



NEWSLETTER

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CALL CHANGE COMPETITION & DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT INGRAVE - SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2005

Alistair Donaldson (Gestingthorpe) and Andrew Smith (Halstead) acted as Judges for our competition. The results were as follows:

1 -	North Ockendon	30 faults	(rang 5 th)
2 -	South Weald	31 faults	(rang 1 st)
3 -	Downham (<i>Dongers</i>)	40 faults	(rang 2 nd)
4 -	Brentwood Area	55 faults	(rang 3 rd)
5 -	Downham (<i>Dingers</i>)	57 faults	(rang 4 th)
6 -	Rochford	75 faults	(rang 7 th)
7 -	Basildon	85 faults	(rang 6 th)



Congratulations to North Ockendon on their narrow victory and thanks to everyone who supported the event. The Master said that it was very encouraging and a good effort by all that seven teams had taken part in the Call Change Competition and he praised those for whom this was their first attempt at entering a striking competition.

Points of interest from the meeting:

- The Quiz Night at North Ockendon was enjoyed by seven teams and raised £208 profit for the Bell Restoration Fund. Hutton were the eventual winners after a three team tie-break.
- The meeting accepted North Ockendon's offer to donate a trophy for the Call Change Competition.

The Committee Rep gave a report of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Danbury on 8th October 2005:

AGM: There are moves afoot to change the format for the ringing and meeting with the introduction of a coffee break between the two. Volunteers required to undertake the coffee making but more importantly the Cathedral must give authority. £75 donation to Chelmsford Cathedral and £25 to Boreham choir. The 2006 AGM will be held at the Cathedral on the first May Bank Holiday. Afternoon ringing will be in the South West District.

Annual Dinner: An enjoyable event attended by about 90 people including 6 guests. (inc. David and Penny Sloman). A provisional booking has been made at The County Hotel Chelmsford for 7 October 2006. There was a discussion about why the event did not attract more support. Price was considered an issue and it was suggested that it should be pegged at £25 max. with the Association being prepared to underwrite any loss. The format was thought to be acceptable. This year the entertainment was 'homegrown' and saved about £2.50 a head. The deposit system will be continued.

District Reports: Members should be encouraged to visit meetings in other Districts.

SE District - An active district which held several district practices and a Quarter Peal week. Only one band entered their Striking Comp.! Not all towers have full bands. Six towers rang for VE/VJ day. Socially, they held a Fun Day.

South West - 7 bands entered their striking comp. but only 1 band in the Call Change Comp. Most towers rang for VE/VJ day.

North East - made £856 profit on their Open Day, held a Quarter Peal month, and organised a coach to the RW Roadshow.

Northern - Also organised coach trip to the Road Show. Held a Quarter Peal week, weekly learner practices and a monthly intermediate practice and monthly 8-bell advanced.

North West - Held bi-monthly learner practices, an 8 bell practice at Stansted and 5th Saturday practices at Sawbridgeworth. They had a Bring 'n' Share Supper after the District Striking Comp. They also held a Car Treasure Hunt and 10/12-bell practice

Ringing Trends: A CCCBR project started to see how ringing has developed over the years and there is to be a pilot scheme to establish the current membership profile. A detailed questionnaire is being prepared.

Peals: The stats to date - 69 peals in 34 towers under 13 conductors. Leading towers so far are Terling and Downham. Terling have now had 300 peals in their tower. Yvonne Towler has recently clocked up her 1000th Peal.

Three Essex peals rung in 1964 have since been found to be false.

There have been 416 Quarter peals so far for 2005 involving 15 first timers.

Essex Course: The £10 rebate for Essex Junior members will continue for next year. Arrangements are in hand for the 2006 course to be held 6-8 April. All tutors will need CRB clearance. A volunteer is required to act as 'stay fixer'. It is hoped to have another practical maintenance group next year.

PRO: The Ringing course featured on Anglia TV. Good press coverage for the young ringers from Weathersfield/Finchingfield. New recruitment leaflets are now available (Chris has a few).

Iris Lewis is not standing for re-election as she may be moving outside the area.

Child Protection: Steve Nash had written to the Bishop and had received a reply. Copies of the correspondence were attached to the last District newsletter. Diocese has a new CPO who will develop policy using the CCCBR guidelines.

Appointed Officers:

Chaplain	- Canon Roger Mason	Report Editor	- Colin Chapman
Peals	- Colin Chapman	Technical Advisor	- Adrian Semken
Education	- Adrian Malton	PRO	- Vacant
Newsletter Ed	- Brian Morrissey	Essex Course Convnr	- Vicki Chapman
Child Protectn	- Steve Nash	Web Master	- Martin Jones



Treasurer: Subs for 2006 will remain unchanged. Changes in the cover for Public Liability Insurance now exclude working on major projects. Members must now provide their own cover. Towers undertaking major projects should ensure suitable insurance is in place. Also excluded was member-to-member public liability. Treasurer is exploring options through other brokers.

Bell Restoration: applications have been received from several towers. Members were advised to review the Health and Safety requirements from the CCCBR. Chris B. outlined the situation at Brentwood and that an application will be made once a third quotation has been received.

Tovell Bequest: Draft terms of reference were circulated and the final version will be published on the website along with application forms. The closing date for consideration at the February committee meeting must be received by 31 December. So far, specific interest has been expressed by Brentwood, Romford, Theydon Garnon and Toppesfield..

Striking Competitions: The Ridgeman Trophy was held at Grantham (no EACR band). The Essex Trophy was held at Isleworth - EACR 5th out of 6, won by Guildford (again). EACR Striking comp 2006 will be in the South East District.

