

# The Essex Association of Change Ringers

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## North-Western District Newsletter March 2005

### PROGRAMME FOR APRIL - MAY

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April**	3.30pm	SERVICE & MEETING	Steeple Bumpstead
**Please note change of date				
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	7.45pm	District Practice	Stansted
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> to Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> April				2005 ESSEX COURSE
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.45pm	Learners' Practice	Roydon**
**Please note change of venue				
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30-8pm	Joint Practice with BS District	Sawbridgeworth
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	EACR AGM		CHELMSFORD
RINGING AND TEA IN NW DISTRICT – SEE BELOW				
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> May	7.45pm	District Practice	Stansted
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	6-8pm	10/12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	7.45pm	Learners' Practice	Hempstead

### ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

#### New Officers

At the NW District ADM in January Fred Bone was elected as District Master and Roger Burbery as Deputy Master. Liz Griffith-Jones remains District Secretary. Katrina Bond from Saffron Walden becomes our Committee Representative and Assistant Ringing Master. Paul Elliott of Great Parndon was also appointed to the post of Assistant Ringing Master. Katrina and Paul will run some of the District and Learners' practices.

#### Steepleage at Learners' Practices

The meeting agreed that we would ask those attending Learners' practices to pay a voluntary steepleage fee. We have done this at the Stansted District practices for the last two years. Most people give £1 and all the money will go to the EACR Bell Restoration fund.

#### District Practices

The practices on the second Friday each month have a loyal core of about ten ringers who attend most months, but we would like to see more of our ringers taking this opportunity to advance their ringing skills. If you want to do more ringing on eight bells – either triples or major – then do join us at Stansted. It is meant to be a District Practice not an advanced practice so don't feel that you have to be able to ring Surprise Major to attend. Plain Bob Triples and Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples will all be covered.

#### EACR SUBSCRIPTIONS

2005 subscriptions became due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Most have now been paid but if yours is outstanding please could you send it to the Secretary before the Essex Association AGM on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

This will be held at Steeple Bumpstead on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be ringing from 3.30 to 4.30 followed by a service, tea and the business meeting. Ringing will continue after the meeting if time permits. Names for tea to Liz Griffith-Jones (01279 850351) by Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> please.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGM

The NW District is hosting the afternoon ringing after the EACR AGM on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to have 6 towers open for ringing and will be providing tea in St John's Hall at Stansted. The Secretary will be approaching towers asking them for help with the provision of sandwiches, cakes and other goodies for the tea.

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