



NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT STANFORD-LE-HOPE SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2004

Thanks very much to John Green and the Stanford-le-Hope ringers for hosting the meeting, and to the Rev. John Guest for kindly taking the Service and Eileen Talliadoras for playing the organ.

The Committee Rep gave a report of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Danbury on 7th February 2004:

Arrangements for the **AGM** on 3rd May are as follows: 9.15 a.m. general ringing for one hour, 10.15 service touch followed by 10.30 service. The speaker is the Archdeacon of West Ham and afternoon ringing is in Southern District with tea at Brentwood.

Two proposals for Life Membership have been endorsed by the committee - that's Jim Towler (prop by Terry Earle, sec by Sue Page) and Dennis Hewitt (prop by Denis Ellisdon & sec Jim Laken). There are no LVPs proposals and no motions for consideration. So should be a nice short AGM meeting. Good, more time for lunch before afternoon ringing.

Hon Tech Advisor, David Sloman, reported that Great Parndon tenor now rings better after some much-needed work. Writtle bells have been removed, the old frame hoisted higher in the tower to make room for the new frame and bells. The new set of 10 has now been cast by Loughborough Bell Foundry. The old front 6 may be going to Seattle. Eastwood demolition proposal has now been withdrawn.

David also announced that he will be standing down in a year or two - apparently new rules mean he cannot be DAC advisor AND local association advisor.

The visit of the **Central Council** to Essex is all arranged - 230 members will be descending on Colchester over the weekend 28-31 May. There was a plea for helpers to man the information desk at the Butterfly Hotel.

The **Peal Secretary**, Colin Chapman, announced the statistics for 2003. 57 Association peals were rung - 14 decrease on 2002 - at 22 different towers. Downham was the leading tower with 12, followed by Terling with 8. Leading peal ringers were Jim & Yvonne Towler both with 28. 590 Quarters had been rung during 2003 - 100 fewer than 2002 - at 108 different towers. The decreases were probably due to 2002 being Golden Jubilee year.

The **Public Relations Officer**, Iris Lewis, asked if anyone spots anything about ringing in local papers, please could you let her have a copy.

The Secretary asks: "Do you want a **Dinner** in 2005?"

Other points of interest from the meeting:

125th Anniversary:

Peals: Terry Earle advised that 1 Peal had been completed at Downham with another 11 to be attempted including South Weald (today), Navestock and Bentley, and Hutton. Terry asked to be kept informed as to progress.

The auction of Calendar drawings raised £490. Still 2 unsold – to go forward to the AGM.

Association Open Day – 30th August 2004: A letter will be sent to all towers by the end of April detailing the final arrangements.

The Association Annual Dinner will be at Chelmsford on 2 October. A deposit system will again be available, contact Mary Bone (Association Secretary) with ticket requests by the end of May.

The new Call Change Competition rules have been decided and a copy is attached to this newsletter.

Please note that the date for the Annual District Meeting to be held at Rayleigh will now be on 22 January 2005.

The Service Collection raised £34.70, the profit from the Raffle at this meeting was £28.70, the profit from Teas (all proceeds generously donated by John Green and his team) was £78.00.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

125th Anniversary Quarter Peals Southern District

Bentley Common, Essex. 22 March 2004, 1260 Plain Doubles (3 methods): Pattie Folkson 1, William Chandler 2, Ronald Brown (c) 3, Alan Moody 4, John Cousins 5, Philip Alsford 6. 1st Quarter (6). 1st Quarter away from cover (1). An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Brentwood, Essex. 14 March 2004, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Robin Page-Jones 1, Amanda Hazell-Rayner 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, Chris Bailey 4, Raymond Jones (c) 5, Warren Hawkings 6. For evensong rung on the front six. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Downham, Essex. 29 March 2004, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Thomas Earle 1, Terry Earle 2, Wendy Earle 3, Lionel Woods 4, Paul Cammiade (c) 5, Christopher Tucker 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Eastwood, Essex. 28 March 2004, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): Christine (Haddie) Halliwell 1, Martin Newman 2, Bernard Sadler 3, Peter Knight 4, Allen Cansdale (c) 5, Colin Hall 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Grays, Essex. 6 March 2004, 1260 Doubles (6 methods): Mo Venus 1, Allen Cansdale 2, David Field 3, Phil Harrison 4, Andrew Beech (c) 5, Chris Bailey 6. Specially arranged as a 50th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Eileen & John Webb of Grays. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Great Wakering, Essex. 2 March 2004, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Jones 1, Donald Stoneman 2, Tim Baskett 3, Mo Venus 4, Phil Harrison (c) 5, Sally Baskett 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

