



ROUNDS & ABOUT

AGM 4 May 2015

The 136th Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May. The arrangements are as follows:

9:15–10.15	General ringing
10.15–10.30	Service touch by the Master's invited band
10.30	Service
11.45 approx	Annual General Meeting

Do come along and ring at the Cathedral - the ringing is for everyone! Please arrive in good time so as many as possible can have a ring.

There will be refreshments in the Cathedral before the service and again afterwards whilst we set up for the meeting.

The new(ish) Bishop of Colchester, a Vice President of the Association, will be preaching and we will be supported by the Choir and Organist from Springfield.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been re-arranged. The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2014 Annual Report.

Afternoon ringing will be in the South Eastern District and tower details and advance tea tickets are available at £3.50 from the Secretary by 1st May, please enclose an SAE if you wish these to be posted to you.

Tea tickets will be available on the door at £4.00, so make sure you book early!

Vicki Chapman
Secretary

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Pauline Millatt



Pauline's 80th birthday was recognised at the practice night at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Thursday, 6th November, 2014, the tower she was affiliated to for many years as the wife of the late Harry Millatt. Many ringers attended and enjoyed the wonderful cakes made by Val Banwell.

Pauline learnt to ring at Bures and was taught by Alan Cansdale. She rang her first peal at St Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, on the treble, with Anne Turner on the second and her next one was a peal inside at Wormingford.

Despite her years, she still rings regularly at Colchester, Shrub End and St. Peter's and usually manages to attend the AGM at Chelmsford

Association Dinner 2015

Put the date in your diary
Saturday 3 October 2015
 61st Annual Essex Association Dinner
 Look out for details of the menu
 and the early bird ticket price
 at the Essex Course
 and on the website

Tower captain update

Matt Antrobus has taken over as tower captain at Radwinter, and Steve Spencer is now tower captain at Hempstead.

Practice Diary

Apr	17	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	18	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	24	Learners Practice	Moreton	NW	7:45
	25	Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:00
	25	District 8-bell Practice	Ardleigh	NE	4:00
29	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45	
May	2	District Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	7	District Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7:30
	8	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	8	District Practice	Gt Totham	SE	7:45
	16	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	27	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	29	Learners Practice	Saffron Walden	NW	7:45
	30	Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:00
Jun	6	10/12-bell Practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	11:00
	6	District Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	12	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	17	District Practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	20	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	24	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	26	Learners Practice	Hatfield Broad Oak	NW	7:45
	27	Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:30
	27	District 10-bell Practice	Coggeshall	NE	7:15
	30	5 th Tuesday Practice	Saffron Walden	NW	7:45
Jul	9	District Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7:30
	10	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	11	District Practice	Pentlow	N	7:30
	11	District 8-bell Practice	Ardleigh	NE	4:00
	18	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	23	District Practice	Tollesbury	SE	7:45
	24	Learners Practice	Bobbingworth	NW	7:45
	25	Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:00
	Aug	12	Learners Practice	Waltham Abbey	NW
14		District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
15		Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
22		District 10-bell Practice	Coggeshall	NE	7:15
29		Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:30

From the Central Council PR Committee

Dear Association PR Officer

Two pieces of news for you:

1) The Council's Decisions

You may be aware that at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Central Council, the Methods Committee was asked to begin a consultation process on the CC Decisions concerning Peal Ringing, Methods and Calls. They have prepared a consultation paper * <<http://cccbr.org.uk/methods/cccbr-decision-consultation-0-3.pdf>> seeking input on the principles and fundamental requirements of the Decisions, in particular:

1. The purposes and objectives of the Decisions
2. The prescriptive language that appears in the current Decisions

They welcome views from all ringers and suggestions for changes via email to methods@cccbr.org.uk Please do encourage your members to join the debate if they are interested.

* This is a 17 page PDF document entitled Review of the CC Decisions <<http://cccbr.org.uk/methods/cccbr-decision-consultation-0-3.pdf>>

2) FirstPeal2015

In view of the increasing media interest in the 300th anniversary of the first recorded peal and the linked FirstPeal2015 effort to get 300 new peal ringers this year, the Council's PR Committee has put together a note <<http://cccbr.org.uk/pr/publicity/what-is-a-peal.pdf>> called "What is a peal?". Now of course we do know that YOU know what a peal is and that most ringers know this, but it can sometimes be difficult to explain this to a non-ringer and to explain why ringers ring peals. It is important that ringers are able to explain things briefly, simply and clearly to journalists when asked so we hope that you will find this helpful when seeking publicity for your special ringing to celebrate this important anniversary on 2 May or when explaining why your ringers are ringing their first peal. Please do copy anything you find useful here for your own publicity or even hand the whole thing over to any interested journalists, as I have done recently.

We have a lot more useful information relating to FirstPeal2015 on the website here: <http://cccbr.org.uk/FirstPeal2015/>

And a reminder - don't forget to ring on St George's Day, 23 April. Maybe use the date as a recruiting tool or for an open day? And let your local media know what's going on!

As always, please do let us know about anything we can help you with.

