



Essex Ringing Course 2026

We are pleased to announce that the 35th Essex Ringing Course will be held on 9th to 11th April 2025 and will be based at The Rickstones Academy Witham.

Tickets are priced at £65 per person, which includes an Eventbrite booking fee. The junior fee for all young ringers from an Essex tower aged under 18 on 11th April 2026 or junior members of the Essex Association is £30. Tutor groups on offer are:

- Bell-handling basics.
- Moving on to rounds & call changes
- Improving foundation skills
- Introduction to Hunting
- Advanced Hunting
- Plain Bob Doubles inside
- Plain Bob Minor inside
- Grandsire (Doubles)
- Moving on from Plain Bob
- Treble Bob Minor
- Bob Major

There will also be 2, 1-day courses.

The first will be on 'Calling and Conducting Simple Touches' and the second on 'How to Choose, Setup and Use a Simulator'. We would like to encourage ringers of all ages to attend either of these courses. **We will be running these on Wednesday 8th April, the day before the 3-day course starts**, which will give tutors and helpers the opportunity to attend this popular 1 day session. The Calling and Conducting course is specifically for ringers who would not normally get the opportunity to call or conduct touches at their practice night and aims to build the confidence of ringers who are not currently running their own practices.

This year we will be offering 3, 1-day courses for junior Essex ringers. **Only young Essex ringers who are 18 or under on the 11th of April 2026 will be eligible to apply.** This course will be aiming to progress young ringers who can handle a bell unaided and are progressing to Foundation skills, up to and including ringing plain courses and touches of Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. These will be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of April. Applicants may apply for all three days but may only be allocated 1 day depending on demand. **Students who specifically wish to attend all 3 days must choose from one of the other 3-day courses being offered.**

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There will be an additional programme of seminars and practical sessions on a wide variety of ringing topics. Helpers are also required for each group – information on applying to be a helper will be available in the course brochure. We are keen to create opportunities for people to develop teaching skills. If you have recently completed an ART teaching course and would be interested in finding out about shadowing a teacher on the course, please contact the Essex Course Administrator for further information (email to essexcourse@eacr.org.uk).

The course brochure and application information will be available on the EACR website at <https://eacr.org.uk/events/essex-ringing-course/>. Applications will open on 2nd January 2026, and should be made online if possible.

If you do not have internet access, application information is available by sending a stamped self-addressed C5 envelope c/o Nigel Taylor, 10 Teignmouth Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9PF.

Closing date for applications Friday 23rd January 2026.

From the Registers

21st birthday: William M Beech
30th birthday: James P Riley
50th birthday: Victoria J Richards
60th birthday: Jacqueline Richmond
70th birthday: Paul A Cammiade
80th birthday: Sue Spurgeon
90th birthday: Peter J Perkins

Wedding: Adam Sloman & Demi-Leigh Taylor

Silver wedding anniversary: Clare & Andrew Beech
Golden wedding anniversary: Beth & Ian Johnson
55th wedding anniversary: David & Penny Sloman
Diamond wedding anniversary: Jacky & Jim Sams; Jill & John Felgate
65th wedding anniversary: John & Sue Beale

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Cherry Threadgold, of Wethersfield; Tony Dickens, of Eastwood; John Malster, of Ardleigh, a past Master of the NE District; and Roger Butt, formerly of Shenfield.

Maldon Bell Ringers – One Year On!

On Sunday, 12th October, the Maldon Bell Ringers proudly celebrated the first anniversary of our relaunch in 2024.

Under the expert guidance of our wonderfully dedicated coach Mike Worboys, and with the help of many fantastic volunteers who patiently introduced us to the art of bell ringing, we have grown into a close-knit and enthusiastic team. We are eager to learn, keen to improve, and open to every opportunity that helps us develop our skills.

As a small group of novices, there were times when we wondered if we'd ever be able to ring properly – or find the confidence to visit other towers and broaden our experience. But one year on, we're delighted to say we're well on our way!

With the support of experienced ringers from Maldon and the surrounding area, we have successfully rung every Sunday morning since Easter 2025 at All Saints, Maldon. We also joined ringers across the country to mark VE Day and VJ Day this year – a truly special experience.

Some of our members have joined the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers and have already enjoyed a couple of fun outings (to the envy of our male teammates!).

