

NEWSLETTER

NEXT EVENTS

DISTRICT SURPRISE PRACTICE

Thursday 10 March SOUTH WEALD 7.30pm

DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday 19 March BENTLEY COMMON 3.00pm

DISTRICT TRAINING DAY

Saturday 2 April; see page 3

ASSOCIATION AGM

Monday 2nd May Chelmsford Cathedral from 9.30am



All Saints Hutton, tucked away in Hutton village in a delightful setting, has a light five (tenor 6¼ cwt) with the bells dating from 1637 to 1814; practice night Tuesday.

50-years a ringer

Renee Page-Jones has been a ringer for fifty years, starting in September 1960. For the last forty years (apart from 1982) she has been Tower Captain at All Saints', Hutton.

A Quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles rung at Chalk in Kent on 25th November 2010 marked this event.

The team was:

Treble Wendy Hooper

2nd John Cousins

3rd Renee Page-Jones

4th Roger Butt

5th Raymond Jones (c)

Tenor Rowena Marshall

Royal Wedding — 29th April

If you are planning any celebratory ringing, whether it's general ringing, a Quarter Peal or a Peal attempt, to celebrate the royal wedding, please let Tracey Southgate, our PRO, have the details as soon as you can. She is hoping to collate performances from across the county and compile a commemorative booklet to send to the royal couple, with the Association's compliments on their marriage.

Tracey Southgate (pro@eacr.org.uk; 01255 507357)

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FROM THE MASTER

It was good to see so many of you at our District Annual Meeting at Thorpe Bay, and thank you for re-electing me as your master. I was also pleased that we had a good number at our afternoon practice at Canewdon, and I hope everyone had a good ring. Attached to this newsletter is our district programme for 2011; please make sure it gets displayed in your towers and put the events in your diaries now! We have tried to put together a varied programme spread evenly around the district; if anyone would like any additional events, please let one of your district officers know.

I hope as many of you as possible will support our district events during 2011.

John Harpole

NEWSLETTERS

Please send any and all reports, pictures, notices etc., to Beth Johnson at bethjohnson6710@gmail.com, Tel: 01277 205102 or post to 67 London Road Brentwood CM14 4NN.

End April- copy 15 April

Mid Aug - copy 31 July

End Oct - copy 15 Oct

End of Dec - copy 15 Dec

Distribution

A newsletter is circulated two weeks before each business meeting. Copies are sent to tower correspondents, preferably by email. If you receive a copy by email on behalf of your tower, please confirm receipt to Beth so we know each tower has at least one copy. Any member may request his or her own copy via email by contacting Beth.

Congratulations!



I'm sure everyone can guess who this bouncing baby grew up to be. On the 6th March Roger Dorking from Downham reaches the ripe old age of 70. Roger says if anyone wants to ring a peal or quarter, "open or half-muffled" (his words not mine) do let him know.

And more congratulations!

Ann & Brian Beech from North Ockendon celebrate their 50th (Golden) Wedding Anniversary on 4th March.

They were married at St. John's church Stratford, London E15 on Saturday 4th March 1961. Ann was just 21 years old and Brian was 23.



Here's a picture of them on their wedding day.



Quiz night in aid of Bentley handbells

Thank you to all those who turned up for Bentley's quiz night on January 28th. It was a great night and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. There were some lovely raffle prizes, and plenty of them too. There was a draw for the winning team! Honours were shared between the team from North Ockendon and the team from the North West district, beating teams from all other walks of life, proving that ringers are a pretty intelligent lot!!

We raised £525 which will help towards our target for the refurbishment of our handbells.

If anyone wants a copy of our current £1 quiz sheet, let me know and I will try to get it to them.

Rowena Marshall (01277 222814, rowenamarshall@hotmail.co.uk)

Quarter peal fortnight.

It's getting to that time of the year again when we need to be thinking about the quarter peal fortnight and getting an idea of what we'd like to achieve this year. The fortnight begins on Sunday June 12th and finishes on Sunday 26th June. That sounds a long way off but time flies and there is lots to think about and organise before then!

