

NW DISTRICT DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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2008 Subscriptions – important notice

Subscriptions for 2008 become due on January 1st. They are £8 for ringing members and £4 for juniors. Please note that membership is free for those who are 65 or over, but the secretary does need to be told that you now qualify for free membership else you will be assumed to have lapsed. If you would like to make a donation in lieu of the subscription this would be most welcome and will go into the Bell Repair Fund. A rule change regarding the free subscriptions for over-65's is due to be discussed at this year's AGM.

The secretary is most grateful to those towers which collect their subscriptions together and make a single payment – this makes administration much more straightforward. The Annual District Meeting (see below) is an excellent opportunity to make this payment.

Saturday 26th January Annual District Meeting at Saffron Walden.

Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30pm followed by service, tea and meeting.
Evening ringing at Radwinter

Please join us for this important meeting. The Master and Secretary will be standing again but Katrina Bond and Alan Elliott will be standing down as deputy Master and Committee Representative respectively. Nominations to stand for any of these posts will be very welcome.

Names for tea to Liz on 01279 850351 by Wednesday 23rd January please.

Practice dates from January to March 2008

Learners' Practices – 7.45 to 9pm

Nazeing on Friday January 25th Manuden on Friday February 22nd
Hatfield Heath on Friday March 28th

District Practices

These are held at Stansted on the second Friday of the month from 7.45 to 9pm.
January 11th, February 8th, March 14th

Joint Practice with Bishop's Stortford District at Sawbridgeworth

Saturday March 29th from 6.30 to 8pm *Ringers of all abilities are welcome..*

Fifth Tuesday practice at Saffron Walden

Tuesday 29th January from 7.45 to 9.00pm All welcome.

A new practice

District e-mail list members will have heard of a new practice that has joined the already crowded district programme. We call it '*Beyond Bob Minor*' and it takes place at Henham from 10am to 12 noon on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Linda Bullough is the coordinator for the practice. If you wish to come as a student or a helper then contact Linda on 01799 599339 or on linda@nottages.co.uk.

Don't forget that we also hold a Surprise Major practice jointly with the Northern district on the second Saturday of the month. This moves to a different tower each month details of which are sent out on the district e-mail list.

PLEASE DISPLAY ON YOUR TOWER NOTICEBOARD

Quarter Peal Week

In a rather extended quarter peal week last October a total of 19 quarters were scored. These included first quarters by Gavin Knight at High Ongar, Sheena Bigland at Henham and Heather McNaughton at Great Parndon. Congratulations to them and thanks to all those who took part in the ringing.

We asked for towers to donate their tower fees to the Bell Restoration Fund and thanks to their generosity over £180 was raised for the fund

Is this a record?

On Saturday 1st December ,at Radwinter, Barbara Mizen rang her first quarter peal. Remarkably, this was 60 years after she first learnt to ring, also at Radwinter where she has remained a loyal member of the band for all those 60 years. Congratulations Barbara on what must be some sort of record.

Another first for a district member was scored by Penny Browne at Henham on June 1st when she conducted her first quarter.

Association Officers

In accordance with the rules the following officers will be elected on 5 May 2008 to serve until the 2009

AGM: Master
 Hon General Secretary
 Hon Treasurer
 3 Property Trustees
 2 Independent Examiners

Nominations are required for all of these positions. The Master, Secretary, both Independent Examiners and one of the Property Trustees have all indicated that they are *not* willing to stand for re-election. Nomination forms are available from Liz Griffith-Jones. Any interested candidate may contact any of the existing association officers for an informal chat.

So far one nomination has been received for life membership: Yvonne Towler has been proposed by Andrew Brewster and seconded by Colin Chapman. This and any other proposals will be discussed at the February Executive Committee Meeting and go forward to the May AGM.

Association announcements by e-mail

You can now receive Association announcements by e-mail. The 'EACR-Notices' mailing list is a restricted one – only designated people are allowed to send to it, so you needn't worry about what you will be getting.

To join the list just send a blank e-mail to EACR-Notices-signup@yahoo.com

District e-mail list

To get monthly updates on the district programme, plus other news as it arises and your own copies of district newsletters, join the district e-mail list. All messages are sent as blind copies so your address is not visible to other list members. To join the list just email the Secretary on lizgi@aol.com asking to join.