While we take our bell ringing seriously, we never forget to enjoy ourselves and value the social side of our group. Early on, we designed our own team T-shirts, kindly sponsored by Coes, a local business. We wear them proudly during practice and at events. We've even welcomed "Holy Moly", our black mole mascot, who sits high atop the sallies keeping a watchful eye on our progress!

During a cheerful breakfast gathering, we held our first AGM, filling all the key positions needed to support Dennis Johnson, who has so kindly overseen everything until now. We hope our new structure will help share the load and make things a little easier for Dennis.

Our regular practice evening is on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, often followed by a friendly visit to the local pub – where conversations range from Queens and Kings to everything in between!

Here's to another year of learning, laughter, and lots more ringing at Maldon.

Denise Driver and all of
the Maldon bell ringers

Annual Subscriptions for 2026

£12 for adult members and £6 for junior and associate members

Subscriptions to the Association are due on 1st January 2026. Rates remain the same - £12 for ringing members (i.e. all members or prospective members aged over 18 on 1st January 2026) and £6 for junior or associate members. Please note, for the avoidance of doubt, the decision taken by the Management Committee in October 2024, to raise subscriptions in 2026 to £15 for ringing members was rescinded at the Trustee meeting on 25th October 2025.

Membership of the Essex Association of Change Ringers provides the following benefits:

- Membership of a community of bellringers across Essex who support and arrange ringing activities, outings and social events
- Access to training events and opportunities to develop ringing abilities
- 25% of subscriptions automatically go to our Recruitment and Training Fund. Recruitment and training are key activities for the future of ringing in Essex
- Public Liability and Personal Accident insurance cover when ringing or attending Association and District events
- Your membership subscription helps support Young Ringers' activities, Education events, bell maintenance and restoration and your representation at the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers
- Access to the Association library of books, pamphlets and journals about bells and bellringing
- Online resources including the Association website and email facilities for Association officers
- Access to branded clothing which may be purchased
- Receive news updates from the Association by e-mail
- Every tower receives a copy of the newsletter *Rounds and About* three times a year
- An annual Report (online and printed by request)
- Ring peals for the Association
- Vote at the AGM

Subscriptions are still one of the primary sources of Association revenue and it is very important for members to pay their subscription promptly. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your subscription ([https://eacr.org.uk/about/membership/gift-aid/.](https://eacr.org.uk/about/membership/gift-aid/))

Subscriptions can be paid as follows:

- Via Membermojo once you receive the automatically generated renewal email (preferred method of payment)
- By bank transfer (Essex Association of Change Ringers, NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-05-13, Account Number: 22177035)
- Via your District Treasurer

Important – when paying by Bank Transfer please ensure the payment reference includes your tower and surname. Please also remember to inform the Membership Secretary (membership@eacr.org.uk), the Association Treasurer (treasurer@eacr.org.uk) and your District Treasurer (add district letter(s) e.g. N or SE etc to the email address (xx-district-treasurer@eacr.org.uk)) and as appropriate when payment has been made.

Meanwhile, it would be appreciated if those members who pay a subscription and have yet to pay for 2025 would either pay via Membermojo, arrange a bank transfer or send their subscription to their District Treasurer before the end of December.

All subscriptions should be paid by 30th April 2026. Members not paying by this date shall not participate in or vote at meetings (e.g. District meetings or the AGM) or ring peals for the Association until the subscription is paid.

Those members whose annual subscriptions are not paid by 31st December 2025 shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association and their names shall not be published in the 2025 Annual Report.

Lapsed members may be readmitted to membership without election in the year following non-payment (i.e. 2026) if payment of the arrears and the current year's subscription are received by 30th April 2026. However, after this date lapsed members shall be re-elected in accordance with normal procedures.

Completion of the current Membership Form is mandatory and no elections should take place without a completed form which must be submitted to the District Secretary before the start of a District meeting. The form is available here <https://eacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/membership-application-form.pdf>

If you have any queries about membership or subscriptions then please let me know.