Any Other Business: *The Way Forward in Essex* Adrian Semken wants to initiate a discussion document on how ringing is changing in the County. The demographics between Districts has altered significantly and may need reviewing. He and Adrian Malton will develop the document. *The Handbook* needs regular review. *The Bookstall* a volunteer is desperately required to take over from Clare Beech. Important position as it raises significant funds for the Association. Stock levels need to be in place for the Essex Ringing Course.



District Programme for 2005. A copy of the programme had been circulated. The date for the Consolidation Day will be revised as it clashes with the Essex course. The meeting decided that the Social Event should once again be a Quiz Night.



Any Other Business.

Steve Hunter had volunteered to stand for election as Education Officer at the ADM. The Master, the Deputy Master and the Secretary/Treasurer were all willing to stand for re-election at the ADM but Mo Venus had decided to stand down as the Committee Representative. Andrew outlined the duties of the post-holder (*which were (a) to attend the two Executive Committee meetings at Danbury with the other District Officers in February and October, and (b) to then give a summary of the main points from the two Executive Committee meetings to the district meetings in March and November*) and then asked for members to consider standing for this position or any of the positions. It would be good to have contested elections. The ADM will be at Basildon on 21 January 2006. Parking may be difficult with limited free parking near the church/tower. Other Council car parks are near by but parking charges may apply.

Finally. The Master thanked the Rector, Rev. Andrew Parsons for taking the Service, Muriel Watkinson for playing the organ and the Ingrave ringers (and their friends from Hutton) for the use of the bells and for the splendid tea. The Service Collection raised £43.92, the profit from Teas - kindly donated by the Ingrave Ringers - was £49.50, the profit from the raffle was £25.00.



NOTICES

Congratulations to Richard & Sarah Dunhill

Richard and Sarah, ex-Langdon Hills ringers, are now the proud parents of a baby boy. Matthew William Dunhill was born on 3rd November at 2:29pm weighing 7lb 7oz.

We regret to announce the death on Saturday 5 November of H.H. "Dickie" Furminger, of Colchester. Dickie was known to many through his long commitment to ringing training.

Message from Chris Bailey (District Secretary):

Please consider bringing RAFFLE PRIZES to the ADM.
Unwanted Christmas pressies welcome!!



Trafalgar Day Ringing



St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood

At Brentwood we were unable to ring a Quarter Peal because of the condition of the bell installation, the No. 2 bell being no longer ringable. However, we did mark the 200th Anniversary of the victory at the Battle of Trafalgar with some special ringing on the back six. We rang Devon Call Changes (60 on 3rds) for twenty minutes conducted by Ron Brown (Navestock). Other members of the band were Renee Page-Jones (Hutton), Amanda Hazell-Rayner, Paul Burke, Warren Hawkings and Chris Bailey (all Brentwood).

Last year we 'sold' some ringing in a Parish Promises Auction and the gentleman who bought it, being a keen sailor, asked us to ring for Trafalgar Day. He enjoyed being up in the ringing room with us and promised to organise sponsorship for the 200th anniversary this year. We are extremely grateful to him and other parishioners who raised £270 towards our Bell Fund.

Chris Bailey

All Saints, Hutton

On Friday 21st October the following quarter peal for the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar was rung at All Saints, Hutton.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Holly Mifsud
- 2 Jean Dunne
- 3 Renee Page-Jones
- 4 Chris Bailey
- 5 Raymond Jones (Conductor)

Also as a compliment to the Rev. Brenda Wallace on completing 25 years in the ministry.

Renee Page-Jones

North Ockendon

23 October 2005

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Hilary Spooner
- 2 Michael Warren
- 3 David Burton
- 4 Andrew Beech (200th QP as C)
- 5 Matthew Scott
- 6 Brian Beech

Specially arranged as part of the National Celebrations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Andrew Beech



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
The last newsletter for 2005 will be published around the second week of December.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR READERS!**



The Essex Association of Change Ringers

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

2006 Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
<u>2006</u>			
Saturday 21 January	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Basildon (8)	3:30 pm
Saturday 18 February	District Afternoon Practice (6-bell)	North Ockendon (6)	3.00-5.00 pm
Saturday 18 March	DISTRICT MEETING	Hutton (5)	3.30 pm
Saturday 20 May	STRIKING COMPETITION	Great Wakering (6)	5.00 pm
Saturday 17 June	DISTRICT OUTING	Sussex	from 10.30 am
Saturday 16 September	DISTRICT MEETING	South Benfleet (6)	3.30 pm
Saturday 30 September	Quiz Night	tbc	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Saturday 21 October	District Afternoon Practice (8-bell)	Stanford-le-Hope (8)	3.00-5.00 pm
Saturday 18 November	DISTRICT MEETING preceded by Call Change Competition	Downham (6)	3.00 pm (note earlier start)
Saturday 9 December	District Carol Service	Eastwood (6) tbc	3.30 pm
<u>2007</u>			
Saturday 20 January	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Rochford (8) tbc	3.30 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

JAN / MARCH / SEPT - District Meeting arrangements (*times for Tea, Meeting & Evening Ringing are approx*):

3:30pm: Afternoon Ringing, 4:30pm: Service, 5:00pm: Tea, 6:15pm: Meeting, 7:00pm: Evening Ringing

NOVEMBER - District Meeting arrangements (*times for Tea, Meeting & Evening Ringing are approx*):

3:00pm: Competition Ringing, 4:30pm: Service, 5:00pm: Tea, 6:15pm: Meeting, 7:00pm: Evening Ringing

MAY - District Striking Competition arrangements:

5:00pm: Draw & Competition Ringing, followed by Tea, Brief Meeting, Results

DECEMBER - District Carol Service arrangements:

3:30pm: Afternoon Ringing, 4:30pm: Service, 5:30pm: Seasonal Refreshments

Any changes to the programme will be announced at district meetings
or via the district newsletter.