



AGM 2 May 2016

The 137th Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 2 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
Afternoon ringing, Southern District	

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 preacher will be Rev'd Stephanie Gillingham, our new Chaplain and Priest in Charge of Widford St Mary. The Springfield Choir will be with us again.

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 2015 Annual Report.

We did not receive any nominations for the post of Association Secretary by the due date, so please give this serious consideration before the meeting and contact me for more information. We will also be electing 5 Central Council Reps and have 6 candidates, so make sure you are there to cast your vote.

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Afternoon ringing will be in the Southern District and tower details and advance tea tickets are available at £4.00 from the General Secretary by 30 April, please enclose an SAE if you wish these to be posted to you.

Tea tickets will be available on the door at £4.50, so make sure you book early!

Vicki Chapman
General Secretary

Practice Diary

Apr	2	District Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	2	10/12 bell practice	Saffron Walden	NW	10:30
	2	Call change workshop		SW	
	16	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	27	Surprise practice	Terling	SE	7:45
May	19	District Surprise practice	South Weald	S	7:30
	19	District practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	21	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	25	Surprise practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	25	Tower support practice	Moreton/Willingale	NW	7:45
Jun	4	District learners practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	4	10/12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	10:30
	4	Evening practice	Wickham St Paul	N	7:30
	15	District practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	18	10-bell practice	Writtle	SE	10:00
	18	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	29	Surprise practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Jul	16	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	20	Tower support practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:45
	21	District surprise practice	South Weald	S	7:30
	21	District practice	Tollesbury	SE	7:45
	23	Evening practice	Black Notley	N	7:30
Aug	20	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30

Shenfield and Brentwood practices

For some time now Brentwood and Shenfield have combined practices but we have now agreed to a new arrangement as from the 1st January.

The practices will now be

Shenfield – 1st Thursday in the month – 7.45 to 9.15pm and every Friday – 5.00 to 6.30pm

Brentwood – Thursdays (except the first Thursday) 7.45 to 9pm.

From the Registers

Births: Max Oliver Muir, grandson of Elaine Woolward; Max Barry Fisher, grandson of Barry Fisher

50th birthday: Jo Pimblett

60th birthday: Rhona I H McEune, Alwyn Brock, Andrew Barham

85th birthday: John Stephenson

Wedding: Michael Turner and Janet Miller, of Springfield; Joshua Kirk and Alice Edgeworth, of Saffron Walden

Silver wedding anniversary: John and Julie Church, of Shenfield

Ruby wedding anniversary: Beth and Ian Johnson, of Shenfield

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Jill Evans, of Shenfield; Christine Drake, of Tollesbury; Anne Wilkinson, formerly of Stansted Mountfitchet; Barbara Ince-Jones, of Hutton; Maureen Jones, of Inworth; Freda Willgress, formerly of Mistley; Dennis Withams, of Little Waltham; David Doy, formerly of Boreham; Ron Petchey, of Barking

Essex Young Ringers - Events coming up in 2016

- Ringing World National Youth Contest – 2 July. This event is being held in London with two heats being held at Garlickhythe and Pimlico in the morning followed by the final at St Olave, Hart Street in the afternoon.
- Essex Young Ringers practices will generally continue to take place the last Sunday of the month. The next practices are on 24 April, 22 May, 22 June, 25 September, 30 October and 27 November. Towers will be advertised closer to the date.
- Outings are held in March and October. The next one is 15 October.

There are over 60 junior members in the Association. Please join the Facebook group, look at the webpage and watch out for emails on EACR-Notices or via your District Secretary for details of forthcoming practices, outings and events.

Christina Brewster
Youth Co-ordinator

February Management Committee

The February Management Committee meeting was held at Danbury on 6 February 2016. 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 General Secretary and one of the Independent Examiners. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in helping out with these very important roles, please contact me.

At this year's AGM we will also be electing 5 Central Council Reps who will serve for the triennium starting in 2017. We received 6 nominations by the due date so there will be a vote at the AGM.

David Sparling has been proposed for Life Vice President, which will go forward to the AGM with the approval of the Committee.

There has also been a Rule amendment proposal concerning a change of date for the Association's Striking Competition Finals, details of which can be found in the 2015 Annual Report.

Bell restoration grants were approved for work carried out at Old Harlow, West Hanningfield, East Hanningfield and Maldon All Saints and will be paid following an approval inspection by the Technical Adviser. Promise of financial support has been offered to Great Holland and Bradwell on Sea once they have all the necessary approvals and documentation.

It is really important for people wishing to contact towers to find out about ringing if the website email addresses are up-to-date. If you haven't done so already, please let the Webmaster know the email address you would like enquiries redirected to. Your email details are not given out as the address used from the website is along the format of tower@eacr.org.uk and redirected.

We will be reviewing our safeguarding policy in light of recent events and our Child Protection Officer, Roger Collins, will be leading on that if you have any queries or comments to make.