Please pay your subscriptions promptly and before 30th April 2026 – it greatly helps the finances and the running of the Association.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer (treasurer@eacr.org.uk)

Practice Diary

Dec	4	Moving on to hunting on 5 10-bell practice	Great Bentley	NE	7:30
			Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	6	8-bell practice	Old Harlow	NW	10:00
	10	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	11	District doubles & minor practice	Little Cornard	NE	7:30
	12	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	14	District Young Ringers practice	tbc	NE	2:00
	16	Advanced 6 bell practice	Matching	NW	7:30
	20	Advancing practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	26	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
Jan	8	12-bell practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	9	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	14	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	17	Advancing practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	20	Advanced 6 bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	23	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
Feb	5	12-bell practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	11	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	13	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	21	Advancing practice	Braintree	N	7:30
Mar	5	12-bell practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	11	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	13	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	21	Advancing practice	Braintree	N	7:30
Apr	8	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	9	10-bell practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	10	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	18	Advancing practice	Braintree	N	7:30
May	7	12-bell practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	8	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	13	10/12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	16	Advancing practice	Braintree	N	7:30

Correct at time of going to press. Please check District Calendars for additional practices.

Essex Trophy 10-bell competition

After much discussion about a potential venue for this year's Essex Trophy taking place on the Isle of Wight having been thwarted, not least due to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths Triennial Dinner taking place on the same day, that many participants were heading off to that evening, the venue was eventually settled on All Saints, Basingstoke on 13th September.

The test piece was a touch of 339 Stedman Caters. The judges were Robin Hall and Alan Eyles. The welcome was warm and the refreshments plentiful. The pub across the way duly warned of the impending lunchtime influx of ringers and supporters.

An interesting competition for the judges, having to contend with passing ambulance sirens during the first band's performance, followed by the arrival and departure of the Air Ambulance at the nearby cricket pitch during subsequent performances. Nothing, I hasten to add, to do with the ringing. Having grappled with that, the judges placed the bands as follows:

1 st	Sussex	82%
2 nd	W&P	78%
3 rd	Guildford	77%
4 th	Essex	72%
5 th	Surrey	60%

The Essex band were:

1. Andrew Beech
2. Julia Taylor
3. Theo Johnson
4. Christina Brewster
5. Vicki Chapman
6. Will Beech (C)
7. Lucas Owen
8. Colin Chapman
9. Nigel Taylor
10. Andrew Brewster



Next year's competition will take place on 10th September, somewhere in Sussex, with the test piece being a course of Rutland Surprise Royal.

Vicki Chapman
Interim General Secretary

Essex Young Eagles at SEECON and RWNYC

SEECON

The SE England Striking Contest took place at Twyford, Berkshire on Saturday 12th April. Unfortunately, the competition took place on the Saturday of the Essex Course, where I had a commitment with the Bookstall. We entered a band of eight, ringing rounds and call changes and were placed 3rd out of seven teams. An excellent result with four young ringers ringing in their first regional competition. Local towers were open throughout the day where everyone was able to get a ring. The band were Sarah Robbins, Hannah Brooks (both Shenfield), Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Conductor (Prittlewell), Adam and Jason Brett (Witham), Jem Batley (Rayne) and Benji and Caleb Bowman (Harlow). Theo Johnson took my place as the responsible adult and also acted as row counter with Carina and Pete Bowman acting as additional responsible adults at very short notice!

RWNYC

The Ringing World National Youth Competition was held this year in Birmingham on Saturday 5th July. Again, changes were made to the rules, with an emphasis on striking and a percentage adjustment applied to the mark awarded to reflect the method rung. How this was actually applied was kept very quiet and wasn't popular with many team leaders. As well as the 6 and 8 bell method and call change categories, a new low key call change category on 6 bells with a light judging touch was introduced, albeit only three teams ended up in this category! In all, 37 teams took part on the day out of the original 41 who had entered. For the first time ever, multiple bands were able to enter and we were fortunate in having sufficient young ringers to enter two Essex Young Eagle bands – one into the advanced 6 bell call change and the other into the 8 bell method competition. This is the first time Essex Young Eagles have entered the 8 bell method category.



The bands at St Martin in the Bullring

The call change team began at Boldmere with a dedicated slot in which to practice before moving onto Erdington for the test piece at 11.15am. The tower at 15cwt wasn't entirely appropriate for a 6 bell competition and we, along with some other bands, had to ring the front six, which wasn't ideal! They then moved on to Solihull (10) by coach, kindly provided

by the Cumbrian Herdwicks band, although some on the coach were rather worried when we went north on the M6 rather than South! Then by train into Birmingham St Paul, Jewellery Quarter (10) and a quick walk to St Martin in the Bullring (16). The method band started their day at Moseley (10), then Selly Oak (8) before their test piece at Edgbaston at 1.30pm. They then moved into Birmingham for handbells before joining up with the other Essex Eagles for ringing at St Martin in the Bullring. Despite some prior reservations, all the squad rang on the 16 bells very commendably. After which, the method band went to St Pauls while the call change band took full advantage of an excellent handbell workshop, meeting up again at the Bullring for the results. All band members and reserves received medals marking the occasion.

