

**The Essex Association
of Change Ringers
(Founded 1879)**

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

**With List of Officers
Members, Performances, etc.**

& Officers, Tower Contacts, Calendar for 2026

BELFRY PRAYERS

BEFORE RINGING

Heavenly Father, as we gather to ring these bells please be with all who will hear them. May this reminder of your presence bring comfort to those who are sad, lonely or lost and challenge to those who are indifferent to your love and promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

or

Send, O Lord, your Grace into our hearts, as we ring the bells of your house. May we never forget its sacredness; and may we always ring to your praise and glory. Amen

or

A Holy Shout (to be shouted, especially loud on the "our Lord"!):

Ring strong, ring true, we ring for you, our Lord! Amen

For those who are unwell or in need of special prayer

Father, send your Holy Spirit to those of us who are in need. Bring us all good physical health - good mental health and wellbeing - good spiritual health. Amen

AFTER RINGING

Thank you, heavenly Father for this time spent together. Walk with each one of us until we meet again. Amen



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MASTER'S REPORT

I will begin by thanking all of you who supported my election as Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers in May 2025.

The first nine months has presented some successes and some challenges. In May, we held our AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral. Andrew Kelso stood down after 7 years as master. I would like to thank Andrew for his invaluable contribution to the Association.

My first event was in June, when we entered a band in the Ridgman Trophy, held at Boston Stump. After a very long climb, we rang a half course of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. It was a most enjoyable day, and we won by a handsome margin, so well done to all the band. This year, the Ridgman Trophy Competition will be held at Stowmarket, and the Essex Trophy will be hosted by the Sussex County Association.

In July, we held a very successful six and eight bell striking competition, employing a revised format of the 8-bell competition in the morning, held at Terling and 6-bell competition at Sandon, where an excellent lunch was provided. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the considerable effort and seamless organisation by the officers and members of the South-Eastern district. This year, it is the turn of the Southern district, who will doubtless emulate what was a fantastic day!

I would encourage district bands to enter their respective district competitions, even if you think you are unlikely to win. More teams entering makes for a more enjoyable and social event, and it puts the focus on encouraging better striking.

Last September, we competed in our own Essex Trophy Striking Competition. The competition took place on the ring of ten at Basingstoke. The test piece was a touch of Stedman Caters. We were 4th out of five; not exactly a success. However, I have noted that we tend to win the ten bell competitions when we ring royal and fare less well when ringing caters.

At the 2025 association dinner, I presented my first speech as master. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which was a very successful in virtually all respects. Apart from the non-appearance of coffee!

At the respective district ADMs, several new district officers have been elected. Congratulations and thank you to all the officers, both new and re-elected for your time and dedication.

We have a number of issues to resolve in respect of the Management Committee and Trustees. I look forward to resolving these so we can move forward as a single, homogeneous unit. We are all volunteers, giving a considerable amount of time to the association freely, and it is important we work together as a team.

As well as attracting new officers, we are always mindful of the need for recruiting new ringers. Events such as 'Ring For The King', have had some success, with not only new recruits, but ringers returning to ringing, sometimes after a gap of decades. We still need to strive to seek new ways of bringing more potential ringers to their local tower or nearest ringing centre.

I note requests for ringing opportunities at all levels. There are frequent requests for those seeking to learn or perfect, Bob Doubles. This is for many, a long climb on the ladder of change ringing, and I have been giving considerable thought on how we can find ways to teach learners 'ropesight' and, just as importantly, be able to hear their bell. Most of the districts hold regular surprise major practices, and I have re-introduced surprise royal quarter peal attempts, so I hope we are covering most of the requirements. If not, please inform your local district officers.

I am also very pleased that there has been an increase in ringing outings. It is now very easy to contact tower correspondents (assuming the website links work!), and an outing can be arranged in a matter of a few hours. A growing number of ringers are arranging outings, both within Essex and further afield, and I welcome such enthusiasm. Ringing at other towers is good experience, and an outing may encounter both easy and difficult bells, and sometimes very long, unguided drafts! Outings also bring together ringers from more than one district, enabling us to socialise with other members of the wider Association.

I am enjoying my role as master and thank all those who continue to support me.

Nigel Taylor
Association Master
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2026

Ringing Members: £12; Junior Ringing Members (aged 17 or under on 1st January): minimum £6;

Associate Members £6; Non-Resident Life Members: £12.

Paid life membership: Ringing £240; Associate £120.

Peal Fee £0 per rope (or pair of handbells).

This Annual Report is free to Ringing and Associate Members, is free to Non-Resident Members in the year that they are elected only, and costs £4 (+ £2.50 2nd class p&p for a printed copy) to non-members. You can join the Association by initially applying on-line at membermojo.co.uk/eacr - you will also need to present a membership application form (available from District Secretaries or through the Membership link on the EACR web-site at eacr.org.uk) at any District Meeting to confirm your election.

CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

The format of the Charity Trustees Report is in line with the latest requirements of the Charity Commission. Sections 1 and 4 and Annexes A and B of the full report list the particulars of the Charity and its Trustees and Governance Policies and are (except 1.8) omitted from this Annual Report. Sections 1.8, 2, 3, 5 and 6 comprise the main body of the report and are reproduced below. The full report is available on request from the Association Officers.

1.8 Organisation

The Association is governed by the Trustees and administered by them through the Management Committee and its sub-committees and through the Districts and their respective District Committees and District meetings. The Trustees are responsible to the Membership via the AGM. The order of precedence for governance is i) the Trustees, ii) the Management Committee, iii) Districts.

The Trustees meet independently of the Management Committee at least three times per year to review the Association's activities, its finances, the risks it faces, safeguarding and to consider applications for grants. The Management Committee meets on at least two occasions during the year. The Association is organised into six districts. The districts have their own officers responsible for encouraging good ringing in the churches with bells within their area and working within the charitable objectives of the Association as a whole. Each district is represented by an elected Trustee and each district has four elected officers on the Management Committee. The districts hold their annual meetings in January where they elect their officers. Regular practices, meetings, quarter peals and striking competitions are organised within districts as well as fundraising events with any surpluses going to the Bell Restoration Account (BRA) or the Recruitment and Training Fund.

The Association is affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and loyally abides by the rules and decisions thereof.

2 Objectives and Public Benefit Statement

2.1 Charitable Objects

The objects of the Association are as set out in rule 2:

- 🔔 To further the work of the Church by the ringing of bells and to promote all aspects of the same.
- 🔔 The advancement of the education of the public in the art and science of bell ringing, by promoting and encouraging the practice of bellringing and by supporting the recruitment, training and development of bellringers.

In furtherance of these objectives the Association organises and encourages training sessions and bell ringing competitions. The main Association-level training is the annual 3-day Essex Ringing Course which is based in Witham. There is an Autumn training day hosted by each District in turn but individual training is spread throughout the county. Training at the District level is both ongoing and based on specific training days.

Grants to approved belfry repair and improvement projects are available from the Bell Restoration Account. The Association Technical Adviser is available to discuss the condition of bells and their fittings. The Bell Maintenance & Restoration sub-committee has delegated authority to grant up to £250 for minor works. The Recruitment & Training sub-committee has delegated authority to grant up to £250. Sums above £250 are referred to the Management Committee for support pending Trustees' approval. Applications are considered at the Management Committee meetings in February and October and/or the Trustee meetings in February, May and October.

2.2 Public Benefit

The Association's Objects and Aims are focused towards two areas. First, the support of Christian worship by promoting the ringing of bells for Service and second the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing and supporting the training and development of change ringers from all walks of society. The Association achieves this by:

- (a) encouraging the attendance of its members both at service ringing and at public worship;
- (b) encouraging the recognition of ringers as Church workers;
- (c) encouraging fellowship and communication among ringers;
- (d) recruiting and training new ringers, so that there may be regular service ringing in all the towers within the Association's boundaries where the bells are ringable; and
- (e) promoting interest in the care of all the bells and provision of new bells within the Association's boundaries.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Enabling members to meet for performances and community building

In some areas across Essex bellringing teams are short of numbers to ring for Christian worship or lack the necessary skills and experience to be able to improve their performance on occasions when they ring. The Association arranges, advertises and hosts structured events to provide opportunities for members to meet for practice and the building of social networks. The Association produces, hosts and distributes newsletters via email and its website to effectively share news and best practice about bellringing in Essex and to promote community connections between all bellringers.

Arranging and promoting fundraising activities

The Association arranges both regular and one-off fundraising initiatives to support the objective of providing financial assistance to churches within Essex. Many of these initiatives take place at our regular practice and meeting events but members are also offered the opportunity to make a donation or Gift Aid declaration when they renew their annual subscription.

Providing training and development

Bellringing is a public performance which requires a high level of skill to produce a sound which is pleasing to the listening public. The Association offers tailored training opportunities to help members improve their skills when ringing for Christian worship and on other appropriate occasions.

Many members give up their time and talents in many ways volunteering to help ringing schools, individual towers and bell restoration projects as well as many different recruiting, training, fundraising and maintenance projects in furtherance of the objectives as laid down in the rules.

The Association maintains a new and much-improved website (www.eacr.org.uk) which details many of the activities undertaken for its members. The Association has also maintained contact with its members via the Membermojo membership system which has mailing list facilities to set up district and association mailing lists, Facebook, X, Instagram, a newsletter and a YouTube channel. In addition, Districts currently maintain their own webpages within the Association website and social media outlets.

The public benefits through the preservation of a uniquely UK tradition and heritage, and because we assist them to participate in an inclusive activity that significantly benefits them both physically and mentally.

The Trustees paid due regard to the commission's guidance on public benefit in producing this statement.

2.3 Membership

Membership is open to any person eligible according to the Association's rules (regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances) interested in bells and bellringing. Our membership categories include Ringing Members (including Juniors), Life Vice-Presidents, Life Members, Non-Resident Members and Associate Members of the Association.

3 Review of Activities and Achievements in 2025

3.1 Overview

The Association aims to offer support to its members to not only ring for Sunday service and practice nights but also to improve and progress their ringing. District events are usually held across the Association including open practices, quarter peal weeks/months, training activities, outings and social gatherings. Whilst the number of people attending these events is difficult to gauge, a broad spectrum of the membership is involved with these and hopefully benefit from the opportunity to ring at different towers and meet other ringers.

Much good work is done by all the Trustees and those on the Management Committee for the Association, and by all of the District Officers across the Association. The Trustees, Management Committee and District Officers' Meetings continue to effectively inform and shape the actions of the Association, and thanks go out to all of the Officers and representatives for their ongoing contributions to the Association. It is the Districts within the Association that undertake the majority of the work in fostering our ringing community to achieve its full potential. They connect the leaves of our members to the roots of the Association, and uphold its aims and objectives.

The Trustees held five meetings, three in-person, one via video conferencing and one via email in which to discuss urgent matters between formal Trustee meetings. In whichever form they have taken they have proven, as much as they always have done, to be key to the shaping of our activities as an association as we adapt and thrive into the future. They are the medium through which all members can express their views and help shape the Association's direction. The Management Committee met twice, in February and October and the Association AGM was held in May.

There are three sub-committees: Communications & Public Relations, Recruitment & Training and Bell Maintenance & Restoration.

The **Recruitment & Training** sub-committees, which met several times throughout the year, main focus has been continuing to train Essex ringers to be teachers via the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) day courses and run a Module 1 (bell handling) in May and December and one Module 2F (developing foundation skills) in June. We thank ART for running these day courses. We continue to look at ways to help people who have been on the courses move forward to become practised trainers.

The main workstreams have been:

Tower survey with the primary objective to get a base line to work from in increasing recruitment and finding towers or areas where R&T effort can be focused.

Essex universities initiative to engage with and train students with a view to them starting their own University Society

Discussions about organising a countywide recruitment event in Essex in 2026 to target specific towers and create training groups.

A member of the sub-committee heads up a Simulator Workgroup to enable the sharing of knowledge about installing and using simulators. A simulator workshop was held in November.

The Association Training Day in November offered seven courses at towers central to the whole county rather than all in one District, mindful of 'cash and carbon' constraints. A team attended the Essex University Freshers Week in October. The team were successful in applying for the ART University Recruitment Package which gives a free place on an M2 course, £250 towards the costs of the Freshers' Fair, 25 free Learning the Ropes personal progress logbooks, to motivate and guide new recruits and training in how to teach bell handling, with free places for would-be ringing teachers at ART Training Scheme day courses.

The **Bell Maintenance & Restoration** sub-committee met once in the year via video conferencing in September to review two grant applications and receive updates on several ongoing projects.

The **Communication & Public Relations** sub-committee met several times during the year. Work on the new website was completed and the site launched at the AGM in May.

The sub-committee is considering provision of advice to members on good practice in fundraising, reviewing grant making information and application forms with a view to making them easier to complete for our members and sourcing a design and manufacture of plaques where grants had been specifically given from the Bequest Fund.

Some towers took part in Bell Sunday on 18 May, where the contribution of bells and Bellringers to the life of the Church was recognised.

Following a suggestion in 2018 to update the WWI and WWII Association Memorial in Chelmsford Cathedral with additional names which had come to light, work with the Cathedral authorities has been ongoing concerning approval of the Portland stone and approval of the detailed lettering layout, carving the lettering and installation of the stone. The stone had now been completed and is ready for installation once a slot can be found in the Cathedral diary and subject to the contractor's schedule. Installation is now likely to be in early 2026.

Discussion continued into celebrating the Associations 150th anniversary in 2029. We plan to mark this historic milestone with events and we are in the process of setting up a sub-committee to plan ahead.

3.2 Grants

The Association operates a Bell Restoration Account designed to assist bell restoration projects within the Association. A permanent Bell Maintenance and Restoration sub-committee considers applications for financial assistance towards work for maintenance and improvement of a bell installation to restore bells and their fittings to enable full circle ringing to take place. Grants are also given for augmenting and other ancillary work required to enable full circle ringing to continue or to be carried out and the installation of simulators to support training and practice. The sub-committee meets and makes written recommendations for consideration at the Management Committee meetings and the Trustees meetings. The Technical Adviser carried out several inspections and a number of applications will be forthcoming in 2026 and beyond.

Over the last five and ten years, grants have been approved as follows:

	Total Grants	Towers	Average Per Tower	pa	BRA Income	pa
5 Years	£64,228	11	£5,839	£12,846	£31,160	£6,232
10 years	£119,170	19	£6,272	£11,917	£70,308	£7,031

The level of grants in the past 5 and 10 years is above the BRA income received.

Summary of Grants

Bell Restoration Account

	Tower	£	
Two grants were paid in the year	Ardleigh	9,000	Augmentation and refurbishment
	Thaxted	918	Installation of amplification system
		9,918	
	Tower	£	
Four grants were approved in the year, but not yet payable	White Roding	20,000	Augmentation and refurbishment
	Earls Colne	8,000	Rehang and refurbishment
	Great Easton	5,000	Rehang and refurbishment
	Little Bromley	5,000	Rehang and refurbishment
		38,000	

Bequest Funds

	Tower	£	
Four grants were paid in the year	Ardleigh	12,992	Cost of new bell and fittings
	Great Tey	2,996	Rope guide
	Thaxted	918	Installation of amplification system
	Stebbing	250	Clapper refurbishment
		17,156	
	Tower	£	
Three grants were approved in the year, but not yet payable	White Roding	19,000	Cost of new bell and fittings
	Great Easton	5,000	Rehang and refurbishment
	Little Bromley	5,000	Rehang and refurbishment
		29,000	

Recruitment & Training

	Tower	£	
Three grants were paid in the year	Ardleigh	4,000	Rope guides and training bells
	Essex University Freshers Week	635	Open day stand and hire of mini-ring
	Basildon	175	Repair of simulator
		4,810	
	Tower	£	
Three grant was approved in the year, but not yet payable	White Roding	1,000	Towards a simulator
	Hutton	500	Towards a rope guide
	Coggeshall	200	Towards hire of Touring Tower (grant not taken up as event cancelled due to bad weather)
		1,700	

3.3 Training

In furtherance of the objectives the Association organises and encourages training sessions and bell ringing competitions. Training ringers is vitally important to maintain ringing in our towers. All six Districts hold regular training events throughout the year.

The Association has two accredited Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) hubs: Ardleigh Ringing School in the North Eastern District and Willingale Ringing Centre in the North Western District. Regular ringing centres at Coggeshall in the Northern District and Prittlewell in the Southern District normally run a varied programme of workshops, courses and practical sessions. The Chigwell Ringing Centre in the South Western District is currently in abeyance. The Essex Association Training Day took place on 22nd November. 40 students attended 8 courses run across 9 towers: two Hunting Principles, Bell Handling Clinic, Improving Foundation Skills, two Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Triples and Major and Listening and Striking. We are continually indebted to towers for allowing us to come and run training courses and especially to use their simulators so we can ring all day.

There have been many advances in simulator hardware and software in recent years and the functionality that is now available. Many towers are now installing simulator software or dumbbells to train new ringers effectively and to train more ringers than would otherwise be possible.

3.4 Essex Ringing Course

The Association runs the Essex Ringing Course, established in 1991. The 34th Essex Course ran over 3 days in April, headquartered at a school in Witham. There were 200 applications for this year's course.

Over 90 students took part in 14 groups ranging from bell-handling to steeple-keeping. Places were offered on viability of each group and ensuring an appropriate mix of Essex/non-Essex in each group. 16 towers were used from 4 Districts, given the more central location: 9 were used for all three days, 2 were used for 2 days and 4 for one day only, all making greater use of towers with simulators. The on-line application system again worked well and 100% applications were made on-line. An on-line application system for helpers was also used to good effect.

3.5 Striking competitions

The Association 6 and 8 bell striking competitions were held in the South Eastern District. The 6 Bell competition, held at Sandon, was won by Chelmsford Cathedral. The 8 Bell contest, held at Terling, was won by the South Eastern District. Of the two Inter-Association 10 Bell competitions, the Ridgman Trophy was held at Boston in June where the Essex team came first out of seven teams and the Essex Trophy was held at Basingstoke in September, where Essex came fourth out of five teams.

3.6 Young Ringers

Open Young Ringers practices took place monthly throughout the year (except September) and the commitment, enthusiasm and behaviour of our young ringers was never short of exemplary. The South East England Youth Striking Competition (SEECON), hosted by Bucks & Berks at Twyford in April, where the Essex Young Eagles were placed fourth out of seven teams entering. The 14th Ringing World National Youth Contest took place on 5 July in Birmingham. For the first time Essex Young Eagles entered two teams, one in the advanced six bell call change competition where they finished 7th out of twelve teams and one in the eight-bell method competition where they were placed 4th out of six teams entering. Practices are only possible due to the support of a small but committed group of adult leaders and supporters.

5. Review of Financial Activities in 2025

5.1 Total funds have decreased by £5,803 and now stand at £474,447.

5.2 **Membership** has decreased by 2 to 1,130. Ninety-two new members were elected. Ninety-four percent of members paid their subscriptions by 30 April (95% in 2024). Seventy ringing members, eleven associate and five juniors are deemed to have withdrawn from the Association as their subscriptions remained unpaid as at 31 December. Fifteen members have sadly died. Five previously lapsed members have returned. Two members elected in 2025 have yet to pay their subscriptions, one has since ceased ringing. Seventy-one percent of members paid via Membermojo, 15% paid by BACS and the remainder paid via their District Treasurer. Therefore, 86% of members now pay by electronic means which has reduced the burden on District Treasurers. A snapshot of our membership shows 5% are aged 18 or under, 5% are 19-25, 14% 26-50, 16% 51-60 (down 1%) and 60% over 61 (up 1%). The average age of our membership is 60 (same).

5.3 **Interest rates:** The Bank of England base rate fell from 4.75% in January to 3.5% in December. High Street interest rates have consequently fallen throughout the year. The 1 Year Fixed Rate Bond with Cambridge and Counties Bank matured on 11 March and the balance was reinvested into a 1 Year Fixed Rate Bond offering 4.65%. The 12 Month Fixed Rate Saver with CAFBank (via Shawbrook Bank) matured on 13 March and the balance was reinvested into a 12 Month Fixed Rate Bond offering 4.30%. The 1 Year Fixed Rate Corporate Bond with Saffron Building Society matured on 28 March and the balance was reinvested into a 1 Year Business Bond offering 3.90%. The Virgin 12 Month Charity Deposit Account matured on 14 September and was reinvested into a 1 Year Charity Term Deposit earning 4%. Our Notice accounts with Cambridge and Counties offers 3.55% and Charity Bank currently offers 3.13%. These rates are variable and will continue to fall in the New Year. Our day-to-day NatWest Business Current Account and No 2 account still offer free banking while the NatWest Business Reserve offers a variable 0.95%. In summary and at the time of this report: £47,905 of the Association's funds are instantly available; £136,937 are available with 95 or 100-days' notice and £276,967 deposited in fixed rate accounts with various maturity dates in 2026.

5.4 **The General Fund** had a deficit of £45 for the year. Five parents requested their share of the RWNYS subsidy be retained within the Association for future youth activities. As a consequence, £450 was transferred to the R&T Fund and £150 was gift-aided back to the Association. After this transfer the Fund stands at £11,523. The Annual Dinner made a deficit of £103 (£98 surplus in 2024). Annual Report

expenses were down slightly due to a 10% reduction in the print run compared to 2024 and the personal accident insurance premium remained the same. The CCCBR affiliation fee rose to £453 (from 20p per member to 40p per member) and will rise again significantly in 2026 when they raise their fees to £1 per member. A budget of £3,000 was agreed for the RWNYC in Nottingham and other youth activities in 2026. The other outstanding commitment on the fund is £2,206 (including Gift Aid) towards the Memorial Stone in Chelmsford Cathedral.

- 5.5 The **Bequest Fund** stands at £399,363. In October 2024, the Management Committee agreed to merge the Heath Bequest and Cobb Bequest into one fund - the Bequest Fund. This took effect from 1 January 2025. Grants of £12,992 to Ardeigh, £2,996 to Great Tey, £918 to Thaxted and £250 to Stebbing were paid in the year. An amount of £8,781 has been committed to the Chelmsford Cathedral Memorial Stone along with grants of £19,000 to White Roding, £5,000 to Great Easton and £5,000 to Little Bromley, which were approved in the year, all of which remain outstanding.
- 5.6 The **Essex Ringing Course** made a surplus of £382 with the balance now standing at £6,871. The Course fee remained at £65 including an allowance for the Eventbrite fee. Income increased by £239 partly due to an increase in student numbers. Expenditure increased by £852, primarily due to increases in costs associated with the Eventbrite fee and the Tutors' meal. Tower donations (which remained at £20 per half-day session) were down slightly.
- 5.7 The **Chigwell Ringing Centre** balance remains at £453. The **St Mary's Stansted Mountfitchet Fund** has a balance of £4,759.
- 5.8 The **Recruitment and Training Fund** has decreased by £662 and after the transfer of £450 from the General Fund stands at £11,293. Grants of £4,000 for a rope guide and two training bells at Ardeigh, £635 towards the cost of the Essex University Freshers Week and £175 to restore the simulator at Basildon were paid in the year. A grant of £200 to Coggeshall was approved in the year towards the hire of the Touring Tower but was not taken up following cancellation of the event due to bad weather. Grants of £1,000 to White Roding and £500 to Hutton were agreed in the year and remain outstanding.
- 5.9 The **Bell Restoration Account** has decreased by £1,746 to £40,185. A grant of £9,000 was paid to Ardeigh for their augmentation and refurbishment and a grant of £918 was paid to Thaxted towards the installation of a new amplification system. Grants of £20,000 to White Roding, £8,000 to Earls Colne, £5,000 to Great Easton and £5,000 to Little Bromley were agreed in the year and remain outstanding.
- 5.10 Charity shopping fundraising site Easyfundraising continues to contribute to our funds albeit to a lesser extent than previously. Please encourage members in your Districts to support this simple method of raising funds. Easyfundraising has over 8,100 shops and sites which will donate to the EACR at no extra cost to members.
- 5.11 A **Gift Aid** and GASDS claim of £2,692 and £236 respectively covering the period from 1 January to 30 November 2025, including some additional claims relating to the previous four years, was received in December.
- 5.12 The overall picture for the 2025 accounts is one of a strong, sound running charity. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

6. Membership for 2025

	N		NE		NW		S		SE		SW		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Ringing	109	107	135	130	193	202	172	176	194	197	122	119	925	932
Junior	7	5	13	14	9	11	16	13	8	7	7	5	60	55
Life	17	15	14	14	5	6	14	14	13	15	9	9	72	73
Paid life	-	-	4	5	3	3	2	2	7	7	1	1	17	18
Life Vice-Presidents	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	-	-	8	8
Total ringing	134	128	167	164	211	223	207	208	224	228	139	134	1,082	1,085
Associates	-	1	6	6	16	21	12	7	7	8	5	3	46	46
Associates paid life	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Honorary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	134	129	173	170	227	244	220	216	231	236	144	137	1,129	1,133
Non-resident (transfer)	-	3	-	2	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	1	5	8
Non-resident (elected)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	4	2
Total	135	132	174	172	227	244	224	217	232	239	146	138	1,138	1,142

Declaration

Approved by the Trustees on 5th February 2026 and signed on their behalf by

N S D Taylor
Association Master

V L Chapman
General Secretary

A P Brewster
Association Treasurer

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Summary

	2025									2024	
	General Fund	Essex Course	Bequest Fund	Heath Bequest	Cobb Bequ'st	St Mary's Stansted M'fitchet Fund	Chigwell Ringing Centre	R&T Fund	BR Acc't	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income											
District subscription income	8,941	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,903	-	11,844	7,961
District fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,370	3,370	3,424
Essex Ringing Course fees	-	5,130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,130	4,954
Gift Aid tax recovered/GASDS	331	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,599	2,930	1,945
Annual dinner receipts	3,399	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,399	2,754
Bank interest	-	-	13,168	-	-	156	-	501	1,951	15,776	16,906
Other income	1,974	361	-	-	-	100	-	1,489	977	4,901	5,625
Total income	14,645	5,491	13,168	-	-	256	-	4,893	8,897	47,350	43,569
2024	10,897	5,252	-	11,765	2,583	289	-	4,608	8,175	43,569	
Expenditure											
Insurance	1,743	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	725	2,468	2,444
Annual Report	1,775	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,775	1,856
Essex Ringing Course	-	5,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,109	4,257
Grants	-	-	17,156	-	-	-	-	4,810	9,918	31,884	4,276
Annual dinner expenses	3,502	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,502	2,656
Website redesign project	3,401	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,401	6,799
Other expenses	4,269	-	-	-	-	-	-	745	-	5,014	5,080
Total expenditure	14,690	5,109	17,156	-	-	-	-	5,555	10,643	53,153	27,368
2024	16,986	4,257	-	2,000	678	-	-	2,746	701	27,368	
Net surplus/(deficit)											
	(45)	382	(3,988)	-	-	256	-	(662)	(1,746)	(5,803)	
Transfer between funds											
	(450)	-	403,351	(330,945)	(72,406)	-	-	450	-	-	
Net increase/ (decrease) in funds											
	(495)	382	399,363	(330,945)	(72,406)	256	-	(212)	(1,746)	(5,803)	
2024	(6,089)	995	-	9,765	1,905	289	-	1,862	7,474	16,201	16,201
Assets											
Cash at bank/in hand										461,906	466,634
Stock										2,596	2,647
Other assets										10,801	11,905
Liabilities, less than one year										(856)	(936)
Net assets										474,447	480,250
Represented by:											
Funds	11,523	6,871	399,363	-	-	4,759	453	11,293	40,185	474,447	
2024	12,018	6,489	-	330,945	72,406	4,503	453	11,505	41,931	480,250	

