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Essex Association of Change Ringers

NEWSLETTER

Southern District

No. 111

December 2009

NEXT EVENTS:

District Surprise Practice at South Weald 7.30pm January 14th

Annual District Meeting at Brentwood (CM14 4DB) 2pm January 16th

District Practice 20 February at Leigh on Sea 3-5pm

Happy New Year Everyone!

Our first main district event of 2010 is the annual district meeting, which is being hosted by Brentwood. I hope to see as many of you there as possible, for what is our most important meeting of the year.

At the meeting we will be electing our district officers, and finalising our programme of events. Both Alison and I are happy to be proposed as district secretary and master, but that does not stop anyone else from being proposed. Phil has indicated that he would like to retire as treasurer – he has been a district officer for several years now; I'm sure he will gladly explain to anyone interested what is involved in the role. Renée would also like to stand down as deputy master as she finds it difficult to get around the district.

You'll remember that we surveyed most of you early in 2009 to get your views on the future of ringing in 2009. A summary of the findings was included in the December edition of Rounds & About. Two of the recommendations were to increase the Association's role in helping bands to recruit and train ringers, and this will be achieved by strengthening what the Association does through Public Relations and Education. As well as our existing education officer, it is important that we create a PR contact in our district, who can work with the Association PR officer to promote ringing.

Happy Ringing in 2010!

ADM Arrangements

At Brentwood there is a very small number of parking places at the church itself, but there is a nearby multi-storey carpark (signposted off Queen's Road) and also parking on the other side of the High Street in a surface car park in William Hunter Way. See <http://www.st-thomas.org.uk> for location and information.

Numbers for tea to Chris Bailey please on 01277 226614 or c.bailey697@btinternet.com.

There will be ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea and the meeting will start at 5pm. There will be further ringing after the meeting.

2010 subscriptions will be welcomed by the treasurer. Please let Alison our secretary (see details left) have names of new members before the meeting although additional nominations can be made on the day. Proposal forms are available at http://www.eacr.org.uk/eacr_membership.shtml

District Surprise Practice

There will be a District Surprise Practice at South Weald on Thursday January 14th, starting at 7:30 pm. Special method this time is Rutland. All welcome, especially any novice surprise ringers.

The post code reference for St Peter's South Weald is CM14 5QJ; there is an ample car park adjacent to the church.

See <http://stpetersringers.southweald.org.uk/where/index.php>

Congratulations...

70th birthday wishes to Ann Beech (11th January 2010)

NEWSLETTERS

The Southern District newsletters will be published in 2010 as follows:

End February - copy date 15 Feb

End April - copy date 15 April

Mid Aug - copy date end July

End October - copy date 15 Oct

End of December - copy date 15 December

Distribution

A newsletter is circulated two weeks before each business meeting. Copies are sent to tower correspondents, preferably by email. Members can request their own copies via email by contacting the editor (Beth Johnson, b.johnson@creative-plus.co.uk)

Last newsletter we recorded the quarter rung by the local band for the Rev. Colin Hewitt's induction - this newsletter we report the subsequent peal run at Brentwood. Chris Bailey writes:

Successful Peal Attempt at Brentwood

On 31st October a successful attempt was made to ring the first peal on the recently refurbished bells. It was rung as a compliment to Fr. Bob White, (who retired in October 2008), in recognition of his 19 years ministry in the parish coupled with a welcome to Fr. Colin Hewitt following his Induction. (An added bonus - Fr. Colin is also a bell ringer).

We did not have any bells in the tower when Fr. Bob retired and it has taken many months to get eight peoples diaries to line up for this peal attempt. The members of the band were especially invited to take part in recognition of their support during the fund raising period and commissioning process. They rang Yorkshire Surprise Major in 3 hours and 3 minutes (only realising that they had not opened the Ringing Room windows until well into the piece!). We are very grateful to all of the band but especially to Brian Meads for conducting the peal.



The picture shows the band just after successfully achieving the Peal. Front row from L to R:

Adrian Semken (Coggeshall) – Technical Adviser (1)

Mary Bone (Sawbridgeworth) – immediate past Secretary of EACR (2)

John Harpole (Basildon) – Southern District Master (3)

Paul Cammiade (Downham) – former District Master (4)

Back Row from L to R:

John Cousins (Bentley Common) (5)

Steve Nash (Langdon Hills) - immediate past Master of EACR (6)

Colin Chapman (Chelmsford Cathedral) – Peals Secretary of EACR (7)

Brian Meads (Coggeshall) – Master of EACR (8)

Chris Bailey

James Browne (Orsett) died 30 October 2009

James (Jimmy) Browne, one time tower captain at Orsett, died at the end of October after a long battle against recurring cancer. He retired as tower captain in 2008. He was very passionate about his ringing and was a district character, known for running a very "tight ship".

