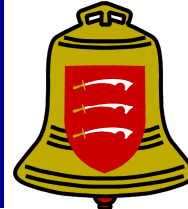


Rounds & About

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Association Annual Dinner

The Association Annual Dinner will be held at the County Hotel, Chelmsford on Saturday 3rd October.

We will be welcoming G Noel Orman formally as a Life Member. One of our guest speakers will be Simon Linford. You will have read many an interesting article by him in the Ringing World. He is also currently on the Education Committee of the Central Council and is a former Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Our very own Hilary Donoghue will be accompanying proceedings on the piano.

We have a slightly different format for the menu this year. When sending in your payments, please specify which starter, main and dessert you would like:

- STARTER 1 Cream of Mushroom Soup with Chilli & Coriander
- STARTER 2 Crispy Oriental Beef Salad
- MAIN 1 Roasted Italian Vegetables, baked in Filo Pastry, Tomato & Herb Sauce
- MAIN 2 Individual Chicken & Asparagus Pie topped with Short Crust Pastry, Pan Fried New Potatoes
- DESSERT 1 Apple Strudel with Sauce Anglaise & Vanilla Ice Cream
- DESSERT 2 Chocolate Forest Roulade with Chocolate Fudge Sauce & Minted Clotted Cream

If you have specific dietary requirements, let me know, The County Hotel are keen to ensure everyone has something they will enjoy.

Send your payment of £30 per head (payable to EACR) with the menu choices for each person to me as soon as possible.

Vicki Chapman,
Hon Gen Sec,
20 Mews Court,
Chelmsford, CM2 9PF.

Vicki Chapman

The AGM

The AGM took place on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2009 and as usual the Cathedral bells were available for general ringing prior to the service before the invited band rang the service touch. Refreshments were served during general ringing and between the service and meeting.

The service was conducted by the Precentor, Revd Canon Simon Pothan; lessons read by the Master and Revd John Delfgou, our Chaplain. The address was given by the Venerable Annette Cooper, Archdeacon of Colchester. The Boreham Choir sang the anthem "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes", by Eric Withams.

At the AGM members approved the accounts and annual report. G Noel Orman (Thorrington) was elected as a Life Member.

Discussion about the Annual Dinner took place and from a show of hands and general support from the floor, it was confirmed that the Annual Dinner would take place as planned this year. Saturday 3rd October at the County Hotel, Chelmsford. Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Towers in the South Eastern District were open for ringing in the afternoon, with tea at Terling.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the day's arrangements, particularly the Cathedral staff, Owain Jones and Simon Harvey of the Boreham Choir, and the South Eastern District Officers.

Vicki Chapman. Hon Gen Sec

Recruiting?

We have a number of large (A3) coloured recruiting posters and have supplied some to each district. Please ask your district officers or contact us directly - there are enough for every notice board!

Fred & Mary Bone

Life Membership

Any nominations for life membership must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary by 1 December (rule 7(iii)) and should include details of the candidate's Association activities.

Guidelines were agreed by the Committee in February 1986 as follows: "... To honour a member for work undertaken throughout the district and promotion of work throughout the Association." Further advice on the criteria is available from the Association Master or Secretary or from your district officers.

Vicki Chapman. Hon Gen Sec

Striking Competition Finals

The Association striking competition finals were held on 4th July, hosted by the South-Western District. Nine teams entered the 6-bell competition at Theydon Garnon. The results were: 1st Kirby le Soken (7 faults); 2nd Sawbridgeworth (15); 3rd Writtle (19); 4th Dagenham (21); 5th Chelmsford (34); 6th Downham (36); 7th Coggeshall/Rayne (55); 8th West Ham (63) and Langdon Hills did not complete their piece.

After tea and the 6-bell results the inter-district 8-bell competition was held at Chigwell Row. The test piece was 251 Single Oxford Bob Triples. The Southern District won the trophy with 42 faults; 2nd South-Eastern (44); 3rd Northern (76); 4th North-Western (54); 5th South-Western (60); 6th North-Eastern (70).

Our judge for both competitions was Roger Bailey (not the Writtle one!). We'd like to thank him, the South-Western district officers and friends for making all the arrangements and especially a wonderful tea.

At the Ridgeman Trophy 10 bell competition held at Rickmansworth on 20th June, the Essex Band (Vicki Chapman, Mary Bone, Katrina Bond, Sue Rothera, Roger Collins, David Rothera, Colin Chapman (c) Fred Bone, Brian Meads & John Hall) were placed a creditable 2nd behind Bedford, who won for the third consecutive year. The competition piece was 209 Stedman Caters. The Essex Trophy inter-Association 10-bell competition will be held at St Leonard's, Hythe on 12th September, hosted by the Kent Association.

Vicki Chapman. Hon Gen Sec

SE District Quarter-peal

SE District Quarter-peal fortnight 19th April to 3rd May, produced 25 quarters rung by 88 different ringers in 23 District churches with 12 different conductors.

Four people rang first quarters and junior member, Adam Sloman from Writtle, conducted his first quarter. Martin Wakeford of Chelmsford Cathedral rang his first quarter on 10 bells, first inside. Liam Cann of Goldhanger continued his progress by ringing his first quarter of Minor on the treble at Great Totham. Geoff Upsdell rang his first quarter-peal (Grandsire Doubles) for 45 years at High Easter. The quarter at Great Leighs was dedicated to William and Angie Pannell (nee Hirst) who were married there on 28th March 2009; congratulations to them, 'live long and prosper'.

There were so many great successes for so many people this year. Congratulations and thanks to all who rang in their own and helped other towers to ring their quarters, with special thanks to Christina & Andrew Brewster, Janice Spalding and Brian Holden as co-ordinators.

