

NEWSLETTER

NEXT EVENTS

DISTRICT SURPRISE PRACTICE

Thursday 20 January SOUTH WEALD 7.30pm

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday 22 January THORPE BAY 3.00pm



Prittlewell St Mary the Virgin

St. Mary's Prittlewell Bells Fund successfully secured funding for the replacement of the old ten bells and frame. The ten new bells were delivered to the church on 5th November and were arranged around the font for viewing over the weekend. In view of the recent bell thefts, ringers and members of the congregation stood vigil over them during the weekend.

They were blessed by the vicar on Sunday November 7th, as part of the parish Communion Service. Father Shaun Conlon sprinkled each of the bells with Holy water and anointed each of them with the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism, as they stood around the font at the back of the church (see below); the following day The Whitechapel Bell Foundry started installing the bells in the tower, and they rang out for the first time on Thursday November 18th. (cont. overleaf)



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DISTRICT SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE

Methods for the Surprise Practice on January 20th at South Weald (7.30pm) are Rutland and London. Do come along if you ring (or would like to learn to ring) surprise.

Other dates for 2011:
 March 10th (3rd week not available)
 May 19th • July 21st
 Sept 22 • Nov 17th

NEWSLETTERS

Please send any and all reports, pictures, notices etc., to Beth Johnson at bethjohnson6710@gmail.com, Tel: 01277 205102 or post to 67 London Road Brentwood CM14 4NN.

End April- copy 15 April

Mid Aug - copy 31 July

End Oct - copy 15 Oct

End of Dec - copy 15 Dec

Distribution

A newsletter is circulated two weeks before each business meeting. Copies are sent to tower correspondents, preferably by email. If you receive a copy by email on behalf of your tower, please confirm receipt to Beth so we know each tower has at least one copy. Any member may request his or her own copy via email by contacting Beth.



NOTE re DEDICATION SERVICE

As Southend United are playing at home on January 8th (with a 3pm kick-off) please leave plenty of time for your journey! The old school car park (entrance is in East Street a little further along, past the church) will be open for people attending the dedication.

Details of the bells are:

Prittlewell, Essex S Mary V							
Bells <small>Hide Details</small>							
Bell	Weight	Nominal	Note	Diameter	Cast	Founder	Canons
1	4-2-17	1645.4	G#	26.25"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
2	4-2-23	1468.9	F#	26.94"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
3	4-3-7	1311.0	E	27.81"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
4	4-3-15	1226.7	D#	28.56"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
5	5-1-23	1095.0	C#	30.38"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
6	6-3-12	978.4	B	32.69"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
7	8-1-5	874.2	A	35.44"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
8	9-2-25	818.8	G#	37.50"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
9	13-1-11	732.0	F#	41.94"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
10	18-0-9	654.0	E	46.50"	2010	Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd	F
Clock	1¾cwt			21.50"	1800	Thomas I Mears	Y
Service	9-2-5	848.0	Ab	37.81"	1679†	John Darbie	Y

Some work remains to be done in the ringing room, but the Monday practice night has been re-instated at Prittlewell and visitors are very welcome. The new bells sound rather better than the old ones! (Practice Mondays 19.30-21.30h, not Bank Holidays).

Nine of the old bells have found new homes – three bells are going to form a clock chime in the National Maritime Museum of Malta – and it now appears that the tenor may also find a home in Lithuania.



The new ninth; donated by The Essex Association of Change Ringers bell restoration account and The David Tovell Bequest

The service of dedication for the new bells will be held at Prittlewell at 3pm on Saturday January 8th 2011. The bells will be open for inspection from 12 noon and there will be open ringing and tea after the service. All local ringers are welcome.



Above: The new tenor with a young admirer.
 Left: the treble, 2 and 3.



From the master...

I write this as 2010 comes to an end, and I wanted to thank everyone who has supported Southern District events during the year. We have held our usual programme of meetings, practices, striking competitions, the annual outing, which this year visited Hertfordshire, the quarter peal fortnight, and ended with a very enjoyable carol service. Without the continued support of members these events would not happen.

