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Rounds & About

This is the 100th edition of Rounds & About. Time, perhaps, for a look back.

Issue 25 appeared in August 1996, edited by Vicki Patmore (now Chapman). The front page article was about the Annual Dinner, which that year was to be at Benton Hall, the speakers being the Area Bishop of Colchester and Phil Rogers, the immediate past Master of the College Youths. Tickets were £20.

A full-page article celebrated the (one and only) peal on the four at Margaretting, just before the bells were removed for refurbishment and augmentation. The restoration at Epping was also noted.

Mike Bishop, Secretary, explained that although the new rule providing for a 50% reduction in subscriptions — for under-18s — was effective immediately after the AGM, anyone already a member should be paying the full rate for that year, which was £5.

Issue 50, December 2004, was still being edited by Vicki. The front page told us about the October Committee meeting, at which the Association adopted the (then new) Central Council Child Protection Policy, with the endorsement of the Bishop.

That year's Dinner, at the County Hotel, Chelmsford, marked the Association's 125th anniversary year; the speakers were the Rt Revd John Gladwin, Bishop of Chelmsford, and Mike Henshaw, President of the Central Council and an Essex "export".

Issue 75, April 2013, was edited by Anne Bray. There was a two-page article recording the Southern District outing to Kent; Mistley had achieved 100 quarters in a year; and a peal had been rung on the four at Takeley.

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All the issues are available on the Association website, and are well worth exploring.

Annual Dinner

Tickets are now available for the Association's 66th Annual Dinner on Saturday 9th October at 6.45 for 7.30pm. 2021 sees a return to Benton Hall Golf & Country Club (Wickham Hill, Witham, Essex CM8 3LH). Join us for an enjoyable evening of good food and good company. Our invited guests include our new Life Vice President, Paul Cammiade and Life members John Harpole and Brian Meads, who will be presented with their certificates.

The menu is opposite.

Tickets are priced at **£32 (Early Bird option if ordered by 17 July)** or £36 each after the 17 July. Where possible payment should be made by BACS transfer to EACR with the reference "2021 Dinner" (Bank details are available on request from the General Secretary). This is to minimise travel to the Bank.

Simply download the booking form from the website <https://eacr.org.uk/docs/social/annual-dinner-booking-form-2021.pdf>, select your menu choices, add your name, and email your completed form to Sharon Lacey at secretary@eacr.org.uk. In exceptional circumstances, postal forms and cheques will also be accepted at the address below.

There is also a bar, which will be selling real ale, and there are plenty of car parking spaces. We will be seated on tables of 8 or 10, so do think about making up a table from your Tower. Dress will be Black Tie or Lounge Suit.

Let's make it a great success. Please come along and support it!

Sharon Lacey
46 Sheering Lower Road
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Menu

Starters

Leek and potato soup (*v, gf*)

Smoked mackerel and chorizo served with lemon and dill crème fraiche

Melon and feta salad with lemon and mint vinaigrette (*v, gf*)

Main Course

Chicken supreme stuffed with black pudding and herbs,
wrapped in streaky bacon
served with mashed potato, green beans and a red wine sauce

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Roasted sea bass with Provençal vegetables, new potatoes, and pesto (*gf*)

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Roast sweet potato and onion tart with goats cheese
served on a bed of mixed leaves (*v*)

Dessert

Apple, sultana and cinnamon pie served with custard

Lemon tart

Chocolate fudge cheesecake

Followed by Tea, Coffee and Chocolate Mints

Any dietary requirements can be arranged on request – please specify when ordering

Cash bar

Black tie or lounge suit

100 editions and still going strong

This edition of the Association's newsletter *Rounds & About* is the 100th. I thought that might be a good opportunity to look back through them to see how it has evolved.

