

# NW DISTRICT AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

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## NW District Quarter Peal Week – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

At the beginning of the year all towers were asked to complete a ‘tower survey’. One of the results from this survey was that 45+ people were interested in participating in a quarter peal week. So here it is ..... your opportunity to participate in our district quarter peal week!

We would like to see as many people as possible take part in quarters but we don’t know what you would like to ring so, if you would like to .....

- ring a quarter but don’t have enough ringers in your tower, or
- ring a quarter but you don’t have a conductor, or
- take part by helping to make up bands at other towers, or
- make your bells available for a quarter rung to be rung by a visiting band, then ...

Please contact Katrina Bond (Deputy District Master) via email at [katrina@saffron.plus.com](mailto:katrina@saffron.plus.com) or by telephone on 01799 542830

Of course, you are welcome to organise your own quarter peals during this week but if you do, please send details to Katrina by 7<sup>th</sup> November for a group submission to The Ringing World.

At the April District Meeting it was agreed that the quarter peal week would be our autumn fundraising event. We would like participants to donate part or all of their tower fees to the Essex Association. Please send both the Ringing World donation and the donated tower fees to Katrina. Cheques should be made payable to Katrina Bond and sent to her at Little Rising, London Road, Newport, Saffron Walden, CB11 3PP.

*Please help to make quarter peal week a success by taking part – we look forward to hearing from you.*

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## Practice dates from September to December

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

Littlebury on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>

Matching on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>

Henham on Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### *District Practices*

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

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

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

Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 to 8pm Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 to 8pm

### *Fifth Tuesday practice at Saffron Walden*

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 7.45 to 9.00pm

### *Second Saturday Surprise Major Practice*

These will recommence in September after a summer break, starting at Stansted on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Open to anyone who wants to ring surprise major.

## EACR Annual Dinner Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Details of the dinner are given in the accompanying Rounds and About. Tickets can be obtained from Mary Bone. Do join us to make up a NW District table.

PLEASE DISPLAY ON YOUR TOWER NOTICEBOARD

## **Saturday 27th October District Meeting at Nazeing**

*Please note the change of venue for this meeting. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30pm followed by a service, tea and meeting with further ringing at Nazeing as required. Names for tea to Liz Griffith-Jones on 01279 850351 by Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> please*

## **District Carol Service Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Braughing**

Do join us for our District Carol Service held jointly with the Bishop's Stortford district of the Hertfordshire County Association. Ringing from 5.30pm, service at 6.00pm followed by refreshments. Last year's service at Manuden was well attended by both Essex and Hertfordshire members, so please do help us provide a reciprocal Essex attendance this year.

## **Congratulations**

To Andrea Tebbutt for ringing her first quarter peal at Great Parndon on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Striking Competition and Barbecue**

This year's contest was held at Great Parndon on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June with Dick Prime and Nick Hughes of Bishop's Stortford judging. 3 bands entered the Call Change competition, with a scratch band coming top. However the Stan Clark Memorial Cup went to Nazeing as the winning tower band.

5 bands entered the method competition which was won by Sawbridgeworth with Saffron Walden second and Great Parndon third. Sawbridgeworth went on to come a creditable fifth in the county finals in July.

After the competition we enjoyed a social evening in the nearby hall including a bring and share supper and several rounds of 'The Bell Game' – a variation on a Beetle Drive. As well as having a good time £167 was raised for the Bell Restoration Fund.

## **Sources of grant funding**

*This letter from Jan Rennie, received last spring, suggests a useful source of funding: Hempstead bells are now ringing again and the ringers are very pleased with the improved 'go'.*

Hi Liz,

Thought you would like to know that we have just been given £2,000 towards refurbishment of our bells by **Stansted Community Trust**. With the generous grant of £1,500 promised by the Essex Change Ringers and what we have raised ourselves we are now ready to proceed with the work. Jim has spoken to the foundry and asked for a break down of costs with us doing the unskilled labouring and most of the dismantling ourselves. We expect to start in April once the PPC has sorted out a safer access to the bell chamber. I will keep you posted as to progress.

I was surprised and delighted that Stansted gave me exactly what I asked for (I believe £2,000 is the maximum they will shell out for any one project). I think they have quite a lot of funds available to try to win friends and influence people, certainly, Hempstead has done very well out of the Trust - £6,600 for various projects in the last 6 months or so. Perhaps other bell towers in the Stansted designated area should bear that in mind if they are looking for funding.

Best Regards, Jan Rennie

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](mailto:lizgj@aol.com). To join the EACR notices list send a blank email to [EACR-Notices-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:EACR-Notices-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and reply to the request-for-confirmation you will receive by return