

Essex Ringing Course 2018

The 28th Essex Ringing Course will be held on **5–7 April 2018**, 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 / Triples
- Stedman Doubles
- Treble Bob Minor
- Eight Bell Ringing (Plain Bob Triples / Major)
- 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 (email to coursehelpers@eacr.org.uk).

For a brochure and application form please send a stamped self-addressed C5 envelope to Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB or visit the EACR website at www.eacr.org.uk/course.



Closing date for applications **Friday 9 February 2018**

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ROUNDS & ABOUT



Annual Subscriptions for 2018

£8 adults **£4** juniors/friends

Annual subscriptions to the Association are due on 1st January 2018. Subscription rates remain the same - £8 for ringing members (i.e. all members or prospective members aged over 18 on 1st January 2018) 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. If you're a tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your subscription (forms can be downloaded from the EACR website).

Subscriptions should be paid by 30th April 2018. Members not paying by this date shall not participate in or vote at meetings (e.g. the AGM) or ring peals for the Association until the subscription is paid.

Those members whose annual subscriptions are not paid by 31st December 2017 shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association and their names shall not be published in the 2017 Annual Report.

Lapsed members may be readmitted to membership without election in the year following non-payment (i.e. 2018) if payment of the arrears and the current year's subscription are received by 30th April 2018. 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 which must be submitted to the District Secretary before the start of a District meeting. The current form can be downloaded from the EACR website.

Your District Treasurer will be in attendance at the annual district meeting in January. Why not go along and find out what is going on in your District, take part in some ringing and a bit of a social as well as ensuring your subscriptions are paid.

Benefits

- Every member receives an annual report
- Each tower receives a copy of the newsletter *Rounds and About* three times a

year

- Each member is covered by the Association's group personal accident and public liability policies
- Members can take part in Association activities

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

Please pay your subscriptions promptly and before 30 April 2018 – it greatly helps the finances and the running of the Association.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
(treasurer@eacr.org.uk)

From the Registers

Births: Paige Elizabeth Leslie Kerwin, daughter to Kieran and Kelly Kerwin, Willingale; Lily Valerie Kirk, daughter to Josh & Alice Kirk, Saffron Walden

40th birthday: Nicola Stark

Wedding: Dawn Peal & Paul Withams, Great Holland

30th wedding anniversary: Paul & Caroline Andrews, Waltham Abbey; Lyn & Roger Carey-Smith, Great Bentley

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Rt Revd John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell and EACR Vice-President; Alan Coleman, of Galleywood; Jose Sadler, of Prittlewell; and Lesley Smith, of Boreham

Remembering a Fallen Ringer: Harry Saffell 1893–1917

Driver Harry Saffell was born 1893 in Woodford Bridge, Essex but spent his childhood in Wenhaston in Suffolk. One of six children, his parents were Henry and Ethel Saffell (née Clarke). According to the 1911 census he was a horseman on a farm in Wenhaston, Suffolk. In 1912 he moved to Stratford in East London and he was employed on the Great Eastern Railway as a fireman. He had



learnt to ring in Suffolk and it was noted in the parish magazine that he came with a letter of introduction from the rector to the vicar at Leytonstone as a keen ringer. Already able to ring Bob Minor, with the St Johns ringers he soon made progress in the surprise methods. Harry enrolled in the Essex Change Ringers Association in 1912. He was said to combine a fine physique and natural aptitude for ringing. He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery "B" Battery, 159th Brigade in April 1915 and arrived at the front in December of that year. His service was Nil/21782. He was killed in Belgium on October 24th, 1917 and he was buried in the Ruisseau Farm Cemetery in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

On hearing of his death, the Leytonstone ringers rang a 720 of York Surprise Minor, that being the method he rang to his last 720 while home on leave shortly before his death in 1917. A letter to his parents from his Lieutenant said that he was always cheerful and an excellent gunner, he also explained that he was killed instantly when a large shell landed close to where he was. The blast also killed several others. He was buried in the Ruisseau Farm Cemetery in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