The production of the newsletter when the first edition was issued in August 1988 was undertaken by the Association's General Secretary. Over the 33 years, there have only been 6 editors:

Ann Woolley (Chapman) August 1988–April 1993	General Secretary
Mike Bishop August 1993–December 1995	General Secretary
Vicki Chapman April 1996–December 2005	Newsletter Editor
Bryan Morrissey April 2006–December 2009	Newsletter Editor
Anne Bray April 2010–December 2013	Newsletter Editor
Fred Bone April 2014–present	Newsletter Editor

It was in 1996 that the production moved away from the General Secretary and became a distinct role in its own right. It wasn't until the December 1998 edition the name *Rounds & About* was first adopted, prior to that it was known as the *EACR Newsletter*.

The first newsletter opened with hopeful intentions to be “the first of regular newsletters which are intended to keep towers in touch with activities in their own district, other districts and the Association”.

Rounds & About is published 3 times a year, April, August, and December with very good reasons for choosing those times of year. April was an opportunity to publicise details about the Annual General Meeting; August to advertise the Annual Dinner and December to have a roundup of the year and look to the year ahead. It wasn't until the Essex Ringing Course came along a few years later that the December edition also gave the opportunity to publicise that.

The first edition was 4 pages but by the second edition there was enough material to create 8 pages, which is still the usual size; however, the last edition (#99) had a whopping 12 pages, rather incredible given there's been very little actual tower bell ringing over the last year or so.

The format has largely stayed the same. The front page usually carries an advert for the AGM, Dinner or the Ringing Course. The back pages have dates for the diary and regular features include *That's a First*, where we congratulate those (that we know about) who have scored their first quarter or peal or as conductor, and *Association Registers* where we congratulate those who have reached personal milestones such

as births, birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and where we remember members who have died recently. The rest is really down to you, the Association membership, to tell us your stories and share your news.

Now its even easier to share *Rounds & About*. If you have time (and the inclination) all editions of the newsletter can be viewed on our website at <https://eacr.org.uk/about/rounds-and-about.html>

Please keep contributions coming in, share your news, tell us your story and show us photos.

Vicki Chapman
Public Relations Officer

Practice Diary

Aug	11	10 bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	17	Doubles & Minor practice	St Osyth	NE	7:30
Sep	4	Learners practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	8	10 bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	13	District practice	Springfield	SE	7:45
	29	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Oct	12	District practice	Sandon	SE	7:45
	13	10 bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	14	District practice		SW	7:30
	16	District 8-bell practice	Ardleigh	NE	2:30
	27	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	31	Young Ringers practice			4:30
Nov	10	10 bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	11	District practice		SW	7:30
	18	District practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	24	Doubles & Minor practice	Langham	NE	7:30
		Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:45
28	Young Ringers practice			4:30	
Dec	8	10 bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	9	District practice		SW	7:30
Jan	12	10 bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30

Fun with Bells

The April “Fun with Bells” podcast is an interview with Oliver Lee, who rings at Great Parndon and Harlow Common.

In this fast-paced episode, podcast host Cathy Booth meets 20-year-old ringer, Oliver Lee, and discovers his passion for ringing and ringing history.

Oliver is clearly fascinated by all aspects of ringing and takes Cathy on a whistle-stop tour of a huge range of ringing-related subjects, ranging from Ellacombe chimes, through belfry reform and on to John Warner and Sons bell founders.

Oliver also talks about his autism and the support he has had from the ringing community, reliving his positive experiences of the striking competitions he’s taken part in. Good times make great memories.

And just like any other ringer, he vents at the inaccurate depictions of bell ringing in the mainstream media. Did somebody mention Midsomer Murders?

Finally, on the question of Cumberland or College Youths? Looks like the verdict is still out ...

<https://funwithbells.com/ol/>

That’s a First!