Quarter Peals

St Pauls Bentley Common

Friday 4th December 2009
Grandsire & Plain Bob Doubles
Treble: Rowena Marshall
2nd: John Cousins
3rd: Victor Dale
4th: Renée Page-Jones
5th: John Harpole (c)
Tenor: Raymond Jones
*Rung half muffled in Memory of
Desmond G Mayell
on the day of his funeral*

All Saints Hutton

Wednesday 2nd December 2009
A Quarter Peal
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Treble: Robin Page-Jones
2nd: Victor Dale
3rd: Renée Page-Jones
4th: Rowena Marshall
Tenor: Raymond Jones (c)
*Rung open in Thanksgiving for the life
of Desmond G Mayell
1928 - 2009*

St Pauls Bentley Common

Friday 4th December 2009
Grandsire Doubles
Treble: Rowena Marshall
2nd: Victor Dale
3rd: Ronald Brown (c)
4th: Renée Page-Jones
5th: John Harpole
Tenor: Robin Page-Jones
*Rung half muffled during the Committal
in Memory of
Desmond G Mayell*

St Mary Shenfield

Tuesday 8th December 2009
1260 Plain Bob Minor
Treble: John Armstrong (c)
2nd: Roger Butt
3rd: Rowena Marshall
4th: Victor Dale
5th: John Cousins
Tenor: Raymond Jones
*Rung half muffled in memory of
Desmond G Mayell*

St. Andrews Hornchurch

Sunday 29th November 2009
Plain Bob Caters
Treble: John Stephenson
2nd: Paul Bloomfield
3rd: Letitia Hughes
4th: Roger Butt
5th: Christopher Pain
6th: Philip Denton
7th: Nicholas Allen
8th: Andrew Smith
9th: Clive Stephenson (C)
Tenor: Alan Street
*Rung open in thanksgiving for the life
of Desmond G Mayell*

Desmond Guy Mayell - 1928 to 2009.

Renée Page Jones writes: "Des had a long ringing career. He learnt to ring on the five (in those days) in Bentley Common in the 1940's and for the last eight years of his life, having moved to live in Hutton, he became a member of the Hutton band and rang regularly on the five at All Saints. In between he rang at various towers in the area as can be seen from the records of Brentwood, Shenfield, South Weald, Ingrave and Hornchurch to name but a few.

He was a Cumberland Youth. He rang 1700 quarter peals, his last one being in Shenfield on 24th April 2005, and many, many peals. He was a very competent ringer and conductor on all numbers of bells.

Apart from ringing he was very interested in history, particularly the first and second World Wars. He enjoyed many holidays abroad especially (latterly) in northern France. He also enjoyed stamp collecting and left about thirty albums to his grandson.

Susan, his daughter, is also a ringer and really appreciated all the ringing that was done in memory of her father. She would like to thank all the ringers who took part in the peal, the quarter peals and in particular for the half muffled ringing during the committal at Bentley.

In his address at Des's funeral, the Rev Ian Jorysz said:

"We give thanks for Des' childhood, born in Pilgrims Hatch, one of two children. His father was in the army, which is perhaps why Des gained a lifelong interest in the military. He was a committed member of the British Legion, who are honouring him today; and he regularly attended the Regimental Chapel at Warley. But his work was to be with Cable and Wireless, being a high-speed Morse operator at the station which was near the present Brentwood Centre. When that closed, Des moved to Somerset until he retired when 55 and moved back to Brentwood.

Des could turn his hand to anything, especially carpentry. He enjoyed stamp collecting. But above all he enjoyed bellringing – which is how I knew Des myself, as a fellow ringer. Des learnt to ring at the end of the war, and he appears on a peal board in this tower for 1946. Over his ringing career he scored many peals – and 1,700 quarter peals. Quite an achievement."

