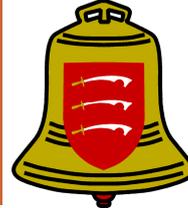


Rounds & About

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AGM 7th May 2007

The 128th Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May. The arrangements are as follows:

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The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2006 Annual Report. The Rules are also available on the website (<http://www.eacr.org.uk>). We will be electing a new Treasurer and there are 7 candidates for 5 positions as Central Council representative! The Master and officers look forward to meeting as many members as possible during the day.

Mary Bone

The Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner will be held at the County Hotel, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, on Saturday 1 October. The County is very centrally located with easy access from all parts of Essex and the ballroom provides lovely surroundings for socialising.

There will once again be an advance reservation system so you can be sure of receiving the tickets you need. Why not get a group together to make up a table of 7 or 8? A few larger tables 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 June. Do make sure that you include your phone number or email address as well. The final ticket price is expected to be about £27 a head.

A booking form is also available on the website.

Mary Bone

Danbury Diary

Several Committee members had been involved in peal attempts on the morning of 3 February; despite their exertions, they managed to arrive early to hear a presentation from Tim Joiner on “Ringing for the Olympics”. We were also pleased to have with us our new Chaplain, Revd John Delfgou, a ringing member at Loughton.

The first part of the Committee meeting itself is fairly formal and mainly concerned with items for the annual report and the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer’s and Trustees’ reports were approved and will be printed in the annual report; the accounts and full report still have to be approved by members at the annual meeting. Andrew Brewster has been nominated as Association Treasurer. There are 7 candidates for only five places as Central Council representative (John Armstrong, Fred Bone, Alistair Donaldson, Brian Meads, Adrian Semken, David Sparling and Jon Waters) - so turn out to vote at the AGM on 7 May! Gordon Lucas has been proposed as a Life Member and Andrew Taylor as a Life Vice-President.

Most of the rest of the meeting was taken up by reports from the appointed officers and the districts - keeping everyone informed about what is going on throughout the Association. Some specific suggestions on improving communications were made as a result of comments on the discussion document on the future, circulated last year. There were two applications for grants from the Bell Restoration account (Chelmsford Cathedral and Great Waltham).

Do ask your district officers for further information on any of these items. The next meeting of the Committee is on 13 October.

Mary Bone

Come and Use Coggeshall Ringing Centre

Coggeshall is a Ringing Centre recognised by the Central Council as equipped for teaching all aspects of ringing, and the Coggeshall ringers want to invite everybody to come and use it more! If you need a training venue as a Tower, District or independent group of friends why not get in contact and see whether we can suit your needs (we do have some expenses to cover, and therefore there is a charge of £10/hr/group).

As a new venture, in 2007 the Centre is independently organising three training workshops. In discussion with the EACR Training Officer these are designed to be complementary to (and not duplicating) events being organised by the Association.

Sat 19 May 10.00-13.00

Spliced Surprise Minor - The Cambridge Six.

Leader: David Sparling

For those who feel fully secure ringing touches of Cambridge Minor.

Sat 8 Sept 10.00-13.00

Improving your Calling and Conducting.

Leader: Brian Meads

For those who already call simple touches, and want to know how to put people right!

Sat 3 Nov 10.00-13.00

Change ringing on Handbells - Moving on from Plain Hunt.

Leader: Paul Cammiade

For those who want to make progress in Plain Bob.

(You should already feel confident in Plain Hunting your pair)

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To apply for a place on any of these workshops please complete and return an application form. Forms are available on the Training page of the EACR web site (go to Ringing Centres) or direct from the Ringing Centre. The fee per workshop is £5 per person, and should accompany your application. Tea/coffee will be available during each workshop.

To contact Coggeshall Ringing Centre;

Write to Janet Edwards, 181 High Street, Kelvedon, Colchester, CO5 9JD
Phone 01376 573412
E-mail janet@ajsplace.fsnet.co.uk

Brian Meads

A Word From The Editor

It is very healthy to see so many district practices, learner practices and Surprise practices going on in the districts. There are so many that I haven't been able to put them all on the diary on the back page. Please check with your district officers for details of these practices in your district.

