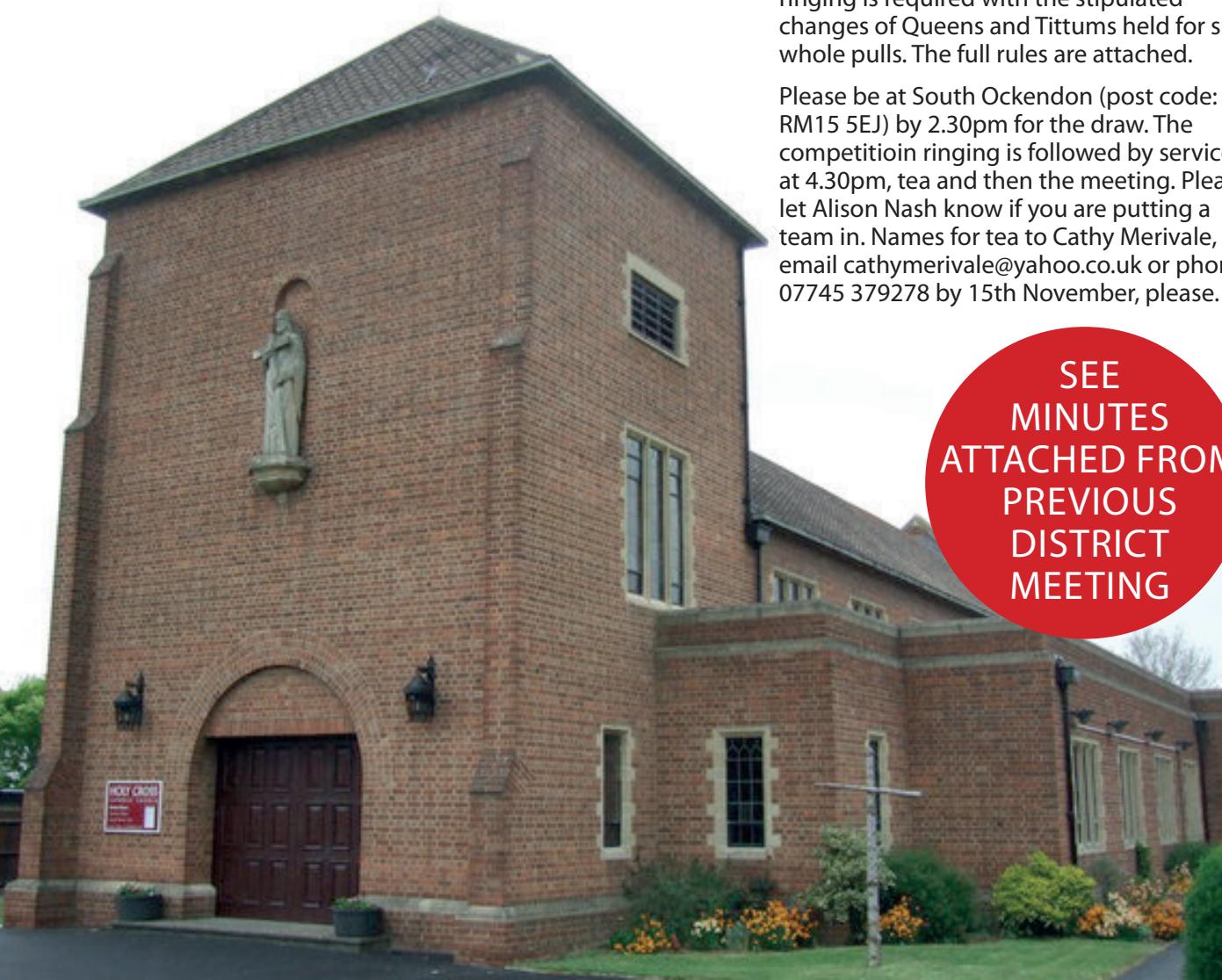


SOUTHERN DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

**CALL CHANGE COMPETITION
HOLY CROSS SOUTH OCKENDON
NOVEMBER 18TH 2.30PM**



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ATTACHED FROM
PREVIOUS
DISTRICT
MEETING**

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JOSE SADLER – A STORY 89 YEARS IN THE MAKING...

Jose was born in Rayleigh on the 17th March 1928, as Josephine Patricia Cox. The family moved to Southend in the 1930s. At the beginning of the war Jose moved to High Wycombe to live with her Aunt and Uncle but was back in Southend by 1942.

