



July-August-September 2022

Newsletter



July/August/September/October 2022 Events

JULY				
Ringling World National Youth Contest [RWNYS]	Saturday	2 nd July	4.30pm	Exeter
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	8 th July	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Association Striking Competition Finals	Saturday	9 th July	PM	West Ham and Leyton
Beyond Bob Doubles and Grandsire Practice	Tuesday	12 th July	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
Surprise Minor Practice	Saturday	16 th July [future dates TBC]	10.00am-12/12.15pm	Henham
Young Ringers Practice	Sunday	17 th July	4.30pm	TBC
Stansted Practice	Saturday	23 rd July	10.30am-12noon	Stansted
AUGUST				
Beyond Bob Doubles and Grandsire Practice	Tuesday	9 th August	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	12 th August	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Stansted Practice	Saturday	27 th August	10.30am-12noon	Stansted
SEPTEMBER				
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	9 th September	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Beyond Bob Doubles and Grandsire Practice	Tuesday	13 th September	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
Association Trustees Meeting	Saturday	17 th September	2.30pm-6.00pm	Danbury
Young Ringers Day Outing	Saturday	24 th September	TBC	TBC
Stansted Practice	Saturday	24 th September	10.30am-12noon	Stansted
Essex Trophy	TBC	September	TBC	TBC
OCTOBER				
Association Management Committee Meeting	Saturday	1 st October	2.30pm	Danbury
District outing	Saturday	1 st October	All day	TBC
District Meeting and Call Change Competition	Saturday	8 th October	Meeting 9.30am followed by competition	Churchgate Street, Old Harlow



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Association Annual Dinner	Saturday	8 th October	6.30pm	Benton Hall Golf and Country Club
Beyond Bob Doubles and Grandsire Practice	Tuesday	11 th October	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	14 th October	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Stansted Practice	Saturday	22 nd October	10.30am-12noon	Stansted
Young Ringers Practice	Sunday	30 th October	4.30pm	TBC



NW District Meeting and Method Striking Competition

The District meeting took place at Great Parndon on Saturday, 21st May 2022 followed by the Method Striking Competition. Five bands took part in the competition, judged by Brian Meads, with the following results:

Place	Band	Faults
1st	Bishop's Stortford	24
2nd	Waltham Abbey/Epping	40
3rd	Sawbridgeworth	68
4th	Great Parndon	[41]*
5th	Hatfield Broad Oak/Willingale	[81]*
	*Did not complete	



1st – Bishops Stortford



2nd – Waltham Abbey/Epping



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Normally the first two placed bands go forward to take part in the 6-bell final at All Saints, West Ham on Saturday, 9th July 2022 but unfortunately the Waltham Abbey/Epping band was unable to make the final due to prior commitments. Good luck to the Bishop's Stortford band.

The 8-bell competition will take place on the same day at St Mary the Virgin, Leyton. It was very disappointing, albeit slightly late requests, that from across the District we were unable to field sufficient experienced 8-bell ringers; hopefully we can change that next year and perhaps gather 8-bell ringers earlier in the year.

As an early reminder, the Call Change Striking Competition will take place on Saturday, 8th October 2022 at Churchgate Street, Old Harlow following the District meeting, so lots of time for your bands to get together and practice.



Tower Support

It's been suggested that individual towers might need additional help from time to time. Tower support practices used to be offered several years ago when experienced ringers would come on your practice night to help. If you think this would help your tower and would like a tower support practice please let me know.

Autumn is not far away now and going along with previous ideas I plan to run at least two or three one-day courses; I've already had requests for plain hunt, so if you would like anything in particular please let me know.

Following on from the successful quarter peal day earlier in the year if anyone would like to attempt a quarter peal or just do more let me know, I'm sure there will be experienced ringers only too willing to help.

I'm planning to run bell handling sessions and foundation skills at the Willingale ringing centre on Friday evenings from 7.00pm-9.00pm; this is available to anyone in the Association for a donation of £2. Once again please let me know if you would like to attend.

Ian Kerwin

Education Officer

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Beyond Bob Doubles and Grandsire

The Beyond Bob Doubles and Grandsire practices have been well attended by a small group of regulars and we feel it's now time to move on to 6-bell ringing, so if you can ring Plain Bob then this practice is for you. The next practice will take place at Henham on Tuesday, 12th July 2022, all welcome.



Stansted Practices

The Stansted 8-bell practices are becoming well established and take place every fourth Saturday of the month, with a variety of methods being rung. More experienced 8-bell ringers, particularly back-bell ringers, would be very welcome, also any experienced ringers who could offer to take a practice, spreading the load and experience. The next practice is at 10.30am on Saturday, 23rd July 2022.



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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.



Communications and PR Workgroup

Also discussed at the ADM in January was the importance of each District within the Association having a representative on the Workgroup to enable the sharing of ideas and information from the Association and from within the Districts. So far, no-one has come forward from the District, but if you think that you would like to take on this role, let me know or contact Vicki Chapman on pro@eacr.org.uk to discuss.



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



District WhatsApp

If you would like to be added to the above, please let Sue Evans have your mobile number.



Heritage Open Days – 9th-18th September 2022

Hosting an open tower during Heritage Open Days is an excellent way to recruit and show your local community what bellringing is all about. This year's event takes place between 9th-18th September, with registration opening in March until 1st August. The theme this year is Astounding Inventions and provides ample opportunity to share the development of bellringing through the centuries including online ringing and simulators. To find out more and register your event go to <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/organising/how-to-get-involved>



District Outing – Saturday, 1st October 2022

Ian Kerwin is arranging a District Outing on Saturday, 1st October 2022, towers to be decided. Please let Ian know if you plan to go on iankerwin@btinternet.com



District Carol Service – Saturday, 10th December 2022

This year's Carol Service will take place at St Christopher's Church, Willingale at 4.00pm. There will be open ringing prior to the service and refreshments after the service. Further details to come nearer the time.



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