



Essex Association of Change Ringers

# NEWSLETTER

Southern District

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February 16th Afternoon Practice at Ingrave 3.00-5.00pm

March 15th District Meeting Great Wakering 3.30pm

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## Introducing Your District Master

*Hello, my name is John Harpole and I ring at St Martin of Tours, Basildon. I learnt to ring under the tutorage of Harry Turner at Shenfield in the 1970s, following my brother and sister up the rickety ladder. During my student days I rang in Guildford, and spent a year in Scotland ringing at Edinburgh Cathedral. I then returned to Essex, and moved to Southend; initially joining the Prittlewell band before moving to Leigh-on-Sea following my marriage to Helen. It was during this time that I was first elected as district master. Work took me to the north of the county, and we moved to Braintree where our two daughters, now 14 and 12, were born. Following a change of job again, we moved back to the Southern District where we have been living in Ramsden Heath for the last 11 years. I have rung over 260 peals, visited over 1250 towers (including "the other" St Pauls Cathedral, in Melbourne, Australia), and one of my targets for this year is to ring my 1000th quarter! While I enjoy ringing surprise major at Rayleigh, I also get real pleasure ringing well struck call changes as part of the Basildon band every Sunday morning and I am very proud of the quarter of Bob Doubles we rang last October for the first Basildon trained ringer.*



## A message from the new master

*Thank you for electing me as your new master. It was good to see so many of you at Leigh-on-Sea for our ADM, and I hope to see you all again at the district events that have been arranged for the year.*

*I'd like to echo Phil's words and say a big thankyou to our retiring officers – Andrew, Chris and Lyn. I'm sure Julia, Cathryn and myself will learn to appreciate over the next few months just how much time and effort they have put into running our district for the last few years! And thanks too to Phil in his role as deputy master, and for agreeing to stay on and show us the ropes.*

*I've been thinking what role the district plays in ringing, and I would like to hear your views on how best the district can support individual towers. Our aim must be to ensure that all the bells in our towers are rung for service every Sunday, and that this art that we all enjoy survives for future generations. We have two afternoon practices and a training day arranged – what would you like to get out of these? Other districts hold monthly practices on a weekday evening – would these be supported, where best to host them, what methods or skills should be concentrated on? What about a quarter peal month?*

*So, please, support your district and use the events to ring something you don't normally have the opportunity to. Some of you I've known for a long time, but others I do not know so please be patient with me while I get to know your names and what you can ring.*

John

## A quarter peal

Rung at St Mary's Shenfield on  
27th January 2008.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Treble - Holly Mifsud  
2nd - Rowena Marshall  
3rd - Renee Page-Jones  
4th - John Armstrong  
(conductor)  
5th - Raymond Jones  
Tenor - Robin Page-Jones

A 70th birthday compliment to  
Renee Page-Jones (31st  
January)

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## District Outing

As advertised in the diary of  
events, the district outing is  
planned for Saturday June 21st.  
I thought this year we'd visit the  
Luton district of the Bedfordshire  
Association – contact me if you  
want to influence which towers I  
pick.

John

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## New Canewdon bells update

All parties have agreed to the  
general arrangement for the new  
installation. We are awaiting the  
final drawings from the architect  
and the structural engineer is  
due on 5th Feb. Everything is still  
on schedule for completion in  
the last quarter of 2008.

Our practice night is on  
Wednesdays at Prittlewell, with  
the bells tied and using the  
simulator. It is our intention to  
continue on Wednesdays when  
our tower is ready hopefully later  
in the year. As well as the seven  
of us that are now members of  
the Association and are ringing  
on Sundays, there are also  
another four that are not that far  
behind and two more that are  
not quite so advanced. All of us  
come from our village and I think  
it is quite remarkable that so  
many have come forward to  
learn how to ring from such a  
small community.

Brian Meldon

## From Great Wakering

Great Wakering will be hosting the next district meeting on March the 15th 2008. Many of you will remember our previous tower captain David Church who died in March 2001. On the day of the funeral a peal was attempted but was lost. It took us some time to organise a second attempt and I was asked to join the band and in November 2004 we successfully rung the peal. True to form it has taken some time to organise the peal board. Since Phil Harrison (who rang) said he would like to see the board before he died he very kindly organised it. During the service on the 15th the Peal Board will be dedicated and everyone is most welcome to join us.