On October 24th, 2017, to mark the centenary of his death, a band of Essex ringers rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in his memory. The Peal took 2

hours 42 minutes and was conducted by Nicola Turner. The band was as follows

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Colin M Turner | 5. James L Towler |
| 2. Nicola J Turner | 6. Ian J Culham |
| 3. Yvonne A Towler | 7. Brian G Meads |
| 4. Christopher N McCarthy | 8. Alan Regin |

June Gray

Bishop John Wraw

Vice President of the Essex Association of Change Ringers
4th February 1959–25th July 2017

It is with sadness and regret that one of the Vice Presidents of the Essex Association of Change Ringers died in post recently. Bp. John was ordained in 1985 and throughout his ministry served in four dioceses: Hereford, Sheffield, Salisbury and Chelmsford. He was the Bishop of Bradwell from 2012 having come to the Chelmsford diocese from Salisbury as the Archdeacon of Wiltshire, a post he held from 2004 until 2012.

When he was installed as the Bishop of Bradwell in 2012 he stated the church needed to “reach out and change society” and followed it up later in a Lent lecture in 2016 saying “Ministry is not about serving the Church. It is about serving God in the world.”

We were privileged to hear him preach at our AGM in May 2017 when he spoke of the service ringers give to the wider community which was very much part of his telling us how the Christian faith and the gospel were spread and the twists and turns of life taught us to be open to feel the inclusivity of God’s love.

As a celebration of his life among us as a Vice-president we dedicate the ringing done in his memory.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rhona McEune
General Secretary

For details of the ringing see <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=6715>

Bradwell on Sea Bell Refurbishment

Further to my piece in the last edition of *Rounds and About* everything has gone more or less to plan with our bell project. Our five 18th century bells enjoyed their (admittedly, rather expensive) holiday in Loughborough, and came back looking very much refreshed, together with their two beautiful new siblings, now treble and two. The tenor was unable to join them in Loughborough – he (I suppose ‘he’, since the treble is ‘she’) was too big to lower through the frame – he must have come up the outside of the tower and in through the louvres in 1948. Taylors rehung all eight in late August and early September, the tenor’s new headstock, wheel and so on coming on the lorry from Loughborough. The wedding on September 9th received the benefit of them being rung for the first time.

Then on Sunday October 22nd they were dedicated by the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford. The Essex Association, whose Bell Restoration Fund made a generous grant to our bells, was well-represented by the Master John Harpole, Secretary Rhona McEune and S.E. District Secretary Jo Elliott, and



other members. In a nice piece of drama, Taylor’s representative handed the sally of a rope to a church warden, who then passed it to the Bishop, asking him to bless the bells. Having done that, the Bishop passed the sally to the rector with the request to take care of the bells, who then passed the sally to the tower captain, with the injunction to be sure to be worthy of their purpose.

The photo shows those involved in this event in the ringing chamber, together with Kay Twitchen OBE, representing Essex Heritage Trust, which made a major contribution to our project, funding the treble. This bell is inscribed “*A gift from Essex Heritage Trust*”.

We do like our new bells. It’s not entirely finalised as I write this, but we hope there will be a band from the South East District ringing the first peal on them in December, and then a peal by another band in memory of Bishop John Wraw in February.

Brian Clayden,
Tower Captain

Practice Diary

Jan	20	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	22	District Practice	Springfield	SE	7:45
	31	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Feb	20	District Practice	Sandon	SE	7:45
	28	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Mar	12	District Practice	Maldon, All Ss	SE	7:45
	28	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Apr	25	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
May	16	District Practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45

*No other practices notified at press date
Please refer to the [website](#) for further information*

Essex Young Ringers Outing to London

On Saturday 7th October, Essex Young Ringers went for a day outing to London.



The event was organised by George Vant. The day was well attended by 19 young ringers plus adult helpers and parents (ringing & non-ringing).