Grants Summary (approved but unpaid) and Other Commitments

Cathedral Memorial Stone (est)	2,206	-	8,781	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,987	
Earls Colne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	8,000	
Great Easton	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	10,000	
Hutton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	500	
Little Bromley	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	10,000	
RWNYC/ other youth activities	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	607	-	3,607	
White Roding	-	-	19,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	20,000	40,000	
	5,206	-	37,781	-	-	-	-	2,107	38,000	83,094	

District Income and Expenditure Account

General Fund	N	NE	NW	S	SE	SW	2025	2024
Income	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions								
Ringing (full)	1,308	1,620	2,304	2,064	2,328	1,464	11,088	7,456
Ringing (full) arrears	16	-	16	-	-	8	40	24
Ringing (junior)	42	78	54	96	48	42	360	220
Ringing (junior) arrears	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Associates	-	36	96	72	42	30	276	184
Non-resident	12	8	-	-	-	24	44	16
Proportion of paid life membership (<i>note 1</i>)	-	16	16	-	48	-	80	80
Total	1,378	1,758	2,486	2,232	2,466	1,568	11,888	7,984
To Recruitment and Training Fund (<i>note 1</i>)	(345)	(430)	(598)	(540)	(606)	(384)	(2,903)	(1,950)
Net Income	1,033	1,328	1,888	1,692	1,860	1,184	8,985	6,034
Expenditure								
Postage	-	-	22	-	-	-	22	15
Printing, stationery etc.	-	-	16	-	6	-	22	8
	-	-	38	-	6	-	44	23
Excess of income over expenditure								
2025	1,033	1,328	1,850	1,692	1,854	1,184	8,941	
2024	661	858	1,350	1,106	1,289	747		6,011
Bell Restoration Account								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raffles	-	138	-	413	626	-	1,177	880
Teas	29	45	-	580	209	-	863	734
Donations	139	37	122	71	157	41	567	558
Collections	-	60	-	289	66	-	415	414
District socials including quiz evenings	-	99	-	-	164	-	263	469
Training days	-	-	40	-	15	-	55	104
Outings	-	-	-	-	30	-	30	265
2025	168	379	162	1,353	1,267	41	3,370	
2024	363	598	211	1,352	851	49		3,424
TOTAL DISTRICT INCOME								
2025	1,201	1,707	2,012	3,045	3,121	1,225	12,311	
2024	1,024	1,456	1,561	2,458	2,140	796	9,435	

General Fund

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Net district income	8,941	6,011
Annual dinner receipts	3,399	2,754
Chelmsford Cathedral Memorial donations/Gift Aid	1,856	350
Striking Competition receipts	214	222
Annual Report advertisements	115	135
AGM receipts	98	196
Profit on sale of badges	22	20
Southern District Open Day	-	1,209
	<u>14,645</u>	<u>10,897</u>
Expenditure		
Annual dinner expenses	3,502	2,656
Website redesign project costs	3,401	6,799
RWNYC subsidies and competition fee	1,390	45
Annual Report	1,775	1,856
Personal accident insurance	1,743	1,743
CCCBR affiliation fees	453	214
Trustee/Management meetings - hire of hall	407	286
Membermojo - annual fee	300	300
Stripe transaction fees (Membermojo)	275	195
Newsletter	238	151
Youth Coordinator's expenses	201	34
Treasurer's expenses	164	165
Annual dinner - guests	160	140
Website hosting and domain name	157	93
Chelmsford Cathedral donation	150	150
National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) subscription	58	56
AGM choir donation	50	50
Trophy engraving	40	30
Printing and stationery	36	22
Ringling World advertisements	23	6
Secretary's expenses	22	9
AGM expenses	21	89
SumUp transaction fees	21	17
Ridgman Trophy entry fee	20	-
Striking competition expenses	20	90
Friends of Essex Churches	15	15
Postage	12	42
Friends of CCCBR library	10	10
Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral	10	10
Zoom subscription to video conferencing	8	218
New members packs	8	9
Southern District Open Day	-	1,209
Communication and PR materials	-	177
Donation in memoriam of J E G Roast	-	100
	<u>14,690</u>	<u>16,986</u>
Excess of expenditure over income	(45)	(6,089)
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>12,018</u>	<u>18,107</u>
	11,973	12,018
Transfer to R&T Fund re waived RWNYC subsidies	(450)	-
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>11,523</u>	<u>12,018</u>

Bequest Fund (Formerly Heath Bequest and Cobb Bequest) (note 2)

	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Interest received	13,168	-
Expenditure		
Grants	17,156	-
Excess of expenditure over income	(3,988)	-
Transfer from Heath Bequest	330,945	-
Transfer from Cobb Bequest	72,406	-
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>399,363</u>	<u>-</u>

Heath Bequest	£	£
Income		
Interest received	-	11,765
Expenditure		
Grants	-	2,000
Excess of income over expenditure	-	9,765
Balance at 31 December 2024	330,945	321,180
Transfer to Bequest Fund	<u>(330,945)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>330,945</u>

Cobb Bequest	£	£
Income		
Interest received	-	2,583
Expenditure		
Grants	-	678
Excess of income over expenditure	-	1,905
Balance at 31 December 2024	72,406	70,501
Transfer to Bequest Fund	<u>(72,406)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>72,406</u>

		Approved but unpaid					Paid	2024
		Date approved	Estimated cost	Brought forward	2025	Carried forward		
			£	£	£	£	£	£
Bequest Fund								
Ardleigh								
cost of new bell and fittings	21.02.24	12,992 (revised)	12,804	188	-	12,992	-	-
Great Bardfield simulator	05.10.24	678 (revised)	-	-	-	-	-	678
Great Easton rehang and refurbishment	01.02.25	44,600	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Great Tey rope guide	19.10.24	6,996	2,996	-	-	2,996	-	-
Little Bromley rehang and refurbishment	01.02.25	46,788	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Stebbing (Minor Works Scheme) Clapper refurbishment	17.05.25	676	-	250	-	250	-	-
Thaxted installation of amplification system	19.10.24	2,755	918	-	-	918	-	-
Touring Tower - Mobile Belfries Trust donation and plaque	18.05.24	65,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
White Roding cost of new bell and fittings	05.10.25	19,000	-	19,000	19,000	-	-	-
Total all grants			<u>16,718</u>	<u>29,438</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>17,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,678</u>

Essex Ringing Course

	2025		2024	
Income	£	£	£	£
Course fees		5,130		4,954
Raffle		336		260
Course clothing				
Sales	396		275	
Cost of sales	(371)		(257)	
		25		18
Donations		-		20
		5,491		5,252
Expenditure				
Hire of school and equipment		1,980		1,980
Tower donations		1,480		1,520
Eventbrite transaction fees		472		-
Catering - Cost of sales (including stock write-off - note 1)		470		421
Tutors' dinner		464		190
Ringing World advertisement		85		60
Presentations/gifts		77		62
Course tutors' expenses		56		-
Printing and stationery		25		24
		5,109		4,257
Excess of income over expenditure		382		995
Balance at 31 December 2024		6,489		5,494
Balance at 31 December 2025		6,871		6,489

St Mary's Stansted Mountfitchet Fund

	£	£
Income		
Interest received	156	159
Donation from Stansted Mountfitchet Bellringers Fund	100	130
	256	289
Balance at 31 December 2024	4,503	4,214
Balance at 31 December 2025	4,759	4,503

Chigwell Ringing Centre

	£	£
Balance at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2025	453	453

Recruitment and Training Fund

		2025	2024
Income	£	£	£
Proportion of subscriptions (<i>note 1</i>)		2,903	1,950
RWNYC subsidy - donation for youth activities		150	-
Interest received		501	405
Training day fees		537	938
Bookstall			
Books - Sales	1,345		1,456
Books - Cost of sales (including stock write-off - <i>note 1</i>)	(842)		(1,021)
	503		435
Other - Profit on sale of EACR merchandise	15		9
		518	444
ART University Recruitment Grant		250	250
Other training events		34	-
Southern District Open Day		-	604
Donations		-	17
		<u>4,893</u>	<u>4,608</u>
Expenditure			
Grants paid (over £250) (<i>note 2</i>)	4,000		-
Essex University Freshers Week	635		686
Grants paid (under £250) (<i>note 2</i>)	175		912
		4,810	1,598
Training day			
Tower donations	388		550
Eventbrite transaction fees	82		129
		470	679
Sponsorship		200	150
Youth activities expenses		75	-
Essex International Jamboree		-	132
Hire of hall for R&T sub-committee meetings		-	69
Workshops		-	66
Replacement stays		-	52
		<u>5,555</u>	<u>2,746</u>
Excess of expenditure over income		(662)	1,862
Balance at 31 December 2024		11,505	9,643
		10,843	11,505
Transfer from General Fund re waived RWNYC subsidies		450	-
Balance at 31 December 2025		<u>11,293</u>	<u>11,505</u>

Recruitment and Training Grants

	Date approved	Estimated cost £	Approved but unpaid			Paid £	2024 £
			Brought forward £	2025 £	Carried forward £		
Recruitment and Training Fund							
Ardleigh							
rope guides and training bells	21.02.24	9,468	4,000	-	-	4,000	-
Basildon							
Restoration of simulator	26.10.25	175	-	175	-	175	-
Coggeshall (£200 grant not taken up)							
towards hire of Touring Tower	16.02.25	275	-	-	-	-	-
Epping							
extend simulator to six bells	30.05.24	314	-	-	-	-	157
Essex University Freshers Week							
open day stand and mini-ring	29.08.25	635	-	1,385	-	635	686
Great Tey							
Simbell receiver & transmitter units	13.10.24	195	-	-	-	-	195
Hutton							
rope guide	04.10.25	4,341	-	500	500	-	-
North Ockendon							
hire of Church Hall for training	12.01.24	90 (revised)	-	-	-	-	90
Prittlewell							
replacement laptop and adapters	13.10.24	211	-	-	-	-	211
Sandon							
electrification of simulator	30.03.24	59	-	-	-	-	59
White Roding							
simulator	04.10.25	2,241	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
White Roding							
towards hire of Touring Tower	21.07.24	200	-	-	-	-	200
Total all grants			4,000	3,060	1,500	4,810	1,598

Bell Restoration Account

		2025	2024
Income	£	£	£
District income		3,370	3,424
Gift aid - income tax reclaimed on subscriptions and other donations	2,361		1,697
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)	236		247
Interest on tax repayment	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>
		2,599	1,945
Bank interest		1,951	1,994
Annual Dinner raffle		420	373
AGM collection		391	291
Trustee/Management Committee meeting refreshments		74	55
Donation by Patricia Lindsell		50	-
Easyfundraising		32	86
EACR Clothing			
Sales	167		48
Cost of sales	<u>(157)</u>		<u>(41)</u>
		10	7
		<u>8,897</u>	<u>8,175</u>
Expenditure			
Bell restoration grants (<i>note 1 & 2</i>)		9,918	-
Public liability insurance		677	653
Handbell insurance		48	48
		<u>10,643</u>	<u>701</u>
Excess of expenditure over income		(1,746)	7,474
Balance at 31 December 2024		<u>41,931</u>	<u>34,457</u>
Balance at 31 December 2025		<u>40,185</u>	<u>41,931</u>

Bell Restoration Grants

Bell Restoration Grants			Approved but unpaid				
	Date approved	Estimated cost	Brought forward	2025	Carried forward	Paid	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Bell Restoration Account							
Ardleigh							
augmentation and refurbishment	21.02.24	46,440	9,000	-	-	9,000	-
Earls Colne							
rehang and refurbishment	01.02.25	78,996	-	8,000	8,000	-	-
Great Easton							
rehang and refurbishment	01.02.25	44,600	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Little Bromley							
rehang and refurbishment	01.02.25	46,788	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Thaxted							
installation of amplification system	19.10.24	2,755	918	-	-	918	-
White Roding							
augmentation and refurbishment	05.10.25	156,290	-	20,000	20,000	-	-
Total all grants			9,918	38,000	38,000	9,918	-

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed assets (note 3)	-	-
Current Assets		
Stocks		
Books	2,245	2,268
Badges	203	271
Ringing course consumables	148	108
	2,596	2,647
Prepayments		
Public liability insurance	527	501
Website hosting	109	61
2026 Dinner deposit	100	-
Essex Ringing course	88	85
Hall deposit	50	-
Ringing World	33	43
	907	690
Other debtors		
Accrued interest receivable	9,846	11,179
Easyfundraising	48	36
	9,894	11,215
Cash at bank		
NatWest Business Current Account	4,587	1,880
NatWest Business Current Account No 2	-	-
NatWest Business Reserve Account	43,318	56,692
CAF/Shawbrook Bank 12 Month Fixed Rate Saver Account	85,000	85,000
Cambridge & Counties 95 Day Notice Account	52,610	50,307
Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Fixed Rate Business Bond	33,817	33,816
Charity Bank Ethical 100-Day Notice Account	84,327	84,631
Saffron Building Society 1 Year Fixed Rate Corporate Bond	85,000	84,240
Virgin Money 12 Month Charity Term Deposit Account	73,150	70,000
	461,809	466,566
Cash in hand		
Bookstall	97	68
	475,303	481,186
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors		
Balance of paid life membership subscriptions	832	912
Subscriptions paid in advance	24	24
	856	936
Net current assets	474,447	480,250
Total assets less current liabilities	474,447	480,250
Funds		
General Fund	11,523	12,018
Essex Ringing Course	6,871	6,489
Bequest Fund	399,363	-
Heath Bequest	-	330,945
Cobb Bequest	-	72,406
St Mary's Stansted Mountfitchet Fund	4,759	4,503
Chigwell Ringing Centre	453	453
Recruitment and Training Fund	11,293	11,505
Bell Restoration Account	40,185	41,931
	474,447	480,250

Approved by the Trustees on 5th February 2026
and signed on their behalf by
Andrew P Brewster
Association Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102))*, and the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)*. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.
- b) Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- c) Grant monies from the Bell Restoration Account/Recruitment & Training Fund/Bequest Fund are paid when an agreed project has been completed to the satisfaction of the Technical Adviser/Education Officer or such persons in whom authority is vested by the Trustees. In some cases monies may be paid in advance for specific events or projects.
- d) Subscriptions for paid life membership are taken to the General Fund in twenty equal annual instalments. Upon the death of a life member, any balance is taken to the General Fund.
- e) Unless requested otherwise, all donations, legacies and other voluntary income are taken to the Bell Restoration Account. Following the rule change in 2021, it is the responsibility of the Trustees to decide how best to administer significant bequests where no other terms have been specified.
- f) Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost or estimated value at time of donation.
- g) Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.
- h) All money in the Association's funds not required for day-to-day working purposes is invested or deposited by the Treasurer, as directed by the Trustees.
- i) Interest received from all the interest paying accounts are apportioned to the Bequest Fund, Bell Restoration Account, Recruitment and Training Fund and St Mary's Stansted Mountfitchet Fund in the ratio of their respective capital sums.
- j) 25% of ringing and non-resident subscriptions are taken to the Recruitment and Training Fund until further notice as agreed at the October 2018 Management Committee meeting.
- k) The Management Committee agreed to amend the peal fee to zero from 1 January 2024.
- l) All funds are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (up to a value of £120,000).

2. Funds

General Fund - this fund covers the administration and management of the Association's activities and is spent in whichever way the Trustees in charge of the charity see fit, in accordance with the stated objectives of the charity.

Essex Ringing Course - this account covers the income and expenditure of the annual Essex Ringing Course.

Bequest Fund - At the Management Committee meeting in October 2024, it was agreed to merge the Heath Bequest and Cobb Bequest into a Bequest Fund. This took effect from 1 January 2025. The transferred balances, together with accumulated interest, will be used for specific projects as agreed by the Trustees.

The original bequest from Donald Heath's estate was £311,656.08, received in 2020 and the original bequest from David Cobb's estate was £68,504.17, received in 2021 and 2022.

St Mary's Stansted Mountfitchet Fund - the fund, together with the accumulated interest, is to be used for the running expenses, repairs and refurbishments to Stansted's bells, fittings and ropes and in the event of the bells becoming totally unringable the funds shall be used, at the discretion of the Trustees, for other Association towers for the same purposes but not for social purposes. The Trustees shall look favourably upon any request for funds by the Friends of St Mary's or the Churches Conservation Trust and make an appropriate donation bearing in mind that the preservation of the Church and its amenities are essential for the continuation of bellringing.

Chigwell Ringing Centre (formerly known as Chigwell Ringing School) - this fund, set up with a grant received from Essex County Council 'Arts in Essex' is for a ringing school based at St Mary's, Chigwell (note 3)

Recruitment and Training Fund - income to this fund is used for the purposes of providing grant aid for recruitment and training projects to be determined and managed by the Trustees and running educational and training events. The Recruitment and Training Sub-Committee has delegated responsibility to authorise grants up to a maximum of £250. Grants over £250 are authorised by the Trustees.

Bell Restoration Account - income to this fund is used to fund grants and other expenditure incurred in connection with the restoration and improvement of bells, bell frames and fittings. The Bell Maintenance and Restoration Sub-Committee has delegated responsibility to authorise grants for minor works up to a maximum of £250. Grants over £250 are authorised by the Trustees.

3. Fixed assets

The Association owns an overhead projector (fully depreciated) in the possession of the Property Trustees. The following assets have been fully written off. A SumUp Solo Card Reader, purchased from the General Fund, three projectors in the possession of the Treasurer, Education Officer and the Ringing Course Administrator, and an odd-struckness meter held by the Master, all purchased from the Harry Turner Account (transferred to the Recruitment and Training Fund in 2023) (note 2). A ringing simulator and laptop installed at the Ringing Centre in St Mary's, Chigwell (note 2).

4. Other property

The Association also owns the following items not shown in the accounts.

- One Master's badge of office in the possession of the Master of the Association.
- Set of twelve handbells in a case (insured value £6,086) in the possession of the Property Trustees.
- A six bell, an eight bell and a ten bell trophy in the possession of Chelmsford Cathedral, the South-Eastern District and the Sussex County Association respectively.
- Books, videos and documents in the Association library, in the possession of the Property Trustees.
- One three panel and one seven panel folding display boards, a banner stand, a table runner, a large banner for external use and a large box of PR materials in the possession of the Communications Officer.
- Two roller banners, PR materials and storage box held by each District
- A Saxilby Simulator, gifted to the Association, on loan to St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall.
- Simbell receiver and two transmitters held by Simon Mann (Great Tey).
- Two *Listening to Ringing* CDs and *Come On! Listen to it!* with associated DVD, railings banner, self-laminating name badges and HDMI VGA adaptor cable in the possession of the Ringing Course Administrator.

Each district owns a six bell striking competition trophy. The North-Eastern, North-Western, Southern, South-Eastern and South-Western districts also own call change striking competition trophies. In addition the North Western District owns the Bartram Trophy and Charlotte Parsons Trophy.

5. Other matters

No remunerations or emoluments were paid to any Trustees or the independent examiners.

Expenses of £573 were reimbursed to 6 trustees (2024: £311 to 5 trustees) covering mileage, stationery, postage, computer consumables and other expenses.

Expenses of District Officers are shown in the District Income and Expenditure Account and other officers in the funds relevant to their respective Offices.

Expenses of £215 were reimbursed to 5 volunteers (2024: £197 to 4 volunteers) covering mileage and stationery and other expenses not shown elsewhere.

Expenses are refunds by a charity of legitimate payments which a trustee, officer or volunteer has had to meet personally in order to carry out his or her trustee duties. In some cases, these expenses may be paid in advance. Reimbursement to trustees, officers or volunteers for purchases they have personally and properly made on behalf of the charity are not counted as expenses and are accounted for as part of the charity's general expenditure.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present my report and the accounts to members for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The facility for paying online via Membermojo has meant that the vast majority of members now pay direct to the Association leaving the District Treasurers with a much-reduced workload. We encourage members to pay using the online payments option (Stripe) if possible as it greatly reduces the administrative burden on our volunteer administrators. However, other methods of payment (cheque and cash, bank transfer and standing order) will still be possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all District Treasurers for their support in collecting subscriptions and other monies throughout the year and forwarding their information to me promptly at the year end.


I am also grateful to all the members who pay their subscriptions promptly which helps the finances and running of the Association enormously. My thanks also go to Janet Edwards and Andrew Knott for independently examining the accounts in an efficient and timely manner.

The Association remains in a very healthy position financially. Donations from easyfundraising contribute to the Bell Restoration Account. Income tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme and monies raised by the districts also continue to make a valuable contribution to the BRA. My thanks must go to all those members who help the Association in this way. If you do not already gift aid, this is an easy way to make your subscription or donation worth more to the Association at no cost to yourself. Gift aid declarations are available from the EACR website homepage under 'About the Association' and follow the link to 'Forms'

Subscriptions should be paid by 30 April 2026. After this date members will be deemed to be in arrears and will not be able to participate in Association activities until the subscription is paid in accordance with the current rules.

Please refer to the Trustees' Report for the formal review of the year's financial activities.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
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	<p>The Essex Association of Change Ringers is registered with easyfundraising, which means over 8,100 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. You can find our easyfundraising page at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexassociationofchangeringers/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=qs-e1</p>
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

We report to the trustees on our examination of the financial statements of the Essex Association of Change Ringers ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report



As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, we express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and our report is limited to those specific matters set out in the examiners' statement.

Independent examiners' statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

-  accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
-  the financial statements do not accord with those records.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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31st January 2026




PROPERTY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The property of the Association remains in reasonable order. The Association's handbells were not used again during the year. The Master's badge has recently been examined and photographed and we are exploring options to repair some old damage. Library collection remains in good order and the Library List was last published in the 2024 Annual Report, including a list of duplicate items. Any member interested in acquiring one of the duplicates may contact the Property Trustees. The remainder of the Association's property is listed in the Notes to the Accounts on page 20 of this Annual Report. Booking/hire forms are available on the website for display equipment which may be borrowed via the Communications Officer and for projectors which may be borrowed by Management Committee members via the Property Trustees or direct from the specific custodians indicated in the Notes to the Accounts.

Research using the Library was undertaken during the year - principally continued work on compiling the list of members eligible for 50-years life membership, research into early peals, and support to the ongoing expansion of peals on Pealbase.

Items received for the library in 2025 were:

-  2024 Annual Report and 2025 Association Newsletters

Those wishing to view the Association Library or to perform research are advised to contact the Property Trustees to obtain advice (email as below). Items are not normally loaned, so members may find it convenient to write, or email, requesting the information that they are interested in as it can often be provided by email.

Mary Bone, Christina Brewster, Colin Chapman
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Annual District Meetings started off the year in January with elections of District Officers who are responsible for bringing members together at business meetings, social events, and a wide array of ringing events throughout the year. They work incredibly hard trying to find something for everyone.

The Trustees met in January, February, May, October and December to discuss financial matters, governance, risk assessments, safeguarding, and urgent business as it arose.

The Management Committee met in February and October to receive reports, share good practice, elect and appoint officers and discuss grant applications for both recruitment and training funds, and bell restoration and maintenance.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday 5th March, with the bells available for general ringing prior to a service, lead by the Dean, The Very Rev'd Jessica Martin. The Address was given by The Right Rev'd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford, with prayers lead by our Chaplain, the Rev'd Sue Goldsmith. Will Beech once again played the organ, and we were supported by the Springfield Church Choir.

During the meeting members approved the Accounts and Annual Report, heard about the launch of our revamped website, thanks to our Webmaster Sarah Chin-a-Loy, and Communications Officer, Caroline Watts. We elected our Association Officers for the year, with myself standing in as Interim General Secretary for a one-year term, having supported the Trustees and Management Committee earlier in the year. The outgoing Master, Andrew Kelso was presented with gifts of thanks for his years in post by the Bishop. Courtney Mandell was thanked for her time as General Secretary. Certificates for 50 year life memberships were awarded to Carol Taylor (Kelvedon), Chris Lamb (Great Tey) and Stephen Sudbury (Gosfield). The Northern District provided refreshments during the morning, with afternoon ringing and tea in the South West District.

The Association entered the Ridgman Trophy 10 bell competition held at Boston Stump in Lincolnshire on 21st June. The test piece was half a course of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, and Essex were awarded first place with 82.3% and our ringing described as "generally good"!

The Essex Young Eagles did us proud again this year. At SEECON at Twyford in April, they entered the 8 bell call change competition and were placed third out of seven teams. In the Ringing World National Youth Contest held in Birmingham on 5th July. They came 4th out of six teams in the method category and 7th out of 12 teams in the call change category. This was the first time they had entered the 8 bell method category. Throughout the day they enjoyed ringing opportunities at towers around the area. Congratulations to all the young ringers who took part in those competitions, to Christina Brewster, Youth Co-ordinator, and her team of helpers and supporters.

The Association Striking Competition Finals were held at Terling (8 bell) and Sandon (6 bell) in the South Eastern District on 12th July. A total of 15 bands competed - 5 for the 8 bell and 10 in the 6 bell - which provided for an intense day of judging by our three judges from over the Suffolk border, namely Caroline and Elizabeth Goodchild, and Hal Meakin. The method for the 8 bell competition piece was 168 St Simon's Bob Triples, and bands entering the 6 bell competition rang Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Plain Bob Doubles. The South Eastern District won the 8 bell trophy and Chelmsford won the 6 bell. The Association extends grateful thanks to all involved, particularly noting the bands of Terling and Sandon who hosted the competitions and provided a welcome bacon butties and pastries breakfast all morning, and then a hearty ploughmans for lunch with a huge array of desserts and a never-ending supply of cakes to the very end of the day.