She started as a trainee at John Dee's hairdressers in Southend, where the owner had vowed never to employ another redhead, and there rose to be Manageress. Later Jose went to work at Christina Keelings in Chalkwell, riding her yellow bike all the way. The police were well aware of the lady with red hair on a yellow bike and whenever the bike went missing it was always returned by them.

Jose met Bernard at a dance in St Mary's Church Hall. Allegedly she only allowed him to escort her home because he was the only boy with a torch. Bernard had learnt to ring in 1943 but whilst he was away on National Service Jose learnt to ring without him knowing. On his return two years later Bernard had to excuse himself to attend Prittlewell practice and when he arrived was surprised to find Jose ringing.

Jose and Bernard were married on 10th March 1951 and lived initially with Jose's mother, moving in 1954 to the address which has since been their home. This was the home where Jose made everyone welcome, where there were parties with silly games dreamt up by her, flower classes, and most of all an open door. A surprise and delight to her was the arrival of a card from the Queen for both their 60th and 65th wedding anniversaries.

She was one of the first to ring on the newly installed bells at Thorpe Bay in 1947 and had rung 7 peals, as follows, all on the treble.

30th March 1963 Plain Bob Major which was her first peal and Bernard's 25th.

1st April 1964 Plain Bob Royal at Prittlewell to celebrate the Centenary of the Southend Borough.

20th August 1966 Plain Bob Major at Great Holland.

29th January 1967 Grandsire Caters at Prittlewell.

27th January 1968 2 Double Methods, first and only peal rung at West Tilbury.

28th July 1968 Grandsire Caters at Prittlewell, and

31st January 1988 Plain Bob Caters at Prittlewell, by the local band and the 250th peal on the bells.

Ringing holidays were legendary and in 1952 Jose went on a ringing holiday cycling and Youth Hostelling. There followed ringing holidays in Worthing, Ringwood, on the canals, in Cornwall, Devon, the Isle of Wight, the Lake District, Norfolk, Scotland, Ireland and many more.

Jose had rung at towers all over the UK, the Irish Republic, America, Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Italy. Probably in nearly 3,000 towers. But it was ringing at Prittlewell that she was most keen on and on Sunday evenings when people had gathered down the road for tea and cake the words were heard, "Shouldn't we be going ringing?" Later, when Jose could not climb the stairs anymore the cry was, "Shouldn't you be going ringing?!" It is fitting that the bells were rung for her funeral to honour her long ringing career and passion for ringing bells at Prittlewell.

As health issues started to take their toll Jose was happy to leave the ringing to others especially at meetings where in her earlier years she would have been at a loss if not able to organise or assist with teas.

Aside from her children, grand children and great grand children, Siamese cats were a part of her wider family for many years. The joy brought by the temporary additions from several large litters of kittens (planned and unplanned) were a bonus, and the pain of pin-like claws as they climbed your trousers a new experience...

Jose also had a passion for flower arranging. She learnt the art at Southend Technical College in the 1960s and joined the Southend Floral Group holding many committee positions and became Chair of that Group. She also taught the art at night school and held weekly classes in her own home. Jose gave regular demonstrations to local clubs and also held weekend workshops. Jose's great achievement was doing an arrangement for a flower festival at Westminster Abbey and winning the club class at the Nationals in 1976 with her dear friend Margaret Smith. She always attended the NAFAS National Conferences right up to 2015.

Jose did not know all the Latin names of the flowers but her arrangements made them sing and she enjoyed making the church blossom with those arrangements. For many years she provided the table and other floral arrangements for the annual Essex Dinner.

Jose was a remarkable woman who inspired, brought laughter to and the love of living to everyone around her.

God bless. May she rest in peace.

With thanks to David Field



DON'T FORGET

Learners' practice at South Ockendon, Saturday 4th November 10am-12noon

Navestock practices
November 10th and December 8th

District Surprise practice
at Leigh-on-Sea Thurs 16th November 7.30pm

District Carol Service
Saturday 9th December at Shenfield 3.30pm

FRIENDS RE-UNITED

Newsletter read in Canadian Arctic!

Steve Halliwell has reported contact by a junior school classmate he's not seen for over 55 years who was browsing the internet, stumbled on a copy of the newsletter and saw his name against a picture of the Prittlewell ringers. Now a retired pastor and counsellor, she has lived in Canada for 35 years and currently resides in Paulatuk, in the Northwest Territories.