The Master presented two papers to promote the sharing of ideas and getting information to encourage the people side of ringing, and to consider the financial support available from the Association to support this. He will share more details at the AGM.

We agreed to support the Essex Young Eagles entering the National Youth Striking Contest with £300 to cover expenses.

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

Leytonstone tower correspondent

June Gray is now the tower correspondent for Leytonstone. Address: 49 Guildford Road, LONDON, E17 4EA, telephone 07944 798733, email leytonstone@eacr.org.uk

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

That's a First!

Quarter peals:

- 1st quarter: Helen Branagh, Luke Hildersley, Jochen Culemann, Gareth Davies, Pauline Booty, Joel Wiggins (aged 11), Lizzy Reynolds, Steve Ashley
- 25th quarter: Alwyn Brock
- 50th quarter: John Pearson
- 200th quarter: Roger Carey Smith
- 1st away from tenor: Jordan Beamish
- 1st inside: Daniel Howell, Elisabeth Isaac, Claude Wallis, Gemma Crouchman
- 1st Minor inside: Mandy Miles
- 1st Treble Bob on 8: Ros C Skipper
- 1st on 10: Linda Ranby
- 1st Royal: Ros C Skipper
- 1st Plain Bob Minimus: Ian Hamilton, Vicky LeFèvre, Angela Pannell
- 1st St Martin's Doubles: Beth Johnson, Paul Wiggins
- 1st Grandsire Doubles: Rebecca A Woolward
- 1st Stedman Doubles: Vicky LeFèvre
- 1st Plain Bob Minor: Charlotte Parsons
- 1st Double Oxford Minor as conductor: Mike Slowe
- 1st Pinehurst Minor: Mike Slowe
- 1st St Clement's Minor: John Elliott
- 1st Childwall Minor: Cathryn Corns, Alan Gisby
- 1st London S Minor: Vicki Chapman

1st Norwich S Minor: Vicki Chapman, Sue Stephens, David Learmonth
 1st Cambridge inside: Linda Ranby
 1st Grandsire Triples: Rebecca A Woolward
 1st Double Norwich Major: Jillian Laken
 1st 8-spliced: Penny Sloman, Stephen G Halliwell
 1st Plain Bob Caters: Lin Ould, Vicky LeFèvre
 1st Stedman Caters: Leonie J McCaughren
 1st Stedman: David Learmonth
 1st as conductor: Dave Knott
 1st Ipswich as conductor: Di Carpenter
 1st Surprise Royal as conductor: Thomas R Sharp
 200th together: Phil Stephens & Andrew Brewster
 250th together: Christina Brewster & Andrew Brewster

Peals:

1st peal: Steven J Turner, Ian D Kerwin, Kieran A L Kerwin, Martin Piper
 25th peal: George J Vant
 200th peal: Ian J Culham
 1500th peal: Yvonne A Towler
 1st away from cover: Ian D Kerwin
 1st Triples: George J Vant
 1st on 10: George J Vant, M Louise Booth, Colin Friend
 1st Stedman Triples: Ian J Culham, Clare L Veal
 1st Stedman Triples on a working bell: Yvonne A Towler
 1st Superlative: George J Vant
 1st Yorkshire: George J Vant
 1st London Royal: Ian J Culham
 1st Little Bob Maximus: Clare L Veal, Yvonne A Towler, David E Rothera,
 Colin F Salter, James L Towler, Brian G Meads, Ian J Culham
 1st peal as conductor: Andrew P Brewster
 1st Stedman as conductor: Colin F Chapman
 1st Major as conductor: Ian J Culham
 1st Spliced as conductor: George M Salter
 50th for the Association: George M Salter
 75th peal for the Association: Roger G R Collins
 100th for the Association: Andrew P Brewster
 150th for the Association: Ian J Culham
 200th for the Association: Jon Waters
 100th together: Paul A Cammiade & Christina D A Brewster; Christina D A
 Brewster & Andrew P Brewster
 200th together: Mary Bone & Fred Bone
 250th together: James L Towler & Colin F Chapman

Dates for your Diary

Apr	7-9	Essex Ringing Course	Coggeshall	
	16	District Quarter Peal Day		S
	16	6-bell striking competition	Great Yeldham	N
	17	Quarter Peal Fortnight starts		SE
May	2	Association AGM	Chelmsford Cathedral	
	7	District Meeting	Earls Colne	N
	14	6-bell & Call Change Competition & short Meeting	Great Totham	SE
	21	District Spring meeting & striking competition	Gt Bentley (tbc)	NE
	21	Striking competition	Bentley Common	S
Jun	4	District meeting & method striking competition	Matching	NW
	11	Method competition & meeting		SW
	18	District training event	Ardleigh	NE
	18	District outing		S
Jul	2	<i>Ringing World</i> National Youth Contest	London	
	9	Association Striking Competitions		NE
	16	District call change competition & barbecue	Langham	NE
Aug	6	District outing		N

Association Dinner 2016

Put the date in your diary

Saturday 1 October 2016

62nd 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

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for August 2016. 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 2016**.