Can I also encourage you to attend events not necessarily within your district. There are practices to suit all levels of ringing and in some cases in towers that don't have regular practices.

Apologies if I have missed your event or details out, it wasn't intentional, just on oversight on my part or not knowing the details!

Finally, thanks to all those who have assisted me in the production of this newsletter by emailing me details. Please keep all those emails coming in with all your news.

Bryan Morrissey.

The Children's Society Appeal

I read the article about the Children's Society 'Peal Appeal' in the Ringing World way back in late summer and put the idea to the rest of the Little Baddow ringers. We all thought it would be good to do something, but like a lot of good intentions it got put on the 'back burner'.

Fortunately, our church decided to have a combined Carol and Christingle Service in December and this gave us the opportunity to ring a sponsored quarter - (a peal was a bit beyond us).

We set about getting sponsors, or rather donations, as we (im) politely told our donors that even if we didn't get the quarter we weren't going to give anyone their money back! Everyone was very generous and by the time the quarter peal was attempted £178 was already pledged.

We rang Plain Bob Doubles and with only a couple of slight trips it came round after 43 minutes. We were also pleasantly surprised to find that three members of the congregation had come to the service especially early, just to hear the ringing. Although not wishing to learn to ring themselves they were particularly interested and asked lots of questions afterwards.

Whilst collecting our pledges more money was donated enabling me to send a cheque to the Children's Society for £204.

The ringers of the Quarter peal rung on 17 December 2006 were:

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| 1. Jo Elliott | 4. Brian Patmore |
| 2. Wendy Godden | 5. Charles Cope (C) |
| 3. Mark Button | 6. Richard Godden |

The quarter was also rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th and to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the start of Cub Scouting. (Wolf Cubs started on 16 December 1916).

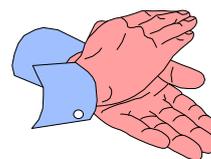
Wendy Godden

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter :

Graham Soden (Great Bentley 23/12)
Eleanor Mackle (Aged 11) (Wethersfield 30/12)
Vicky Daniell (Mistley 4/1)
Mary Ann Villar (Witham 11/2)
Nahum Clements (Saffron Walden 24/12)
Elizabeth Coates (Prittlewell 10/12)
Andy Champ (Writtle 3/12)



Congratulations!

First Quarter inside:

Hilary Spooner (North Ockendon 12/11)
Chris Bailey (Shenfield 27/11)

First peal:

Janice Watkins (26/11 Radwinter)
Pip Darkins (26/11 Radwinter)
James J Watkins (9/2 Arkesden)

First peal as conductor:

Matthew E Rayner (3/2 Chigwell Row)

Association Register

Births: Congratulations to Neil and Katrina Bond, a daughter, Charlotte Ellen born 14th November 2005.

Birthdays: Congratulations to: Mick Kennedy (Lt Baddow) 40

Engagement: Congratulations to Anne Turner & Paul Bray (NE District).

Deaths: We regret to report the death of Mabel Boniface of Black Notley,



Dates for your Diary



April

13	District Practice, Stansted	NW
21/04 to 6/05	District 1/4 Peal Fortnight	SE
21	District Training Day	S
28	District Meeting, Ashdon	NW

May

7	ADM Chelmsford Tea & Ringing NE District	ALL
12	6 Bell Striking Competition, Purleigh	SE
19	Spring Meeting & Striking Competition	NE
19	Striking Competition, Navestock	S
19	Training Morning, Coggeshall Ringing Centre	ALL

June

2	Striking Competition, Stisted	N
2	Striking Competition & Social, Gt Parndon	NW
9	Striking Competition, Wanstead	SW
23	Call Change Competition, & BBQ Gt Bentley	NE
30	Ring & Ramble	SE
30	District Meeting, Castle and Sible Headingham	N

July

7	EACR Striking Competition Finals Orsett (6 Bell) South Weald (8 Bell)	ALL
14	District Meeting, Havering (tbc)	SW

August

10	District Practice, Stansted	NW
24	Learners Practice, Harlow Common	NW

The next edition of **Rounds & About** is planned for August 2007. 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 1st July 2007.