TEN BELL COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Essex band who were placed second in the Essex Trophy inter-Association ten bell striking competition.

Under David Sparling's leadership the band rang the tricky test piece (a plain course of Superlative No. 2 Surprise Royal) on the challenging bells at All Saints, Hertford.

The full results were:

1st – Sussex County Assn 85%

2nd – Essex Association 82%

3rd – Kent County Assn 76%

4th – Middlesex County Assn 69%

5th – Surrey County Assn 62%

6th – Hertford County Assn 55%

Thanks and congratulations to the whole band, also thanks to those who helped out at practices, and to Writtle, Chelmsford Cathedral and Coggeshall for hosting the practices. John Harpole

QUARTERS IN MEMORY OF JOSE SADLER

Rayleigh, Essex

- Holy Trinity
Sunday, 24 September 2017
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Peter Sloman
2 Helen Harpole
3 Ros Skipper
4 Val Banwell
5 Paul Cammiade
6 Steve Halliwell
7 John Harpole (C)
8 James Laken

Rung in memory of Jose Sadler, 17 March 1928 - 13 September 2017. Jose was a member of the Prittlewell band for 70 years, a Life Member of the Essex Association and a friend to all ringers.

Fobbing, Essex

- St Michael
Sunday, 17 September 2017
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Carolyn McAllister
2 Alwyn Brock
3 Cathryn Corns
4 David Belcham
5 Andrew Martin (C)
6 Stephen Nash
First QP: 1

Rung in memory of Josie Sadler, long-time ringer at Prittlewell

Prittlewell, Essex

- St Mary
Wednesday, 11 October 2017
1260 Plain Bob Royal
1 Peter Sloman
2 David Field
3 Penny Sloman
4 Paul Cammiade
5 John Harpole
6 Tom Sharp
7 David Sloman
8 Phil Harrison
9 Nigel Taylor
10 Stephen Halliwell (C)

Rung following a service to celebrate the life of Jose Sadler.

North Ockendon, Essex

- St Mary Magdalene
Sunday, 17 September 2017
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Clare Beech
2 William Beech
3 Julia Montague Jones
4 Samuel Beech
5 Nigel Taylor
6 Andrew Beech (C)
1st of Minor - 2

Rung in memory of Jose Sadler, ringer at Prittlewell and life member of the Essex Association, who passed away on 13th September.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Please note that John Harpole has announced that he will not be standing for re-election as Master of the Association. This is mainly due to the pressures of work. If anyone would like to talk to John about the role, then please contact him on 07969 260929. A job description can be found on the EACR website at <https://eacr.org.uk/about/rules/jobdesc.html>.

Nomination forms are available from the Association Secretary and must be received by 1 February 2018.

A summary of the Association's personal accident and public liability insurance is attached. All members are covered by these terms.

Are you on the Southern District's Email List?

If you are but have changed your email address, or you want to be added to the list, please contact your District Secretary, **Alison Nash** on: alison1nash@yahoo.co.uk or s-district-secretary@eacr.org.uk or give her a ring on 01268 490061!

NEWSLETTERS

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

Newsletters are distributed in January, March, June, August and October – copy date for each at the beginning of the month.

Copies are sent to Tower Correspondents, preferably by email and all members who have supplied their email address.

Any member may request a copy via email by contacting Beth or the District Secretary.



Find us on Facebook

Join the Southern District - EACR group on Facebook. If you are a Facebook user do 'like' the page. If not follow this link : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eacr.southern/>

It's invaluable for sharing information, for appealing for ringers for weddings and funerals, advising when practices are cancelled and so forth. Plus of course, news of achievements!

To become a Facebook member go to Facebook.com. Protect your privacy via the padlock icon and 'settings'.

A QUARTER WITH A DIFFERENCE FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Water Aid is a charity set up in 1981 by the UK water industry with three goals - to provide safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene where it doesn't exist. Earlier this year I was approached by Mark Smith, a colleague at Thames Water, to help him raise funds for a working trip he is making in November to Madagascar, the third largest island in the world with a population of 24 million.

In the UK we take the turning on of a tap and flushing the toilet for granted, but in Madagascar some 11.7 million people have no access to clean water and a staggering 21 million do not have adequate sanitation. Such conditions lead to the spread of waterborne diseases which in turn leads to the deaths of nearly 4,000 children under five every year.