The Essex Trophy 10 bell competition took place at All Saints, Basingstoke on 13th September. The test piece was a touch of 339 Stedman Caters. An interesting competition for the judges, having to contend with passing ambulance sirens during the first band's performance, followed by the arrival and departure of the Air Ambulance at the nearby cricket pitch during subsequent performances. Nothing, I hasten to add, to do with the ringing. Having grappled with that, the judges placed the Essex band fourth out of five teams.





The 70th Annual Dinner was held at the Old Brentwoods Club in Brentwood on 11th October. Expertly organised once again by Gill Sparling and her team. Our guests were the Rev'd Jacqui Pearson, vicar at Downham, the Master's home tower, and Gareth Davies, now of Cambridgeshire, but formerly of Danbury. Entertaining recollections of ringing and ringers of a former era, including multiple costume changes ensued. It was lovely to see many new faces at the Dinner with several people attending their first; lets hope they'll come again and bring more friends too.

A final thank you to all the District and Association Officers who give their time voluntarily to make sure the Association runs smoothly and to everyone who has supported them behind the scenes hosting events, making teas and a myriad of other jobs.

Vicki Chapman
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SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the Association through the links below and your District Facebook pages.

	www.facebook.com/EssexBells		www.eacr.org.uk/
	www.instagram.com/essex.bells/	 YouTube	www.youtube.com/channel/UCwQcGeDDYSzKVw-m4huwKZw



ESSEX RINGING COURSE REPORT

The 2025 Essex Ringing Course was again based at The New Rickstones Academy in Witham. 200 applications were received, 75% of which were from Essex and adjacent counties, plus applications from America and Germany. There were 16 applications from ringers who are under 18 years and 2 under 25s.

Over 90 students took part across 12 3-day courses ranging from bell handling to Surprise Minor. There was an additional 1-day course on steeple keeping.

Mike Worboys delivered a fascinating update on the project at Maldon, "Starting a Band from Scratch", on the Thursday. Richard Wilson once again hosted a quiz on the Friday evening. The Bookstall was available throughout the Course. There was an array of additional lectures available back at the school.

I would like to thank all those involved in making the course happen: tutors, helpers, organisers, caterers etc. Next year's course will be at Rickstones again, between 9th-11th April.

Sarah Knights
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EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

The Recruitment and Training Sub-committee has met seven times in 2025. Two meetings have been in person and the others by Zoom; our December meeting was held at St Laurence's, Upminster, to view the site of the proposed development. Meeting minutes are lodged on the EACR website for members to view.

Applications for a grant have been received as follows:

- Basildon** - funding towards the audio system for their revitalised simulator.
- Coggeshall** - funding for the Touring Tower to come to their village festival (sadly cancelled due to bad weather).
- Hutton** - contribution towards their rope guide installation.
- White Roding** - the intention to support the training aspects of their new installation when it progresses was conveyed to their project team.

Two Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) Module 1 (bell handling) day courses and one Module 2F (developing foundation skills) were organised. We thank ART for running these day courses as they are essential to increase the number of ringing teachers we have in the county. We continue to look at ways to help students move on to become practised and accredited trainers.

We are pleased to see ten new members joining the First Pealer's Club this year; the club encourages ringers to take the step into peal ringing, facilitating peal attempts if the ringer does not have local support.

A well-attended simulator workshop was run by Sandra Murphy and Simon Mann at Great Tey in November, demonstrating both the practical requirements for installing a simulator and the benefits that ringing on one can bring to teaching and practices.

The Training Calendar lists training happening across the districts so that learners can easily find appropriate opportunities. The EACR Resources site has been regularly added to including new videos from young ringers; we thank Andrew Taylor and Mark Jones for their work checking and managing this material.

Anne Bray and her team attended Essex University Freshers Week again; a nascent Universities Guild group now exists in the Colchester area which is very exciting.

The Essex Association Training Day took place on November 22nd. Forty-four students attended six courses run across eight towers. Thanks to all the tutors and to Sarah Holland for organising the helpers. This popular event is really valued by the students; the Training Day in 2026 is on November 28th.

We thank Sarah Knights for her excellent management of the Essex Ringing Course over the past three years, building a collaborative team who undertake aspects of the operation. Members of the subcommittee represent training in all Districts and bring together those responsible for facets of recruitment such as the Mobile Belfry Trust, and training such as ART and the Essex Young Ringers; we thank them all for their input and continuing enthusiasm.

Beth Johnson
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YOUTH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Events

The monthly Sunday practices for all Essex Young Ringers were well attended, averaging 19 young ringers, with a wide range of ages and abilities (from rounds to maximus). This year many have been preceded by a quarter peal attempt at a nearby tower for the more experienced ringers. Practices have taken place in the NE, NW and SE Districts. The March outing and social took place in the N and NE Districts with 22 in attendance of which 16 went on to bowling at Braintree Freeport. The September day outing, arranged by Jonathan Slack, took place around the Sevenoaks area in Kent where we visited six towers. In all, 38 under 25's (30 under 18's) from all six Districts took part in events in the year.

SEECON

SEECON took place at Twyford, Berkshire on Saturday 12th April. We entered a band of eight ringing rounds and call changes and were placed 3rd out of seven teams. An excellent result with four young ringers ringing for their first regional competition. The band was Sarah Robbins, Hannah Brooks (both Shenfield), Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Conductor (Prittlewell), Adam and Jason Brett (Witham), Jem Batley (Rayne) and Benji and Caleb Bowman (Harlow).

RWNKY

The National Youth Competition was held in Birmingham on Saturday 5th July where 37 teams took part. For the first time, multiple bands were able to enter and we were fortunate in having sufficient young ringers to enter two Essex Young Eagle bands – one into the advance 6 bell call change and the other into the 8 bell method competition. This is the first time Essex Young Eagles have entered the 8 bell method category.

The call change team rang their test piece at Erdington mid-morning and the method band rang their test piece at Edgbaston early in the afternoon. The two bands had separate itineraries ringing at four towers around the city and participating in an excellent handbell workshop but came together to ring at St Martin in the Bullring in the afternoon. Despite a number of prior reservations, all the squad rang on the 16 bells very commendably. The results were announced at the Bullring and all band members and reserves received medals marking the occasion.

Essex Young Eagles came 4th out of six teams in the method category and 7th out of 12 teams in the call change category.

The call change band was: Adam Brett (Witham), Ellie Verity (Shenfield), Caleb Bowman, Benji Bowman (Harlow), Jason Brett (Witham) and Scarlett Roddam-Powell, Conductor (Great Hallingbury).

The method band were: Nicholas Elliott (Kelvedon), Hannah Brooks (Shenfield), James Dunhill (Great Baddow), Owen Prestige-Jones (Downham), Charles Chikuruwo (Prittlewell), Sarah Robbins (Shenfield), Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Conductor (Prittlewell) and Charlie Smith (Thaxted).

The reserves for the day were: Luke Stark (Shenfield), Jamie Slack, Carys and Ellen Hayward (all Hornchurch).

It was an excellent day, albeit hectic, with a party of 42, two competitions and a full day's programme throughout the city. The city of Birmingham had their busiest day of the year: a cricket test match at Edgbaston, an ELO concert at the Utilita Arena and Black Sabbath playing at Villa Park made all modes of transport busy and accommodation expensive for visitors to the city.

It was encouraging that eight young ringers participated for the first time in this competition along with the four reserves and I really believe a squad of 18 young ringers willing to be involved at national level and represent our Association is very healthy.

Coming up in 2026

- 🕒 **SE England Youth Striking Contest** – 18 April to be held at New Arlesford, Hampshire hosted by W&P.
- 🕒 **Ringing World National Youth Contest** – 4 July, to be held in Nottingham.
- 🕒 **Essex Young Ringers** practices will continue to be held on the last Sunday of the month (excluding March, September and December).
- 🕒 **Outings** are generally held in March (mini-outing and social activity) and September (day outing).

Closing Remarks

Our young ringers continue to represent the Association to a very high level. The growth in the Essex Young Ringers group (up to 25 years old) from when it first started back in 2011 is quite phenomenal. Numbers continue to grow; method abilities are increasing and more past and present young ringers are regularly ringing QPs and peals.

My thanks are many - to the adult ringers who acted as additional leaders for the competitions, the young ringers who acted as conductors in the competitions, tower captains and incumbents for allowing us to practice at their churches, helpers and parents who assist throughout the year and last, but not means least, Andrew Brewster who effectively acts as the assistant Youth Co-ordinator and does much of the admin work.

Christina Brewster
Youth Co-ordinator

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TECHNICAL ADVISER'S REPORT

I have been inspecting the bells in both the South Eastern and the Southern districts, prior to being elected as the Association's Technical Adviser in May 2025. I have had some excellent advice and support from Nigel Taylor about what to look for, and he has been very patient with my regular queries.

June: a second inspection of the bells at **Ingrave**, where I found that the belfry had been beautifully kept, and all the adjustments I had suggested in my first visit in 2024 had been carefully attended to by John Targett.

July: a visit to **Great Chishill** and **Heydon**, the former to help with devising a means to accommodate more ringers in the tower, following an inspirational recruitment success. The latter to see if an augmentation project could be a possibility. Augmenting the Heydon five to six would be very easy, but creating the desired eight will be a major operation.

July: a visit to **West Hanningfield** to get 'up to speed' on the long-term project to make the set of four Miles Grey bells ringable full circle. Interestingly, in the summer we found there was considerable tower movement, but for a return at Christmas, there was no movement at all.

August: a fact-finding visit to **White Roding** prior to the successful grant application to the EACR to re-hang and augment the five bells to six, creating an exciting new ringing training centre for the Rodings and beyond.

August: a visit to **Brentwood** to assess the sound levels following recent complaints by a local resident and to come up with practical ideas to help St Thomas better fit within a changing and more residential town centre.

October: **Shalford** asked me to inspect the second bell there, where an almost imperceptible crack had been found by the sharp-eyed Andrew Nicholson. Work to cut out and remove the crack will start at a time that accommodates the bats, their well-being is of course paramount.

October: a trip to **Earl's Colne** to meet the tower captain, Trevor Beadle and to assist him with a grant application. I met the band, and familiarised myself with the project there, where a complete re-hang and tune is planned. Fund raising is ongoing.

October: a secret benefactor asked me to visit **Great Wakering** to inspect the bells there. Martin Axon (an enthusiastic Hutton ringer), Tim Baskett (Tower Captain) and I carried out some basic maintenance, lubricating bearings and tightening loose bolts. On a second visit Tim and I tackled a range of tasks, which I hope has made the bells there easier to ring, particularly the treble which had a nail obstructing the pathway of its rope leading on to the ringing chamber!

December: I attended the Recruitment and Training Committee's Meeting, held at **Upminster** which gave me a chance to tour the proposed location of a completely new set of bells (a light eight) which would have a simulator and other facilities creating an inspiring new training centre.

January: Nigel Taylor and I visited **Great Easton** to inspect the recently completed work by Whites of Appleton Ltd. Following the inspection, we were both very satisfied with the results, indeed Nigel Taylor himself stated that "they go extremely well".

January: I was able to meet the ringers of the North Eastern district at **Great Bentley** and reach a deeper understanding of what will be achieved now that they have received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant (a real coup!) to rehang and re-tune their bells.

Looking forward, I have been asked to inspect another five towers. I am excited to be able to help improve the bells of Essex, hopefully making ringing easier and more enjoyable for you all.

There are grants available, for minor works and major projects. Do contact me if you think that you might need some help with your bells.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

This year's meeting was held in Sheffield on 6th September. All Essex Reps attended.

The Annual Council Meeting (ACM) was preceded by the Annual General Meeting of The Ringing World Ltd, efficiently chaired by Elva Ainsworth due to the absence of Paul Jopp. Two additional Directors were elected. There was much discussion on the future of the publication given the continuing decline in subscriptions. The use of BellBoard continues to be free, with the possibility of a "premium" version with additional features to help increase revenue.

The CCCBR ACM provided updates from the Workgroups and the Ringing 2030 Business Plan Progress Report. The accompanying outline of income and expenditure over the period 2022 to 2030 occasioned some comment, mainly around the £19,500 expenditure shown each year from 2025 as "line of credit" for the new SW Ringing Course (in 2025-2027) and an additional "New Ringing Course" (in 2028-2030). It was explained that these should not materialise as the Courses were not expected to require them.

Motions were considered following the three-yearly Governance Review, with minor adjustments made for administrative purposes. A more detailed Motion related to the introduction of a new class of membership for Associated Societies for those that were between the requirements for Affiliated Societies and Registered Small Societies. It was intended to assist those Societies who do not levy an annual subscription and for which the increase in CCCBR subscriptions would prove an excessive drain on their resources e.g. University Societies and some non-territorial Societies. The Registered Small Societies would also now be entitled to a Voting Representative.

The CCCBR Secretary and one Trustee were re-elected for a further term and one new Trustee elected.

This year's meeting was accompanied by a Roadshow at the same venue, supported by a wide selection of bellringing trades, organisations and mobile belfries, including the new "Peals on Wheels" by Matthew Higby.

The 2026 ACM will be hosted by the Coventry Diocesan Guild in Rugby.

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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

The Communications and Public Relations (PR) Subgroup met on several occasions during 2025 and has been progressing the following areas of work:

Redesign of the EACR website

As agreed in May 2024, the EACR commissioned Webwax, a Chelmsford based web design company, to work with us to redesign our website and transfer it to a new platform. In person training and an accompanying manual was provided by Webwax to key Association and District individuals covering how to update and maintain the new website. The first few months of 2025 saw much work undertaken to complete the project and we were delighted to launch the new site officially at the May AGM in the Cathedral. We are grateful for both the positive feedback received from members, and additionally the suggestions received for enhancing certain pages. Huge appreciation must be recorded for the many hours of dedicated work put into further development of the website by our Webmaster, Sarah Chin-a-Loy.

Also of interest is that we have been approached by other bellringing organisations for information on the project to inform their own plans to update their sites. Recently we have been approached by the Central Council who advised that they had conducted a Mystery Shopper survey of association websites with an aim to identify those that are particularly welcoming to potential new and returning ringers, with the view to share them with the wider ringing community as examples of good practice. Essex, Salisbury and Truro were identified as good examples of the type of information that might attract new ringers and as such it is planned to share these examples through the Council's Recruitment and Development network.

Communications and Public Relations Strategy

The Subgroup undertook a review of the Association's Communications and Public Relations Strategy which was first published in 2020. Proposals for some minor updating of the approach to PR and to bring the content up to date were agreed by the Management Committee in February 2025.

Social Media

During the latter part of the year, we have been looking to increase our use of social media and to improve consistency of messaging across our different platforms. News items published on the website, and including the Master's blog, are now simultaneously published on the Association Facebook page. We have also launched a new Instagram account (following loss of access to the previous one) which is linked to the Facebook page, allowing us to publish the same information on each of these social media sites at the same time. If you use either Facebook and/or Instagram and have not yet found us, please head to: www.facebook.com/Essexbells or www.instagram.com/essex.bells

Central Council - Bellringing Branding

The Association has been given the opportunity to participate in a pilot of around 50 bellringing societies/associations to use their new bellringing branding in our communications, and especially when targeting external audiences. Various templates have been uploaded to the Canva digital media software for our use. A principal goal of this is to establish a UK-wide brand identity for bellringing. This should not be seen as detracting from our own EACR identity which we would continue to use for our own Association and District activities.

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Safeguarding remained an active and well-governed area of the Association's work throughout 2025. A small number of safeguarding-related concerns were raised by members during the year. These were managed proportionately, with appropriate advice, signposting, and liaison with diocesan safeguarding teams where relevant. No safeguarding incidents arose at Association-run events.

The Association was consulted on several occasions regarding individuals not currently members of EACR who sought to participate in ringing activities within the Diocese. Information was shared responsibly with diocesan safeguarding professionals, who retained decision-making responsibility. Where necessary, participation was declined on safeguarding grounds. All matters were assessed as low risk to the Association, and no referrals to statutory agencies were required.

Significant progress was made in strengthening assurance around Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for Association officers whose roles involve access to young people or sensitive personal data. Following resolutions agreed in early 2025, DBS status information was gathered for relevant officers, and a proportionate approach was agreed, including acceptance of recent checks where appropriate, arranging Basic DBS checks for those without prior clearance, and recommending an Enhanced DBS (without barred list check) for higher-risk roles such as the Essex Course Convenor. Further work to complete implementation will continue into 2026.

Safeguarding governance was strengthened through the development and review of key policies, including complaints handling and managing safeguarding allegations, alongside adoption of relevant Central Council guidance. Safeguarding matters were regularly reported to and scrutinised by both the Management Committee and Trustees.

The Safeguarding Officer has continued to provide advice and support to members, liaise with diocesan and national safeguarding colleagues, and contribute to wider safeguarding discussions across the ringing community. Succession planning for this critical role has been identified as a priority for the coming year.

Overall, the Association has demonstrated a clear commitment to safeguarding best practice, transparency, and continuous improvement during 2025.

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IN MEMORIAM

We regret to report the deaths of the following members.

BROWN, ROGER (1942 - 2025) – formerly of Great Baddow

Roger was born at Black Notley Sanatorium in 1942, as his mother was recovering from TB at the time. He grew up as an only child in Castle Heddingham, where he learnt to ring at the age of 12 with his father and his uncle Ernie.

He met his wife Geraldine when they were teenagers and married in 1968, eventually moving to Great Baddow with their two children. Roger was very much a family man both as a father and grandfather and spent several years away from ringing, returning to ring at Great Baddow in 1983, where he became one of the most loyal members of the band, attending and helping whenever he could. He remained a member there until he and Geraldine moved to Bexhill-on-Sea in 2016 to be nearer one of their children, and where he joined the local band.

Roger was a quiet man, but he had many passions which included following Ipswich Town Football Club, ballroom dancing, travelling, and lawn bowls all of which he kept meticulous records on an Excell spreadsheet! His ringing statistics show that he rang one peal on 21st October 1999 (which was also Jon Waters' first peal) and 196 quarter peals, with 103 of those being at Bexhill-on-Sea.

Roger died on 7th April 2025 after a long illness.

BUTT, ROGER G (1936 - 2025) - Hornchurch & Shenfield

Roger came into bell ringing later in life but achieved more than most. He was taught at Shenfield by Des Mayell and soon became fully committed, ringing his first quarter at Shenfield in June 1985. Roger was as content ringing Bob Doubles for a new learner as he was ringing Surprise Royal at St Clement Danes. He was fascinated by the endless possibilities that bell ringing presented and his talent was harnessed initially by the established band at Shenfield in the 1980s. He progressed quickly and soon became a very competent ringer in Doubles and Minor and rang 528 quarters at Shenfield, mainly for the 6.30pm evening service. He also supported ringing locally at Hutton and Ingrave where he rang 85 and 26 quarters respectively. His first peal was at Shenfield in April 1987.

Always looking to push himself to the full, his ability was encouraged and extended further by Adrian Malton and Alan Barber in the 1990s. They were successful in getting the best from Roger with numerous peals and quarter peals during this period. He rang 2620 quarter peals in total and 251 peals, many of Surprise Major.

Roger's ability on the end of a rope wasn't his only attribute. He was reliable as a person and loyal to his ringing friends. His regularity at practices and Sunday service ringing benefitted bands wherever he went. He was particularly pleased to support the Hornchurch band at St Clement Danes once a month where he rang 134 quarters over the course of 20 years. He also rang regularly at Dagenham on Sunday mornings from the early 2000s where he rang 59 quarter peals.

He also contributed greatly to the social side of bell ringing and together with his wife Anita, they supported coach outings and dinners with the Hornchurch band for about 30 years. A number of these outings were organised by Roger himself, another of his many talents. Rowena Marshall recalls that Roger had many other interests besides bell ringing; he and Anita both loved walking and Roger organised walks for his local walking group all over the country and into London. He was particularly unselfish with his time and would always lend a hand with local bell ringing projects and help out friends whenever he could.

Old age and health issues began to limit Roger's ringing activities from about 2015. He rang his last peal in 2007 and last quarter in 2013; but he continued to enjoy the company of a bell ringing practice until just before the pandemic when John Church would bring him to see his friends at Hornchurch. He passed away on 20th September 2025 following a spell in hospital.

A great 'all rounder' who is greatly loved and missed.

Clive Stephenson, Rowena Marshall & Adrian Malton

CHANDLER, BILL (1933 - 2025) - LIFE MEMBER - South Weald

William R. Chandler, known to all as Bill, was born in 1933. He always lived in and around Brentwood and spent his early life in a house on Tower Hill.

In the early 50's he had some ringing lessons with Harry Turner at Brentwood and his story went that he nearly hung himself! And that put him off, so he gave it up!

Later in the 50's Albert Pryke was getting a band together to teach at Bentley Common and Ron Brown persuaded him to have another go. His first quarter was in March 1959 and was a first for all the band with Ron calling it. His first peal was 6th May 1961, and he rang 6 peals in all, 5 of doubles and one of minor. These were all rung on the 2nd bell.

Bill was a reliable Sunday service ringer, and he also became the verger at Bentley and lived in the Verger's Cottage opposite the church. He worked for many years at Westbury Press and was a keen Newcastle United football fan, wearing his tie and scarf to many practices.

When I learnt to ring in 1982 Bill was always at the practices and was the life and soul of the band. He always had a joke and a laugh and pulled everyone's leg. He was in my first quarter at Bentley in November 1982, ringing the 2nd, his favourite bell. He rang over 100 quarter peals and most of them were on the 2nd.

Later Bill began to suffer ill health, and he rang his last quarter peal in 2012, but he still came up the tower to ring when he could. He was determined to Ring for the King in May 2023 and so he rang at Bentley and Navestock when he was 90 years old.

Bill never visited other towers just sometimes at Navestock. He always said he had enough to do at Bentley. All his many quarter peals were rung at Bentley as were the 6 peals he rang.

Bill was a real gentleman. He was kind, helpful and he always looked the same. I saw him and chatted with him at the Navestock lunch club just a few days before he died. Everyone at Bentley and Navestock will miss him. Rest in peace old friend.

Rowena Marshall

CHILDS, KATHLEEN (1929 - 2025) - LIFE MEMBER - Boreham

Kath was born 12/08/1929 and learnt to ring after WW2 at Sandon, where she helped get the 'Festival of Britain' bell installed to make 6 and have them moved upstairs from behind the Organ, which she also played.

Kath met Peter through ringing, and they married at Sandon on 31/07/1954. They lived in Boreham for 66 years both ringing there for virtually the whole time. Unfortunately, Kath had a variant of Parkinson's which meant in her later years she struggled to get up the stairs and grip the rope. She was very proud to have rung in nearly 1600 towers, thoroughly enjoying ringing outings and holidays.

Kath was not a prolific peal ringing having rung just 6. She did, however, enjoy ringing quarter peals, especially with her family.

At the time of her passing she was the longest serving member of the Essex Association.

Kath and Peter had 5 Children, 10 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren of which Kath was extremely proud.

3 of her children learnt to ring, sadly only David continues now, and one grandchild, Tom.

Kath and Peter moved to Wales to live with, David in 2020. Peter passed away in February 2023. Kath went to live in a care home in Llandrindod Wells in Dec 2023 as her health deteriorated.

She passed very peacefully on 3/7/2025. Many of you will have known Kath's little sayings and it is apt to say "She was nearly 96 you know" RIP Kath.

David Childs

DANNATT, SHIRLEY E (1934 - 2025) – Great Waltham

Shirley Elizabeth Dannatt was a ringer at Great Waltham and a member of the EACR from 1953 to 1975.

Although she moved away from the village for a number of years she returned to live in Great Waltham for the remainder of her life.

Shirley continued to ring well into her late 80s and would regularly join the local band for Sunday services ringing the treble, the bell she preferred most.

Sadly, advancing age and ill health meant she had to retire from ringing however, she remained very supportive of the local band who continue to ring for services with the assistance of the Broomfield ringers.

Shirley died peacefully at home on 14th November 2025, the day after her 91st Birthday.

DICKENS, TONY (1956 - 2025) – Eastwood

Tony Dickens started his ringing career as a youth in Somerset but had lapsed with working towards his career as a GP.

Meeting with Tony regularly as my elderly Dad's GP, and having learnt too about his ringing experience, I soon put pressure on him to consider taking it up again.

The pressure paid off, as on his early retirement from the practice, he chose to become a regular ringer at Eastwood, picking up from where he had left off. Tony achieved ringing inside to Plain Bob, Grandsire and the beginnings of Stedman.

Unfortunately, ill health slowly got the better of his ringing and with the advancement of Parkinson's he conceded defeat and then sadly it was yet another, unforeseen, illness that precipitated his premature passing.

I visited Tony at home from time to time after he became too ill to ring.

Tony is fondly missed at Eastwood.

Peter Knight

EMMS, CHRISTIAN (1938 - 2025) – Wanstead

Christian Emms was born in New Malden, Surrey in 1938, the family moved to Eastbourne in Sussex after WW2. Christian attended Eastbourne Grammar School, leaving at 16 he joined the band of the Royal Sussex Regiment. Studying for a year at Kneller Hall (Military School of Music), he joined the band in Germany.

Christian left the army when he was 21 and returned to Eastbourne where he worked whilst acquiring the 'O-Levels' required to attend a teacher training college near Oxford.

On qualifying Christian worked for two years at a secondary school in Cornwall. Then was employed at a junior school in Newham he studied further and gained a Diploma in Economics and then later a degree, which enabled him to become a Deputy Head, and later Head of a Junior School in Newham. He retired as Head in 1990, continuing to teach part-time until 1997.

Christian's interests were drama and music. He was a Morris man, both as a dancer and musician (he played the accordion and concertina) for many years. He was also a member of the Wanstead Central Bowls Club, and was also Secretary for a number of years, he and his wife ran a small concertina group.

Christian became a bell ringer in answer to the call for ringers for the Millennium. Christian was a regular Wanstead ringer for about 15 years, until arthritis in his hands prevented him from controlling the ropes.

Christian died on the 15th of September 2025. A service of celebration held at the City of London Crematorium on the 24th of October was attended by family, friends and representatives of his various interests.

ERITH, PHILIP G (1942 - 2025) – LIFE MEMBER - Great Bromley

Philip learned to ring in 1955 when he was 12 years old, under the tutelage of his father, Mr Felix Erith, who was a farmer at Ardeleigh.

He rang his first peal at Polstead in August 1956 and went on to ring a total of 102 peals over 60 years, mostly in Essex and Suffolk. He circled both Ardeleigh and Great Bromley towers to peals.

Philip had a career in teaching and whilst he was working at Woodbridge School he taught several students, including Stephen Pettman, to ring. He went on to teach English as a Foreign Language which took him to several countries, including Kuwait (before the first Gulf War), Togo, Turkey, and Oman, where he worked for the British Council.

