



The Essex Association of Change Ringers

(Registered Charity No 292250)

South-Eastern District

May 2016

 **Keep in touch!**

New members

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members into the Association so far this year and hope that we will see them at lots of the District and Association events: Peter Rothera of Terling; Sarah Scannell and Vicki Hipwell of Goldhanger; Belinda Cook and Jeff Allen of Purleigh; Steve Ashley of Springfield; Jenny Manning of Inworth and Sarah Dixon of High Easter. Dave Thompson of Boreham and Malcolm Holmes of Goldhanger.

District Practices ~ all starting at 7.45pm

Thursday, 19 May, Terling (8)

Wednesday, 15 June, Goldhanger (8)

Thursday, 21 July, Tollesbury (10).

Please come to ring at District Practices, they are for everyone, and ringers are always welcomed. Especially for newer members, joining other towers at their practice is one of the ways to improve and advance in ringing and at the same time, more experienced ringers are essential as helpers. If your tower would like a District Practice next year, please let me know.

Young Ringers' practices - All on Sundays:

22 May, 26 June, 25 September, 15 October, 30 October and 27 November. Venues to be confirmed. Contact Christina for more

information: essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk

Young in this case is anyone under the age of 25. No age limit for helpers!

Surprise practices

Wednesdays at Terling, starting at 7.45pm:

25 May: Yorkshire, Superlative & Belfast

29 June: Lincolnshire, Pudsey & Belfast.

90th birthday celebrations for HM Queen

Elizabeth II: Sunday, 12 June. This is HM The Queen's Official Birthday and The Palace suggests that bells be rung between 12noon and 2pm to coincide with the Patron's Lunch which is to be held along The Mall. Please let the District Secretary know *what and when* you will be ringing, in advance if possible, and let local media and residents know *why* you are ringing. Info here: <http://cccbr.org.uk/pr/queens90th/>

10-bell practice at Writtle: Saturday 18 June, 10am to 11.30am. This practice will cater for all levels of experience. It's been arranged to give everyone an opportunity to ring on 10 bells. If you usually ring on 6 or 8, this is your chance to try higher numbers. Please come and join us, especially if you are proficient on 10.

Ringling World National Youth Contest

Saturday 2 July in Central London. A record entry with 24 teams from across the country will be making their way to London. Heats will be held in the morning at St James, Garlickhyde, St Saviour, Pimlico, and the back eight at St Dunstan-in-the West, Fleet Street, all light and easy going rings. The top two teams from each heat will go through to the final at St Olave, Hart St, in the afternoon. There will be an opportunity for all contestants to ring on the famous "Bow Bells" during the day and there will be a full programme of workshops and general ringing for the teams, plus a Treasure Hunt to complete. 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 - Sunday 22 May. The EYES' team will be selected from all Districts. If any young ringers would like to take part please let Christina know as soon as possible as practices are a must, the standard is very high:

essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk

District Training Day: Saturday, 24 September

Ann Powell would like you to contact her, **as soon as possible**, to discuss your training needs so that she may offer tailor-made training sessions, either at your tower or at another tower. **Don't be shy!** These sessions are for you, at any level of experience, so please ask for what you'd like. Talk it over with your Tower Captain then contact Ann.

Please don't wait until September:

sebelltraining@btinternet.com 01621 892398.

Have you joined the SE District's Email List?

Keep in touch with what's happening in the District. If you are a Tower Correspondent, please let the District Secretary know if you change your email address.

se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk

01245 604792, text 07931 302046

Association Secretary

Dr Rhona McEune (NE) will succeed Vicki Chapman as Association Secretary and we wish her well in her time in that office. Vicki will now take up her role as Central Council Rep and report back to the membership with the news and ideas forthcoming from the CCCBR.

