin Chapman by 15th January 2006.

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).

Association Officers

Written nominations for Association officers (Master, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Property Trustees and 2 Independent Examiners), proposed and seconded by individual members, must be received by the Secretary by 1 February 2006. Nominations do not need to be made at a district meeting and can be sent directly to reach the Secretary before the deadline.

Information about any nominations for Life membership of the EACR will be available at the Annual District Meetings.

Elections will take place at the 2006 Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 1 May, Bank Holiday Monday, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Mary Bone

Danbury Diary

The Association's Executive Committee met at Danbury on 8 October. Our recent autumn meetings have all had long agendas and this year's was no exception. We did, however, revise the agenda order to ensure that there was more time to listen to and discuss the district reports.

One of the most important items was the appointment of officers for 2006 and the procedure was revised in line with the Master's remarks at the AGM in May. This meant that there were contested elections for some posts and a number of changes: Colin Chapman becomes the Report Editor; Adrian Semken Honorary Technical Adviser; Bryan Morrissey Newsletter Editor; and Martin Jones the Web Master. The position of Public Relations Officer is vacant.

Do contact one of the officers if you might be interested in this - please do not wait to be asked!

Unusually, there were no new applications for bell restoration grants. The Committee finalised the terms of reference for grants from the Tovell Bequest. These have been placed on the website and may also be obtained from the Secretary.

The Committee decided that junior members of the Association would benefit from a reduction of £10 on the fees for the Essex Ringing Course. The Education Fund can also provide sponsorship towards the cost of other training courses.

Mary Bone

Changes to Public Liability Insurance

I have recently renewed the Association's public liability cover. Unfortunately, it has proved impossible to renew the policy on the same terms as before as the previous level of cover is no longer being offered by any insurer.

The changes to the policy are:

1. Member to member cover (i.e. cover for actions caused by one member to another) is no longer available. However, this is not as much of a problem as it may sound as household contents policies normally cover this type of risk. Such policies usually cover the policyholder(s) and any member of their family permanently residing with them. Accordingly, the only persons who may not now have any cover will be those who are not covered by any form of household contents insurance. If you have any doubts, I recommend that you check the position with your own insurer.

2. Only "minor works" are now covered. No definition of "minor works" is available but it would cover routine maintenance and similar activities, the use of halls for meetings, etc. It would not cover a major bell restoration project which must have its own insurance cover in place. There will clearly be some grey areas; for example, it is not clear whether the removal of a bell from the tower for repairs would be classified as "minor".

If there are any doubts as to whether a particular activity is still covered, please let me know as far in advance as possible so that I may clear the position with our insurers.

For the avoidance of doubt, none of the above affects our personal accident insurance which is covered under a separate policy.

Andrew Taylor
Honorary Treasurer
13 October 2005

2000(+) Between Them!

Congratulations to Yvonne Towler on becoming the first Essex Lady ringer to reach a total of 1000 peals. Together with her husband Jim, they have become the first Essex couple to achieve this, Jim being the only person to have rung more than 1000 peals for the Association.

Wanted... Public Relations Officer

Purpose of the Job — To promote the Association and its activities to the general public, the Church and the ringing community.

For a copy of the Job Description, or if you're interested in finding out more, please contact Mary Bone.

Essex Ringing Course

6th—8th April 2006

A 3 day non residential course based at Honyword 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
- Starting Plain Major
- Calling & Conducting
- Tower Maintenance

Other ringing-related lectures including change ringing on handbells, rope splicing, and achieving good striking are available to students and helpers.

Helpers are also required for each group.

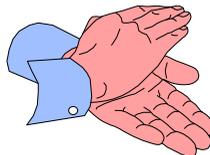
For a brochure and application form please send a stamped self-addressed envelope (C5 size) to:

Mrs Vicki Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF or visit the EACR website at www.eacr.org.uk/essexcourse

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Quarter Peal recently:

Sandy Carson (18/06 Springfield), Sarah Kelly (11/09 Steeple Bumpstead), Helen Willingham (01/10 Pebmarsh), James Kemp (02/10 Leyton).