His father gave him a tiny set of handbells as a present for his sixteenth birthday and they were one of his most prized possessions! In 1965, while he was a student at London University he and two friends took the bells to Paris on a day return trip where they rang what is believed to be the first peal in Paris, standing ringing for two hours under the Pont Neuf, much to the bemusement of the passers-by.

Philip met Dominique while teaching in France and they married in 1968. Together they had two children and shared an active lifestyle which included ringing together.

Philip was a true gentleman, kind and patient and always interested in everyone. He had a keen interest in sport, both watching and playing, especially cricket and golf. He also enjoyed volunteering as a Guide, offering tours of Colchester Castle and Dedham Church and the surrounding areas to tourists.

Sadly due to ill health Philip has not rung for several years. It was lovely that he was able to come to the dedication in April 2025 of the 2 new bells at Ardeleigh; the new treble was given by Philip and his siblings in memory of his father.

Philip died on 25th November 2025 and his funeral was held at Great Bromley Church on December 15th.

FROST, MARY (1963 - 2025) - Basildon

Mary died in St Luke's Hospice, Basildon on Wednesday April 9th aged 62 years, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer just before Christmas 2025.

Mary was brought up just outside Cambridge, and learnt to ring before going off to university, where she studied chemistry before training as a teacher. Her first teaching appointment was in the Southend area, and she started ringing at Leigh-on-Sea where she rang a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles in January 1986. However, the demands of being a young teacher took its toll and Mary gave up ringing.

Roll on to 2022 and Mary retired, having taught science at The Appleton School in South Benfleet for over 30 years. One Wednesday evening after hearing the bells, Mary ventured up Basildon Bell Tower and quickly remembered how to ring again! As well as Wednesday night practices at Basildon, Mary also joined us on Sundays when not out cycling and was a regular attendee at Stanford-le-Hope and district practices, particularly at South Ockendon. She rang for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen's funeral, and a quarter peal at Basildon for the King's Coronation in 2023. Mary also joined the district quarter peal day last year, ringing Plain Bob Doubles at Orsett, and helped with the mobile belfry at the Essex International Jamboree last summer.

Mary was a keen cyclist and loved her garden and allotment. She would often turn up to ringing with bags full of fruit and vegetables to share with us all.

Mary will be missed, both for helping us with our ringing at Basildon and the endless supply of homegrown fruit and veg. May she Rest in Peace.

John Harpole

MACPHERSON (née May), CHARMANE (1981 - 2025) – Little Baddow

Charmane grew up in Little Baddow, beginning her ringing career at the young age of 7 when, as a Brownie, she was taught to ring handbells. After leaving Guides at 14, she learned to ring tower bells (not learning earlier because Guides was on the same night as Little Baddow Practice Night).

Despite her learning difficulties, she learned to handle a bell quickly, becoming a regular and loyal member of the band. She was elected to the Essex Association in November 1995, attended her first Essex Ringing Course in April 1996 and rang her first Quarter Peal in June 1996, just 14 months after first touching a rope – an incredible achievement! She attended many more Essex Ringing Course, sometimes as a student more often as a Helper, always offering gentle encouragement to new learners.

Charmane loved ringing, especially Quarter Peals. She kept meticulous records, ringing 103 altogether, 72 for the Essex Association and 31 for the Ladies Guild. She also conducted 22 of the overall total, which showed how capable she had become.

Her membership of the Ladies Guild widened her horizons. She travelled to many events, ringing QPs and attending meetings. She particularly enjoyed making new friends and especially enjoying LG holidays.

As well as ringing Charmane was skilled at baking and crafting. She made ringers' cards and the much sought-after keyrings – now Collectors' items.

Moving away from Essex after meeting and marrying Euan, curtailed her ringing but we were all very saddened to hear of her unexpected death in April 2025 at the age of only 44. Charmane is fondly remembered. We feel privileged to have known her.

Wendy Godden

MALSTER, JOHN (1934 - 2025) – formerly of Ardleigh

John was a market gardener running a Land Settlement plot in Lawford. He purchased a plot of land in Harts Lane, Ardleigh in order to establish his own business.

John was a 'doer' and set about building up his own business erecting, with the help of some friends, half an acre of glass houses. He purchased a large Scandinavian designed wooden bungalow in kit form and again, with the help of a few friends, erected it. He joined a bricklaying course at the local college which enabled him to complete the building with its brick skin around the outside of the wooden structure.

His eldest daughter Elizabeth started to learn to ring at Ardleigh late 1973 with two other girls who soon dropped off. John, anxious that she should continue, started to learn himself together with his oldest son. All three made good progress and rang their first quarter peal together on 21st January 1976. They obviously enjoyed it because within the next three months they had rung a further seven quarters mostly conducted by a young Simon Rudd. John became heavily involved in Ardleigh church and the Essex Association. He took over as Tower Captain at Ardleigh and taught his wife and two remaining children to ring. He was responsible for the installation of the sound control and the alterations to the ringing platform. He served as North East District Ringing Master in 1978, a task he performed with great gusto, never taking no for an answer.

In 1984 John sold Harts Lane Nursery and the family moved to Chelmondiston in Suffolk. No bells there so he went to Harkstead, also assisting at Stutton. The vicar at Holbrook wanted his bells to be rung so John set about teaching a band there and is fondly remembered by all involved.

John had an infectious, persuasive manner to get things done and achieved many things in life. He rang a total of 21 peals from doubles to surprise major but preferred quarters ringing around 250, many on the bells of his nearby towers.

He was a very modest man about all he had achieved in life and is sorely missed on the Shottley peninsular and in North East Essex.

David Culham

PRIME, RICHARD F (1938 - 2025) – LIFE MEMBER - Bishop's Stortford

Richard Frederick Prime, known as Dick, was born in Melton, Suffolk on 8th May 1938. His parents Frederick and Joan were from two prominent local families the Primes and the Tooks. Dick died at home peacefully on 13th March 2025 following a stroke. Although fully clear of cancer he had never fully recovered from a bowel cancer operation in 2015. Dick was a keen hockey player, cricketer, chorister and bellringer. Dick would often say "I work hard and I play hard".

Dick learnt to handle a bell at St Mary's Halesworth in 1954. The following year he went to Leicester to begin an engineering apprenticeship. He joined the Cathedral band and learnt change ringing. Within a few months rang his first of 709 peals ringing the tenor behind to Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral in November 1955. It was whilst ringing in Leicester that Dick met Vernon Green who was to become a lifelong friend.

Engineering was not for Dick, and he joined the RAF. Stationed at Sopley, near Christchurch, Hampshire (now Dorset) he joined the band at Christchurch Priory. Whilst at Sopley he met Pat, they married in 1963 and two children followed, daughter, Leslie in 1964 and a son, Duncan in 1966. The family moved to Cowley, Middlesex in 1967 and Dick joined the band at Hillingdon where he and the family became friends with Fred Goodfellow. Shortly after Dick was posted to RAF Salalah in Oman which curtailed his ringing activities.

In January 1969 Dick joined the then Westminster Bank moved to Birchanger, Essex in anticipation of working for a new bank branch at the fledgling Stansted Airport. Unfortunately, Barclays bank got the banking concession which left Dick based in the Westminster bank branch in Bishop's Stortford. Dick joined the band at St Michael's Bishop's Stortford and became a resident member of both the Essex Association of Change Ringers and the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers. In 1974 the family moved into Bishop's Stortford by which time Dick was working for the newly formed National Westminster Bank managing branches in London.

Dick was Bishop's Stortford District Ringing Master from 1969 to 1971 and 2002 to 2005. He served as Hertford County Association President in both 1976 and 1989. He was Tower Captain at Bishop's Stortford from 1983 to 1998 and 2003 to 2010 and tower treasurer from 1972 to 2019.

Of the 709 peals which Dick rang he conducted 50. He rang 100 at Bishop's Stortford which is commemorated by a plaque on the headstock of the sixth of the 2022 ring of twelve. 291 of his peals were rung for the Essex Association, 181 Hertford County Association, 129 Ely Diocesan Association, 38 Leicester Diocesan Guild, 19 Ancient Society of College Youths and 14 for the Suffolk Guild.

He is survived by his wife Pat, daughter Leslie and Son Duncan, five grandchildren, Simon, Emma, Kit, Josh and Maddy and three great grandchildren Oliver, Opie and Hayden.

Nicholas D Hughes (Nick)

ROAST (née Dowsett), ISOBEL MARY (1938 - 2025) – LIFE MEMBER - Danbury

Mary lived in the Dowsett family home with her parents and 3 other siblings in Writtle. When they moved to Danbury Mary joined the choir and then followed all the Choir/bellringers up into the tower. She joined the EACR as a probationer in 1951 and rung her first peal at Little Waltham in 1953. Mary rang 380 peals in total, conducting 3 of them. Mary and Joe Roast were married in 1959. Once their two sons were independent Mary returned to ringing peals, often more than happy to ring the treble. After the millennium Joe retired from peal due to a stroke, he and Mary forged a different lifestyle in day tower outings and weekends all over the country. Mary was a very social person, always laughing and jolly, so when Joe gave up ringing altogether she still enjoyed her activities, especially choir and bellringing. She still drove Joe everywhere to see and be with as many friends as possible. Although ill with her cancer Mary was determined to make a 3 month visit to Australia and New Zealand to visit her sons and see them once again in the country that they had made their home. She realized that aim and was happy to be home for another 4 months. R.I.P.

Yvonne Towler

SKINNER, NEILL (1947 - 2025) – Bradwell on Sea

Neill Skinner became a member of EACR in March 2024 and was a valued member of the band at St Thomas' Church, Bradwell-on-Sea. In his early days of learning bell control he struggled, but kept at it saying that it was easier learning to fly a plane than learning to control a bell. However, he stuck at it and did learn how to control it. Later in 2024 his health suffered and he had to stop ringing with us on a regular basis. Formerly of Sadly, he died suddenly in early January 2025 and his funeral was held on Monday 17th February when we rang half muffled in memory of our dear friend.

Laurie Main, joint tower captain with John Pryke

THREADGOLD, CHERRY RUTH (1949 - 2025) – Wethersfield

Cherry learnt to ring as a teenager in Kent. Her first job was as under-nanny to the Christie family at Glyndebourne. Moving to Essex ("You'll hate it there" she was told) she joined the Bobbingworth band. Then, moving again to the north of the county, she took as job looking after the grandchildren of Baron Butler (RAB) and also the children of the Borthwick family (meat importers) at Wethersfield.

It was here she met her husband-to-be, Roy, by running out of petrol and blocking his entrance! She was quickly enlisted into the Wethersfield band and experienced her first method ringing. She had to acquire ropesight quickly!

The two were married in December 1976 and she threw herself into the new role of farmer's wife, turning her hand to any task that needed doing. The farm being open to the public, she became known to countless visitors as "The Lamb Lady".

The birth of the third child turned life upside-down, as Hazel was born severely handicapped, and for the next 40 years Cherry saw to her every need – all at the same time as farming, running Brownies and Rainbows, looking after the family and also caring for her mother in her last years. In recognition of this she was awarded "Essex Carer of the Year" in 2006.

Cherry only rang one peal – the treble to Ashted Surprise Major- but she enjoyed ringing Quarters - around 250-300. High spots were the first performance of "Tour de Wethersfield TB Major" on the day the Tour de France passed through the village, and an all-family quarter with her daughter, plus husband and son both ringing double-handed.

Cherry became ill with pancreatic cancer and died just eight weeks after first going to the GP.

At the funeral, the cortège entered to the bells being rung by the local band, and after the burial in the churchyard (next to her parents and Hazel, close by the tower), rounds were rung by her Husband, Son, Grandson, Daughter, Sister and Sister-in-law. Many of the ringers present then took their opportunity to ring in her memory.

Roy Threadgold

WRIGHT, COLIN G (1949 - 2025) – South-Western District

In 1962 or '63 Colin Wright and his older brother David appeared in the doorway of St Mary's Walthamstow and were promptly given their first bellhandling lesson by the tower captain. We have no idea what prompted them to enter that door as they did not know any ringers, and we are not sure they even knew what was on the other side, but that fateful day was the beginning of a 63-year friendship with many of us. The 'boys' of Walthamstow developed their ringing with many contemporaries at Waltham Abbey such as Ian Dear, Andrew Slade, Jim Clatworthy and Jonathan Porter – more importantly they soon discovered the 'girls' of Barkingside being taught by Dennis Ellison, which resulted in the marriage of Colin to his amazing wife Jill and his brother David to her twin sister.

He was in the initial John Armstrong band that pioneered spliced surprise major at Dagenham in the 1970s and was in the first of 23-spliced all the work for the Essex Association in 1975 at Dagenham. He then went on to look to do the same for Surprise Royal, and he came up with a composition of 14 all-the-work on a similar plan. He was also in the first Chandler's 23-spliced for the Essex Association at Dagenham in 2009. He was a regular attender at St Paul's Cathedral and ASCY practices through the late 1970s and beyond and encouraged many other capable ringers to come along.

Ringing was part of a balanced portfolio for Colin, particularly once his family started growing up. For a number of years we saw less of him as he prioritised this part of his life – he was a huge football fan and went to both Leyton Orient (his home team) and West Ham. He enjoyed squash and skiing. He also was a keen hockey player and eventually became a coach and then an umpire at his local club. He was twice voted Person of the Year by Upminster Hockey & Cricket Club – the second time jointly with his wife Jill and son Steve. Having said that, we learned at his funeral that maybe his actual playing ability, particularly in golf, didn't necessarily match his enthusiasm!

Above all, Colin was a "family man", blessed with two children, Steve and Georgina, and five grandsons whom he and Jill worshipped – he often shared little snippets of them on his phone as a proud grandfather to us all in the pub. He was always known for being fun to be with, full of jokes, stories and witty ripostes.

Jokes (many now unrepeatable) before ringing a striking competition test piece were 'de rigeur' and great for breaking the tension. There was always laughter and fun with Colin, who always seemed much younger than his actual age. To write all the good things about Colin would take many volumes and there are so many anecdotes amongst us all to demonstrate how much fun he was to be with, a constant theme in everyone's recollections.

He was a top-class front-end ringer and an excellent striker – he rang in ten 12-bell finals of which seven were for St Pauls and three for the Ancient Society of College Youths. In total he rang 385 peals – 127 peals for Essex. 158 were on 12 bells or above. He rang five peals at St Paul's – quite an impressive CV showing just how good he was. His funeral service started with a recording of Colin ringing in this band at St Paul's Cathedral at the London 12-bell striking competition.

He had just started getting involved in more local Essex-based ringing groups in mid-week helping others to ring new and more challenging quarters of spliced. His diagnosis with oesophageal cancer in the spring of 2025, with

his passing only a matter of weeks later, was a huge shock for the many of us who knew him.

You were a wonderful friend to many of us, as seen at your funeral when many mourners had to listen to proceedings outside as there were too many to be accommodated in the crematorium.

Tony Bloomfield

WYCHERLEY, PETER J H (1941 - 2025) – Leigh on Sea

Peter Wycherley was for many years closely associated with the tower of St Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea, which became his last ringing home. He rang there for many years and served as Tower Captain for a number of them, giving generously of his time, knowledge and quiet leadership.

A private man with a distinctive and often quirky sense of humour, Peter was an academic by background, having studied at Oxford University, and he brought the same depth of thought and care to bell ringing as he did to his wider intellectual pursuits. Much of his life beyond ringing was known only to a few, though it was well known that he was an avid birdwatcher, often travelling abroad having already seen most of the United Kingdom's native species, and that he greatly appreciated a good glass of red wine.

Peter had a deep passion for theology and was the author of *A Rational Belief*, a book he successfully had published. In it, he developed the argument that belief in a Creator is entirely compatible with scientific discovery, rejecting the notion of the 'supernatural'. True to his modest nature, he rarely spoke of this achievement, just as he spoke little of his many ringing accomplishments, many of which went unrecorded.

In his youth, Peter famously cycled at least once from Oxford to Cambridge in order to ring at both universities. He was a talented composer, producing arrangements of several methods, including Pudsey, Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

He was a member the Ancient Society of College Youths before changing to the Cumberland Youths, joining the latter accompanying his first wife, Liz, at a time when the Cumberlands were among the first societies to admit women ringers.

Locally, Peter played a crucial role in the development of ringing at St Clement's, helping to guide the tower from call changing to method ringing. He also led the project to augment the ring from six bells to eight, providing invaluable advice and personally funding one of the new bells. During quieter periods, when ringers were sparse at St Clement's, he was instrumental in ensuring that ringing at continued there. Peter was excellent company and could converse knowledgeably, and often with a well-formed opinion, on almost any subject. In the ringing chamber, he had the rare ability to correct others before they even realised they were in error!

Peter Wycherley was a unique character whose companionship, wisdom and ringing are deeply missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



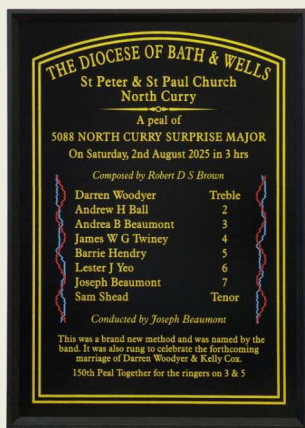
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PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

A total of 50 peals were rung for the Association in 2025, 3 fewer than in 2024, at a total of 27 different Essex venues (7 more than last year).

Congratulations to all those who took part in the peals. One new performance was rung and is listed in this report. One peal was rung for the Essex Association in other parts of the country. A total of 39 peals were rung by others within the Association's boundaries.

This table represents ringing trends over the past 5 years:

PEALS	TOWER			HAND			TOWER	HAND	2022	2021
	2025	2024	+/-	2025	2024	+/-	2023	2023		
12		1	-1						2	
11	1		+1							
10	3	2	+1				9		1	
9	4		+4				3		2	
8	18	19	-1				13	1	20	6
7	2	3	-1				1		4	
6	20	27	-7	1		+1	24	2	16	4
5	1	1					1			
4										
Totals	49	53	-4	1	-	+1	51	1	43	10

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RANG THEIR FIRST PEAL:

Adam Brett	Jason Brett	Hannah Brooks	Charles K Chikuruwo
James Chisnell	Oliver Clinton	Neil R Culham	James R Dunhill
Peter E A Dykes	Victoria J Richards	James P Riley	

CONDUCTING WAS SHARED AS FOLLOWS:

Alan P Mayle	18	Clive J Stephenson	2	Stephen J Nash	1
Colin F Chapman	8	Fred Bone	1	Lucas J Owen	1
Neil M Pasmore	4	John G Harpole	1	Jeremy W Spiller	1
Nigel S D Taylor	3	David G Hull	1	Fraser A Storie	1
Simon A Rudd	2	Chris N McCarthy	1	Simon Ward	1
Colin F Salter	2	Brian G Meads	1	John S Warboys	1

THOSE WHO RANG 10 OR MORE PEALS:

Christina D A Brewster	23	Andrew P Brewster	15	Vicki L Chapman	12
Alan P Mayle	22	Paul A Cammiade	15	Ian J Culham	10
Colin F Chapman	21	Brian G Meads	14		
Neil M Pasmore	15	David M Hengeli	12		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THEIR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Christina Brewster	950th peal & 350th for association	David Hengeli	200th peal & 200th for association
Alan Mayle	900th as conductor	Andrew Brewster	175th peal
David Sparling	700th peal & 300th for association	Vicki Chapman	175th peal
Colin Chapman	650th for association	James Green	50th peal
Ian Culham	500th peal	Neil Pasmore	25th peal

ANALYSIS OF METHODS RUNG DURING 2025

CINQUES				TREBLE DODGING MINOR	
Stedman	1	Pudsey	1	7 Methods	1
		Rutland	1		
ROYAL		Turramurra	1	MINOR	
Yorkshire Surprise	1	Yorkshire	6	Plain Bob	2
Plain Bob	2			2 Methods	1
		TRIPLES		3 Methods	2
CATERS		Grandsire	2	4 Methods	2
Grandsire	3			7 Methods	2
Plain Bob	1	SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR			
		15 Methods	1	DOUBLES	
SURPRISE MAJOR		27 Methods	1	16 Methods	1
Bovey Tracey	1	32 Methods	1		
Bristol	1				
Cambridge	5	SURPRISE MINOR			
Lessness	1	Cambridge	2		
Lincolnshire	1	2 Methods	1		
		7 Methods	5		

NUMBER OF ASSOCIATION PEALS RUNG IN ASSOCIATION TOWERS:

- 10 Terling
- 5 Inworth
- 4 Ardleigh
- 3 Downham
- 2 Bishop's Stortford, Great Baddow, Hornchurch, Writtle
- 1 Ardleigh (6 Church View), Danbury, Fobbing, Great Chishill, Hutton, Kelvedon, Leigh on Sea, Littlebury, Maldon (All Saints), Matching, Mistley, Nazeing, Orsett, Sandon, Shenfield, Stisted, Tending, Walthamstow (St Saviour), Woodford..

This year first peals were rung by 11 ringing members (although two of these were rung for Middlesex CALDG) and one non-resident member in Essex. Most of these are 'young' ringers hopefully starting out on a peal ringing career - congratulations to them all.

Conducting was shared by 18 ringers (one more than last year) - lead again by Alan Mayle. Non-resident conductors called 8 of the peals. The total number of ringers taking part in the peals was 105 (32 more than last year), noting that 29% of these are non-resident members ringing on 12% of the bells in peals. 10 ringers rang 10 or more (compared to 13 in 2024, 13 in 2015, 10 in 2010 and 9 in 2000) and 20 rang 5 or more. 25 resident ringers rang one peal (compared to 18 in 2024, 23 in 2015, 24 in 2010 and 39 in 2000). For comparison: 125 ringers (21 conductors) rang in 52 peals in 2010, 230 ringers (33 conductors) rang 138 peals in 2004, 163 ringers (24 conductors) rang 69 peals in 2000; 332 ringers (53 conductors) rang 209 peals in Centenary Year 1979; 241 ringers (39 conductors) rang 123 peals in 1954; and 199 ringers (30 conductors) rang 90 peals in 1929.

The chart below compares the peal totals by year since the Association was formed and shows conductor and venue trends since 1879 and ringer trends since 1890. The steady decline in numbers of ringers attempting peals since the mid 80s seems to have stabilised with over 100 taking part this year for the first time in a decade, several new ringers took part including 10 first-pealers.

We acknowledge use of data available on Andrew Craddock's website pealbase.co.uk and on The Ringing World's website BellBoard; the peals pages are compiled from data sent to the Peals Secretary and BellBoard.

During the year I have continued to work with Pealbase compilers to answer queries on individual ringers and to re-check our peal totals as Pealbase has moved further back in time. Historically we include peals in our records if they are in our Peal Books or Annual Reports prior to 1910 when they were jointly rung for more than one Association (often ASCY or SRCY) - Pealbase and the Central Council will record the first named (as published in Bell News or the Ringing World); we have 117 peals like this mostly before 1900 when it was a common occurrence.

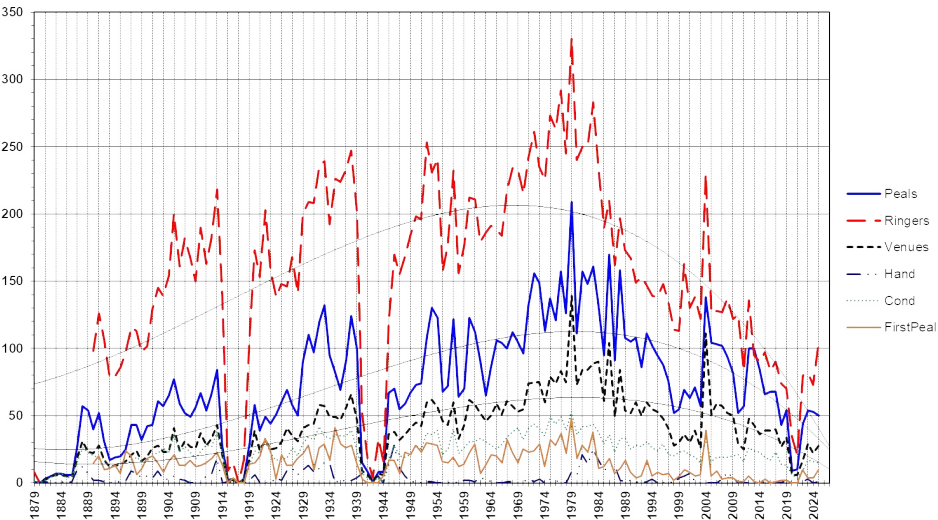
The peal totals in the Tower list at the end of this Annual Report have been checked against the records at cccr.org.uk/Felstead.

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FIRST PERFORMANCES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Method	Date	Place	Conductor
Bovey Tracey Surprise Major	30 Nov 2025	Maldon, All Saints	Mayle, Alan P

PEAL TRENDS



PEALS RUNG IN ESSEX BY OTHER ASSOCIATIONS, GUILDS, OR SOCIETIES

Date	Place	Assn/Guild	Method	Conductor
04 Jan	Hadstock		Surprise Minor (9m)	R J Crocker
04 Jan	Arkesden		Spliced Surprise Minor (14m)	P G C Ellis
01 Feb	West Ham	SRCY	London No.3 Surprise Royal	I Roulstone
03 Mar	Walthamstow St Mary	Univ of London Soc	Albanian Surprise Royal	A M Hills
11 Mar	Walthamstow St Mary	ASCY	Stedman Caters	J N Hughes D'Aeth
15 Mar	Braintree		St Clement's C B Major	B D Hill
21 Mar	Canewdon	Trent Valley A	London No.3 Surprise Royal	I Butters
22 Mar	Rayleigh	Trent Valley A	Centenary Delight Major	P G C Ellis
22 Mar	South Weald	Trent Valley A	Lessness Surpris Major	P G C Ellis
26 Mar	Tollesbury	Suffolk G	Newbury Town Surprise Royal	A P Mayle
29 Apr	West Ham		Stedman Caters	J W Belshaw
29 Apr	Tendring	Lancashire A	Surprise Minor (7m)	K M Price
24 May	Braintree	G Devonshire R	Cambridge Surprise Royal	J R Martin
25 May	Prittlewell	G Devonshire R	Swindon Surprise Royal	M E C Mears
29 Jun	Bobbingworth		Spliced Surprise Minor (14m)	P G C Ellis
21 Jul	Braintree	ASCY	Bristol Surprise Royal	E A Orme
20 Aug	South Benfleet		Minor (6m)	D C Brown
27 Aug	Tollesbury	Suffolk G	Stedman Caters	T P Hart
09 Sep	Hornchurch	ASCY	Spliced Surprise Royal (4m)	D C Brown
25 Sep	Helions Bumpstead	SRCY	Helions Bumpstead S Major	S A Rudd
29 Sep	Bures	Suffolk G	Double Norwich C B Major	A P Mayle
30 Sep	Ardleigh	East meets West	London No.3 Surprise Royal	I Roulstone
01 Oct	Prittlewell	East meets West	Bristol Surprise Major	A J Cox
01 Oct	Great Baddow	East meets West	Cornwall Surprise Major	I Roulstone
02 Oct	Tollesbury	East meets West	Cambridge Surprise Royal	P J Sanderson
02 Oct	Terling	East meets West	Bristol Surprise Major	C F Roulstone
03 Oct	Great Bardfield	East meets West	Spliced Surprise Major (7m)	P J Sanderson
03 Oct	Rayleigh	East meets West	London Surprise Major	J St J Beaumont
04 Oct	Inworth	East meets West	Surprise Minor (7m)	S A Rudd
04 Oct	Bishop's Stortford	ASCY	Bristol Surprise Maximus	J Virji
11 Oct	Braintree		St Clement's C B Major	B D Hill
18 Oct	Walthamstow St Mary	St Mary Abbots Guild	Cambridge Surprise Royal	R B Pullin
26 Oct	Coggeshall		Cambridge Surprise Royal	P G C Ellis
03 Nov	Rayne	Hertford C A	Surprise Minor (10m)	P G C Ellis
03 Nov	Castle Hedingham	Hertford C A	Surprise Minor (7m)	R J Crocker
16 Nov	Terling	SRCY	Yorkshire Surprise Major	C F Chapman
10 Dec	Coggeshall	Suffolk G	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	S A Rudd
11 Dec	Great Chishill	Ely D A	Surprise Minor (7m)	A C Malton
14 Dec	Belchamp Walter (In Hand)	SRCY	Kent Treble Bob Major	S A Rudd

QUARTER PEALS REPORT

During 2025 at least 447 tower bell quarter peals and 39 Handbell quarters were rung within Essex Association boundaries (5 more than in 2024).

