



The Essex Association of Change Ringers
(Registered Charity No 292250)

South-Eastern District March 2016

 **Keep in touch!**

Have you joined the SE District's Email List?

If you have but have recently changed your email address, or if you would like to be added to the list, please contact the District Secretary.

If you are a Tower Correspondent, please let me know if you change your email address.

jo.elliott@blueyonder.co.uk or
se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk

or 01245 604792, or text 07931 302046



The SE District [Facebook page](#) has proved popular. On it you will find details of events organised for SE members plus things of interest posted by group members. You'll be able to add your messages to the page, so to join, please send an email to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/eacr.sedistrict/>

SE England Youth Striking Competition

Saturday 2 April. This first competition in what is intended to be a yearly event, is to be hosted by the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Epsom Common. Draw at 10am, contest and results in the morning with two towers open in the afternoon. Kent, Guildford, Hertfordshire, Winchester & Portsmouth, Surrey and Sussex as well as Essex, are expected to enter teams. It should be a good contest and good experience for our ringers.

Essex Ringing Course: Coggeshall.

Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 April.

Hilary Donoghue is still looking for ringing helpers. If you are able to help, whether for half a day, a whole day or for the whole three days, please contact Hilary as soon as possible: coursehelpers@eacr.org.uk 01277 656346 or 07540 066789. As Saturday is the hardest day for which to find helpers, anyone who is able to help on that day would be particularly welcomed. Contact Hilary if you think you'll be available but not certain whether or not to volunteer.

Essex Ringing Course: Coggeshall.

Andrew Brewster would like to hear from anyone willing to help with refreshments on the course. This is what Andrew says:

"During the Ringing Course around 1,300 cups of tea and coffee are served to some 12 tutors, 72 students and around 100 helpers over the three days of the course held at Honywood School in Coggeshall.

Volunteers are needed to maintain this vital service to the Course participants. At least three people are needed for each session, the times of which are outlined below (although these times are approximate until the Course programme is finalised). All you need to bring is yourself with a willingness to give up some time to help others — everything else is provided.

The sessions are as follows:

Thursday 7th April, 3 sessions:

10-11.15am; 2.45-4.15pm and 5-6.15pm

Friday 8th April, 2 sessions:

9.20-10.45am and 3-5pm

Saturday 9th April, 2 sessions:

9.10-10.45am and 2.45-4.15pm

If you are able to help please email me with your name and the session(s) you can assist with.

Even if it's only one session it will help greatly to the success of the Course

socialcommittee@eacr.org.uk . Thank you."

SE District Quarter-Peal Fortnight

Sunday 17 April to Sunday 1 May. Are you an organiser? Email Christina if you would be willing to act as a coordinator for small groups of local towers which might require help to organise QPs. If that's something that you would be good at or like to have a go at, please let Christina know. se-district-master@eacr.org.uk. Send full details of all quarters to Jo Elliott at 38 Loftin Way, Great Baddow, CM2 9TW, for inclusion in the Ringing World notice and include a donation of 50p per rope (to be split 50/50 between the RW and the Bell Restoration Account).

Note: Cheques to be made out to Mrs J Elliott.

Surprise practice

Wednesday, Terling, starting at 7.45pm:

27 April: Cambridge, Bristol & Little Baddow.

St George's Day: Saturday 23 April (within Quarter-peal fortnight). Ringing at 6pm or at a time convenient for your tower. This is what the *Ringling for England Campaign* says:

"Hopefully you will all gain more publicity now that the Churches Conservation Trust and English Heritage are coming on board and they will give you extra publicity and all their support. They will also encourage their followers to have a go at ringing in as many of their properties as possible which will hopefully in turn bring newcomers to your bands."

The campaign's website is:

www.ringingforengland.co.uk If you are planning any ringing to celebrate St George's Day this year, please let me know:

se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk

Young Ringers' Practices: Sunday 24 April.

For information essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk

Future dates for **EYR** practices:

22 May, 26 June, 25 September, 15 October, 30 October and 27 November.

The Essex Young Ringers Facebook group is open to any Essex ringer up to the age of 25. The group can be used to discuss ideas for events to hold, to advertise stuff you're doing at your tower or to share achievements in ringing. To join the group, send an email to essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk and in return you will receive an invitation to join.

Annual General Meeting

Chelmsford Cathedral, **Monday 2 May.**

Open ringing 9:15 to 10:15am; please come along to ring at this time, everyone is welcome.

Service 10:30am, Meeting 11:45am.

Light refreshments available before and after the service. Afternoon ringing and tea in the Southern District. Tea tickets from

Mrs Vicki Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF. £4 in advance (with SAE, cheques made payable to the Essex Association of Change Ringers) or at the AGM at £4.50.

6-Bell & Call Change Competitions and short Business Meeting

Great Totham, **Saturday, 14 May.** Draw for places **3pm. NOTE THE EARLY START TIME.** Light refreshments from 3pm until start of meeting which follows the competition at approx. 6.30pm, depending on the number of teams. A band may enter either the method or the call change part of the competition, so there are two trophies up for grabs on the same day.

Contact Christina to enter your team or for all queries regarding the joint competition. Please consider entering a team. Practising for a competition may improve your ringing.

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90th birthday celebrations for HM Queen

Elizabeth II: Sunday, 12 June. Whilst there will probably be a lot of ringing for HM The Queen's actual birthday on 21 April, the Palace has announced that the main celebrations will be held over the weekend of 10-12 June to coincide with The Queen's Official Birthday. It is suggested that bells be rung between 12noon and 2pm during the Patron's Lunch which is to be held along The Mall. Please let local media and residents know why you are ringing. This is a link to the Central Council's advice:

<http://cccbr.org.uk/pr/queens90th/>

Ringling World National Youth Contest

Saturday 2 July in Central London. Heats will be held in the morning at St James, Garlickhyde and St Saviour, Pimlico, both light and easy-going rings of eight. The top three teams from each heat will go through to the final at St Olave, Hart St, in the afternoon. Any young ringer who might be interested in being part of the **Essex Young Eagles'** team which is to enter this contest, should come along to the next **Essex Young Ringers'** practice on Sunday 24 April. **The Essex Young Eagles'** team will be selected from all Districts of the Association. If any tower has young ringers who might like to take part please let Christina know as soon as possible as practices are a must, the standard is very high.

Association Annual Dinner

The 62nd Annual Dinner takes place on **Saturday 1 October**, County Hotel Chelmsford. Early Bird tickets will be on sale at the Essex Ringling Course until Monday 2 May (AGM day) and an announcement about ticket prices will be made prior to the Course.

The Association runs a **Bookstall**

<http://eacr.org.uk/sale-or-hire/bookstall.html>, currently looked after by Christina Brewster, which will be present at Essex Ringling Course in April. Books are often purchased at discounted prices with any profits going to the Bell Restoration Account.

The bookstall stocks a large number of Central Council publications and other books which cover a wide range of subjects including, learning, teaching, bell maintenance, methods and compositions. If you are interested in a particular publication, send an email to se-district-master@eacr.org.uk. Once available, the network of ringers will make sure your book finds its way to you. Postage and packing may have to be added to the cost in some circumstances.