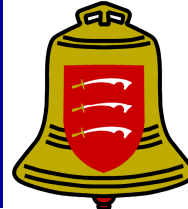


Rounds & About

(Charity Number 292250)



AGM 5th May 2008

The 129th Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 5 May. The arrangements are as follows:

General ringing	9.15 to 10.15am	Afternoon ringing details and advance tea tickets (£3) are available from the Secretary:
Service touch	10.15am	
Annual Service	10.30am	Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB (by 1 May).
AGM	11.45am	
Afternoon ringing Tea at Gt Dunmow	Northern District	Please enclose a SAE. Tea tickets (£3.50) will also be available on the door at Dunmow.

Do come along and ring at the Cathedral - the ringing is for everyone! Please arrive in good time so as many as possible can have a ring. Entrance is by the West or South doors (a service will just be finishing so please enter quietly).

The Cathedral ringers will be serving coffee in the Cathedral before the service to help raise funds for their restoration appeal.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been re-arranged after the service. The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2007 Annual Report. The Rules are also available on the website (<http://www.eacr.org.uk>).

We will be electing a new Master and there are two proposed rule changes to vote on as well.

It's your Association so do attend the service and meeting - and vote!

Mary Bone

Maldon St Mary

The new Tower Correspondent for Maldon, St Mary the Virgin is:

Jackie Longman
12 Market Hill
Maldon
CM9 4PZ

Tel: 01621 859509

Weekly practices will commence at the tower on
Wednesday, 13th February at 7.30pm and continue on
Wednesdays thereafter at the same time.

Coggeshall Ringing Centre

Don't forget that three morning (0930-1230) sessions are coming up soon;

Sat 17 May Singles in Stedman Doubles
Sat 21 June Raising and Lowering
Sat 19 July Plain Bob Minor on Handbells

We are also very keen to run our proposed Tower Management course in the autumn, Saturday mornings 0930-1230 starting 13 Sept for nine weeks. We need to know if you want to come to this by AGM day, Monday 7 May otherwise we cannot put the course together. Full details, including the draft syllabus, are on the Association web-site, in the Training section under Coggeshall Ringing Centre.

To book for any of these sessions contact Janet Edwards, 181 High Street Kelvedon Colchester CO5 9JD, 01376 573412, janet@ajsplace.fsnet.co.uk

Brian Meads

Why was Easter So Early This Year?

From an email I received recently:

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20).

This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

Here's the interesting info:

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier!

Here are the facts:

- The next Easter that will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)
- The next time it will be a day earlier (March 22) will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now.) The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.

So, no one alive today has or will ever see Easter any earlier than it is this year!

Word Search

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Association Dinner 2008

We have made a provisional booking to hold the Dinner - the only Association-wide social event - in Chelmsford on Saturday 4 October.

As the numbers attending have declined recently the Committee have decided this year to ask for expressions of support by the beginning of May so that a decision on whether to go ahead, or not, can be taken at the AGM on 5 May. Please email secretary@eacr.org.uk to express your support, write or phone (11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB; 01279 726159), or download the form available on the website.

Suggestions for the post-Dinner entertainment are also needed, so if have any ideas or contacts please let us know.

Mary Bone

Tendring Tower Correspondent

In the latest annual report (2007), the telephone number for the tower correspondent at Tendring in the North Eastern district should be 01255 676161.

2008 Ringing Roadshow

The 2008 Ringing Roadshow will be held on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September 2008 at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

The Roadshow will be the largest ever gathering of ringers and all other bell enthusiasts and promises to be an excellent day out for all the family.

It encompasses a trade show, a range of learning opportunities, ringing-related entertainment, hands-on activities, shopping and the chance to meet hundreds of other people with the same passion for bells and bellringing.

This website contains information about all aspects of the show including how to buy tickets.

<http://www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk/>

Association Register

Happy Birthday to: Neville Unwin (Waltham Abbey) 65
Clive Moore (Sawbridgeworth) 70

Congratulations to: Mark & Adele Robbins on the
birth of Sarah Helen

Jo & Ken Elliott for their 30th Wedding
Anniversary in February

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Dinah Carthy, Eric Cross of Loughton, Bet Mitchell of Leytonstone and the Rt Revd James Roxburgh, former Bishop of Barking and Vice-President of the Association.

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter : Penny Drayson (25/11/07 Rayleigh)
Esther Pilgrim (20/01/08 Wethersfield)
Brian Holden (28/12/07 Gt Baddow)
Barbara Mizen (01/12/07 Radwinter)
Neil Pasmore (1st attempt, aged 12)
(09/12/07 Writtle)
Christopher Parker (09/02/08 Eastwood)

First Peal : Bradley Hill (01/12/07 Braintree)
Lyn Benson (24/11/07 Downham)
Douglas Bowles (26/01/08 Rayleigh)

Danbury Diary

The February Executive Committee meeting was held this year at Writtle Christian Centre.

After the Master had welcomed the new members elected at the annual district meetings we moved on to the formal business, mainly concerned with items for the annual report and the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Trustees' reports were approved and will be printed in the annual report; the accounts and full report still have to be approved by members at the annual meeting.

There are 2 candidates for Master (Brian Meads and Adrian Semken) - so turn out to vote at the AGM on 5 May!

Yvonne Towler has been proposed as a Life Member.

Two rule changes have also been proposed: the first will change the situation whereby members aged over 65 are currently free from further subscription; and the second will clarify the responsibilities for maintaining the membership rolls.

Most of the rest of the meeting was taken up by reports from the appointed officers and the districts - keeping everyone informed about what is going on throughout the Association.

There were two applications for grants from the Bell Restoration account (Ridgewell and Theydon Garnon) and the outstanding grants from the Tovell Bequest were confirmed.

The date for the next Association Carol Service has been fixed as Saturday 5 December 2009, provisionally at Writtle.

Do ask your district officers for further information on any of these items. The next meeting of the Committee is on 11 October.

Mary Bone

Dates for your Diary



April	10-12	ESSEX COURSE - Coggeshall	
	19	District Training Day (TBA)	S
	19 - 3	District Quarter Peal Fortnight	SE
	26	District Meeting - Great Parndon	NW
	26	District Coach Outing to London - London	NE
May	5	AGM CHELMSFORD & Northern District, Tea at Great Dunmow	
	10	District Striking Competition - Ingatestone	SE
	10	District Meeting & Striking Competition Thorpe-le-Soken	NE
	17	District 10/12 bell practice - Waltham Abbey	NW
	17	District Striking Competition - North Ockendon	S
June	7	District Striking Competition - Gosfield tbc	N
	7	District Striking Competition & Social Evening Hatfield Heath	NW
	7	District Striking Competition - Chigwell (tbc)	SW
	14	RIDGMAN TROPHY 10-Bell Competition Gressenhall, Norfolk	
	21	District Outing (location tba)	S
	21	Ring & Ramble	SE
	28	District Meeting - Toppesfield	N
	28	District Call Change Competition & BBQ Mistley (tbc)	NE
July	5	ASSOCIATION STRIKING COMPETITION FINALS 6-Bell/Tea Henham; 8-Bell Hatfield Broad Oak	
	12	District Meeting - venue tba	SW
	19	District Car Outing - Shotley Peninsular	NE
August	25	ASSOCIATION OPEN DAY	N
	30	District 10 bell Practice - Coggeshall	NE

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for August 2008. Please send contributions to Bryan Morrissey at Jireh, 30 Turner Avenue, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2LG or by email to bdm@pempo.co.uk or call 01206 392959 by 18th July 2008.