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dan Smith of Pebmarsh who rang his first peal as conductor at St Osyth on 15 October.

Association Register

Birthdays: Congratulations to: Adolf Rohrer (Rohry) of Great Hallingbury, who was 80 in July; Herbert Ramsey of Helions Bumpstead, 80 on 5 November; Frank Delderfield of Great Totham, 65 in July; Peter Chignal of Maldon 60 in August; Paul Cammiade of Downham, 50 in September; Kelvin Buick, 40 in September; Letitia Hughes of Hornchurch, 21 in August.

Wedding: Congratulations to Janet Rothera and Paul Carless, married at Chelmsford Cathedral on 22 October.

Wedding Anniversaries: Congratulations to:

Diamond Weddings — Mabel & Bill Boniface from Black Notley on 6 October and Bill & Peggy Aley from Nazeing on 1 September.

Golden Weddings — Blanche & John Stephenson of Hornchurch in August and Peter & Rosemary Barnes of Colchester in June.

45th anniversary — Roger & Anita Butt of Shenfield.

Ruby Weddings — Barbara & Keith Utting of Waltham Abbey in October and John & Jill Felgate of Colchester in August.

Silver Wedding — Mike Sykes and Iris Lewis of Woodford.



Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Herbert Ramsey of Helions Bumpstead on 26 November, Colin Bingham of Tollesbury on 11 November, Joe Cadman formerly of Colchester St Peter on 10 November, Bill Fitch of Great Hallingbury on 6 November, Dickie Furminger (LVP) of Colchester St Peter on 5 November, Ray Newton of Arkesden in September, Steve Hardy of Greenstead Green on 26 September, Roger Burbery of Ashdon on 17 August, Jack Taylor of Writtle on 10 August, Mike Watson of Maldon.

Dates for your Diary



December	10	District Carol Service – Gosfield 3.30pm	Northern
	10	District Carol Service – Albury, Herts (Joint with BS District)	North-Western
	10	District Carol Service – Springfield	South-Eastern
	10	District Carol Service – South Weald 3.30pm	Southern
	13	District Social – Hornchurch	South-Western
January	7	Annual District Meeting, Shalford 3.30pm /Wethersfield Tea	Northern
	7	Annual District Meeting, Great Baddow 3.30pm	South-Eastern
	13	District Practice, Stansted 7.45pm	North-Western
	14	Annual District Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken 3.30pm	North-Eastern
	14	Annual District Meeting, West Ham	South-Western
	21	Annual District Meeting, Basildon 3.30pm	Southern
	27	Learner's Practice, Hatfield Heath 7.45pm	North-Western
	28	Annual District Meeting, Stansted 3.30pm /Henham	North-Western
February	4	Executive Committee Meeting Danbury 2.30pm	
	10	District Practice, Stansted 7.45pm	North-Western
	24	Learner's Practice, Radwinter 7.45pm	North-Western
March	4	District Meeting, Great Dunmow, 3.30pm	North-Eastern
	10	District Practice, Stansted 7.45pm	North-Western
	24	Learner's Practice, Epping Upland 7.45pm	North-Western
April	1	District Meeting (TBC)	North-Eastern
	1	District Meeting, Nazeing 3.30pm	North-Western
	6-8	16th Essex Course at Coggeshall	
	28	Learner's Practice, Ashdon 7.45pm	North-Western
May	1	ADM Chelmsford & Ringing/Tea in South-Western District	
July	1	Striking Competition Finals in South-Eastern District	
October	7	Annual Dinner, County Hotel Chelmsford	
	14	Executive Committee Meeting, Danbury 2.30pm	

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for April 2006. Please send contributions to Bryan Morrissey at Jireh, 30 Turner Avenue, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2LG or by email to bdm@pempo.co.uk or call 01206 392959 by 20 February 2006.