A peal of 5040 changes of seven rung in 2 hours 45 minutes.

1 Tim Baskett  
2 Allen W. Cansdale  
3 Bernard Sadler  
4 David Sloman  
5 Stephen G. Halliwell (C)  
6 Phil Harrison

It is our tradition at Great Wakering to have the bells half muffled during Lent however since David expressly asked the bells to be rung open at his funeral service we will make an exception on this day and the bells will rung open. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the visiting ringers to our tower especially Phil Harrison, for their support in keeping our practice nights going.

Tim Baskett

## BRENTWOOD BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

An update

31 January 2008

Just before Christmas the parish received a legacy which, when added to our Bell Fund and the Association's generous grant offers, means that we are now able to proceed with the project. A Petition for Faculty has been submitted and if all goes well the bells being removed in August and returned in December. This is very appropriate as this year is the 125th Anniversary year of the consecration of the present church on the site.

The refurbishment proposal is for the eight bells, all fittings and the cast-iron bell frame to be removed. The bells are to be cleaned, re-tuned and fitted with all new fittings and wheels. They will be mounted on ball bearings which hopefully will make them 'friendlier' to ring. The cast-iron frame too is to be refurbished and stiffened and remounted on the original foundations.

The belfry sound openings will be partially filled at lower levels to provide improved weather protection to the refurbished installation.

The proposals have been developed in consultation with English Heritage, the DAC Bells Adviser, the consulting engineer retained by the parish and the chosen bellhanger.

Chris Bailey  
(Tower Captain)

## Rayleigh Ringer gets Married

Simon Smith, deputy tower captain at Rayleigh, married Christina Kelly on Saturday, January 19th. The service was conducted by Rev Alex Gowing-Cumber, and the congregation sang heartily and gave the happy couple a loud round of applause after they exchanged their vows. The bells were rung before and after the service by Rayleigh regulars, and the rain held off long enough for plenty of photos to be taken outside the church.

A peal was rung the following Saturday by a band of Rayleigh regulars, including Simon himself.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYLEIGH, Essex, Holy Trinity  
Sat Jan 26 2008 2h56 (16)  
5040 Plain Bob Triples  
Comp. J Clatworthy  
1 Lawrence Beal  
2 David Belcham  
3 Lydia Roberts  
4 Simon Smith  
5 Andrew Martin  
6 Steve Hunter  
7 John Harpole (C)  
8 Douglas Bowles



Rung to celebrate the marriage of Simon Smith and Christina Kelly at this church on January 19th.

This was Doug's first peal, Simon's first peal inside, John's first on 8 as conductor, and David's 100th tower bell peal. It was also Lawrence's first peal since a peal of Plain Bob Major at Thorpe Bay in February 1966, conducted by Alf House. Well done to all!



(l-r) John Harpole, Steve Hunter, Doug Bowles, Andy Martin, David Belcham, Lawrence Beal, Lydia Roberts, Simon Smith

**Minutes of  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
Annual District Meeting at Leigh-on-Sea  
Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2008**

**Welcome.** The Master, Andrew Beech (North Ockendon), opened the meeting by asking all present to stand in silence to remember members of the District who had died since the last ADM - Alf House (Unattached Life Member, former Rayleigh Ringer) and Don Andrew (Prittlewell Friend).

The Master then welcomed all present and invited everyone to sign the Roll Book. There were 76 members present including the following visitors – Vicki, Colin & Rachel Chapman (Chelmsford Cathedral), Christina & Andrew Brewster (Writtle), Brian Meads (Coggeshall), Allen & Maureen Cansdale (Halstead).

The Master thanked the Vicar, Fr. Ken Havey for taking the Service, Roger Folley for playing the organ and the Leigh-on-Sea Ringers for the use of the bells and for providing an excellent tea. Thanks were also extended to the Service touch band, (*John Harpole, John Cousins, Cathryn Corns, Allen Cansdale, Gordon Lucas, Phil Harrison, Andy Martin and Andrew Beech*).