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Hutton, Essex. 1 March 2004, 1260 All Saints Place Doubles: Robin Page-Jones 1, Georgina Dearing 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, Des Mayell (c) 4, Roger Butt 5. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal on St. David's Day. Also to mark Sixty years of ringing by Des Mayell.

Ingrave, Essex. 10 March 2004, 1260 Plain Doubles (3 methods): Robin Page-Jones 1, Vic Dale 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, Roger Butt 4, Raymond Jones (c) 5, Ian Daniels 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Langdon Hills, Essex. 12 March 2004, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Julie Pye 1, Catherine Gisby 2, Clive Garraway 3, Dennis Stott 4, David Belcham (c) 5, Steve Hunter 6. Rung for the 125th Anniversary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Leigh on Sea, Essex. 24 March 2004, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Terry Earle 1, Elizabeth Wycherley 2, Catherine Gisby 3, Allen Cansdale 4, Mo Venus 5, Phil Harrison 6, Peter Wycherley (c) 7, Alan Gisby 8. First quarter rung on the augmented bells. 125th Quarter Peal together (3 and 8). For the 125th Anniversary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Navestock, Essex. 24 March 2004, 1260 Plain Doubles (3 methods): John Cousins 1, Alan Moody 2, Ronald Brown (c) 3, Keith Gardner 4, Chris Bailey 5, Derek Rowland 6. 1st in 3 methods (5). An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

North Ockendon, Essex. 21 March 2004, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: David Burton (1st of Minor) 1, Michael Warren 2, Andrew Beech 3, Brian Beech 4, Matthew Scott 5, Stephen Nash (C) 6. For Mothering Sunday. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Prittlewell, Essex. 7 March 2004, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Peter Sloman 1, Philip Briant 2, Penny Sloman 3, Bernard Sadler 4, Allen Cansdale 5, Stephen Halliwell 6, David Field 7, David Sloman(c) 8. Rung as a 125th Anniversary celebration of The Essex Association of Change Ringers and also as a birthday compliment to Jennifer Field.

Rayleigh, Essex. 28 March 2004, 1280 Vectis Surprise Major: Lawrence Beal 1, Steve Hunter 2, Julie Pye 3, Andy Martin 4, John Harpole 5, Richard Dunhill 6, David Belcham (c) 7, Colin Chapman 8. First in method by all. Rung for the 125th Anniversary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Rettondon, Essex. 24 March 2004, 1272 Plain Bob Minor: Sally Scurrall 1, Lyn Benson 2, Lawrence Beal 3, Steve Hunter 4, David Belcham (c) 5, Andy Martin 6. Rung for the 125th Anniversary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Rochford, Essex. 25 March 2004, 1260 doubles (3 methods): Christine Allman 1, Rosemary Wright 2, Bernard Sadler 3, Allen Cansdale 4, Phil Harrison (c) 5, Anne Banton 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Shenfield, Essex. 21 March 2004, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: John Church 1, Des Mayell 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, Roger Butt 4, Raymond Jones (c) 5, Chris Bailey 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

South Benfleet, Essex. 30 March 2004, 1260 Mixed Doubles (6 methods): Judith Rolf 1, Allen Cansdale 2, Bernard Sadler 3, David Sloman 4, Phil Harrison (c) 5, Chris Bailey 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

