

# The Essex Association of Change Ringers

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## Chigwell Ringing School – St Mary's, Chigwell

EACR is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a grant from Essex County Council's 'Art in Essex Small Grants Scheme'. It has long been the Association's aim to set up a ringing school in the South West of the County, and this funding is now making that dream a reality.

We have been awarded a grant of £1,500 which will be used to purchase a ringing simulator together with all necessary sensors and cabling. The money will also be used to fund the purchase of a PC with a good quality set of speakers to operate the simulator from.

Talks are on-going between senior officers, officers from SW District and the ringers and PCC at St Mary's about the practicalities of establishing the ringing school. We have considered what type of courses should be run and are in the process of preparing all the necessary teaching materials for use on the courses.

It is hoped that the learning needs of a considerable number of learners in the area can be addressed. It will not just be an exclusive SW District ringing school; the facilities are open to any ringers throughout the County. In the first instance, we plan to run a total of six courses, each lasting three Saturday mornings, with the aim of offering consistent teaching and the encouragement of further development back at the home tower.

We do expect demand for places to be reasonably high given the emerging bands in the area, so do please register your interest in a place on any of the courses as early as you can. Courses will be advertised in the usual manner i.e. posters for towers and announcements on the website and in Rounds and About. For experienced ringers, do please support the opening of this wonderful new resource by offering your help on a Saturday morning.

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Chigwell Ringing School is run under the auspices of the Essex Association of Change Ringers and is funded by Essex County Council's 'Arts in Essex Small Grants Scheme'



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