



The Essex Association of Change Ringers

(Registered Charity No 292250)

South-Eastern District

March 2018

District Practices

Monday 12 March: Maldon, All Saints. **7.45pm**

Wednesday 16 May: Goldhanger, **7.45pm**

Please come to ring if you will be in the area on those dates. Everyone welcome.

Surprise Practices.

All at Terling on Wednesdays, starting at **7.45pm**.

21 March: Superlative, London & Evesham

25 April: Cambridge, Bristol & Evesham

30 May: Yorkshire, Pudsey & Ullesthorpe

Young Ringers' Practices

All on Sundays, **4.30pm – 6pm**

25 March: Galleywood

29 April: Writtle

20 May: venue tba

Please let Christina know if you hope to attend and bring 50p as a donation to the tower.

Christina Brewster, *Youth Coordinator*.

Email: essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk

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

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

South-East England Youth Striking Contest

Two SE District young ringers will be representing Essex Young Ringers at SECON on **Saturday 14 April**, at Warnham, W. Sussex.

Essex Ringing Course 2018

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

The closing date for applications has passed and you should by now have heard whether you have a place on the course. If you have to withdraw for any reason, please let Mary Bone know as soon as possible.

Reasonably experienced ringers are needed as **HELPERS** at the practical sessions. The hardest day to find helpers for is the Saturday, but any time that you can spare during the three days would be most welcome and very useful.

No course fees are charged, and helpers may 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

Complete Beginners Group

We are offering a unique opportunity for six students to join the Essex Ringing Course this year as a **complete beginners group** for anyone wishing to learn to ring in response to the **Ringling Remembers** campaign, and for a highly subsidised fee of just £15, supported by funding from the Ringing Remembers campaign.

If you have someone who is interested in learning to ring, or has only very recently started to learn, we are offering three days of handling training. All other elements of the course are included as usual, all that we ask is that those interested do commit to the full three days of teaching.

[Here is a link to a special brochure and application form]

[Click here](#)

Please forward this to anyone you think may be interested. Closing date for applications for this group is **15th March**.

Regards

Vicki Chapman

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Representative

Registered Charity Number: 270036

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Association Call Change Final

It has been suggested that, to encourage towers that ring only Call Changes to concentrate on striking and gain Association recognition for excellence in ringing Call Changes, the Association holds a Call Change Final.

From the feedback that the Association Master received at ADMs he attended, it would appear that a couple of Districts really liked the idea and a couple of Districts had some serious misgivings about the idea.

Under the chairmanship of Andrew Bond, Master SW District, District Masters will meet to discuss interest from Districts, look at a set of rules for the final and consider when in the year it might be held.

Districts would not have to change the date of their local heat, the band coming first in the District during the past 12 months would enter the Call Change Final.

All members should express their views to se-district-master@eacr.org.uk as soon as possible, so that they can be taken to the meeting. It needs all Districts to embrace it for it to be worth taking forward.

SE District Ringing Festival

Friday 20 April to Sunday 6 May

Last year's Ringing Festival was a great success, so let's build on it. Ring what fires your interest -

your first ring for Sunday Service, first in a particular method, first inside, first new tower, first as conductor, first quarter-peal, first peal, first peal in a method etc. Lots more firsts are possible – it's your decision. The idea is to get ringing! If anyone would like to try something that requires help, please contact one of the District Officers. Let the District Secretary know of your firsts: se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk

Quarter-peal Day with a Difference

Saturday 28 April. It works like this: everyone meets at a specified base tower where ringers names are put into a pot, and QP bands are formed by names drawn at random.

Bands go to the tower they drew at random from the towers pot. They decide on the method to be rung (according to abilities of all band members) and choose a conductor (this possibly would have to have been manipulated at the draw stage). The bands ring their QP, then lunch at a local pub, return to base tower and repeat the morning formula for the afternoon QP. Finally, return to base tower for tea, cake and debriefing.

Please make sure that the date is booked in your diary as we will need lots of people to make this day successful and enjoyable.

EVERYONE WELCOME – ALL NEEDED!

Association Annual General Meeting

Monday 7 May 2018. Open ringing for all **9.15am.** Service **10.30am.** Meeting **11.45am.** Tea tickets £4 in advance (£4.50 on the day) from the General Secretary, Rhona McEune, The Rectory, Rectory Road, Rowhedge, Colchester, CO5 7HR with sae for reply. Afternoon ringing and tea in the South-Western District.

As members should be aware, John Harpole is standing down as Association Master at the AGM and the only nomination received for the post was for Andrew Kelso (SE District, Goldhanger). The District Master hopes that the District will make a special effort to attend the AGM to show support for Andrew as he takes on this important role.

Unfortunately, only one nomination was received for the post of Independent Examiner. The Management Committee agreed to hold open the second post until the AGM in the hope that someone would come forward. If you know of anyone with some form of professional accountancy qualification who would be willing to take up this voluntary role please ask them to contact Andrew Brewster, Association Treasurer, or Richard Dunhill, the outgoing Independent Examiner for more information.

SE District Call Change & Striking Competitions and District Meeting

The two competitions will be held together on Saturday **12 May** at Tillingham.

Draw for places 2.30 pm.

