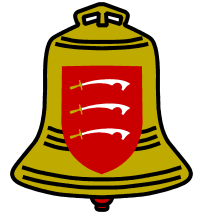


# Rounds & About

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## Special points of interest:

- Ringing Roadshow
- Handbook now available
- WWII and Trafalgar Anniversaries
- 2005 Open Day

## AGM 2 May 2005

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May. The arrangements are as follows:

General ringing	9.15 to 10.15am
Service touch	10.15am
Annual Service	10.30am
AGM	11.35am
Afternoon ringing	North-West District
Tea at Stansted	

Afternoon ringing details and tea tickets (£2.50) are available from the Secretary: Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB (by 28 April). Please enclose SSAE.

Do come along and join the general ringing, especially if you haven't rung at the Cathedral before - the ringing is for everyone. 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 address at the Service will be given by the Revd Canon Roger Mason, our Chaplain. 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 2004 Annual Report. The Rules are available on the website (<http://www.eacr.org.uk>).

Ring in the morning, with more ringing in the afternoon, good company and, usually, fine weather! Let's see if our singing can beat that at the carol service!

Mary Bone

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## Association Dinner 2005

This year's Annual Dinner will be held at the County Hotel, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, on Saturday 1 October. The evening will follow the well-established format, with speeches and entertainment after the meal. There will of course be a bar!



The Dinner is increasingly popular so there will once again be an advance reservation system so you can be sure of receiving the tickets you need. Why not get a group together to make up a table of 7 or 8? A few larger tables may also be available this year. (Deposits will be refunded if the dinner has to be cancelled for lack of support.)

Reserve your tickets **now** by sending a deposit of £15 per person (cheques payable to the Essex Association of Change Ringers) and names for the seating plan to reach me (Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB) by the end of May. Do make sure that you include your phone number or email address as well. The final ticket price is expected to be £25-£27 a head. A booking form is also available on the website.

Mary Bone

## 2005 Ringing Roadshow

Put this in your diary now. Saturday 10th September 2005 at Newbury Racecourse, Berkshire.

Why not organise a coach from your tower or district?

Visit the website at

[www.ringingroadshow2005.org.uk](http://www.ringingroadshow2005.org.uk)



Entry to the Roadshow will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children up to 16, with a £12.00 family ticket for two adults and up to three children. There will be a 20% discount for groups of 25 or more, if tickets are ordered in advance.

## Tovell Bequest

The Association Committee is discussing terms of reference for grants from the bequest, which may include the possibility of making larger grants than usual to one or more restoration projects (in addition to any grant from the Bell Restoration Account). Tower captains or incumbents are invited to contact the Secretary to express their interest and ensure that they receive further details in due course

## On Sale Now!

The Essex Association of Change Ringers Handbook  
£5 from District Officers or £5.75 (inc postage)  
from Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth,  
CM21 9DB



*The Essex  
Association of  
Change Ringers  
Handbook*



## A Good Read

St Andrew's Church Sandon will be holding their Flower Festival entitled "A Good Read" between 28th and 30th May 2005. There will be Tower Tours with ringing demonstrations, refreshments, stalls and Parachuting For Teddies (Sun & Mon). The Church will be open

Sat 10 am to 5.30pm

Sun 11am to 5.30 pm

Mon 10 am to 5.30pm

Songs of Praise (Sunday).

Everyone is welcome. Admission Free.

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## Waltham Abbey Practice Night

Waltham Abbey ringers have changed their practice night from Wednesday to Thursday at 7.45pm with effect from 3rd March 2005.

## Danbury Diary

The Association's Executive Committee met as usual at Danbury at the beginning of February. There were several new faces among the district officers; it's pleasing to note that all districts have a full "set" of officers this year.



The main business of this meeting is always to prepare for the AGM: the Treasurer's and Trustees' reports have to be considered and approved before they are submitted to the members. The AGM agenda is also prepared as the meeting is held just after the deadline for nominations or notices of motion. Please see the separate item about the AGM in this newsletter;

the full agenda is printed in the Annual Report. Andrew Taylor, Treasurer, announced that he does not intend to seek re-election in 2006.

Then we moved on to discussion of the reports from the appointed officers (technical adviser, peals, education, Essex Ringing Course, report editor and public relations). 40 members rang their first peal last year and there were numerous first quarter peals - congratulations to all! The 125th Anniversary sub-committee also reported on the final events of the year. There was one application for a grant from the BRF (tower repairs at Gt Bentley).

There was extensive discussion on draft terms of reference for grants from the Tovell bequest. The Committee appointed Stephen Nash as Child Protection Officer.

Do contact your district officers for further information.

Mary Bone

## AGM Towers

The towers open after the AGM will be:

Hatfield Heath, Hatfield Broad Oak, Great Hallingbury, Stansted (+tea), Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth.

Contact Mary Bone for tea tickets and ringing times.

## NE District Tower Open Day 29th August 2005

This year it's the turn of the NE District to arrange the Tower Open Day, held to benefit the Association's Bell Restoration Fund. With 22 of the 23 towers in the District available, starting at Harwich at 9am and finishing with St Peter's, Colchester at 6pm, it promises to be a fun day of ringing on a variety of bells.

