



*AGM 25 May 2020*

ROUNDS & ABOUT

The 141st Annual General Meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May 2020.

The arrangements will follow the traditional pattern: -

- 9:15–10.15      General ringing
- 10.15–10.30    Service Touch by the Master's invited band
- 10.30            Service
- 11.45 (approx.) Annual General Meeting to conclude by 13:00

The general ringing at the Cathedral is open to everyone and will cater for all levels of experience. There will be refreshments available in the Cathedral before and after the service. The Preacher at the Service will be the Ven. Ruth Patten, Archdeacon of Colchester, and we will be joined by our Chaplain, Rev. Paul Watkin, who will lead the service. We will also be supported by St. Leonard’s Choir, Lexden and Organist Simon Eavery.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been rearranged. We have a very full and interesting Agenda this year including three motions to amend the Association Rules. The first motion proposes to incorporate rule changes that will allow the Association organisation and management to be modernised and become more agile, the second motion will allow all members to vote (except non-resident life members) and the last motion proposes to change the majority required for Rule change approval.

Other agenda items include the election of Honorary Officers and naming of Appointed Officers and District Officers. The full Agenda and the Minutes of the 2019 Meeting will be included in the Annual Report. Please do come along and have your say on all these matters.

The AGM will be followed by afternoon ringing and tea will be in the Northern District.

Sharon Lacey  
General Secretary

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*That's a First!***Quarter peals:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter at 1<sup>st</sup> attempt: Freja Steinke (aged 17), Isaac Smith (aged 14)  
 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: Zoë K Purdie-Wood, David Mead, Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Tom Prideaux,  
 Ruth Geladovich, David Kemsley, Jacob A Ward  
 1<sup>st</sup> away from cover: Harry Saddleton, James Lawson, Mandy Lawford  
 1<sup>st</sup> as tenor behind: Sarah Robbins, Emily Willson  
 1<sup>st</sup> on Treble: Carolyn J Corben  
 1<sup>st</sup> treble to Minor: Clare Gebel  
 1<sup>st</sup> inside: Sharon Lacey, Debbie Hill, Daniel Howell, Harry Saddleton, Isobel  
 Brooks, Jenny R Ansell, Jane Belsham, Heather Sinclair  
 1<sup>st</sup> Minor: Sharon Lacey, Carolyn McAllister, Sarah Robbins (aged 12),  
 Michelle A Stephenson, Theo Johnson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Treble Bob: Kate Jolley  
 1<sup>st</sup> Triples: Emily A Brooks  
 1<sup>st</sup> on 8: Harry Saddleton, Theo Johnson, Louisa Hennessy  
 1<sup>st</sup> inside on 8: David J Thorpe  
 1<sup>st</sup> Caters: Vicki Elliott  
 1<sup>st</sup> on 10: Brian Meldon, Clare Beech, William Beech, Ethan J Musham, David  
 Buckley  
 1<sup>st</sup> Royal: Philip Briant  
 1<sup>st</sup> Surprise: William Beech  
 1<sup>st</sup> Surprise inside: Samuel Beech  
 1<sup>st</sup> Stedman: Daniel Howell, Eric Teverson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridge Surprise: David Newton  
 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridge Surprise Major: Clare Beech  
 1<sup>st</sup> Stedman Triples: Vicki Elliott  
 1<sup>st</sup> Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Debbie Hill, Matthew Bayley  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grandsire Caters: Samuel Beech, Debbie Hill  
 1<sup>st</sup> Stedman Caters: Ros C Skipper, Gavin S Carpenter  
 1<sup>st</sup> 8-spliced Surprise Major: Matthew Bayley  
 1<sup>st</sup> Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Andrew Beech, Paul Trueman  
 1<sup>st</sup> Bristol Surprise Royal: Vicki L Chapman  
 50<sup>th</sup> quarter: William Beech, Helen C Saddleton  
 100<sup>th</sup> quarter: Vicki Elliott  
 1<sup>st</sup> as Conductor: Kieran Ward (aged 15)