If there is someone in every tower that has email, I would appreciate it if they would be willing to let me have their email address for contact as this is by far the easiest way to get in touch with towers. Please could they send their details to rowenamarshall@hotmail.co.uk but if there is no-one then my phone number is 01277 222814.

It would be great if all tower captains in the southern district could enquire of their bands if there is a particular target they would like to achieve this year. If you are able to organise this yourselves, that would be helpful but if you don't have the band to accomplish these targets, contact me and I will arrange enough support for you to have a go.

If there is anyone willing to go to different towers to help out, please let me have your details so that I can contact you.

Let's see if we can beat last year's number of quarters! Time to get your thinking caps on!!
Rowena

Essex Ringing Course

Janet Edwards, the Helpers Organiser, would like anyone who has helped on the course to contact her - she only has email details of previous helpers. She has only heard from 45 helpers and needs 100!

Janet's details are:

Home no. 01376 573412

Email: janet@ajsplace.fsnet.co.uk

Address: Lavender Cottages,
181 High Street, Kelvedon,
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District training day 2nd April 2011 from Cathryn Corns, Training Officer

In answer to a specific request, I plan to run the day consolidating Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles inside, aimed at people who can ring a plain course and are starting to get to grips with the bobs (and singles). The day will be held in Downham.

The day will run from 10:00-15:00h and will be in two sessions, with a break for lunch and people may attend either or both sessions. Places are limited and names of people who are interested must be with me by 15th March.

If anyone has any other training requirements please contact me to see what can be arranged at another date.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR EITHER ALL DAY OR FOR THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSION

Please contact me at cathryncorns@gmail.com or on 01702 533944 if you want to attend the day or if you can come along as a helper.

Bullet points from EACR committee meeting 5th February 2011

- Job descriptions for District Officers are now on the EACR website
- Annual Dinner is booked for 1st Oct 2011 at County Hotel, Chelmsford
- The new membership form has been circulated and all applications must be on this form
- AGM:
 - * Ringing at the cathedral from 09.30h
 - * Afternoon ringing will be in NW district
 - * Proposed rule changes will be put to the AGM; points discussed at the meeting were:
 - Over 65s will be asked to pay a subscription from 2012
 - Members of over 50 years standing will not have to pay a subscription
 - Members whose subscription is not paid by 30th April will not be eligible to vote at meetings
 - * The proposed changes can be seen on the website and will be printed in the 2011 annual report
 - * There are minor changes to the striking competition rules; it was clarified that in the 6-bell competition 'neighbouring towers' should be interpreted as 'nearby towers in the district'
- There is the possibility that a ringing centre may be set up at Chigwell; application has been made to the local council for funding as part of the Olympic legacy.
- Child Protection training will be available on Sat 2/4/11 at Writtle, run by the Diocesan Child Protection Advisor; contact Steve Nash if you are interested in attending
- An application for a bell restoration grant was made by West Ham for refurbishment and re-hanging of tenor; £200 donation agreed
- Ringing Course: **HELPERS NEEDED!**
There are 55 applications, 40 from Essex, but only 2 applications from junior members.

The meeting was unusually brief and finished before 5 pm!

Cathryn Corns

MINUTES

Annual District Meeting at Thorpe Bay – Saturday 22nd January 2011

1. Welcome & Thanks

The Master, John Harpole, opened the meeting with a few minutes silence in memory of Barbara Fisher who died just before Christmas 2010.

The Master welcomed all present, including visitors, Brian Meads - Association Master, Vicki Chapman - Association Secretary, Colin Chapman - Report Editor, Christina Brewster and Andrew Brewster - Association Treasurer, Liz Rayner - Association Training Officer, Peter Rayner, Janet Edwards - Ringing Course Helper Organiser, Peter Eves, Tracey Southgate - Association PRO, John Everett of Borham and David Learmonth with the Book Stall.

The Master thanked the Rev. Jonathan Collis for taking the service and for the use of the bells, the organist Victor Knill, and the Thorpe Bay Choir and the Thorpe Bay ringers for the wonderful tea.

The service touch was Bristol Surprise Major and was rung by Cathryn Corns, Gordon Lucas, Jim Laken, David Sloman, Stephen Nash, Darren Osborne, Andy Martin and John Harpole.

