

Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



Essex Ringing Course



The 24th Essex Ringing Course will be held on **10 - 12 April 2014**, based at the Honeywood School, Coggeshall.

Tutor groups on offer are:

- Improving foundation skills / Call changes
- Plain Hunt
- Treble Hunt / Advanced Plain Hunt
- Plain Bob Doubles inside
- Plain Bob Minor inside
- Grandsire Doubles
- Advanced Doubles methods
(St Martin's, Winchendon Place etc)
- Starting Plain Triples (Plain Bob, Grandsire, St Simon's etc)
- Erin Doubles / Triples
- Calling & Conducting touches

There will be an additional programme of seminars and practical sessions on a wide variety of ringing topics. Helpers are also required for each group.

For a brochure and application form please send a stamped self-addressed C5 envelope to

Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB

or visit the EACR website at www.eacr.org.uk/course.

Closing date for applications Friday **14 February 2014**

The Essex Association of Change Ringers at the Essex Country Show, Barleylands 14/15 September 2013

Once again the Essex Association was represented at the Essex Country Show in a bid to recruit new members. This year the task of organising the event fell to me following Tracey Southgate's retirement as Association PRO. I now understand the effort she must have to have put into organising all the Association events throughout the year and through this report I wish to extend my thanks to her for her hard work over the past years. I also extend my deepest sympathies to her successor.

As with previous years, we had the use of the Vestey mini-ring (8lb 5oz – six) from the Suffolk Association. It is this one display item that attracts all the interest from show goers from toddlers to the more senior. Without it, I cannot imagine that having a pitch at the show would be worth our effort.



Being an outdoor show, the weather plays a major part in the weekends success. It would have been too much to hope for the sunshine and 30 degree heat we had in 2012. Saturday was wet on and off all day.

The preceding nights rain left a soggy show ground and Thurrock Council's marquee succumbed to the weight of water that collected on the roof.

Sunday started promising but lower temperatures and high winds were just as uncomfortable as the rain.

At the end of the two days, we recorded just 287 visitors to the pitch and only four people left their details. Notwithstanding the low numbers this year, there were still a good number of people who showed genuine interest but for reasons of available time, etc were unable to commit. However the "seed was sown" and hopefully they will become ringers in the future.

Despite the weather I was ably assisted through the weekend and my thanks go to Roger, Jim, Tony, Penny, Marion, Lisa, Chris, Hilary and Mark for their perseverance and ability to keep smiling in such challenging conditions. We should also extend our thanks to Barleylands for providing the pitch free of charge.

To finish on some good news, I can confirm the beer tent stable has been increased to include Adnams Broadside which passed my stringent and extensive quality control procedure on the Saturday evening.

Andy Martin



Chelmsford Cathedral Bells Centenary

After our district quarter peal of Erin Cinques at Chelmsford Cathedral last February, we were invited to attempt another quarter to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the bells. After a bit of negotiation, October 13th was settled on and a band arranged to attempt Little Bob Maximus. The day before Steve Nash called me to say that he was suffering with 'flu and would be unable to ring. That afternoon, at the EACR Management committee meeting, I asked Nigel Taylor to substitute; Nigel told me that he was already planning to ring as Julia Jones had also got 'flu. I decided to ask Colin and Vicki Chapman from the Cathedral band if one of them would ring, as I knew they were meeting us the following day.

The quarter was rung on the Sunday evening with very few mistakes, and reasonable striking considering that so few of the band regularly ring on twelve.

Over the two quarters, four district members have rung their first quarter on twelve, along with various other firsts; a good achievement considering we do not have a ring of twelve in the district.

Cathedral Church of S Mary V, S Peter & S Cedd
 Sunday, 13 October 2013 in 54 mins (34-2-22)
 1320 Little Bob Maximus

For Evensong. Rung by a mainly Southern District band during the Centenary year of the installation of Chelmsford's 12 bells. 1st on 12 - 4, 6. 1st Maximus - 1 and 2, and as conductor. Thanks to 10 and 12 for standing in following illness to two of the original band.

1 Peter Sloman	2 Helen Harpole	3 Hilary Donoghue
4 Penny Sloman	5 Maria Jorysz	6 Andrew Beech
7 John Harpole (C)	8 Steve Halliwell	9 David Sloman
10 Colin Chapman	11 Paul Trueman	12 Nigel Taylor



Essex Trophy 10 Bell Competition

On a very rainy Saturday 14th September teams from Essex, Guildford, Kent, Surrey and Sussex met at Beddington in Surrey (18-0-14) for the Essex Trophy. The test piece was half a course of Lincolnshire S Royal. The judges were Lee Pinnington and Mark Place. There was plenty of cheese ploughmans, cake and beer on offer to keep us sustained throughout the afternoon. At 12.30pm the draw took place however, none of the bands were complete at the time due to traffic problems getting through the town. Essex were drawn 2nd but as we were the first complete band, we rang 1st whilst everyone else waiting for the rest of the team to arrive.

1st	Kent CA	69%
2nd	Surrey A	68%
3rd	Sussex A	62%
4th	Essex A	59%
5th	Guildford DG	58%

After a short meeting to discuss arrangements for next year's competition, Kent offered to host it on 13th September 2014.