Anybody interested in volunteering as a "roving steward" on the day should contact the NE District Secretary, Martin Jones, by email at [2005openday@ne-eacr.org.uk](mailto:2005openday@ne-eacr.org.uk).

Put the date in your diary NOW: Bank Holiday Monday, August 29th. More details in the August issue of "Rounds & About" and also in the Ringing World nearer the time.

## Broomfield Practice Night

Broomfield ringers have changed their practice night from Tuesday to Wednesday with immediate effect. The practices will alternate with Little Waltham. The next practice at Broomfield will be on 23 March 2005.

## Commemorative Ringing

The 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II is being marked by a day of Commemoration on Sunday 10th July 2005. We have been asked to ring the bells in as many churches as possible at 5pm on that day — why not ring a quarter peal?



The 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar is being marked throughout 2005 culminating in Trafalgar Weekend from 21st — 23rd October 2005. We have been asked to mark the bicentenary by ringing as many peals and quarter peals as possible over that weekend. Let Richard Offen know if you plan to participate by emailing [richard@s4h.biz](mailto:richard@s4h.biz)

## NERVOUS BREAKDOWN BOB DOUBLES

A beginner's version of Plain Bob Doubles where each bell does only one piece of work over and over again!

1	2	3	4	5
2	1	4	3	5
2	4	1	5	3
4	2	5	1	3
4	5	2	3	1
5	4	3	2	1
5	3	4	2	1
3	5	2	4	1
3	2	5	1	4
2	3	1	5	4
2	1	4	5	3
		3	5	4
		4	5	

TREBLE hunts to 5th place and lies 4 blows.

② Leads, hunts only to 4th & down & MAKES SECONDS

③ Hunts up, down to lead, passes treble in 23 & dodges 3-4 UP

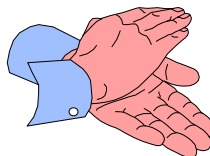
④ Hunts down, and up, passing treble in 5th & dodges 3-4 DOWN

⑤ Lies one blow, hunts down and up, passing treble in 3-4 and LIES 4 blows in 5th (LONG FIFTHS)

Plain course = 12 changes.  
Extends to higher numbers logically.

## That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Quarter Peal recently: Alex Barnes (North Ockendon 18/07), Gerald Cash (Chigwell 05/09), Ashley Smith (Braintree 31/10), Arthur & Eileen Redfern (Wivenhoe 06/11), Wendy Moore (Great Yeldham 13/11), Christiana Michel (Arkesden 20/11), Mike Kennedy (Burnham 24/11), Barbara Leigh (Downham 28/11), Richard Nice (Gestingthorpe 12/12), Sue Aaron, Peter Napier & Ken Elliott (Boreham 19/12), P Braisby (Boreham 11/01), Douglas Bowles (Rayleigh 06/03).



Congratulations!

First as Conductor: Frances Cleaver (Mistley 14/11), Daniel Smith (Gestingthorpe 12/12), Iris Lewis (Woodford 13/12).

Congratulations to the following ringers who have rung their first Peal recently: Sandra Lee & Perry French (Leyton 06/11), Gary Howard (Sawbridgeworth 13/11), Tim Baskett (Great Wakering 1/11), Susan Tobbell (Colne Engaine 05/12), Beth Johnson & Alan Ball (11/12), Daniel Smith (Rayne 31/12), Linda Bowran (Clavering 13/03).

## Association Register



**Birthdays:** Congratulations to Jessie Kippin (96), John Armstrong (75); Roy Walker (65), Claude Pehrson (60).

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Jenny Askew and Andy Bennett married on 5 February.

**Deaths:** We regret to report the death of Bob Lindsell, Braintree.

## Dates for your Diary



April	16	District Meeting – Great/Little Bentley	North-Eastern
	21-23	Essex Ringing Course – Coggeshall	
May	2	A.G.M. - CHELMSFORD & North-Western District	
	14	District Striking Competition – Inworth	South-Eastern
	21	District 10/12-bell practice – Waltham Abbey	North-Western
	21	District Striking Competition – Rettendon	Southern
	28	District 12-bell practice – Ipswich	North-Eastern
June	4	District Striking Competition – Rayne	Northern
	4	District Striking Competition – (venue tbc)	North-Eastern
	4	District Striking Competition – Matching	North-Western
	11	District Ringing Outing	Southern
	11	District Striking Competition – Wanstead	South-Western
	14	District 10-bell practice – Writtle	South-Eastern
	26	District Barbecue - Pleshey	South-Eastern
July	2	ASSOCIATION STRIKING COMPETITION FINALS	Northern
	9	District Meeting – Epping	South-Western
August	13	District 10-bell practice – Coggeshall	Northern
	29	ASSOCIATION TOWER OPEN DAY	North-Eastern



The next edition of **Rounds & About** is planned for August 2005. Please send contributions to Vicki Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, CM2 9PF, Tel: 01245 358040 or email: [vicki@cvevrc.co.uk](mailto:vicki@cvevrc.co.uk) by 15th June 2005.