



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019



January 2019 Events

- Friday, 18th January 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Friday, 25th January 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 26th January 2019: NW District ADM at Waltham Abbey.



February 2019 Events

- Saturday, 2nd February 2019: 10/12 Bell Practice at Waltham Abbey – 10.30am-12noon.
- Saturday, 9th February 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 15th February 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Saturday, 16th February 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 22nd February 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 23rd February 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.



March 2019 Events

- Saturday, 2nd March 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 9th March 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 15th March 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Saturday, 16th March 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 22nd March 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 23rd March 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 30th March 2019: Spring Ringing School – 9.45am-12.15pm.



NW District Carol Service – Saturday, 8th December 2018

The second, successful, District Carol Service was held on Saturday, 8th December 2018 at St Mary the Virgin, Hatfield Broad Oak, attended by approximately 50 ringers, family and friends. Open ringing took place from 3.00pm, with the Service commencing at 4.00pm, followed by refreshments in the church. The service was led by Caroline Harding, with Christopher Harding so beautifully playing the organ. It was extremely heart-warming and rewarding following the service to hear the many positive comments of enthusiasm and enjoyment of the service. Great thanks go to Caroline and Christopher, to the readers who so eloquently delivered the lessons, to Edna Halls for her organisation, to all those who in one way or another contributed to the Carol Service, and, most of all, to everyone who attended.

An early date for your diaries! The Carol Service this year will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, 14th December 2019.



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Annual District Meeting – Saturday, 26th January 2019

The District Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, 26th January 2019 at Waltham Abbey. Open ringing will take place from 2.45pm, with the service at 4.00pm, followed by the meeting and, finally, afternoon tea. Please let me know at the earliest if you are attending the meeting and, for catering purposes, if you plan on staying for tea. Christine Brewster will be setting up the Association bookstall at the meeting. It will be a good opportunity at the meeting to get new recruits proposed for membership and if you are able to let me have the completed forms prior to the meeting this would be very helpful. Forms are available on the EACR website www.eacr.org.uk The forms need to be completed and signed, with a proposer and seconder. Hopefully as many as possible new ringers will attend this meeting, providing an opportunity to meet with other new ringers or just to meet up with other District bell ringers.

The current District Officers are:

- Ian Kerwin – District Master, Education Officer, Public Relations Officer;
- Mike Slowe – Deputy District Master;
- Sue Evans – District Secretary;
- Fred Bone – Treasurer;
- Maintenance Officer – Bill Griffith-Jones, supported by Ian Jolly and Mike Slowe.

All Officers are willing to stand for re-election. However, other members who wish to be nominated for any of these posts will need to be proposed and seconded, and all nominations to be sent to Sue Evans by **Monday, 14th January 2019**. Officer elections will take place at the ADM.



Nominations

- **Life Members**
Is there a ringer in your tower who would qualify for Life Membership? If so, please advise David Sparling, Interim Association Secretary on secretary@eacr.org.uk
- **District Officers**
Those standing for District Officer positions of Master, Deputy Master, Secretary and Treasurer will be Members of the Management Committee and, therefore, will act as EACR Charity Trustees.
- **Association Officers**
Nominations for Association Officers need to be made in writing to the Interim Secretary by 1st February 2019. These positions are: Master, General Secretary, Treasurer, three Property Trustees, Technical Adviser, Education Officer, Public Relations Officer and two Independent Examiners. New Association Officers nomination forms as well as the Trustee Declaration Form will need to be submitted as part of any proposal.



2018 Annual Report

Can you please ensure any changes to those detailed in the 2017 Annual Report, eg, tower contacts, addresses, telephone numbers etc, are notified to me as soon as possible for the 2018 Annual Report.