All quarter peals were published on Bellboard and the majority were published in the Ringing World and were rung in 101 tower and 8 handbell venues.

I have included a separate section and analysis on distributed quarter peals. RingingRoom continues to provide a useful forum for ringers to meet and in particular develop their handbell skills, its use has remained at the same level as in 2024.

The leading tower was again Hornchurch followed by Willingale, Waltham Abbey and Wickford (H). The Southern District is in the lead followed by the North Western, South Eastern and South Western.

Congratulations to the 46 who rang their first quarter peal, the 13 who rang their first inside, the 2 who rang their first in hand and the 5 firsts as conductor (I apologise to any that have been missed). The details are as follows.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS:-

Sami Ahuja (Sawbridgeworth 05/10), David Blake (Great Totham 28/08), Sarah Blazeby (Braintree 07/04), Jane Claxton (Wethersfield 02/12), Mike Claxton (Wethersfield 14/09), Simon Colebrooke (Steeple Bumpstead 07/05), Len Collier (Great Bentley 17/10), Isaac Condon (Great Bardfield 18/07), Matthew Dunhill (Great Baddow 05/12), Margaret Dunmore (Thorpe Bay 16/03), Fiona Dyer (Great Chishill 02/05), Tilly Dyer (Great Chishill 02/05), Olive English (Great Tey 22/04), Jules Foster (Great Chishill 19/09), Sarah R Golding (Canewdon 24/09), Bob Groves (Great Tey 14/10), Dean Hallam (Great Totham 09/06), Ivan Haynes (Harlow 18/05), Ellen Hayward (Hornchurch 01/11), Gillian Herbert (Great Chishill 24/10), Darren W Jones (Hornchurch 21/06), Carol Knott (Downham 18/09), Fred Kuenzi (Great Chishill 19/09), Peter E Lamb (Great Totham 06/01), Rachel Levy (Great Chishill 16/05), Yvette Lord (Sawbridgeworth 04/05), Penny J Lowen (Downham 12/03), Nigel Lyons (Willingale 26/04), Artem Mallett (Springfield 13/04), Dalham Mallett (Springfield 19/01), Karen P Moore (Tillingham 29/03), Caroline Moores (Waltham Abbey 23/11), Emily Pannell (Great Bardfield 21/12), James Paton (Shenfield 21/12), Karen Roddam (Willingale 22/02), Scarlett Roddam-Powell (Willingale 09/03), Gillian Rooke (Thorpe Bay 16/03), Paul Sadler (Leytonstone 21/09), Jamie E Slack (Shenfield 12/10), Mark A Smith (Willingale 19/03), Nick Steinke (Danbury 14/05), John Targett (Shenfield 18/05), Elle Verity (Bentley Common 30/10), Corey Vost (Ashdon 27/07), Helen Whitehead (Chishill 01/08), Holly Whitelock (North Ockendon 25/01).

FIRST INSIDE:-

Carol Adams (Fobbing 30/05), Samantha Bell (Great Baddow 22/08), Sarah Blazeby (Braintree 03/11), Benji Bowman (Harlow 28/09), James Chisnell (Sandon 27/05), Matthew Collier (Great Tey 22/04), Carys E Hayward (Hornchurch 20/04), Steven Jefferies (Leigh on Sea 29/05), Owen P Jones (Downham 06/04), Rachel J Levy (Chrishall 14/09), Penny J Lowen (Bentley Common 14/02), Jacqueline Richmond (Rayleigh 23/03), Ann Roder (Little Baddow 20/02).

FIRST IN HAND:-

Anne F Porter (Thorpe Bay 18/09), Gillian Rooke (Thorpe Bay 03/07).

FIRST AS CONDUCTOR:

Pete Bowman (Harlow 10/08), Adam Brett (Margaretting 20/08), Charles Chikuruwo (Prittlewell 08/06), James Dunhill (Sandon 06/04), Oliver Clinton (Great Chishill 16/05).

THE LEADING TOWERS FOR QUARTER PEALS ARE:-

1.	Hornchurch	56	2024 - 51	2023 - 46	2022 - 41	2021 - 21	2020 - 11	SW
2.	Willingale	19	8	2	-	-	3	NW
3.	Waltham Abbey	17	18	18	12	2	7	NW
	Wickford (H)	17	14	7	1	4	3	S
4.	Braintree (H)	12	11	12	2	3	-	N
	Harlow (Old Harlow)	12	6	6	2	-	-	NW
	Rayleigh	12	15	10	7	3	4	S
	South Weald	12	7	10	2	-	-	S
5.	Prittlewell	11	5	2	1	1	2	S
	Shenfield	11	12	8	15	5	2	S
	Springfield	11	9	8	6	1	3	SE
	Terling	11	11	1	3	-	-	SE
6.	Downham	10	5	10	6	1	4	S
7.	Great Totham	9	5	1	3	2	1	SE
8.	Braintree	8	15	19	30	19	-	N
	Great Bardfield	8	4	6	7	2	-	N
	Little Baddow	8	7	6	7	-	1	SE
	Margaretting	8	-	-	-	-	-	SE

LEADING CONDUCTORS (TOWER or HAND):

No.	Name	Active in Districts	No.	Name	Active in Districts
53	Clive Stephenson	SW + S	15	Colin Chapman	SE + N
26	Charles Chikuruwo	S + N, NW, SE, SW	13	Iain Hayden	NW
26	John Harpole	S + N, NW, SE, SW	13	Simon Ward	N
22	Nigel Taylor	S + SE	11	Victoria Richards	NW
19	Philip Saunders	SE + NW	10	Ian Cresshull	N + NW, SE
17	David Buckley	S + SW, NW	10	Ryan Faulkner-Hatt	S + SE, SW

PERSONAL LANDMARKS REACHED DURING THE YEAR INCLUDE:-

1600th	John Harpole	1000th	Andrew Beech
800th	Philip Saunders	650th	Janice Cherry
500th	Vicki Chapman	475th	Hazel Steed
400th	John Church	300th	Clare Beech
150th	Sam Beech, Lucas Owen	100th	Michelle Stephenson
75th	Sarah Robbins, Michelle Stephenson		
50th	Charles Chikuruwo, Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Oliver Lee		
25th	James Dunhill		

BREAKDOWN OF QUARTER PEALS:

The table on page 38 breaking down the quarter peals by district and stage continues to show the same emphasis on ringing Doubles and Minor. The leading method continues to be Plain Bob (169 quarters - 1 Minimus, 91 Doubles, 45 Minor, 14 Triples, 15 Major, 1 Caters, 2 Royal). The next most popular single methods were Grandsire (52 quarters - 22 Doubles, 19 Triples, 6 Caters, 5 Cinques) and Cambridge (43 quarters of Minor to Maximus). 97 multi-method quarter peals were rung comprising: 63 of Doubles (2 to 11 methods), 14 of Minor (2 to 3 methods), 18 of Major (2 to 8 methods). 39 Handbell quarters were rung in Essex, one fewer than last year, comprising: 1 Minimus, 1 Doubles, 23 Minor, 2 Triples, 9 Major and 3 Royal.

Conducting was shared by 104, a simple analysis of the leading conductors has again been included and the table on page 38 shows the number of conductors active in each district; approximately 44 conductors were active in more than one district. The leading member conducting was Clive Stephenson calling 53 quarters mostly in the SW district. 27 of the conductors are not resident in the Association's area, calling 57 of the quarter peals. The table also shows the average number of quarters per tower and the proportion of ringable towers quarter pealed in each district. The chart on page 38 collects information from previous reports to show trends in quarter peals rung for the past 50 years.

The 80th Anniversaries of VE and VJ days led to 242 events recorded on BellBoard including 2 peals and 15 quarter peals, a summary of these Anniversaries ringing events is recorded on pages 44-46. Around 22 quarter peals were rung as part of planned District Quarter Peal events. At least 54 quarter peals were marked in Memoriam linked to members who passed away during the year.

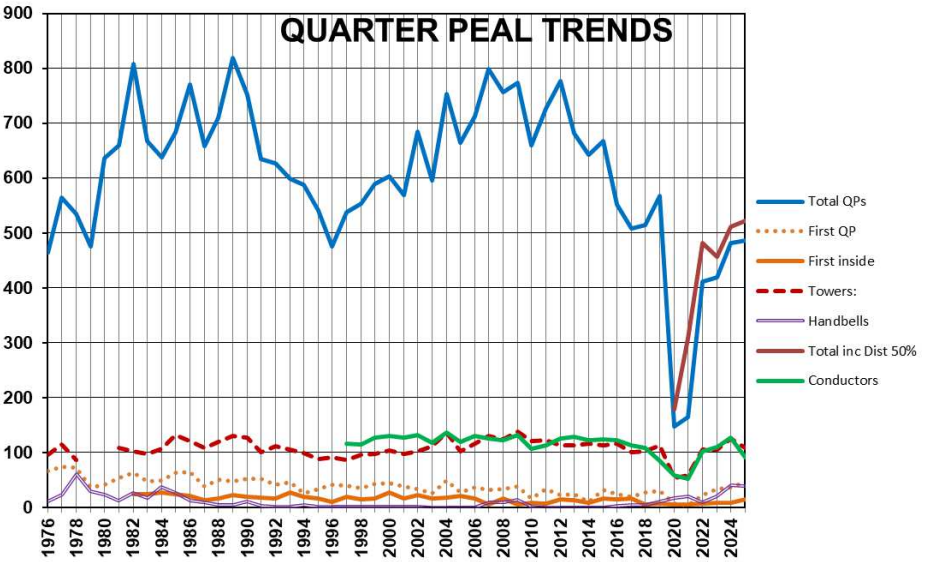
Information in this report is based on quarter peals published in The Ringing World or submitted to BellBoard up to 20 February, including 104 quarters on BellBoard either not yet printed or not sent for print.

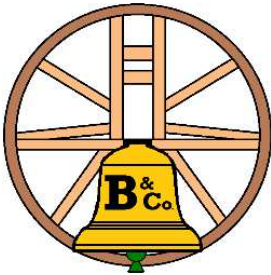
DISTRIBUTED ('VIRTUAL') QUARTER PEALS REVIEW

46 Distributed quarter peals that included at least one ringing member who was in Essex for the performance have been published on Bellboard (5 more than 2024). These were all rung in Ringing Room. 3 members took part and all rang more than one quarter peal. They rang exclusively 'handbell' quarters (ringing 2 bells/keys/sensors). None of the performances were conducted by ringers inside Essex. For these distributed quarters I have listed the 36 where at least 50% of the ringing members were in Essex for the performance (list included after the Quarter Peals later in this report). A significant milestone, completing quarters in the 'standard' 147 treble-dodging minor methods, was achieved by the regular band comprising Paul Cammiade, Simon Rudd and David Sparling.

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TOWER AND HANDBELLS										DISTRIBUTED	
District:	N	NE	NW	S	SE	SW	Total	%	2024	2025	2024
DOUBLES	12	10.5	62	45	45	11	185.5	38.2%	175	0	0
MINOR	26	11.5	15	40	18	10	120.5	24.8%	114	19	17
TRIPLES	5	0	6	9	6	19	45	9.3%	50	0	0
MAJOR	12	2	10	24	16	29	93	19.1%	94	16	14
OTHERS	2	3	11	3	8	15	42	8.6%	48	1	0
Totals:	57	27	104	121	93	84	486			36	31
%	11.7%	5.6%	21.4%	24.9%	19.1%	17.3%				Distributed QPs with 50%+ members in Essex	
2024	77	51	91	99	87	76			481		
HAND:	13	3	0	20	2	1	39		40		
CONDUCTORS:	23	13	33	27	31	21	104		127	1	1
Resident Cond.	17	10	21	26	27	13	77		87		
Avg. per Cond.	2.5	2.1	3.2	4.5	3.0	4.0	4.7		3.8	36.0	31.0
VENUES RUNG:	13	15	22	22	23	14	109		125		
Avg. per Venue	4.4	1.8	4.7	5.5	4.0	6.0	4.5		3.8		
Available Venues	39%	63%	52%	81%	68%	67%	63%		73%		





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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association was held on Monday 5 May 2025 at Chelmsford Cathedral with the Master in the chair. Prior to the meeting a Service was held in the Cathedral at which the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford and President of the Association, gave the address. Afternoon and evening ringing was in the South Western District.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- To welcome visitors:** The Master welcomed Bishop Guli and thanked her for her participation in today's Service.
- Apologies for absence:** the names of those submitting apologies for absence have been recorded in an Appendix to the Minutes placed in the Minute Book.
- The Roll:** The meeting was attended by 127 members representing 43 towers. The names have been recorded in an Appendix to the Minutes placed in the Minute Book.
- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2024:**
 - To confirm: Martin Jones proposed, David Sparling seconded, that the Minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried nem con.
 - Matters arising: Colin Chapman spoke about the EACR Memorial. He updated that faculty had been approved early this year and the layout approved by the Cathedral at the beginning of March. The stone was with the specialist carvers, likely to be completed by the Autumn then required specialist installers and availability of the Cathedral. Over £2,000 had been raised so far and other contributions welcome. The total cost was likely to be under £10,000 inc VAT, however we should assume the Cathedral may not be able to recover the VAT, therefore the cost more likely approximately £13,000.
- Statement of Accounts 2024:** The Treasurer presented his report and the accounts for 2024 as printed on page 11 and his review on page 19 of the Annual Report. He thanked Janet Edwards and John Tipping as Independent Examiners and for their unqualified report. Adoption of the Statement of Accounts was proposed Andrew Brewster, the Treasurer and seconded by Wendy Godden. Approved nem con.
- Annual Report 2024:** The Master invited Colin Chapman, Report Editor, to introduce the Report. Colin Chapman noted electronic copies were made available. This year's report was 92 pages plus cover, the same as last year. It had been with the printers in February and received back in March. We have used same printers since 2008 who continue to provide excellent service. This year included grants awarded and anniversary of D Day ringing. The Reports were delivered to District Secretaries by end of March. Those opting to receive an electronic copy could access it via the membership system. The cost had increased to £1.75 per copy to print. This year was a reduced print run by 10% due to those who only elected to download a copy. If anyone wishes to receive an electronic only copy, they would need to update their preference within the membership system. Any changes for next year's report should be notified to the District Secretary and Webmaster. Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Colin Chapman, Report Editor, seconded by Liz Rayner. Approved nem con. The Master thanked Colin Chapman for its production. Applause.
- EACR Website:** The Master invited Caroline Watts, Communication Officer and Sarah Chin-a-Loy, Webmaster to introduce the new website. In July 2024 the Communications sub-committee received approval to go ahead with a new design website. After a tendering process, they opted to use Webwax to redesign the site on WordPress. The new site was now live. Caroline thanked Beth Johnson, Colin Chapman and Steve Nash for reviewing elements of the new design and content layout, and District Reps, and Steve Ashley for providing some photos, and to Sarah as Webmaster. Sarah introduced several functions of the new website. All previous content was still accessible via an archive. Sarah asked for more selection of photographs to use. Each district would have access to their own space to update district news. There was an option to add a sound clip of ringing for each tower. Tower contacts were available via the individual tower information section. Sale of merchandise could also be made directly through the site. Martin Jones acknowledged how much work was involved in creating this and congratulated Sarah. The Master presented gifts as thank yous to Sarah and Caroline for their work. Applause. The Master also presented a gift as thanks to the previous Webmaster, Fred Bone, who spent so much time in keeping it up to date. Applause.
- EACR Bequests:** The Master updated the meeting on progress towards achieving the recommendations in the Bequests strategy. In 2023 money was made available to support projects aligned to the strategy with a target of allocating £50,000 per year, but following discussion at Management Committee, this limit was removed. Match funding had recently been offered to help stimulate local fundraising. Since 2023 £40,383 had been committed (against £50,000 from the bell restoration account), increasing support for projects by 80%. The spending remained limited by the number of projects being proposed. We would welcome further discussion on projects that align with the strategy. The Master suggested anyone with a project in mind should have an informal conversation first.
- Election of Honorary Officers:** The Master introduced nominations by recognising commitments, resulting in the opportunity to share roles, shown in some dual nominations. The Master noted that Vicki Chapman had offered to support the role as Secretary for a period of one year.

Role	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Master	Nigel Taylor	Paul Cammiade	Steve Nash
Secretary	Vicki Chapman	David Hengeli	Martin Jones
Treasurer	Andrew Brewster	Neil Pasmore	Steve Nash
Education Officer	Ian Kerwin (Trustee)	Sue Evans	Steve Ashley
	Beth Johnson	Helen Bridgman	Roy Threadgold
Communications Officer	Caroline Watts	Cathy Ovenden	Anne Roder

Technical Adviser	Steve Ashley (Trustee)	Ian Kerwin	Sue Evans
	Lucas Owen	Gill Sparling	Heather Rayner
Property Trustees	Christina Brewster	Neil Pasmore	Hazel Steed
	Mary Bone	Jane Walters	Chris McCarthy
	Colin Chapman	Andrew Taylor	Hazel Steed
Independent Examiners	Janet Edwards	Ian Hagger	Brian Meads
	Andrew Knott	David Marcus	Simon Tolliday

Paul Cammiade and Steve Nash spoke to Nigel Taylor's nomination as Master. Andrew Kelso presented Nigel with the Master's Badge (applause) and continued to chair the meeting.

Steve Ashley spoke to Ian Kerwin's nomination as Education Officer.

Ian Kerwin spoke to Steve Ashley's nomination as Technical Adviser.

Gill Sparling spoke to Lucas Owen's nomination as Technical Adviser.

Andrew Brewster spoke to Andrew Knott's nomination as Independent Examiner.

The Master recorded thanks to Courtney Mandell, outgoing secretary and all other officers recently stood down.

Bishop Guli, President of the Association, spoke to thank the Association for its work in Essex and thanked the officers. She then presented the outgoing Master, Andrew Kelso, with a gift of thanks from the membership (applause).

10. **To name Appointed Officers and to announce changes in District Officers:** The Master named the appointed officers, asking those present to stand in turn. The Master then referred to the list of the district officers at the back of the Annual Report. The Master also thanked Adam Sloman, outgoing Youth Co-ordinator.
 11. **Life Members:** Certificates for 50 years life membership were awarded to Carol Taylor (Kelvedon), Chris Lamb (Great Tey) and Stephen Sudbury (Gosfield) (applause).
 12. **Association Annual Dinner:** The Annual Dinner would take place on 11 October in Old Brentwood's Club, Brentwood. Tickets would be on sale soon with a brief early bird sale.
 13. **Striking Competition Finals:** The 6 and 8 bell competitions would be held in SE district on 12th July. 8 Bell at Terling with the draw at 10am, then lunch followed by the 6 bell at Sandon at 2pm. The 8 bell test piece would be 168 changes of St Simon's Bob Triples. As in 2024, each district band must include a ringer who has not competed in the 8 bell competition previously.
 14. **Any other business:**
 - a) Sarah Knights advised the 2026 Essex Course would be on 9-11th April 2026 and thanked all the Tutors and helpers and organisers for this year.
 - b) Martin Jones advised the Little Bromley open day raised just over £1,800.
 - c) Sarah Knights announced the winner of the photo competition at the Essex Course. The photos had been displayed earlier in the morning. The winning picture was taken by Gemma Crouchman, and the photo will be uploaded to the website in due course. Runners up were a photo of Andrew Brewster, David Sparling and Richard Wilson wearing their 25th anniversary Essex Course shirts, and a photo of the catering team (applause).
 - d) The SW District were hosting the afternoon ringing today with tea at Chigwell. St Mary's, Woodford extended an invitation to their practice at 8pm this evening.
 - e) First Pealers certificates and badges were presented to Vicky Richards and Adam Brett who rang their first peals this year.
 - f) Andrew Kelso presented a gift to Andrew Brewster to mark his 70th birthday on 12th May.
 15. **Vote of thanks:** Andrew Kelso thanked the Cathedral authorities for allowing us the use of the Cathedral; the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford, the Very Reverend Dr Jessica Martin, Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral, Rev'd Sue Goldsmith, our Chaplain and Christina Brewster for organising today's Service; the Cathedral Vergers; the choir of All Saints, Springfield and their Director of Music Paul Strong; Will Beech (organist); members of the Northern district for refreshments and taking the collection; members of the South Western District for arranging the afternoon towers and preparing tea; Colin Chapman for running the ringing before the service, Stephen Bailey for calling the Service Touch, and the Service Touch band.
- Andrew Kelso advised that Mike Worboys recently won the Association of Ringing Teachers Len Roberts Award recognising outstanding impact on ringing community (applause).
- Andrew Kelso concluded by offering his personal thanks to officers and members for the past seven years of support during his time as the Master of the Association.
- Andrew Kelso announced the attendance as 127 members present and declared the meeting closed at 13:04.

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association will be held on May Day Holiday, Monday 4th May 2026, and will be preceded by a service at 10.30 am in Chelmsford Cathedral.

The meeting will be held in the Cathedral to conclude not later than 1.00 pm. The Cathedral bells will be available from 9.15 to 10.15 am. when an invited band will ring a Service Touch. Afternoon and evening ringing will take place in the North Eastern District. Tickets for tea and details of further ringing arrangements can be obtained from the North Eastern District Secretary.

AGENDA

1. **To welcome visitors.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
3. **Please sign the Roll.**
4. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2025**

- a) to confirm
- b) matters arising.

5. **Statement of Accounts 2025:** To receive and adopt.
6. **Annual Report 2025:** To receive, approve and adopt.
7. **Motion**

Insert the following after rule 13.4, all other subsequent rules in section 13 advance by two points on the numbering system.

New rules:

- 13.5 *The purpose of the Trustees' approval shall only be to ensure the Management Committee decision is legal, within the rules and guidance of the Charity Commission, consistent with the objectives of the Association and does not cause the Association long term financial harm.*
- 13.6 *If the Trustees do not approve a Management Committee decision it shall fully document the rationale for the decision within the constraints specified in clause 13.5 and pass the matter back to the Management Committee for further consideration. The Trustees shall not implement an alternative solution without consultation with the Management Committee.*

Proposed by Matthew Brown

Seconded by David Sparling

8. **Election of Honorary Officers:** The following nominations have been received:-

Master

Nigel Taylor

Secretary

Treasurer

Andrew Brewster

Education Officer

Beth Johnson

Communications Officer

Technical Adviser

Steve Ashley

Property Trustees (3)

Anthony Bloomfield, Matthew Brown, Colin Chapman

Central Council Representatives (5)

Martin Axon, Mary Bone, Vicki Chapman, Gemma Crouchman, Anne Donaldson, Denise Kerwin

Independent Examiners (2)

Andrew Knott

9. **To name Appointed Officers and to announce changes in District Officers.**

10. **Life Members.**

Nomination for Life Membership

Gerald Pearson (Hatfield Heath)

50-Year Life Membership

John Beale (Great Holland), Paul Bray (Great Holland), Christine Halliwell (Prittlewell)

11. **Association Annual Dinner.**

12. **Striking Competition Finals**

13. **Any Other Business.**

14. **Vote of Thanks.**

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Beth Johnson
Caroline Watts
Steve Ashley
see page 2
Andrew Kelso
vacant
Fred Bone
Colin Chapman
Colin Chapman
Christina Brewster
Revd Sue Goldsmith
Sarah Chin-a-Loy

Convener: Communications Officer
Convener: Technical Adviser
Convener: Education Officer

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Name

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Sue Evans
Carol Adams
Hazel Steed
Sylvia Crick

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* Some names may change after the AGM in May, but the email addresses will forward to the new officers.

TOWER EMAIL ADDRESSES

See pages 64 - 67.

MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM AND MAILING LISTS

The Membermojo system allows Members to manage their own data - contact details, mailing list selections (Association and District), Annual Report preferences, confirm or change their Tower and District (but please ensure to let the towers and districts know if you plan to change), and provide some other optional demographic and training information. It allows members to manage their own subscriptions including paying by bank card in addition to the usual 'off-line' payment methods. Members may continue to pay their subscriptions through their tower or district if they wish.



The Association benefits by having Membership Information in one place that can only be accessed by specific officers, subscription reminders are automated, subscription payments by bank card are fully automated and payments by other means can be readily processed in the new system once confirmed. Where members have provided the information, the Association can straightforwardly collect statistics on Safeguarding Training, ringing training ability and some demographic information to assist decision making.

The membership system can be accessed at membermojo.co.uk/eacr. There are links to guidance documents at the foot of that web page. Existing members can sign-in using their email address, you do not need a password as you will be emailed a link (if your email address does not work, please email the Membership Administrator below and DO NOT use the Join/Renew Link to gain access). New members may apply using the instructions at the link above, but remember you will still need to complete a paper form and be elected at a meeting.

