



## The Essex Association of Change Ringers

(Registered Charity No 292250)

### Annual Dinner



**Saturday 28 October**

Little Channels  
Pratts Farm Lane  
Little Waltham  
CM3 3PT



**The deadline for Early-Bird tickets at £28 has been extended to 21 May. To secure your place please send a non-returnable deposit of £14pp or alternatively complete and return the Booking Form together with the deposit or full amount of £28 (£32 after 21 May). Booking Form, full details and menu at <https://eacr.org.uk/events/annual-dinner-2017.html>**

### SE Facebook page

Join us on the SE Facebook page to find out what's new in the Association and to find ringers for your weddings – amongst other things.

[www.facebook.com/groups/eacr.sedistrict/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/eacr.sedistrict/)

Once you have joined the group, you will be able to contribute and post your own comments and ideas on the page and advertise your church's events.

**EasyFundraising** Join **easyfundraising** and you can collect donations for the EACR every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

It's easy to get started, go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), search for a cause – the Essex Association of Change Ringers - and join in! Every time you shop online, do it through the **easyfundraising** website or App on your phone, it's quick and easy. There are thousands of companies in the scheme:

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



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### South-Eastern District May to October 2017

### SE District Master standing down in 2018

SE District Master, Christina Brewster said at the District Meeting at Maldon, St Mary, in March, that after considerable thought, she intends to stand down from the position of District Master in January 2018. Christina said that much as she would be happy to continue she did not think it was necessarily healthy for the District. Please contact a District Officer if you think you might be interested in taking on the post for the District.

### District Practices ~ starting at 7.45pm

**Thursday, 18 May**, Terling

**Wednesday 21 June**, Goldhanger

**Tuesday 18 July**, High Easter

**Thursday 21 September**, Purleigh

**Friday 20 October**, Great Totham

Ringling at other towers is a good way to advance and more experienced ringers are essential as helpers. Please come to ring.

### Young Ringers' Practices

There will be Young Ringers' practices, all on **Sundays: 21 May, 18 June, 25 June, 24 September, 7 October, 29 October**, from 4.30pm to 6pm. Venues to be confirmed.

Please 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.

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!

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! Parents and other supporters are encouraged to come along to any events.

Contact Christina Brewster, Youth Coordinator

Email: [essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk](mailto:essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk)

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/youngsessexringers/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/youngsessexringers/)

## Surprise Practices

Wednesdays at Terling, starting at 7.45pm:

**31 May:** Yorkshire, Superlative & Wembley

**28 June:** Lincolnshire, Rutland & Wembley

**27 September:** Cambridge, Pudsey & London

**25 October:** Yorkshire, Superlative & Bristol.

## 10-bell practice

**Saturday 3 June, Tollesbury (10)**

**10am to 12pm.**

Please note the new date for the practice, which was changed due to a clash with the Ridgman Trophy. Everyone welcome, no matter how many bells your tower has, it's good for all levels of experience. Plenty of helpers needed too.

## BBC Music Day ~ Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

*For the love of Music.* Towers are invited to ring at 7pm for as long as you would like to. A poster and information sheet have been sent to towers and further details are available from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/e6fmbp>

## Ringling World National Youth Contest

**Saturday 1 July** in Birmingham. Special practices for the contest will be held on 18 & 25 June, venues to be confirmed.

The Essex Young Eagles along with 19 other groups will be taking part in the contest. Heats will be held in the morning at Yardley, Shirley and Harborne, with the top 2 teams from each heat going through to the final in the afternoon on the back 8 at St Paul's Church in the Jewellery Quarter.

The St Martin's Guild, is busy putting together a brilliant day. In addition to the contest, there will almost certainly be the opportunity to ring on the 16 at St Martin in the Bullring and other towers in Birmingham, to take part in Twelve Bell and handbell ringing workshops and lots of other activities, not all ringing related.

## Association Striking Competition Finals

**Saturday 8 July** in the Northern District.

## District Meeting

**Saturday 2 September, Galleywood (8)**

Afternoon ringing 4pm. Meeting 5.30pm.

Please would you let the District Secretary know in advance of the meeting if you intend to propose new members. The Membership Application form can be found on the website:

<https://eacr.org.uk/docs/admin/membership-application-form.pdf> and should be handed to the District Treasurer or Secretary at the meeting along with the Subscription: £8 adults and £4 juniors and Friends of the Association. District Officers invite everyone to join them at a local hostelry after the meeting. Hope to see you at Galleywood.

## Heritage Open Days ~ 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September

Registration has opened for this year's Open Days and gives another opportunity to invite your neighbours into the tower and attract new ringers. Info at: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

## District Training Day ~ 23 September

It has been decided to use the District Training Day to run an Association of Ringing Teachers' (ART) Module 1 Course on "Teaching Bell Handling". Module 1 provides tutors with the skills and techniques necessary to teach a ringer from their first lesson to having competent bell control.

The venue is still to be decided as it needs to be at a tower where all the bells can be silenced for ringing and where ideally there is a separate room for the classroom sessions.

Sixteen places are available on a first come first served basis. Please contact the District Master if you are interested. The basic course fee is £20 with additional costs for room hire and refreshments. Lunch to be taken at a pub local to the tower. [se-district-master@eacr.org.uk](mailto:se-district-master@eacr.org.uk)

## SE England Youth Striking Contest

### Kings Langley, Hertfordshire

**Saturday 1 April**

Our Essex Young Eagles were placed 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 groups. Well done Essex Young Eagles!

## Essex Ringing Course 2018

The next Essex Ringing Course will take place at Coggeshall on 5 - 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Please put the date in your diary. Full details will be found on the EACR website in December.

## SE Ringing Festival ~ 21 April/7 May 2017

The District Secretary is waiting for your results from the Festival of Firsts. Please send full details to [se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk](mailto:se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk) asap. If your first was a quarter peal, please send £1 per rope (address in Annual Report, cheques payable to Mrs J Elliott), which will be split 50/50 between the Ringing World and the Bell Restoration Account.

A full account of the Festival ringing will be sent to Rounds & About, and quarters will also be sent to Ringing World via BellBoard.

Please also send me details of your tower's **Ringling for England and St George** (23 April).