All teams please note the earlier time of the draw. This is to make space for business carried forward from the cancelled March meeting. To enter your team(s) contact the District Master se-district-master@eacr.org.uk. You may join with a local tower if you do not have enough ringers for a team. Your tower may ring in both competitions if you have sufficient ringers for two distinct teams. Refreshments from 2.30pm.

Central Council Annual Meeting Weekend

Saturday 26th to Monday 28th May

Venue: Lancaster University

Bookings now open for all ringers

This year, the Central Council meeting weekend is following a NEW format, themed on inclusion and outreach.

The conference will be spread over three days with workshops, seminars, and sessions open to ALL ringers as well as members of the Council. The format will enable the meeting to be condensed into two days when the date move to the first weekend in September takes place in 2019.

Available all weekend:

- Lichfield Mobile Belfry demonstrations
- Carter Ringing Machine and Woodhouse Ringing Machine demonstrations
- First World War Rolls of Honour on display
- CCCBR publications stall
- Association of Ringing Teachers stall

Saturday afternoon:

- Hands-on tower maintenance seminar
- Stewardship & Management Guidance seminar
- Biographies seminar
- Bell Restoration Projects seminar
- Public Relations seminar
- Youth Leadership Forum

Sunday:

- Adopt a tower for service ringing
- AGM of the Ringing World
- Formal opening of the 126th Annual Meeting of the Central Council
- Keynote speech and adjournment to the President's Reception & 126th Annual Dinner
- Guild of Clerical Ringers' open meeting on the theme of mature clergy / ringer relations, challenges and opportunities
- Open meeting on the proposed new central ringing organisation rulebook.

Monday

- Continuation of the 126th Council Meeting (aiming to conclude all business by 4pm)

The Council will offer an “all-in” conference package as well as day and individual event rates. The package is essentially full board and inclusive of conference fees.

Day tickets are available for £12 per person with free entry for under 18s!

Use this link to find out more/secure your booking:
<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/meetings/2018-meeting/book-now/>

12-bell practice

We will be holding a 12-bell practice at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, **9 June - 10am to 12 noon**. This is for everyone, whether or not you have previously rung on 12 or at a Cathedral. Ringing will be from Rounds & Call Changes upwards, so something for everybody. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Last year’s 10-bell practice at Tollesbury was a very worthwhile and enjoyable event because plenty of ringers of all levels of experience attended.

Ringing World National Youth Contest

Saturday 7 July in London, hosted by Southwark Cathedral. It is open to all ringers aged under 19 years on 31 August 2018. The deadline for entry has passed and it has been confirmed that the Essex Young Eagles will be one of 22 teams which will compete for the Whitechapel Trophy.

These are the teams:

Bath & Wells
Bedfordshire Young Ringers
Brumdingers
Bucks & Berks Young Ringers
Coventry Spires
Derbyshire Young Ringers
Essex Young Eagles
Fen Tigers
Guildford DG Young Ringers
Go Bellistic! (Salisbury DG)
Kent Young Ringers
Leicester Rising Ringers
Lincolnshire Gamekeepers
Lincolnshire Poachers
Oxford DG
Surrey Young Ringers
Sussex Young Ringers
The G&B
W&P Youths
Worcester Cathedral
Yorkshire Tykes
Young @ Herts

Three qualifying heats will be held in the morning and the top 2 teams from each heat will go through to the final at St James Garlickhythe in the afternoon.

In addition to the contest, there will be the opportunity to ring at other towers in London, handbell ringing workshops and other activities! Details of the day will be published in due course.

Ringing Remembers

11 November 2018 will mark 100 years since the end of WW1 and the Government has announced plans for UK-wide bell ringing on Armistice Day.

As a tribute to those who lost their lives, the ***Ringing Remembers*** campaign, which includes a national recruitment drive, will symbolically attempt to replace the 1400 ringers who died 100 years ago. In Essex we lost at least 46 ringers over the four years.

The campaign is being run by the CCCBR with Vicki Chapman as the Project Leader and *The Big Ideas Company* organising the PR side.

New recruits should be encouraged to register on the *Armistice 100* website (see link below), so that if they ring on 11 November 2018, their names will be listed, and they will receive a badge and certificate to say that they had been a part of this Government sponsored campaign.

It is proposed that on 11/11/2018, bells are rung at 11am half muffled, and open in the afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. (Some websites mention 7.05pm ringing, but that time is not part of the official celebrations.) Posters and other information which is being provided by *The Big Ideas Company*, should be displayed in as many places as possible, such as schools, churches and the U3A. Any recruits who have started since 11 November 2017 are eligible to register.

(The Big Ideas Company site is here:
<http://www.bigideascompany.org/join-our-new-project-and-become-a-bellringer-in-2018/>)

(This is a link to the Armistice 100 Registration site
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSLkyctrainxndB80KAWhf7O_QxdAIDaZOvMLdxx20qgP4Iq/viewform)

(This is a link to the government webpage:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nations-bells-to-ring-out-together-to-mark-armistice-centenary>)

Ringing remembers/Armistice Day

Sunday 11 November 2018. District Officers have discussed whether we should be looking to mark this occasion as a District e.g. quarter-peals in all District towers in the run up to the day. The general view was that there could be quite a bit going on and that towers will be ringing to local requirements and so a District approach would be unnecessary. However, another thought was that all District towers might like to ring on the day and that there might be a need to distribute ringers around the District to achieve this – similar to the ringing for the Millennium.