



The Essex Association of Change Ringers

(Registered Charity No 292250)

Essex Ringing Course 2018

The Essex Ringing Course will take place at Coggeshall on **5 - 7th April**.

Mary Bone is looking for someone **to organize the towers for the 2018 Course**. Contact Mary if you would be willing to help.

essexcourse@eacr.org.uk

Full details of the Course are on the EACR website and can be found here:

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

and Mary asks that students apply for places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The closing date for applications is

Friday, 9 February 2018.

Reasonably experienced ringers are needed as "**helpers**" at the practical sessions. No course fees are charged, and they are entitled to attend any of the lectures and other Course functions when not required elsewhere. Helpers should be able to ring touches inside reliably to the method groups to which they are assigned (groups D and above) or ring reliably in at least the next higher group for groups A - C. Contact Hilary Donoghue on 01277 656346 or coursehelpers@eacr.org.uk

Are you a Young Ringer?

The Course will offer one **Semken Scholarship** to a ringer aged under 25 on 5 April 2018. You will be able to attend for **free!** Just put your date of birth on the application form. The recipient will be selected by Course tutors in February and there's only one condition: to write a short article for the summer issue of *Rounds & About*.

Essex Ringing Course Administrator

Dear All

The Association requires a new Essex Ringing Course Administrator from 2019. There is an opportunity to work with the current Administrator to find out what is involved as the April 2018 Course is organised. Please think about this and contact the Secretary in the first instance. This is an extremely important role for the EACR as the Essex Course has been running for 28 years.

I look forward to hearing from anyone who feels able and is interested in this role -

secretary@eacr.org.uk

Best wishes

Rhona

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General Secretary



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South-Eastern District

January 2018 →

District Practices

The dates are to be found on the programme. Please come to ring if you will be in the area on those days. We always welcome ringers, experienced or not at our District Practices. It's a very good way to progress in bell ringing and is helpful to the local ringers.

Young Ringers' Mini-Outing.

In addition to the Young Ringers Practices noted on the programme, on **Saturday afternoon, 10 March**, there will be a Mini-Outing.

Details to follow, so put the date in your diary.

Please let the Youth Coordinator know if you hope to be at the practices and the mini-outing 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 for practices, other small charges may apply to the outing.

Pass on this information to any young people in your tower. Young in this case being anyone under the age of 25. No age limit for helpers!

We want 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

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

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

To Bradwell-on-Sea, St Thomas – A peal on 8!

Saturday, 2 December 2017 in 2hrs 39mins

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Composed by N J Pitstow

1. Andrew P Brewster
2. Vicki L Chapman
3. Christina D A Brewster
4. Yvonne A Towler
5. Stephen A Waters
6. Andrew R C Kelso
7. Colin F Chapman
8. James L Towler (C)

First peal on 8 bells in the tower, rung by past & present SE District Officers. 1250th Peal for the Association - 4.

Association Master

Association Master, John Harpole, announced at the October Management Committee meeting that he would not be standing for office at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday 7 May 2018.

South-East England Youth Striking Contest

Saturday 14 April 2018

This is to take place at Warnham, West Sussex. Any young ringer who would like to take part in the contest should contact Christina Brewster, as soon as possible so that they may join in the practices. There will be a dedicated practice for SECON on **Sunday 8 April**, venue tba. Contact Christina Brewster, *Youth Coordinator*
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Ringling World National Youth Contest

Saturday 7 July in London. The contest is open to all ringers aged under 19 years on 31 August 2018. This year the contest will be hosted by Southwark Cathedral.

There will be an **RWNYC mini-outing** on the afternoon of **Sunday 1 July**, details tba. Contact Christina Brewster, *Youth Coordinator*
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Preparation for Ringing for the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day 2018

The CCCBR have asked that towers begin to plan their ringing now and have suggested that there should be:

- As much ringing as possible,
- Half-muffled ringing in the morning and open in the afternoon,
- A massive effort to recruit new ringers, at least 1,400 to replace the number of ringers who died in WWI,
- Close communication with the church,
- Whole pull and stand, or appropriately-named methods such as Ypres and Gallipoli Surprise Major,
- As many quarter-peals as possible,
- Ringing at 7.05pm as part of the special project called: 'Battle's Over – a Nation's Tribute', a link to that site may be found here: <http://www.brunopeek.co.uk/Battles-Over-Guide.pdf>

This is a link to the CCCBR webpage - 'Ringing for Peace: Armistice 100, what you need to know for 2018':

<https://cccbr.org.uk/2017/11/11/ringing-for-peace-armistice100-in-2018-what-you-need-to-know/>

and finally: a call to all towers to check their muffles, and order more NOW so that you're not caught short!

EasyFundraising

Do you shop online? Do it through easyfundraising.co.uk and raise a free donation for the Essex Association of Change Ringers every time you shop!

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

So far 29 supporters of the Essex Association have raised a magnificent £326.75.

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising.co.uk first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the Essex Association of Change Ringers will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

All you have to do is - Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/B5JIB7/AMXK3U> today. Enter *Essex Association of Change Ringers* in the search box. Click *Join Us*, enter your details and click on *Create My Account*.

Choose from over 3,300 retailers, do your online shopping as normal and our cause will receive a free donation at no extra cost to you for every purchase you make.

Thank you for your support, you'll be helping to make a real difference to The Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Please sign up using the unique referral link above and earn a bonus 50p donation for the EACR.

Andrew Brewster

Association Treasurer
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Upcoming anniversaries to ring for

James Barham – 200th Anniversary – 14 January
<https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/BarhamJ.pdf>

Women first get the vote in Britain – 100th Anniversary – 6 February.

Formation of the Royal Air Force – 100th Anniversary – 1 April.

Wartime ban on ringing lifted for service ringing – 75th Anniversary – 25 April.
(Ban lifted for all ringing in June)