

# NW DISTRICT AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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## Practice dates from August to December

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

Harlow Common on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>

Fyfield on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>

Henham on Friday September 23<sup>th</sup> - **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

Wendens Ambo on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>

### *District Practices*

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

August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### *10/12 Bell Practice*

Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> at Saffron Walden from 3 to 5pm. This will be followed by a Car Treasure Hunt – see below

## Open Ringing Practice at Saffron Walden – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

We are reviving the old custom of an 'open ringing practice' when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month. The next '5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday' is 30<sup>th</sup> August. Of course, we welcome visitors to any practice night but 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is an opportunity for more of you to ring on higher numbers of bells (8, 10 or 12) and maybe to try to ring something new. All abilities will be catered for, from rounds upwards. If the main door to the church is closed, access to the building is via the vestry door on the South side of the church (eastern end). We look forward to welcoming you on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Katrina Bond & Nick Eldred (Deputy Masters, Saffron Walden Society)*

## Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> – Car Treasure Hunt

Join us for a treasure hunt through the lovely countryside of NW Essex starting immediately after the 10/12 bell practice at Saffron Walden and finishing about 1½ hours later at Henham where we will be able to socialise over drinks and pizzas at the Cock Inn. Entry fee £5 per car – all profits to go to the Bell Restoration Fund. To help with the catering please let Liz Griffith-Jones (01279 850351) know that you are coming by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> – District Meeting at Matching

This will follow the usual pattern of ringing from 3.30 to 4.30pm followed by a service. After tea in the adjoining Marriage Feast Room the meeting will start at about 6pm followed by more ringing which could include some light-hearted competitions – to find out more you will have to come along on the day. Names for tea to Liz on 01279 850351 by the Wednesday please.

## Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at Albury

Bishop's Stortford District are our hosts for this year's joint Carol Service at Albury. Open ringing will start at 5.30pm with the service following at 6.00pm.

## Association Training Day – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

This year the Training Day is based in Hatfield Heath in our district. Adrian Malton is the organiser and details of how to contact him are given in the 'Rounds and About' accompanying this newsletter. If you want to learn something new or consolidate something you've been trying for a while, here is your chance to do so at a local venue.

## John Palmer

We were most sorry to hear of the death of John Palmer on July 4<sup>th</sup>. John was Ringing Master at Saffron Walden and had served the district as Deputy Master last year.

## Congratulations are due to:

Linda Bowran for ringing her first peal (Clavering 13 May) and David Jacob, Roy Seaman and Peter Searle for ringing their first quarter (Littlebury 8 May). This was also David's first as conductor.

## District Striking Competition & Social Evening

Radwinter/Hempstead won the Call Change competition and Clavering/Henham the Method contest, by just half a point from Sawbridgeworth. However Sawbridgeworth went on to come a creditable 7<sup>th</sup> in the main Essex competition. It was good to see Nazeing entering both contests for the first time and finding it both enjoyable and a good learning experience. Thanks to Adrian Malton for judging.

The competitions were followed by a most enjoyable social evening. Adrian had brought along his handbells and did his best to get us ringing tunes and changes with sometimes hilarious results. Thank you to all who came and helped us raise £63 for the BRF.

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