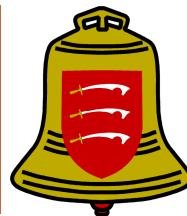


Rounds & About

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Special point of interest:

- The Future

AGM 1st May 2006

The 127th Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May. The arrangements are as follows:

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| General ringing | 9.15 to 10.15am |
| Service touch | 10.15am |
| Annual Service | 10.30am |
| AGM | 11.35am |
| Afternoon ringing | South-West District |
| Tea at Chigwell | |

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Afternoon ringing details and tea tickets (£3) are available from the Secretary: Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB (by 27 April). Please enclose a SAE.

Ringling at the Cathedral is for everyone - do come along and experience the Cathedral bells, especially if you haven't rung there before. 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 address at the Service will be given by the Revd David Parrott, former Rector of Rayleigh. 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 2005 Annual Report. The Rules are available on the website (<http://www.eacr.org.uk>). The Master and officers look forward to meeting as many members as possible during the day.

Mary Bone

Danbury Diary

The Association's Executive Committee met as usual at Danbury at the beginning of February. The district officers, elected and appointed officers and Life Vice-Presidents are automatically charity trustees. As such, they have to prepare for the AGM: the Treasurer's and Trustees' reports have to be considered and approved before they are submitted to the members. The AGM agenda is also finalised as all nominations and notices of motions have to be received by 1 February. Please see the separate item about the AGM in this newsletter; the full agenda is printed in the Annual Report.

The Committee approved recommendations for grants from the Tovell Bequest for Toppesfield, Romford, Brentwood, Earls Colne and Theydon Garnon. Bell restoration fund grants were also voted for Lamarsh, Earls Colne, Romford and Brentwood.

Then we moved on to discussion of the reports from the appointed officers (technical adviser, peals, education, report and child protection).

Adrian Semken and Adrian Malton submitted a discussion paper on future tasks and organisation. A copy of this paper is being circulated to all towers and it is also available from the website. Feedback, comments and suggestions can be passed to any committee member.

The meeting concluded with an exchange of news from all the districts - and more news in Any Other Business.

Mary Bone

Still Wanted... Public Relations Officer

Purpose of the Job — To promote the Association and its activities to the general public, the Church and the ringing community. For a copy of the Job Description, or if you're interested in finding out more, please contact Mary Bone.

We would like to thank Libby Lawrence for temporarily taking on the role of PRO for this year's ringing course.

"The Future" A Discussion Paper

As mentioned in the article Danbury Diary, a discussion paper has been prepared by Adrian Malton and Adrian Semken. This paper was submitted at the February 2006 Executive Committee Meeting and the committee agreed its distribution to members.

It is meant to stimulate discussion and debate among the Members of the Association and asks two fundamental questions :

1. Does ringing in Essex need any organisation, (i.e. the Association)?
2. Does anything need to be changed?

The Queen's 80th Birthday

This year the Queen celebrates her 80th Birthday. She will actually be 80 on the 21st April and will celebrate her official birthday on the 17th June. So that's two possible dates for the diary to ring peals or quarters to celebrate our monarch's milestone. It's also the 200th anniversary of the monarch's parade "Trooping The Colour"

More information (including why she has two birthdays) can be found at the official website for her 80th Birthday Celebrations at

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/queen80>

The Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner will be held at the County Hotel, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, on Saturday 7 October. The evening will follow the well-established format, with speeches and entertainment after the meal. There will of course be a bar!

An advance reservation system will operate again so you can be sure of receiving the tickets you need. Why not get a group together to make up a table of 7 or 8?

Booking forms will be available at the AGM or from the website.

Mary Bone

Special Training Day SW District

On Wednesday 15th February 2006, a special training session was held at Loughton.

This was principally for the benefit of young ringers from Epping and Loughton and was the brainchild of our District Master.

The young ringers were Simone and James from Loughton and Georgia from Epping and the helpers were Margaret French, Jane Walters, Barry Fisher, Len Bullock, Mary Perry & Roger Butt. Refreshments were provided by Hillary Kemp of Loughton.

The method being concentrated on was Plain Bob Minor with a view to ringing a Quarter the following Saturday 17th at Epping with all three youngsters involved.

The young ringers did very well together, both in ringing terms and on a personal level, encouraging each other as the session proceeded.

Unfortunately, the Quarter was not completed but was successful in giving them the chance to ring the longest touch of Minor that they had rung, some 600 changes. This was particularly true for Simone who had never attempted a Quarter before. The ringers were Simone, Treble; James, 2nd; Georgia, 3rd; Jane, 4th; Roger, 5th; Barry (Conductor), 6th with 7, 8 cover by Len & Perry French. Margaret French was also there, looking after the youngsters.

Nothing daunted, there is to be another training session in the next school holidays followed by another Quarter attempt. This time we'll get it for sure! If any other young ringers would like to join in, please encourage them to contact Margaret, Jane or the District Master.

Well done to all our young ringers and a big thank you to all our helpers.

Sandra Lee

A Word From The New Editor

I would like to start by thanking Vicki for all the hard work she puts into the Association on all levels and to thank her for establishing the newsletter in this format.