On Saturday January 22nd, we have our annual district meeting which is being hosted by St Augustine's, Thorpe Bay. It would be good to see a large number of members from as many of our towers as possible. At this meeting we traditionally elect most of our new members, as well as our district officers for the next 12 months*. We are also due to be joined by at least one member of the rules sub-committee, who will be able to answer any questions about the new Association rules that are due to be proposed at the Association's AGM in May.

I wish you all good ringing in 2011, and hope to see you all at our district events throughout the year.

John Harpole

* The membership application form is printed on pages 8/9 and can also be downloaded from the Association website (http://www.eacr.org.uk/eacr_membership.shtml). Alison Nash would be grateful of notice of new members.

Barbara Fisher 8-1-1926 to 14-12-2010

Barbara was a well known and respected ringer who learnt to ring in the mid 1950's at Bentley Common, Essex, taught by Les Fisher (no relation).

She was brought up and always lived in the area, working for a good part of her life at Bennett's Funeral Directors, where she can be remembered cycling to and from work twice a day in all weathers. In the summer, Barbara liked nothing more than to head off to the Scilly Isles where she returned time and time again until she was no longer able to travel.

She was secretary of the Bentley ringers for 45 years and on her retirement from the post, she was presented with a mounted bell at a special dinner. This had pride of place in her home and was mounted on the wall for all to see.

Barbara was a member of the Bentley P.C.C. for many years and was a committee representative for the association for a while, ringing about a dozen peals and more than 200 quarter peals, mostly at Bentley Common, some of which she conducted. In 1988 she was elected a Life Ringing Member of the Association.

In the 1960's and 1970's Bentley Bellringers were prominent in running events in the parish and Barbara was one of the chief organisers of the church and school fetes, harvest suppers, rummage sales and Bellringer's dinner and social which ran for 21 years in December and to which local ringers and association officers were invited.

She used to organise and arrange flowers for Christmas, Easter and Harvest, formerly at Bentley and latterly at Navestock churches, and was organiser and one of the arrangers for many years of the renowned Navestock Flower Festival, generally with a biblical theme.

She rang regularly at Bentley Common, morning and evening for many years until evening services were discontinued and then after the restoration of the bells at Navestock around 1980, she rang at Bentley Common in the morning and Navestock in the evening.

Sadly, arthritis in her neck and shoulders forced her to give up ringing two or three years ago and after a short spell in hospital, a loyal and regular ringer for more than 50 years was lost to us.

Barbara will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by many.

With thanks to Ron Brown and Rowena Marshall

Barbara's funeral service will be at 11.30am on Monday 10th January at Navestock.

Family flowers only please but any donations will be gladly accepted in aid of the RNLI.



The Essex Association Bookstall needs a new Custodian!

I find I have been running the bookstall now for five years and it really is time that someone else had the entertainment of running it.

No, this is not sarcasm at all. It really is fun.

What I had not appreciated when I first took it on is how much you get out and about.

You take the bookstall – three manageable boxes of books, booklets and leaflets – to the Association Training Day (I'll still do that this year). You get to ring at towers you might otherwise have no excuse to go to, and you meet – and help – eager learners.

You take it to as many of the Annual District Meetings as you can manage – usually four – and find yourself in parts of Essex you did not know existed – and ringing bells you did not know existed. And you meet lots of other ringers who are pleased to see you!

And you go to the Essex Ringing Course. This does not prevent you being a helper or a learner on the Course because you aren't there when potential customers aren't there. Or to put it the other way, you're back at Honeywood School when everyone else is. And people come and ask you about the books. And you meet more people. And you ring more bells.

There are just 100 titles so it's all very manageable. (And you get a chance to dip into all the books.)

So let me know that you would like to do this very worthwhile job! Full instructions will be supplied and I look forward to hearing from you.

David Learmonth

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Rayleigh Update

Rayleigh will recommence ringing on Sunday 27th March.

The extensive tower works have been further complicated due to the ramparts having to be taken down to the string course and rebuilt; the roof timbers were also found to be in an extremely poor condition that required extra work before the lead roof could be fitted.

Simon Smith, Tower Captain



*Above: Showing the rotten roof timbers with the bells underneath.
Below: Showing rebuilt top of the tower.*



Rowena's Dingbat Quiz

The winners of the Dingbat quiz from Bentley Common were Renée Armstrong from Dagenham and Penny Browne from Radwinter. Approx £60 was raised as part of the appeal to refurbish the hand bells - the answers are on page 7.

