



Essex Association of Change Ringers

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NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019



November 2019 Events

- Saturday, 2nd November 2019: Autumn Ringing Course – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 9th November 2019: Autumn Ringing Course – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 15th November 2019: Surprise Major Practice at Felsted – 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Saturday, 16th November 2019: Autumn Ringing Course – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Friday, 22nd November 2019: Stansted Practice – 7.45pm-9.00pm.
- Saturday, 23rd November 2019: Association Training Day.
- Sunday, 24th November 2019: Young Ringers Practice.
- Saturday, 30th November 2019: Autumn Ringing Course – 9.45am-12.15pm.



December 2019 Events

- Saturday, 7th December 2019: Autumn Ringing Course – 9.45am-12.15pm.
- Saturday, 7th December 2019: Association Carol Service at Coggeshall – ringing from 3.00pm, service at 4.30pm.



January 2020 Events

- Saturday, 25th January 2020: NW District ADM at Bishop's Stortford.



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The History of Bell Ringing – Saturday, 7th September 2019

Thank you to everyone who came to our 'History of Bell Ringing' evening which was to support our bell restoration appeal. There were 43 members of the audience, which turned out to be as many as we could cope with! The evening went very well and I have had some very good feedback from people who attended. I must thank some of my fellow bell ringers who provided the supper, which also went down well [and gave people a breather in the middle of the talk]. The evening raised a very useful £544 for the appeal.

If anyone wanted to go but couldn't make it, we will be doing it one more time in the New Year.

**Alan Padgett,
Bishop's Stortford**



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NW District Meeting and Call Change Competition

The District meeting took place at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, 5th October 2019, attended by 56 members and visitors.

The meeting was followed by the draw for the Call Change Competition, and what a good competition it was, with ten bands taking part. To ensure the competition did not go through too far into the afternoon, the bands were well organised and ready to ring, so thank you to everyone for keeping the event running smoothly.

The results of the competition were:

Place	Band	Faults
1 st	Willingale Red	33
2 nd	Sawbridgeworth	36.5
3 rd	Waltham Abbey	49
4 th	Henham	73
5 th	Bishop's Stortford Swallows	75.5
6 th	Bishop's Stortford Swifts	77.5
7 th	Thaxted Adults	81
8 th	Willingale Blue	81.5
9 th	Thaxted/Fyfield/Willingale Young Ringers	116.5
10 th	Moreton	120

Congratulations to the Willingale Red band on achieving 1st place:



L-R:
 Denise Kerwin – Treble
 Sue Evans -2
 Peter Tottman – 3
 Scott Kerwin – 4
 Ian Kerwin – 5
 Kieran Kerwin - Tenor

L-R: Steve Nash, Scott Kerwin, Paul Cammiade





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Congratulations to:

Sawbridgeworth on achieving 2nd place:

L-R: Ro Kellsell, Mary Bone, Sharon Lacey, Ian Jolley, Clive Moore, Gary Howard.



Waltham Abbey on achieving 3rd place: 
L-R: Roger Pascoe, Susan John, Amanda Beggs, Jane Walters, Ian Apps, Peter Phelps.



Well done to all the bands who entered this competition, it was wonderful to see so many ringers taking part, particularly the Thaxted Young Ringers, a combined band from Thaxted, Fyfield and Willingale. The youngest ringer was 10 years of age, the eldest 15, and some of the ringers have been ringing only for a few months! It promises well for the future!

L-R: Thaxted Young Ringers:

Rose Weekes, Charlie Smith, Rosie Moule, Rory Macmillan, Matthew Wadey, Tom Bassett.

The two pre-competition practice sessions arranged with Sawbridgeworth on the 14th and 28th September 2019 were very well attended and clearly worthwhile.

Thank you to Sawbridgeworth for arranging the competition venue and thank you to our judges, Steve Nash and Paul Cammiade, for doing such a sterling job and providing such valuable comments on everyone's ringing.



