

NW DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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2009 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 4th your insurance cover will lapse in July. If you are 65 or over and were already a member before 2009 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

Fyfield on Friday February 27th

Great Parndon on Friday April 24th

Wendens Ambo on Friday March 27th

Manuden on Friday May 22nd

District Practices

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

February 13th, March 13th, , May 8th. *Please note no practice in April because of clash with Good Friday.*

Fifth Tuesday practice at Saffron Walden

Tuesday 31st March from 7.45 to 9.00pm. All welcome.

10/12 bell practice at Saffron Walden

Saturday 16th May. *Date and time to be confirmed.*

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 25th April District Meeting at Great Chishill

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 4th May. EACR Annual General Meeting

Ringing before the AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral will start at 9.15am. The service will start at 10.30am followed by the AGM. Afternoon ringing and tea will be in the SE district. The NW district will be providing sidesmen for the service in the morning.

2009 Annual District Meeting

It was good to see so many at the ADM at Waltham Abbey last month. Many thanks to the Abbey ringers for making all the arrangements and for serving an excellent tea.

Election of Officers. The Master Fred Bone, Deputy Master Roger Collins, Secretary, Liz Griffith-Jones and Committee Representative Mike Slowe were all re-elected to their posts for 2009.

New Members. The meeting elected 5 new members: David Chalk of Old Harlow, James Pimblett of Henham, Natalie Chalcraft of Sawbridgeworth, Alice Nicolas of Ashdon (junior) and Edward Brooks of Henham (junior).

PLEASE DISPLAY ON YOUR TOWER NOTICEBOARD

District Programme. The provisional programme for 2009/2010, 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.

Quarter Peal Month. Penny Browne very kindly offered to organise a district quarter peal month running from mid-September to mid-October. This will be an opportunity for people to ring a 'first' of some sort. It would be good to have quarter peals in as many of our towers as possible.

District Striking Competition and Social Evening – Saturday 6th June

We hope to hold this year's competition at Matching and follow it with a social evening. Matching bells are easy to ring so it would be good to have lots of entries for both competitions this year. Please put the date in your tower diaries now. More details in the April newsletter.

Quiz Evening

The quiz evening last November raised over £260 for the Bell Restoration Fund as well as being a lot of fun. Quiz masters Sheena and Gerry Bigland of Henham did a great job. At the AGM the feeling of the meeting was that we should hold another quiz evening this year, but try and avoid the October half-term. If any tower would like to share the question setting do contact Liz Griffith-Jones now.

Child Protection

The December mailing included a letter from the Association Child Protection Officer, Steve Nash, asking for information on who in each tower has CRB clearance. If your form has not yet been returned to Steve, could you please send it to him as soon as possible. He would like a reply even if none of your ringers are CRB cleared.

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@yahoogroups.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 asking to join.