Call change competition - Orsett 20th November

This year's call change competition was held at St Giles and All Saints, Orsett, on Saturday 20th November. The competition was judged by Peter Smith, EACR Northern District Master from Braintree, who placed the 3 teams who entered as follows:

First – North Ockendon

Second – Orsett

Third – Downham

Congratulations to North Ockendon for winning, and to Orsett who came a very close second.



North Ockendon: Andrew Beech, Brian Beech, Hilary Spooner, Michael Warren, Alison Nash (absent Matthew Scott)

Orsett: Audrey Boreham (1)
Lee Yellop (2)
Judith Church (4)
Vicky Pegram(5)
Rachel Machar(3)
Penny Jack(6)



Downham: Cynthia Costelloe, Hilary Donoghue, Jean Paveley, Roger Dorking, Gareth Bayard, Chris Tucker

MINUTES
Meeting at Orsett
Saturday 20th November 2010

1. Welcome and Sign Roll Book

The Master welcomed all present and invited everyone to sign the attendance book. There were 20 members present.

2. Thanks

The Master thanked Rev. Max Blake, for taking the service and Janet McCheyne for playing the organ. He also thanked the Orsett ringers for the use of the bells and for the wonderful tea.

The service touch was Grandsire Doubles rung by Renée Page-Jones, Ron Brown, Andy Martin, Stephen Nash, Andrew Beech and Hilary Donoghue.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 9 members. A record of apologies can be found in the Attendance Book.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the District Meeting held at Hutton on 18th September 2010 were printed in the October Newsletter, and also circulated at the meeting. There being no amendments, they were signed as a true copy.

5. Matters Arising

The District Officers held a meeting to arrange the Diary of Events for 2011. Letters and emails have been sent out to the towers the District would like to visit next year.

The District Master, John Harpole, stated that at the Executive Committee Meeting in October the Association Master, Brian Meads, praised the Southern District on their Newsletter. A big thank you to Beth Johnson for producing this.

Also at the Committee Meeting the election of new members was discussed. It was agreed the Membership Application Form would have a tick box stating "Please tick the box to confirm that you have read the Rules of the Association and that you are eligible for membership". The Secretary, Alison Nash, has copies of this form if required. It can also be found on the Association website. This form must be completed, and signed by all parties before the form is handed to the Secretary, this includes ratification of belfry elections prior to a peal attempt as stated on the form.

The proposed new rules have been circulated via the October Newsletter and are on the Association website. The District Master urged the members to read the proposed rules and to send any comments to Colin Chapman by the end of November. The Rules Committee will consider all comments and then publish the new rules to be received at the Annual General Meeting in May 2011. A member of the Rules Committee will be at our Annual District Meeting in January 2011 to explain any further points. It was asked if the recent rule change was in the proposed new rules. This rule is 8.4 in the proposed new rules.

Stephen Nash pointed out that the new rules state that the Executive Committee will comprise of only two district officers and not four as is now the rule. He thought this was a bad idea as it could be the case where the district may not be represented at the Committee Meeting at all, due to illness or other appointments.

The Committee decided to purchase two projectors which could be used at the Essex Course and at any district training session. The projectors are to be purchased from the Harry Turner Fund.

The Association Subscriptions remain the same for 2011, namely Adult Ringing Member £8, Junior Ringing Member £4.

6. Correspondence

There were no correspondence.

7. Training

A training day is to be booked for Saturday 2nd April 2011, although no specific method of training had been agreed at present, if anyone wishes training on a particular method or to brush up on a method, please contact Cathryn Corns.

8. Election of New Members

There were no election of members.

9. Future Events

25th November – District Evening Practice at Brentwood, 7.30pm

27th November – Association Training Day, 9.30am at Henham

11th December – District Carol Service at South Weald, ringing from 3.30pm

22nd January 2011 – Annual District Meeting at Thorpe Bay, 3pm

10. Any Other Business

The next newsletter is due out in December. So any information you wish the district to know about, a special birthday or anniversary, etc. please contact Beth Johnson.