**Apologies for Absence** were received from Christine & Steve Halliwell, Julie & Steve Hunter, Lawrence Beal, Clare Beech, Rowena Marshall, Hilary Donoghue, Julia Fry, Penny & David Sloman, Stephen Nash, Mary Arthur, and Irene Gaunt.

**Minutes of previous meeting** held at Shenfield on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007 had been circulated in the last Newsletter. There being no amendments, they were signed by the Master as a true record.

**Matters Arising.**

- **Annual Dinner.** The Secretary, Chris Bailey (Brentwood), had previously circulated a brief questionnaire from the Association Secretary seeking views as to what format members would support for the Annual Dinner. Completed questionnaires can be handed to a district officer or sent direct to Mary Bone by 30 April 2008. A provisional booking had been made at The County Hotel Chelmsford for 4<sup>th</sup> October. Attendance has been dropping over the last few years and the Committee were keen to offer an event that best suited the membership.
- **CRB update.** In Steve Nash's (Langdon Hills) absence, Alison Nash (North Ockendon) reported that several attempts had been made to meet the Diocesan Child Protection Officer but no meeting had yet been arranged. Steve is hoping that it will be sometime in February.

**Correspondence**

- (a) **Notices for Motion at the A.G.M. 5<sup>th</sup> May at Chelmsford Cathedral.**  
At the time of this meeting none had been submitted. A reminder was given that any motions for the AGM, sponsored by at least two members, must be received by the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- (b) **Nominations for Life Membership**  
One nomination had been received: Yvonne Towler (Inworth) (Proposed by Andrew Brewster (Writtle) and Seconded by Colin Chapman (Chelmsford Cathedral) both of whom were present). The nomination had been circulated to all towers on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007.
- (c) **Nominations for Association Honorary Officers**  
Nominations for the posts were invited (to be received by 1 February). Only the current Treasurer (Andrew Brewster) and two Property Trustees (Colin Chapman and Bernard Fairhead) are willing to stand for re-election. New nominations are required for Master, Secretary, Property Trustees (3), Central Council Representatives (5) and Independent Examiners (2).
- (d) **Ringling Road show 2008.** The Master had copies of a poster and leaflet advertising the event which will be held at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire on 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September. A copy was available for each tower after the meeting.
- (e) **Essex Ringing Course.** A notice had been circulated to all towers with the last edition of *Rounds & About*. Brian Meads, the new convenor, addressed the meeting during Any Other Business.
- (f) **Email from Colin Chapman.** Details of changes to tower correspondents etc. and obituaries are required for the 2007 Annual Report. Please let the District Secretary have the information by the end of January.

**Election of New Members**

**Ringling Members.** The following were proposed and unanimously elected to membership:

	<u>Tower</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Peter Mansbridge	Rayleigh	Steve Hunter	Julie Hunter
Anthony G. Lowe	"	"	"
Mrs. Penelope Drayson	"	"	"
Mark Robbins	South Weald	Beth Johnson	Vic Dale
Lesley Pinks	Rettendon	Mike Hallett	Linda Benson
Alastair McIlwraith	Shenfield	Ray Jones	Renee Page-Jones
Janet White	Leigh-on-Sea	Peter Wycherley	Don Stoneman
Trevor Church	"	"	"
Gopalsamy (Mike) Bahirathan	"	"	"
Brian Meldon	Canewdon	David Sloman	Penny Sloman
Lynne McEwan	"	Penny Sloman	David Sloman
Marion Squier	"	"	"
Peter Hawes	"	Peter Sloman	Cathryn Corns
Sally-Ann Elkington	"	"	"
Jacqueline Carr	"	"	"
Sharon Jones	"	"	"
Matthew Lambert	Prittlewell	"	"

**Junior Ringling Members.** The following were proposed and unanimously elected to membership:

Charlotte Meldon	Canewdon	David Sloman	Penny Sloman
Jack Lincoln	Orsett	Andy Martin	Mike Warren

There were no nominations for *Friends of the Association*

There were no nominations for *Non-resident* members following Belfry election.

All new members were reminded that their Annual Subscriptions were now due.

