



November-December 2021



NW District Meeting and Call Change Competition – Saturday, 9th October 2021

The District meeting, attended by 42 ringers and visitors, took place at Matching on Saturday, 9th October 2021, followed by the Call Change Competition. It was so good meeting up with other ringers after such a long time and it was extremely encouraging to see that so many ringers had returned to their towers, evidenced by the eight bands participating in the competition. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and took part in the competition, those who helped with the arrangements and our competition judge, Tony Crowther – Secretary, Hertford County Association of Change Ringers. Altogether a very successful morning - well done to all.



1st Saffron Walden



2nd Willingale



3rd Henham

Place	Band	Faults
1 st	Saffron Walden	18
2 nd	Willingale	25
3 rd	Henham	40
4 th	Sawbridgeworth	43
5 th	Thaxted	76
6 th	Hatfield Broad Oak – Sunday Service	80
7 th	Moreton	89
8 th	Harlow and Nazeing	90



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District Carol Service 2021 - Thaxted

This year's District Carol Service will be held on Saturday, 11th December 2021 at St John the Baptist with Our Lady and St Laurence, Thaxted CM6 2PE. Open ringing will commence at 3.00pm and the Service will start at 4.00pm, followed by refreshments. The Service will be taken by Revd Susannah Lacon, Vicar at Thaxted. Although it is officially Revd Lacon's day off, she is coming in especially to take the service. Being a bell ringer who hasn't rung for some time, Revd Lacon is also considering having a ring. With this being the first District Carol Service for two years, we look forward to seeing as many ringers as possible to enjoy the afternoon.



District Bob Doubles Training Day

A reminder that the one-day Bob Doubles training day will take place at Henham on Saturday, 20th November 2021 and is a good opportunity for those ringers who would like to 'brush off' those rusty skills. Please contact Ian Kerwin on iankerwin@btinternet.com to either book your place or ask your questions.



Essex Association Annual Dinner – Saturday, 9th October 2021

The 66th Association Dinner took place on Saturday, 9th October 2021 at Benton Hall Golf and Country Club. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and details of the evening are available [here](#). There are also more photos on the [Facebook page](#).



NW District Annual General Meeting

The ADM will take place on Saturday, 29th January 2022 at St Christopher's, Willingale, commencing with open ringing at 2.30pm, the Service at 3.45pm, followed by tea and the meeting at the Village Hall. Not only is this an early date for your diaries, nearer the time I will be looking for volunteers to help organise the event. Further details will be circulated in due course.



District WhatsApp

If you would like to be added to the above, please let Sue Evans have your mobile number.



Recruitment and Training Grants

A set of criteria has now been agreed for applications to be made for grants from the Association Recruitment and Training Fund. This is a new initiative to encourage the development and preservation of bell ringing in Essex. Districts, towers and individuals are invited to apply for grants to facilitate and enable training and ringers' skill advancement. The grants criteria and application form can be found on the EACR website [Recruitment and Training Fund - Essex Association of Change Ringers \(eacr.org.uk\)](#) – please contact Beth Johnson, Education Officer on education@eacr.org.uk in the first instance about making applications.



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Sunday Picnic

Thaxted ringers enjoyed a wonderful Sunday afternoon, courtesy of tower secretary Cathy Lowe, who hosted a picnic in her garden on Sunday, 22nd August. The afternoon commenced with a sumptuous buffet, all prepared by Cathy and her daughter Rebecca. Fortunately, the threat of rain failed to materialise and after second helpings, we embarked on a series of activities, including croquet, table tennis and a strange game with string and cardboard bell cut-outs! It was all such a lot of fun. We finished with tea, and as you would imagine a fair amount of bell ringing discussion.



Trevor Haynes, Thaxted



Willingale Ringing Tour



A ringing tour in Cambridge, organised by Ian and Denise Kerwin, took place with a number of Willingale ringers on Saturday, 2nd October 2021. Five towers were on the itinerary – Barrington, Little Eversden, Haslingfield, Barton and Toft – with a well-earned and enjoyable buffet lunch at The White Horse after the first two towers. The weather remained fine during the morning but by lunchtime the rain had set in with a vengeance but a thoroughly pleasant day nonetheless.



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NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition

Looking ahead to the above, the meeting and competition will take place on the morning of Saturday, 21st May 2022. It seems a long way off but we all know how time flies by, so make sure the date is in your diaries. Further details to come in due course.



Ringing Towers

At the last meeting the current status of towers was discussed, whether practices have resumed with or without restrictions, any at risk of closure for whatever reason, etc. Thank you to those towers which have responded, information from other towers will be welcomed.



It just remains for me, on behalf of all the officers, to wish everyone a

Merry  
Christmas

and.....

 *A Happy New Year*

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