



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2021



Virtual NW District Meeting – Saturday, 29th May 2021

The Virtual District meeting was held on Saturday, 29th May 2021, attended by 19 ringers. An open ringing session taken by Fred and Mary Bone followed the meeting, with several plain courses each of Stedman, Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor being rung.



Ringling Festival and 8-bell Striking Competition- Saturday, 3rd July 2021

Sadly, due to the ongoing lockdown restrictions, the Ringling Festival and 8 bell Striking Competition arranged at Moreton and Harlow Common on the 3rd July 2021 were unable to take place.



NW District Meeting and Call Change Competition – Saturday, 9th October 2021

The District meeting will commence at Matching at 9.30am on Saturday, 9th October 2021, followed by the Call Change Competition. Hopefully by then ringing will have returned fairly much as before and we look forward to welcoming a good number of bands.



Essex Association Annual Dinner – Saturday, 9th October 2021

The 66th Association Dinner will be held on Saturday, 9th October 2021 at Benton Hall Golf and Country Club, Wickham Hill, Witham CM8 3LH. Tickets are £36 each and menu details and booking forms are available on the EACR website.



District Carol Service – Thaxted

This year's District Carol Service will be held on Saturday, 11th December 2021 at Thaxted – further details to come nearer the date.



Association Training Day – 27th November 2021 all day

An early date for your diaries – watch out for further details.



Recruitment and Training Grants

A set of criteria has now been agreed for applications to be made for grants from the Association Recruitment and Training Fund. This is a new initiative to encourage the development and preservation of bell ringing in Essex. Districts, towers and individuals are invited to apply for grants to facilitate and enable training and ringers' skill advancement. The grants criteria and application form can be found on the EACR website [Recruitment and Training Fund - Essex Association of Change Ringers \(eacr.org.uk\)](http://www.eacr.org.uk) – please contact Beth Johnson, Education Officer on education@eacr.org.uk in the first instance about making applications.



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Recruitment and Training

I've been run ragged answering all the emails – NOT! Now most of us are back into our ringing we should have an idea of what training/refresher days we would like, I know I have. To help me organise these please email me your thoughts. I'm on the EACR Recruitment and Training Sub-Committee, we meet every 4 to 6 weeks and have lively discussions on the topic. If you need a grant for Recruitment and Training, covering anything from church expenses, training aids, ringing chamber improvements etc, contact Beth Johnson.

If I can help in any way, please let me know.

Waiting with anticipation.....

Ian Kerwin

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Service Ringing

A month or so ago I was talking with Edna Halls, Hatfield Broad Oak, and she mentioned the church would be holding two services a month. I thought, oh, there is only one service a month at Willingale, maybe I could get a band to ring at HBO which would give us more time on the end of a rope, although this was easier said than done. Then I had a brainwave - I'll put it out on the NW District WhatsApp group as it will go out to loads of people, and I duly got the band to ring. It wasn't until after the ringing that it was mentioned to me how lucky I was, as there were only 15 people on the group.

Come on NW District, the group was set up a good while ago on the will of the members for the members. With some towers in short supply of ringers it would be a good way of helping each other out.

I had a count up in the Annual Report and we have 196 members, although admittedly there may not be so many now, so 15 in the WhatsApp group is not good. I checked our Facebook group, 49, not bad I thought, however, looking closer, about 15 or so don't ring and aren't from this District.

Happy ringing from a 'grumpy' Ian Kerwin

Note: if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group, please let Sue Evans have your mobile number.



District Ramble – Saturday, 12th June 2021

We were most fortunate to have a gloriously sunny day for the District ramble which took place on Saturday, 12th June. Eleven ringers participated in the 5-mile circular walk from Thaxted. We gained 5 more for an enjoyable lunch at The Maypole pub and lost a few afterwards, resulting in 11 for the open ringing at Thaxted Parish Church. District Master, Mike Slowe took the session and ably looked after us all while we rang rounds and call changes and plain hunt on the back six bells. Those present all seemed to enjoy themselves and there was mention of doing it again next year or even possibly this year in a different part of the District. Any volunteers for later this year?

Trevor Haynes, Thaxted



Handbell Ringing at Thaxted

After an absence of many years, Thaxted has recently restarted its Handbell Band and is doing really well. There are learners and experienced ringers currently taking part but there certainly is space for more participants. The Band has been organised by Diana Frisenda, Band Leader, and Cathy Lowe, Music Tutor. If you would like to join, or simply find out what's involved, please contact dianafrisenda07@hotmail.com or simply turn up on a Tuesday morning at 10.00am, via the Thaxted Church West Doors, for the one-hour practice - you will be made very welcome.



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District Ringing Room Practices

The 4th Saturday in the month afternoon practices which were taking place earlier in the year have not recently been held. Now that a good number of ringers have returned to tower ringing, it would be helpful if you could let me know if you would like these practices to resume after the holiday season and if there is sufficient uptake, including experienced ringers to take the practices, sessions can be organised.



EasyFundRaising

If your friends and family are doing their shopping online, encourage them to do it all via #easyfundraising so the Essex Association doesn't miss out on any donations. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 4,300 retailers including John Lewis and Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more by signing up FREE on https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

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