

# NW DISTRICT DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

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## 2007 Subscriptions – important notice

Subscriptions for 2007 become due on January 1<sup>st</sup> and have increased to £8 for ringing members and £4 for juniors. This is the first increase for 7 years. Please note that membership is free for those who are 65 or over, but the secretary does need to be told that you now qualify for free membership else you will be assumed to have lapsed. If you would like to make a donation in lieu of the subscription this would be most welcome and will go into the Bell Repair Fund.

The secretary is most grateful to those towers which collect their subscriptions together and make a single payment – this makes administration much more straightforward. The Annual District Meeting (see below) is an excellent opportunity to make this payment.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January      Annual District Meeting at Hatfield Heath.**

Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing.

Please come to this most important date of our year.

## Tower Survey

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Tower Survey which is being sent to all towers in the district. The aim is to build up an accurate picture of ringing activity in our towers and to find out what our members really want from their district. Are there alternative practices and events that would encourage more ringers to become involved in district activities. We want to help ringers at all levels in the way that suits them best. Please return it to the secretary by January 18<sup>th</sup> at the latest so that we can have a preliminary look at the results at the January Annual District Meeting. If there is no ringing at your tower could you please still return the form with a note to this effect so that we have a complete picture of our towers.

## Provisional Programme

In a departure from our usual practice we have enclosed the provisional district programme for 2007/8 with this mailing. Please check if your tower is included and let the secretary know if there are likely to be problems with the dates.

## Practice dates from January to April 2007

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

Steeple Bumpstead on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>      Great Parndon on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Thaxted on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>      Fyfield on Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>

### *District Practices*

These are held at Stansted on the second Friday of the month from 7.45 to 9pm.  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6.30 to 8pm *Ringers of all abilities are welcome..*

### *Fifth Tuesday practice at Saffron Walden*

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 7.45 to 9.00pm All welcome.

## Congratulations are due to:

Katrina and Neil Bond on the birth of Charlotte Ellen on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Wilkinson for ringing her first peal at Arkesden on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Platt of Henham and Lee Adams of Clavering for ringing their first quarter peals.

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