



## Rounds & About

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### AGM 6 May 2002

The Association's 123rd Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May. The arrangements are as follows:

General ringing	9.15 to 10.15am	Afternoon ringing details and tea tickets
Service touch	10.15am	(£2.50) are available from the
Annual Service	10.30am	Secretary: Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields,
AGM	11.35am	Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB (by 2 May).
Afternoon ringing	Northern District	Please enclose a SAE.
Tea at Gosfield		

Everyone is welcome for the general ringing. Please arrive in good time so as many as possible can have a ring. Entrance is by the West or South Doors - quietly as a service will just be finishing.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been re-arranged after the service. The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2001 Annual Report. Two rule changes have been proposed: to allow for the election of a District Treasurer and to insert "property trustee" as appropriate to clarify the wording of the Rules. Members may wish to refer to the full Rules (printed in the 2000 Annual Report). There will be an election for the three posts of "Property" Trustee as four candidates have been nominated. There are two proposals for election to Life Membership of the Association. All welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Bone

## Danbury Diary

The Association's Executive Committee met as usual at Danbury in early February and we welcomed the newly elected district officers to the meeting. The main items of business in February are related to the Annual Report - as charity trustees the Committee members have to approve the Treasurer's and Trustees' reports. The Committee also discussed the agenda for the AGM and approved two nominations for Life Membership (Dr John Armstrong and Dennis Ellisdon) and two proposed rule changes. These nominations and proposals will be voted on at the AGM itself on 6 May. A grant of £500 towards the cost of repairs at Springfield was voted from the Bell Restoration Account.

The Master was kept busy re-arranging the agenda as several members were delayed by floods. Other agenda items included reports from the appointed officers and from all the sub-committees, further discussion of the Annual Dinner, and plans for special ringing in June for Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Please ask your district committee representative for a full report of the meeting.

Mary Bone

## First peal for 49 years ...

A peal was rung at Matching in January 1992 to celebrate the Golden Wedding of Freda and John Thurston (they were married at Matching, and John has been a ringer there since 1946). On January 5th this year, five members of that band rang another, to celebrate their Diamond Wedding. The band also included John Roberts, of Sawbridgeworth: it was his first peal since June 1952.

## Ringer of the Year Competition

If you haven't started recording your progress for the "Ringer of the Year" competition, there's still time. Get an entry form from your District Secretary.

Fred Bone  
Education Officer

## That's a First!

The following ringers are to be congratulated for ringing their first Quarter or Peal.

### Quarter:

Kennedy Ward (27/10), David Pledger (28/10), David Burton (29/10), Joe Ward (11/11), David Hancock (3/12), Ann Hart (15/12), Joyce le Gallez (16/12), Alan Parrott (6/1), Sue & Grahame Tobbell (26/1), Heather Morecombe (26/1).

### Peal:

John Church (1/1), Mischa Thompson (4/1), Christopher Lee (5/1).

## Annual Dinner

12th October 2002  
Courage Hall, Brentwood

Book the date now



## Ringling for the Queen's Golden Jubilee

Some of you will have seen from media publicity and from the official Jubilee website that there is to be special ringing for the Queen on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002. The Public Relations Group on the Central Council has no idea where this information came from and in fact has slightly different ideas as to how we, as ringers, should celebrate.

Of course there will be ringing on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> but don't we always ring on Sundays anyway? To make our contribution to this occasion 'special' we need to ring at some time other than the norm. It has been decided to concentrate special ringing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June which is the extra Bank Holiday for the occasion. The Queen is to attend a service at St Paul's Cathedral starting at 11.30 and it might be appropriate to time our ringing to coincide with this event. However, the Central Council is fully aware that every village, town and community will be having their own celebrations and feels that any ringing should be linked to and in co-operation with any local arrangements.