2. Sign the Roll Book

The Master invited everyone to sign the roll book and to indicate on the sheet provided those who wished to be recorded as apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Orsett on 20th November 2010 were printed in the December 2010 District Newsletter and circulated at the meeting. There being no amendments the Minutes were signed as a true copy.

4. Matters Arising

It was pointed out that the new rules state that the Executive Committee will comprise of only two district officers and not four as is now the rule. The proposed rules have now been revised to revert back to four officers on the Executive Committee.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from Vicki Chapman, Association Secretary for –

- (a) Nominations for Association Officers namely Master, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations had already been received for Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Trustees. Other nominations must be with the Association Secretary by 1st February 2011.
- (b) Nominations for one remaining post of Central Council Representative. Four representatives had already been elected in 2010. Nominations must be with the Association Secretary by 1st February 2011.
- (c) Notices of motions for the Association Annual General Meeting must be with the Association Secretary by 1st February 2011.
- (d) Nominations for Life Membership of the Associations must be received by the Association Secretary by 1st February 2011. Nominations had already been received for Wendy Godden, proposed by Yvonne Towler, seconded by Mark Button. Also for John Tipping, proposed by David Sloman and seconded by Cathryn Corns. Both of whom were Independent Examinations of the Association for a number of years.

6. Reports

- (a) The Master, John Harpole, presented his report for 2010 and is attached to these Minutes.
- (b) The Secretary, Alison Nash, presented her report for 2010 and is attached to these Minutes.
- (c) The Treasurers report was presented by Mark Robbins and is attached to these Minutes.

7. Election of District Officers and Other Appointments

- (a) The Association Master, Brian Meads, took the chair while nominations for District Master were taken. John Harpole was proposed by Andy Martin and seconded by Mark Robbins and was re-elected District Master.

- (b) Cathryn Corns was proposed by Penny Sloman as Deputy Master and was seconded by Peter Knight and was re-elected.
- (c) Alison Nash was proposed as District Secretary by Chris Bailey and seconded by Darren Osborne and re-elected.
- (d) Mark Robbins was proposed by Beth Johnson as Treasurer and seconded by John Cousins and was re-elected.
- (e) Cathryn Corns agreed to stand again as Education Officer. There were no other nominations.
- (f) No-one was willing to stand as Public Relations Officer and therefore this post remains vacant.
- (g) Beth Johnson was willing to stand again as Newsletter Editor. She stated that the newsletter was only as good as the material that was provided and requested articles, pictures, outings, adverts. Could the Tower Correspondents who receive the newsletter, please email her to confirm they have received the latest edition.
- (h) Our Bell Grants Committee representative was Stephen Nash who was willing to stand for another year.

8. Election of New Members

- (a) The following new ringing members were elected to the Association:

Susan Cordingly (Grays) proposed by Andy Martin, seconded by Philip Denton
 Simon Ward (Grays) proposed by Andy Martin, seconded by Philip Denton
 Steven Heffernan (Grays) proposed by Andy Martin, seconded by Philip Denton
 Louise Amery-Richardson (Grays) proposed by Andy Martin, seconded by Philip Denton
 Sarah Barlow (Grays) proposed by Andy Martin, seconded by Philip Denton
 Sheila Shilton-Brown (South Weald) proposed by Beth Johnson, seconded by Vic Dale
 Paul James (South Weald) proposed by Beth Johnson, seconded by Vic Dale
 James Laden (Prittlewell) proposed by Peter Sloman, seconded by Martin Newman
 Sandra Markham (Prittlewell) proposed by Peter Sloman, seconded by Martin Newman
 Judith Williams (Prittlewell) proposed by Peter Sloman, seconded by Martin Newman
 Karen Barnard (Prittlewell) proposed by Peter Sloman, seconded by Martin Newman
 Simon Greenwood (Holy Cross, South Ockendon, Catholic Church) proposed by Philip Denton, seconded by Andy Martin.

- (b) There were no Friend members of the Association elected.
- (c) There were no non-resident members of the Association elected.

9. New Association Rules

The Associations proposed new rules were in the October Newsletter, on the Association Website and sent to members by email.