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St. Peters South Weald

Saturday 21st November 2009

in 2h57 (14cwt)

5184 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composed by Graham A C John

Treble: John Cousins

2nd: Hilary N Donaghue

3rd: Rowena L Marshall

4th: T George Hull

5th: Stephen J Nash

6th: John G Harpole

7th: Colin F Chapman

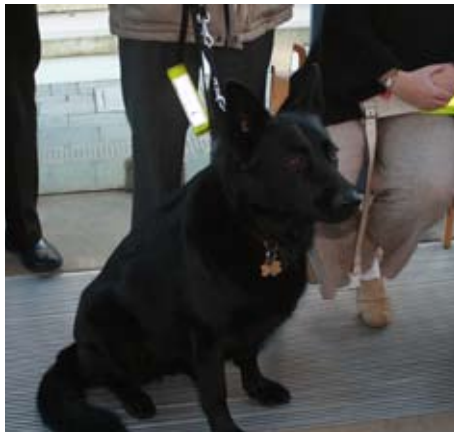
Tenor: Matthew E Rayner (c)

A Compliment to Desmond Mayell who died 17th November 2009

Basildon Quarter November 15th

A quarter was rung at Basildon on Sunday November 15th to celebrate the 80th birthday of Laurie Harris. Laurie first learnt to ring at St Saviour's, Walthamstow after the end of the war. He then gave it up before joining the band of learners at Basildon nearly 60 years later. Under Gordon's tutorage, he learnt to ring again and is a stalwart supporter of Sunday morning ringing at St Martin's.

Laurie listened to the quarter and afterwards joined the band for some celebratory birthday cake, above. Another interested listener was Ron's guide dog Fable, left.



Basildon St Martin of Tours
Sunday, 15 November 2009
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Alan Gisby
2 Hilary Donoghue
3 David Belcham
4 Cathryn Corns
5 Philip Denton
6 Andrew Martin
7 John Harpole (c)
8 Gordon Lucas

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Laurie Harris, local ringer.

Call Change competition results

A big thank you to all the teams who entered the district's annual call change striking competition, which was held at Navestock. Our judges were Matthew Rayner from West Ham, assisted by Stephen Nash from Langdon Hills. All of the teams did really well, and the judges placed the teams in the following order:

- 1st North Ockendon, who rang 2nd and received a score of 94%
- 2nd South Weald, who rang 3rd and received a score of 92%
- 3rd Downham Dingers, who rang 5th and received a score of 86%
- 4th= Downham Dingers, who rang 1st and received a score of 82%
- 4th= Bentley Common, Hutton and Ingrave, who rang 4th and also received a score of 82%

So, for the third year running, North Ockendon won the trophy, which was presented by Matthew Rayner to Andrew Beech.

(Photos on next page)



District Call Change Striking Competition – Navestock, November 21



The bands were (all left to right)

Downhan Dongers (left) – William Wennell, Ann Dorking, Cynthia Costelloe, Roger Jamieson, Barbara Leigh, Paul Cammiade



North Ockendon (right)– Matthew Scott, Andrew Beech, Michael Warren, Hilary Spooner, Alison Nash, Brian Beech



South Weald (left) – Vic Dale, Maria Jorysz, Beth Johnson, Alan Ball, Ian Jorysz, Fiona Chapman

Bentley, Hutton & Ingrave (right) – Rowena Marshall, Ron Brown, Ron Crighton, Robin Page-Jones, John Cousins, Georgina Dearing



Downham Dongers (left) – Chris Tucker, Hilary Donoghue, Gareth Bayard, Roger Dorking, Julia Jones, Nigel Taylor

MINUTES
Meeting at Navestock
Saturday 21st November 2009

1. & 2. Welcome & Thanks

The Master, John Harpole, welcomed all present, including one visitor, Matthew Rayner of West Ham, and invited everyone to sign the roll book. 26 Southern District members were present.

The Master thanked the Rev. Mark James for taking the service, the organist Alan Ball from South Weald, John Cousins and Andrew Beech for taking the collection and Renée Page-Jones and her helpers for the tea and Ron Brown for the use of the bells.

The service touch was Grandsire Doubles rung by Stephen Nash, Matthew Rayner, Ron Brown, Rowena Marshall, Phil Harrison and John Cousins.

3. Apologies for Absence

Jackie Carr, Sally-Ann Elkington, Peter Hawes, Sharon Jones, Marion Squier, Joan Marshall and Peter Nicol from Canewdon. David & Penny Sloman and Peter Sloman from Prittlewell. Peter Knight from Eastwood. Julia Fry from Basildon. Gordon Lucas from Langdon Hills. Raymond Jones from Shenfield and Simon Higgins from Hutton.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Canewdon on 19th September 2009 were printed in the October 2009 District Newsletter. Additional copies of the Minutes were circulated at the meeting for those who had not seen a copy. There being no amendments the Minutes were signed as a true copy.