Nominations for Life membership are due by 1st December to the Association Secretary, Vicki Chapman.

Prittlewell bells have been blessed whilst they were on the floor of the church.

Rayleigh are now expecting to ring again for Easter 2011

South Ockendon have raised all their money, and hope to have their new bells installed in autumn 2011.

11. Call Change Competition Results

Although only three teams entered a good day was had by all.

Congratulations to the North Ockendon ringers who were placed first, Orsett, on their first attempt at a striking competition were 2nd place and third was Downham. Thank you to Peter Smith of Braintree who judged the competition.

The collection raised - £30.50 Raffle - £48 Profit from Tea - £54
The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Answers to Bentley Common Dingbats Quiz

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. minstitchute | a stitch in time | 19. Don't klat | don't talk back |
| 2. DDDWESTDDD | west indies | 20. Xmaskara | kiss and make up |
| 3. JUST144ICE | gross injustice | 21. Dr. Cri—en | no peace for the wicked |
| 4. UCNCDCECRCWCEACR | see through underwear | 22. ENTURY | long time no see |
| 5. fa th | blind faith | 23. Bjaockx | jack in the box |
| 6. pPPod | 2 peas in a pod | 24. PUNISHMENT | capital punishment |
| 7. thingthing | one thing after another | 25. o2ne | two in one |
| 8. MEREPEAT | repeat after me | 26. symphon | unfinished symphony |
| 9. amUous | ambiguous | 27. ENDSSDNE | making ends meet |
| 10. wh ey, we igh. | Parting of the ways | 28. RASINGINGIN | singing in the rain |
| 11. TENTGOODIONS | good intentions | 29. R/E/A/D/I/N/G | reading between the lines |
| 12. right=right | equal rights | 30. >i | more than meets the eye |
| 13. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz | Noel | 31. LEAST | capitalist |
| 14. STEP PETS PETS | 1 step forward, 2 steps back. | 32. 13579 | odds on favourite |
| 15. blood water | blood is thicker than water | | Favourite |
| 16. irighti | right between the eyes | 33. XSPAINRUN | cross country run |
| 17. PePPermint | 3 piece suite | 34. Oholene | a hole in one |
| 18. BLU E | blue movie | 35. Weather | feeling under the weather |
| | | | feeling |
| | | 36. gener ation | generation gap |



The Essex Association of Change Ringers



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (See Note 1 overleaf)

PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLOCK CAPITALS

Full Name

Surname

First name(s)

Title

e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Revd, Other

Signed (if 18 or over)

I consent to my membership details being held on computer in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (see Note 3 overleaf). If under 18 years of age please obtain the approval of your parent or legal guardian

Please tick the box to confirm that you have read the Rules of the Association and that you are eligible for membership

Parent/guardian (name)

Signed

Membership category

(See Note 2 overleaf)

ringing / Friend / NRLM *

* Delete whichever not applicable

For Ratification of Belfry Election (ratification only applies to Ringing or Non-Resident elected prior to a peal attempt) tick here and add date of Belfry Election: _____

Date of birth

Must be given if you are under 18

Home address

Telephone

Email

Post code

Home tower/
unattached

District

Proposed by

Tower

Signed

Seconded by

Tower

Signed

Notes PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES MUST BE RINGING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
IF YOU WISH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO BE SUBJECT TO GIFT AID, PLEASE COMPLETE THE DECLARATION

Gift Aid Declaration (See Note 4 overleaf, especially 4(c) which applies to those aged under 18)

The Essex Association of Change Ringers (EACR) Charity Number 292250

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Full name:

Address (if different from above):

I would like the charity to treat my membership subscription/donations as a Gift Aid donation from this date forward and for the previous four financial periods (if applicable) until I notify you otherwise.

Signature:

Date:

For Official Use Only (See Note 5 overleaf)

Receipt No: _____ Tick if: Under 18

Elected/Ratified at: _____ on (date) ___/___/___

Has sub been paid?