Essex Young Eagles came 4th out of six teams in the method category and 7th out of 12 teams in the call change category.

The call change band were: Adam Brett (Witham), Ellie Verity (Shenfield), Caleb Bowman, Benji Bowman (Harlow), Jason Brett (Witham) and Scarlett Roddam-Powell, Conductor (Gt Hallingbury).

The method band were: Nicholas Elliott (Kelvedon), Hannah Brooks (Shenfield), James Dunhill (Gt Baddow), Owen Prestige-Jones (Downham), Charles Chikuruwo (Prittlewell), Sarah Robbins (Shenfield), Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Conductor (Prittlewell) and Charlie Smith (Thaxted).

The reserves for the day were: Luke Stark (Shenfield), Jamie Slack, Carys and Ellen Hayward (all Hornchurch).



Comments received a week later were:

Call change band – “We were very impressed with the high quality of the ringing that we heard. It takes courage and focus to ring competitively, and every single team rose to this challenge admirably. Everyone should be very proud of their performance at this challenging tower. This team had a gentle start, but after the first few whole pulls settled into some good striking. We’d encourage this team to work on maintaining their pace across all bell positions. Well done to this team, though, a very solid performance!”

Method band – “You rang at a faster speed, which sometimes felt a bit too quick for the whole band. Some of the leading was a little rushed, which caused a few pauses

in the middle of the row and made the rhythm a bit uneven. But you kept the back of the row steady, and your ringing got better as you went on, finishing really nicely. Next time, try slowing down a bit and use the opening rounds to set a smooth, even rhythm.”

All in all, it was an excellent day, albeit hectic with a party of 42, two competitions and a full day’s programme throughout the city. The City of Birmingham had their busiest day of the year: a cricket test match at Edgbaston, an ELO concert at the Utilita Arena and Black Sabbath playing at Villa Park made all modes of transport busy and accommodation expensive for visitors to the city.

It was encouraging that eight young ringers participated for the first time in this competition along with the four reserves. I would like to thank the two conductors, Scarlett and Ryan, for putting themselves forward, especially Scarlett who had been ringing for just under a year. My thanks also go to Theo Johnson and Marianne Hayward for being the team leaders for the method band and to Andrew Brewster who was the other team leader with me for the call change band. He also acted as their row counter and carried out much needed general research and admin for the day. I would also like to thank the towers and incumbents where we held dedicated practices, as well as helpers and parents for making everything run as smoothly as possible.

I really believe a squad of 18 young ringers willing to be involved at national level and represent our Association is very healthy.

The RWNYC organisers issued a very comprehensive post-event report aimed at youth team leaders including a full debrief of the day, a summary of feedback and a summary of the organising team’s thoughts going forward and followed this up with a Zoom call for team leaders to discuss and explore future options.

Provisional dates for practices, outings and contests in 2026 are as follows:

Sunday 25th January – Practice

Sunday 22nd February – Practice

Saturday 28th March – Half Day mini-outing and evening social

(Thursday 9th – Saturday 11th April – Essex Course)

Saturday 18th April – SE England Youth Striking Contest (SEECON) in Hampshire

Sunday 26th April – Practice

Sunday 31st May – Practice

Sunday 21st June – Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) Practice

Sunday 28th June (pm only) – RWNYC mini-outing

Saturday 4th July – RWNYC in Nottingham

Sunday 19th July – Practice

Saturday 26th September – Day Outing

Sunday 25th October – Practice

Sunday 29th November – Practice

Practices will generally be from 4pm–6pm

Essex Young Ringers including the role of Youth Co-ordinator

Following discussion at the February 2024 committee meeting, it was accepted that the Youth Co-ordinator role for Essex Young Ringers was no longer a one-person job. Last year I was officially the Deputy Youth Co-ordinator but with the Youth Co-ordinator post vacant for the year, I managed the role, greatly supported by Andrew Brewster particularly with regards to admin matters. In taking on the role for the second time, part of the brief was to try to incorporate some of the over 18 year old young ringers and supportive ringing parents to assist with arranging young ringer events.