Association Public Relations Officer

The Association has a new PRO thanks to SE District member Emily Ashton of Goldhanger. We offer Emily all our good wishes and hope that she enjoys her time in the post. pro@eacr.org.uk

Association Chaplain

The Revd. Stephanie Gillingham has recently been appointed Essex Association Chaplain. Contact details: 01245 477818, stephaniegillingham@hotmail.co.uk

District Bell Maintenance Officer:

Andrew Kelso has taken on this role for the SE District, and may be contacted as follows if you need help or information regarding bells and installations: arckelso@mac.com 01621 788284, 07747 032550, 9a Church Street, Goldhanger, CM9 8AS. Thank you Andrew!

SE District Facebook page. You will be able to read and post messages when you join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eacr.sedistrict/>

SE England Youth Striking Competition

Congratulations to the Essex Young Ringers who came third of six teams in the SE England Youth Striking Competition held in Surrey on 2 April. The results were:

1st Sussex Young Ringers 76%
2nd Kent Young Ringers 70%
3rd Essex Young Eagles 68%
4th Young @ Herts 67%
5th GDG Young Ringers 65%
6th W&P Young Ringers 50%

We are proud of the Essex Young Eagles and thank Christina and her helpers for their hard work and organisation. The work of all of them has made this excellent result possible.

Quarter-peal Fortnight

To date, I've been told of the following 15 quarters:

Chelmsford Cathedral, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major
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Downham, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (SE members)
Downham, 1440 Plain Bob Minor (Writtle ringers)
Goldhanger, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Great Totham, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
High Easter, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Inworth, 1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor
Little Baddow, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Little Baddow, 1260 Doubles, 2 methods
Little Baddow, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Rettendon, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (Writtle ringers)
Springfield, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Terling, 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major
Writtle, 1260 Doubles, 4 methods

The quarters were rung by 52 different ringers (45 SE & 7 from other districts) in 10 SE and 2 Southern District churches with 10 different conductors. 6 quarters were rung to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and 5 for St George & England. 1 quarter was rung in memory of a young soldier killed in WWII. There was 1 first quarter at first attempt; 1 first of Grandsire and 1 first of Yorkshire. One ringer reached his 200th Quarter-peal, another his 375th and a third his 700th. There were three birthday compliments for District ringers and one quarter to welcome a new granddaughter. Congratulations to all concerned. £32 was paid into the Bell Restoration Account.

Some other quarters were attempted and unfortunately failed, but very well done to those ringers, and better luck next time – keep trying!

Ringling for England & St George

Tony Eaton of Tillingham reports that the St. George's Day *Rolling Ring* was completed on 23 April on the Dengie, with ringing at six out of the seven possible towers. All towers, except Southminster, had a full team and all the ringers enjoyed the day. Bells were rung for 30 minutes at each tower.

That sounds like a good day out to me. Perhaps next year.....

62nd Annual Dinner – 2016

The 62nd Annual Association Dinner will be held on Saturday 1st October at the County Hotel, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2PZ.

The Hotel is centrally located, being 3-4 minutes' walk from Chelmsford Railway Station and with easy access from the A12 and M25. There are plenty of car parking spaces at the hotel. There is a large bar area very close to the function room. A wine table will be available on the night to take your orders.

The menu gives three choices for every course. Tables are circular or rectangular and can accommodate groups of 6 to 10 diners.

Tickets are priced at £36. To secure your place please send a non-returnable deposit of £17pp or alternatively, please complete and return the Booking Form which can be found at: <http://eacr.org.uk/docs/social/annual-dinner-booking-form.pdf> together with the appropriate amount or a £17 deposit per person.

Make it your tower outing or social....
How about an Essex Course group reunion?
Bring friends and family – open to all, not just ringers.

Starters

Home-made tomato and basil soup [v].
Poached salmon, new potato salad, watercress.
Chicken liver parfait, melba toast, red onion marmalade.

Main Course

Beef bourguignon, creamed potatoes, red wine sauce.
Roast hake, crushed new potatoes, salsa verde.
Fricassee of artichokes, courgette, aubergine and gnocchi with pied de mouton and tarragon crème fraiche [v].

Dessert

Dark chocolate and date pudding with coffee ice-cream.
Pear and almond tart, crushed raspberries.
Vanilla panna cotta, poached strawberries [gf].

Special diets can be arranged on request.
All starters and mains can be gluten free, please specify when ordering.

