



# February-March-April 2024 Newsletter



## February/March/April/May 2024 Events Calendar

FEBRUARY				
8/10 Bell Practice	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	7.30pm-9.00pm	Bishop's Stortford
EACR Management Committee Meeting	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.30pm	Danbury
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
10/12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm-9.00pm	Waltham Abbey
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm-9.00pm	Matching
EACR Trustees Meeting	Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> February	2.30pm	Danbury
Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.30pm-9.00pm	TBC
MARCH				
10/12 Bell Practice	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Bishop's Stortford
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
10/12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Waltham Abbey
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	Matching
Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.30pm-9.00pm	TBC



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10/12 Bell Methods Practice	Thursday	28th March	7.30om-9.00pm	Bishop's Stortford
<b>APRIL</b>				
Essex Ringing Course	Thursday-Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	New Rickstones Academy, Witham
8/10 Bell Practice	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00pm	Bishop's Stortford
10/12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00	Waltham Abbey
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00pm	Matching
Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm-9.00pm	TBC
<b>MAY</b>				
10/12 Bell Practice	Thursday	2nd May	7.30om-9.00pm	Bishop's Stortford
EACR AGM	Monday	6th May	10.30am	Chelmsford Cathedral Afternoon tea at Willingale
10/12 Bell Practice	Wednesday	8th May	7.30pm-9.00	Waltham Abbey
Joint N/NW Districts Surprise Major Practice	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm-4.00pm	Felsted
Bell Sunday	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	District	District
District Meeting and Method Striking Competition	Saturday	18th May	Meeting 9.30am followed by competition	Moreton
Advanced 6 Bell Practice	Tuesday	21st May	7.30pm-9.00pm	Matching
Surprise Minor Practice	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm-9.00pm	TBC



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Seems a long while ago, but .....



### **District Carol Service**

The District Carol Service took place at Hatfield Heath on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those attended, although as was mentioned by Ian Kerwin at the Annual District Meeting, given the number of ringers in the District, the attendance was quite low and it would be good to see more ringers participating in District events. Thank you to Hatfield Heath for making everyone so welcome and for the seasonal refreshments.



### **Ringling in the New Year**



Thaxted has a long tradition of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new year. This year twenty-one ringers and guests were treated to a feast of refreshments, along with mulled wine, prosecco and soft drinks.

**Trevor Haynes, Thaxted**



### **NW Annual District Meeting**

The Annual District Meeting took place on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Churchgate Street. Following the open ringing, the service was taken by the Revd Sarah Swift. The meeting was attended by 60 ringers and guests and the following officers were elected:

District Master – Ian Kerwin

Deputy District Master – Philip Waterfield

District Secretary – Sue Evans

District Treasurer – Fred Bone

District Trustee – Fred Bone

Thank you to Trevor Haynes, who stepped down from the role of Deputy District Master after three years, for all his hard work, particularly the District outings and rambles, and welcome to Philip Waterfield, who volunteered to take on this role.

I would like to thank Churchgate Street for hosting this event with such a warm welcome to everyone. In discussing the catering with Pete and Carina Bowman, I was very much assured that they had everything under control, however, Pete completely undersold the menu they had in mind and my goodness what a superb feast it turned out to be! I know that everyone who stayed for tea thoroughly enjoyed all the different dishes on offer, and there were certainly plenty, and the compliments flowed during and following the meeting. So, a massive thank you not only to Pete and Carina, and their sons, Anne Donaldson, Revd Sarah Swift and everyone who helped to provide and serve the dishes, but also to everyone who was in any way involved in making the afternoon's event such a success.



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## **Advanced 6 Bell and Surprise Minor Practices**

With the ongoing building work at Henham, the Advanced 6 Bell practices will take place at Matching, probably until close to the end of the year. If you would like to be moving on from Bob Doubles and Grandsire, then this could be the practice for you, so why don't you come along and give it a try. The venues for the Surprise Minor Practices will be notified nearer to the practice night.



## **Essex Ringing Course – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Essex Ringing Course this year will take place at New Rickstones Academy, Conrad Road, Witham CM8 2SD. Course details are on the Association website and course applications close on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. If you don't plan on applying for a course place, please do consider being a helper – if you are able to help on any or all of the days, please would you register on line using the following [link](#) also available at [www.eacr.org.uk/course](http://www.eacr.org.uk/course).



## **Association Annual District Meeting**

The Association AGM will take place on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Chelmsford Cathedral. This District will be organising the afternoon's ringing around the Willingale area and afternoon tea will be available at St Christopher's Church at Willingale - details will be circulated when finalised. We look forward to seeing you on the day.



## **Next District Meeting and Method Striking Competition**

As a forward reminder, the next District meeting will take place at Moreton on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024, followed by the Method Striking Competition. Hopefully a good number of bands will be taking part and it's never too early to start practicing. The bands taking first and second places will go forward to the 6 bell finals on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024, so please ensure both dates are in your diaries; venue to be confirmed.



## **Give the Gift of Experience**

Give the gift of ringing as an unforgettable experience with a voucher entitling up to 5 bell handling sessions. Who knows, it could be the start of someone discovering their bellringing adventure. Download the voucher from the Publicity Materials Resources page at <https://cccbr.org.uk/resources/publicity-material/>



## **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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## Events taking place in the District

I am sure there will be events taking place in the District, for example, recruitment or open days, about which the rest of the District knows nothing! Do let me have your photos and narrative if you are putting on any events, not only for prior District and Association-wide notification but to let the District know how events go!



## Rounds and About

The deadline for the April "Rounds and About" is 1st March 2024. Please send copy to Fred Bone at [newsletter@eacr.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@eacr.org.uk)



## Facebook and WhatsApp

The District has Facebook and WhatsApp groups which can be used to find service ringers, advertise events etc, so contact Ian Kerwin to join the Facebook page or Ian or myself to join the WhatsApp group.

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