



AGM 2018

The 139th Annual General Meeting of the Essex Association will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday May 7th. There will be general ringing from 9:15, followed at 10:30 by the service and then the meeting. Afternoon ringing and tea will be in the South-West District. Further details are available from the Association General Secretary (secretary@eacr.org.uk).

Essex Young Ringers Events coming up in 2018

- Ringing World National Youth Contest – 7 July. This event is being hosted by the Southwark Cathedral Society of Bellringers.

Heats will be held in the morning, on easy going rings of 8 in central London or easily accessible by public transport. The top 2 teams from each heat will go through to the final on the Royal Jubilee Bells at St James Garlickhythe in the afternoon. In addition to the contest, there will almost certainly be the opportunity to ring at other towers in central London as well as lots of other activities, not all ringing related!

- Essex Young Ringers practices will continue to take place the last Sunday of the month. The next practices are on 29 April, 20 May, 24 June, 28 October and 25 November. Towers will be advertised closer to the date.

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- Outings are held in March and October. The next one is on Saturday 29 September.

Please join the Facebook group, look at the webpage and watch out for emails on EACR-Notices or via your District Secretary for further details about these practices, outings and events.

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Youth Co-ordinator

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In Memoriam

Essex Association

Bradwell on Sea, Essex

St Thomas

Saturday, 10 February 2018 in 2h 41m (8-0-10 in G#)

5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by C Adams

1 Rhona I H McEune

2 John G Harpole

3 Vicki L Chapman

4 Yvonne A Towler

5 Neil V Avis

6 Colin F Chapman

7 James L Towler

8 Brian G Meads (C)

Specially arranged as a memorial to the Rt. Rev. John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell 2012-2017, and past Vice-President of the Essex Association.

Social Media

Look for us on Twitter (@EssexBells) Instagram, Facebook Page and Group coming soon

Emily Ashton
PRO

Practice Diary

Apr	14	10-12 bell practice	Saffron Walden	NW	10:30
	18	District Surprise Practice	Basildon	S	7:30
	20	Surprise Major Practice	Felsted	N&NW	1:30
	21	Call Change Training		SW	10:30
	21	District 8-bell Practice	Bures	NE	2:30
	25	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
	27	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
May	5	District Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	16	District Practice	St Mary, Walthamstow	SW	7:30
	16	District Practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	18	Surprise Major Practice	Felsted	N&NW	1:30
	19	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	25	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	30	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Jun	2	10-12 bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	10:30
	9	12-bell Practice	Chelmsford	SE	10:00
	9	District 8-bell Practice	Great Tey	NE	4:00
	13	District Surprise Practice	Canewdon	S	7:30
	15	Surprise Major Practice	Felsted	N&NW	1:30
	16	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	15	District Practice	Great Totham	SE	7:45
	22	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
	27	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7:45
Jul	7	District Training Event	Ardleigh	NE	9:30
	7	District Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	13	District Practice	Bradwell-on-Sea	SE	7:30
	20	Surprise Major Practice	Felsted	N&NW	1:30
	21	Evening Practice	Great Tey	N	7:30
	27	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45
Aug	13	District Practice Night	Leyton	SW	7:30
	17	Surprise Major Practice	Felsted	N&NW	1:30
	24	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7:45

That's a First!

Quarter peals:

- 1st quarter at 1st attempt: Bill Hindley
 1st quarter: Daniel Howell, Louisa Hennessy, Sam Rickards
 1st away from cover: Jon Wallis
 1st inside: Ellie Gray, David Bowen, Clare Gebel
 1st Minor: Alistair Finbow, Daniel Howell
 1st Minor inside: David French
 1st on 8: William Beech, Megan Ellis, Kate Jolley
 1st inside on 8: William Beech
 1st Treble Bob: Eric Teverson, Robert Carrington
 1st Surprise: Harry Yarwood-Gowers
 1st Grandsire inside: Wendy Upson, Andy Henderson, Susan V Gilder, Ian P
 Stockwell, Robert Carrington
 1st Grandsire Doubles: Heather McNaughton
 1st Stedman: Julie A Bloomfield
 1st Single Oxford Bob Minor: Megan Ellis
 1st Kent Treble Bob: Andrew R C Kelso
 1st Cambridge Surprise Minor: Peter S J Bailey
 1st Triples: Daniel Howell
 1st Grandsire Triples: Samuel Beech
 1st St Simon's Bob Triples: Vicki Elliott
 1st Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ros C Skipper
 1st Pudsey Surprise Major: Emily Ashton
 1st Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Ros Skipper
 1st 8-spliced Surprise: Andrew Beech
 25th quarter: Graham Lennard, Samuel Beech
 50th quarter: Andy Champ
 75th quarter: Susan Orriss
 100th quarter: Alwyn Brock
 200th quarter: Clare Beech
 300th quarter: Christian J Brown
 1st Grandsire Doubles as conductor: Mike Slowe
 1st Royal as conductor: Ian Cresshull
 40th as conductor: Philip Saunders
 50th as conductor: Christian J Brown

Information to end of February. Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.

