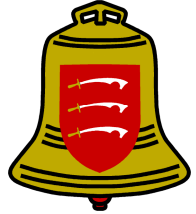


Rounds & About

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AGM 6 May 2013

The 134th Essex Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May. The arrangements are as follows:

9:15 – 10.15	General ringing
10.15 – 10.30	Service touch by the Master's invited band
10.30	Service
11.45 approx	Annual General Meeting

Do come along and ring at the Cathedral - the ringing is for everyone! Please arrive in good time so as many as possible can have a ring.

There will be refreshments in the Cathedral before the service and again afterwards whilst we set up for the meeting.

Our President, the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell will be preaching. Unfortunately this year we will not have the Boreham Choir with us but the North Eastern District's very own Stephen Cheek will be playing the organ for us.

The AGM will begin as soon as the Cathedral has been re-arranged. The full Agenda and last year's Minutes are printed in the 2012 Annual Report.

Afternoon ringing details and advance tea tickets are available at £3.00 from the General Secretary by 1st May, please enclose an SAE if you wish these to be posted to you.

Tea tickets will be available on the door at £3.50, so make sure you book early!

Vicki Chapman
General Secretary

Ringling for England

It's not too early to start planning things for 2013! Already, the organisers of the Ringing for England campaign are inviting us to participate again.

This year St George's Day, April 23rd, falls on a Tuesday and we are invited to mark the date with general ringing, quarters and even peals, if you're up to it. If you are planning to participate, please provide details to our PRO, Tracey, ([email](#)) who will collate all our efforts and report back.

I'm sure that if any tower needs help and support in making things happen, there will be plenty of help at hand if you ask.

You can find out more about the campaign at www.ringingforengland.co.uk.

Vicki Chapman
Secretary



In MEMORIAM HOWARD W EGGLESTONE

Howard learned to ring in 1949 at Boreham under the supervision of Sam Everett. He rang his first peal at Borham in 1952. He rang in the 18,000 Minor at Stisted in 1957, and the 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby Le Soken in 1960.

He left Essex in the early 60's to take up a new job in Suffolk, where he became Master of the Suffolk Guild. Three months after Joe Roasts band scored a record peal of 145 methods of minor, Howard called a peal for the Suffolk Guild in 148 methods. Howard and his wife Margaret moved from Suffolk to Newbury, and finally settled in Crediton in Devon.

Howard was one of only two surviving members of the 1960 peal band when the 50th anniversary peal was arranged in 2010, and was delighted to be able to ring along with Peter Eve.

He rang 227 peals for the Essex Association out of a total of 1408.

Howard was a former Chairman of the Ringing World.

Howard died on 17 February 2013.

Yvonne Towler



Howard and Peter in front of the 1960 peal board at Kirby before the 50th Anniversary Peal.

Refit at South Ockendon

The Southern District's newest and lightest ring of eight experienced a minor setback recently when during January's training support practice organised for Sth Ockenden by the District Master the 'go' of some of the bells was thought to have deteriorated. Fortunately, expertise was near at hand and Tony Lowe from Rayleigh with Phil Denton undertook an immediate inspection.

It was discovered that the mechanism on the prototype slider plates fitted to the frame contained rubber bushes and apparently these had been disintegrating thus giving rise to the problem.

Contact was made with the original installers Nicholson Engineering of Dorset who agreed that the problem should be inspected by one of its engineers later in the month.

This took place a fortnight later during which time all 8 slider plates were removed and taken back to Nicholson's works. There a different type of bush was fitted to each slider mechanism and within two days the same engineer redelivered them and again with Tony Lowe's assistance they were reinstalled. With some testing and necessary adjustments being made South Ockendon was ready to go back into action.

Jim Laken



Association Register

Births:	Esther Rose Hill (daughter of Frances Hill - Mistley)
Engagement:	Ian Culham & Claire Turner
Wedding:	Emma Chapman & Matthew Jones
Ruby Wedding Anniversary:	Marion & Greg Barrett
Coral (35th) Wedding Anniversary:	Jo & Ken Elliott

Deaths:

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Ron Groves (Chelmsford Cathedral and Broomfield)
Billy Homes (Great Leighs)
Edna Chalmers (Terling)
Greta Bell (Tollesbury)
Doreen Pearson (Hatfield Heath)
Roy Walker (Sawbridgeworth)
Dennis Bowen (Tendring)

Obituary - FRANCIS GODDARD

Francis began ringing with his brother Bert at Bentley Common in the 1930s; he and Bert moved to help set up a band at South Weald when the bells started ringing again after the war as there were only a couple of pre-war ringers in the tower. On Sundays Francis and Bert would ring at Brentwood, then cycle up to South Weald to ring for Mattins.