Colin Chapman and Andrew Brewster are on the Rules Committee and were at the meeting to answer any questions. As mentioned earlier they had decided to retain the four district officers from each district as they had reduced the number of trustees on the Executive Committee. Colin stated there were only 13 comments sent to them and half of those questions/statements were from our district.

The committee included a rule which states automatic life membership on 50 years of membership.

The rule "any person whose name appears on the Sex Offenders Register is not eligible to become or remain a member of the Essex Association of Change Ringers" remains.

The Striking Competition Rules have been amended so that the 6 and 8-bell competition rules have been combined and have made it easier for towers to join together to form a team. The 8-bell competition length has been modified to 250 changes.

10. District Programme for 2011

The Master ran through the District Programme for 2011:

All are very welcome to the afternoon 10 bell practice at Canewdon.

The closing date for the Essex Ringing Course is 18th February so if you wish to apply as a pupil, please send your application form to Mary Bone as soon as possible. Helpers are always needed. If you are available on any, or part of, 14th-16th April please let Janet Edwards know as she is now the Helpers Administrator.

The outing this year will be to Cambridgeshire. If there is anyone who would like to ring at a particular tower please contact John Harpole.

The quarter peal fortnight this year will start the day after the outing namely Sunday 12th June and will run until Sunday 26th June. We hope to gain as many first's as possible.

If you wish the district to include any other events, please contact your District Officers.

11. Apologies for Absence

There were 10 apologies for absence. These can be seen in the Attendance Record.

12. Any Other Business

Going back to the Essex Ringing Course, Janet Edwards, who is now the Helpers Organiser, would like all those who have helped before on the course to contact her as she only has details of helpers who are on email. She has sent out a great amount of emails but has only heard from 45 helpers. For the three days she needs 100 helpers.

David Learmonth, who at present, is in charge of the book stall is resigning after 6 years. He desperately needs someone to take over from him. He stated it was a very worthwhile job. He was able to preview the new books, visit every district, and visit towers that he probably would not have visited normally.

In September 1911 it will be the centenary of Shenfield bells installation when the 5 bells were recast with a tenor added. Ray Jones would like to celebrate this in September 2011 by ringing a peal and quarter peal in September. He would like volunteers to contact him.

Tracey Southgate said if any tower wished to borrow the ringing boards and posters that were set up in the hall they would be welcome to borrow them, although there would be a small admin charge. The Essex County Council are taking part in the 2012 celebration on 21st July at Hylands Park. She is hoping for a lot of publicity and support.

Tracey wished to promote the Essex Country Show at Barleylands, Billericay on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September. The format would be similar to last year, namely demonstrations on a mini ring and handbell ringing to name but a few. She would need 8 volunteers for both the Saturday and Sunday sessions. The sessions for both days will be from 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Volunteers do not have to volunteer for the whole day, but if that is what they wanted to do then that would be great, and as we know about this earlier than we did last year, she was hoping more people would come forward to help. Volunteers would receive free admission and free parking.

Janet Edwards who is on the Central Council and who sits on the Ringing Centres Committee would like to hear from anyone who is trying to set up a ringing centre. If help is needed please contact her direct.

David Sloman has unearthed, in a Prittlewell cupboard, duplicate reports going back to the 1920's and 41 ropes/part of ropes. If anyone would like the reports or ropes, please speak to him.

Andy Martin made a plea on behalf of the Grays ringers. They no longer practice on a Saturday morning but on a Monday night. If anyone is available to help feel free to visit.

The Bentley Common Quiz Night organised by Rowena Marshall is on Friday 28th January. All tickets are now sold.

If anyone would like to be on the Southern District Email List, please contact either John Harpole or Alison Nash.

The Treasurer, Mark Robbins, reminded everyone that 2011 subscriptions are now due. £8 for an adult member and £4 for junior members.

Service collection – £111.78 Profit from Teas – £183 Profit from Raffle – £107

The meeting closed with the raffle and further ringing was available until 8.30pm.

Master's report for 2010

2010 was another busy year for the district, with the normal quarterly business meetings, method and call change striking competitions, afternoon and evening practices, an outing to Hertfordshire, a quiz night and, for the first time in a number of years, a district quarter peal fortnight.