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Heritage Open Days 2019

The Heritage Open Days took place at Willingale during the weekend of 13th/15th September, with a large number of visitors being provided with delicious refreshments, talks about the church and visits to the roof of the church to enjoy the magnificent views, and to look at the bell chamber and have a go at ringing. Open ringing was held throughout the Saturday, followed by a barbeque during the evening. Altogether a very enjoyable event.



Autumn Ringing Course

The Autumn Ringing Course is currently taking place at Henham, covering Plain Hunt and Plain Bob Doubles.



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.



Saturday Afternoon Practices

The additional Saturday afternoon practices are being held by Ian Kerwin at Willingale after the Saturday morning Autumn Ringing Course on 2nd, 9th and 30th November 2019, including lunch and teatime refreshments. The practices have proved very successful in the past and have been extremely well attended.



Annual Essex Dinner 2020

Next year's Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, 10th October 2020.



Association Training Day 2019

This year's training day is taking place from 9.30am-4.30pm on Saturday, 23rd November 2019 with the three groups ringing at the following venues:

- Plain Hunt at Manuden and Clavering with Roger Collins;
- Bob Doubles at Parndon with Richard Wilson;
- Introduction to Stedman at Henham with Colin Chapman.

Helpers are urgently required for this day. There are a large number of experienced ringers in the District who could provide the benefits of their knowledge and valuable advice to the students so if you are able to help, please contact Richard Wilson on 01245 358765 or 07587 140804 or email education@eacr.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.



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Association Carol Service – Saturday, 7th December 2019

There is no District Carol Service this year as it is the year for the Association Carol Service which takes place once every five years in one of the districts. This year the Carol Service will be held on Saturday, 7th December 2019 at Coggeshall, with ringing from 3.00pm and the service commencing at 4.30pm.



District Training Day – Saturday, 11th January 2020

An extra training day has been arranged at Henham on Saturday, 11th January 2020 for an introduction to Stedman Doubles. Lunch will be arranged at The Cock. If you would like to be part of this group of six, please let Ian Kerwin know. First come, first served.



NW District ADM – Saturday, 25th January 2020

The NW District Annual District Meeting will take place on Saturday, 25th January 2020 at Bishop's Stortford. There will be open ringing from 2.45pm, the service at 4.00pm, followed by tea and the meeting. Watch this space for further detail.



2020 Meeting and Competition Dates for your Diaries [details forthcoming nearer the dates]:

- **NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition 2020**
The District Meeting and Method Striking Competition will take place at 9.30am on Saturday, 16th May 2020 at Arkesdon.
- **Finals of the 6 and 8 bell Method Striking Competition 2020**
The finals of the 6 and 8 bell Method Striking Competitions will take place on Saturday, 11th July 2020.
- **NW District Meeting and Call Change Competition 2020**
The District Meeting and Call Change Competition will take place at 9.30am on Saturday, 3rd October 2020 at Matching.



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.



2020 AGM

A reminder that next year's AGM has been moved to Monday, 25th May 2020.



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WALTHAM ABBEY 7th BELL - UPDATE



We have now taken out the 6th and 7th bells at Waltham Abbey and the bells are at Taylor's Bell Foundry to be re-cast on Thursday, 28th November. A big thank you to the team involved in dismantling the bells. It all went like clockwork! The Faculty was granted as quickly as possible, allowing us to engage Taylor's and Andrew Mills was the bell hanger who oversaw the work with Dave Knott, Connor Harmer and Margaret French working with him. Richard and I kept the tea on the go the church is now seriously short of sugar! Members of the band and congregation appeared with supplies of food.



We are left with bells 1-5, the 6b, 8, 10 and 12 and continue to ring the front six on Sundays and for weddings, but they don't sound very good!



Fund raising continues apace and we are fortunate that we can proceed with the project as it is underpinned by the church.



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We will let you know when they are back and we have Taylor's 12.

Jane Walters, Waltham Abbey



A VERY HAPPY TEAM!!!



WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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