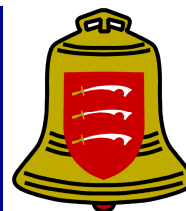


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Essex Ringing Course 16th–18th April 2009



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

Tutor Groups on offer are:

- Call Changes
- Plain Hunt
- Treble Hunt to methods
- Plain Bob Doubles Inside
- Plain Bob Minor Inside
- Grandsire
- Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor
- Stedman
- Starting Plain Major
- Cambridge Surprise
- Calling and Conducting

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 Friday 13th February 2009)

Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the wine, engraved tankard and vouchers that I received from the Bishop yesterday at the AGM.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to have been Association Master for the past ten years. My thanks go to all of you for your support and encouragement, particularly to Mary Bone, who has made sure that I have been well prepared for all events.

I wish our new Association officers the very best and hope that they enjoy the experience as much as I have. I look forward to spending more time with my family.

Steve Nash

Apology

Although Steve had sent the above thanks in plenty of time, I overlooked the email in my inbox and omitted to put the thanks from Steve into Augusts newsletter. Sorry Steve!

Bryan Morrissey

SE District Survey of 2007 Wedding Fees

At our District Meeting in September 2007, Andrew Brewster suggested that the SE might like to pilot a Survey of Wedding Fees with the possible long-term objective of finding out how things are done countywide. The idea was popular with the meeting and I agreed to undertake the exercise.

The results are now in; every tower in the District has returned the questionnaire. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in their completion and return. The information given has all been noted and was very useful. You will see from the results that there is great variation across the SE District.

If anyone would like a copy of the Summary Sheet, send an email to jo.elliott@blueyonder.co.uk.

Jo Elliott

Quarter Peal Report

With this newsletter you should find a new Quarter Peal form for 2009. Please make sure your 2008 form is with the Peals Secretary, Colin Chapman, by 15th January 2009 by hand, post or email. If you cannot find or did not receive a form for 2008, or want an editable version for 2009 send an email request to pealsec@eacr.org.uk.

Ringling at St Peter's, Goldhanger

Ten weddings at Goldhanger and five at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, it's as well that we have such an active team! Our four juniors have all now learned to handle a bell and are progressing well.

We also ring for services to celebrate the lives of our villagers who have, sadly, passed on. First we toll as the mourners enter the church and after the service we ring the bells in a cheerful way as people leave the church.

If you ever hear 'Ode for Joy' coming from the bells, that's one of our ringers playing on the chimes. All our Juniors are now proficient and will chime the bells for various events during the year.

On the handbells we are doing equally well, there are certainly some good tunes around if you know where to look! Bach's Minuet in G and the Fauré Pavanne are favourites and are almost note perfect.

Three of our ringers were accepted on the Essex Ringing Course and did very well: Goldhanger bells were used on the Friday.

Our Annual Spring Tour on Saturday 19th April took in Gt Totham, Maldon St Mary, Danbury, Little Baddow and Boreham. We were very impressed to hear that Maldon St Mary has trained a brand new team which now ring on Sunday mornings.

Goldhanger Ringers.

St Marys, Walthamstow

As a part of the two weeks of events in September to celebrate the 900th anniversary of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, a very successful "Meet The Ringers" evening was held with more than 30 people attending. Several people expressed an interest in learning to ring and two ready-made ringers living nearby have also been discovered. We have now started practices on Wednesday evening 7.30-9.00. I have to express my very sincere thanks to the members of the S.W.District who have supported and assisted me in this, also John Hall who traveled down from Steeple Bumpstead for the evening event.

Dennis Hewitt

Executive Committee Meeting News - October 2008

The Association's Executive Committee, which consists of your District Officers and those Association Officers as listed in the Annual Report (and newly elected ones!) met at Danbury on 11th October. Our autumn meetings have 25 agenda items listed for but fortunately, many of them are routine and do not take much time! Our new Master Brian Meads, took the Chair for the first time and it was my first attempt at trying to keep up with the note taking ready to produce some sensible minutes!

It was agreed to make a donation to Chelmsford Cathedral and the Boreham Choir for their services during our AGM in May.

The Committee voted by majority to hold another dinner (Saturday 3rd October 2009) at The County Hotel, Chelmsford and encourage all members to support the only Association-wide social event.

The District Officers gave reports on local activity and it's great to see so much going on. Then followed reports from, and questions to, the appointed officers. Only after these reports are the officers appointed for 2009. There is one change to the list printed on p2 of the Annual Report: Liz Rayner becomes Education Officer.

Stephen Nash, Child Protection Officer, gave an update on the implications of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 which comes into effect on 12th October 2009. You will hear from your District Secretary regarding this shortly if you haven't already.

Andrew Brewster was thanked for presenting the interim accounts for January-August. The Committee voted in favour of a grant towards the installation of a sound lantern at Writtle, and declared their intention to support the maintenance project at Terling.

The Master gained approval to proceed with the Looking to the Future project and will report back to the Executive Committee in February.

Do ask your district officers for further information on the meeting.

Annual Report

The 2008 Annual Report will be prepared through January and February 2009. Please ensure that you notify your District Secretary at or before your ADMs of any information changes (such as Sunday Service and Practice times and changes of Tower Correspondent) that you would like to appear in the new report. Membership details included in the report will be for those who were recorded as current members during 2008 (not those elected at 2009 ADMs). District Secretaries will be sent copies of the current 2007 report including any changes notified during 2008 for update and return to me. Please coordinate your tower's changes through your District Secretaries/Treasurers so that they have the updates for each District ready for me by the end of January. Late changes to the report (e.g. tower correspondent and ringing times) should be notified to me at reped@eacr.org.uk before the end of February 2009.