Mark visited my home tower of St John at Hackney in East London on our Monday practice to sample bell ringing and see how we might use it to raise some funds to achieve his target of £4,400. He has undertaken numerous challenges to raise money (sky diving, day as a stable lad, pole dancing, curry night, zumba etc.). We concluded that a quarter peal of doubles was realistic if Mark did the backstrokes and I the handstrokes covering. Contact was made with Mark's local tower at Rayleigh in Essex and a visit to their Tuesday practice proved very positive. And so on Sunday 17th September Mark rang brilliantly for 43½ minutes and in doing so raised over £500 + Gift Aid thereby meeting his target. And the really good news is that once this year is over he intends to learn to ring! You can see Mark's exploits on his justgiving page using <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-smith1967> where you can still donate. We are very grateful for the cooperation and support of the Church Authorities and the Ringers at Rayleigh, three of whom rang in the quarter. Stephen Jakeman

Sunday, 17 September 2017 (9–1–21 in A)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Ros Skipper	2 David Belcham	3 Lydia Roberts
4 Debbie Malin	5 Tim Mills (C)	
6 Mark D Smith (backstrokes)	Stephen Jakeman (handstrokes)	

PEAL FOR LOCAL RINGER, DIED IN 1917, NEAR YPRES

Prittlewell, Friday, 13 October 2017 in 3hrs 06 (18–0–9 in E)

5000 London No.3 Surprise Royal

- 1 Simon A Rudd
- 2 Yvonne A Towler
- 3 John P Loveless
- 4 Andrew R C Kelso
- 5 James L Towler
- 6 Louis P H Suggett (C)
- 7 David G Salter
- 8 Colin F Chapman
- 9 Brian G Meads
- 10 Alan Regin



Bendix E P. Prittlewell, Essex, photograph of family, he is standing, right

Rung in memory of Serjeant Edward Pius Bendix, Royal Field Artillery, a ringer at this tower, who was killed in action, aged 25, on 13th October 1917 near Ypres in Belgium and is buried at Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery. Their name liveth for evermore.

MAD, OR WHAT?

While Helen was away on Brownie Pack Holiday celebrating everything to do with ducks, I did something equally as quackers by agreeing to meet Nigel and Steve at 8 am on a Sunday morning outside St Margaret's, Bowers Gifford (right). We had attempted a quarter peal there earlier in the year, but lost it after I pulled the treble too hard and snapped the rope.



After moving various flower arranging items out of the way, we started ringing Bowers Gifford Singles and quickly established a good rhythm. Ringing on 3 is physically and mentally demanding, and Steve kept track by shouting out the number of courses we had rung. Our concentration was briefly broken by a parishioner ignoring our warnings and diving among our ropes to turn on the coffee urn, and the organist starting to play.

Eventually Steve confirmed we had rung 35 courses and called that's all. We rung the bells straight down, and the assembled parishioners gave us a round of applause and told us how nice it was to hear the bells ringing out across the marshes.

We think Bowers Gifford Singles was developed by Gordon Lucas. Each course consists of 36 changes, with each change repeated 6 times.

Afterwards we went to our own towers to ring. As there were only four of us at Basildon, I started calling Bowers Gifford Singles as call changes – even more demanding than ringing it as a method!

John Harpole

Bowers Gifford Singles



St Nicholas, Ingrave

Wednesday, 11 October 2017

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Jackie Channa 2 Wendy Olley

3 Alan Moody 4 Christopher Bailey

5 John Cousins (C) 6 Colin Tilbrook

To celebrate the life of Caroline Lowe who would have been 65 on 16th October. Sadly missed and fondly remembered as a good friend, former bellringer and a great host. Toasted by the band and congregation after the QP with cider and cake. First quarter peal for Jackie.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE ASSOCIATION WITH JUST A QUICK CLICK!

It is a year since the Essex Association signed up to Easyfundraising (feel good shopping) for free donations.

So far 29 supporters of the Essex Association have raised a magnificent £326.75.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Essex Association of Change Ringers?

There are over 3,300 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, Booking.com and Sainsbury's, ready to give a free donation every time you shop online through easyfundraising.

It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is:

Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/B5JIB7/AMXK3U> today

Enter Essex Association of Change Ringers in the search box

Click Join Us, enter your details and click on Create My Account

Choose from over 3,300 retailers, do your online shopping as normal and our cause will receive a free donation at no extra cost to you for every purchase you make.

