



## The Essex Association of Change Ringers

(Registered Charity No 292250)

### South-Eastern District

**May 2018**

#### **Association Officers**

Congratulations to the following SE District members:

- Andrew Kelso of Goldhanger, on his election to the post of Association Master at the AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral on 7 May,
- Tracey Southgate of Danbury, on her election to the post of General Secretary of the Essex Association at the same meeting,

and also the following re-elections:

Andrew Brewster - Association Treasurer (12<sup>th</sup> year),  
Emily Ashton – Public Relations Officer,  
Richard Wilson - Education Officer,  
Colin Chapman – Peals Secretary & Report Editor,  
Christina Brewster – Youth Coordinator & Bookstall.

Retiring officers, John Harpole and Rhona McEune, received the thanks of the meeting and were presented with gifts.

#### **District Practices**

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

**Friday 15 June:** Great Totham, **7.45pm**

**Friday 13 July:** Bradwell-on-Sea, **7.30pm**

**Wednesday 5 September:** Little Waltham, **7.45pm**

Please come to ring if you will be in the area on those dates. Everyone welcome. Going to other towers' practices is a good way to advance in bellringing, so please come along. You will be supporting the local group too.

#### **Surprise Practices.**

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

**30 May:** Yorkshire, Pudsey & Ullesthorpe

**27 June:** Lincolnshire, London & Ullesthorpe

**26 September:** Cambridge, Superlative & Ypres

#### **Young Ringers' Practices**

All on **Sundays**, **4.30pm – 6pm**

**20 May:** St Nicolas, Witham

**24 June:** venue tba

**28 October:** venue tba

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

#### **12-bell practice**

There will be a 12-bell practice at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, **9 June**, from 10am to 12 noon. This is **for everyone**, whether or not you have rung on 12 before. Ringing Rounds & Call Changes upwards, so something for everybody. Please take advantage of this opportunity. The 10-bell practice at Tollesbury last year was a great success because lots of ringers of all abilities came to ring, so please come to support this event.

#### **Ringling World National Youth Contest mini-outing**

In preparation for the Ringling World National Youth Contest there will be an afternoon mini-outing on **Sunday 1 July**, details tba.

Please note the date in your diary.

Christina Brewster, *Youth Coordinator*.

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#### **Ringling World National Youth Contest**

**Saturday 7 July** in London, hosted by Southwark Cathedral. The contest is open to all ringers aged under 19 years on 31 August 2018.

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.

#### **Association Striking Competition Finals**

**Saturday, 14 July.** Chelmsford and Writtle who came first and second in the 6-bell Striking Competition on 12 May at Tillingham, will go through to the Association Striking Competition Finals on 14 July. The 6-bell at Great Totham and 8-bell at Goldhanger.

#### **Twitter**

As well as the SE, and other districts', Facebook pages, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eacr.sedistrict/>, the Association now has a Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/@EssexBells>

There is some interesting information on the site, which is right up-to-date, and you can see photos of Andrew Kelso and Tracey Southgate giving acceptance speeches at the recent AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral. You will find links to other interesting and informative Twitter sites.

## Ringling Festival

The Ringing Festival ran from 20 April to 6 May and produced some excellent results. There is a full report this and the QPDWAD on a separate sheet.

## Quarter-peal Day (with a difference)

Saturday, 28 April, was a wet day, but that made no difference to the 21 ringers who attended the QPD(WAD) at Sandon. Five quarters were attempted, one, at Lt Waltham, failed, and four succeeded.

Well done to all concerned, and thanks to everyone for supporting the day and bringing and eating the cakes. Our gratitude goes to Sandon, Lt Waltham and Danbury for allowing the use of the bells and especially to Sandon where we used the meeting room and facilities on and off all day, and where Judy and Richard made and served the tea and cakes when we all arrived back after ringing our afternoon quarters.

## District Meeting

**Saturday, 1 September.**

**Bradwell-on-Sea (8) 8-0-10**

Special ringing: **3pm**

Ringing for all **4pm**

Meeting: **5.30pm**

The special ringing time from 3pm until 4pm, is for any ringer or group of ringers who would like help from an experienced band to accomplish something that they haven't been able to achieve in the past. Please contact the District Master as soon as possible to reserve this Special Ringing time: [se-district-master@eacr.org.uk](mailto:se-district-master@eacr.org.uk)

Everyone welcome to ring from 4pm until 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing lots of ringers at that time.

If you wish to propose new members at this meeting, please contact the District Secretary as soon as possible before the meeting:  
[se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk](mailto:se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk)

Light refreshments will be available during the afternoon and District Officers invite you to join them in the King's Head after the meeting.

## **Essex Ringing Course Report** **Ringling Remembers - Group A**

New learners from Broomfield, Great Totham, Goldhanger, Great Baddow and Isleham (Suffolk) joined Group A on the Essex Course and made good progress. They have all signed up to the *Ringling Remembers* campaign. Two of the ringers have written a very interesting report of their experiences which can be found on the Association website at:

<https://eacr.org.uk/misc/course/essex-ringing-course-2018-report.html>

## 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Association Dinner



**Saturday 13 October**

**Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West  
Little Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 3PR**

*"Thoroughly enjoyable evening."*

*"Lovely venue with great food and attentive staff."*

*"Excellent dinner at the new venue of Little Channels."*

Just some of the comments after last year's dinner.

Little Channels is located just off the A130

(Essex Regiment Way) north of Chelmsford on the outskirts of Little Waltham village.

Tables are circular or rectangular and can accommodate groups of 6 to 10 people. Real ale will be available.

Tickets are £33. To secure your place please send a non-returnable deposit of £15pp or alternatively please complete and return the Booking Form, together with the appropriate amount or a £15 deposit per person. The Booking Form and full details may be found at: <https://eacr.org.uk/events/annual-dinner-2018.html>

### **Starter**

Homemade Carrot and Coriander Soup  
Ham Hock Terrine Served with Piccalilli and Sliced Crusty Baguette  
Mediterranean Vegetables Served on a Ciabatta with a Balsamic Glaze

### **Main Course**

Roast Leg of Lamb with a Redcurrant Sauce and Roast Potatoes  
Salmon and Basil wrapped in Filo Pastry with New Potatoes  
Root Vegetable Stew with Herb Dumplings [v]  
All served with seasonal vegetables

### **Dessert**

Homemade Treacle Tart served with Ice Cream  
Triple Chocolate Cheesecake with an Oreo Base  
Lemon Meringue Pie served with Raspberry Sorbet  
Tea, Coffee and Chocolate Mints

All starters, mains and sweets can be gluten free – please specify when ordering