

Leisure 2010 Exhibition – Clacton

NE District Officers and members manned a stand at a 2-day exhibition called 'Leisure 2010' during the weekend 15th-16th May. The exhibition was organised by the Rotary Club of Clacton-on-Sea, and took place at the Coastal Academy in Pathfields Road, with the idea of promoting leisure and hobby activities in the region.



Ann Turner (left) and Mandy Miles (right)

We took full advantage of the EACR's new display material which includes a 3 panel table-top display board complete with some interesting posters and news snippets, together with the newly designed roller banner stand. We also managed to take along a laptop to show off Powerpoint presentations, Abel and other interesting ringing related DVDs and CDs, which visitors were able to watch and listen to, and there were also some handbells.

I was given the chance to do a live presentation up on the stage in front of loads of people. Scared witless and armed only with a microphone, I took a leaf out of the politician's books; I stuck to the script, didn't get heckled and carried on regardless!



PRO Tracey Southgate, with good friend Mic

During the course of the weekend there was plenty of interest shown and we gave away copious leaflets to those expressing an interest in learning. Hopefully we can convert this interest into actual visits to towers to persuade people to have a go. As you all know, once we have got people into the belfry, there's no letting them out again!

My thanks to Gill Sparling for all her help with the arrangements and to all the helpers including Anne Turner, Mandy Miles, Anne and Paul Bray, Roger Carey-Smith, Celia Free, Jean Oehrich, Joy Locke and Margaret Harvey.

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