



ROUNDS & ABOUT

AGM 2017

The 138th Annual General Meeting of EACR will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday May 1st, May Day Bank Holiday. The arrangements are as follows:

- 09:15-10:15 Open Ringing
- 10:15-10:30 Service Ringing with a Master's invited band
- 10:30 Service
- 11:45 Approx. Annual General Meeting

Do come the ringing is for everyone, it is not frightening to ring on higher numbers of bells. Please arrive in good time so that everyone has an opportunity to ring.

There will be refreshments before and after the service while the Cathedral is set for the AGM meeting.

Our preacher this year is Bishop John, Bishop of Bradwell and the music is provided by Witham Church Choir.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been set up and the full agenda and the 2016 minutes are in the report.

Afternoon ringing will be in the North Western District and tower details and advance tea tickets at a cost of £4 will be available from the General Secretary by 28th April 2017. Please enclose an SAR if you wish these to be posted to you.

Tea tickets will be available on the day for £4.50 so book in advance if you can!

Rhona McEune
General Secretary

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Wormingford: Church Facilities project

Everyone at St Andrews church is delighted that long awaited project of putting a kitchen and accessible toilet is now complete.

The design is a resounding success and we are most grateful to our architect for his use of space and sympathetic vision for our grade 1 listed building. The bellringers have a beautiful ringing chamber on the first floor it is warmer and more comfortable for the ringers. The kitchen will be ideal for welcoming visitors and it will be terrific to be able to say yes to the many people who ask for a loo.

Thanks are due to many people but above all the generous donors, individuals, organisations and trusts, who have made our facilities project possible.

Barry Gibbons
tower captain

Tower correspondent email addresses

The Association website includes email links where tower correspondents have notified their addresses. The links are of the form `towername@eacr.org.uk`, and emails to such addresses are redirected to the correspondent's actual address. This simplifies matters when correspondents (or their email addresses) change.

However, the scheme only works if District Secretaries are kept informed of changes, so that they can notify the Webmaster.

In addition, it appears that in some cases the email address is incorrect.

If you are a tower correspondent with an email address, please check that your tower has an "Email" link in the tower pages on the website; and please use the link to send a test email, and let the Webmaster know if it fails to arrive, so that errors can be eliminated.

Association Dinner 2017

Put the date in your diary

Saturday 28 October 2017

63rd Annual Essex Association Dinner

at **Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane, Little Waltham**

(Note change of date and venue)

Look out for details of the menu

and the early bird ticket price

at the Essex Course and on the website

Heritage Open Days: Registration is open!

This year Heritage Open Days runs from the 7-10 September. We had 6 towers officially registered last year. Feedback from all the towers was very positive; it's a great way of raising your local tower's profile in the community, publicising ringing and potentially attracting recruits. If you register before 6 May then you'll benefit from more promotional support than if you leave it to the late entrant deadline in Sept, where all you get is one poster. There's also Organiser Fairs if you're after inspiration on how to run one. So why not give it a go and see how many people you can interest in ringing? If you need advice or some support then please contact me pro@eacr.org.uk.

HOD website is www.heritageopendays.org.uk

*That's a First!***Quarter peals:**

- 1st quarter: Donna Goodchild, Fred Sherratt, Simon Sherratt, Ellie Gray, Paul Wehren, Patricia Ormes, David French, Jane F Harper
- 1st as cover: Gareth Davies, Brian Sayer, Amy Brindle, Donna Goodchild
- 1st inside: Susan Sherrington, Sue Evans, Timothy Jenkins, Joel Wiggins, Stephen Spencer, Melissa Villiers
- 1st Minor: Jason Burnet, Rachel Parsons
- 1st Minor inside: Samuel Beech
- 1st Grandsire: David Jennings, John Woollard
- 1st Grandsire Doubles: Ellis Whitehouse, Gina Brown
- 1st Minor inside: Samuel Beech
- 1st Bourne S Minor: David Learmonth
- 1st Triples and inside: Samuel Beech
- 1st on 8: Matthew Stokes, Jon Wallis, Michelle Shorter-Bowen, Samuel Beech, Melissa Villiers
- 1st on 10: Claire May
- 1st Treble Bob: Vicki Elliott
- 1st Surprise Major: Rebecca Woolward
- 1st Superlative S Major inside: Andrew Beech
- 1st Little Bob Royal: Colin Friend
- 1st as conductor: Simon Ward
- 150th quarter: David Wenden
- 1250th quarter: John Harpole
- 175th together: Clare Beech & Andrew Beech
- 600th together: David Belcham & Cathryn Corns
- 700th together: Clive Moore & Ian Cresshull