We started the day at St Olave, Hart Street (8 bells, 12cwt), a fine ring of bells. After multiple rounds and call changes to help everyone settle, some plain hunt then proved successful and this was later followed by PB triples and a touch of Grandsire triples. A band mainly made up of helpers then lowered the bells immaculately which some of the younger ringers really appreciated. Here we were joined by Bruce and Eileen Butler from Philadelphia who were staying in a hotel nearby, heard the bells and decided to investigate. They were extremely

impressed to see so many youngsters in a tower!

Our second tower was the 12 bells at St Magnus the Martyr (27cwt). Here we heard numerous times “big pull at handstroke and hold up at backstroke...!” as we built up on eight, to ten and onto twelve for those who had not rung on either this number of bells or this weight. Some of the older youngsters enjoyed the challenge of ringing round the back and there was some really good plain hunting on eleven, many ringing it for the first time. The final challenge at the tower was to set at backstroke. This was only announced after



everyone had taken hold for the last ring and with much amusement all eyes turned to the tenor ringer. The tenor behaved itself and the EACR Youth Co-ordinator was a very relieved person! The sound of these bells was glorious, however, not all were expecting the amount of sway that would be produced from the bells and it took many by surprise. Everyone really seemed to enjoy their 12-bell experience.

Our third tower were the lovely Royal Jubilee Bells at St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill (8, 9cwt). The advance party failed the initiative test of negotiating the various entry key arrangements and time was lost. We then had to take it in turns to enter the ringing chamber due to lack of space and our time here passed all too quickly.

It was then time for lunch. Some of the group went to The Sir John Hawkshaw (Wetherspoons) in Cannon Street Station while others 'did their own thing'. We all met up again after lunch at St Vedast, Foster Lane (6, 16cwt) opposite St Pauls Cathedral. Weight proved to be a bit of a challenge here but touches of PB doubles and minor and Grandsire doubles were all successful.



Our final tower of the day were the glorious ten of St Clement Dane's in The Strand. This is the Central Church of the RAF. Once again there was plenty of rounds, call changes and plain hunt but we were also able to ring PB and Grandsire caters and actually finished with a bob course of Grandsire caters. Many also took the opportunity to look round the memorials and other features inside and went home with the free booklet about the bells.

Many thanks to George (and to Andrew for sorting out some last minute hitches the day before the outing!) and all those attending, young and not-so young! All six Association Districts were represented and hopefully everyone had a great time.

That's a First!

Quarter peals:

- 1st quarter: Michelle A Long, Beverley Watkins, Alistair Finbow, Carolyn McAllister,
Rosemarie P Edwards, Jackie Channa, Zoe Rowe-Pearce
- 1st tenor behind: Nicola Stark, Alistair Finbow
- 1st on 3: John Harpole, Stephen Nash, Nigel Taylor
- 1st treble to Grandsire: Beverley Watkins
- 1st Grandsire inside: Samuel Beech
- 1st St Martin's Doubles: Alwyn Brock
- 1st inside: David French, Isabelle Page, Patricia Ormes, Louise Burns, Kate Jolley
- 1st Minor: Sue Evans, Ian D Kerwin, Kate Jolley, William Beech
- 1st Treble Bob: Alwyn Brock, Samuel Beech
- 1st Ipswich S Minor: Ro Kelsell
- 1st on 8: Heather McNaughton, Robert Carrington, Emily Thompson, David
French, Alan Moody, Paul Wiggins
- 1st Double Norwich: Gavin S Carpenter
- 1st Yorkshire S Major: David Learmonth
- 1st London S Major: James Laken
- 1st as conductor: Helen Green
- 1st Cambridge S Royal: Helen J Carter
- 350th quarter: Vicki Chapman
- 1300th quarter: Stephen J Nash
- 100th at Chelmsford: Andrew Taylor
- 700th together: Patricia Cresshull & Liz Griffith-Jones
- 1st Minor on handbells: Andrew R C Kelso

Peals:

- 1st peal: Courtney J A Mandell
- 1st Lincolnshire: Nicholas M Allen, Matthew J Bayley, George J Vant
- 1st Pudsey: Vicki L Chapman
- 125th at Inworth: James L Towler
- 300th peal: Ian J Culham
- 1700th for the Association: James L Towler
- 250th together: Yvonne A Towler & Alan P Mayle
- 300th together: James L Towler & Paul A Cammiade

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

Annual Dinner

“We thoroughly enjoyed the EACR Dinner on Saturday evening. Both the service and the food was very good and we felt that Little Channels was an excellent venue. Well done to all concerned with the arrangements.” “Excellent atmosphere and venue.” And so the praises went on for the 63rd Essex Association annual dinner.