Representing Essex were: Vicki Chapman, Hazel Steed, Christina Brewster, Anne Bray, John Steed, Stephen Nash, Paul Bray, Colin Chapman, Nigel Taylor, Brian Meads (c)

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter: Nicole Young (Waltham Abbey)
Thomas Stannett (Layer-de-la-Haye)
Ellie Read (Layer-de-la-Haye)
Thomas Kinghorn (Layer-de-la-Haye)
Sue John (Waltham Abbey)
Wendy Olley (Ingrave)
Colin Tilbrook (ingrave)

Bell Sunday at St Mary's Shenfield

At the suggestion of Nicola Stark, the band at St Mary's asked if we might hold a 'Bell Sunday' service to 'bring the bells into the congregation' and give thanks for bells and bell ringers. Nicola's mother is Tower Captain at Waltham Abbey, where they have a similar event each year.

The idea was warmly embraced by the Rector David Thomas and churchwardens. For the morning service on October 13th the band provided readers, we sang 'bell' hymns, Nicola led the intercessions, the ringers took up the elements, and in place of the sermon the team of hand bell ringers from South Woodham Ferrers played hymns. The band appeared at the front of the church and Sue Matthews, our secretary, introduced us all. We had new blue matching polo

shirts so you couldn't miss us. A great hit was the video link provided by Mike Warren and his brother Ron, from North Ockendon/Orsett, and our thanks go to them for the hours they spent setting up the link on Saturday and managing it on Sunday. It was a brilliant idea to project a huge image of the bells and ringers onto the barrel ceiling of the north aisle - no one was in the way, and it was fitting that everyone looked up to see us ringing. After the service a record number of people stayed for tea and coffee and bell-shaped cookies, provided by Kathy and John Pattison, and we demonstrated a bell model, lent to us by Waltham Abbey.

Every member of the congregation received a leaflet about St Mary's ringers and bell ringing in general, with an invitation to an open tower morning on an upcoming Saturday, and we are hoping we may have some new members of the band as a result. The church warden said after the service: *The bells are always appreciated but this service was able to introduce the congregation to the mystery group of people who devote their time, effort and talent to producing this valuable part of our worship.*

Beth Johnson



Annual Report Listings

The Annual Report lists members using their initials and surnames. In order to distinguish gender, particularly where two members who have the same surname also have the same initials, a prefix is usually used to distinguish female. If however, members wished to have their names written in the Annual Report in full, or in any other format, they have the option to do this. This would be reliant on the right information being provided to the Report Editor.

If you would prefer your name to be shown in a different format please ensure you advise your District Secretary/Treasurer when you pay your subscription so that when they gather the information for the Annual Report.

Vicki Chapman, Secretary

Association Register

Wedding Anniversaries:

Ruby: Wendy & Richard Godden
Barry & Mary Fisher

Golden: Allen and Maureen Cansdale
Renee & Robin Page-Jones
Clive & Janet Moore

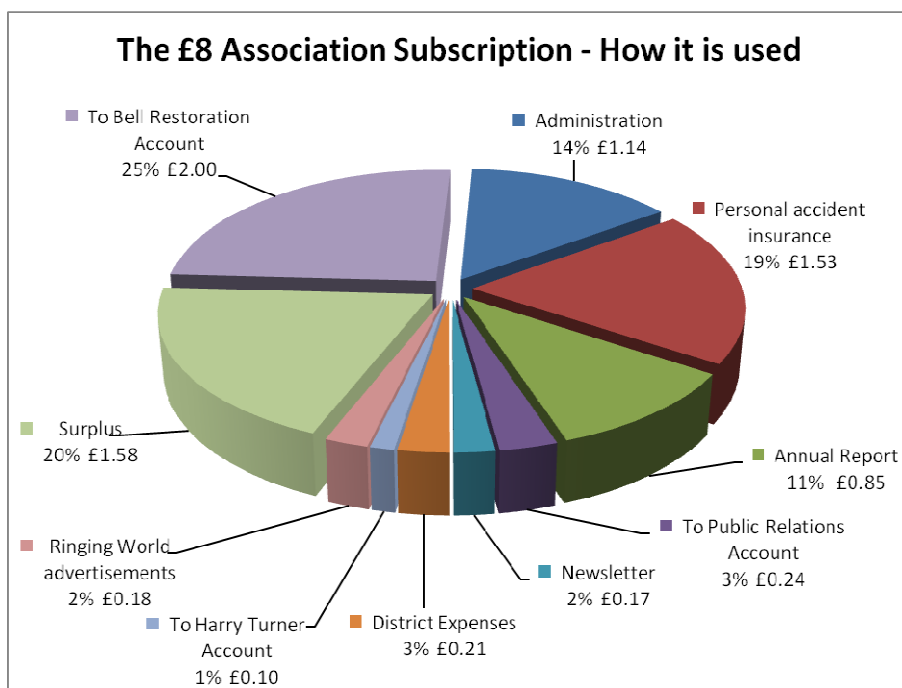
Deaths:

We regret to announce the deaths of
Philip Leigh Hawthorn, (Felsted)
Keith Lawrence (Harwich)
William H Aley, (Nazing)
Bobbie Ritchie (Thaxted)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2014

Annual subscriptions to the Association are due on 1st January 2014. Subscription rates remain the same - £8 for ringing members (i.e. all members or prospective members aged over 18 on 1st January 2014) and £4 for junior members or friends.

