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NEWSLETTER

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Feedback from members regarding the Newsletter seems to be quite positive so it will continue in the same format for the time being. As I have received no input at all this time, you will please let me know when you get fed up with what I write, won't you?

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A.G.M. 1989

The AGM will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday 1st May. There will be ringing from 9.15 a.m. with a service at 10.00 a.m. when the Right Reverend John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford will give the address. The meeting will follow at approx. 11.00 a.m. Lunch, prepared and served by the Northern District, will be held at 1.00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Afternoon ringing will be in the South-East District as follows:-

2.00 - 3.00	Boreham	(8)	756097
2.30 - 3.30	Little Baddow	(8)	765081
3.00 - 4.00	Danbury	(8)	779052
3.30 - 4.30	Maldon, All Saints	(8)	849071
4.00 - 5.00	Maldon, St Mary the Virgin	(6)	857067
4.30 - 5.30	Great Totham	(6)	862110
4.30 - 6.00	TEA AT GREAT TOTHAM VILLAGE HALL (on B1022) opposite The Bull public house		
5.30 - 6.30	Inworth	(5)	879178
6.00 - 7.00	Tollesbury	(8)	956104
6.30 - 7.30	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	(6)	928117
7.00 - 8.30	Goldhanger	(8)	905088

Please obtain your lunch (£2.75) and tea (£1.25) tickets from Ann Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford CM2 9PF (enclosing SAE please) by WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL.

Essex Heritage Year

1989 has been designated Essex Heritage Year by the County Council. The Churches have been asked to co-operate and the Association has been asked if ringing could be arranged in as many towers as possible on:

SATURDAY 13th MAY 1989 between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m.

This is listed in the Essex Heritage Year Programme of Events under "Major Events" so let's try to make it a major event. It would be helpful if you would let me or your District Officers know if ringing has taken place at your tower and if a quarter peal is rung, please send me the details together with any donation to The Ringing World and I will send them in together with a covering article. I shall also send the information to the Archdeacon of Colchester who made the request for us to ring.

There are various events taking place throughout Essex during the year, including an exhibition at Chelmsford Cathedral from 28th April to 7th May entitled "Treasures of Essex Churches". This will be an exhibition of church plate, embroidery, vesture, furniture, books, architecture, archaeology, church bells and sacred music from churches and chapels throughout Essex. On 28th April, Peter Came will be giving a talk on Church Bells at 12.45. Our Public Relations Officer, Simon Poyser will be organising the section on church bells. The opening times of the exhibition are indicated in the Programme of Events.

A.D.M. CHANGES

The following new District Officers were elected at the January A.D.M.s:

North-West:	Deputy Master	Frank Warboys
Northern:	Master Committee Rep	David Childs Charlotte Gould
North-East:	Master Deputy Master Committee Rep	Peter Barnes Brian Lord Chris Lamb
South-East:	Secretary	Edwin Parsons
Southern:	Secretary	Mo Venus

COMMITTEE - February

1. All the nominations for Life Members and Life Vice-President were approved by the Committee and will go forward to the AGM. These are:

Life Members: Dr Lewis Castledon (Great Dunmow)
 Mr Geoffrey Isgar (Great Holland)
 Mr Stanley Leach (Great Holland)

L. V. P. Mr Bernard Fairhead (Colchester)

2. In the last Newsletter it was reported that an overhead projector had been purchased; in fact this has now been donated to the Association by Mayflower Business Systems. We are very grateful to them for their generous gift.
3. If you think there is a need for a particular course within your district, do let your district officers know. Our Education Officer, Adrian Semken, is willing to either assist with arrangements or run courses.
4. The following proposal was put forward from the South-West District:

"That the Association should sponsor young learners to attend Hereford and Central Council courses."

This was discussed at some length and it was agreed that considerable thought would have to be given to how such a proposal could be implemented. Who would decide who is eligible? How much money would be involved? etc. etc. Adrian Semken agreed to prepare a discussion paper for the next Committee Meeting partly based on feedback from members at district meetings. Have YOU any views on this subject? Make sure you make them known at your next district meeting.

5. Grants agreed for restoration work were as follows: Matching - £2,000; Tollesbury - £1,000; Rettendon - £150 (approx); Great Bromley - £1,000. It is hoped to arrange a seminar for "unringable parishes" either towards the end of this year or the beginning of next year.
6. The new membership certificates have been printed and will now be given to new members together with a copy of the rules. Existing members can purchase a certificate for 20p.

Are we divisive?

At the Committee Meeting we were advised of the forthcoming Diocesan Residential Conference which is taking place at Caister on 22nd/23rd April and involves all the clergy of the Diocese. The theme for the conference is "Fragmentation within the Church" and during the weekend various stories will be told based on the personal experience of the minister concerned and highlighting some way in which fragmentation has either promoted or hindered the growth of the Kingdom. The accounts are supposed to be based on situations which are on-going or fairly recent and not fully resolved. Following the stories, working groups will discuss the situation highlighted. One of the stories will be "The divisive effect of bellringers' attitudes to the Church". Do YOU think your attitude is divisive? Or, perhaps more importantly, does your incumbent think your attitude is divisive? If you get any feedback, either positive or negative, from your minister following the conference, any of the District or Association officers would be interested to hear of it.