Francis was instrumental in the augmentation of South Weald from six to eight in 1988 although rumour has it that the local band were quite happy with their six bells and the augmentation was the brainchild of the church warden.

Francis was a regular quarter peal ringer and has 16 peals recorded to his name in the early 50s. He was elected to Royal Society of Cumberland Youths in 1946 alongside Des Mayall, another local ringer very active in the 60s and 70s. Francis gave up as Tower Captain at St Peters in 1998, and ceased ringing after that. His funeral was on 12th December 2012 at St Paul's, Bentley Common.

Beth Johnson

That's a First

Congratulations to the following ringers

First Quarter:

Al Sacco (South Weald)
Jonathan Stokes (Theydon Garnon)
Mollie Brett (Writtle)

Peal Milestones:

100th for the association - Dan Smith

125th for the association - Jon Waters

250th for association - Richard Prime

1500th for the association - Jim Towler

50th peal - Ian Culham

TAKELEY, Essex, Holy Trinity

Sat Jan 26 2013 2h56 (13)

5040 Minimus

(11m: 15 exts each Single Court, Rev Court; 20 exts each Double Court, St Nicholas, Rev St Nicholas, Plain, Reverse, Double B, Canterbury, Rev Canterbury, Double Canterbury)

1 Ian J Culham
2 George M Salter
3 Paul A J Bray
4 Brian G Meads

First peal on the bells.

Jointly conducted by all the band.
Remembering Roger Bailey.

Essex Association NE District Quarter Peal Month, September 2012

September saw yet another successful year for the NE District's quarter peal month, with all the 22 ringable towers ringing at least one quarter (the 23rd tower, Thorrington, is currently not ringable). Additionally one tower outside the district was quartered (Prittlewell) for Little Bob Royal, as we do not have a ten-bell tower ourselves.

Methods ranged from Minimus to Royal, Plain to Surprise. In total 37 quarter peals were recorded, with conducting being shared between 18 ringers.

Special mention should be made of Mistley, where 11 quarters were scored; Ian Culham (Deputy Master), who conducted 14 quarters, and the band who rang Little Bob Royal at Prittlewell (with the assistance of a few ringers from outside the district). Also, it was encouraging to see a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles at Mistley, jointly conducted by the four inside ringers.

Congratulations to everyone, whatever you rang!

Stephen Cheek

Method breakdown:

Multi-method Minimus 1	Plain Bob Doubles 8
Grandsire Doubles 2	Multi-Method Doubles 4
Plain Bob Minor 2	Double Oxford B Minor 1
Single Oxford B Minor 1	St Clement's CB Minor 1
Multi-method Plain Minor 2	Kent TB Minor 2
Cambridge S Minor 3	Bourne S Minor 1
Multi-method S Minor 1	Plain Bob Triples 2
Plain Bob Major 1	Cambridge S Major 1
Rutland S Major 1	Bristol S Major 1
Cornwall S Major 1	Little Bob Royal 1
Total 37	

February Management Committee

The February Management Committee meeting was held at Danbury on 2nd February 2013. After the Master had welcomed the new members elected at the annual district meetings we moved on to the formal business, mainly concerned with items for the annual report and the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Trustees' reports were approved and will be printed in the annual report; the accounts and full report still have to be approved by members at the annual meeting.

Reports are now submitted in advance of the meeting which means things get done a little bit quicker as everyone's had a chance to read through and digest prior to the meeting. As usual, there was lots of information about events happening around the districts.

You will see from the Association's website that the Central Council have issued some information about ARCH – the Alliance to Reduce Crime Against Heritage. This is an initiative to encourage participation in local intelligence work for protecting church buildings including their bells. Please take a look at the information and see how you or your tower can get involved.