The Membership Administrator (membership@eacr.org.uk) works with the Association Treasurer and District Officers as needed to process new member applications, manual subscription payments and queries with and updates of the new membership system. This can be a very busy role for the first few months of each year, so please be patient.

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You can use the Unsubscribe link in any group message to unsubscribe from that mailing list. You can resubscribe to a list or to system or reminder emails by signing-in and updating your list selection.

80th ANNIVERSARY OF VE-DAY



This year the 80th Anniversary of VE-Day was commemorated on Thursday 8th May 2025. 114 towers/venues in the Association area are recorded on BellBoard as taking part over the week with 135 ringing events recorded including two peals and six quarter peals. These are listed below.

Saturday 3rd May

Sawbridgeworth 80 Grandsire Doubles

Sunday 4th May

Sawbridgeworth Call Changes

Monday 5th May

Great Bentley Call Changes
Sawbridgeworth 80 Plain Bob Doubles
South Weald 1260 Stedman Triples

Tuesday 6th May

Bishop's Stortford Rounds and Call Changes,
Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Grandsire

Wednesday 7th May

Bishop's Stortford Rounds and Call Changes
Inworth 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor
(32m)
Steeple Bumpstead 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Thursday 8th May

Ardleigh Rounds and Call Changes
Ashdon General Ringing
Basildon Tolling
Bentley Common 480 Grandsire Doubles
Bishop's Stortford 80 Plain Bob Major
Bobbingworth 30 General Ringing
Boreham General Ringing
Bradfield Tolling
Bradwell on Sea Rounds and Call Changes
Brentwood General Ringing
Broomfield General Ringing
Bures General Ringing
Burnham on Crouch General Ringing
Bush End Rounds, Plain Hunt
Canewdon General Ringing
Castle Hedingham General Ringing
Chelmsford Cathedral General Ringing
Chigwell General Ringing
Chigwell Row General Ringing
Chrishall General Ringing
Colchester, St Leonard at the Hythe

General Ringing
Danbury Rounds and Call Changes
Downham 80 Grandsire Doubles
Eastwood General Ringing
Epping General Ringing
Epping Upland General Ringing
Farnham 80 Grandsire Doubles
Farnham 80 Grandsire Doubles
Farnham Rounds and Call Changes
Felsted General Ringing
Fyfield Call Changes, Kings and Queens

Galleywood Rounds and Call Changes
Galleywood Call Changes
Gestingthorpe General Ringing
Goldhanger General Ringing
Great Baddow 120 Grandsire Doubles
Great Baddow General Ringing
Great Bardfield Rounds and Call Changes
Great Bardfield 240 Grandsire Doubles
Great Bentley 80 Call Changes
Great Bromley 80 Little Bob Minor
Great Chishill General Ringing
Great Hallingbury Rounds and Call Changes

Great Parndon
Great Tey
Great Totham
Great Wakering
Great Waltham
Halstead
Harlow Common
Harwich
Hatfield Broad Oak

Hatfield Heath
Helions Bumpstead
Hempstead
Henham
Heydon
Hornchurch
Hornchurch
Hornchurch
Ingatestone
Ingrave
Inworth
Kelvedon
Layer de la Haye
Little Baddow
Little Bromley
Little Horkesley
Littlebury
Loughton
Loughton (Methodist Church)

Maldon, All Saints
Matching
Mistley
Moreton
Navestock
Nazeing
North Ockendon
North Weald
Old Harlow
Pebmarsh
Pleshey
Prittlewell
Purleigh
Radwinter
Rayleigh
Rettendon
Rochford
Saffron Walden
Sandon

Shenfield
Sible Hedingham
South Benfleet
South Ockendon
South Weald
Springfield
St Osyth
Stanford le Hope
Stansted Mountfitchet
Stansted Mountfitchet
Steeple Bumpstead
Takeley

Call Changes
600 Plain Bob Doubles
General Ringing
Call Changes
General Ringing
General Ringing
Rounds and Call Changes
General Ringing
Call Changes, Kings and Queens
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
70 Grandsire Triples
Rounds and Plain Hunt on 7
Call Changes on 10
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
General Ringing
Rounds and Call Changes
General Ringing
Call Changes
General Ringing
300 Plain Bob Doubles
Rounds
General Ringing
General Ringing
Call Changes
General Ringing - In Hand
Rounds
Call Changes
General Ringing
30 General Ringing
480 Plain Bob Doubles
General Ringing
80 Grandsire Doubles
45 General Ringing
80 Call Changes
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
30 Call Changes
General Ringing
General Ringing
Rounds, Call Changes and Plain Hunt
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
120 Call Changes
80 Grandsire Doubles
General Ringing
General Ringing
General Ringing
80 Grandsire Doubles
80 Grandsire Doubles
General Ringing
80 Plain Bob Minimus

Terling
Thaxted
Thorpe Bay
Thorpe Bay
Tillingham
Tollesbury
Toppesfield
Upminster
Waltham Abbey
Walthamstow
West Ham
West Hanningfield
Wethersfield
White Roding
Wickham St Paul

Rounds and Call Changes
Aounds and Call Changes
Call Changes
Call Changes
720 Plain Bob Doubles
General Ringing
General Ringing
Swing Chiming
General Ringing
1280 Plain Bob Doubles
General Ringing
Rounds
Call Changes
Tolling The Tenor
Rounds and Call Changes

Willingale Doe

Witham

Woodford
Wormingford
Writtle
Writtle

Friday 9th May
Great Bardfield
Hornchurch

Call Changes, Plain Hunt and
Bob Doubles
80 Call Changes and 80
Grandsire Doubles
General Ringing
General Ringing
1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Rounds and Call Changes on 6,
8 and 10, Grandsire Triples and
Firing X 80

1260 Plain Bob Minor
5040 Plain Bob Royal

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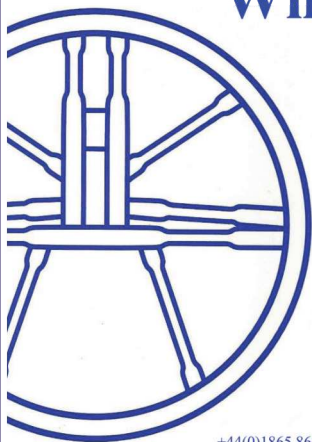
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80th ANNIVERSARY OF VJ-DAY



This year the 80th Anniversary of VJ-Day was commemorated on Friday 16th August 2025. 95 towers/venues in the Association area are recorded on BellBoard as taking part over the week with 107 ringing events recorded including nine quarter peals. These are listed below.

Thursday 14th August

Stanford le Hope 1260 Doubles (2m)

Thursday 14th August

Stanford le Hope 1260 Doubles (2m)

Friday 15th August

Ardleigh 1368 Grandsire Caters

Ashdon Rounds and Call Changes

Basildon Rounds

Bentley Common 360 Plain Bob Doubles

Bishop's Stortford 80 Grandsire Doubles

Bishop's Stortford 80 Grandsire Doubles

Bobbingworth Rounds and Call Changes

Bradwell on Sea Devon Call Changes

Brentwood Rounds and Call Changes

Broomfield General Ringing

Burnham on Crouch General Ringing

Bush End 80 Rounds

Bush End 80 Rounds

Chelmsford Call Changes

Chigwell General Ringing

Chigwell Row General Ringing

Chrishall Rounds and Call Changes

Colchester, St Peter General Ringing

Danbury General Ringing

Downham Grandsire Doubles and Call Changes

Eastwood General Ringing

Epping General Ringing For Vj Day

Epping Upland Chiming

Farnham 80 Grandsire Doubles

Farnham 80 Grandsire Doubles

Farnham 80 Grandsire Doubles

Finchingfield Rounds and Call Changes

Fyfield General Ringing

Goldhanger General Ringing

Great Baddow General Ringing

Great Bardfield Rounds and Call Changes

Great Bentley Call Changes

Great Chishill Rounds and Call Changes

Great Hallingbury Call Changes

Great Parndon Rounds and Call Changes

Great Tey General Ringing

Great Totham General Ringing

Hadstock Rounds and Call Changes

Hadstock General Ringing and Call Changes

Harlow Common Rounds and Call Changes

Harwich General Ringing

Hatfield Broad Oak Tolling on 2 Bells

Hatfield Heath Rounds and Call Changes

Helions Bumpstead Rounds and Call Changes

Hempstead Rounds and Call Changes

Henham General Ringing

Heydon 1260 Stedman Doubles

High Laver Chiming

High Ongar Rounds and Call Changes

Hornchurch Rounds and Plain Hunt on 7

Hornchurch Rounds and Call Changes on 10

Hornchurch 120 Plain Bob Doubles

Hornchurch Rounds and Call Changes on 8

Hornchurch

Hutton

Ingatestone

Ingrave

Inworth

Kelvedon

Kirby le Soken

Little Baddow

Little Bardfield

Magdalen Laver,

Maldon, All Saints

Matching

Mistley

Moreton

Nazeing

North Weald

Old Harlow

Prittlewell

Purleigh

Radwinter

Rayleigh

Rettendon

Rochford

Sandon

Sawbridgeworth

Shalford

Shenfield

Southminster

Springfield

St Osyth

Stansted Mountfitchet

Stansted Mountfitchet

Steeple Bumpstead

Stisted

Takeley

Takeley

Terling

Thaxted

Thorrington

Tillingham

Tollesbury

Waltham Abbey

West Ham

Wethersfield

Wickham St Paul

Willingale Doe

Writtle

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Rounds and Call Changes

General Ringing

Rounds and Call Changes

Call Changes, Plain Bob

Doubles

Rounds and Call Changes

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Call Changes

Chiming

Rounds

Rounds and Call Changes

Rounds and Call Changes

General Ringing

Rounds and Call Changes

Call Changes and Plain Hunt

Rounds and Call Changes

80 Call Changes

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

General Ringing

Rounds and Call Changes

Call Changes

30 Call Changes

General Ringing

Call Changes

Call Changes

Rounds and Call Changes

Call Changes, Grandsire, Plain

Bob Doubles

40 Plain Bob Doubles

Call Changes

General Ringing

80 Grandsire Doubles

80 Grandsire Doubles

Rounds and Call Changes

3480 Surprise Minor (5m)

80 Rounds

80 Plain Bob Minimus

Call Changes, Plain Bob and

Grandsire Doubles

Round and Call Changes

1296 Plain Bob Minor

General Ringing

General Ringing

General Ringing

General Ringing

Rounds and Call Changes

Rounds and Call Changes

Call Changes

Rounds, Call Changes and

Plain Hunt

Saturday 16th August

Barking

General Ringing

Ilford

General Ringing

Romford

General Ringing

South Ockendon

General Ringing

Tuesday 19th August

Langham

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Wednesday 20th August

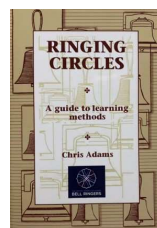
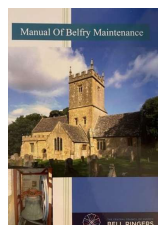
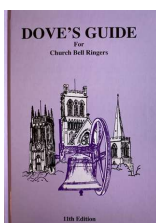
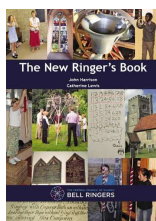
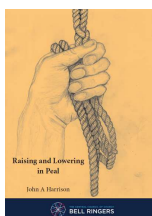
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1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles

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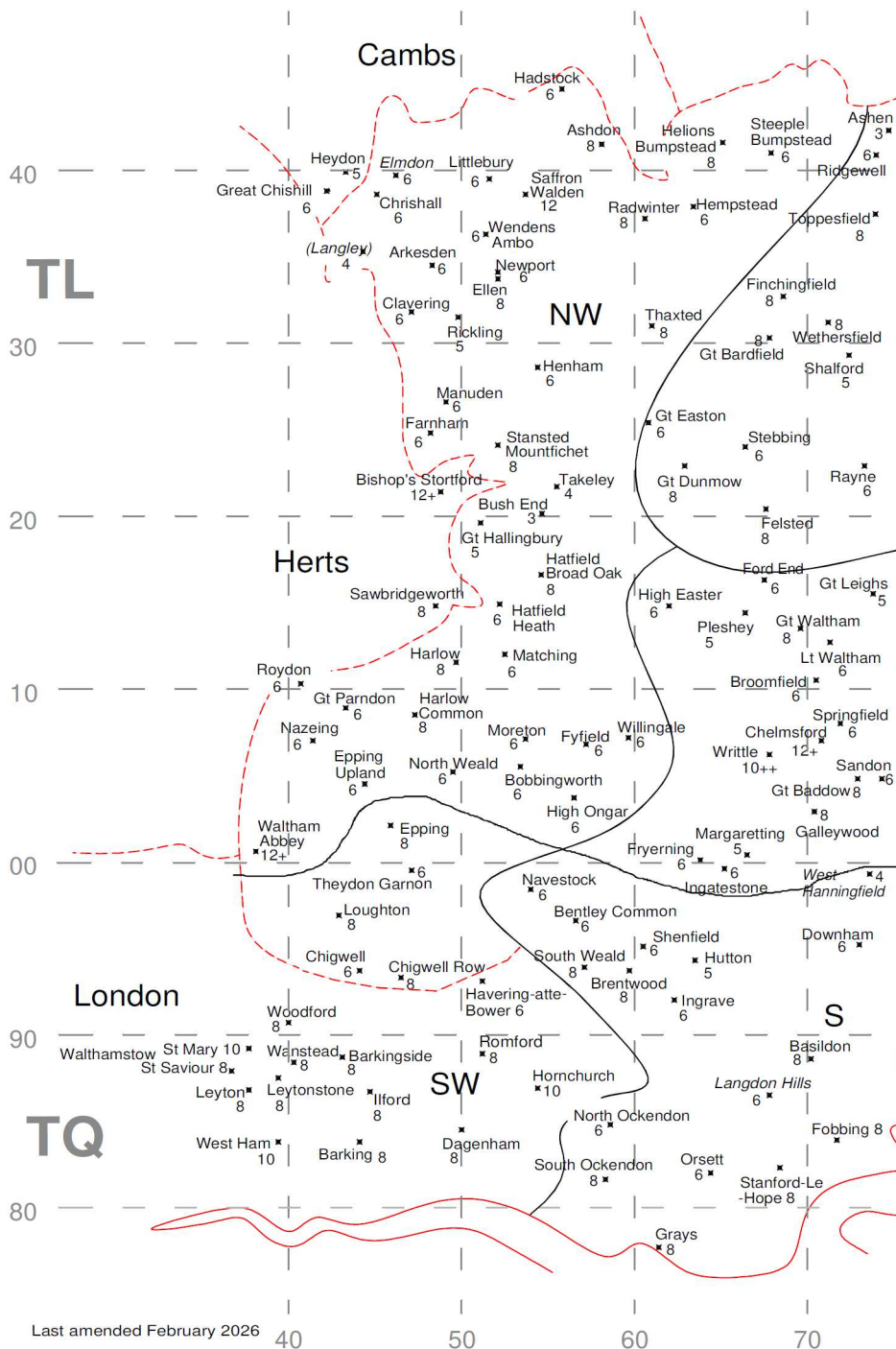
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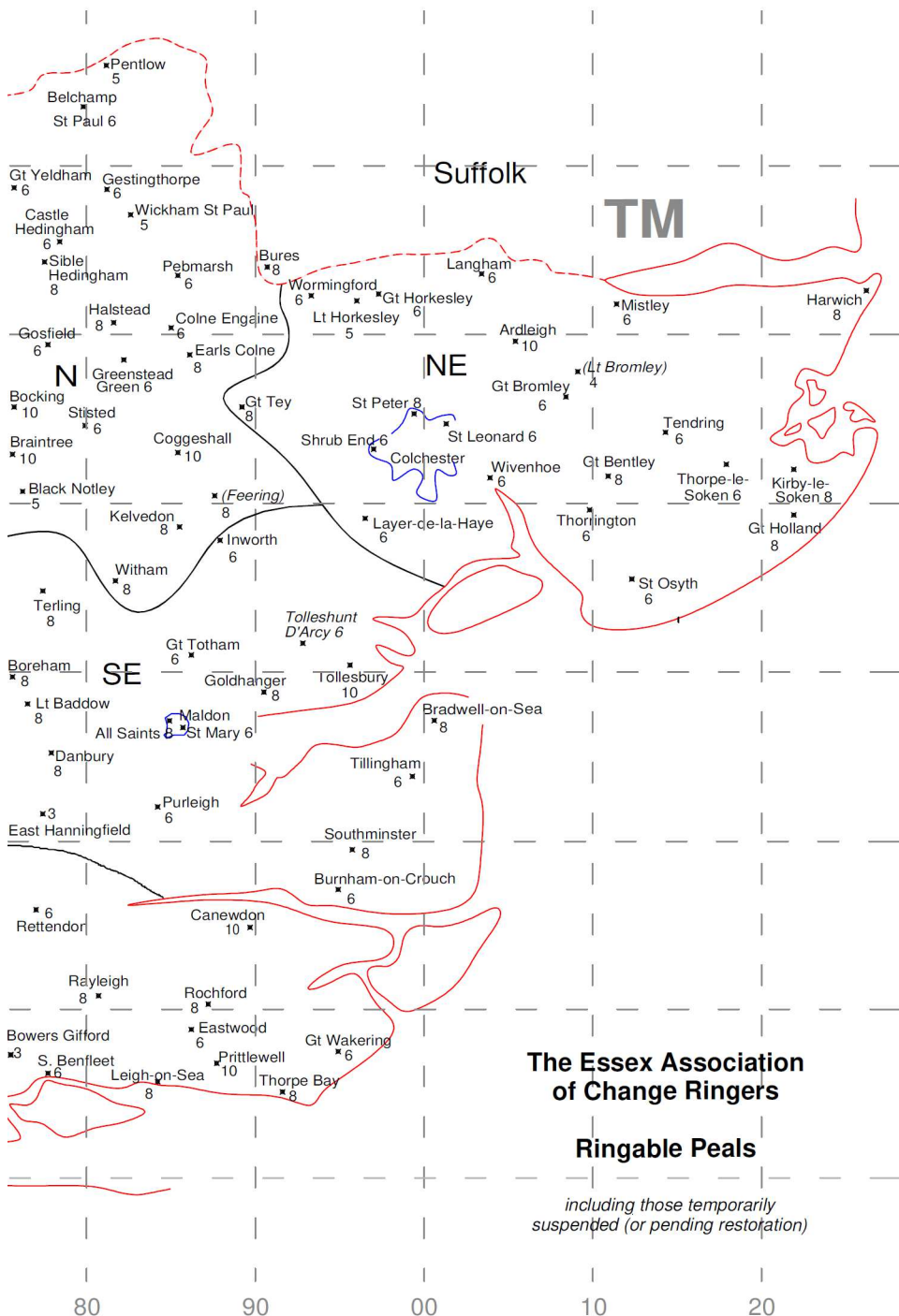
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ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR 2025

PN = Practice night ♦ = Life Vice-President □ = Life Member § Charity Trustee (District election)

Tower data (dedication, bells, tenor key & weight, location, peal totals) shown in the alphabetical list at the end of the Report. Tower Correspondents contact information is at pages 64 to 67 of this report, email addresses are also on the website eacr.org.uk/towers-map/.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Master

Jonathan Thompson, Pebmarsh

Secretary

Kelly Thompson, Pebmarsh

Deputy Master

Vacant

Treasurer

§ David Newton, Pebmarsh

DISTRICT REPORT

I have really enjoyed my year of being district secretary, and with Jonathan have managed to visit most towers in our district at least once.

We have been very saddened by the death of Cherry Threadgold on the 20th August following a short battle with cancer, a shock for her loving husband Roy. Cherry was a much loved member of the district for over 50 years. Her funeral was held on the 12th September at her home tower, Wethersfield, a lovely service that well attended, showing just how loved she was.

Early March we had a combined district training session with NE at Great Tey, it was very popular and a brilliant morning! We have a combined practice with them again at Sible Hedingham on 14/02/26.

The Essex Ringing course held in April was popular with our members and everyone got so much out of it, our thanks to everyone involved in organising such a mammoth event.

We had 5 bands enter our district 6-bell striking competition that was held at the end of April. Wethersfield came first in the method ringing and Halstead in the call changes. Some of the ringers in the call change bands hadn't been ringing for very long at all so we were thrilled that they came along and enjoyed the day. We were very grateful to our judges, Neil and Courtney.

Wethersfield went through to the Association finals together with an eight-bell band where we came 5th.

Across the district we rang for both VE Day and VJ day.

We have a Surprise Major practice once a month at Felsted together with NW district.

We also hold a monthly Advanced practice at Braintree but this is often cancelled due to low numbers so are changing how we hold this practice for 2026 and hope to invite other districts along.

In November we had a brilliant social afternoon at The Essex Pottery Studio, something new and different for us and it was really great fun.

11 peals have been rung in the district and 55 quarter peals, 10 of which were on handbells.

Kelly Thompson

RINGING & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ASHEN - 3, 9 cwt, Sun & PN,

'phone to check
Rigg, Maureen

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL - 6, 8½ cwt,

Sun - by arrangement, PN - Friday
(1st) 8.00, 'phone to check
Norris, S
Sinclair, Mrs H

BLACK NOTLEY - 5, 5¼ cwt, Sun

& PN - Thur 7.30 ('phone to check)
Ford, M
Walker, Mrs S

BOCKING - 10, 18¼ cwt, Sun -

9.30, PN - Thurs 7.30 (1st),
'phone to check
Dodsworth, G
May, A
May, Mrs L

BRAINTREE - 10, 10¾ cwt, Sun -

9.30, PN - Mon 7.30
Gray, Mrs C
Gray, Miss R
Hill, B
Hill, Mrs D
Ould, Mrs L
Smith, P G
Whitehouse, E

CASTLE HEDINGHAM - 6, 11¼ cwt

COGGESHALL - 10, 24¼ cwt, Sun

9.00, PN - Weds 7.30
Edwards, Mrs J A □
Hagger, I
Ibbotson, Miss J M
McWaters, Ms D
Meads, B G □
Pitt, Mrs S
Semken, Mrs H M □
Ward, S
Woodroffe, D □

COLNE ENGAINE - 6, 9½ cwt, Sun

- 9.30 (4th), PN - Mon 8.00
Holness, P

EARLS COLNE - 8, 14 cwt, Sun -

9.30 (3rd), PN - Tue 7.30-9.00
(1st, 3rd & 5th 'phone to check)
Abbie, Mrs K
Beadle, T
Goodchild, D
Jones, A W

FEERING - 8, 18 cwt, Ringing

restricted
Bennett, N

FELSTED - 8, 12 cwt, Sun - 10.30,

PN - Mon 7.45
Carpenter, Mrs D
Cresshull, I
Cresshull, Mrs P
Learnmonth, D O
LeFèvre, Mrs V
Pearson, J H
Wallis, J

FINCHINGFIELD - 8, 15 cwt, Sun -

10.00 (3rd) 'phone to check

GESTINGTHORPE - 6, 16 cwt, Sun

- 'phone to check
Fullman, Mrs V

GOSFIELD - 6, 9½ cwt, Sun -
10.00 (ring to confirm 5th
Sunday), PN - Tues 7.30

Carter, L J □
Henry, John
Jarvis, D O □
O'Connor, Mrs D R
Sudbury, S □

GREAT BARDFIELD - 8, 15 cwt,
Sun - 9.50, PN - Thur 7.30

Adams, Mrs A
Boon, A
Bowen, R
Cornell, Mrs S
Holland, A
Holland, N
Holland, Mrs S

GREAT DUNMOW - 8, 21¼ cwt,
Sun - 10.00, evening by
arrangement, PN - Mon 8.00 (alt
weeks) 'phone to confirm
Potter, Mrs G
Potter, T

GREAT EASTON - 6, 11¼ cwt, Sun
& PN ringing by arrangement
Brown, J A
Miller, Mrs A

GREAT YELDHAM - 6, 7 cwt, Sun
- 10.30, PN Last Mon 7.30-9.00
Brewster, M
Prior, Mrs L

GREENSTEAD GREEN - 6, 12½
cwt, Sun - 8.30, PN - Tue 7.30-
9.00 (2nd & 4th)
Waller, Mr P

HALSTEAD - 8, 15¼ cwt, Sun -
9.30, ('phone to check), PN - Fri
7.30-9.00 ('phone to check)

Adams, P J
Jordan, E A
Kerrison, Mrs A
Kerrison, D
Manning, Miss D
Rickett, M
Sherrington, Ms S

KELVEDON - 8, 19¾ cwt, Sun -
'phone to check, PN - Tues 7.30 -
9.00

Elliott, J G J
Elliott, N
Prideaux, T W
Randall, H J
Taylor, Andrew C ♦
Taylor, Mrs Carol E □
Wood, R B □

PEBMARSH - 6, 8¼ cwt, Sun -
9.00 (2nd), & 10.30 (4th), PN Mon
7.30-9.00 (1st & 3rd)
Newton, D
Newton, S
Thompson, J
Thompson, Mrs K

PENTLOW - 5, 8½ cwt, ringing by
arrangement
Forsey, T
Mayle, A P

RAYNE - 6, 6½ cwt, Sun 9.00-9.30,
PN Weds 11am and 7.00pm

Batley, J R
Chaplin, Mrs C J
Girard, I
Green, Miss Y
Morgan, Mrs B

RIDGEWELL - 6, 8¾ cwt, ringing
by arrangement, 'phone 01440
785056
Jennings, D D
Jennings, D G

SHALFORD - 5, 9¼ cwt, Sun -
9.00 (1st & 3rd), 3.30 winter / 4.30
summer (2nd - call to check), PN -
Fri 7.00-8.30

Ayling, Mrs P
Marriott, Mrs M
Mason, M □
Peckham, T J

SIBLE HEDINGHAM - 8, 18¼ cwt,
Sun - ringing by arrangement, PN
- Thurs 7.30-9.00

Crone, D J
Watkins, J

STEBBING - 6, 12½ cwt, Sun -
10.30, PN - Thurs 8.00 Ringing
suspended due to building work

Beeken, T
Bromley, N
Gilbert, Stuart J

STISTED - 6, 9¼ cwt, Sun - 10.00
(2nd & 4th), PN - Mon 7.30

Earle, T □
Earle, Mrs W
Ellison, Ms C
Jubb, Mrs R
Kelly, Mrs J
Prowse, Mrs J
Prowse, L
Rand, Mrs D
Stock, T L
Stock, T

TOPPESFIELD - 8, 14½ cwt, Sun -
10.30 (2nd, 4th), PN - Weds 7.30
Turner, Mrs W

WETHERSFIELD - 8, 11¼ cwt, Sun
- 10.30 (2nd & 4th 'phone to
check), PN - Mon 7.00-8.30

Carman, Mr P
Claxton, Mrs J E
Claxton, M E
Green, J
Hamilton, I
Mackie, Mrs C
Pannell, Mrs A A
Pannell, W J
Smith, John H
Threadgold, Angus
Threadgold, Mrs C
Threadgold, R □
Wang, Mrs L

WICKHAM ST PAUL - 5, 9½ cwt,
ringing by arrangement

WITHAM - 8, 15¾ cwt, Sun - 8.50,
Ev by arr & PN Weds 7.30

Brett, A
Brett, David
Brett, Jason
Chapman, Mrs P A □
Chapman, P D □
Miller, Ms C L
Newman, J
Peters, Ms G
Teverson, E
Wingrove, G

UNATTACHED MEMBERS

Culemann, Jochen
Cunningham, Mrs L
Downs, Mrs K M □
Downs, M E □
Elliott, V
Lindsell, Mrs P □
Ranby, Mrs L
Slater, R

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Willetts, Benjamin J, Cambridge

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT

Master

Matthew Brown, Great Tey

Secretary

Gill Sparling, Kirby-le-Soken

Deputy Master

Gavin Edwards, Great Bromley

Treasurer

Andrew Burgoyne, Kirby-le-Soken

DISTRICT REPORT

Our ringing year commenced with the ADM at Great Tey. Matthew Brown was elected as our new District Master and Gavin Edwards as Deputy District Master, with all other officers being re-elected. We changed the format of the meeting this year holding the meeting in the morning followed by lunch at the pub which worked very well.

