



Essex Association of Change Ringers

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NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT



Newsletter

August/September 2017

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell, who preached at the Association's AGM service in May, died peacefully on the 25th July 2017. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

If any towers ring quarter peals or other special ringing in memory of Bishop John, John Harpole has created an event on Bellboard, entitled "Essex Association – In memory of the Bishop of Bradwell", to which the ringing can be linked. Rhona McEune will then contact the Ringing World and ask them to publish the performances together.

Ian Kerwin

District Master



August 2017 Events

- ❖ Friday, 28th August 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Single Oxford Minor/Major – please ensure this has been looked at in advance of the practice.



September 2017 Events

- ❖ Saturday, 2nd September 2017: Saffron Walden 10/12 Bell Practice – 10.30am-12noon.
- ❖ Friday, 15th September 2017: Surprise Major Practice at Radwinter – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 22nd September 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.



October 2017 Events



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- ❖ Saturday, 7th October 2017: North Western District meeting and Striking Competition.
- ❖ Friday, 20th October 2017: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- ❖ Friday, 27th October 2017: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm. Method to be confirmed.
- ❖ Saturday, 28th October 2017: Association Annual Dinner at Little Channels.



Bobbingworth and Moreton Practices

Practices have commenced at Bobbingworth on the third Thursday of the month and at Moreton on the first Thursday of the month, both from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, meeting after Moreton ringing at the White Hart, Moreton.



Essex Young Eagles

Well done to the Essex Young Eagles who achieved equal 10th place out of 19 bands at the Ringing World National Youth Contest held at Birmingham on the 1st July 2017. If you know any young ringers who would like to join the monthly group practices, please contact Christina Brewster:

essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk



EACR Striking Competition – Saturday, 8th July 2017

Congratulations and well done to all those bands who took part in the 6 and 8 Bell Striking Competitions finals held on Saturday, 8th July 2017. Sawbridgeworth represented the NW District in the 6 bell competition and achieved 2nd place, so well done to that band. Unfortunately, Bishops Stortford was unable to arrange a band. The full results of the 6 bell competition, held at Colne Engaine, were:

Position	Tower	Faults
1	Kirby-le-Soken	14
2	Sawbridgeworth	19
3	Langdon Hills	21
4	Writtle	25
5	Mistley	28.5
6	Hornchurch	31.5
7	Kelvedon/Braintree	38
8	Great Baddow	47
9	West Ham	56.5
10	Coggeshall	64



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Sawbridgeworth band: Fred Bone, Clive Moore, Gerald Pearson, Mary Bone, Jane Walters, Ro Kelsell.

The full results of the 8 bell competition, held at Earls Colne, were:

Position	District	Faults
1	South Eastern	36.5
2	Northern	42.5
3=	North Eastern	47.5
3=	Southern	47.5
5	North Western	105.5



North Western band:

Clive Moore, Nick Hughes, Fred Bone, Ian Kerwin, Jane Walters, Mary Bone, Roger Collins, Roger Pascoe.

Thanks go to Liz Griffith-Jones for arranging the 8 bell band and Fred Bone for conducting, although coming last it was disappointing by the score differences as the band didn't think they had done a bad job!

Thank you to Cherril and Jeremy Spiller who did a fine job judging both competitions and to the Northern District who provided some challenging bells to ring and some delicious afternoon refreshments.



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It would be really useful if next year more accomplished ringers could make themselves available for these competitions, giving our District a better chance of improving our performances.

Ian Kerwin
District Master



Want to know what's going on?

- ❖ For the last few years we have been discussing using social media to promote, inform and discuss all things bell ringing in our District. We now have a Facebook page, and although it is early days, the uptake so far has been disappointing. Please consider joining the NW District Facebook page by contacting Ian Kerwin via Facebook on:

North Western District EACR

Once you are a friend, you will be able to put items on this Facebook page, for example, if you are looking for ringers for weddings or you have information you wish to share.

- ❖ The North Western District Events Programme 2017 can be accessed via www.eacr.org.uk or contact me on sue.evans.nwsecretary@gmail.com.
- ❖ The EACR Calendar of Events contains lots of information; access via www.eacr.org.uk/events
- ❖ Why not join the EACR Notices group, a free 'announcement' mailing list – to join, contact: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EACR-Notices>



Heritage Open Days

7th-10th September 2017

Registration for Heritage Open Days is now open – another opportunity to get local people into your tower and possibly attract new learners. Check the website <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> for further information.



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Association Annual Dinner

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, 28th October 2017 at Little Channels, Little Waltham. Contact Andrew Brewster for tickets on treasurer@eacr.org.uk.



Charmborough Mini Ring

The Charmborough Mini Ring is now based locally and is available for hire for fetes, village days, etc. Apart from being fun, it is hoped that the mini ring will encourage new recruits to bell ringing. Booking details can be found at www.charmborough.org/hiring

The last time to see and try the mini ring in the District this year is at Bobbingworth on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August 2017. So far, touches of Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Cambridge have been successfully rung so why not go along and have a go.



Tower Support Practices

Tower support practices were recently held at Waltham Abbey and Willingale, and both towers would like to express their thanks to Liz Griffith-Jones and all the helpers who came along to both practices to offer their advice and experience.

Tower support practices can be arranged on your own practice nights via your Tower Captain. With the support of more experienced ringers, these are certainly worthwhile practices so please contact me to request dates.



Autumn Ringing School

It's nearly that time of year again for ringers to consider what methods they would like to have a go at learning at the next ringing course. The course runs on Saturdays for eight weeks during October and November, although dependent upon responses, it may be that two courses will be run concurrently, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. So, now is your chance to have YOUR say so YOUR course can be provided to meet YOUR requirements. Please contact Ian Kerwin as soon as possible with your suggestions to allow sufficient time for all the necessary arrangements to be made.



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Easyfundraising

Do you shop on line for package holidays, clothes, car insurance, groceries and business purchases? If so, would you like to collect free donations for the EACR, which won't cost you a penny? Sounds good? Well, by joining easyfundraising and shopping via the website or phone App, you will be helping to raise funds for the EACR. It's easy to get started and to access the many companies in the scheme, go to: easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers.



Future Newsletters

- ❖ Don't forget to let me know about any items you would like included in the next newsletter.
- ❖ If you are aware of anyone who is not receiving either this newsletter or EACR notices, please ask them to contact me.



Willingale Ringing Tour – Saturday, 22nd July 2017

To celebrate Kieran Kerwin's recent birthday, a ringing tour was arranged for the Willingale ringers and friends. Of course, the day could only begin with breakfast at the Norton



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Heath Café where some of us met around 7.30am – guaranteed to set us up for the day ahead!

The first tower on our list was North Ockendon, an anti-clockwise 6, closely followed by South Ockendon, a set of 8 extremely light bells, challenging from both aspects but a lovely ring. The third tower of the morning was partaking of lunch at the Whitmore Arms, a along from the tower.



Orsett, before short walk

The first tower of the afternoon was Stanford le Hope, followed by Fobbing, both with sets of 8 bells.



oved to South Benfleet, and finally to the last tower of the day at of 8 bells, and where we were applauded by some onlookers – clearly our ringing throughout the day on 8 bells was proving to be of great value!

We ended dinner and



the day at the Prince Albert in Blackmore for a well earned glass [or two!] of liquid refreshment.

We would

to enable us to ring and for making us so welcome, along with the tea and biscuits which appreciated.



ing and tiring, we thoroughly enjoyed our day, with a number of the towers providing very challenging rings but ending with a sense of achievement when the ringing went well.



Sue Evans



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