**Master's Report.** Andrew Beech (North Ockendon) presented the following report.

*For the past few years our District programme has followed a similar pattern and 2007 was no exception.*

*The usual four **business meetings** were held, and the number of members attending were similar throughout the year.*

*Of the two **afternoon practices** held, the February one took place outside our own district at Ingatestone in the SE district. This was well attended and perhaps we should consider doing this again. However, the October practice held at Grays was, in contrast, poorly attended with only about 7 district members supplemented with 3 visitors – one from as far away as Yorkshire.*

*The **training day** in April had Steve Hunter coaching 5 students through Doubles and Minor at Downham in the morning, followed by Triples at Rayleigh in the afternoon. The day was well received by students and helpers alike especially for the 'interesting' Triples section when the student and the helpers had learnt different methods. Thanks to Steve for organising the day; to the students for having the enthusiasm to learn new things; and of course to the volunteer helpers without whom days like that wouldn't be possible.*

*It was pleasing to see six teams entering the **striking competition** at Navestock in May. The kickoff was somewhat delayed after the rope of the third got stuck in the bell chamber whilst being raised. However, the heroes of the day were Ron Brown and David Sloman who tentatively climbed the wobbly ladder to the bell chamber to free the rope. Not a job for the faint hearted! Downham can first with Prittlewell as runners-up. Both teams went through to the Association final at Orsett in July where Prittlewell were placed a creditable 3rd.*

*In the 8-bell competition at South Weald the district band, with its slight home advantage, thrashed the other districts to win the trophy. I would like to record my personal thanks to everyone in the team for all the hard work and effort they put in, and for winning it in my last year as District Master.*

*26 ringers supported the **district outing** to Cambridgeshire in June. As well as being rewarded with five very good towers we were able to raise £77 for the BRF and, as always, the district officers thank all who supported that event.*

*The **quiz night** at North Ockendon in September attracted 45 people making up eight teams. A marvellous sum of £266 was raised for the BRF. Many thanks to all of you who came along.*

*Although only four teams entered the **call change competition** at Shenfield in November, there were some ringers taking part for whom this was their first experience of entering a competition - which is good to see. It was a closely fought competition this time with some very good ringing throughout and which saw North Ockendon as the winners.*

*The year ended with our **carol service** at Langdon Hills.*

*As you all know, I have decided to retire as District Master after 6 years. I have enjoyed that time immensely with, amongst other things, meeting new people and making new friendships. My own personal feeling is that 6 years is a bit too long for one person and it is time for someone else to take the baton and lead the district in a new direction otherwise things can be taken for granted and become stagnant.*

*I may be biased but I truly believe that this district is one of the best if not THE best – you only have to delve into the annual report to see why. In terms of numbers of towers the **Southern District** is only the 4th biggest, ok – so we are the 2nd largest when looking at membership numbers, but yet year on year, we continue to raise more money for the Association. Specifically, from the 2006 accounts, our income from service collections is top (£261), our donations are top (£185), and our income from profits on raffles (£221) and surplus on tea money (£221) is significantly above those from other districts. For 2007 you have raised the bar again. Our end of year accounts for all four of those items mentioned – service collections (£279), donations (£264), raffles (£256) and profit from teas (£397) – is greatly increased. This is all down to the commitment and generosity of yourselves and to the full benefit of the Association which, in the end, allows it to plough more funds into bell restoration.*

*But being the best is not just about raising money. I think this district also has good friendship and in lots of places there are people, and groups, who are willing to help others in their ringing and learning.*

*But before I ride off into the sunset, I would like to say a few thanks. Firstly, to all of you who have supported the District events of the past year, I look forward to seeing you again this year from a slightly different standpoint. Please do continue to support as many district events as you can and continue to encourage other ringers at your own tower who may not normally come, to come along with you.*

*Also, on behalf of everyone in the district, may I record thanks to all the towers and local ringers where we held events last year for their welcome and hospitality.*

*On a personal note, I would like to thank the other **District Officers** for all their help and support to me during the past years – especially to Chris who does a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes and has been enthusiastic and thorough throughout the time we have worked together.*

*Lastly, may I wish you all a happy and healthy 2008 and above all enjoy your ringing.*