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

1<sup>st</sup> on 8 as Conductor: David A Buckley  
1<sup>st</sup> Grandsire Triples as Conductor: Debbie Hill  
1<sup>st</sup> Stedman as Conductor: Debbie Hill  
20<sup>th</sup> as Conductor: David Buckley  
25<sup>th</sup> as Conductor: David Buckley  
200<sup>th</sup> as Conductor: Andrew Brewster  
600<sup>th</sup> as Conductor: Ian Cresshull  
75<sup>th</sup> together: Stephen Nash & David Buckley  
200<sup>th</sup> together: Hazel Steed & Colin Chapman  
1<sup>st</sup> Surprise in hand: Gillian M Sparling

***Peals:***

1<sup>st</sup> inside: Ros C Skipper  
1<sup>st</sup> Plain Bob Major: John M Church  
1<sup>st</sup> on 10: Nigel S D Taylor  
1<sup>st</sup> Royal: Neil M Pasmore  
1625<sup>th</sup> peal: Yvonne Towler  
2500<sup>th</sup> peal: James L Towler  
2500<sup>th</sup> tower bell peal: James L Towler  
125<sup>th</sup> for the Association: Andrew P Brewster  
600<sup>th</sup> peal for the Association: Paul A Cammiade  
1300<sup>th</sup> for the Association: Yvonne A Towler

*Association Dinner 2020*

Put the date in your diary now  
**Saturday 10 October 2020**

**66th Essex Association Dinner**

at

**Benton Hall Golf & Country Club,  
Wickham Hill, Witham, Essex, CM8 3LH**

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

## *Ian Kerwin's Birthday Tour January 2020*

Back in January we had a three day tour to Dorset, having lunch and ringing at Bere Regis and Milbourne St Andrew on the Thursday. Unfortunately, the weather was so foul we didn't even venture out to a practice evening.



We woke to a lovely morning and after a full English breakfast, we headed out to ring at Piddlehinton and Piddletrenthide, where the ropes were so short even Jim Noon didn't need a knot! Luckily, we had Malcolm and Ann Corry [very experienced local ringers] ringing with us that day, and Ann proceeded to ring on an upside-down washing up bowl as there weren't any boxes! We then rung at Buckland Newton, followed by lunch at The Green Man, Kings Stag. After our well earned break, we rang at Mappowder and the very loud Hazelbury Brian. All the towers that day were over 12cwt; Trevor Haynes was pleased with himself as he put up the heaviest bell and Denise Kerwin discovered

she enjoyed ringing heavier tenors.

As we were staying in Dorchester, there were plenty of places to eat in the evening, so whilst some went out, Denise, Sharon Lacey and I slipped off to Hilton to join their practice evening, surprisingly the only sign of ART all weekend; they were also surprised when we said we would join in with the Mexican Wave. Back in Dorchester we met up with Kieran and Scott and before we knew it, it was the early hours – none of us took much rocking that night!

On Saturday we were up and out for 8.30am, meeting up with Mike and Angie Jasper, two more



experienced local ringers. We rang at Upwey, Martinstown and Maiden Newton before stopping for lunch at the very charismatic Fox and Hounds in Cattistock. We then rang at Cattistock and Cerne Abbas. Back in Dorchester we all went out for a good pub food dinner and real ale. If you're ever in Dorchester and if that's the sort of food and drink you like, search out the Blue Raddle.

A thoroughly enjoyable long weekend with fantastic weather, finished off with Sunday service ringing at Dorchester and a walk on Studland beach before heading off home.

Just got to wait until next year now!!



Ian Kerwin, Willingale

## *From the Registers*

18<sup>th</sup> birthday: Emily Thompson

50<sup>th</sup> birthday: Andrew Beech

60<sup>th</sup> birthday: Clive J Stephenson, Mike Worboys, Paul Trueman

75<sup>th</sup> birthday: Jo Elliott

80<sup>th</sup> birthday: Chris Pain, Ann Beech, Ray Rogers

50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary: Jim & Yvonne Towler

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of David Barclay, of Great Totham; Ken Day, formerly of Chigwell Row; Pat Cross, of Maldon (All Saints); Jim Reed, formerly of Chelmsford Cathedral; Len Bullock, Life Member, of Dagenham; Liz Hull, formerly of Hornchurch; Paul Thrussell, formerly of Chelmsford Cathedral.