During the year the project to re-cast Prittlewell bells came to fruition. I was lucky enough to be invited to The Whitechapel Bell Foundry to see some of the bells cast during the summer, and then, more recently, the blessing of the bells as they lay in the back of St Mary's church prior to their hanging, and then their dedication 2 weeks ago. The new bells sound wonderful! The new 8th was donated by the Essex Association with a grant from the bell restoration fund and the balance of the David Tovell legacy; David is a former treasurer of the Association who left a legacy to the Association in his will.

This time last year I talked about the "Looking to the Future" questionnaire and the challenges we all have to train and retain new recruits. Despite the lack of a district public relations officer, we have had

marvellous support from the Association's PRO, Tracey Southgate, who has made the long trek from Harwich to our district several times. While some of these visits were to support individual towers, Tracey organised a stand at the Essex Country Show at Barleylands, near Billericay, in September, and a number of district members supported this at short notice. Tracey has just booked a stand for the 2011 show on the 10th and 11th September, and I hope many of you will be able to go along and help promote our art to the general public.

The Association's rules have come under the spotlight during the last year. Firstly we passed a new rule at the Association's AGM restricting who is eligible for membership. More recently a draft set of new rules has been published and made widely available; I hope you have all read them and will support their adoption at this year's AGM in May.

Once again, I was delighted to see so many of you on the district outing in June, this time visiting Hertfordshire. We visited 6 towers in total and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. This year I am proposing that we visit Cambridgeshire.

During our quarter peal fortnight, 21 quarters were scored with a number of firsts. We also raised over £200 in aid of the project to install a ring of bells in Holy Cross, South Ockendon. We plan to hold a similar event this year, when I hope even more firsts will be achieved.

As in recent years, attendance at our district practices has been mixed. We just about managed 6 at South Benfleet, only 3 teams entered our call change competition, and I was especially disappointed at the low attendance at our district carol service. I strongly believe that one of the most important roles of the district is to bring ringers together and to provide help and support to help us all advance, whether it being ringing rounds or spliced surprise major. This has been evidenced by our surprise practices at South Weald; the local ringers were always 2 or 3 short and so, by inviting the District, they have been able to advance, as have those of us who attend. While I accept that this particular practice is not for the whole district, and any weekday practice will always clash with someone's practice night, it is an example of where the district can help to improve our ringing. So, if any other tower, particularly in another part of the district, would like to host a regular district practice, please let your district officers know.

The year ended with sad news that one of our longest serving members had died. Barbara Fisher learnt to ring at Bentley Common in the 1950s, and remained a loyal member of the Bentley band and of Navestock until poor health forced her to stop ringing 2 or 3 years ago. In 1988 Barbara was elected as a life member of the Essex Association in recognition of her service to ringing at Bentley and Navestock. The packed church at her funeral at Navestock was a testimony to the many people whose lives were touched by Barbara.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of you for your support during 2010. Special mention goes to my fellow officers: deputy master and education officer, Cathryn Corns, secretary Alison Nash, treasurer Mark Robins, and our report editor Beth Johnson. I wish you all a very happy 2011, with lots of good ringing!

John Harpole, District Master

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2010

Our ADM was held at Brentwood with 53 members and visitors attending. Throughout the year we had 3 business meetings at Fobbing(8), Hutton(5) and Orsett(6).

In March, North Ockendon hosted another Quiz Night and raised a total of £140.50 for the Bell Restoration Fund.

The District 6 Bell Striking Competition was held in May at Shenfield. Six teams entered and Langdon Hills came first with South Weald in second place.

In November the District Call Change Competition was held at Orsett. North Ockendon won the trophy for the fourth year in a row. The newly trained local band came second. Well done Orsett.

During the year we elected 18 new ringing members to the District. The following members and friends sadly died: Margaret Arthur of Leigh-on-Sea, Liz Wycherley of Leigh-on-Sea and Barbara Fisher of Bentley Common.

Afternoon District Practices were held in February at Leigh-on-Sea and in October at South Benfleet. The South Benfleet practice was not very well attended – only 6 people took part. In June we had a District outing to the St. Albans area of Hertfordshire. This was a great success with over 25 members and friends attending.