A new venue and a new date saw just over eighty guests, well up on recent years, sit down to a splendid three course meal and coffee in charming surroundings. The Master, John Harpole, welcomed the guest speakers and following the Loyal toast gave a summary of the past twelve months from an Association as well as a personal perspective including committee meetings, the AGM, the Ridgman, Essex Trophy and striking competitions and the Essex Young Eagles. It also included calling a quarter peal at Shenfield as a 100th birthday compliment to Frances Cawson. Francey is the aunt to ringers Ray Jones and Laurence Turner and the daughter of Harry Turner of Shenfield and although a non-ringer she has attended the dinner for several years. A small presentation was made in her honour. A toast was raised to the church and to the clergy for their continued support and encouragement.

The Right Reverend Roderick Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone and Visiting Bishop to the Chelmsford Diocese responded on behalf of the Church.

It was then the turn of Christopher O’Mahony, newly elected President of the Central



Chris O’Mahony and John Harpole discuss the contents of their speeches

Council of Church Bell Ringers to toast the health of the Essex Association. His theme was 'change' with a lot of change on the horizon for the Central Council.

The Master brought proceedings to a close by thanking Andrew Brewster and the rest of the organising committee as well as the staff of Little Channels and presented gifts and flowers to the main guests. Thanks also go to those selling raffle tickets and towers and individuals who donated raffle prizes. The raffle was drawn and proceedings drew to a close. There was just time for a final catch up with friends before last orders were called.

Andrew Brewster, Social Committee Convener

Are you a Young Ringer?

The Essex Ringing Course will again offer one Semken Scholarship to a ringer aged under 25 on 5 April 2018. So you'll be able to attend the Course for free! Just put your date of birth on the application form.

The recipient will be selected by the Course tutors in February and there's only one condition: to write a short article for the summer issue of *Rounds & About*.

Mary Bone
Course Convener

Independent Examination

As a charity, the Essex Association of Change Ringers needs to have their accounts checked by someone competent outside the trustees to ensure that we have complied with the Charities Act. This is an independent examination. Earlier this year, Richard Dunhill announced he would be stepping down as one of the Independent Examiners at the AGM in May 2018. Richard will have completed 10 years as examiner and along with Neil Avis they are the current people who examine the Association's Accounts and report to the Management Committee.

The Independent Examiner is an elected position but is not a member of the Management Committee. Two Independent Examiners are elected to examine the Association's Accounts. It is expected that at least one has a professional accounting qualification, preferably both.

Their role is:

- To examine the accounts;
- To review the district and association records and compare these with the Association's accounts;
- To determine whether the accounts require a formal audit;
- To issue a statement confirming if there are any matters that require further attention;
- To report on the accounts in the Annual Report.

It is not an onerous task but requires time in January to review the accounts with a deadline to report to the February Management committee. Additionally, the independent examiners may be required to act as tellers at a contested election at the AGM in May.

The Charities Act says that the Independent Examiner must be: '...an independent person with the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination.' At first look you may feel that you simply do not know anyone like this! But if we look more closely at what is actually needed it becomes easier:

An independent person should not be:

1. A member of the Management Committee or any of its sub-committees or have any connection with the trustees
2. Closely involved with the administration of the Association

Having the requisite ability – we need to ensure that the Independent Examiner has:

1. Numeracy skills
2. Financial awareness
3. A basic understanding of the different types of funds (e.g. unrestricted, restricted).