The District has been very busy on the training front this year. We have continued our regular 'moving onto to hunting' sessions and we have also held monthly 'beyond bob minor' practices. In May we ran a Cambridge Surprise Major training day and this has been followed up with a series of focused practices to consolidate the training. We have also held a one off Bob Doubles inside course and a raising and lowering course. We are grateful to all those that have run the courses and all the other helpers.

We have continued our efforts to promote ringing at the University of Essex taking a mini ring to the freshers' event again this year in October. We were delighted to welcome our first ringing member from the university initiative at our Autumn meeting. Staying on the theme of youth we have continued to hold monthly NE District young ringers' sessions.

As well as the specific training events we held two 8 bell practices at Great Bentley and Great Tey and a doubles and minor practice at Little Cornard. The work to augment Ardleigh to ten bells completed in time for us to hold our first ever District 10 bell practice in our own District in July. We are very grateful to everyone that donated and helped with the work at Ardleigh to make this possible.

The District has made a big effort to keep towers ringing where there are no longer local bands. We now have a monthly practice, as well as ringing for several civic events, in both St. Peters and St. Leonards in Colchester. A regular monthly practice also takes place in Harwich the most easterly of our towers.

We had a successful district open day to raise money for the restoration of the bells at Little Bromley.

The district made a big effort for the 80th Anniversary of VE day. We managed to ring at 22 of our towers with only a couple missing out.

We combined our Spring meeting and striking competition on 14th June at Layer-de-la- Haye. Kirby-le-Soken came first; Ardleigh & Great Bromley second and Great Tey third.

We finished our summer with two wonderful events. Our car outing to the Suffolk coast was a good day out finishing in Aldeburgh for fish and chips. We held our Autumn meeting, call change competition and BBQ at the end of September. Seven teams entered which included an amazing 12 first timers all of whom were presented with certificates to mark the occasion. The competition was won for the first time by Tendring who received the Dickie Fumringer Trophy.

The final event of the year was our Carol Service which was held at Tendring.

Thanks to all our members for their support and help throughout the year, we look forward to lots more successful ringing in 2026.

Gill Sparling

RINGING & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ARDLEIGH - 10 , 13¼ cwt, Sun -
9.00 (1st & 3rd; 5th by arr - 'phone
to check), PN - Tues 7.00-9.00,
4th Sun 6-7.30pm

Culham, Mrs C
Culham, D E ☐
§ Culham, I J
Culham, I D
Culham, N
Eagle, T
Frostick, J W
Hampton, R
Meakin, H J
Salmon, J M
Salmon, M J
Salmon, R J
Shorrocks, R
Thoday, G E

BURES - 8, 21 cwt, Sun 10.00 (1st,
2nd, 3rd), PN - No regular practice
Baker, A
Baker, Mrs S
Bird, Mrs C E
Bird, G A
Upson, P

COLCHESTER, ALL SAINTS,
SHRUB END - 6, 4¼ cwt, Sun -
please check 07774 815912, PN -
Weds 7.30-8.30

Arnold, Mrs W
Cook, Mrs S E
D'Anna, Ms S
Fincken, T J
Grant, Miss J
Harvey, Miss M
Hayhoe, S
Millin, D

COLCHESTER, ST-LEONARD-AT-
THE-HYTHE - 6, 15 cwt, PN Fri
(monthly) 6.15-7.30, 'phone to
check

Avis, N V ☐
Avis, Mrs P
Syrett, D ☐

COLCHESTER, ST PETER - 8, 21
cwt, PN Thurs (3rd) 7.30-9.00
Turner, Mrs A V ☐

GREAT BENTLEY - 8, 7¼ cwt, Sun
- 9.00. 'phone to check, PN - Mon
7.30-9.00, and monthly Wed 7.30-
9.00 ALL 'phone to check

Barber, J W
Carey-Smith, L
Carey-Smith, Roger S
Collier, L
Fisher, Mrs A
Gooch, Ms C
Gosling, Mrs F
Haslam, Mrs A
Hayes, Mrs L K
Justice, Mrs N J
Miles, M E
Morrisey, B D
Porter, Miss J
Reynolds, C A
Sharpe, Mr R A
Soden, G J
Wright, G (Jr)
Wright, G (Sr)
Wright, Miss M
Wright, W

GREAT BROMLEY - 6, 15 cwt, Sun 10.30 (2nd & 4th).6.30 (3rd); 5th 'phone to check), PN - Fri 7.45-9.00

Barrell, L
Boyce, B D
Edwards, G
Erith, Mrs D □
Erith, P G □
Kenneison, Ms R
Orriss, Mrs S C
Wenden, D N □

GREAT HOLLAND - 8, 15 cwt, Sun 10.30, PN by arrangement

Fairbrother, A P
Seago, F
Wilson, Mrs M
Withams, Ms D
Withams, P D
Associate:
Beale, J R
Beale, Mrs S R

GREAT HORKESLEY - 6, 12½ cwt, Sun & PN - by arrangement

GREAT TEY - 8, 15¼ cwt, Sun by arrangement, PN Tue 7.30-9.00

Brooks, F
Brown, M S
Brown, Mrs S
Buick, K
Collier, K
Collier, M J
Collier, R
Dyer, Miss G
Ellis, Mrs D
English, Miss O
Freeman, A
Groves, R J
Hutton, M J
Knights, B I
Knights, Mrs S C
Lamb, C □
Mann, J
Mann, S B
Pugh, Mrs C
Rochester, Miss S
Scott, A
Stone, M T
Verrier, P C
White, P J

HARWICH - 8, 13¾ cwt, Sun - 4.15-5pm, PN - Weds 7.30 -9.00

O'Toole, Mrs P
Rice, Mrs J
Rowley, R
Verrier, Mrs P
Waters, Ms S
Young, Ms A

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN - 8, 9¾ cwt, PN - Alt Tues 7.30-9pm 'phone to check

Bray, Mrs A R
Bray, P A J
Burgoyne, Andrew
Burgoyne, Mrs Victoria
Felgate, J F □
Hamer, Mrs L
Lewis, E G
Sharp, T R
Sparling, D L ♦
Sparling, Mrs G M
Sparling, J H □
Swinbourne, T

LANGHAM - 6, 9½ cwt, Sun & PN - by arrangement

Flack, B S
Garner, S P
Watts, C N □

LAYER-DE-LA-HAYE - 6, 10¼ cwt, Sun - 10.00 (2nd & 4th), PN - Mon 7.00-8.30, 'phone to check

Brown, Rosie
Chaplin, D J
Fergus, T J
Holman, Tricia
Hughes, Mrs S E
Jones, Jo
Jones, Mark
Kinghorn, T
Kingston, Miss P
Latham, J R
Rogers, J
Associate:
Furnell, Mrs L I
Piper, Mrs D H
Piper, M L

LITTLE BROMLEY - 4, 6½ cwt, currently unringable

LITTLE HORKESLEY - 5, 10½ cwt, Sun - 6.00 (not 1st or 5th), PN - by arrangement
Lord, B □

MISTLEY - 6, 10¾ cwt, Sun - 9.45-10.15, PN - Thurs 7.30-9.00

Coe, Mrs G M
Crookes, C
Hill, E R
Hill, F L
Jones, Martin C
Lucas, Mrs K R
Nelson, Guy
Nelson, Jackie
Thurlow, D

ST OSYTH - 6, 10½ cwt, Sun - 10.30, PN - Weds 7.30-9.00 (alt) ('phone to check 07815 545991)

Bissenden, Mrs S
Bland, M
Bridgman, Mrs H M
Bright, M
Brown, Miss M
Dove, Miss R
Edmonds, John
Locke, Mrs J
Lord, Mrs B

TENDRING - 6, 6½ cwt, Sun - 9.00 (please check), PN - Tue 7.30-9.00 (alt) 'phone to check

Bowen, Mrs C
Brown, Gina
Dykes, P
Dykes, Mrs W
Lindsley, Mrs R
Macaulay, R J
Parker, Mrs J E
Wilson, D G
Wilson, Mrs J

THORPE-LE-SOKEN - 6, 9 cwt, Sun (alternate) & PN Mon 7.30

Barrie, Mrs S
Cornabe, D
Cottee, R J
Parker, Mrs E J

THORRINGTON - 6, 9 cwt, Sun & PN - by arrangement

WIVENHOE - 6, 7 cwt, Sun - 10.00, PN - Weds 7.45

Batts-Neale, T S
Chen, Miss R
Durance, R
Edwards, Ms H A
Lucas, M
Redfern, Mrs E
Taylor, Mrs J
Taylor, Lucy
Wood, Mrs A □

WORMINGFORD - 6, 8 cwt, Sun - & PN by arrangement
Gibbons, B □

UNATTACHED MEMBERS

Jones, Mrs M
Sprunt, J C
Associate:
Elliott, J D
Pipe, C

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Croft, James S, Sudbury
Lee, D (ex Bures)
Lee, Mrs L K (ex Bures)

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT

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Ian Kerwin, Willingale

Secretary

Sue Evans, Willingale

Deputy Master

Philip Waterfield, Harlow

Treasurer

§ Fred Bone, Sawbridgeworth

DISTRICT REPORT

I regret to report the deaths of Dick Prime, for many years Tower Captain at St Michael's, Bishop's Stortford and long-time member of the EACR, Rita Wood, a Nazeing ringer prior to Covid, who passed away in the late summer and Ken Pratley, former Tower Captain at Manuden, who passed away very recently after a long illness.

The Bartrum 8 Bell Trophy took place on the 8th March at Helions Bumpstead, won by Bishop's Stortford with Ashdon/Bumpstead and Thaxted taking second and third places respectively. The meeting and Method Striking Competition took place at Matching on the 17th May, won by Waltham Abbey with Bishop's Stortford/Sawbridgeworth taking second place. Both bands went forward to the Association 6 bell finals on the 12th July at Sandon and rang well. The District 8 bell band also took part on the same day in the finals at Terling, again ringing well. The District meeting and The Stan Clark Memorial Call Change Striking Competition was held at Nazeing on Saturday, 27th September, with an incredible 14 bands participating, with Willingale taking first place and Old Harlow and Great Parndon taking second and third places respectively. The first Charlotte Parsons Memorial Trophy – Plain Hunt event took place on the 1st November at Henham, again with an amazing 14 bands taking part. The event was won by Old Harlow, with Saffron Walden's Wednesday afternoon group and Sawbridgeworth in second and third places respectively. Much appreciation goes not only to the venues and the judges who have supported the events during the year but also to the ringers who have taken part in the various competitions, and without whom these events would not have been possible.

Ringing took place in all the ringable towers across the District for VE Day on the 8th May. Ringing also took place across the District on VJ Day on the 15th August, including ringer Gordon Adams who rang at Hadstock 80 years before at the age of 11 and incredibly rang again at Hadstock at the amazing age of 91.

Other events which took place during the year were a ringing outing on the 14th June, organised by Philip Waterfield, starting at Bishopsgate and ringing at various towers, ending at Wanstead, and a ring and ramble organised by Kieran Kerwin on 31st August, starting at Bobbingworth and ending at Willingale. Very disappointingly, the Carol Service which was due to take place at Henham on the 6th December was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

The monthly 6 and 8 bell practices, ringing a variety of methods, have been well attended. The 6 bell practices take place on alternate months at Henham and Matching. The 8 bell practices are held at various towers throughout the District. The monthly Surprise Minor practices take place at Henham and the monthly joint N/NW practices continue at Felsted.

Four courses took place this year in the District: Cambridge Surprise Minor at Manuden, two Plain Hunt full-day practices and a Listening and Striking course all at Henham.

The NW Annual District Meeting took place at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, 31st January 2026 where the same officers were re-elected.

The District Facebook and WhatsApp groups are well used and have proved to be extremely helpful sources for information and ringers for services etc.

It is with great appreciation that I thank fellow District Officers, non-officer representatives and ringers who, in various ways, have been an enormous help in ensuring the smooth running of our meetings and events throughout the year and we look forward to lots of good ringing across the District during 2026.

Sue Evans

RINGING & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ARKESDEN - 6, 5½ cwt, Sun -
9.00, PN - Mon 7.30-9.00, 'phone
07761 633443 to check

ASHDON - 8, 15¼ cwt, Sun - 9.00
(1st & 3rd, 'phone to check), PN -
Mon 7.30-9.00 'phone to check
Bartrum, Miss B
Moriarty, O
Moriarty, Miss V
Nicholas, Kevin
Rocker, T
Rocker, Bowii
Vost, C

BISHOP'S STORTFORD - 12, 15
cwt, Sun - 9.15, PN - Thurs 7.30
Bailey, Mr S
Brand, Mrs V
Brolly, Mrs A
Brolly, C
Evans, M T
Freeman, Mrs S-A

(BISHOP'S STORTFORD - cont)

Friskney, R
Hughes, Nick
Knight, J
Knight, Mrs S
Lambert, Mrs M
Maguire, Mrs K
May, Claire
Mortimer, D
Needham, T W
Padgett, A
Padgett, Mrs M
Piron, J
Poulter, S
Prime, R F □
Rist, T
Sayers, R C
Schinkel, P D
Sloan, A E
Westwood, A

BOBBINGWORTH - 6, 13 cwt, Sun
- 10.20 (1st & 3rd), PN - Thurs
7.30-9.00 (2nd & 4th)
Leverich, Ms J
Leverich, J

BUSH END - 3, 2¼ cwt

CHRISHALL - 6, 8¼ cwt, PN -
Weds (2nd) 7.30-9.00 phone
01763 191192 to check

CLAVERING - 6, 9¼ cwt, Sun & PN
- No regular ringing, 'phone to check

ELMDON - 6, 10½ cwt, PN - ringing
suspended

EPPING UPLAND - 6, 12 cwt - No
regular ringing

FARNHAM - 6, 9½ cwt, Sun - 10.30
(1st only, 'phone to check)

FYFIELD - 6, 6¼ cwt, Sun - 'phone to check, PN - Mon
Cook, A S
Leah, Dr V
Lyons, Ms T J
Robinson, Mrs J

GREAT CHISHILL - 6, 8¼ cwt, PN
Weds - 7.30-9.00 (not 2nd) 'phone
01763 191192 to check

Ashworth, Ms N
Dyer, Ms M
Foster, Dr J
Hayden, I A
Kuenzi, F M
Lerpinieri, Ms Jo
Levy, Rachel
Malakouna, Mrs J
Maynard, P
Maynard, Mrs S
Quigley, Mrs A
Quigley, B
Whitehead, H
Whitehead, M
Associate:
Brier, Ms J
Dyer, Mrs F

GREAT HALLINGBURY - 5, 10½ cwt, Sun - 10.00 (2nd & 4th), PN -
Thur 7.30-9.00
Duke, Mrs L
Roddam, Miss K
Roddam-Powell, Miss M
Smith, Mr M
Thompson, J H
Thompson, M D

GREAT PARNDON - 6, 9½ cwt,
Sun - 10.00, PN - Tues
Barnes, Mrs Julie
Brandle, Mrs V
Burdock, Mrs E
McNaughton, Ms H
Neville, Mrs L
Neville, P
Scott, A
Slowe, M
Squirrell, Mrs P R
Williams, Mrs Deborah

HADSTOCK - 6, 2¼ cwt, Sun - 9.00
(1st only), PN - Thur 7.30 both
'phone to check
Rowlandson, G
Snell, Mrs J

HARLOW - 8, 18¼ cwt, Sun -
10.00-10.30, PN - Sat 9.30-11.30
Bowman, B
Bowman, C
Bowman, Ms C
Bowman, P
Carrington, R
Donaldson, Anne
Ellis, D
Raraty, J
Waterfield, P

HARLOW COMMON - 8, 12 cwt,
Sun - 10.00 & 5.45 ('phone to
check), PN Thurs
Clarke, Miss S

HATFIELD BROAD OAK - 8, 17¼ cwt
Haddon, Miss A
Haddon, Mrs D
Halls, Edna
Jones, Mrs I
Stedman, K J
Stedman, M J

HATFIELD HEATH - 6, 4¼ cwt,
Sun - 10.30 and 6.30 (not every
week), PN - Tues 5.00-6.00
both 'phone to check
Graves, Mrs D I A
Graves, P
Lyons, N
Pearson, G V
Plane, Mrs C

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD - 8, 12½ cwt, Sun - PN - Wed (alt) both
'phone 01440 730803 to check

HEMPSTEAD - 6, 12¼ cwt, Sun -
9.30 (4th only), PN - Wed ('phone
to check)
Spencer, Stephen

HENHAM - 6, 8½ cwt, Sun - 10.45,
PN - Thurs
Bigland, Mrs S
Brennan, Mrs A
Brennan, G
Griffith-Jones, Mrs E
Griffith-Jones, J G L
Hodgson, Mrs L
Pimblett, Mrs J
Pimblett, J

HEYDON - 5, 6 cwt, No regular
practice
For members see Great Chishill

HIGH ONGAR - 6, 11¼ cwt, Sun -
10.30 (1st), PN - Tues

LANGLEY - 4, 6 cwt, Unringable

LITTLEBURY - 6, 8¼ cwt, Sun -
10.40, PN - Mon 7.30 (email to
check)
Lambeth, Mrs J
Macdonald, Mrs M
Page, Mrs I

MANUDEN - 6, 9½ cwt, PN - Mon
7.30-9.00
Gardiner, A
Manser, P
Thickitt, C P

MATCHING - 6, 7½ cwt, Sun - , PN
- Thurs 8.00 (both 'phone to check)
Armstrong, Mrs H
Byford, M
Clanford, M
Firth, S
Perry, J
Prevost, Mrs J

MORETON - 6, 9½ cwt, PN - Thurs
7.30 - 9.00 (1st, 3rd, 5th)
Berry, R
Cambridge, Ms C
Cook, Mr G
Cooper, G
Haynes, Ivan
Heymer, Mrs J
Heymer, K
Holmes, P
Marler, Ms A
Maynard, Ms J
Mead, R

NAZEING - 6, 9¼ cwt, Sun -, PN -
Thur 7.45 ('phone to check Thur & Sun)
Horsnell, Miss S
Llywelyn, Miss Y
Pracy, Sara
Sams, J
Sams, M
Starling, Brian J
To, Louise

NEWPORT - 6, 14½ cwt, No
regular ringing, limited to 1 hour
per session

NORTH WEALD - 6, 9½ cwt,
ringing by arrangement

RADWINTER - 8, 12 cwt, Sun -
9.30 (1st only), PN - Mon (email to
check)
Antrobus, M
Browne, Mrs P
Ellis, Ms M

RICKLING - 5, 6 cwt, No regular
ringing

ROYDON - 6, 8¼ cwt, Sun - 9.00,
PN - Thurs

SAFFRON WALDEN - 12, 22 cwt,
Sun - 9.45, PN - Tues 7.30-9.00
Collins, R G R □
Freeman, R
Herbert, Mrs G
Maddams, H
McCarthy, C N
Mumford, J □
Wood, S C

SAWBRIDGEWORTH - 8, 24 cwt,
Sun - 9.00, PN - Mon 7.30
Ahuja, J
Bone, F J P
Bone, Mrs M ◆
Chalcraft, Ms N
Cubitt, Mrs D
Cubitt, T
Cundell-Ahuja, Mrs S
Howard, G
Jolley, A
Jolley, Mrs K
Kelsell, R E
Lacey, Mrs S
Lord, Y
Moore, C B □
Moore, Mrs J □
Osborne, Mrs M
Associate:
Jolley, D

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET - 8, 13 cwt, Redundant - no service ringing, PN - no regular practice
Holman, C A
Wilkinson, E R

STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD - 6, 14½ cwt, Sun - PN Weds (alt) (both 'phone to check)
Buckley, D
Colebrook, S
Hatch, Mrs N
Heath, D
Millsom, Mrs L
Robertson-Hughes, C
Robertson-Hughes, Mrs D

TAKELEY - 4, 13 cwt, ringing by arrangement

THAXTED - 8, 15 cwt, Sun - 9.30, PN - Tue 7.30-9.00 - 'phone to check
Allars, Mrs C
Barker, Ms K
Bingham, Ms L
Caton, Mrs M
Haynes, T
Loeber, Steve
Lowe, Ms C
Moule, Miss R
Ridgeway, M
Smith, C
Unwin, D

(THAXTED - cont)

Associate:
Averall, Mrs K
Bonney, Ms A
Catterall, Mrs M J
Corke, Ms A
Lee, Miss A
Russell, Mrs A H

WALTHAM ABBEY - 12, 37¼ cwt, Sun - 9.45 & 5.45, PN - Weds 7.45pm
Ahrens, D
Andrews, Mrs C
Brooking, Mr M J
Fisher, B
Godlonton, J
John, Mrs S
King, A
Lee, O
Lee, S
Moore, Caroline
Richards, Ms V
Walls, Mrs H
Walters, Mrs J □
Associate:
Kent, Mrs L
Walters, Richard

WENDENS AMBO - 6, 8 cwt, No regular ringing, visitors welcome

WILLINGALE - 6, 7¼ cwt, Sun tbc, PN Weds 7.30-9.00 'phone to check
Booty, Mrs P
Crouchman, Miss G
Evans, S
Kerwin, D
Kerwin, I
Kerwin, K A L
Noon, L H
Noon, Mrs V
Rew, B R
Stebbings, Mrs L
Sweeting, M J
Tottman, P J

UNATTACHED MEMBERS

Bateman, Lewis
Bateman, Susan
Coogan, Sarah
Davenport-Smith, Mrs M
French, Margaret
French, Peregrine (Perry)
Hopkins, Ms S
Kerwin, S W L
Rickards, Sam
Stephens, Mrs R
Waller, E
Warboys, F E
Associate:
Maskell, Mrs C R
Maskell, M
Pummell, Mr A
Utting, P J

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Master

Trevor Church, Leigh-on-Sea

Secretary

Carol Adams, Prittlewell

Deputy Master

Mark Robbins, Shenfield

Treasurer

Liz Brown, Leigh on Sea

DISTRICT REPORT

Our 2025 Annual District Meeting was held at St Clements, Leigh-on-Sea where 73 members and 3 visitors attended. The District Master, Deputy Master and Secretary were re-elected. Liz Brown of Leigh-on-Sea was elected as our District Treasurer. District meetings were held at Rayleigh in March and Basildon in September; both were well attended. Throughout the year 21 members were elected

Our 'What Shall I Try Next' practices, mostly held at South Ockendon continue to be very popular with learners and are well supported by helpers. Surprise and Higher Number practices were also included in our 2025 programme. Our District Practices held at South Weald in February and Downham in October were well attended.

To encourage participation, we held a joint method and call change striking competition day which was very successful. Attendance was high with members enjoying a bar-b-que, hand bell ringing, games and rope splicing sessions during the day. Seven teams entered the method striking competition and eight teams entered the call change competition.

Profit for the Association from service collections, raffles and refreshments totalled £1,282.72.

Our District Outing to Rochester, Kent in May was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The outing was organised by our Master, Trevor Church.

On 12 July we entered a band for the Association 8-bell method striking competition in the morning and during the afternoon Leigh-on-Sea and North Ockendon represented the district in the 6-bell competition.

Training throughout the District remains excellent and includes continuation of the Prittlewell ringing school that has been running for over 30 years. We are proud that three of our young ringers became 'First Pealers' in 2025 – Hannah Brooks (Shenfield), James Chisnell (Thorpe Bay) and Charles Chikuruwo (Prittlewell).

Sadly, Bill Chandler an Association Life Member and former Tower Captain of Bentley Common passed away in January. Mary Frost of Basildon, who was a loyal supporter of district held practices lost her battle with cancer in April. Peter Wycherley, former Tower Captain of Leigh-on-Sea passed away in July; Peter was an Association life member for many years and a method composer. Most recently, Tony Dickens a ringer of Eastwood passed away.