Amount paid £

N.B. District Treasurer's to send original form to Association Treasurer as soon as possible please

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NOTES (also see Rules 6 and 7, published in the Annual Report)

Note 1: Membership Validity

Election of Members may take place at any business meeting. Prospective members may be elected by a majority vote of members present. Membership only becomes valid when elected **and** when the first subscription has been paid. **Subscriptions become due on election and on the 1st January each year** (cheques are payable to the Essex Association of Change Ringers, or EACR). Membership is in arrears if the subscriptions due are not paid by the end of the current calendar year and Insurance cover lapses if arrears are not paid by the Association Annual General Meeting in May the following year (i.e. 16 months after arrears are due).

Note 2: Membership Categories

Ringling Member: able to ring changes to a standard suitable for Sunday Service ringing on tower bells or hand bells. Changes are deemed to include method ringing, call changes and tenor cover on tower bells or method ringing on two bells retained in hand. You should live within the Association boundaries and choose to pay an annual subscription. Covered by the Association insurance. Can vote at meetings. Those aged under 18 on 1st January are entitled to a 50% discount on subscriptions for that year.

Friend: a non-ringer supporting the work of a local tower or the Association or one learning to ring. Covered by the Association insurance. Cannot vote at meetings.

Ringling Members or Friends can become "Life Paid" by paying 20 times the current Annual Subscription.

Non-Resident Life Member (NRLM): one qualified to be a ringling member who does not live within the Association boundaries and who does not wish to pay an annual subscription. Usually a peal ringer from elsewhere. Ringling Members who have paid five consecutive years subscriptions may become NRLM on moving away on paying the current year's subscription. Not covered by the Association insurance. Cannot vote at meetings. NRLM moving into the Association area become Ringling Members on payment of current subscription without election.

Life Member and Life Vice President: special procedures apply and this form is not valid.

Note 3: Data Protection Policy (Declaration of Consent)

Please note that the details, which you have provided on this form, will be held on a computer and a manual filing system. This data will be processed by the Association and will be included in the Association's annual report and will only be used for ringling purposes. No commercial use will be made of the information provided.

Where you are a tower correspondent or an officer of the Association, it may also be published on the web pages or in newsletters and provided to third parties such as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (who may publish it on the CCCBR website), The Ringling World Limited (for publication in *The Ringling World*, *The Ringling World* website or *The Ringling World Diary*), and to other ringers upon request. The data may also be sent to ringers or bellringing associations outside the European Economic Area (i.e. the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) upon request.

Details of peals rung on behalf of the Association, including names of the ringers, will be sent to *The Ringling World* and may also be published on the Internet e.g. *Campanophile*.

Any restrictions to the consent should be notified in writing separately to the Association Officers.

If you wish to obtain a copy of the data processed, a description of the purposes for which it is being processed, description of any potential recipients of the data, or any information as to the source of the data, please contact the Honorary Treasurer (the Association's Data Controller). Please note that the Association is entitled to charge a statutory fee not exceeding £10 for the provision of this information.

Note 4: Gift Aid

Membership subscriptions and donations can be subject to Gift Aid, which allows the Association to re-claim Income Tax – see notes below or ask the Secretary or Treasurer for further details. To qualify for Gift Aid, you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your subscription/donation in the appropriate tax year (currently 25p for each £1 given). Please ensure you obtain a receipt for all payments to the charity.

- a) Please notify the charity if: you change your name and address; you want to cancel your declaration; or you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains tax.
- b) If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return i.e. the difference between basic rate and higher rate tax.
- c) **Membership can be Gift Aided if payment is made by a parent or legal guardian on behalf of a child under the age of 18.**
- d) If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity, or you can visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/index.htm.

Note 5: For Official Use Only

District Secretaries/Treasurers please note that the Association Treasurer must be sent the original copy of this form for Membership and Gift Aid purposes. You are advised to keep a copy for your own records. The date and place of election, payment receipt number and any age details **must** be recorded in the spaces provided otherwise the form will be returned for completion as this may be required by HM Revenue & Customs for audit purposes.



Quiz Night



Friday 28th January .

7 for 7:30pm start.

At

The Fane Hall

Kelvedon Hatch

(next to the church)

£5 each (all proceeds go to the bellringers fund to have the handbells restored)

Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

Tables of 8.

Please contact: Rowena Marshall, 01277 222814 or
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