

The Essex Association of Change Ringers

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Dear Member

Notification of the 2020 AGM – 12 September 2020

In light of the ongoing restrictions on social distancing, a Management Committee meeting was held on 11 July by video conferencing to consider alternative options for the Annual General Meeting.

During that meeting, it was agreed to hold this year's meeting using a virtual platform and avoid a face-to-face meeting. This decision was considered carefully, but it was felt that in the current situation, we could not take the risk of transmitting infection to our more vulnerable members, and we were highly aware of our responsibilities towards public health.

Therefore the 141st Annual General Meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers will be held via a Zoom Webinar on 12 September 2020 at 11.45. Registration will be required in advance; no member will be able to attend without registration. This is to ensure that all present are members of the Association and are entitled to vote. Registration will close on Friday 11th September at 11.45am (24 hours before the meeting starts).

Registration is available by clicking on the link below, or by pasting the details into the address bar of a browser.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LsvtwF67TN2HIFExVE32pg

The full Agenda and the Minutes of the 2019 Meeting are included in the Annual Report.

We have also received notification from Colin Chapman and John Tipping that they do not intend to move the motions they have raised for the 2020 AGM (Agenda Item No7) and will move them in a future General Meeting instead. Any Items to be discussed under Agenda Item No 12 (AOB) must be provided in advance of the meeting. Please could you submit any items or questions to General Secretary at secretary@eacr.org.uk by 11.45 am on [Friday 11th September 2020](#)? Any urgent items of AOB that arise from the meeting (that have not been provided in advance) may be heard at the Master's discretion.

Guidance and practice sessions will be made available to all members. A practice session is planned for 5 September 2020 at 11.45, further details will be sent following registration.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Kelso
Andrew Brewster
Sharon Lacey

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Agenda:

1. **To welcome visitors.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
3. **Please sign the Roll** (via pre-registration)
4. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019.**
 - a) to confirm.
 - b) matters arising.
5. **Statement of Accounts 2019: To receive and adopt.**
6. **Annual Report 2019: To receive, approve and adopt.**
7. **Motions received.** The following three proposals have been received to amend the Association Rules:
 - Motion 1 - To incorporate rule changes that will allow the Association organisation and management to be modernised and become more agile.
 - Motion 2 - To allow all members to vote (except non-resident life members)
 - Motion 3 - To change the majority required for Rule change approval:
8. **Election of Honorary Officers:** The following nominations have been received:

Master	Andrew Kelso
Secretary	Sharon Lacey
Treasurer	Andrew Brewster
Education Officer	<vacant>
Public Relations Officer	Vicki Chapman
Technical Adviser	Nigel Taylor
Property Trustees (3)	Mary Bone, Colin Chapman, Andrew Taylor
Independent Examiners	Neil Avis, George Thoday
Central Council Representatives (5)	Fred Bone, Paul Bray, Helen Bridgman, Paul Cammiade, Vicki Chapman
9. **To name Appointed Officers and to announce changes in District Officers.**
10. **Life members.**
11. **Association Annual Dinner.**
12. **Any Other Business.**
13. **Vote of thanks.**