



Essex Association Annual Dinner

Round the About

Tickets are now available for the Association’s 68th Annual Dinner on Saturday 28th October at 6.45 for 7.30pm. The dinner will held be at The County Hotel; 29 Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2PZ. Join us for an enjoyable evening of good food and good company.

The menu is overleaf.

Tickets are priced at £35 (Early Bird option if ordered by 31 August) or £38 each after the 31 August. Where possible payment should be made by BACS transfer to EACR with the reference “2023 Dinner” (Bank details are available on request from the General Secretary). This is to minimise travel to the Bank.

Simply download the booking form from the website <https://eacr.org.uk/events/annual-dinner-2023.pdf> select your menu choices, add your name, and email your completed form to Sharon Lacey at secretary@eacr.org.uk. In exceptional circumstances, postal forms and cheques will also be accepted.

We will be seated on tables of 8 or 10, so do think about making up a table from your Tower. Dress will be Black Tie or Lounge Suit.

Let’s make it a great success. Please come along and support it!

Denise Kerwin
Social Committee Convenor

Sharon Lacey
General Secretary

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Menu

Starters

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup (v)

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Ham Hock Terrine, Apricot Chutney on Toasted Brioche

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Smoked Salmon, Lemon Mayo with Granary Bread

Main Course

Slow Roasted Pork Belly, Wilted Kale, Caramelised Apples
& Cider Sauce

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Roasted Sea Trout, Salsify, Cavolo Nero & Brown Shrimp Butter

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Cannelloni of Sweet Potato, Ruby Chard & Goat's Cheese (v)

Dessert

Profiteroles Filled with Whisky Cream, Coated in a Butterscotch
and Pecan Sauce

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Seasonal Fresh Fruit Crumble, under an Oatmeal Crust
& Vanilla Custard

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Vanilla Panna-Cotta with Pineapple Carpaccio

*Any dietary requirements can be arranged on request – please specify
when ordering*

Cash bar

Black tie or lounge suit

Ringling for the Coronation

The King's Coronation Bank Holiday weekend of 6–8 May witnessed a wide range of ringing in Essex, with great enthusiasm show to play our part in marking this momentous occasion. This included new ringers in several towers recruited following the 'Ring for King' campaign. The following information has been taken from Bellboard covering a ringing period of 30 April to 3 June; as some towers may not yet have updated Bellboard with their ringing, it is likely the both the number of ringers and towers taking part was higher.

Over 1060 ringers took part in ringing in the Association's area. There were 233 performances on Bellboard or directly notified, rung in 162 venues. There were 10 peal attempts with 8 successes and 32 quarter peals. Ringing also occurred at 12 other venues, covering chimes and handbells rung at churches or chapels with no bells. At least 85% of ringable Essex towers were used and in 3 districts all the towers are known to have been rung (North-Western, Southern, and South Western). The North-Western District organised their towers into groups and teams of ringers where needed to ensure that all were rung at some point over the Coronation weekend.

Reflecting back on the 1953 Coronation, there were 8 Essex ringers who took part then that also rang during this year's Coronation. Ringing World records Essex Towers as having completed 23 peals and 12 quarter peals.

Summary table (based on Bellboard entries, some towers have multiple performances):

District	Total Perf	Venues	General Ringing	Peal	Quarter
N	44	26	34	2	8
NE	25	16	21		4
NW	55	45	50		5
S	46	32	33	3	10
SE	29	20	24	2	3
SW	34	23	31	1	2
Totals	233	162	193	8	32

With thanks to Colin Chapman, Peals Secretary and Annual Report Editor, for providing the data and other information for this article.

Caroline Watts,
Communications Officer

Communications Officer Update

Ahead of introducing myself as the new Communications Officer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vicki Chapman, the outgoing Officer for all her support in sharing her expertise on undertaking this role for the Association.

I'm Caroline Watts, a member of the Danbury band of ringers. A last-minute visit to the Danbury Church Tower Open Day resulted in a long chat with two of the local ringers and both my daughter and I signing up as part of the Ringing Remembers Campaign in 2018. On occasion, on hearing bells over the years, I'd wondered about giving it a try, so this was clearly an opportunity not to be missed. Our band still has six of the ten of us who started as part of that campaign which has helped to keep the bells ringing at Danbury, particularly in recent years as our skills level and ringing repertoire have increased. I'm so pleased to have become a part of this very friendly ringing community, at local, district and regional level and I look forward to meeting many more of you and helping to support the promotion of ringing in Essex.