Do ask your district officers for further information about these meetings. The next meeting of the Committee is in October when we appoint other officers for the Association - take a look at the job descriptions on the website to see if anything takes your fancy. You don't have to be an advanced ringer to be involved in your Association!

Vicki Chapman
General Secretary

100 Quarters in a Year at Mistley

Sometimes someone has a good idea, and Ian Culham (NE District Master), is beginning to get a bit of a reputation in that department!

Last year's good idea was to ring 100 quarter peals during the year at Mistley. Fortunately, Mistley church does not have a great deal of housing in close proximity, and there is a Catholic Mass on Saturday evening, giving the opportunity for additional ringing.

To ring 100 quarters in a year would require an average of 8.3 per month. Having got off to a slow start with 3 each in Jan and Feb, a careful eye was kept on the accumulating total. 14 quarters were rung in November, leaving 10 to be scored in December. The task was successfully completed on 27 December with a quarter of Mistley Surprise Minor. Two additional quarters were rung giving a grand total of 102 for the year!

Ian would like to thank everyone who took part.

Individual totals are as follows:

Ian Culham 79, Paul Bray 68, David Culham 66, Mary Coe 57, Vicky de-Vries 46, Martin Jones 31, Dave Thurlow 30, Neil Avis 23, Frances Hill 20, Richard cottee 19, Tom Sharpe 17, George salter 16, Val Banwell 13, Diane Arnold 10, Phil Erith, Anne Bray, Claire Turner & Stephen Cheek 9, Tracy Southgate & Guy Nelson 6, Colin Salter, Janet Rice & Lesley Barrell 5, Michael Mills, Anne Turner, Jean Oelrich, David Salter, Roger Cary-Smith & George Thoday 4, James Tidman, Barry Gibbons, & Katherine Salter 3, Robin Rowley, Des Thorne & Charles Crooks 2, David Sparling, Michael Warren, Jenifer Warren, John Felgate, Bryan Morrissey, Brian Meads, Neil Culham, Steven Clarke, Oliver Thompson & Jon Waters 1

Essex Association

Mistley, Essex

St. Mary and St. Michael

Thursday 27 December 2012

1296 Mistley Surprise Minor

- 1 Martin C Jones
 - 2 Colin F Salter
 - 3 Paul A J Bray
 - 4 Ian J Culham
 - 5 George M Salter
 - 6 David G Salter (C)
- 1st Quarter Peal in Method,
100th Quarter Peal at Mistley this
Year.



Photograph courtesy of Claire Turner

Beat the Winter Blues

Over a dozen intrepid Southern Essex ringers braved the threat of snow and ice on 26th January and journeyed across the water to the thawed County of Kent for a spot of extreme ringing. Methods for the day were Cambridge, Yorkshire, Stedman and Erin.

Organised by Maria Jorysz, the aim was to visit towers with 'lots of bells'. We were joined first at St Lawrence in Thanet, near Ramsgate, by a couple of local ringers, one of whom had taught Maria to ring 40 years ago. We had been warned about a walk along the roof to gain entry, but fears proved unfounded as it wasn't along the edge, though the hobbit-sized door was a challenge. The 10 bells were easy to ring, and we showed we were actually more than able at counting to 9 and 10, a good omen for the rest of the day.

Onward then to the much-awaited Waterloo tower of Quex Park near Birchington. A ring of 12 hung in a detached tower in the middle of a private estate. In the middle of a field in the middle of a private estate to be precise, and those who changed into wellies rejoiced at having dry feet, but at the same time losing all feeling in the cold, unheated tower. At least it had a door. The ropes all hung close to the walls, and unusually the largest box belonged to the treble rather than the tenor.



*Waterloo tower of Quex Park near
Birchington*

The bells were a pleasure to ring though, and counting to 11 and 12 still did not defeat us.

The next challenge was to park in Canterbury and eat a lunch in less than 30 minutes, achieved with varying degrees of success. Met by another local ringer, access to the 12 bells in the Cathedral was again along the roof, but this time mercifully inside it, along to the south west tower. An unpretentious ringing chamber, these bells were an absolute delight, and we were honoured to ring for the choral evensong that followed.