Richard Dunhill has offered to discuss the role if anyone is interested in the post and there would be an opportunity to shadow the role in January 2018. Richard can be contacted via the report or through me.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
treasurer@eacr.org.uk

Insurance

PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Association holds two insurance policies for its members. **These notes are intended as a guide only and are not intended as a substitute to the insurance policies held by the Association relevant to the period of cover, which contain the full policy definitions, terms, conditions and exclusions.**

Public Liability

The policy covers bell ringing, minor maintenance and fundraising events. No definition of 'minor maintenance' is available but it would cover routine maintenance and similar activities. Fundraising includes, for example, the use of halls for meetings and publicity and social events (including the use of mini-rings). The indemnity is up to £5,000,000 for every claim with a £250 excess and includes member-to-member liability. The policy is with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. Public liability cover for major bell projects should be arranged separately.

Personal Accident

The policy covers all paid-up members of the Association (but not non-resident members), including any person under instruction prior to acceptance for membership of the Essex Association. The policy is underwritten by AmTrust Underwriting Ltd.

Members are covered whilst ringing or attending to any works or travelling to or from a church or bell tower to practice or take part in ringing anywhere in the world. Cover and benefits payable have been extended in respect of certain accidents (see table below). Cover is subject to the policy terms, conditions and exclusions – for example, cover would not apply to any member under the influence of alcohol.

Any member whose subscription is in arrears and who has not paid those arrears by the 30th April each year will not have their insurance cover renewed. It is therefore even more important that you do not let your membership lapse. In the event of a claim the Association Officers will decide whether or not you are a valid member based on membership lists, which the Association are required to maintain (Rule 11.3).

The above is a summary of the policies held and in any conflict with this summary and the actual policies, the policies will take precedence. Claims and queries concerning the extent of the cover, exclusions or operation of the policies should be directed in the first instance to the Association Treasurer so that the position may be clarified with the insurers.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
October 2017

Benefits payable in the event of an accident	Under 16's	Aged 16-70	Aged 71-75	Over 75's
1 Death	£2,500	£30,000	£2,500	£2,500
2-5 The above amounts are also payable across the age ranges in respect of Permanent total loss of sight of One or Both eyes, Loss of one or more limb(s) and Permanent total loss of speech				
6 Permanent total loss of hearing - One ear	£625	£7,500	£625	£625
Permanent total loss of hearing - Both ears	£2,500	£30,000	£2,500	£2,500
7* Permanent total disablement	£2,500	£30,000	£2,500	£2,500
8 Temporary total disablement	Not covered	£300 pw for up to 104 weeks	Not covered	Not covered
9 Temporary partial disablement	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
10 Quadriplegia	Not covered	50% of 7*	Not covered	Not covered
11 Triplegia	Not covered	37.5% of 7*	Not covered	Not covered
12 Paraplegia	Not covered	25% of 7*	Not covered	Not covered

The maximum Sum insured for any one occurrence is £1,000,000. Medical expenses (20% of the Sum insured up to a maximum of £10,000) are payable for those aged 16-70 years

Dates for your Diary

Dec	9	Carol service	Witham	N	3:00
		Carol service	Ardleigh	NE	3:00
		Carol service	Shenfield	S	3:30
		Carol service	Willingale	NW	4:00
		Carol service	Broomfield	SE	4:30
Jan	6	Annual District meeting	Wethersfield	N	3:00
		Annual District meeting	Great Baddow	SE	3:00
	13	Annual District meeting	<i>tbc</i>	SW	4:00
		Annual District meeting	Thorpe-le-Soken	NE	4:30
	20	Annual District meeting	South Weald	S	3:00
	28	Annual District meeting	Steeple Bumpstead	NW	3:30
Feb	3	Association Committee Meeting	Danbury		
Mar	3	District Meeting	Burnham-on-Crouch	SE	
Apr	5-7	Essex Ringing Course	Coggeshall		
May	7	Association AGM	Chelmsford		
Jul	14	Association Striking Competitions			

2019 Essex Ringing Course

It's a long way ahead but, after 9 years, I'll be "retiring" as Course organiser after the 2018 Course. So do get in touch if you're interested in finding out what's involved and taking this on: essexcourse@eacr.org.uk.

Mary Bone

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for April 2018. 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 March 2018**.