400th as conductor: John Harpole, Philip Saunders
125th together: Vicki Chapman & John Steed
200th together: Andrew Brewster & Roger Bailey
250th together: Vicki Chapman & Colin Chapman
275th together: Christina Brewster & Andrew Brewster
300th together: John Steed & Colin Chapman
1st Plain Bob Major on handbells: Andrew Kelso

Peals:

1st peal at 1st attempt: Philip Spalding
1st peal: Connor J F Hodkin
1st inside: Martin C Jones
1st Spliced S Major: Josh L Harris, Jonathan C Mills, Clare M Merivale
1st Royal: George J Vant
1st Grandsire: Anthony J Bloomfield, Clare M Merivale, Jonathan C Mills
1st on 10: Clare M Merivale, Jonathan C Mills
350th: Paul J Bloomfield
650th: Stephen A Waters
1250th for the Association: Yvonne A Towler
150th together: Yvonne A Towler & Neil V Avis
250th together: Stephen A Waters & James L Towler
275th together: James L Towler & Alan P Mayle

Heritage Open Days 2018

This year it runs 6-9 and 13-16 September. The extra weekend has been added to make it easier for places to take part. So why not show off your tower? It's easy to register and you only have to be open a minimum of an hour. It's a great way to let the local community see what happens and you may get visitors from further afield too. Registration opens in March at

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Emily Ashton
PRO

6-bell Striking Competition rules

Some minor changes have been made to the rules for the 6-bell striking competition. Please see the website for full details.

Lady bell ringers celebrate their right to vote

On 6th February 2018, lady bell ringers from Hornchurch and West Ham teamed up to celebrate the centenary of The Representation of the People Act 1918 which gave some women the right to vote for the first time.

The Suffragette movement, led by Emmeline Pankhurst, had been established since 1903. They were determined to obtain the right to vote for women by any means, even if it involved breaking the law. Women paid the same taxes as men and were subject to the same laws, so why not the same voting rights? During the war years (1914 -18) women undertook jobs normally carried out by men and proved they could work just as well. This strengthened their argument for voting rights which came shortly after.

Bells are often rung to celebrate important anniversaries and for this occasion, a team of ladies rang continuously for about 45 minutes to achieve a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles. The ringing took place at St Andrew's, Hornchurch and was conducted by Liz Rayner of West Ham:

Hornchurch, Essex
St Andrew
Tuesday, 6 February 2018
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Julie A Bloomfield
2 Heather Rayner
3 Helen J Carter
4 Elizabeth C Rayner (C)
5 Leonie J McCaughren
6 Rebecca A Woolward

Rung by an all ladies band to mark the 100th Anniversary this day of The Representation Of The People Act 1918 which allowed women to vote for the first time.



L to R: Julie Bloomfield, Heather Rayner, Helen Carter, Liz Rayner, Leonie McCaughren and Rebecca Woolward

Clive Stephenson

Ringin' Remembers



Don't forget to stick the new Ringin' Remembers posters around your community or workplace. Chat to friends, mention it to people in conversation. There's 8 months for them to learn and take part in the Armistice ringin' and a chance conversation could be a new recruit.

Emily Ashton
PRO

Third generation

Part of the Young Ringers group, Inworth local Philip Spalding rang his first peal (at the first attempt) on Saturday 3rd February. Philip is the third generation in his family to learn to ring, as the peal was dedicated to the memory of his grandfather Alan Keen who was a ringer, and his mother Janice Spalding also participated.

Yvonne Towler

From the Registers

21st birthday: Ellie Gray

40th birthday: Nicola Stark

60th birthday: Mandy Miles, Nick De-Vries, Adrienne Wood

65th birthday: Ian Cresshull

70th birthday: Paul Bloomfield

80th birthday: Kath Downs

Engagement: Charmane May to Euan MacGregor of Glasgow, Scotland

Wedding: Dawn Peal and Paul Withams, Great Holland; Nigel Taylor and Julia Montague Jones, Downham

40th wedding anniversary: Jo and Ken Elliott, Great Baddow

45th wedding anniversary: Lin and Richard Ould

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Don Munro, Life Member, of Thorrington; Libby Laurence, of Wickham St Paul; David Osgood, of Thaxted; and Ann Williams, of Colchester.

Independent Examination

As a charity, the Essex Association of Change Ringers needs to have their accounts examined by someone competent outside the trustees to ensure that we have complied with the Charities Act. This is an independent examination. Richard Dunhill is stepping down after 10 years in the role at the AGM in May 2018. Richard along with Neil Avis are the current people who examine the Association's Accounts and report to the Management Committee. To date, no-one has come forward to undertake this important role and work alongside Neil Avis. We currently have over 1,150 members. Surely there is someone amongst our membership with the appropriate skills?