Quarter peals on bells:

1st Stedman Doubles: John M Church

Quarter peals on Ringing Room:

1st quarter: Pauline Murray

1st virtual quarter: Ros C Skipper, Jane F Harper

1st away from cover: Adam C Carpenter

1st Norwich S in hand: John E Steed

1st Durham S Minor: Vicki Chapman, Hazel Steed

1st Annable’s London S Minor in hand: John E Steed

1st Netherseale S Minor in hand: John E Steed

100th handbell quarter in Ringing Room: Paul A Cammiade

*Information to end of June, from BellBoard reports mentioning “Essex”.
Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.*

Recruitment and Training sub-committee

According to the new rules agreed at the AGM in May, a new sub-committee has come into existence for Recruitment and Training.

On the sub-committee are representatives of the districts plus other co-opted EACR members: Roy Threadgold (Northern District), Anne Bray (North-Eastern, and Essex Course Administrator), Ian Kerwin (North-Western), Mark Robbins (Southern), Richard Wilson (South-Eastern), Zoë Purdle-Wood (South-Western), Mike Worboys (Sandon) and David Sparling (ART committee). I am the committee convenor and chair.

At our first meeting on 16th June we set out our terms of reference which will be published on the website once they are approved by the EACR trustees. We also looked at tasks such as deciding on the format of the training day in November, developing a recruitment page for the EACR website, adding a resources hub and updating the Links page. The first update has now been done.

We are planning to organise ART courses for the second half of this year - M1, M2 and Refresher courses should be on offer. We'd also like to help any ringers who have done an ART course and need some assistance with moving on to accreditation, or who just want a bit of confidence-building support. Would you like to do a course, or get some help? If so, please contact me (details below).

Finally, we want to advertise the new Recruitment and Training fund, standing at £9,167, which is there for Essex members to use for their towers. There are details of the criteria for grants from the fund at <https://eacr.org.uk/education/recruitment-and-training-fund.html>, but if you need to talk over any projects and find out if you can get help, financial or otherwise, contact me, Beth Johnson, or any of the committee members listed above. We would very much like to get the money from the fund out to the membership so it can do some good, rather than having it sitting in the bank.

Our next meeting is July 29th - look out for an update in August.

Beth Johnson
EACR Education Officer

Association Training Day

Save the date = November 27th 2021
EACR Training Day – South-west District

There will be in-person courses for a range of ringing skill levels, plus some online offerings before and after the day. Until we know better what criteria will be in force later in the year, we hesitate to formulate a programme, but we will make a decision and publish our plans by the end of August.

Dates for your Diary

Sep	4	District Meeting	Galleywood	SE	4:30
	11	Essex Trophy 10-bell Striking Competition	Ashford, Kent		10:00
		District Quarterly Meeting & Striking Competition		SW	10:30
	18	District Training Day		SE	
		District Meeting & Call Change Competition	Wivenhoe	N	2:00
Oct	2	Association Committee Meeting			2:30
	9	Association Annual Dinner			
		District Meeting & Call Change Competition	Matching	NW	9:30
Nov	20	District Quiz Night	Springfield	SE	7:30
	27	Association Training Day		SW	10:00
Dec	4	District Carol Service	Boreham	SE	3:00
	11	District Carol Service	Thorrington	NE	3:00
Jan	8	Annual District Meeting	Writtle	SE	3:00
		Annual District Meeting		N	4:00
	15	Annual District Meeting		SW	2:00
		Annual District Meeting	Great Holland	NE	3:00
	22	Annual District Meeting		S	3:00
	29	Annual District Meeting		NW	4:00

From the Registers

40th birthday: Charlotte Rogers

85th birthday: Margaret Waller

Wedding: Ellen-Marie Morris and Mark Buckley, of Rayleigh

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Alan R Elliott, formerly of Kelvedon (died 16 August 2020); Jeff Carpenter, Friend of the Association, of Felsted; Jo Carter, of Gosfield; Des Thorne, of Ardleigh; Brian Sayer, of Tolleshunt D'Arcy; Bob Christy, of Goldhanger; and Alan Barber, formerly of Stansted Mountfitchet.

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for December 2021. 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 November 2021**.