

NW DISTRICT AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

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NW DISTRICT QUIZ EVENING

Date: Saturday 14th November

Place: The Institute, Hatfield Heath

Time: 7.00pm for prompt start at 7.30pm

Cost: £6.00 per person to include a light supper in the interval. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles

Teams of 6 or 8. Make up a team from your tower or come along and we will make teams up on the night.

Entries to Liz Griffith-Jones by Wednesday 28th October please, to help us with catering arrangements

*Do support this event as it is our major fundraiser of the year for the BRF.
Donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.*

Quarter Peal Month

At the ADM in January it was decided to hold a Quarter Peal Month in the autumn. To fit in with (the coordinator's) holiday dates this is planned to be from Saturday September 19th to Saturday October 17th. The main object of this event is to give all the members in the district (that have reached the required standard) the opportunity to ring in one or more quarter peals. Particular emphasis will be placed on 'firsts', eg first quarter, first inside, first in method, first on eight bells, first as conductor etc. This may be at the individual's own tower but could also be at alternative venues (eg ringers at six bell towers wishing to ring Triples or Major). It may be possible for ringers to arrange quarter peals themselves using members from their own or neighbouring towers but where this is not feasible the organising team will try to arrange week-day, evening or weekend quarters to suit ringers' availability, enlisting extra ringers and conductors as necessary.

In order for this to benefit as many members of the district as possible we will need your help. Although we hope to speak to members individually it would be most helpful if you could contact us with details of any quarters that you are planning to organise and more importantly please let us know if you would like us to arrange something for you. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

Quarter Peal Month will also be one of the fund raising events of the year. It is hoped that the usual tower fees paid for quarter peals will be donated to the Bell Restoration Fund. Please send details and fees to Penny Browne so that all the quarter peal reports can be sent up to the Ringing World together

Contact details: Penny Browne, Tel 01799 599431, email pennybrowne@hotmail.com
or Carol Wilkinson, Tel 01799 550488, email carolwilkinson9@aol.com

PLEASE DISPLAY ON YOUR TOWER NOTICEBOARD

Steeple Bumpstead

John Hall is pleased to inform us that he has a number of new learners and Thursday evening practices have recommenced at Steeple Bumpstead.

Practice dates from September to December

Learners' Practices – 7.45 to 9pm

Steeple Bumpstead on Friday September 25th

High Ongar on Friday October 23rd

Radwinter on Friday November 27th

District Practices

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

September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th

Fifth Tuesday practice at Saffron Walden

Tuesday 29th September from 7.45 to 9.00pm

Second Saturday Surprise Major Practice

Please check the monthly emails for venues for this practice. The September practice will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday 12th from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Third Saturday Beyond Bob Minor Practice

These are held at Henham from 10am to 12 noon every third Saturday. The September practice will be on Saturday 19th. Do come along if you would like to widen your repertoire. Beyond Bob Minor doesn't necessarily mean Surprise Minor – there are a host of neglected plain bob methods to be explored. Please give Linda Bullough a ring on 01799 599339 if you intend coming as a learner.

Striking Competitions

The district striking competitions were held at Matching on 6th June. Sawbridgeworth won the method competition with Gt Parndon coming second and Henham third. Sawbridgeworth went on to come second in the Essex Association finals at Theydon Garnon. Five bands entered the call change competition which was won by Radwinter, followed by Sawbridgeworth and Henham. The social evening which followed raised £134 for the BRF.

Saturday 25th October District Meeting at Hatfield Heath

3.30 – 4.30 Ringing at Hatfield Broad Oak

4.45 Tea at Hatfield Heath followed by meeting.

Approx 6.30 Ringing at Hatfield Heath

Congratulations....

To Linda Bullough for ringing her first peal at Henham on June 4th.

District Carol Service Saturday 12th December at Sawbridgeworth

The Bishop's Stortford district of the Hertfordshire County Association are hosting this year's service. Ringing from 4.30 to 5.00pm followed by the Carol Service.

Remember – to get the most up to date news on district events you need to be on the district email list.

To join just email Liz on lizgj@aol.com. To join the EACR notices list send a blank email to

EACR-Notices-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and reply to the request-for-confirmation you will receive by return