Thank you for your support, you'll be helping to make a real difference to Essex Association of Change Ringers.

Please sign up using the unique referral link above and earn a bonus 50p donation for the EACR.

Andrew Brewster

Association Treasurer

RINGING ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO...-

Sam Beech for his first treble bob at North Ockendon on Sunday, 15 October – 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor 1 Samuel Beech
2 Julia Montague Jones 3 Paul Cammiade 4 Andrew Beech
5 John Harpole 6 Nigel Taylor (C)

Paul Wiggins and **Alan Moody** for their first quarter of triples at Brentwood on Sunday, 8 October – 1260 Plain Bob Triples 1 Alan Moody
2 Beth Johnson (C) 3 Julia Jones 4 Nigel Taylor 5 Mark Robbins
6 Paul Wiggins 7 Steve Nash 8 Chris Bailey As a compliment to Fr. Colin Hewitt on his retirement as Vicar of this parish.

Carolyn McAllister for her first quarter at Fobbing on Sunday, 17 September – 1260 Plain Bob Doubles 1 Carolyn McAllister
2 Alwyn Brock 3 Cathryn Corns 4 David Belcham 5 Andrew Martin (C)
6 Stephen Nash

William Beech for his first of Minor at North Ockendon on Sunday, 17 September – 1260 Plain Bob Minor 1 Clare Beech 2 William Beech
3 Julia Montague Jones 4 Samuel Beech 5 Nigel Taylor 6 Andrew Beech (C)

Alwyn Brock for her first in method at Fobbing on Sunday, 3 September – 1260 St Martin's Bob Doubles 1 Stephen Nash (C) 2 Alwyn Brock
3 Cathryn Corns 4 David Belcham 5 Andrew Martin 6 David Buckley

ESSEX YOUNG RINGERS OUTING TO LONDON



On Saturday 14th October, 19 young ringers went on an outing of the Essex Young Ringers to central London towers. Sixteen were from Essex (the other three were friends of George Vant (sitting centre above) who did most of the tower organising for the day), and three of those were Southern District - Emily Willson from Shenfield, Sam and William Beech from North Ockendon.

Towers for the day were:

St Olave, Hart Street (8, 12cwt)
St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge (12, 27cwt)
St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill (8, 9cwt)
St Vedast, Foster Lane (6, 16cwt)
St Clement Danes, Strand (10, 21cwt)

If you have a young ringer in your tower who might like to join EYR, contact Andrew Beech on andrewbeech1@yahoo.co.uk 07957 384764, or call Christina Brewster, Youth Co-ordinator on 01245 421166. Website <https://eacr.org.uk/eyr/>

BELL SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S SHENFIELD

On October 8th, the congregation at St Mary's were treated to a special treat, their ringers came down from the tower and were instrumental in the service. The congregation were welcomed by ringers at the door, and a large screen showed a video of the ringers in action (as they were indeed upstairs in the tower). The hymns were bell-themed, and ringers (all in our blue T-shirts) led the intercessions, read the lesson, took up the elements and handled the collection.

During the 'sermon slot' a presentation titled 'The History of Change Bell Ringing, or how bells got their wheels' was performed, with an explanatory dialogue accompanied by marauding Vikings, drunken ringers and the Rector taking part, wrestling the key of the tower from a ringer off ill-intent. Central to the presentation was an inventive bell model, showing how bells began to be rung from a simple spindle, up to a bell fixed on a full wheel.

The Rector presented Ray Jones with a framed photograph of the church, to thank him for his years as Tower Captain, and after the service there were bell-shaped cookies and a cup of tea or coffee, and a chance for the congregation to chat to the ringers.



The service was well supported, and ringers' friends and family came along too. There were many complimentary comments from church members – and no one can now say they don't know who is ringing the bells at St Mary's. A group photo was taken after the service by the churchwarden of the ringers who made Bell Sunday such a success.

Beth Johnson





The Essex Association of Change Ringers

Founded 1879

President: The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford

PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Association holds two insurance policies for its members. **These notes are intended as a guide only and are not intended as a substitute to the insurance policies held by the Association relevant to the period of cover, which contain the full policy definitions, terms, conditions and exclusions.**

Public Liability

The policy covers bell ringing, minor maintenance and fundraising events. No definition of 'minor maintenance' is available but it would cover routine maintenance and similar activities. Fundraising includes, for example, the use of halls for meetings and publicity and social events (including the use of mini-rings). The indemnity is up to £5,000,000 for every claim with a £250 excess and includes member-to-member liability. The policy is with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. Public liability cover for major bell projects should be arranged separately.

