

Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



Essex Ringing Course

10th—12th April 2008



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

Tutor Groups on offer are:

- Call Changes
- Plain Hunt
- Treble Hunt
- Plain Bob Doubles Inside
- Plain Bob Minor Inside
- Grandsire
- Plain Minor Methods
- Stedman
- Surprise Minor beyond Cambridge
- Calling and Conducting
- Change Ringing on Higher Numbers

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:

Brian Meads, 130 Tilkey Road, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex, CO6 1QN or visit the EACR website at www.eacr.org.uk/course

(Closing date for applications is 14th February 2008)



New Public Liability Insurance For Members

The Association has purchased a new public liability insurance policy from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) for all members. The policy came into force on 2 October 2007.

EIG has been able to offer improved cover for a reduced premium on our previous policy. The new policy has an increased indemnity limit of £2,000,000 for every claim with a reduced excess to £100 and now once again includes Member to Member liability.

This policy covers minor works only. No definition of "minor works" is available but it would cover routine maintenance and similar activities, the use of halls for meetings and some fundraising activities. It would not cover a major bell restoration project which must have its own insurance cover in place. If there are any doubts as to whether a particular activity is covered, please discuss this with me as soon as possible so that I may clear the position with our insurers.

If there are any queries as to the extent of the cover or any exclusions, please also contact me.

Andrew Brewster, Honorary Treasurer

Sound In Brass Concert

In aid of the fundraising for Chelmsford Cathedral Bells and Major Works Appeal a Sound in Brass Handbell concert in will be held on Saturday 23 February 2008 at 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available.

Tickets £6 Adult / £3 Child

from Vicki Chapman (01245 358040), Hazel Steed (01245 252621)

or by post via Cathedral Office, Guy Harlings, New Street, Chelmsford CM1 1TY

(please enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope, or collect tickets on the door).

Cheques payable to "Chelmsford Cathedral".

Danbury Diary

The Association's Executive Committee met at Danbury on 13 October. Our recent autumn meetings have all had long agendas and there were 25 items listed for this meeting. Fortunately, many of them are routine and do not take much time!

There was considerable discussion on the annual dinner as the attendance has declined in the past few years. The Committee voted by majority to hold another dinner (Saturday 4 October 2008) and encourage all members to support the only Association-wide social event. Members then heard the district reports - there is an amazing amount of ringing activity - followed by reports from, and questions to, the appointed officers. Only after these reports are the officers appointed for 2008. There are two changes to the list printed on p2 of the Annual Report: Fred Bone becomes Web Master and Brian Meads the Essex Ringing Course organiser.

Andrew Brewster was thanked for presenting the interim accounts for January-August. The Committee voted a small supplementary bell restoration grant to Earls Colne, confirmed the grant to Great Waltham, voted grants for Orsett and Pebmarsh, and declared their intention to support the restoration project at Ridgewell.

Only two districts provided feedback on the question of donations or subscriptions from those members over the age of 65. This is a very confusing situation as many members continue to pay subscriptions. However, donations go entirely to the Bell Restoration Fund with the General Fund receiving nothing to help pay for routine district administration, annual reports etc. The Committee asked that a rule change be prepared for discussion next year with any vote at the AGM in May. Do ask your district officers for further information on the meeting.

Mary Bone

Making Your Donations Go 28% Further

As a supporter of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, you will know how hard we work to ensure that every penny we raise goes as far as it can for the Association. Through Gift Aid, you can help us make your donations go 28% further and it won't cost you a penny!

How does it work?

So long as you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid enables you to boost the value of your donations by as much as 28p for every £1 you give to your favourite charity. So, for example, if you decide to give £10 to the Association, we will be able to claim an extra £2.80 from HM Revenue & Customs. It might not sound like a lot, but every penny really does count! What is more, if you are a higher rate taxpayer, you are entitled to claim tax relief on your donations, enabling you to reclaim as much as 23p from every £1 donated to charity.

What do you need to do?

To donate through Gift Aid, all you need to do is complete a simple declaration (orally or in writing) confirming that you are a taxpayer and that you are happy for us to claim tax

relief on your donation. Just one declaration can apply to all donations that you have made to us over the past 6 years and to any forthcoming gifts you make, until you notify them otherwise. It is that simple.

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Membership subscriptions

Subscriptions fall due on the 1st January 2008. It will be particularly important next year that you pay your subscription on time, as from 6th April 2008 the basic rate of income tax will reduce to 20%, reducing the amount of Gift Aid we can claim on every £1 donated from 28p to 25p. Even if gift-aided income to the Association remains at the same level, it will have the effect of reducing this income by over 10%. Based on the claim for 2006/07 the potential shortfall to the Association would be £130.