While some stayed to enjoy the choir of St Stephen's church and a splendid organ piece with Westminster chimes (did they know we were there?) some eager amongst us made their way across the city to St Dunstan for some mental relief on 6 bells.



Canterbury Cathedral in watery winter sunshine – cold but bright.

Our last ring of the day was at Ashford. These are a lovely balanced ring of 10, if a little odd struck, and even the car-load that circumnavigated Ashford 4 times got a decent ring at the end.

After meeting up with a few friends and relations we sat down to an evening curry nearby, but alas they did not succeed on higher numbers as we had, and 23 diners proved a little daunting.

I'm sure all who went would like to thank Maria for organising the outing, and those who met us. Ringing on higher numbers should not intimidate or deter people from having a go, it's not nearly as scary as you think.

Helen Harpole

Centenary of the Bells of the Cathedral Church of S Mary V, S Peter & S Cedd Chelmsford, Essex

This year is the centenary of the installation of the 12 bells at Chelmsford, which are the only complete Warner 12. To mark the centenary each of the districts have been invited to attempt a quarter at the Cathedral during 2013.



Bell	Weight	Nominal	Note	Diameter	Dated	Founder
1	4-1-12	1591.0	G	26.56"	1913	John Warner & Sons
2	4-2-2	1411.0	F	27.63"	1913	John Warner & Sons
3	4-3-15	1330.5	E	28.44"	1913	John Warner & Sons
4	5-1-11	1185.5	D	30.03"	1913	John Warner & Sons
5	5-3-1	1054.5	C	31.44"	1913	John Warner & Sons
6	7-0-8	989.0	B	32.75"	1913	John Warner & Sons
7	8-1-19	888.0	A	35.50"	1913	John Warner & Sons
8	9-3-1	782.0	G	37.88"	1913	John Warner & Sons
9	14-2-5	702.0	F	42.75"	1913	John Warner & Sons
10	16-0-8	656.5	E	44.56"	1913	John Warner & Sons
11	23-0-18	590.5	D	50.06"	1913	John Warner & Sons
12	34-2-22	520.5	C	57.88"	1913	John Warner & Sons
6b	7-2-24	931.0	Bb	33.94"	1947	John Taylor & Co

So far there have been successful attempts by two Districts:

Chelmsford, Essex

Cathedral Church of S Mary V, S Peter & S Cedd
Sunday, 24 February 2013 in 55 mins (34-2-22)

1320 Erin Cinques

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Hilary Donoghue | 2 Julia Jones |
| 3 Paul Cammiade | 4 Maria Jorysz |
| 5 Helen Harpole | 6 Peter Sloman |
| 7 John Harpole (C) | 8 David Sloman |
| 9 John Cousins | 10 Nigel Taylor |
| 11 Steve Nash | 12 Paul Trueman |

For Evensong. Rung by a Southern District band during the Centenary year of the installation of Chelmsford's 12 bells. Birthday compliment to 12. 1st on 12 - 5, 6. 1st on 12 as C. 1st Erin Cinques by all except 10. 1100th QP - 11

Chelmsford Cathedral, Essex

Sunday, 10 March 2013

1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 David E Culham | 2 Gillian M Sparling |
| 3 Neil V Avis | 4 Anne R Bray |
| 5 Thomas R Sharp | 6 Stephen A Cheek |
| 7 Michael A Mills | 8 Ian J Culham |
| 9 David L Sparling (C) | 10 Paul A J Bray |

Rung by a North East District Band during the Centenary year of the installation of Chelmsford's 12 bells.

Rung on the back 10 bells.



Bookstall Bargains to Clear

During the last year the stock of books currently held has been reviewed with the aim to clear some slow moving stock, specialist books and books which are either out of print or unlikely to be replaced due to increased prices. For a list of books that can be obtained (while stocks last) please see the Association website or contact the Bookstall Administrator, Christina Brewster, email: Christina.Brewster@talktalk.net. Please email Christina in the first instance to discuss arrangements for delivery. Depending on method of delivery postage & packing may have to be added to the cost.

Tower News:

GRAYS: Due to building work being carried out inside the church, Grays will not be holding practice nights for at least 10 weeks starting from Monday 25th February 2013.

