



# February-March-April 2023

## Newsletter



### February-March-April 2023 Events Calendar

Event	Day	Date	Time	Venue
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
EACR Trustees Meeting	Thursday	2nd February	7.00pm	Zoom
EACR Management Committee Meeting	Saturday	4th February	2.30pm	Danbury
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	21st February	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
District 8 Bell Practice	Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.30pm-9.00pm	Bishop's Stortford
Surprise Practice Minor	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
EACR Trustees Meeting	Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm	Danbury
Young Ringers Practice	Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	TBC
<b>MARCH</b>				
12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Waltham Abbey
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	21st March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
District 8 Bell Practice	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Waltham Abbey
Surprise Practice Minor	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham



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Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
<b>APRIL</b>				
Sixth South East England Youth Striking Contest	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	TBC	TBC
12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00	Waltham Abbey
Essex Ringing Course	Thursday-Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Honywood School. Coggeshall
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
District 8 Bell Practice	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00pm	Radwinter
Young Ringers Practice	Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	TBC
<b>MAY</b>				
EACR AGM	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am	Chelmsford Cathedral
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm-9.00	Waltham Abbey
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
District Meeting/ Method Striking Competition	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Meeting 9.30am and competition	Great Chishill
District 8 Bell Practice	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.30pm-9.00pm	Thaxted
Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm-9.00pm	Henham
Young Ringers Practice	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	TBC



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### **Annual District Meeting – Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The Annual District Meeting took place at St Mary Magdalene, Harlow on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023, attended by 49 ringers and friends. Open ringing took place before the service, taken by Revd Garry Neave, followed by the meeting, at which the following District Officers were elected:

- ❖ District Master – Ian Kerwin
- ❖ Deputy District Master – Trevor Haynes
- ❖ District Secretary - Sue Evans
- ❖ District Treasurer – Fred Bone
- ❖ District Trustee – Fred Bone

Other representatives were confirmed as:

- ❖ Education, Recruitment and Training – Ian Kerwin
- ❖ Maintenance – Mike Slowe
- ❖ Public Relations/Communications – Margaret French
- ❖ Social Committee – Ian Kerwin
- ❖ Bell Restoration Grants Committee – Fred Bone

Everyone who stayed for after the meeting thoroughly enjoyed a delicious tea. Thank you to Revd Garry Neave for taking the service and to everyone who helped out in any capacity during the afternoon.



### **District Carol Service – Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The District Carol Service took place at St Christopher's Church, Willingale on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 with open ringing prior to, and refreshments after, the service. It was quite disappointing with the low numbers of ringers from the District attending but those ringers who did come certainly enjoyed the service and refreshments.



### **Online Membership**

For those who have yet to pay their subscriptions, a reminder that this can be done online, but only if the system knows your email address. If you haven't received an email reminder from the membership system, email [membership@eacr.org.uk](mailto:membership@eacr.org.uk) to have your email address added.



### **Ring for the King**

The coronation of King Charles III takes place on 6th May 2023. Now is the time to raise publicity for your ringing and use it as an opportunity for recruitment. There are resources available from [Central Council](#) and [ART](#)

If you would like help creating publicity materials, please get in touch with [comms@eacr.org.uk](mailto:comms@eacr.org.uk)

If you would like help with recruitment and teaching advice and support, contact [education@eacr.org.uk](mailto:education@eacr.org.uk)



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## **Rounds and About**

The deadline for the April 'Rounds and About' is the 1st March 2023. Please send copy to Fred Bone at [newsletter@eacr.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@eacr.org.uk)



## **Recruitment and Training**

- ❖ Essex Ringing Course: the closing date for course applications is 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023, helpers also required.
- ❖ District Training: there are currently no planned training events for 2023 so if you have any training needs, contact Ian Kerwin on [iankerwin@btinternet.com](mailto:iankerwin@btinternet.com)
- ❖ District 8 bell practices: We are taking a fresh approach to District 8 bell practices this year with the aim of getting more people involved to grow the 8 bell ringers of the future. Rather than the 'Stansted Practice' format [same tower, same Friday of the month], we will move the practice around the District and, with the agreement of Tower Captains, utilise existing practice nights. This way we hope the practices will benefit the local ringers as well as those from elsewhere in the District. That said, coming to the District 8 bell practice is no substitute for regular attendance at a particular 8 bell practice. Dates/towers for the practices so far agreed this year are:
  - Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at Bishop's Stortford;
  - Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at Waltham Abbey;
  - Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Radwinter;
  - Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at Thaxted.



## **Date of next meeting and Method Striking Competition**

The next District meeting and Method Striking Competition will be held at 10.00am on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Great Chishill. It's never too early to start thinking about entering a band from your tower, and the bands who achieve first and second places will go forward to the finals on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, so please ensure both dates are in your diary.



## **Celebrity Antiques Road Show featuring Henham Tower**

In case you haven't seen this, you can catch up with Celebrity Antiques Road Trip, originally shown on BBC2 on 22nd December 2022, and including ringing recorded earlier in the year at Henham and featuring Henham's very own celebrity bellringers.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01mnrhk>



## **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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox)



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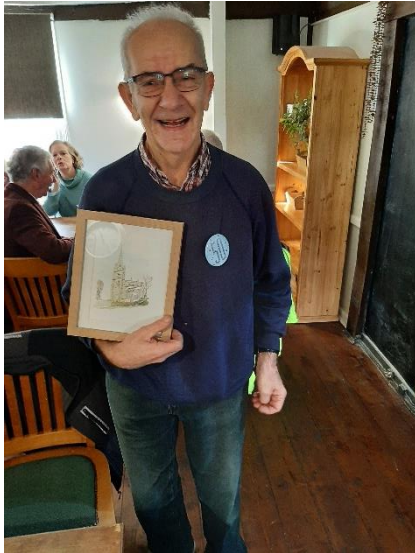
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## John Mumford – EACR 50 Years Membership



updated photograph of John ringing the same bell.

John's home tower is Saffron Walden and his ringing career started not long before that of fellow Saffron Walden ringer, Roger Collins, some 55 years ago. John is an accomplished and experienced ringer and regularly visits



Congratulations to John Mumford on reaching the milestone of 50 years' Association membership. At the Saffron Walden, Wednesday afternoon band practice on 11th January, Association Secretary, Sharon Lacey, presented John with a wonderful photograph of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden.



The practice took place at Holy Trinity, Littlebury, where there is a photograph of John, taken some 50 years ago and an



towers in the surrounding area, including Hadstock Thursday practice, and is always willing to help out at weddings etc whenever available.



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### **STOP PRESS!! THREE NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!**

- The date of the Association Dinner has been confirmed for Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The dinner will be held at the County Hotel, Chelmsford.
- The date for the Ringing Tour being arranged by Trevor Haynes will now take place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- The District will be holding a quiz night with a ploughman's supper at Willingale Village Hall on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023, with proceeds going towards the Bell Restoration Fund.

Further details to follow .....