



The Essex Association of Change Ringers

(Registered Charity No: 292250)

South-Eastern District Newsletter

March - June 2019

Young Ringers' Mini-Outing

Saturday **9 March**

This will be an afternoon mini-outing followed by an evening social, open to all young ringers and helpers. Full details to follow.



District Practices - all starting at **7.45pm**.

Monday **11 March**: Maldon, All Saints

Wednesday **15 May**: Goldhanger

Friday **21 June**: Great Totham



Surprise Practices - all on Wednesdays

at **Terling** starting at **7.45pm**.

27 March: Lincolnshire, Rutland & Lancashire

24 April: Cambridge, Pudsey & Kenninghall

29 May: Lincolnshire, Pudsey & Armistice Delight



Essex Young Ringers is an informal group made up of any young ringers of all abilities from Essex under the age of 25. Parents and other supporters are encouraged to come along to any events too. 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. We have regular monthly practices at different towers mainly in the South Eastern District as it is more central for everyone but we do venture into other Districts too. Put the dates in your diary and join in!



Young Ringers' Practices on Sundays

31 March: **3.15pm to 4pm** at Great Ilford (8)

This will be a practice for the SE England Youth Striking Contest followed by

31 March: **4.30pm to 6pm** at Romford (8), this will be an open Young Ringers' practice.

28 April: **4.30pm to 6pm**. Venue tba.

19 May: **4.30pm to 6pm**. Venue tba.



4th SE England Youth Striking Contest (SECON) Saturday **6 April**

Horton Kirby, St Mary, (8, 6-1-2) hosted by the Kent County Association. Please contact Christina Brewster, *Youth Coordinator* for details of this and any other of the Young Ringers' events.

Email: essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk

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

www.facebook.com/groups/youngsessexringers/



29th Essex Ringing Course – Coggeshall

Thursday **11 April** to Saturday **13 April**.

Reasonably experienced ringers are required as **HELPERS** at the practical sessions. No course fees are charged for helpers who are entitled to attend any of the lectures and other functions when they are 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. Full details here:

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

If you can spare any time during the three days, please contact Anne Bray, ASAP, 01255 679312 or essexcourse@eacr.org.uk



SE District RingFest

Sunday **21 April** to Monday **6 May**

We're trying for the *Best of Five* this year, so in addition to all the usual Quarter-peals (and peals) why not try this?

- Ringing at 5 different towers. There's plenty of time to fit that in especially if you go out on the AGM afternoon ringing on 6 May,
- Ringing 5 different bells – also helped by 6 May, or by visiting local towers on their practice nights. No need to wait for a District Practice,
- Ringing 5 different methods – a bit more difficult for beginners, but not impossible if you speak to your trainer,
- Ring 5 Quarter-peals. Quarter-Peal Day (with a Difference) on 27 April will help with this one. You could add one or two,
- There must be lots of other 5s that can be discovered, think it over!

Please let the District Secretary know what you have rung as everyone will be very interested to learn of your achievements:

se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk



Quarter-peal Day with a Difference

Saturday, **27 April** – venue tba.

If you are thinking of trying for Five quarter-peals for the *RingFest*, you will be able to add one or two of the five on this day.

We'll all meet at the base tower (tba) where ringers names are put into a pot, and bands formed by names drawn at random. Towers are selected in the same way. Bands travel to their tower, method and conductor are chosen (taking into account the abilities of all the band) and they ring their quarter.



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Lunch at a local pub, then return to base tower where the same procedure is followed for the afternoon bands, towers, method and conductor.

Following the afternoon quarter peals, everyone returns to the base tower for cups of tea, coffee, cake and congratulations.

If you would like to offer your tower as the base for the day, please contact a District Officer.



Association AGM

Chelmsford Cathedral, Monday 6 May.

Ringling for all: 09.15am

Service: 10.30am

Meeting: 11.45am (approx.)

Please come to ring and stay for the meeting – it's for everyone! This year it is the turn of the SE District to supply the refreshments in the Cathedral. We very much hope to hear from some volunteers who will be able to come to help with setting up the tables, making and serving the tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits from 9.15am until the start of the meeting. Please contact the District Master or District Secretary as soon as convenient to let them know if you will be able to help on the day.



Bell Maintenance Seminar

Saturday 18 May, Terling.

9.30am to 4.30pm

All aspects of Belfry Maintenance covered by Nigel Taylor, EACR Technical Adviser. Come and get answers to your maintenance queries. Please contact the District Master as soon as possible to have a place on this seminar.

se-district-master@eacr.org.uk The format for the seminar has not been fixed. It will be suited to those attending.



Association Carol Service

Advance notice of change to the SE District Programme

In December this year, the EACR will be holding an Association-wide Carol Service on **Saturday 7 December at Coggeshall.**

Ringling from **3pm** and the service at **4.30pm**, followed by refreshments. The SE Carol Service programmed at Boreham on the same day has been cancelled and a new SE District programme has been issued.



Call Change & 6-bell Striking Competitions plus short Business Meeting

**Saturday 11 May
Little Baddow**



Draw for places: 3pm prompt

Please contact David Hengeli, to enter your team(s) se-district-master@eacr.org.uk. Light refreshments available during the ringing. Short meeting. Towers may ring in both competitions if they have sufficient ringers for two distinct teams. If short of ringers, towers may join with another band in a joint team. Any ringer may ring only once.

The Call Change Competition provides an opportunity for some of the Ringing Remembers recruits to participate. Many are becoming proficient at Call Changes and will want to challenge Pleshey for the trophy.

Please let the District Secretary know in advance of the meeting if you will be **proposing new members**. Always encourage your proposed members to attend the meeting to get experience of ringing at different towers, meet other members and find out about the Association they wish to join: se-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk



12-bell Practice - Chelmsford Cathedral

Saturday 8 June – 10am to 12noon

This is a practice for ringers of all abilities, whether or not you have ever rung on 12 bells before.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and come along to ring. Everything will be rung, from Rounds & Call Changes onwards, with assistance if needed, but that depends on ringers of all experience coming to ring. This has been organised especially for **YOU** and we need you there, so please mark the date in your diary and come to ring. Last year's 12-bell practice was really useful and enjoyable because of good attendance from all levels of abilities – let's make it the same this year – no excuses.