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Please download the declaration form from the EACR website, complete the various sections, sign it, and then send the completed form to me at 9 Chancery Place, The Green, Writtle, Essex CM1 3DY or as an email attachment to: andrewbrewster@freeola.com.

Contact Andrew Brewster, Honorary Treasurer, to find out more about Gift Aid today.

AGM 2008

Nominations for Association officers (Master, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Property Trustees and 2 Independent Examiners) must be received by the Secretary by 1 February 2008. Nominations may be made at a district meeting or can be sent directly to reach the Secretary before the deadline; please remember to include the name of the proposer and seconder. Nomination forms will be available on the website.

Only the Treasurer (Andrew Brewster) and two of the Property Trustees (Bernard Fairhead and Colin Chapman) are willing to stand for re-election. New candidates are therefore required for all the remaining positions: Master, Secretary, Property Trustees and Independent Examiners.

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

Elections will take place at the 2008 Annual General Meeting on 5 May, Bank Holiday Monday, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Notices of motion for the AGM (items for debate or proposed rule changes), sponsored by at least 2 members, must also be received by 1 February.

Mary Bone

Association Register

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of David Simms of Writtle and Adolf (Rory) Rohrer of Great Hallingbury

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter :

Adam Sloman (aged 11)	(04/11 Writtle)
James Benton	(29/09 Wethersfield)
Zeb Nash	(23/09 West Ham)
John Lambert	(13/10 Eastwood)
Roger Hobson	(13/10 Basildon)
Mark S Robbins	(26/08 South Weald)
Peter Chignell	(30/08 Tollesbury)
Laura Clark	(12/07 Finchingfield)
Elliot Hughes	(12/08 Rayleigh)

Quarter Peal Report

With this newsletter you should find a new Quarter Peal form for 2008. Please make sure your 2007 form is with the Peals Secretary, Colin Chapman, by 15th January 2008 by hand, post or email. If you cannot find or did not receive a form for 2007, or want an editable version for 2008 send an email request to pealsec@eacr.org.uk.

Association Announcements by e-mail

You can now receive Association announcements by e-mail. The "EACR-Notices" mailing-list is a restricted one - only designated people are allowed to send to it, so you needn't worry about what you'll be getting. To join the list, just send a blank e-mail to EACR-Notices-signup@yahoogroups.com

Fred Bone

Terling Tower Correspondent

Please note that the Tower Correspondent for Terling, All Saints, is now:

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Byford Cottage
Sebbys Garden
Owls Hill
Terling
CM3 2PS
Tel: 01245 233714
Email: byfordbabe@yahoo.co.uk

Jo Elliott
SE District Secretary

Dates for your Diary



Dec	25 Merry Christmas!	
	29 5th Sat Practice, Sawbridgeworth	
Jan	01 Happy New Year!	
	05 District ADM, Terling	SE
	05 District ADM, Rayne	N
	05 Evening Ringing, Rayne	N
	11 District Practice, Stansted	NW
	11 District Minor Practice, Gt Bromley	NE
	12 District ADM, Epping	SW
	12 District ADM, Harwich	NE
	19 District ADM, Leigh on Sea	S
	19 Advanced Practice, Braintree	N
	25 Learners' Practice, Nazeing	NW
	26 District ADM, Saffron Walden	NW
	29 5th Tuesday Practice, Saffron Walden	NW
	31 Surprise Major Practice, Gt Holland	NE
Feb	02 Executive Committee Meeting, Danbury	
	08 District Practice, Stansted	NW
	08 District Minor Practice, Gt Bromley	NE
	11 District Meeting, Great Yeldham	N
	16 Advanced Practice, Braintree	N
	16 Afternoon Practice, Ingrave	S
	22 Learners' Practice, Manuden	NW
	28 Surprise Major Practice, Gt Holland	NE
Mar	01 District Meeting, Witham	N
	01 Evening Ringing, Witham	N
	14 District Practice, Stansted	NW
	14 District Minor Practice, Gt Bromley	NE
	15 District Meeting, Gt Wakering	S
	15 Advanced Practice, Braintree	N
	28 Learners' Practice, Hatfield Heath	NW
	27 Surprise Major Practice, Gt Holland	NE
	29 5th Saturday Practice, Sawbridgeworth	NW
Apr	11 District Practice, Stansted	NW
	12-14 Essex Ringing Course, Coggeshall	

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for April 2008. 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 16th March 2008.