With all very best wishes,

Kate Flavell
Chairman, Public Relations Committee
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

From the Registers

Births: Max Benedict, son of Dion Laycock, of South Weald

18th birthday: Anna Biddulph

60th birthday: Elaine Woolward; Mike Warren

70th birthday: Trevor Fincken; David Millin; David Barclay; Ann Powell; Ian Calvert

75th birthday: Bernard Taplin; Chris Pain

80th birthday: Pauline Millatt

Golden wedding anniversary: Spencer Croucher, of Rayleigh

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Revd Geoffrey Kemp, formerly of Navestock; Dennis Whent, of Shrub End, Colchester; Bevan Willgress, of Great Bromley; Phil Rothera, formerly of Terling and former Central Council representative; Tony Kidd, of Ingatestone; Lawrence Beal, Life Member, of Prittlewell; Adrian Semken, of Coggeshall, Life Vice President and founder of the Essex Ringing Course; Sue Rothera, of Chelmsford Cathedral; and Noel Orman, of Thorrington. Also of Andrew John Quinnear, son of David Quinnear, of Springfield.

That's a First!

Quarter peals:

1st: Brian Blackburn; Julia Reynolds; Claude Wallis; Jon Wallis; Sarah Chin-a-Loy; Samuel Bryan; Jordan Beamish; Oliver S Spain; Lukas Wallis; Ella May; Elisabeth Isaac; Laura Reynolds; Duncan Anderson; Megan Ellis

1st away from cover: Alwyn Brock

1st on treble: Connor Harmer

1st inside: Nan Gibson

1st of Minor: Michael Mead; Nicola Stark; Wendy Upson; Peter Upson; Barbara Leigh

1st of Minor inside: Steven Turner; Anna Biddulph; Sue Matthews; Ann Powell

1st of Triples inside: Alan Gisby

1st on 8: Dion Laycock

1st on 12: David Knott

1st of Grandsire: Julia Ibbotson; Linda Ranby

1st of Grandsire Triples: Harry Yarwood-Gowers; Greg Pearce

1st of Grandsire Cinques: Matthew Bayley

1st of Stedman Triples: Sue Stephens

1st of Stedman Caters: Matthew Bayley; Leonie McCaughren; Neil Booth

1st of Minor as conductor: Cathryn Corns

1st of Surprise as conductor: Greg Pearce

100th: Jenny Goodwin

300th: Janice Spalding

600th: Alistair Donaldson; Di Carpenter

700th: Vicky LeFèvre

800th: Cathryn Corns

150th as conductor: Andrew Brewster; Alistair Donaldson

300th as conductor: Ian Cresshull

175th together: Vicky LeFèvre & Alistair Donaldson

1000th together: Pat Cresshull & Ian Cresshull

Peals:

1st on 6: Matthew Pearson

1st of Stedman Cinques: Mary Bone; Fred Bone

1st as conductor: Mary Bone

1st of Stedman as conductor: James Watkins

300th: George Salter; Jon Waters

1900th: David Rothera

25th together: Andrew Brewster & Jon Waters; Neil Avis & David Hengeli

50th together: Paul Bray & Jon Waters

100th together: Richard Prime & Yvonne Towler

Information to end of February. Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.

February Management Committee

The February Management Committee meeting was held at Danbury on 7th February 2015. After the Master had welcomed the new members elected at the annual district meetings we moved on to the formal business, 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.

Reports are now submitted in advance of the meeting which means things get done a little bit quicker as everyone's had a chance to read through and digest prior to the meeting. As usual, there was lots of information about events happening around the districts.

Nominations for all Association Officers were received by the due date with the exception of a Public Relations Officer. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in helping out with this very important role, please contact me.

Bell restoration grants were approved for work carried being carried out at Willingale Doe to replace their 4th and at Tollesbury for a complete overhaul of the light 10. These will be paid following an approval inspection from the Technical Adviser.

There was lengthy discussion around the Master's statement that was read out at ADMs in January. It was agreed that the Education Officer, Principal Officers and a representative from each District would meet to formulate a plan, which will be presented at the AGM in May.

Do ask your district officers for further information about these meetings. The next meeting of the Committee is in October when we appoint other officers for the Association - take a look at the job descriptions on the website to see if anything takes your fancy. You don't have to be an advanced ringer to be involved in your Association!

Vicki Chapman
General Secretary

Dates for your Diary

Apr	9–11	Essex Ringing Course	Coggeshall			
	12–26	Quarter Peal Fortnight		SE		
	18	District Quarter Peal Day		S		
May	4	Association AGM	Chelmsford Cathedral			
	9	District Spring Meeting & Striking Competition	Tendring (tbc)	NE	2:30	
	16	District meeting & Striking Competition	Radwinter	NW	4:00	
	16	Striking Competition	Navestock	S	5:00	
	16	6-bell Striking Competition & short Business Meeting	Ford End	SE	4:30	
Jun	6	Striking Competition	Belchamp St Paul	N	6:00	
	13	Call-Change Competition & Barbecue	Kirby-le-Soken	NE	4:00	
	13	District Outing	Suffolk	S		
Jul	4	Association Striking Competitions		SW		
	11	<i>Ringing World</i> National Youth Contest	Oxford			
Aug	1	Summer Event		N		
	8	Walkabout and Ring (tbc)	Ipswich	NE		

E-mail lists

You can get news about forthcoming events, and changes and updates, by e-mail if you join one or more of the mailing lists. There is one Association-wide list, and several Districts run their own. Details at eacr.org.uk/email-lists.html

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for August 2015. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to newsletter@eacr.org.uk or by post to Fred Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB by **1 July 2015**.