HARWICH: I'm delighted to be able to report that the refurbishment work has been successfully completed this afternoon. We are very excited at being able to ring the bells again once more this Sunday for Service, having a bit of a tidy up, and then settling down to our normal practice and Service ringing routines. Thank you to everyone who has offered their practical and moral support during the refurbishment.

Tracey Southgate

COLCHESTER (ST. Leonard): Ringing at Colchester, St. Leonards is suspended during 2013 through to 2014 as work needs to be done on the tower. Please contact Steven Clarke ([email](#)) if further information is required as to when the work begins.

Practice Diary (From the website)



APRIL	12	District Minor Practice	Great Bromley	NE	7.30pm
	12	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7.45pm
	20	District 8-bell Practice	Great Bentley	NE	4-6pm
	20	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30pm
	24	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7.45pm
	26	Learners Practice	Chrishall/Clavering	NW	7.45pm
	27	Beyond Bob Minor	Felsted	N	7:00pm
30	5 th Tuesday Practice	Saffron Walden	NW	7.45pm	
MAY	4	Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10am-12pm
	10	District Minor Practice	Great Bromley	NE	7.30pm
	10	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7.45pm
	14	District Practice	High Easter	SE	7.45pm
	18	District 8-bell Practice	Colch. St Peter's	NE	4-6pm
	18	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30pm
	23	District Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7.30 pm
25	Beyond Bob Minor	TBA	N	7:00pm	
29	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7.45pm	
JUNE	1	Learners Practice	South Ockendon	S	10-12 noon
	1	District 10-bell Practice	Coggeshall	N	7.30pm
	14	District Minor Practice	Great Bromley	N	7.30pm
	14	District Practice	Bradwell-on-Sea	SE	7.45pm
	14	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7.45pm
	15	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30pm
	15	10-bell Practice	Writtle	SE	4 to 5.30pm
	26	Surprise Practice	Terling	SE	7.45pm
	28	Learners Practice	Bobbingworth/Willingale	NW	7.45pm
	29	Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:00pm
JULY	6	10-12 bell Practice	Bishops Stortfor	NW	11.00-12.30
	12	District Minor Practice	Great Bromley	NE	7.30pm
	12	District Practice	Stansted	NW	7.45pm
	13	Evening Practice	Pentlow	N	7:30pm
	18	District Practice,	Terling	SE	7.45pm.
	18	District Surprise Practice	South Weald	S	7.30 pm
	20	Advanced Practice	Braintree	N	7:30pm
	20	District 8-bell Practice	Harwich	NE	4-6pm
	27	Beyond Bob Minor	Wethersfield	N	7:00pm
	30	5 th Tuesday practice	Saffron Walden	NW	7.45pm



Dates for your Diary (From the website)

APRIL	4 - 6	Essex Ringing Course	Coggeshall		
	7 – 21	Quarter-peal Fortnight		SE	
	27	District Training Event	Ardleigh	NE	9.30am-12pm
	27	Striking Comp & Meeting	Arkesden tbc	NW	
MAY	6	Essex Association AGM	Chelmsford		from 9:30am
	11	Meeting & Striking Comp.	Mistley	NE	PM
	11	District Meeting	Sible Hedingham	N	from 3pm
	18	District Outing	Loughborough	NW	ALL DAY
	18	Striking Competition	Rettendon	S	5.00 pm
	18	Striking Comp. & Meeting	Great Totham	SE	Draw 2.30pm.
JUNE	2	Coronation 60 th Anniversary	Commemorative ringing		
	8	District Striking Contest	Gosfield	N	6:00pm
	8	DISTRICT OUTING	Surrey	S	9.30 am
	15	Call-Change Comp.	Layer-de-la-Haye	NE	4pm
JULY	6	Association Striking Competition FINALS:			
			North Ockendon (6)		2pm
			South Ockendon (8)		6.45 pm
	6	National Youth Striking Comp	York		

From the Editor

Copy has been in short supply for this edition of the newsletter. Please consider sending a short report on any event that you think may be of interest, that takes place at your tower or in your district.

The next edition of Rounds & About is planned for August 2013. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to Mrs Anne Bray, 7 Darcy Close, Kirby Cross, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 0RR or by email to arbray@ymail.com or call 01255 679312 by 1st July 2013.