Annual subscriptions are one of the primary sources of Association revenue and it is very important for members to pay their subscription promptly. **Please pay your subscription before 30 April 2014 – it greatly helps the finances and the running of the Association.**



Please note:

Subscriptions should be paid by 30th April 2014. Members not paying by this date shall not participate in or vote at meetings or ring peals for the Association until the subscription is paid.

Those members whose annual subscriptions are not paid by 31st December 2013 shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association and their names shall not be published in the Annual Report.

Lapsed members may be readmitted to membership without election in the year following non-payment (i.e. 2014) if payment of the arrears and the current year's subscription are received by 30th April 2014. After this date lapsed members shall be re-elected in accordance with normal procedures.

Use of the Membership Form is now mandatory and no elections should take place without a completed form. The current form is downloadable from the EACR website.

If you have any queries about membership or subscriptions then please let me know.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer

AGM 2014

Nominations for Association officers (Master, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Property Trustees and 2 Independent Examiners, Technical Adviser, Education Officer and PRO) must be received by the Secretary by 1 February 2014. 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. A form can be downloaded from the Association website.

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

Elections will take place at the 2014 Annual General Meeting on 5th 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.

Vicki Chapman
Gen. Sec.

Management Committee Meeting News - October 2013

The Association's Management Committee, met at Danbury on 12 October. Our autumn meetings traditionally have a long agenda and this was no exception. The main business discussed included:

- The Committee confirmed a donation of £125 to Chelmsford Cathedral for the use of the Cathedral facilities for our AGM in May;
- The Secretary had written a letter of support to the Ringing Master at St Peter's Mancroft for their project to install a teaching centre and sound proofing;
- The Secretary had written letters of welcome to the newly appointed Archdeacons of Southend, Barking and Stansted and had invited them to take up their posts as Vice Presidents of the Association;
- The Annual Dinner had attracted more guests this year and feedback had been very positive. The County Hotel had given notice of their intention to increase the costs next year by 10% however, the Treasurer had negotiated this down to 5%;
- The CCCBR Representatives reported that the way affiliation fees is calculated is being reviewed;
- Adult fees for the 2014 Essex Ringing Course will be increased by £5 to reflect the increase in costs of hosting this event;
- Districts are encouraged to make sure that they are represented on the Social Committee;
- Two applications had been reviewed by the Grants Sub Committee for Hornchurch and Loughton however, neither were complete and had been returned for further information;
- Appointment to Management Committee posts were confirmed, Roger Collins was appointed as Child Protection Officer and Fred Bone as Newsletter Editor with effect from January 2014;
- Association Officer nominations need to be with the Secretary no later than 1st February 2014;
- The Committee confirmed that it would support an Essex band of young ringers into next year's National Youth Competition and would welcome details of proposed budgets for discussion in time for the February Management Committee meeting;

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

Vicki Chapman
Gen. Sec.

Practice Diary (From the website)

January 2014

January 4	Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00–12:00
January 10	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
January 16	Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7:30
January 18	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30–9:00
January 24	Learners Practice	tbc	NW	7:45
January 25	Beyond Bob Minor Practice	Felsted	N	7:00–9:00

February 2014

February 1	Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00–12:00
February 8	Evening Practice	Great Yeldham	N	7:30–9:00
February 14	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
February 15	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30–9:00
February 22	Beyond Bob Minor Practice	Felsted	N	7:00–9:00
February 28	Learners Practice	tbc	NW	7:45

March 2014

March 1	Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00–12:00
March 8	District Training Day		N	
March 14	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
March 15	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30–9:00
March 20	Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7:30
March 22	Beyond Bob Minor Practice	Wethersfield	N	7:00–9:00
March 28	Learners Practice	tbc	NW	7:45



Dates for your Diary (From the website)

January 2014

January 4	Annual District Meeting	Terling	SE	3:00
January 11	Annual District Meeting		SW	
January 11	Annual District Meeting	Colchester Shrub End	NE	PM
January 18	Annual District Meeting	Kelvedon	N	3:00
January 18	Annual District Meeting	Grays	S	3:00
January 25	Annual District Meeting	Matching	NW	3:30

February 2014

February 1 Association Committee Meeting Danbury

March 2014

No events available as yet. Please check the website.

Editor Change

Having produced the newsletter for 4 years, it felt like a good time for a change. I am delighted to announce that Fred Bone will produce the newsletter from the January 2014 edition. Fred's contact details appear below. He will be pleased to receive your contributions.

Thank you all for your support over the past 4 years in supplying articles and items for the newsletter.

Anne Bray

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for April 2014. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to Mr Fred Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB or by email to Fred.Bone@dial.pipex.com or call 01279 726159 by 1st March 2014.