South Weald, Essex. 7 March 2004, 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Beth Johnson 1, Maria Jorysz 2, Vic Dale 3, John Cousins 4, Alan Ball 5, Clive Stephenson 6, Ian Jorysz (c) 7, Paul Treman 8. First in method (5). An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

Stanford Le Hope, Essex. 20 March 2004, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Lawrence Beal 1, Dennis Stott 2, Andrew Martin 3, Julie Pye 4, Steve Hunter 5, Gordon Lucas 6, David Belcham 7, John Harpole (c) 8. Rung for the 125th Anniversary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Thorpe Bay, Essex. 21 March 2004, 1260 Minor (2 methods): Judy Rolfe 1, Hilary Woolner 2, Julie Sentance 3, Mo Venus 4, Phil Harrison 5, Steve Halliwell (c) 6. An Essex Association 125th Anniversary Quarter Peal.

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CONGRATULATIONS THOMAS!



On 18 February 2004 at Downham, we rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles to celebrate Thomas Earle's twelfth birthday the day before. It was Thomas's first attempt to ring a quarter peal, in the band

were three of Thomas's grandparents: Wendy & Terry Earle and Lionel Woods. The other two members of the band were Paul Cammiade and Chris Tucker. Terry conducted it.

Wendy Earle

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A Spare Few Moments...?

Do you sometimes have a few minutes to spare before the service starts on a Sunday but don't want to attempt a touch of something? Why not have a go at these 'musical' call changes - they are only 20 changes long.

Change	Call (down)	Call (up)	
123456	-	-	Rounds
124356	4 to 2	3 to 4	
142356	4 to 1	2 to 4	
142536	5 to 2	3 to 5	Tittums
145236	5 to 4	2 to 5	
154236	5 to 1	4 to 5	
514236	5 Lead	1 to 5	
541236	4 to 5	1 to 4	
541326	3 to 1	2 to 3	
543126	3 to 4	1 to 3	
543216	2 to 3	1 to 2	Reverse Rounds
534216	3 to 5	4 to 3	
534126	1 to 4	2 to 1	
531426	1 to 3	4 to 1	
531246	2 to 1	4 to 2	Kings
513246	1 to 5	3 to 1	
153246	1 Lead	5 to 1	
135246	3 to 1	5 to 3	Queens
132546	2 to 3	5 to 2	
123546	2 to 1	3 to 2	
123456	4 to 3	5 to 4	Rounds

If you are used to calling changes down use the **Call (down)** column or use the **Call (up)** column if you prefer calling them up.

You can also ring these changes backwards too - but obviously the actual call will be different!

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Do you have any news for your newsletter?
Rung any special quarter peals, any birthdays or anniversaries to be mentioned?
Going on a ringing outing - send in a report with a photo!
Having any fundraising events that need advertising?
Know any (clean) bellringing jokes?

Send your contributions for this newsletter to Mo Venus (address in Annual Report),
hand to me or a District Officer at any ringing event,
or e-mail me at mo.venus@bbc.co.uk or movns@aol.com
Newsletters for the rest of 2004 will be published during the first weeks of
July, October and the second week of December.

NOTICE BOARD

RAYLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICES

These practices are on the FIRST Tuesday of each month
and the methods to be rung are:

April 6 th	Bristol and Pudsey
May 4 th	London and Rutland
June 1 st	Wembley and Yorkshire

**COURSES!
PLEASE LET
GORDON KNOW
WHAT YOU'D**

**DEDICATION
SERVICE**

at
LEIGH-ON-SEA

APRIL 23RD 2004

at 8.00 P.M.