Personal Accident

The policy covers all paid-up members of the Association (but not non-resident members), including any person under instruction prior to acceptance for membership of the Essex Association. The policy is underwritten by AmTrust Underwriting Ltd.

Members are covered whilst ringing or attending to any works or travelling to or from a church or bell tower to practice or take part in ringing anywhere in the world. Cover and benefits payable have been extended in respect of certain accidents (see table below). Cover is subject to the policy terms, conditions and exclusions – for example, cover would not apply to any member under the influence of alcohol.

Benefits payable in the event of an accident		Under 16's	Aged 16-70	Aged 71-75	Over 75's
1	Death	£2,500	£30,000	£2,500	£2,500
2-5	The above amounts are also payable across the age ranges in respect of Permanent total loss of sight of One or Both eyes, Loss of one or more limb(s) and Permanent total loss of speech				
6	Permanent total loss of hearing - One ear Permanent total loss of hearing - Both ears	£625 £2,500	£7,500 £30,000	£625 £2,500	£625 £2,500
7*	Permanent total disablement	£2,500	£30,000	£2,500	£2,500
8	Temporary total disablement	Not covered	£300 pw for up to 104 weeks	Not covered	Not covered
9	Temporary partial disablement	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
10	Quadriplegia	Not covered	50% of 7*	Not covered	Not covered
11	Triplegia	Not covered	37.5% of 7*	Not covered	Not covered
12	Paraplegia	Not covered	25% of 7*	Not covered	Not covered
The maximum Sum insured for any one occurrence is £1,000,000. Medical expenses (20% of the Sum insured up to a maximum of £10,000) are payable for those aged 16-70 years					

Any member whose subscription is in arrears and who has not paid those arrears by the 30th April each year will not have their insurance cover renewed. It is therefore even more important that you do not let your membership lapse. In the event of a claim the Association Officers will decide whether or not you are a valid member based on membership lists, which the Association are required to maintain (Rule 11.3).

The above is a summary of the policies held and in any conflict with this summary and the actual policies, the policies will take precedence. Claims and queries concerning the extent of the cover, exclusions or operation of the policies should be directed in the first instance to the Association Treasurer so that the position may be clarified with the insurers.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
October 2017

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

CALL CHANGE COMPETITION

General

1. The competition shall take place at a tower within the District and shall be open to all ringers within the District.
2. The District Master, or a steward appointed by the Master, shall supervise the event. They shall be the only person with the ringers in the ringing room and shall check that the competition test piece is rung correctly in accordance with the rules.
3. The District Officers shall appoint one or two judges to assess the quality of the ringing, give comments and announce the results.
4. A trophy shall be presented to the winning team and shall be held in safekeeping until the next competition. The winning team may have this trophy suitably engraved.
5. If necessary, the District Master or their nominee shall give ruling concerning matters not covered by these rules, and any such decision shall be final.

Teams

6. In order to encourage less experienced bands to enter, towers which came first or second in the district 6-bell method competition may only enter this Call Change competition if the band contains at least three ringers who did not take part in the 6-bell method competition for the current year.
7. Each team shall be allowed no more than one substitute nominated on the day by the District Officers.
8. Towers with insufficient members under Rule 6 and other than the provision in Rule 7 may join with another tower and enter a joint team.
9. A ringer may only ring in one team. If a last minute substitution is required for another team and there are no spare district ringers available then, in this case, a ringer may ring in another team but only in agreement with the District Officers.

Practice

10. Two minutes of practice rounds and changes (not judged) shall be allowed after which the bells must be set.

11. Stopping the practice and restarting is allowed (e.g. to adjust ropes or use a box) - the steward will "stop the clock" at such points and will tell the team how much time remains of the two minutes before the team restarts. Ropes may also be adjusted and boxes changed at the end of the practice time.
12. Following the practice (including any final adjustments) the treble ringer should signal to the judges that the team is about to start the competition test piece by turning the treble over (not judged).