Quarter Peals Reports 2018 and 2019

Please ensure your tower's 2018 and 2019 QP forms are completed and with the Peals Secretary on pealsec@eacr.org.uk by **Tuesday, 15th January 2019**, by hand, post or email. Copies of both forms are attached but can also be accessed via the EACR website. If you want to email the details as a spreadsheet or as text in an email, please ensure you include for each performance, the date, place, number of changes, method, conductor and any key footnote firsts.



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2019 Essex Course – 11th-13th April 2019

This year's Essex Course will take place from 11th-13th April 2019. Application forms are now available at www.eacr.org.uk either as online or hard copy applications. The application form is also attached. The deadline for applications is **Friday, 15th February 2019**, so get your applications in as soon as possible. As many helpers as possible are needed for all groups and whether you can commit to one day or three, all help is greatly appreciated.



Ringling Remembers

"We remembered" – a message from the President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Last Sunday – Remembrance Sunday – we were called to "look to" and take part in a most momentous commemoration. Being so intimately linked in to our local communities, it was no surprise that bell ringers everywhere stepped forward to participate, collectively and individually, in such a solemn centenary.

And it is entirely right and fitting that bells gave voice to the deep and lasting emotions felt so widely at this time. So many today owe so much to our forebears for the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy one hundred years on. As bell ringers, we are the "external choir" that calls out across time and space, giving tribute on this day for those who have gone before. This is what we do, this is our calling, this is our service.

On behalf of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, I wish to thank all who participated in this historic event. The Ringing Remembers campaign, promoted by the Central Council, has claimed some inspiring headlines – towers silent for many years have rung out once more; hundreds of bands have been augmented with new learners; tens of thousands of ringers mobilised to ring in thousands of towers – not just in the UK, but across the world; ringing featured strongly in local, national and international media; and the BellBoard website went into meltdown!

Our campaign sought to recruit 1400 new ringers, to symbolically replace those ringers who fell in the First World War. At the most recent count, new ringer registrations for the recruitment campaign totalled 2792 – close to 200% of the original target. The Council's newly-stated mission is, among other things, "to promote an environment in which ringing can flourish". Last Sunday we witnessed what "flourish" looks like – more of that please.

Whilst it is impossible to thank all key individuals by name, I would like to pay a special tribute to Vicki Chapman – Ringing Remembers Project Coordinator, Colin Chapman – Coordinator's "roadie", Alan Regin – Steward of the CCCBR Rolls of Honour, Andrew Hall – developer and administrator of the Ringing Remembers web platform, and Bruce & Eileen Butler – who linked thousands of enquirers to guilds, districts and towers. And there are so many others...

My thanks go also to all those who have come to ringing through this route – may you continue to develop in skill, and gain many happy years of fulfilment in your ringing. And to that widespread army of ringing teachers who have risen to the challenge of training so many enthusiastic learners – well done!

Last Sunday was a day of reflection, a day of commemoration, a day of participation. Bellringers everywhere were able to say – "I was there – I remembered".

Christopher O'Mahony

There was an incredible amount of ringing throughout the District for the morning services, The Act of Remembrance, and the end of WW1 Commemoration at 12.30pm and 7.05pm from rounds and call changes through to peals.



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Willingale [L-R]:

Stuart Kerwin, Ian Kerwin, Kieran Kerwin, Martin Sweeting, Samantha Hopkins, Scott Kerwin, Brian Rew, Cathy Littlemore, Sue Evans, Pat Ormes, Nigel Holgate, Denise Kerwin, Pauline Booty, Rose Weeks, Katheryn Kerwin.

Not pictured here, but included in the day's ringing were Peter Tottman and Gemma Crouchman.

The **Waltham Abbey** band who rang for the Commemorative Service:

L-R back row:

Perry French, Beverley Watkins, Margaret French, Hilary Walls, Skye Lovegrove, Connor Harmer, Jesse Anderson, Lennon Jones, Raymond Bull

L-R front row:

Amanda Beggs, Jane Walters, Ian Apps, Josh Ashley, Dave Knott, Dianne Penny, Caroline Andrews, Jude Anderson



The Kerwin family as a band rang prior to the Act of Remembrance:

Denise, Katheryn, Ian, Scott, Stuart, Kieran.