1989 DINNER

The 1989 Annual Dinner and Dance will be held at the Marconi Club, Chelmsford on SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER. Please note the change of date which was due to a mix-up with the Club, and make every effort to attend for an enjoyable evening chatting with friends, renewing old acquaintances and generally having a good time. I shall do my best to ensure the music is kept to a tolerable level so everyone can hear themselves speak! A change of venue is being considered for 1990 and if anyone has any ideas of suitable locations - not too expensive, fairly central, accommodating up to 150 people - do please let me know.

12-Bell Competition

At the eliminator contest of the National 12-Bell Competition at Chelmsford on March 18th, the Chelmsford band came second out of 6 teams. Together with the Ancient Society of College Youths, they will go forward to the finals which will be held at St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol on Saturday 17th June with 8 teams participating.

INSURANCE

The following are excerpts from insurance policies held by the Association. If you would like more information or clarification, contact David Childs who holds the policies:

Public Liability

Personal injury and property damage in connection with work undertaken in respect of inspection, maintenance, restoration and any other work on Church Bells.

Including damage to property being worked upon.

Including liability to members of the Association and member to member liability.

Indemnity £500,000 any one accident, unlimited in the period.

£100 excess each and every claim in respect of third party property damage.

Personal accident insurance

£10,000 each death and corresponding benefits including £100 per week temporary total disablement 104 weeks. Excess 7 days temporary total disablement.

Excluding temporary partial disablement.

Any member of the Association whilst undertaking work in respect of inspection, maintenance, restoration and any other work on Church Bells.

Both policies cover current Association Members (except Non-Resident members) working anywhere in the United Kingdom.

As you can see, apart from your rights of membership, your subscription provides positive benefits in the case of belfry accidents.

David Childs

P.R.

Do you have any photos or other material which could be used for display purposes at an exhibition? If so, please contact our Public Relations Officer, Simon Poyser (0277 841036). He would also be interested if anyone can help with the acquisition of some display boards.

Snippets

Not many snippets from the Ringing World over the last three or four months!

Quarters for Children In Need were rung at Downham, Great Totham, Shenfield, Rayne and Springfield.

On 14th December a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Rayleigh to commemorate the centenary of the first peal in the Rochford Hundred at Rayleigh on 14.12.1888. This was rung after a lost peal attempt.

Jim Towler rang his 1150th peal on 29th December at Ardleigh.

A peal of Plain Bob Major at Stansted Mountfitchet was rung as a compliment to Frank Warboys on being awarded the OBE in the New Year Honours.

Six Roger's rang a quarter at Downham on 27th December.

David and Sue Rothera and their four children rang a family quarter of Plain Bob Minor at the Cathedral on 31st December with Linda ringing her first quarter.

The first peal at Eastwood was Plain Bob Minor on 29th January with two local ringers - Martin Newman and Peter Knight - ringing their first peal.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Engagements: Nicola Thomas and Robbie Jamieson (Downham)
- Births: Alice Jane to Janice and Nigel Taylor (Downham)
Alexandra to Elva and Kevin Lucas
- 90th birthday: Ted Duffield (Colchester)
- OBE: Frank Warboys (Thaxted)
- 61st Wedding Anniversary: Claude & Grace Coulson (Colchester)

Calendar of Events

May	1	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CHELMSFORD	
	6	Rayleigh - District Practice	Southern
	8	Maldon - District Practice	South-East
	13	District Outing	South-West
	13	ESSEX HERITAGE YEAR - ringing between 2 - 4 p.m.	
	13	Colne Engaine - Pub Games Evening	Northern
	20	Burnham - Striking Competition	South-East
	20	Ingrave - Striking Competition	Southern
	29	OPEN DAY	North-West
June	3	Havering - Striking Competition	South-West
	10	Gosfield - Striking Competition	Northern
	10	Barbecue	Southern
	10	Thornington - Striking Competition	North-East
	16	Social - Matching	North-West
	16	Bentley Common - Practice	Southern
	17	Car Rally	South-West
	18	Quarter Peal Week (18th - 25th)	North-East
	22	Terling - District Practice	South-East
	24	Quarter Peal Day & Barbecue	South-East
	24	Great Ringing Day - Saffron Walden	North-West
July	1	STRIKING COMPETITION FINALS (Fyfield/Hatfield Bd Oak)	
	8	Leytonstone - Meeting	South-West
	8	Wethersfield - Treasure Hunt & Barbecue	Northern
	22	Elmdon & Chrishall - Ringing Meeting	North-West
August	12	Colne Engaine - Practice	Northern
North-West District: 2nd Friday - Special Practice at Stansted			
4th Friday - Learners' Practice			
5th Saturday - Sawbridgeworth Practice			
5th Tuesday - Saffron Walden Practice			

Check "The Ringing World" for full details of all practices and meetings.

The next issue of the NEWSLETTER is planned for AUGUST. Contributions please to Mrs Ann Chapman, 20 News Court, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9PF (0245 358040) by 21st JULY 1989.