**Secretary / Treasurer's Report** Chris Bailey (Brentwood) thanked those towers which had responded to the request to host District events. A copy of the District Income and Expenditure details had been circulated (copy in the Minutes Book). There were no questions on the accounts. Chris also thanked Andrew for all of his support during the last 6 years and for that from Phil Harrison and Linda Benson. It made the Secretary/Treasurer job so much easier working with such good team players

### Education Officer's Report

Steve Hunter's report: was read to the meeting –

*During the year we held one Training Day on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Five students and helpers met at Downham to practice ringing five and six bell methods. In the afternoon we rang at Rayleigh where we extended the methods to triples.*

*There have been no specific requests from anyone for courses as yet but I am always available if there is a need. This year the training day will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2008. Unless there is a request for something more specific, I plan to spend the day looking at ways of learning and remembering methods. This day is open to ringers of all standards, from taking your first steps in Plain Bob Doubles to wondering how you will ever remember Cambridge. Please contact me on 01268 767948 if you would like to book a place.*

*Just to remind everyone, the first Tuesday of each month I run an advanced practice at Rayleigh. The main methods for the next practice (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February) will be Rutland Surprise Major and Ipswich Surprise Minor. Everyone is most welcome. Ringing for these practices is from 7.30 to 9.30pm.*

**Nominations for Association Officers.** Refer to **Correspondence** above.

Brian Meads (Coggeshall) introduced himself to the meeting and said that he was proposing to stand for the post of Association Master.

The Master reminded the meeting of the letter from Andrew Brewster (Association Treasurer) regarding the retiring Association Officers – (a copy of the letter had been circulated to every tower). Members were asked to respond as soon as possible but by the end of February at the latest.

**District Programme for 2008.** Details of the District Programme had been circulated at this meeting and at the November meeting and is on the Association website:-

- All meeting venues had now been confirmed.
- Phil Harrison (Thorpe Bay) said that the District Meeting in March at Great Wakering will include the dedication of a Peal Board in memory of David Church; the former much respected Tower Master, who died in 2001. He urged members to make every effort to attend.
- The District Training Day will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April. (See Education Officer's Report above).
- The District Outing (21<sup>st</sup> June) – destination to be determined. Last year's outing was very well supported and the Master said it would be good to have the same interest for this year as it is a good sociable day out.
- The Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper will be held at North Ockendon on 27 September.

If members would like any other events, please see the District Officers.

**Election of District Officers.** Andrew Beech, Chris Bailey and Linda Benson would not be standing for re-election in their respective posts. The following nominees were elected unopposed:

		<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Master	John Harpole (Basildon)	Ron Brown	Roger Hobson
Deputy Master	Phil Harrison (Thorpe Bay)	Renee Page-Jones	Anthony Neale
Secretary / Treasurer	Julia Jones (Downham)	Roger Dorking	Linda Benson
Committee Rep.	Cathryn Corns (Prittlewell)	Peter Sloman	Peter Knight
Education Officer	Steve Hunter (Rayleigh)	Andy Martin	Linda Benson

With John Harpole's agreement, Andrew chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### Any Other Business.