5. Matters Arising

On 26th September North Ockendon hosted another Quiz Night. £135 was raised for the Bell Restoration Fund. Thanks were given to Brian Beech and the North Ockendon ringers for all their hard work.

A Surprise Major practice was held on 5th November (Bonfire Night). Fifteen ringers were present. Thanks were given to those who supported this practice.

6. Executive Committee Meeting Report

Renée Page-Jones report was also in the October 2009 District Newsletter. Renée gave a brief outline of her report.

7. Correspondence

An email was received by Alison Nash concerning the Association Carol Service to be held on Saturday 5th December at Writtle. Ringing starts at 3pm with the Service starting at 4.30pm.

8. Election of New Members

No new members were elected.

9. Future Events

John gave a plea for members to support the Carol Service at Writtle. Stephen Nash stated that it was his idea, when he was Association Master, to have an Association Carol Service every five years so please support this if you can.

Our Annual District Meeting is to be held at Brentwood. The times are slightly different from previous years because the vicar and choir wanted to be present but have another event to attend later on in the day. The times are - Ringing starts at 2pm, then the service at 3.30pm followed by tea and business meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Nominations for Life Membership are due by 1st December 2009 to Vicki Chapman, Association Secretary.

The next newsletter is due the beginning of January 2010. All material needs to be with Beth Johnson by the middle of December.

Service collection - £47.75 Teas - £53 Raffle - £52.10

Further ringing was available after the meeting.



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SOUTHERN DISTRICT 2010 Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Thursday 14 January	Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 16 January	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Brentwood (8)	2.00 pm
Saturday 7 February	<i>Association Executive Committee Meeting</i>	Danbury	2.30 pm
Saturday 20 February	District Afternoon Practice	Leigh-on-Sea (8)	3.00-5.00 pm
Thursday 25 February	District Evening Practice	Brentwood (8)	7.30 pm
Saturday 6 March	QUIZ NIGHT	North Ockendon	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Thursday 11 March	Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 20 March	DISTRICT MEETING	Fobbing (8)	3.00 pm
Thursday 8 April	<i>Association - Essex Ringing Course</i>	Coggeshall	8, 9, 10 April
Monday 3 May	<i>Association AGM - Chelmsford</i>	Southern - Ringing & Tea	From 9.30am
Thursday 13 May	Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 15 May	STRIKING COMPETITION	Shenfield (6)	5.00pm
Thursday 27 May	District Evening Practice	Brentwood (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 12 June	DISTRICT OUTING	Hertfordshire	9.30am start
Saturday 3 July	<i>Association Striking Competition FINALS</i>		
Thursday 15 July	Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Thursday 26 August	District Evening Practice	Brentwood (8)	7.30 pm
Monday 30 August	<i>Association Open Day</i>	SW District	
Saturday 18 September	DISTRICT MEETING	Hutton (5)	3.00 pm
Saturday 2 October	<i>Association Annual Dinner</i>	County Hotel, Chelmsford	
Saturday 9 October	<i>Association Executive Committee Meeting</i>	Danbury	2.30 pm
Saturday 16 October	District Afternoon Practice	South Benfleet (6) tbc	3.00-5.00pm
Saturday 20 November	DISTRICT MEETING Preceded by Call Change Competition	Orsett (6)	2.30 pm (note earlier start)
Thursday 25 November	District Evening Practice	Brentwood (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 27 November	<i>Association Training Day</i>		
Saturday 11 December	District Carol Service	South Weald (8)	3.30pm
2011			
Saturday 22 January	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Thorpe Bay (8)	3.00 pm
PLEASE NOTE -			
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING 2010	2.00pm - Ringing 3.30pm - Service 4.30pm - Tea followed by meeting		
MARCH / SEPTEMBER District Meeting	3.00pm - Ringing 4.30pm - Service 5.00pm - Tea followed by meeting and further ringing		
MAY District Striking Competition	5.00pm - Draw & Competition Ringing, followed by Tea and Results		
NOVEMBER District Meeting	2.30pm - Competition Ringing 4.30pm - Service 5.00pm - Tea followed by meeting and further ringing		
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING 2011	3.00pm - Ringing 4.30pm - Service 5.30pm - Tea followed by meeting		
Any changes to the programme will be announced at district meetings, by email or via the district newsletter.			