Some members have suggested that towers might prefer to have fewer copies, rather than one per member (eg for families), in order to save waste. If you or your family do not want as many copies as you are entitled (each member [except non-resident members elected prior to 2008] is entitled to his/her own copy), please let your District Secretary know so that they can collate the information for me. If sufficient members come forward we should be able to reduce the quantity ordered. Towers that express no preference would continue to receive their full allocation. This will be discussed at the February Executive Committee meeting if there is sufficient feedback.

Colin Chapman

Northern District Open Day, August 25th 2008

The Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday proved to be a big success, with a few ringers managing all the 26 towers that were open. There were a large number of ringers from all over the country taking part. Some came to "grab" certain towers, while others came to enjoy the countryside.

A big thank you goes to the members of all the towers for making the arrangements for the bells to be available on the day. An even bigger thank you goes to the Stewards from the district who were supplemented by three car loads from neighbouring districts, which meant that we could see the sights and countryside of the Northern District at a slower pace than expected.

A total of £1172.50 was paid into the bank towards Bell Restoration, and there will also be a sum of money to come from Gift Aid as well.

Association Register

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Norman Mead of Great Hallingbury, Roy Seaman of Littlebury, Dot Goodhew formerly of Great Dunmow, Lawrie King formerly of Epping, Colin E Wright of Hornchurch.

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter : Zoe Munson (06/07/08 Kirby)
Paul Burke (20/07/08 Brentwood)
Mark Roberts (24/07/08 Gt. Bentley)
Frank Seago (03/08/08 Barking)
Graham Dear (03/08/08 Barking)
Julie Etches (03/08/08 Barking)
Liam Cann (13/08/08 Goldhanger)
Derek Woodroffe (24/08/08 Coggeshall)
Vic Turner (27/08/08 Toppesfield)
Patrick Alexander (27/08/08 Toppesfield)
Jackie Nelson (11/09/08 Mistley)
Lesley Pinks (13/09/08 Eastwood)
Jamie Easton (05/10/08 Springfield)
Simon Gowler (12/10/08 Gt Baddow)
Becky Pasmore (1st attempt, aged 12)
(12/10/08 Writtle)

First 1/4 as Conductor : Guy Nelson (11/09/08 Mistley)

First Peal : Georgina Halstead (Aged 15. 19/07/08 Gt. Easton)

Marriage At St Leonards, Colchester

On Saturday 26th July 2008, Dorothy Jennifer Brown and Brian John Smith married at St Leonards at the Hythe Colchester. Brian is a ringer at St Leonards and this was the first wedding at St Leonards for 30 years.

Bernard Fairhead

NE Essex Quarter Peal Month - September 2008

A total of 33 quarter peals were scored in NE District Towers in September. This was exactly the same as last year's total. At least one quarter was again rung in every tower, as in 2007 - a fantastic achievement for the District.

The month began (as in 2007) with a District Officers quarter of minimus at Little Bromley. Little Bromley bells don't get any easier and the District Secretary was quoted as saying "We're NOT doing this again next year!"

83 ringers took part, 75 of whom are members of the District. There were 15 Conductors and 14 first performances of varying sorts.

One of the highlights was the organisation of simultaneous quarters by a "Girl Band" at Kirby-Le-Soken and a "Boy Band" at Great Holland.

The same method was rung by both bands, using the same composition, the conductors being Mr and Mrs Bray - no pressure then! In theory it should have been possible to stand at a mid-way point and hear the quarter in stereo!

Thank you very much to all who helped to make the month a success, especially the District Officers - Peter Barnes, Steven Clarke and Gill Sparling.

Anne Bray

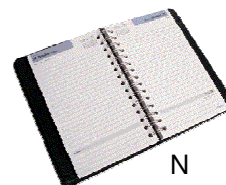


(L to R): Paul Bray, Gordon Clarke, Bevan Willgress, David Culham, Barry Gibbons, Roger Carey-Smith, Michael Mills, Neil Avis.



(L to R): Anne Turner, Barbara Hollis, Pam Jackson, Tracey Southgate, Margaret Roberts, Jean Oehlrich, Gill Sparling, Anne Bray.

Dates for your Diary (From the website)



December	6	District Carol Service, Gestingthorpe	N
	6	District Carol Service, Boreham	SE
	6	Quiz Evening, Dagenham	SW
	12	District Minor Practice, Gt Bromley	NE
	12	District Practice, Stansted	NW
	13	District Carol Service, Layer de-la-Haye	NE
	13	District Carol Service, Takeley	NW
	13	District Carol Service, Bentley Common	S
January	3	Annual District Meeting, Bocking	N
	9	District Practice, Stansted	NW
	13	Annual District Meeting, Writtle	SE
	10	Annual District Meeting, Tendring	NE
	10	Annual District Meeting, Barkingside	SW
	17	Annual District Meeting, Prittlewell	S
	9	Learners' Practice, Henham	NW
	24	Annual District Meeting, Waltham Abbey	NW
	31	5th Saturday Practice, Sawbridgeworth	NW
February	7	Association Committee Meeting, Danbury	
	13	District Practice, Stansted	NW
	27	Learners' Practice, Fyfield	NW
March	13	District Practice, Stansted	NW
	27	Learners' Practice, Wendens Ambo	NW
	31	5th Tuesday Practice, Saffron Walden	NW
April	16-18	Essex Ringing Course, Coggeshall	

The next edition of **Rounds & About** is planned for April 2009. 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 March 2009.