



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

Annual General Meeting



Monday, 1 May 2017

Chelmsford Cathedral



Ringling for all 9.15am

Service 10.30am

Meeting 11.45am



Light refreshments will be served
in the Cathedral from 9.30am
until the start of the meeting.



Afternoon ringing and tea
in the NW District



Tea tickets priced at £4 are available from the

General Secretary
Dr Rhona McEune
The Rectory
Rectory Road
Rowhedge
COLCHESTER
CO5 7HR



Please send cheques with
a stamped self-addressed envelope.
Cheques to be made payable to
The Essex Association of Change Ringers.

**Early-bird tickets for the
Association Annual Dinner
on 28 October, at
Little Channels, Little Waltham,
will be on sale at the
Essex Course and until the AGM**



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**South-Eastern District
March – May 2017**

Essex Young Ringers' Mini-Outing

Saturday 11 March. 2pm start at Boreham (8),
then Black Notley (5), Rayne (6) and Braintree (10).
Bowling and Buffet follow the last tower: 6.30pm at
Freeport Braintree. Please let the Youth
Co-ordinator know by no later than 7 March
if you would like to be part of it. Email address
below. Helpers needed too please.

Essex Young Ringers is an informal group
made up of any young ringers under the age of
25, of all abilities, from the whole of Essex.
Parents and other supporters are encouraged to
come along to any events. We want to get every
young ringer to join in so don't worry if you can
only ring rounds at the moment — all are
welcome. Put the dates in your diary and join in!
We have regular monthly practices at different
towers.

Contact Christina Brewster, Youth Coordinator

Email: essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk

Website: <http://eacr.org.uk/eyr/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/youngsessexringers/

Young Ringers' Practices

There will be Young Ringers' practices, all on
Sundays: 26 March, 30 April and 21 May from
4.30pm to 6pm. Venues to be confirmed.
Check the website (see above) to find the dates
of all future Young Ringers' practices and
events.

Please would you let the Youth Coordinator know
if you hope to be at the practices so that she can
be sure that there is sufficient uptake.

Young ringers are asked to bring 50p each as a
donation to the tower.

Tower correspondents please pass on this
information to any youngsters in your tower.

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

SE England Youth Striking Contest

Saturday 1 April at Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.
Full details from the Youth Co-ordinator, email
address above. A special practice for this contest
is to be held on Sunday 26 March, venue to be
confirmed.

District Practices ~ starting at 7.45pm

Monday, 13 March, Maldon, All Saints.

Thursday, 18 May, Terling.

For newer members, ringing at other towers is one way to improve and advance and at the same time, more experienced ringers are essential as helpers. Please come to ring.

Surprise Practices

Wednesdays at Terling, starting at 7.45pm:

29 March: Lincolnshire, Rutland & Cornwall

26 April: Cambridge, Pudsey & Bristol

31 May: Yorkshire, Superlative & Wembley

Essex Ringing Course: 6 – 8 April 2017

The 2017 Essex Ringing Course will be held at Coggeshall and by now you will have heard from Mary Bone if you have a student place.

Full information, including brochure here:

<https://eacr.org.uk/education/course.html>

Ringling helpers are needed. If you can come to help on all or any of the days, or part of a day, Saturday especially, your presence would be greatly appreciated. Have you been a student on the course in the past, well, how about coming as a helper now? Please contact Hilary Donoghue: coursehelpers@eacr.org.uk or 01277 656346. People to help **serve**

refreshments are also needed. Contact Andrew Brewster if you can help, even if it's only for one session, social@eacr.org.uk .

Thurs: 10-11.15am, 3-4.15pm, 5-6.15pm.

Fri: 9.15-10.45, 2.45-5pm.

Sat: 9.15-10.45am, 2.30-4pm.

SE Ringing Festival

Friday, 21 April to Sunday 7 May

This is going to be a *Festival of Firsts* and District Officers encourage everyone to ring something a little challenging. Think of what it would do for confidence levels, and the future of Essex ringing!! Could be anything -

- first Rounds & Call changes
- first time calling Rounds & Call changes
- first Sunday Service ringing
- first ringing up and down a single bell
- first ringing up and down in peal
- first Wedding ringing
- first ringing at a new tower
- first try of a new method
- first touch of a method
- first quarter-peal
- first peal

Whatever your first, and there are many more if you use your imagination, please give it a try. You have a longer period to fit it all in this year, so take advantage of that and let us know how you get on. We'll produce a report and send it to *Rounds & About*. Send me your firsts please – I look forward to receiving them:

se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk

Call Change & Striking Competitions and short Business Meeting

Saturday, 13 May. Venue: Inworth.

Draw for places **3pm**.

As last year's competitions went so well, we will again be running the two competitions together. If you have sufficient ringers for two distinct bands, your tower may enter a team into both competitions. If you don't have a full band, you could consider joining with a neighbouring tower to make up numbers and enter as a joint team. Please contact the District Master to enter your band: se-district-master@eacr.org.uk

Light refreshments available at Inworth until the start of the meeting at approx. 6.30pm.

The meeting follows the competitions whilst the judges are making their deliberations.

If you are going to propose new members at Inworth, please let me know in advance se-district-secretary@eacr.co.uk and use the prescribed Membership Application Form which can be found on the website:

<https://eacr.org.uk/docs/admin/membership-application-form.pdf> The completed form and subscription should be given to the District Treasurer or Secretary before the start of the meeting.

10-bell practice - date changed

The 10-bell practice will now take place at Tollesbury on **3 June** and not as listed on the 2017 SE District programme. Everyone welcome, no matter how many bells your tower has, it's good for all levels of experience. Time: 10am to 12pm.

District Facebook page

This has proved to be a very useful place to find ringers for weddings (you perhaps?) and, if you are looking for somewhere to ring, you'll be able to see posts with details of what's going on in some of the other districts, as well as what's happening in the South-Eastern District.

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

And - lots of information can be found here too!

EACR Calendar of Events

Have you seen it?

<https://eacr.org.uk/events/calendar.html>

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers/>