I believe these aims have been addressed during the year but hopefully can be expended further going forward. I would particularly like to thank Jonathan Slack for organising an excellent day's outing to Kent in September.

Our young ringers continue to represent the Association to a very high level. The growth in the Essex Young Ringers group (up to 25 years old) from when it first started back in 2011 is quite phenomenal. Some of the current helpers who rang in the early competitions have maintained their connection with the group, now acting as mentors. Numbers continue to grow, method abilities are increasing, more past and present young ringers are ringing QPs and peals and there is a general enthusiasm to ring more together, arrange outings and assist at the monthly practices. In all, 38 under 25's (30 under 18's) from all six Districts have taken part in events this year.

The role is a Management Committee appointment and in October 2025 I have been appointed Youth Co-ordinator from 1st January 2026, with no official deputy. If anyone feels able to take on the role as deputy next year or is willing to put their name forward as the Youth Co-ordinator at the October 2026 Management Committee meeting, please let me know.

Christina Brewster
Youth Co-ordinator

Central Council Executive meetings

The Central Council Executive meets monthly, as part of its remit to monitor progress by the Workgroups and to plan for the future. Notes of its meetings are circulated to Council members – including your representatives – and are published on the Council’s website at cccbr.org.uk/about/executive/meetings/

Recent matters have included:

July 2025: Approved the 2025 budget. Agreed the Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

August 2025: [Not published on the website]. Received the report of the Independent Examiner, in which several “items for discussion” were raised. Societies paying their affiliation fees by cheque will be asked to add 75p to cover the charge made by Lloyds Bank. Appointed 3 “summer honorariums”, temporary paid posts for specific tasks.

September 2025: Reviewed a new Bequest, of around £100,000 for specific bell projects, which will require appointing a new Steward to oversee it. Agreed changes to some of the Council’s organisational structure.

October 2025: Discussed a potential investment policy and agreed to set up a financial task group.

Life Members and Life Vice President Proposals

Life membership may be given to a ringing or associate member for their substantial contribution to their tower and district for an extended period (over 20 years).

Life Vice Presidents are ringing members honoured by the Association for their exemplary service and substantial contribution to the operation of both a district and the Association for over 20 years.

Those ringing members who have attained 50 years membership are automatically eligible for Life Membership. If you believe someone fits that criteria, please let the Secretary know.

Information about the candidate for either category, signed by a proposer and seconder must be with the Secretary no later than 30th December 2025.

Vicki Chapman
Interim General Secretary

Exciting new publicity materials opportunity!

We have been approached by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) to see if we would be interested in participating in a pilot of around 50 bellringing societies/associations to use their new bellringing branding in our communications, and especially when targeting external audiences. Various templates are at our disposal – please see examples below which can be customised for our own use. A principal goal of this is to establish a UK-wide brand identity for bellringing and need not detract from our own EACR identity which we would continue to use for our own association and district activities.

Please do get in touch with me at comms@eacr.org.uk if you'd like to take up this opportunity, or just to find out a bit more about how this might support you/your tower/your District.

Caroline Watts
Communications Officer



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That's a First!