Publicity resources

Just a reminder that each District has access, via their Public Relations Officer, to hard copy publicity and recruitment materials – alternatively, do email me (see address below) and I can arrange to provide individual bands with some supplies. It is also possible to hire display boards and other items; information on how to arrange this is included in the EACR website.

Contact details for any enquiries: comms@eacr.org.uk

Caroline Watts
Communication Officer

That's a First!

Quarter peals:

1st quarter: Amanda Owens; Victoria J Richards; Ann Roder; Valerie A Swain; Jacqueline Richmond; Kieran Grove; Geoff Doye; Bruce Knights; Paul Adams; David Martin; Dave Mortimer

1st away from cover: Mark E Lendon

1st on treble: Dee Martin

1st inside: Janet Hegner; Josie Rapley Mende; Angus Threadgold (aged 11); Jack Sambridge

1st Grandsire: Emily Brooks; Hannah Brooks

1st Plain Bob: Hilary C Walls; Dave Knott

1st Kent Treble Bob: Michelle A Stephenson; Marianne R Hayward

1st Surprise: Courtney Mandell

1st Surprise Minor: Jodie Hill
1st Cambridge Surprise: Marianne R Hayward
1st Norwich Surprise: Rachel Arnold; David A Buckley
1st Spliced Surprise: Emily Brooks; Sarah Robbins; Mark Robbins
1st Spliced Surprise Major: Julie A Bloomfield
1st Minor: Angus Threadgold (aged 11); Ryan Faulkner-Hatt; Steve Ashley
1st inside on 8: Hayden R Musham
1st Double Norwich: David G Newton
1st Major: Emily Brooks
1st on 10: Courtney Mandell; Nigel Taylor
1st Treble Bob on 10: George Tomlin
1st Surprise Royal: Matthew W Goodship; Samuel A Beech; William M Beech
1st on 12: Annette Hall
25th quarter: Michelle A Stephenson
50th quarter: Adam Sloman
100th quarter: Janet Hegner
1st as Conductor: Claire May; Jeremy Piron
1st Grandsire as Conductor: Samuel Beech; Dave Knott
1st Major as Conductor: David A Buckley
1st Royal as Conductor: Adam Sloman

1st in hand: Ann F Roder
1st on inside pair: Ann F Woolley
1st Grandsire in hand: Bradley Hill; James Green; Simon Ward

Peals

1st peal: Ellis Whitehouse; Emily A Brooks; Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt
1st on tower bells: Lucas J Owen; Kye L Leaver
1st Grandsire Triples: Theo A Johnson; Lucas J Owen
1st on 10: Theo A Johnson; Dylan J Thomas; Christopher D M Lee
1st Royal: Simon Ward; Victoria J Elliott; Jodie Hill; Theo A Johnson
1st Surprise inside: Rachel Arnold
1st Yorkshire Surprise: Jillian Kingston; Hal J Meakin
1st Superlative Surprise: James Green
1st as Conductor: Bradley Hill
250th for the Association: John G Harpole
250th peal: Stephen J Nash; Mary Bone
450th peal: Ian J Culham
650th peal: Colin F Chapman
150th together: James L Towler & David L Sparling

1st in hand: John E Steed

*Information to end of June.
Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.*

Practice Diary

Aug	3	8-10 bell methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	9	12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	11	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	14	Doubles & Minor practice	Layer-de-la-Haye	NE	7:30
	15	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	19	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	23	10-bell practice	Walthamstow, St Mary	SW	6:30
	25	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	26	Higher numbers practice	Writtle	S	10:00
	29	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Sep	2	What shall I try next? practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	7	10-12 bell methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	8	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	13	12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	16	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	19	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
		Surprise practice	Rayleigh	S	7:30
	22	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	27	10-bell practice	Walthamstow, St Mary	SW	6:30
	29	Advanced 8-bell practice	Writtle	SE	7:45
30	12-bell practice	Chelmsford	SE	10:00	
Oct	5	8-10 bell methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	9	Advanced Minor practice	North Ockendon	S	7:30
		District practice	Epping	SW	7:30
	11	12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	13	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	14	District 8-bell practice	Great Tey	NE	2:30
	17	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	18	District practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	21	General practice	Brentwood	S	3:00
		Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	25	10-bell practice	Walthamstow, St Mary	SW	6:30
27	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30	
28	Higher numbers practice	Chelmsford	S	9:30	
31	Advanced 8-bell practice	Little Baddow	SE	7:45	
Nov	2	10-12 bell methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	4	What shall I try next? practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	8	12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	10	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	13	District practice	Leytonstone	SW	7:30
	18	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	21	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
		Surprise practice	Fobbing	S	7:30
		District practice	Sandon	SE	7:45
	22	10-bell practice	Walthamstow, St Mary	SW	6:30