## *A Welsh calendar named*

Towards the end of 2017 Clive Moore discovered that there were a set of Delight Minor methods that are named after the months of the year in Cornish e.g. Mys Genver Delight Minor, where Mys is Cornish for month and Genver is January. Clive suggested that, as a project for 2018, we should attempt to ring a quarter peal of each method in the appropriate month. Our project was successful, each quarter peal being rung at either Hatfield Heath or Henham with the last one, Mys Kevedrhu, being rung on December 14th 2018.

With that project complete, we started to think what we could attempt in 2019. Checking the Central Council list of named methods we discovered that none had been named after the Welsh months and also that whereas the Cornish month named methods were all 2nds place Delight methods, all but two of the related 6th place methods had not been named. A little further investigation found two additional similar 6th place Delight methods that had not been named and could be used to complete the set.

Once again our plan was to ring each new method, one per month, and to name them using the Welsh month names e.g. Mis loawr, where Mis is Welsh for month and Ionawr is January. We were again successful, with the methods named Ionawr, Chwefror, Mawrth, Ebrill, Mai, Mehefin, Gorffennaf, Awst, Medi, Hydref, Tachwedd and Rhagfyr appropriately. Once again the quarter peals were rung at either Hatfield Heath or Henham. The band for the Welsh quarter peals was Gerald Pearson, Liz Griffith-Jones, Di Carpenter, Clive Moore, Pat Cresshull and Ian Cresshull with Frank Warboys joining us for one due to the unavailability of Gerald.

Ian Cresshull

## *NW District practices*

**Stansted practices:** 7.45pm-9.00pm, 4th Friday of the month : 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26 th June, 24th July, 25th September, 23rd October, 27th November.

**Saffron Walden:** 10.30am-12noon, 8 bell practices, Saturday 4th April, Saturday 18th July.

**Waltham Abbey:** 10.30am-12noon, 8 bell practices, Saturday 30th May, Saturday 5th September.

Sue Evans  
NW District Secretary

*Practice Diary*

Apr	4	8-bell practice	Saffron Walden	NW	10:30
	8	10-bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	25	District 8-bell practice	Ardleigh	NE	2:30
	29	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:30
May	2	District learners' practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	11	Doubles & Minor practice	Great Bentley	NE	7:30
	13	10-bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	15	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	16	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	20	District practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:30
	21	District Surprise practice	Rochford	S	7:30
	27	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:30
	30	8-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	10:30
Jun	6	District practice	Black Notley	N	7:30
	10	10-bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	12	District practice	Great Totham	SE	7:30
	19	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	20	Raising & lowering in peal	(tbc)	NE	10:00
	20	10-bell practice	Tollesbury	SE	10:00
	20	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	24	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:30
Jul	4	District learners' practice	South Ockendon	S	10:00
	8	10-bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	16	District Surprise practice	Leigh-on-Sea	S	7:30
	16	District practice	Tollesbury	SE	7:30
	17	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	18	8-bell practice	Saffron Walden	NW	10:30
	29	Advanced 8-bell practice	(tba)	SE	7:30
Aug	12	10-bell practice	Coggeshall	N	7:30
	21	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	21	Doubles & Minor practice	St Osyth	NE	7:30

## *Coronavirus*

The information in *Dates for your Diary* and *Practice Diary* is correct at the time of going to press, but events are subject to cancellation or postponement, so please check the website and District newsletters and mailing lists for updates.

Arrangements for **the AGM** may need to be altered; a decision is expected in early April.

## *Dates for your Diary*

Apr	4	District Striking Competition & Business Meeting	Great Easton	N	3:30
	25	Quarter Peal Day		S	
	25	Quarter Peal Day with a difference		SE	
May	8	VE Day – Ring out for Peace			
	9	Call-change & Striking Competition & Short Meeting	Inworth	SE	10:00
	16	District Meeting & Striking Competition	Arkesden	NW	9:30
	<b>25</b>	<b>Association AGM</b>	<b>Chelmsford</b>		
Jun	6	Spring Meeting & Striking Competition	Langham	NE	2:00
	6	District outing		S	
	13	Striking Competition & Meeting	Woodford	SW	10:00
Jul	<b>11</b>	<b>Association Striking Competitions</b>			2:30
	25	District car outing		NE	
Aug	8	District ringing outing	(tbc)	NW	

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for August 2020. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to [newsletter@eacr.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@eacr.org.uk) or by post to Fred Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB by **1 July 2020**.