Quarter Peals

- 1st quarter: Isaac Condron, Corey Vost, Paul Sadler, Sarah R Golding, Bob Groves, David Blake, Luke Stark, Mya Merkaj, Jules Foster, Fred Kuenzi, Dalham Mallett, Jamie E Slack, Len Collier, Helen Whitehead, Jane Wilson, Sami Ahuja
- 1st on treble: Mya Merkaj, Fiona Dyer
- 1st as cover: Ellie Verity, Tilly Dyer
- 1st away from cover: David G Wilson
- 1st inside: Hannah Bome, Nicholas Elliott, Sarah Chin-a-Loy, James H Chisnell, Samantha Ball, Nicola Stark, Rachel J Levy, Joe Ahuja
- 1st Grandsire Doubles: Alfie Holland, James H Chisnell, James R Dunhill, Charles K Chikuruwo, Steve Lee, Rebecca Kenneison, Carys E Hayward, Mike Claxton
- 1st Minor: Brian Meldon, Owen P Jones
- 1st Plain Bob Minor: Pete Bowman
- 1st Treble Bob: Owen Jones, Carys E Hayward
- 1st Kent Treble Bob Minor: Charles K Chikuruwo
- 1st Surprise Minor: Charles Chikuruwo
- 1st Triples: Owen P Jones
- 1st Grandsire Triples: Charles K Chikuruwo, James H Chisnell
- 1st on 8: Elizabeth A Coates, James Chisnell, David Brett
- 1st Surprise Major: John M Church
- 1st Cambridge Surprise Major: Charles K Chikuruwo
- 1st on 10: James P Riley, M Guy Nelson, Carys E Hayward
- 1st Grandsire Caters: David A Buckley
- 1st Stedman Caters: Marianne R Hayward
- 1st Treble Bob Royal: Marianne R Hayward
- 1st Royal inside: James R Dunhill, Charles K Chikuruwo
- 1st Erin Cinques: Jane Walters
- 1st as Conductor: Pete Bowman, Adam Brett
- 1st Minor as Conductor: Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt, Charles K Chikuruwo, James R Dunhill, Sarah Robbins
- 1st Surprise as Conductor: Charles K Chikuruwo
- 1st Surprise Minor as Conductor: Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt
- 1st Cambridge Surprise Minor as Conductor: David A Buckley
- 1st Triples as Conductor: Charles K Chikuruwo, James R Dunhill
- 1st Grandsire as Conductor: David A Buckley, Charles K Chikuruwo
- 1st Major as Conductor: Charles K Chikuruwo
- 25th quarter: James R Dunhill
- 50th quarter: Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt, Charles K Chikuruwo
- 100th quarter: Michelle A Stephenson
- 150th quarter: Samuel A Beech
- 500th quarter: Vicki Chapman

650th quarter: Janice Cherry
500th quarter as Conductor: Colin Chapman

Handbell Quarters

1st in hand: Gillian Rooke, Anne F Porter
1st in hand on working pair: Gillian Rooke
1st Surprise in hand: Ann F Woolley
1st Surprise Royal in hand: Andrew R C Kelso, Gillian M Sparling

Peals

1st peal: Hannah Brooks, Oliver Clinton, Brooks M Hayes
1st on 6: John M Church
1st Major: Adam Brett
1st Cambridge Surprise: James Green, Simon M Barnes, Kye L Leaver
1st Lincolnshire Surprise: Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt

1st Cambridge Surprise as Conductor: Lucas J Owen

175th peal: Andrew P Brewster
200th peal: David M Hengeli
200th for the Association: David M Hengeli

50th together: Andrew R C Kelso & David M Hengeli
200th together: Paul A Cammiade & Alan P Mayle

Information to end of October. Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.

Election of Officers 2026

Nominations for Association officers (Master, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Property Trustees and 2 Independent Examiners, Technical Adviser, Education Officer and Communications Officer and 5 Central Council Reps) must be received by the Secretary by 1st February 2026. Nominations must be made using the form on the website and sent directly to reach the Secretary before the deadline; please remember to include the name of the proposer and seconder.

Please remember that nomination forms must be received for all posts even if the existing incumbent is standing again.

Elections will take place at the 2026 Annual General Meeting on 4th May, Bank Holiday Monday, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Notices of Motions for the AGM (items for debate or proposed rule changes), sponsored by at least 2 members, must also be received by 1st February 2026.

Vicki Chapman
Interim General Secretary

Dates for your Diary

Dec	6	District Carol Service	North Ockendon	S	3:00
		District Carol Service	Halstead	N	3:15
		District Carol Service	Henham	NW	
	13	District Carol Service	Tendring	NE	10:00
		District Carol Service	Little Baddow	SE	3:30
Jan	10	Annual District meeting	Goldhanger	SE	3:00
		Annual District meeting	Witham	N	3:30
	17	Annual District meeting	Great Bentley	NE	10:00
		Annual District meeting	West Ham	SW	3:00
	24	Annual District meeting	Brentwood	S	3:00
	31	Annual District meeting	Sawbridgeworth	NW	
Feb	5	Trustee meeting	(Zoom)		7:00
	7	Management Committee	Danbury		2:30
	28	Trustee meeting	Danbury		2:30
Apr	9–11	Essex Ringing Course			
May	4	Association AGM	Chelmsford		10:30
	16	Trustee meeting	Danbury		2:30

Did you know?

A full colour PDF version of this and all previous editions of *Rounds & About* may be found on the Association website.

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for April 2026. 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 March 2026**.