I think it would be quite nice if every tower made a point of ringing 'Queens' on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as part of their usual service ringing. It would make an interesting article for the parish magazine explaining what 'Queens' is and how we swap the bells around until they come into this pattern. Quarter peals and peals might be arranged for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or it might just be some general ringing to open the street party or other celebration event. Whatever your tower decides to do, please let me know as soon as the plans are laid. Essex can then lead and enthuse the rest of the country to join in with special ringing for the Queens Golden Jubilee.

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## Association Register

- Birthdays:** Congratulations to John Connell (Braintree) 50 in November, Tony Bloomfield (Dagenham) 30 in December, Peter Childs (Boreham) 70 in December, Terry Earle (Downham) 65 in December, Peter Chapman (Witham) 60 in December, Mick Edwards 60 in January, David Hengeli (Terling) 30 in January, and Roger Bailey (Writtle) 65 in January.
- Births:** Congratulations to D J Felgate (Colchester St Peter) on the birth of Holly Narisara on 20th November, and to Gill and David Sparling (Kirby le Soken) on the arrival of James David born on 26th January.
- Engagements:** Congratulations to Elizabeth Perry (Chigwell) and John Trull who got engaged in January.
- Anniversaries:** Congratulations to Alistair and Janet Donaldson (Coggeshall) who celebrated their Silver Wedding in November, to Pat (Sandon) and Beryl Saltmarsh who celebrated their Golden Wedding in November, Roy & Cherry Threadgold (Wethersfield) celebrated their Silver Wedding in December, Freda and John Thurston (Matching) celebrated their Diamond Wedding in January, and Diana and David Belcham (Rayleigh) who celebrated their Ruby Wedding in January.
- Deaths:** We regret to report the deaths of Urban Wildney (Life Member - Kirby le Soken) who died on 12th November and Margaret Batchellor (formerly Brentwood) who died on 19th December.

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## Butterflies in the Belfry

Nearly three years ago you kindly published a letter from me asking if tower captains would look in their bells to see if any butterflies were hibernating there. I had responses from five people covering 18 towers of which only five had butterflies in them. Clearly this sample was not big enough to draw any conclusions. My friend and naturalist The Revd Tom Gladwin and some of his friends are looking to publish an article on this subject in a journal called The Entomologist's Record and Journal of Variation some time next year. The Journal is published six times a year and it is an important national publication now into Volume 113. I have volunteered to ask you if you would publish another request for information on the subject. Records of bells with and without butterflies are equally important as is the address or map reference.

I am hoping with the increasing use of web sites and email, which don't involve the chore of envelopes, stamps and letter boxes, we might get a better response

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## DIARY

April	4-6	Essex Ringing Course - Coggeshall	
	13-21	Quarter Peal Week	South-Eastern
	13	District Meeting - Leytonstone (tbc)	South-Western
	20	District Ringing Outing	North-Eastern
	20	District Ringing Course	Southern
May	27	District Striking Competition - Bradwell	South-Eastern
	4	Tower Open Day	South-Eastern
	6	A.G.M. - CHELMSFORD & Northern District	
	13	District 10-bell practice - Braintree	Northern
	18	Quiz Night - Laindon	Southern
June	25	District Striking Competition - Belchamp St. Paul	Northern
	25	District 10/12-bell practice - Saffron Walden	North-Western
	1	District Meeting & Cricket Match - Pleshey	South-Eastern
	8	District Striking Competition - Bobbingworth	North-Western
	8	District Striking Competition - Ilford (tbc)	South-Western
July	15	District Striking Competition - Shrub End, Colchester	North-Eastern
	15	District Striking Competition - (venue tbc)	Southern
	23	District Barbecue - Terling	South-Eastern
	6	ASSOCIATION STRIKING COMPETITION FINALS -	North-Western
	13	District Meeting - (venue tbc)	South-Western
	14	District Barbecue - Shalford	Northern

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for August 2002. Please send contributions to Vicki Chapman at 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF. Tel: 01245 358040, or E-Mail vicki@cvevrc.co.uk by 1st July 2002.

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