	24	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	28	Advanced 8-bell practice	Danbury	SE	7:45
	29	District Doubles & Minor practice	Wivenhoe	NE	7:30
Dec	7	8-10 bell methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	8	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	11	Advanced Minor practice	North Ockendon	S	7:30
	13	12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	16	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	19	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	22	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	27	10-bell practice	Walthamstow, St Mary	SW	6:30

Could this be you?

We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated person with an interest in ringing.

Sharon Lacey, our General Secretary, has decided to step down at the next AGM. The role is an important one for the Association, as the Secretary pulls everything together and organises meetings and events. Whilst there is a time commitment associated with it, it might not be as onerous as you imagine, and the duties could be flexed to accommodate a keen person if necessary.

The General Secretary is not expected to be expert in all areas or an experienced ringer.

Anyone can volunteer to be the new General Secretary. You don't need to have held a similar position elsewhere or be a member for 20 years – just be interested in this area, willing to help and contribute to ringing on a wider scale.

You do need to be organised, computer literate, friendly, open and flexible.

Support to do this role will be provided through previous officers and the Association Trustees and Management Committee. A full handover will be provided and a period of shadowing can usually be arranged. If you are interested in this position, or would like further information, please contact:

Master@eacr.org.uk or Secretary@eacr.org.uk to ask more about the role.

From the Registers

40th birthday: Alan S M Street

50th birthday: David G Newton

70th birthday: Roger Collins

85th birthday: Peter G Smith

90th birthday: William (Bill) Chandler

Engagement: Ros Skipper and Michael Baker; Adam Sloman and Demi-Leigh Taylor

25th wedding anniversary: Kim and Peter Wilkins

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Michael Down, of Thaxted; David Belcham, of Rayleigh; Vic Turner, of Toppesfield; and Peter Milan, formerly of Epping.

Dates for your Diary

Aug	5	Handbell picnic	Boydells Dairy Farm	N	6:00
	19	District quiz	Willingale	NW	7:00
Sep	2	Training day: listening skills	<i>tbc</i>	NE	10:00
		District meeting	High Easter	SE	4:30
		District evening meeting	Great Dunmow	N	5:00
	9	Essex Trophy striking competition			
	16	District meeting	Thorpe Bay	S	3:00
	23	Training morning	Little Waltham	SE	9:30
		Autumn meeting, Call Change competition & barbecue	Bures	NE	2:00
		Call Change competition and District meeting	Loughton	SW	2:00
Oct	7	District meeting & Call Change striking competition	Fyfield	NW	9:30
		Training morning	Stisted	N	10:00
		Management Committee	Danbury		2:30
	10	Theory session for NE training day	Zoom	NE	7:00
	14	District outing	Cambridge area	NW	
	21	Training day: calling a touch	St Osyth	NE	10:00
	28	Training morning	Purleigh	SE	9:30
		Association Annual Dinner	Chelmsford		6:30
Nov	11	Social evening	Springfield	SE	<i>time tbc</i>
	18	Call Change striking competition	Eastwood	S	2:30
		Quiz evening	<i>tbc</i>	NE	7:00
	25	Association Training Day	<i>tbc</i>	N	
		Social evening	<i>tbc</i>	N	<i>time tbc</i>
Dec	2	Carol service	Greenstead Green	N	3:15
	9	District social	<i>tbc</i>	SW	<i>time tbc</i>
		Carol service	Harwich	NE	3:00
		Carol service	Danbury	SE	3:00
		Carol service	Hatfield Broad Oak	NW	4:00

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for December 2023. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to newsletter@eacr.org.uk or by post to Fred Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB by **1 November 2023**.