- Chris Bailey (Brentwood) reminded members that subscriptions were now due and asked that where at all possible the Gift Aid Declaration should also be completed. Some members still had Covenants in place which cease when the member attains 65 years of age whereas the Gift Aid declaration has no age limit and it also applies to any donation made to the Association, not just the subscription. The Secretary has plenty of forms for those who are interested.
- Chris Bailey (Brentwood) asked for any changes to Tower Correspondents or tower facilities to be notified to him as soon as possible. An email contact would be most useful so as to cut down on postage.
- Chris Bailey (Brentwood) advised that the Secretary has a good stock of Recruitment Leaflets available.
- John Harpole (Basildon) informed the meeting that Simon Smith, a Rayleigh ringer, was getting married this afternoon (hence the lack of Rayleigh members at this meeting) and he asked the meeting to record its best wishes to Simon and his Bride. (*Applause*).
- Peter Knight (Eastwood) advised the meeting that Jean Hall, an Eastwood ringer, had died during last year. The Secretary asked Peter to provide a short Obituary for inclusion in the 2007 Annual Report.
- Brian Meads (Coggeshall) addressed the meeting about the Essex Ringing Course (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April). Places are still available and the cut-off for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> February. There is a £10 reduction in the course fee for Junior members and the Association Education Fund is also able to assist any Association member financially. As usual helpers are always required, contact Yvonne Towler if you can assist.
- Brian Meads (Coggeshall) also mentioned the Coggeshall Ringing School which run short courses on various topics. They are planning to run three workshops – Handbell ringing, Singles in Stedman Doubles and Raising and Lowering. Later in the year they plan to run a course on aspects of Tower Management – full details on the training page of the Association website. The cut off date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Beth Johnson (South Weald) said that they were trying to ring a Quarter Peal each month but were sometimes short of ringers. She enquired if there was a forum for letting people know. Beth was advised to use the Essex-Ringing yahoo group email list ([Essex-Ringing@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Essex-Ringing@yahoogroups.com)). This mailing list is not an Association owned list as anyone is able to send mailings to it.
- Robin Page-Jones (Hutton) said that he and several others that he was aware of were unable to access the Association's 'EACR-Notices' Announcement mailing list as included in the last *Rounds & About* newsletter (Dec 2007, p.7) ([EACR-Notices@yahoogroups.com](mailto:EACR-Notices@yahoogroups.com)). To join the list, just send a blank e-mail to [EACR-Notices-signup@yahoogroups.com](mailto:EACR-Notices-signup@yahoogroups.com). Anyone having such difficulties was advised to take it up with Fred Bone, Association Web-Master.
- The Master asked for articles for the February edition of the District Newsletter. Beth Johnson, the editor, needs 'copy' by the end of January at the latest. She also reminded members that she was awaiting answers to the technical quiz on page 6 of the last Newsletter.
- Similarly, articles for the Association Newsletter would also be gratefully received by the Editor, Bryan Morrissey – his details were on the back page of the December 2007 issue of *Rounds and About*.

- The Master reminded the meeting that our first afternoon practice would be at Ingrave on 16<sup>th</sup> February – 3.00 to 5.00pm. and the next District Meeting will be at Great Wakering on 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Phil Harrison (Thorpe Bay) asked the meeting to recognise the contribution which Andrew Beech as Master and Chris Bailey as Secretary/Treasurer had given to the District over the last 6 years. He also asked that Linda Benson's service as Committee Representative over the last 2 years also is recognised. (*Applause*).

**Finally.**

- The Service Collection raised £109.78.
- The profit from Teas donated by the Leigh-on-Sea Ringers was £129.60.
- The profit from the raffle was £117.00.

Further ringing was available after the meeting until 8.00pm. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.05pm.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Saturday 16 February	District Afternoon Practice	Ingrave (6)	3:00-5:00 pm
Saturday 15 March	DISTRICT MEETING	Great Wakering (6)	3:30 pm
Saturday 19 April	CONSOLIDATION TRAINING DAY	(TBC)	(tbc)
Thursday 10 April	<i>Association - Essex Ringing Course</i>	<i>Coggeshall</i>	<i>10,11,12 April</i>
Monday 5 May	<i>Association AGM - Chelmsford</i>	<i>Ringing in N District</i>	
Saturday 17 May	STRIKING COMPETITION	North Ockendon (6)	5:00 pm
Saturday 21 June	DISTRICT OUTING	(location tbc)	from 10:30 am
Saturday 5 July	<i>Association Striking Competition FINALS</i>		
Saturday 20 September	DISTRICT MEETING	Basildon (8)	3:30 pm
Saturday 27 September	QUIZ NIGHT	North Ockendon	7:00 for 7:30 pm
Saturday 4 October	<i>Association Annual Dinner</i>	<i>County Hotel, Chelmsford</i>	
Saturday 11 October	<i>Association Executive Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Danbury</i>	<i>2:30 pm</i>
Saturday 18 October	District Afternoon Practice	Rayleigh (8)	3:00-5:00 pm
Saturday 15 November	DISTRICT MEETING Preceded by Call Change Competition	Rettendon (6)	2:30 pm (note earlier start)
Saturday 13 December	District Carol Service	Bentley Common (6)	3:30 pm

## 2009

Saturday 17 January	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Prittlewell (10)	3:30 pm
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

**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 approximate*):

**2:30pm:** 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.**