The Independent Examiner is an elected position but is not a member of the Management Committee. Two Independent Examiners are elected to examine the

Association's Accounts. It is expected that at least one has a professional accounting qualification, preferably both.

Their role is:

- To examine the accounts
- To review the district and association records and compare these with the Association's accounts;
- To determine whether the accounts require a formal audit;
- To issue a statement confirming if there are any matters that require further attention;
- To report on the accounts in the Annual Report.

It is not an onerous task but requires time in January to review the accounts with a deadline to report to the February Management committee. Additionally, the independent examiners may be required to act as tellers at a contested election at the AGM in May.

The Charities Act says that the Independent Examiner must be: '...an independent person with the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination.' At first look you may feel that you simply do not know anyone like this! But if we look more closely at what is actually needed it becomes easier:

An independent person should not be:

1. A member of the Management Committee or any of its sub-committees or have any connection with the trustees
2. Closely involved with the administration of the Association

We need to ensure that the Independent Examiner has:

1. Numeracy skills
2. Financial awareness
3. A basic understanding of the different types of funds (e.g. unrestricted, restricted).

Please consider taking on this important role. You can discuss what is required with either Richard Dunhill or myself. Richard can be contacted via the annual report or through me.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
treasurer@eacr.org.uk

A fallen ringer

Private Arthur Bullock

1894 - 1919

Service Number 315973, 2nd/1st, Westmoreland and Cumberland Yeomanry

As a tribute and to commemorate the service of Private Arthur Bullock, a bell ringer at this church. The bell ringers who regularly ring at St Saviours will ring a special quarter peal on Saturday the 24th of February.

It is thought that Arthur learnt to ring at Glemsford in Suffolk and moved to Walthamstow where he began to ring at Saint Saviours.

In the *Ringing World* newspaper of October 1911 an article says that Arthur rang the treble, the lightest bell, to touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor. The band rang for several weddings over two days. Grandsire and Plain Bob are methods which are predetermined sequences of bells and we still ring them today.



Arthur Bullock was born in Glemsford in Suffolk in 1884. He was the second child born to Henry and Georgina Bullock. According to the 1891 census Henry was a labourer and Georgina a silk weaver. They had four other children, the youngest was only 2 months old.

By the time of the census in 1901, Arthur was the oldest child still living at home. He was sixteen years of age and his trade was a fibre worker. As most of the neighbours were employed as coconut mat makers,

*Back Row L To R Beth Stokes, Matt Stokes,
Simon O'Connor, Andrew Bond
Front Row L to R June Gray, Lucas Bent*

those may have been the fibres that he was working.

By 1909 he had moved to Walthamstow and married Jane Mary Ann Billett. She and her family were living in the parish of St Saviours. Arthur and Jane had a daughter Jenny, who was born in 1910. In the 1911 census, Arthur is working as a photo mount cutter and the family were living in Richmond Road.

There are no records which tell us when he joined the army, but we know he belonged to the 2nd/1st, Westmoreland and Cumberland Yeomanry Regiment.

Sadly, Arthur died of his wounds in February at the end of WW1. He is buried in Queens road cemetery.



*Arthur Bullock's Grave,
Queens Road Cemetery*

The band who rang the tribute were: 1. Lucas Bent, 2. June Gray, 3. Beth Stokes, 4. Andrew Bond (Conductor), 5. Matt Stokes, 6. Simon O'Connor

June Gray

Long service

This April, Richard Godden completes 50 years service to Little Baddow tower.

Dates for your Diary

Apr	5-7	Essex Ringing Course	Coggeshall		
	21	6-bell Striking Comp	Pebmarsh	N	5:00
	28	District Quarter Peal Day		SE	9:00
May	5	District Evening Meeting	Belchamp St Paul	N	5:30
	7	Association AGM	Chelmsford		
	12	Spring Meeting and Striking Competition	St Osyth	NE	2:30
	12	Call Change Striking Competitions & meeting	Tillingham	SE	3:00
	12	Method Striking Competition & District Meeting	Thaxted	NW	
	19	Striking Competition	Fobbing	S	5:00
Jun	9	Method Competition & Meeting		SW	10:30
	16	District Outing		S	9:30
	16	Ridgman Trophy	St Albans		10:00
Jul	7	Ringing World National Youth Contest	London		9:00
	14	Association Striking Competitions			2:30

Association Dinner 2018

Put the date in your diary
Saturday 13 October 2018
64th Annual Essex Association Dinner
at Little Channels, Pratts Farm Lane West, Little Waltham CM3 3PR

Look out for details of the menu
and the early bird ticket price
on the website

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for August 2018. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to newsletter@eacr.org.uk or by post to Fred Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB by **1 July 2018**.