

# NW DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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## **2008 subscriptions are now overdue**

Please let Liz have your £8 subs as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to EACR and posted to Mrs E Griffith-Jones, 5 Wright's Piece, Henham, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM22 6AX. If arrears are not paid by May 5th your insurance cover will lapse in July. If you are 65 or over you do not need to pay a subscription but a donation would be most welcome. Please let Liz know if you are paying a subscription or a donation.

## **Practice dates from February to May**

### *Learners' Practices – 7.45 to 9pm*

Manuden on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ashdon on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>

Hatfield Heath on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>

High Ongar on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> (tbc)

### *District Practices*

These are held at Stansted on the second Friday of the month from 7.45 to 9pm.

February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, , May 9<sup>th</sup>. *Please note no practice in April because of clash with the Essex Course*

### *Joint Practice with Bishop's Stortford District at Sawbridgeworth*

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

### *Fifth Tuesday practice at Saffron Walden*

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 7.45 to 9.00pm. All welcome.

### *10/12 bell practice at Waltham Abbey*

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. *Ringers of all abilities are welcome.*

### *Other practices*

A 'Beyond Bob Minor' practice is held at Henham every third Saturday of the month from 10.00am – 12 noon. All are welcome but please let one of the officers know if you intend to come. There is a Surprise Major practice held jointly with the Northern district every second Saturday afternoon which is very worthwhile for those aiming to make progress in this area.

## **Saturday 26th April District Meeting at Great Parndon**

Please put this date in your diary now. Details of times of ringing etc will be available later and published on the email list, EACR notices, Ringing World and EACR website.

## **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. EACR Annual General Meeting – election of new Master**

Ringing before the AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral will start at 9.15am. The service will start at 10.30am followed by the AGM. The cathedral ringers will be serving tea/coffee and biscuits before the service in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. Ringing and tea in the afternoon is in the Northern District.

There have been two nominations for Master of the Association so an election will be held at the AGM. The two candidates are Brian Meads and Adrian Semken, both of Coggeshall and both of whom who will be known to many members through the Essex Course. Vicki Chapman is standing unopposed as Secretary. There will also be an election for the 2 posts of Independent Examiner as there are 3 candidates. As the meeting will also be voting on the question of free membership for the over 65's it would be nice to see a good turnout from our district. Please put it in your diary now.

## **2007 Annual District Meeting**

The attendance at our ADM last month was slightly down on the last few years, but our thanks are due to the Saffron Walden ringers for serving a delicious tea and making all the arrangements.

PLEASE DISPLAY ON YOUR TOWER NOTICEBOARD

**Election of Officers.** The Master, Fred Bone, and Secretary, Liz Griffith-Jones remained in office. The new Deputy Master is Roger Collins of Saffron Walden. Mike Slowe of Great Parndon becomes our Committee Representative. Many thanks to Katrina Bond and Alan Elliott for their work for the district over the last two years.

**New Members.** The meeting elected 6 new members: Jo Pimblett of Henham, Phil and Sue Maynard from Great Chishill, Justin Hall from Steeple Bumpstead and Matasha Parker and Stacey Verrall of Ashdon. A special welcome to these last 3 who are all junior members.

**District Programme.** The provisional programme for 2008/2009, is enclosed for display on your tower noticeboard. Please check to see if your tower has been proposed and let Liz know if there is a problem. She will be contacting individual towers nearer the date to confirm arrangements.

### **Striking Competition Finals. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

The NW District is the host for this year's Association Striking competition finals. The format is usually for the 6-bell final to start at 2.00pm. Tea is then served followed by the 8-bell finals in the early evening.

We propose to hold the 6-bell finals at Henham with tea in the Old School, and the 8-bell final at Hatfield Broad Oak. All offers of help for the day would be gratefully received.

### **District Striking Competition and Social Evening – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Another date for your diary. This year's competition will be held at Hatfield Heath and is to be followed by a social evening. More details in the April Newsletter.

### **EACR Annual Dinner – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Forms are available on the Association website or from district officers which allow members to express an intention to attend the dinner as well as specify what format they would like the evening to follow. The booking at the County Hotel in Chelmsford will only be confirmed if enough interest has been registered by the AGM in May. Do consider joining us this year.

### **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](mailto: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 [lizgj@aol.com](mailto:lizgj@aol.com) asking to join.