The Test Piece

13. The competition shall be rung on 6-bells with a covering tenor. Bona-fide 5-bell towers may ring without a covering tenor if they wish.
14. Each team must ring for 5 minutes (including opening and closing rounds). The Master or steward will announce when 5 minutes has been rung.
15. The test piece must start and end in rounds and contain the following 'named' changes: 142536 (Tittums) and 135246 (Queens). Any sequence of changes between these changes is allowed. The 'named' changes must be rung a minimum of 4 whole pulls, all other changes can be of any length.
16. All closing rounds will be judged. The duration of the closing rounds is at the discretion of the conductor, but must be a minimum of 1 whole pull. Opening rounds will be judged after the 5th whole-pull, i.e., from the 6th whole-pull onwards.
17. If during the first 60 seconds of the test piece, the ringing deteriorates irretrievably and is terminated by the conductor, then at the discretion of the Master or steward, the band may restart the test piece. The ringing should restart from rounds and consist of a further 5 minutes of ringing as specified in rules 14, 15 and 16. Faults shall be marked on the completed piece of ringing only, the aborted attempt not counting towards the final fault total.
18. At the end of the test piece, a team will not be penalised should any bell not be able to stand. However, in the event of two teams tying on faults/points then failure to stand the bells will be taken into account to achieve the final order of teams.

Essex Association of Change Ringers
Southern District

MINUTES
Meeting at Great Wakering
Saturday 16th September 2017

1. Welcome and Thanks

The Master, Nigel Taylor, welcomed all present and invited everyone to print their name in the attendance book. There were 24 members present, including a visitor – Robin Winkworth from Woking, Surrey, a regular at our meetings.

A minutes silence was held for Josie Sadler of Prittlewell who had died the previous week. Josie's daughter, Haddie Halliwell, spoke about Josie for a few minutes. A full obituary will appear in a forthcoming District Newsletter.

The Master thanked Canon Michael Ballard for taking the service and Brian Fletcher for playing the organ. He also thanked the Great Wakering ringers for the excellent tea and the use of the bells.

The service touch was Superlative Minor rung by Clare Beech, John Cousins, Andrew Beech, Paul Cammiade, Nigel Taylor and Steve Nash.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the District Meeting held at Canewdon on 18th March were printed in the June 2017 Newsletter (No. 148) and emailed to the 129 ringers on the Secretary's email lists. The Minutes were signed by Nigel Taylor, District Master. The Master thanked Steve Nash for taking the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. Election of New Members

No new members were elected.

6. Future Events/District Programme

21st September - Surprise Practice at South Weald. The District Master hopes to ring the standard 8.

21st October - District Afternoon Practice at Rochford, 3-5pm

28th October - Annual Dinner at a new venue; Little Channels Golf Club, Little Waltham CM3 3PR. 6.45pm for 7.30pm start. Booking forms to be returned to Andrew Brewster by 8th October.

4th November - Learners Practice at South Ockendon, 10am to 12 Noon. Although this event is usually well attended by students, some months we struggle with enough helpers. If you are able to attend your presence would be much appreciated. Coffee/Tea and cake are provided by the South Ockendon ringers half way through the practice.

16th November - Surprise Practice at Leigh-on-Sea.

18th November - Call Change Competition & District Meeting at South Ockendon. The draw will be at 2.30pm sharp. Steve Nash, Deputy Master, commented that as there was a Learners Practice at the beginning of November at South Ockendon this would be a good time to get a practice on the bells.

9th December - Carol Service at Shenfield. Ringing starts at 3.30pm, followed by the service and seasonal refreshments.

20th January 2018 is our Annual District Meeting at South Weald when our District Officers are elected. Ringing starts at 3pm.

7. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 15 members. A record of apologies can be found in the Attendance Book.

8. Any Other business

Steve Nash stated the Outing to Suffolk and North Essex was very enjoyable. Nigel Taylor thanked those who had attended commenting that more ringers had attended this year than any other since he had been District Master. A visit to Bedfordshire is planned for 2018.

The Association 6 Bell final was held at Colne Engaine. Langdon Hills were the only tower who represented our District. They were placed 3rd. Well done.

The Association 8 Bell competition was held at Earls Colne – a very difficult peal of bells to ring. The Southern District were placed joint 3rd place (with the North East). Well done team.

The collection	- £57.80 (after a recount)
Raffle	- £33
Tea was donated	- £10

There was ringing after the meeting until approximately 7.30pm.