Quarterly District Evening Practices have been held at Brentwood with bi-monthly Surprise Major Practices held at South Weald.

Alison Nash, Southern District Secretary

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ending
31 December 2010

INCOME

General Fund

		£	£
Subscriptions			
Ringing (Full)	139 @	8.00	1,112.00
arrear	4 @	8.00	32.00
advance	2 @	8.00	16.00
Junior	15 @	4.00	60.00
arrear	- @	4.00	0.00
Friends	5 @ 4.00 min		20.00
arrear	0 @	4.00	0.00
advance	2 @	4.00	8.00
Non-Resident	0 @	8.00	0.00
Sale of Badges	- @	1.00	0.00
Sale of Annual reports	- @	3.50	0.00
Donation (Grays)			50.00
GENERAL FUND: TOTAL INCOME		£	<u>1,298.00</u>

Bell Restoration Account

	£
Donations	40.00
Donations in lieu of Subs.	200.00
Service Collections	257.32
Profit from Teas	270.10
Profit from Raffles	259.90
Quiz Night (including Raffle)	140.50
Profit from District Outing	40.00
BELL RESTORATION ACCOUNT: TOTAL INCOME	£ <u>1,207.82</u>

TOTAL INCOME £ 2,505.82

EXPENDITURE

	£
Postage and telephone	5.46
Stationery	0.00
Engraving 8 bell trophy	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ <u>5.46</u>

TOTAL INCOME less EXPENDITURE £ 2,500.36

Total net district income 2,500.36

Add: Cash in hand at 1 January 2.00
Less : Cash in hand at 31 December 0.00
Payments to Association Treasurer £ 2,502.36

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Mark Robbins

Southern district treasurer



The Essex Association of Change Ringers



SOUTHERN DISTRICT 2011 Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Saturday 22 January	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Thorpe Bay (8)	3.00 pm
Saturday 5 February	<i>Association Executive Committee Meeting</i>	Danbury	2.30 pm
Saturday 19 February	10 Bell District Afternoon Practice	Canewdon (10)	3.00-5.00 pm
Thursday 24 February	District Evening Practice	Brentwood (8)	7.30 pm
Thursday 10 March	District Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 19 March	DISTRICT MEETING	Bentley Common (6)	3.00pm
Saturday 2 April	District Training Day	tbc	10.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 14 April	<i>Association - Essex Ringing Course</i>	Coggeshall	14, 15, 16 April
Monday 2 May	<i>Association AGM - Chelmsford</i>	North West - Ringing & Tea	From 9.30am
Thursday 19 May	District Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 21 May	STRIKING COMPETITION	Eastwood (6)	5.00pm
Thursday 26 May	District Evening Practice	Brentwood (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 11 June	DISTRICT OUTING	Cambridgeshire	9.30am start
Sunday 12 June - 26 June	Quarter Peal Fortnight	All Towers	
Saturday 2 July	<i>Association Striking Competition FINALS</i>	Northern District	2.00pm
Thursday 21 July	District Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Sat. 10 & Sun. 11 Sept	<i>Essex Country Show</i>	Barleylands, Billericay	9.30-12.30 & 1.30-5.30
Saturday 17 September	DISTRICT MEETING	Prittlewell (10)	3.00 pm
Thursday 22 September	District Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 1 October	<i>Association Annual Dinner</i>	County Hotel, Chelmsford	
Saturday 8 October	<i>Association Executive Committee Meeting</i>	Danbury	2.30 pm
Saturday 15 October	District Afternoon Practice	Grays (8)	3.00-5.00pm
Thursday 17 November	District Surprise Practice	South Weald (8)	7.30pm
Saturday 19 November	DISTRICT MEETING Preceded by Call Change Competition	North Ockendon (6)	2.30 pm (note earlier start)
Saturday 26 November	<i>Association Training Day</i>		
Saturday 10 December	District Carol Service	Rochford (8)	3.30pm

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Saturday 21 January 2012	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING	Rayleigh (8)	3.00 pm
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PLEASE NOTE -

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING 2011	3.00pm - Ringing 4.30pm - Service 5.30pm - 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 2012	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.