



# NEWSLETTER

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## **DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT PRITTLEWELL - SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005**

The Master reported that the Training and Consolidation Day at Ingrave attracted 6 students - everyone had a good time and thanks were extended to the helpers. And the District Outing on 11<sup>th</sup> June to North Kent was attended by 25 members and raised £70.00 for the Bell Restoration Fund.

***Call Change Competition.*** Copies of the revised rules were available at the meeting and are published with this Newsletter. The Master encouraged more towers to enter a band. Following a discussion regarding the purchase of a suitable trophy (similar to that of the Striking Competition and costing about £65), Paul Cammiade thought that Downham might be able to donate a suitable trophy.

### ***Any Other Business.***

The Master raised the following items:

1. The Quiz Night will be on 29<sup>th</sup> October at North Ockendon. Tickets are £5 including supper and were available at the meeting. A poster was distributed to all towers.
2. A volunteer is required to take over the Association Bookstall. Clare Beech has run it for 4 years but will not be able to continue after January 2006.
3. The District Officers will be meeting during October to establish the programme for 2006. Once again the question was raised about whether or not we should retain the four meeting format or reduce to three. The meeting was asked for its opinion and Alison Nash felt strongly that the four meeting format should be retained as it would be impossible to re-introduce it if it were to be lost now. Paul Cammiade said that the break between March and October on a three meeting format would be too long, albeit that an extra-ordinary meeting could be held at the Striking Competition. Others pointed out that it was interesting to note that the vast majority of those who voted at the ADM in January to retain the four meeting format were not themselves present at this meeting. However, it was agreed that we would retain the format for next year. The Secretary asked for towers to volunteer to host meetings.
4. Nominations for Life Membership to be submitted to the Association Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> December.
5. The Master reminded members of the Association Training Day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. It is to be based at Hatfield Heath (NW) and the organiser is Adrian Malton. He is asking whether any specific courses are required.

6. The District Call Change Competition will precede the District Meeting at Ingrave on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Rochford were keen to enter a band but had a wedding commitment. Andrew Beech offered to see if an alternative band of ringers might do the wedding.

The Secretary reminded members that :

1. Subscriptions were due on 1<sup>st</sup> January and that two towers have yet to pay their subscriptions for 2005. Gift Aid forms are available for taxpayers.
2. Copies of the Association Handbook are still available (£5 each).

**Finally.** The Master thanked the Canon Roger Mason for taking the Service, Norman Humphrys for playing the organ and the Prittlewell ringers for the use of the bells and for the splendid tea. The service collection raised £42.48, the profit from Teas and Cake Bags, donated by the Prittlewell Ringers, was £75.00, the profit from the raffle was £30.83.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.00pm.

## NOTICES

Message from Chris Bailey (District Secretary)

Please note that I will be out of the country from 22 November until 10 January. Any requests for information in my absence should be made to Andrew Beech. Please do not send any membership subs. to my home during this time. I'll be at the ADM and will take subs. then.

**Do you know of anybody who would be willing to take on the Essex Association bookstall? If you're interested and would like more information, please contact Clare Beech. Her email address is: [clarebeech@supanet.com](mailto:clarebeech@supanet.com).**



*ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE LATEST CHILD PROTECTION POLICY CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN STEVE NASH & THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD*



Do you have any news for your newsletter?

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](mailto:mo.venus@bbc.co.uk) or [movns@aol.com](mailto:movns@aol.com)

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

**Essex Association of Change Ringers**

# ***SOUTHERN DISTRICT QUIZ NIGHT***

**Saturday 29th October 2005**  
**at**  
**North Ockendon Church Hall**  
**7:00 for 7:30 p.m.**

Come along to a brain stimulating, highly charged, fun packed evening of competition, entertainment and laughter!

Teams of 6 (max.)  
or just come along and make up a team.

**Cost is £5.00 per person**  
(includes a Ploughman's Supper)  
All proceeds to the EACR Bell Restoration Fund

*Tickets are available from*

**Ann Beech**

(48 Glebe Way, Hornchurch, Essex RM11 3RR – Tel: 01708  
453169)

Cheques for tickets should be made payable to  
"EACR"

and please enclose a SAE

Please try to order your tickets by Wednesday 26th October  
to allow for supper arrangements - thank you.

(Registered Charity No. 292250)

## *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. They 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. The winning team may have this trophy suitably engraved.
5. If necessary, the District Master or their 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 or second 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 (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 5 minutes (including opening and closing rounds). The Master or steward will announce when 5 minutes has been rung.
15. The test piece must start and end in rounds and contain the following 'named' changes: 142536 (Tittums) and 135246 (Queens). 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.
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.