Obviously I and the Association officers believe that this is an important tool for informing everyone of what is going on around the Association.

For my first attempt at producing this newsletter, I have followed the successful format that Vicki has produced over the years. I will try some new ideas, but essentially it will remain as is for now.

I can honestly say that I haven't read The Ringing World in so much detail as I have in the last three months! If I have missed an important Peal or Quarter then I apologise.

Please do read the attached paper prepared by Adrian Semken and Adrian Malton and respond with your comments. It's all too easy to sit back and let others do the talking, but here is an opportunity for all of us to make our feelings known and hopefully position The Essex Association for a successful future.

I will also take this opportunity to make a shameless plug for the CD recording of all 22 towers in the North Eastern district. I have plenty of copies still available at ten pounds, with the whole ten pounds going to the Association Bell Restoration Fund.

Finally, thanks to all those who have assisted me in the production of this newsletter by emailing me details. Please keep all those emails coming in with all your news.

Bryan Morrissey.

New Tower Correspondent For Ashdon

Ashdon has a new tower correspondent. The details were too late for this year's report, but just in time for the newsletter! The new contact details are:

Bryany Bartram,

South Lodge, Lofts Hall, Wendens Loft, Saffron Walden, CB11 4UN.
01763 838415

Plain Bob Minor Training Touch

Should you have a ringer in your tower trying to learn thirds and back at singles in Plain Bob Minor, put them on the third and call this 108. The third does thirds and back at four of the singles.

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New Year's Honours List

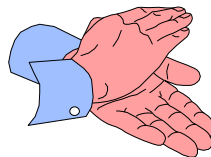
Congratulations to Richard Walters, a friend of The Association from Epping, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours list. The following is his short citation "Librarian, Records and Information Openness Team, Information Services Division, DfES".

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter :

Derek Chaplin (Layer 4/12)
Paul Southward (Thorpe Bay 28/12)
Michael Ronan (Hatfield Heath 20/1)
Mike Bell (Tollesbury 19/1)
Matthew Jerram (Wethersfield 13/1)
Jenny Bridge (Wormingford 5/2)
Christine Wight (Leigh on Sea 10/12)



Congratulations!

First Quarter inside:

Christine Gladding (8/1 Kirby-Le-Soken)
Neville Unwin (27/12 Great Parndon)

First peal :

Marion Barrett (6/12 Inworth)
Susan M M Ashdown (7/1 Leyton)
Vicki Crispin (25/1 Great Totham)

Association Register

Births: Congratulations to Richard and Sarah Dunhill (Braintree), a boy, William Matthew born 3rd November 2005. And also to Steven and Rebecca Johnson (Hatfield Heath), a boy, Elijah James born 30th December 2005.

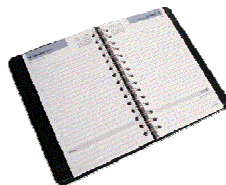
Birthdays: Congratulations to: Jonathon Slack (Hornchurch) 30; Neil Bond (Saffron Walden) 40; Christine Drake (Tollesbury) 50; Colin Chapman (Chelmsford Cathedral) 50; Andrew Taylor (Coggeshall) 50; Hilary Donoghue (Downham) 60; Queenie Brown (Braintree) 75.

Wedding: Congratulations to Julie Smith & Steve Hunter (Rayleigh/Langdon Hills) on 21/1.



Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Pat Saltmarsh (former LVP and General Secretary) of Sandon, Ray Berney of High Ongar, David Parrish of High Ongar and Herbert Ramsey of Helions Bumpstead.

Dates for your Diary



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| April | 15-30 | District Quarter Peal fortnight | SE |
| | 19 | District Practice, Great Bardfield | N |
| | 22 | District Meeting, Nazeing | NW |
| May | 1 | ADM Chelmsford & Ringing/Tea in South-Western District | |
| | 6 | District Meeting, Braintree. Eve Ringing Stisted | N |
| | 11 | District Practice, Terling | SE |
| | 12 | District Practice, Stanstead. 19:45 | NW |
| | 13 | District Striking Comp & Meeting, St Osyth | NE |
| | 13 | District Striking Competition, Inworth | SE |
| | 20 | District Striking Competition, Great Wakering. | S |
| June | 3 | District Striking Competition, Gt Yeldham | N |
| | 9 | District Practice, Stansted. 19:45 | NW |
| | 10 | District Striking Competition and Social Clavering / Newport | NW |
| | 10 | District Striking Competition, Chigwell Row | SW |
| | 17 | District Outing, Sussex | S |
| | 23 | District Practice, Gosfield | N |
| July | 1 | Striking Competition Finals | |
| | 6 | Bell - Inworth, Tea and 8 Bell - Goldhanger | SE |
| | 8 | District Meeting, Walthamstow | SW |
| | 14 | District Practice, Stansted | NW |
| | 14 | District Practice, Bradwell-on-sea | SE |
| | 19 | District Practice, Belchamp St Paul | N |
| | 28 | District Practice, Elmdon | NW |
| August | 11 | District Practice, Stansted | NW |
| | 12 | District Picnic / BBQ, Finchingfield | N |

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for August 2006. 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 1st July 2006.