Jo Elliott

Association Training Day

This years training day is on Sat. 28th November 2009pm, 9.30am - 4:30pm and is based around Basildon in the Southern District.

The groups on offer are:

- Plain Hunt Doubles and Ringing the Treble to Plain Doubles Methods
- Little Bob Minor and St Clements Minor
- Plain Bob Triples and Major

To apply for a place, download an application form from www.eacr.org.uk training page or send an SAE for an application form to: Liz Rayner, EACR Education Officer, 33 Harcourt Road, Stratford, London E15 3DX.

Forms will be available from both sources from Sept 1st 2009 onwards. Limited spaces available; first come, first served. The closing date for applications is 7/11/09.

Helpers are also required; please contact Liz on 020 8534 6726 or e-mail: ecrmailbox-ringing@yahoo.co.uk. If you would like to contribute further to the day by assisting with conducting in the groups running when the group

Looking to the Future

It is now just over six months since the 'Looking to the Future' project started, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to everybody who has participated. All of the District Representatives have said how welcome they were made at all the towers they visited. Many members at a large number of towers put a great deal of time and effort into answering the two questionnaires, and some bands put aside their whole practice night to get involved and put forward their views. There are still a few responses to be gathered, but the main focus from now on is to start to use all the information and feedback that has been gathered.

Your Looking to the Future working party met on Sunday 31 May to start their work of drawing up practical recommendations for the October Committee meeting on how the Association can improve the support it gives to ringers and towers in Essex. To see the minutes of this meeting go to the Looking to the Future page of our website. The working party will continue to meet regularly, and updates will be posted to keep everybody informed of progress.

Once again my thanks for all of your input into this initiative.

Brian Meads

ASSOCIATION CAROL SERVICE

Saturday, 5 December 2009

All Saints, Writtle

The Association is holding its five-yearly countywide carol service this year.

Afternoon ringing, open to all: 3pm to 4.15pm

Service touch: 4.15pm

Service: 4.30pm

I hope that you will come along to Writtle to ring before the service, and you are warmly invited to stay to enjoy seasonal refreshments after the service. We look forward to your company.

NE Essex @ The Tendring Show

Alastair Donaldson's mini-ring attracted a great deal of attention at the Tendring Show on the first Saturday in July. The mini-ring was manned by the NE District and interested people at the show "had a go" including the president elect (for next year) who is a ringer at Stratford St. Mary. He is quite keen for the mini-ring to appear again next year.

Helper ringers rang rounds and eventually were successful with a course of bob minor.

Thanks very much to all those who helped on the day.

Anne Bray



Ron Payne of Wivenhoe

Ron Payne of Wivenhoe rang his first quarter at the first attempt on 28 June at Kirby. Despite being incredibly nervous Ron rang very well, making very few mistakes and with very creditable striking. Unbeknown to Ron, his wife Ann had arranged for his son to come along and listen and he joined Ron up the tower at the end of the quarter to congratulate him.

It is quite unusual for people who come to ringing to make such swift progress (Ron is now ringing plain course of Stedman). Well done Ron. Keep up the good work!

Sunday 28 June 2009

Kirby-Le-Soken, Essex

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Anne Bray (c), 2 Ron Payne (1st Attempt),

3 Roger Carey-Smith, 4 Mick Hollis,

5 Paul Bray, 6 Doug Faircloth.

Association Register

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Aidan J Boyack, formerly of St Mary Walthamstow.

Dennis Hewitt writes: "John was a ringer at St. Mary's, Walthamstow for many years. He rang his first peal some time in the mid 1930's which I believe was at St. Mary's. He was also Ringing Master at St. Mary's for several years. He rang regularly at St. Walthamstow for practices and Sunday Services until he gave up ringing in the 1960's to spend more time on his other hobby of sailing.

He went to live in India for quite a number of years, but returned to England several years ago. He occasionally did a little ringing when he came back from India for holidays, but as far as is known did not return to ringing when he finally came back to England."

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter : Mark Buckley (15/03/09 Rayleigh)
Vicki Carson (15/03/09 Brentwood)
Hayley Rogers (04/05/09 Chigwell)
Brian Meldrum (09/05/09 Eastwood)
Peter Hawes (06/06/09 Eastwood)

First Peal : Linda M Bullough (04/06/09 Henham)

James Robert Dunhill

Richard and Sarah Dunhill (Northern District) are delighted to announce the birth of James Robert Dunhill, a brother for Matthew.

James was born on Sunday 8th March at 10:08am weighing 8lb 10oz.

Richard Dunhill

Birthday!

Birthday congratulations to Ken Elliott who will be 70 in October.

Dates for your Diary (From the website)



September	Quarter Peal Month	NE
	5 District Meeting & Call-Change Comp, Great Totham	SE
	19 District Meeting, Canewdon	S
	26 Quiz Night, North Ockendon	S
October	3 Association Annual Dinner, County Hotel, Chelmsford	
	10 Association Committee Meeting Danbury	
	17 Autumn Meeting St Peter, Colchester	NE
	24 District Meeting Hatfield Heath	NW
November	7 Conducting for beginners training morning Gt Bentley	NE
	14 Quiz Night Tendring	NE
	21 District Meeting & Call Change Comp, Navestock	S
	21 Quiz Boreham	SE
	28 Association Training Day, Basildon	S
December	5 Association Carol Service, Writtle	

Association 6-bell striking comp winners



Andrew Burgoyne, Paul Bray, Gordon Clarke
Gill Sparling, David Sparling, Anne Bray

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for December 2009. Please send contributions to Bryan Morrissey at Jireh, 30 Turner Avenue, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2LG or by email to bdm@pempo.co.uk or call 01206 392959 by 1st November 2009.