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

Peals:

1st Little Bob Royal: Christina D A Brewster, Andrew P Brewster, Carol Brown,
Stephen A Waters, Stephen J Nash,
Paul S Seaman, David M Hengeli, James L Towler
1st Double Norwich CB Major: Stephen J Nash
1st Surprise Royal: M Louise Booth
50th peal: George J Vant
150th peal: Rhona I H McEune
500th for the Association: Colin F Chapman
250th together: James L Towler & Alan P Mayle
1350th together: James L Towler & Yvonne A Towler

From the Registers

Births: Eva Elizabeth Da Silva, granddaughter to Dave Thurlow; Joshua James Allen, nephew for Nick Allen

40th birthday: Ian Parker

50th birthday: Richard Wilson

60th birthday: Mike Slowe

70th birthday: Richard Ould

80th birthday: Brian Beech

Ruby wedding anniversary: Pip & Valerie Darkins; Ian & Pat Cresshull; Alistair & Janet Donaldson; Roy & Cherry Threadgold

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Allen Cansdale, Life Member, of Halstead; Sue Tipping, of Westcliff on Sea; John Watson, of Witham; Jack Dobson, of South Benfleet; Betty Matson, Life Member, of South Benfleet; Duncan Anderson, of Boreham; and Sue Ashdown, of Leytonstone.

Essex Young Ringers - Events coming up in 2017

Ringling World National Youth Contest – 1 July. This event is being held in Birmingham. Heats will be held in the morning with the top 2 teams from each heat going through to the final in the afternoon on the back 8 at St Paul's Church in the Jewellery Quarter. In addition to the contest, there will almost certainly be the opportunity to ring on the 16 at St Martin in the Bullring and other towers in Birmingham, to take part in Twelve Bell and handbell ringing workshops and lots of other activities, not all ringing related!

Essex Young Ringers practices will continue to take place the last Sunday of the month. The next practices are on 30 April, 21 May, 25 June, 24 September, 29 October and 26 November. Towers will be advertised closer to the date.

Outings are held in March and October. The next one is on Saturday 7 October.

Please join the Facebook group, look at the webpage and watch out for emails on EACR-Notices or via your District Secretary for further details about these practices, outings and events.

Christina Brewster
Youth Co-ordinator

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Congratulations

to Clive Stephenson and Michelle Long on their recent engagement.

Practice Diary

Apr	21	Surprise Major practice	Radwinter	NW	1:30
	22	Training event call changes		SW	
	26	Surprise practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	28	Stansted practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
May	9	District practice night	Loughton	SW	
	10	District Surprise practice	Fobbing	S	7:30
	18	District practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	26	Stansted practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	31	Surprise practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Jun	3	District learners' practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	3	10-bell practice	Tollesbury	SE	10:00
	3	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	10:30
	3	Evening practice	Great Easton	N	7:30
	10	District 8-bell practice	Ardleigh	NE	4:00
	10	10-bell practice	Writtle	S	3:00
	17	Advance practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	21	District practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	23	Stansted practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	24	District training event: raising/lowering single bell	Ardleigh	NE	9:30
	28	Surprise practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	Jul	15	Advance practice	Braintree	N
15		District Training Event: raising/lowering in peal	Ardleigh	NE	9:30
15		Training event (advanced)		SW	
18		District practice	High Easter	SE	7:45
19		District Surprise practice	Prittlewell	S	7:30
22		Evening practice	Rayne	N	7:30
28		Stansted practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
Aug	17	District practice night	Barking	SW	
	19	Advance practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	25	Stansted practice	Stansted	NW	7:45

Dates for your Diary

Apr	6–8	Essex Ringing Course	Coggeshall		
	22	6 bell striking competition	Ridgewell	N	3:00
May	1	Association AGM	Chelmsford		
	6	District meeting	Finchingfield	N	5:00
	13	Call Change & Striking Competition & Short meeting	Inworth	SE	3:00
	20	District Spring Meeting and Striking Competition	Layer-de-la-Haye	NE	2:30
	21	Young Ringers practice	tbc		4:30
Jun	17	Method comp and Meeting		SW	
	18	Young Ringers practice for Ringing World National Youth Contest	tbc		4:30
Jul	1	Ringing World National Youth Contest	Birmingham		
	8	Association Striking Competitions		N	

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 2017. 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 2017**.