followed
by
REFRESHMENTS

**Essex Association
Dinner**

October 2nd 2004

Reserve your tickets now

Send a deposit of £15

to Mary Bone

☎ 01279 726159

by the end of May

Subs

due 1st January 2004

please send them to Chris asap

or hand them to him at a forthcoming

District event

Gift Aid forms available

Essex Association 125th Anniversary Lunch

June 6th 2004

at Writtle

Tickets £10 each

(includes 3 course meal & glass of wine)

followed by Anniversary service (open to all)

tickets from: Chris ☎ 01277 226614

chris@thebaileyhome.freemove.co.uk,

The Essex Association of Change Ringers

SOUTHERN DISTRICT CALL CHANGE COMPETITION

General

1. The competition shall take place at a tower within the District and shall be open to all ringers within the District.
2. The District Master, or a steward appointed by the Master, shall supervise the event. He shall be the only person with the ringers in the ringing room and shall check that the competition test piece is rung correctly in accordance with the rules.
3. The District Officers shall appoint one or two judges to assess the quality of the ringing, give comments and announce the results.
4. A trophy shall be presented to the winning team (if successful in 2004 and if it is wanted as an annual event) and shall be held in safekeeping until the next competition. Provision shall be made for the trophy to be suitably engraved.
5. If necessary, the District Master or his nominee shall give ruling concerning matters not covered by these rules, and any such decision shall be final.

Teams

6. In order to encourage less experienced bands to enter, towers which came first, second or third in the district 6-bell method competition may only enter this Call Change competition if the band contains at least three ringers who did not take part in the 6-bell method competition for the current year.
7. Each team shall be allowed no more than one substitute nominated on the day by the District Officers.
8. Towers with insufficient members under Rule 6 and other than the provision in Rule 7 may join with another tower and enter a joint team.
9. A ringer may only ring in one team. If a last minute substitution is required for another team and there are no spare district ringers available then, in this case, a ringer may ring in another team but only in agreement with the District Officers.

Practice

10. Two minutes of practice rounds and changes (not judged) shall be allowed after which the bells must be set.
11. Stopping the practice and restarting is allowed (e.g. to adjust ropes or use a box) - the steward will "stop the clock" at such points and will tell the team how much time remains of the two minutes before the team restarts. Ropes may also be adjusted and boxes changed at the end of the practice time.
12. Following the practice (including any final adjustments) the treble ringer should signal to the judges that the team is about to start the competition test piece by turning the treble over for one whole pull (not judged).

The Test Piece

13. The competition shall be rung on 6-bells with a covering tenor. Bona-fide 5-bell towers may ring without a covering tenor if they wish.
14. Each team must ring for a minimum of 5 minutes and for a maximum of 7 minutes (including opening and closing rounds). The Master or steward will, if required, announce 5 minutes and warn of the approach of 7 minutes.

15. The test piece must contain the following 'named' changes - IN THIS ORDER. Any sequence of changes between these changes is allowed. The 'named' changes must be rung a minimum of 4 whole pulls, all other changes can be of any length.

Changes to be included (in this order):

Start in rounds	
142536	(Tittums)
543216	(Reverse Rounds)
531246	(Kings/Whittingtons)
135246	(Queens)
End in rounds	

16. All closing rounds will be judged. The duration of the closing rounds is at the discretion of the conductor, but must be a minimum of 1 whole pull. Opening rounds will be judged after the 5th whole-pull, i.e., from the 6th whole-pull onwards.
17. If during the first 60 seconds of the test piece, the ringing deteriorates irretrievably and is terminated by the conductor, then at the discretion of the Master or steward, the band may restart the test piece. The ringing should restart from rounds and consist of a further 5 minutes of ringing as specified in rules 14, 15 and 16. Faults shall be marked on the completed piece of ringing only, the aborted attempt not counting towards the final fault total.
18. At the end of the test piece, a team will not be penalised should any bell not be able to stand. However, in the event of two teams tying on faults/points then failure to stand the bells will be taken into account to achieve the final order of teams.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OUTING

TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(PROBABLY)

Saturday 19th June 2004

Book the date in your diary.

First tower will be at 10:30 am.

Full details to follow when all towers are confirmed.