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Autumn Ringing School

The Autumn Ringing School commenced at Henham for six students on the 13th October 2018, covering Trebling, Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor. The course took place over eight Saturday mornings, finishing on Saturday, 1st December 2018. All the students progressed well, so many thanks to Liz Griffith-Jones for tutoring the students, to all the helpers who took time to come along and offer their support and guidance, to Bill Griffith-Jones not only for his guidance but also for the very welcome mid-morning coffee and to the students for providing the delicious mid-morning cakes.



Andrew Kelso, Association Master, attended the last session and took this selfie of a very happy group!

And you thought that the helpers worked hard?? **[JOKING!!!]**
This photo was taken of one of our helpers, putting up their feet during the mid-morning break! No prizes for guessing who this could be? Answer to be given at the ADM!



Spring Ringing School

The Spring Ringing School will take place on eight consecutive Saturday mornings, 9.45am-12.15pm, commencing Saturday, 9th February 2019, ending Saturday, 30th March 2019. Please let Ian Kerwin know by **Saturday, 19th January 2019** if you would like a place on this course, giving your suggestions as to what you would like to learn or progress. Venue to be confirmed.



Helpers Needed

Helpers are always required to assist on both the Spring and Autumn courses. There are a good number of extremely knowledgeable ringers in the District and if you are willing to spend some time providing advice and passing on the benefit of your experience, please contact Ian Kerwin on iankerwin@btinternet.com for your name to be added to the helpers list.



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Saturday Afternoon Practices

Additional Saturday afternoon practices were held by Ian Kerwin at Willingale after the Saturday morning Ringing School for eight weeks using the simulator to cover bell handling, rounds, call changes and ringing up and down. The practices were very well attended and given the positive comments from those who attended, Ian will be running these sessions again from 1.30pm after the Saturday morning Spring Ringing School.



CCCBR 2019 Annual General Meeting

The Central Council AGM will take place on Saturday, 7th September 2019 at Goldsmiths, New Cross, SE14 6NW. The business will include reports of the Council's activities, a presentation of its budget and forward plan plus the opportunity to review aspects of its work in more detail. The format is expected to include workshops, seminars and sessions of interest to all ringers. These will be held over the entire weekend, with the Reception and Dinner taking place on the evening of Saturday, 7th September 2019. All ringers will be welcome to attend during the weekend and take part in the activities on offer. Further details on how to register will be available in due course.



65th Annual Essex Dinner

An early date for your diaries! This year's dinner will be held at Benton Hall Golf and Country Club, Witham on Saturday, 19th October 2019.



Ringling Up and Down in Peal

For those of you who are struggling to master ringing up and down in peal, you may find this article useful: <http://www.cambridgeringing.info/RingingUpAndDownInPeal.doc>



New and Returned Ringers

Are you aware of any new and returned ringers in your towers who are not on my circulation list for the newsletters/information etc? If so, please ask them to contact me to ensure they are kept informed as to what is happening in the District.



New Year's Eve Ringing at Thaxted



Selfie from Trevor Haynes:

Trevor Haynes, Kate Barker, Ian Kerwin, Cathy Lowe, Denise Kerwin, Sam Rickards.

Six of us rang out the old and rang in the New Year at Thaxted, helped by mulled wine from our Tower Captain, Sam, chocolates from Secretary, Cathy, and conducted by NW District Master, Ian. Firstly ringing out the old year via 'last man standing, followed by 12 blows from the tenor just before midnight. A short break and then immediately after midnight a further ten minutes of good rounds and call changes, followed by more mulled wine, chocolates and a quick ring down.

**Trevor Haynes,
Thaxted**



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Finally

Wishing everyone a Happy 2019

Sue Evans

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