Carol Adams

RINGING & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

BASILDON - 8, 11¾, Sun - 10.00,
PN - Wed 7.30-9.00

Amor, Vernon
Doye, Geoffrey
Frost, Mary
Fry, Julia
Harpole, Helen
Harpole, John □
Hobson, Roger
Lavers, M
Weald, Caroline

BENTLEY COMMON - 6, 4¼ cwt,
Sun - 9.00-9.25, PN - Tues 7.30-
9.00 (not 4th Mar-Dec)

Brock, Mrs A
Chandler, W R □
Cousins, J □
Farrow, Mrs G
Jones, Mrs J
Marshall, Miss R L
Moody, A J
Associate:
Koppen, Paul

BOWERS GIFFORD - 3, 9cwt

BRENTWOOD - 8, 18½ cwt, Sun -
9.30-10.00, PN - Thurs 7.30-9pm

Bailey, Chris
Burke, Paul
Hawkings, Warren
Hazell-Rayner, Mrs A
Lee, Jonathan
Matthews, Sue
Murray, Pauline
Nunn, Mrs Jennifer
Rayner, N
Tacey, C
Turnpenny, G
Turnpenny, Mrs N
Associate:
Grimer, Barrie

CANEWDON - 10, 17¾ cwt, Sun -
10.45-11.15 (some 5th - please
check), PN - Weds 7.30-9.00

Golding, Emily
Golding, Sarah
Meldon, Brian
Pearsons-King, Holly

DOWNHAM - 6, 7¾ cwt, Sun - by
arrangement, PN - Thurs 7.45-
9.00

Ashley, Steve
Bayard, G
Cammiade, P A ♦
Donoghue, Hilary
Dorking, Mrs A □
Dorking, Mr Roger □
Jones, Darren
Pavely, Mrs J
Prestige-Jones, O
Taylor, Mrs J V
Taylor, N S D
Tucker, C J
Associate:
Atkins, Canon D

EASTWOOD - 6, 9 cwt, Sun -
10.00-10.30, PN - Thurs 7.30-9pm

Barwell, M
Knight, Mrs J
Knight, P R
Larner, Mrs J R
McBride, Miss H
Newman, M
Newman, Mrs V J
Stanley, R
Taylor, Mrs V

FOBBING - 8, 11 cwt, Sun - 10.15
by arrangement, PN - Fri 7.30-
9.00

Cooke, Julie
Gisby, A
Gisby, Mrs C L
McAllister, Mrs C
§ Nash, S J ♦
Stewart, Mrs D S

GRAYS - 8, 10¼ cwt
Cordingley, Mrs Susan

Ward, Daniel
Ward, J A
Ward, Simon N

GREAT WAKERING - 6, 8 cwt, Sun
- 10.00-10.30, PN - Tues 7.30
(‘phone to check)

Baskett, Mrs S J
Baskett, T
Chilvers, O
Macdonell, Tina
Roberts, Neil
Threadgold, Gillian
Venus, Miss M

HUTTON - 5, 6¼ cwt, Sun - 10.30-
11.15 (3rd), PN - Tues 7.30-9.00

Axon, Mr M W
Clarke, Lesley
Martin, Pete
Martin, Sylvia
Page-Jones, R □
Associate:
Cis, S M
Dodge, Lorraine
Donovan, David
Hanley, Susan
Sarah, Joanne

INGRAVE - 6, 10¼ cwt, Sun - 9.00-
9.30 by arrangement, PN - Weds
7.45-9.00 (except 3rd, ‘phone to
check)

Atkins, Liz
Channa, Mrs J S
Farnsworth, Mrs S K
Hoad, Evan
Kettle, Mrs P A
McMillan, Mrs K
Targett, J
Targett, Mrs M-J
Waldon, Mrs R

LANGDON HILLS - 6, 10¼ cwt, all
ringing currently suspended

LEIGH-ON-SEA - 8, 10¼ cwt, Sun -
9.00, PN - Thurs 7.30-9.00

Arscott, B C
Bowden, A P
Brown, Liz
Church, T E
Folley, Mrs M
Folley, R
Haines, A J
Hamper, J
Jeffries, S D
Laden, J W J
Neale, Anthony
Rapley Mende, Ms J
Stoneman, D
Wilkins, P N
Williams, J A
Associate:
Wycherley, P

NAVESTOCK - 6, 9¾ cwt, PN - 4th
Tue 7.45-9.00 (except Jan, Feb
‘phone to check)
Gardner, K □

NORTH OCKENDON - 6, 9¾ cwt,
Sun - by arrangement, PN - Mon
7.45-9.00 alt with South Weald
(except BH, ‘phone to check)

Beech, Andrew
Beech, Clare M
Beech, Samuel
Beech, William
Marshall, Rachael
Warren, Michael
Whitelock, Holly
Associate:
Beech, Ann

ORSETT - 6, 10½ cwt, Sun - 10.00-
11.00, PN - Thurs 8.00 - 9.00

Boreham, Mrs A A
Church, Miss J
Pegram, Mrs V
Sparkes, Stuart
Sullivan, Chris
Yellop, Mrs L M

PRITTLEWELL - 10, 18 cwt, Sun -
9.00-9.30, PN - Mon 7.30-9.00
(except Bank Holidays)

Adams, Miss C
Browning, Mrs A
Chikuruwo, Charles
Chin-a-Loy, Mrs S
Coates, Mrs E A
Faulkner-Hatt, Ryan
Halliwell, Mrs C
Halliwell, S G □
Hennessy, Mrs L
Johnson, T A
Lowen, Mrs P
Porter, Miss A
Rolf, J
Shorter-Bowen, Miss
Sloman, D ♦
Sloman, Mrs P A □
Sloman, P □
Sloman, R
Southward, P

(PRITTLEWELL - cont)

Sullivan, Mrs S M
Tipping, John ☐
Woollard, J

RAYLEIGH - 8, 16¼ cwt, Sun -
8.45-9.15, 5.30 (¼ peal by
arrangement), PN - Tues 7.30

Booth, Miss S
Buckley, D A
Buckley, M D C
Drayson, Mrs P
Grove, K J E
Izod, T
Lowe, A
Richmond, Mrs J
Roberts, Mrs L
Smith, S
Torry, Mrs J
Torry, Mr S

RETTENDON - 6, 9½ cwt, Sun -
10.45 by arrangement, PN - Wed
7.45

Benson, Mrs L
Hallett, Mike J ☐
Lawrence, L
Lawrence, Mrs M L
Lingwood, Clare
Wortley, Gemma
Wright, Barbara H

ROCHFORD - 8, 4 cwt, Sun - 10-
10.30 (3rd), PN - Fri 7.30-9.00
(2nd)

Derby, Miss J
Associate:
Banton, Mrs A
Banton, Miss C
Wright, Ms Rosemary

SHENFIELD - 6, 7¼ cwt, Sun -
8.50-9.30, PN - Fri 4.30-6.30 (use
side/west door after dark)

Bazzoni, Cameron
Brooks, E A
Brooks, H R
Church, J M
Gilder, Sue
Hindley, Bill
Johnson, Beth
Jones, R G ☐
Leigh, Miss B A
Lynch, Miss P
Patel, Miss E
Patel, Rachel
Paton, James
Pattison, Kathy
Reed, D M
Robbins, Dr M S
Robbins, Miss S H
Stark, C
Stark, E
Stark, Luke
Stark, Mrs N J
Verity, Ellie
Wiggins, P

SOUTH BENFLEET - 6, 11¼ cwt,
Sun -9.30-10.00 (1st only), PN -
Tue 8.00 (2nd & 4th), 'phone to
check

Babbage, T
Moss, S
Roberts, D
Watkins, J

SOUTH OCKENDON - 8, 3¾ cwt,
Sun - 10.30-10.55, PN - Thurs
7.30-9.00

Archer, Mrs C
Keens, Joanne
Keens, Tony
Merivale, Mrs C
Merivale, J
Thornhill, Mrs M

SOUTH WEALD - 8, 14¼ cwt, Sun
- 9.15, PN - Mon 7.30-9.00 alt
with North Ockendon (except
Bank Holidays, 'phone to check)
Reynolds, Julia
Trueman, Paul

STANFORD-LE-HOPE - 8, 11¼
cwt, Sun - no service ringing, PN -
Thurs 7.30-9.00 ('phone to check)
Thorpe, D J

THORPE BAY - 8, 16 cwt, Sun -
9.20-10.00, PN - Weds 7.30

Briant, P
Chisnell, J
Condon, Patrick
Crooks, J
Dunmore, Mrs M
Pierce, D
Rooke, G
Sentance, Miss J
Woolner, Miss H

WEST HANNINGFIELD - 4, 7cwt,
All ringing currently suspended.
Armson, Mrs M L
Armson, Mr R H

UNATTACHED MEMBERS

Cherry, J
Dale, Helen
Hull, T G, Cawood, N. Yorks
Laken, James ☐
Nash, Mrs Alison

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Ansell, Miss J (ex Downham)
Jones, V (ex Great Wakering)
Loughenbury, Miss M (ex Langdon
Hills)

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Mike Worboys, Sandon

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Hazel Steed, Chelmsford

Deputy Master

Neil Pasmore, Writtle

Treasurer

Philip Saunders, Springfield

DISTRICT REPORT

The SE District delivered a busy and varied programme of ringing and social events throughout the year, achieved with the combined efforts of District Officers and Members.

We held 8 well attended District Practices which encouraged the local Ringers to ring more than they are normally able to do on their Practice Night. Neil Pasmore ran monthly Saturday morning Advanced 8 bell practices, with one 10 bell practice where he challenged the advanced ringers, whilst being supportive and inclusive of those looking to improve. A new venture of 10 popular Sunday evening 'Beyond Bob Minor' practices were led by Philip Saunders, which have encouraged many to advance their 6 bell ringing. 2 Successful District training mornings were held at Sandon and Goldhanger, both making use of simulators.

Taking advantage of the reduced number of District meetings from 4 to 3, we introduced a fun District Outing to 4 Northern District towers with a picnic lunch. Our Quarter Peal Day took place in March where 21 Members enjoyed visits to towers on the Dengie Peninsula to attempt 6 Quarter Peals, all of which were successful!

Our District 6 Bell Method Striking Competition was won by Writtle, with Chelmsford coming 2nd, Great Baddow 3rd and Springfield 4th. It was the turn of the SE District to host the Association Striking finals at Terling and Sandon. A large number of our District Members worked together to make the day a great success. The SE District won the 8 bell competition, and Chelmsford won the 6 bell competition with Writtle being placed 5th.

We combined our informal District Picnic at Terling with the Call Change Competition in June. The trophy was won by Writtle, with Danbury 2nd and Great Totham 3rd. Based on the feedback received, we have updated the rules for next year's competition to encourage more towers to enter.

61 members and friends came together in 9 teams to enjoy our social quiz evening at Springfield in November. Our quizmaster, Richard Wilson, tested our knowledge on a wide range of subjects and the evening raised a total of £427 for the EACR Belfry Repair Account. Our District Carol Service at Little Baddow was well attended, with over 35 members enjoying the service and the lovely festive refreshments.

The newly trained band at All Saints Maldon has continued to thrive and many are ready to be proposed for election at the ADM.

Sadly, six District Members or Former Members have passed away during the year; Mary Roast, Life Member of Danbury, Neill Skinner, Ringing Member of Bradwell, Roger Brown, former Ringing Member of Great Baddow, Charmaine MacPherson, former Ringing Member of Little Baddow, Kath Childs, Life Member and former Ringing Member of Boreham, and Shirley Dannatt, former Ringing Member of Great Waltham.

A massive thank you goes to all our District Officers for their hard work to give the SE District a successful year of ringing and to all our District Members who have hosted and helped at events, organised teas and refreshments, supported training or social events and attended the District meetings and Practices.

Hazel Steed

RINGING & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

BOREHAM - 8, 13 cwt, Sun - 10.00,

PN - Tues 7.45

Childs, Mrs K □

Cox, Mrs J

Eastall, Mrs J

Everett, J

Meadows, Ms T

Napier, P

BRADWELL-ON-SEA - 8, 8 cwt,

Sun - 10.00, PN - Fri 7.45

Allen, Jean

Baldacchino, David

Clayden, Brian □

Eyre, Graeme

Eyre, K A

Galloway, Ron

Main, Brigid

Main, Laurie

Mathers, Andy

Mathers, Georgina

Pryke, John

Scurrall, Roger

Thorpe, David

Welham, George

Welham, Rod

Associate:

Hart, A

Welham, Sheila

BROOMFIELD - 6, 11 cwt, Sun -

10.00, PN - Weds 7.45 (not 1st)

Ayris, Mrs N

Bestwick, A

Clements, Mrs L

Colderwood, J

Holmes, Mrs S D

Humphreys, Ms D

Knott, A D

Knott, Mrs C A

Lodge, R

Marcus, C

Marcus, D

Mussell, A D

Owen, Mrs Y P

Parish, M J

Parkin, S

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH - 6, 10

cwt, Sun - 10.00, PN - Tues 7.45

Clarke, S J

Collins, R

Harker, Mrs L

Hooper, W

Lovell, Lynda

Mason, D J

Sibley, S

Tyler, Miss D

Wright, J

Young, T

CHELMSFORD - 12, 34½ cwt, Sun

- 10.30, PN - Mon 7.45 - 9.15

Chapman, C F ♦

Chapman, Mrs V L

Rothera, D E □

Steed, Mrs H S

Steed, J E

DANBURY - 8, 10¼ cwt, Sun -

8.45, PN - Weds 8.00

Ball, Mrs S

Bird, Mrs K

Bird, Stuart L

Dixon, Mrs S

Elkington, Mrs K

Green, Michael

Hale, G J

Jones, Mrs H

Ovenden, Mrs C

Ovenden, M

Roast, Mrs M □

Roder, Ann

Salter, Mrs C □

Southgate, Mrs T

Spurgeon, Mrs S □

Spurgeon, T □

Steinke, N D

Thomas, Ms C

Watts, Mrs C

Woolley, Mrs A F

FORD END - 6, 4½ cwt, Sun -
ringing by arrangement, PN - Sat
10.00

EAST HANNINGFIELD - 3, 6cwt

FRYERNING - 6, 8½ cwt, ringing by
arrangement

GALLEYWOOD - 8, 13¼ cwt, Sun -
9.30, PN - Mon 8.00 (both 'phone
to check),
Criddle, Philippa
Cumbers, T
Moles, Mrs C
Parker, Mrs D
Parker, I
Piggins, Mrs D
Roberts, P
Smith, M

GOLDHANGER - 8, 8¼ cwt, Sun -
9.00, PN - Weds 7.30

Ashton, Miss E S
Dyball, Mrs S
Harwood, A
Hipwell, Ms V
Holmes, M
Kelso, A R C
Lamb, P
Lawrence, Mrs E J
Scannell, Sarah
Wilson, Mrs B

GREAT BADDOW - 8, 14¼ cwt,
Sun - 9.20 (4th only), PN - Fri 7.30
(with exceptions, 'phone to check)

Crispin, Vicki
Cross, Mrs C
Dunhill, J R
Dunhill, M W
Dunhill, R M
Moore, Mrs K P
Murphy, Mrs S
Waters, J
Waters, S A □

GREAT LEIGHS - 5, 9½ cwt, No
regular ringing

GREAT TOTHAM - 6, 7 cwt, Sun -
9.30 & evenings by arrangement,
PN - Fri 7.45

Blake, D T
Ellams, Mrs V
Forrister, K
Grant, D
Hallam, D
Hood, A
Keeble, J E
Kemsley, D
Mickelsen, Mrs M
Spalding, Mrs J S
Taplin, B H
Taylor, Mrs J
Whitworth, Mrs C E
Associate:
Delderfield, F
Ellams, C W

GREAT WALTHAM - 8, 22½ cwt,
Sun - 10.45, PN - Weds 7.30 (3rd
only) ('phone to check)
Sheldrake, Mrs S
Tolliday, S J

HIGH EASTER - 6, 19 cwt, Sun by
arrangement, PN - Tue 7.30
('phone to check)

Kelsey, D
Kelsey, Mrs P
Luckin, Mrs R
Pettit, J
Snooks, D I

INGATESTONE - 6, 10 cwt, Sun -
9.15 (with exceptions, not 1st),
PN - Weds 7pm (both email to
check)

Fox, Mrs L
Saddleton, Mrs H
Saddleton, H
Saddleton, R S J
Shedel, B E □
Sutton, E
Sutton, Mrs M
Walker, Mrs J

INWORTH - 6, 5¼ cwt, Sun - 10.30
(1st), PN - Tues 7.30pm

Belsham, Mrs J
Mullane, Mrs J
Spalding, P
Towler, Mrs Y A ♦
Vickress, B
Vickress, Mrs J

LITTLE BADDOW - 8, 11½ cwt,
Sun - 10.25 (all), PN - Thurs 7.45
(last Thurs in month alt with Terling)

Button, Mark
Cope, Charles W H
Ellis, Paul
Godden, Richard G
Godden, Mrs Wendy □
Hegner, Mrs Janet
Lennard, Graham
MacPherson, Mrs Charmane
Stoffer, E
Associate:
Chappell, Mrs Catherine J

LITTLE WALTHAM - 6, 10½ cwt,
Ringing Suspended PN - Weds
(1st only)

MALDON, ALL SAINTS - 8, 11¼
cwt, Sun - 9.30, PN - Mon 7.30
(2nd & 4th only, 'phone to check)

Cross, Mrs P E □
Johnson, D J
Little, Kath

MALDON, ST MARY - 6, 11 cwt,
Sun - 9.30, PN - Weds 7.30 (both
no regular ringing - 'phone to check)

MARGARETTING - 5, 10¼ cwt,
Sun - 10.45 - 11.15 (3rd only),
PN - Mon 7.30

PLESHEY - 5, 11¼ cwt, Sun -
ringing by arrangement, PN - Fri
7.30 ('phone to check)

Gibb, Diane
Harrington, Piers
Holland, Kate
Holland, Ruby
Mandell, Morgan
Taylor, Jenny
Zwink, Andrew
Zwink, Lynne
Zwink, Roger

PURLEIGH - 6, 9¼ cwt, Sun -
9.30, PN - Thurs 8.00 ('phone to
check)

Cooper, Mrs S
Higgs, Miss J
Johns, O
Leonard, J
Lockwood, D
Lyons, Ms A
Smith, A E
Snow, G A
Woodcock, Mrs E
Woodcock, R

SANDON - 6, 9¼ cwt, Sun - 9.25,
PN - Tues 7.45

Cecil, R
Clubb, A F
Clubb, M P
Horne, A
Lowry, C
Owens, A
Speakman, Guy
Wood, Dinah
Wood, John
Worboys, Mike

SOUTHMINSTER - 8, 11½ cwt,
ringing by arrangement.

SPRINGFIELD - 6, 10 cwt, Sun -
9.45, PN - Mon 7.30

Bome, Miss H
Britter, Mrs J
Glover, K
Howell, D
Ingham, N J
Mallett, A
Mallett, D
Quinnear, D
Saunders, P D
Sollars, G
Turner, M J
Wilson, R G

TERLING - 8, 11¼ cwt, Sun - ½ hr
before service ('phone to check
time), PN - Thurs 7.45-9.00 (last
Thurs in month alt with Little Baddow)

Bessent, Ms A
Cutler, C
\$ Hengeli, David M
Holden, Mrs R
Hughes, Ms Helen M
Page, Mrs S □
Associate:
Bird, P

TILLINGHAM - 6, 9 cwt, Sun - 9.30,
PN - Weds 7.30
Cooper, M
Eaton, A J
Grafton, D
Hanson, Mrs S
Lawford, M
Thorogood, Miss J

TOLLESBURY - 10, 7 cwt, Sun -
9.00 (with exceptions, 'phone to
check), PN - Thurs 7.30.

Barnes, A
Barnes, Mrs E
Barrett, Mrs M L
Bell, M
Calvert, I
Calvert, Mrs V
Cornish, R
Gibson, Mrs N ☐
Wells, Jane

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY - 6, 6½
cwt. No ringing pending
restoration
Reason, J
Reason, Mrs K

WRITTLE - 10, 31½ cwt, Sun - 9.15
(phone to check), PN - Tues 7.00

Brewster, A P
Brewster, Christina D A
Brisley, P
Latter, Mrs J
Lauderdale, G W
Madigan, Mrs J ☐
Mandell, Courtney
Pasmore, N
Penfold Martin, Carol
Slooman, A
Smith, I A
Wadey, Matthew
Associate:
Bailey, R

UNATTACHED MEMBERS

Hodges, S D
Holder, T R
Hustler, C J
Parsons, E
Patmore, B W, Chelmsford ☐
Rouse, R E (ex Maldon All SS)

NON RESIDENT MEMBERS

Kempster, Miss E (ex Boreham)

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT

Master

Paul Crick, West Ham

Secretary

Sylvia Crick, West Ham

Deputy Master

Peter Harvey, Walthamstow

Treasurer

Vacant

DISTRICT REPORT

I want to start my report by saying that over 2025, I have very much enjoyed visiting your towers and seeing the progression of all your newer ringers from the previous year, it really has been great to see.

My plan for 2025 was to visit, as near as I could, your towers every 8 to 10 weeks. However through the year a few towers needed more support and involvement taking my time, so I did not accomplish what I had hoped, but it has been a benefit regarding the bigger picture for the District.

So 2025 started with our ADM held at St Margaret's Barking. We had a good number that came at the very start, for the usual open ringing session. For a few that came, it was their first time at an AGM, and to come to ring was appreciated. The short informal service was led by Revd Mark Adams, followed by the traditional tea and the South West Annual District Meeting, the start of a new ringing year. The Tea was a great spread and choice to choose from. A special thank you to the catering team headed by Carol Brabender and helped by Cynthia Adams, and of course a big thank you to Andrew Bond for assisting greatly in all the arrangements for the District's "kick off" into 2025. The turnout was well attended with 33 members, slightly more than last year and an additional 3 visitors.

Regarding the district's activities last year... There were three half day Training Session planned, along with five District Practices.

In March we held the first training session at Walthamstow St Saviour's. A big thank you to Peter for the use of St Saviour's, also to the support helpers that gave their time. We had nine attendees from three different towers. The main aim of the training was to polish and refine different handling skill sets in early ringers. The morning included ... [1] How to adjust when Under/Over pulling [2] Awareness of a dropping bell and how to correct quickly [3] Awareness of the energy in a rising bell and how to control sensitively [4] Ringing on different bells ... Adjustment, Adapting, and be in control. The training session was interactive with many exercises designed to help the attendees feel different dynamics, how to react to and learn what to do in their own ringing, and to help in their progress and understanding.

In May we held the second training session at West Ham. I wish to thank Sylvia for the use of West Ham, also to Heather Rayner, who assisted in the teaching as well. Lastly, I wish to thank the additional support helpers that gave their time in being a support band around the attendees. The training session was for ringers who could ring Plain Hunt from a bell to various degrees, but needed further input and help on some handling issues that caught them out when ringing Plain Hunt. It was also for those that would like to try ringing from a different bell. During the session we looked at the refinement of timing and handling by using different exercises. We worked on placing the bell in the correct place and hearing if the bell was striking too close to the bell in front or late. We explored what happens if we over or under pull and what to do, along with other areas. The training session was capped at six attendees to allow time for all.

The planned third training session never went ahead due to various circumstances

As previous years, we held five District Practices during 2025, held at different Towers on their practice nights, spaced throughout the year. I wish to thank the following Tower Captains for agreeing for their towers to be used ... Kate Walker at Woodford, Peter Harvey at Walthamstow St Saviour's, Michael Wareing at Leytonstone, Andrew Bond at Romford, and Clive Stephenson at Hornchurch.

This year the attendance from other towers on the District Practice evenings was sadly patchy, with many of the practices having a low turnout from other towers. In hindsight, I feel that this was brought about by my choice of

towers used. We have fifteen actively ringing towers within the District, with six having their practice nights on a Monday evening. So I feel that too many all practicing on a Monday contributed to this. So for 2026, Monday towers will not be selected, so there should be more freedom for additional visits for a District Practice.

As usual, In June we held our District six bell striking competition, held this year at Barking. I wish to thank Andrew Bond for arranging this at St Margaret's. I was disappointed that once again we only had two teams who entered, Hornchurch and West Ham. West Ham came 1st with Hornchurch 2nd, both going through to the EACR six bell finals. All bands competing, completed their choice of method. I wish to thank Colin and Vicki Chapman for agreeing to being our judges. West Ham unfortunately were not able to go to the finals due to too many people not being available for that date. Hornchurch however came 3rd in the finals, so congratulations and well done, an excellent result for the District.

Also with regret, we were unable to enter a District 8 bell band to the Association's 8 Bell Striking Completion Final. There were various contributing factors, and rightly or wrongly I decided to not go ahead, not an easy decision to make and I know some were disappointed.

In September, we held our six bell Call Change competition, held at Walthamstow St Saviour's. I wish to thank Peter Harvey for letting us hold the competition at St Saviour's, and thank him for the lovely spread put on. This year 5 Bands participated, Hornchurch, Walthamstow St Saviour's, West Ham and two scratch teams from Epping and Walthamstow St Mary's. Hornchurch coming 1st keeping there long consistent record of wins and of course the District Shield. Our judges were once again Colin and Vicki Chapman, thank you.

Sadly, in November 2025, Christian Emms of Wanstead passed away.

In conclusion, I want to thank my fellow District Officers for their support, and once again I would like to thank the Tower Captains for their support, and of course not forgetting the ringers who came out to our Training Morning, and District Practices. Also, I thank those that gave up their time to help with training sessions and being part of the support band.

I hope we all have a great year ringing during 2026.

Paul Crick

RINGING & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

BARKING - 8, 18½ cwt, Sun -
10.15, PN - Tue 7.30
Barnes, S P

BARKINGSIDE - 8, 10 cwt, Sun &
PN by arrangement

CHIGWELL - 6, 8 cwt, Sun - 8.45,
PN - Thurs 7.30
Chapman, Miss C
Flaherty, M J
Foat, Graham J
Lee, Miss S
Nicholls, A
Parry, C
§ Parry, M
Worth, W
Associate:
Greenaway, A

CHIGWELL ROW - 8, 14 cwt, Sun -
9.00, PN - Mon 7.30
Goodwin, F A J □
Worth, A

DAGENHAM - 8, 14¾ cwt, ringing
by arrangement

EPHING - 8, 20 cwt, Sun - 8.45, PN
- Mon 7.30
Apps, Ian
Ashley, Josh
Billington, Mrs C
Everett, Mrs K
Knott, D
Pascale, Mrs J
Raphael, L
Robinson, Miss K
Tebbutt, Mrs A

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER - 6,
16½ cwt, Sun - 10.00, PN - Mon
7.30 ('phone to check)

HORNCHURCH - 10, 18 cwt, Sun -
09.40-10.15, 5.30 (usually ¼
peal), PN - Tues 7.30, Sat 10.00
(learners)

Allen, N
Ammerlaan, A F
Attack, A C
Blissett, Mrs L
Bloomfield, Mrs J
Booth, N
Brown, Mrs P
Carpenter, A
Carpenter, G S
Carrington, I W
Carter, Dr H
Denton, P
Earle, T (Jr)
Gornall, Mrs T
Harper, Mrs J F
Harvey, Miss A
Hayward, Miss C
Hayward, Miss E
Hayward, Revd M R
London, M
McCaughren, Mrs L
Mullan, Mrs K
Musham, E
Musham, H R
Page, C
Pain, C C M □
Riley, J
Robinson, C
Sampson, S
Schofield, Mrs L S
Shrubsole, P
Slack, J E
Slack, J R
Smith, Mrs L
Stanley, P
Stephenson, C J □
Stephenson, Mrs M
Street, A S M
Swain, Ms V
Swatton, M S R

(Hornchurch - cont)

Waller, Mrs M
Woolward, Mrs E
Woolward, Miss R A
Associate:
Butt, R G
Drew, Mrs E E
Kaziro, Mrs R-A
Street, Mrs J

ILFORD - 8, 7¼ cwt, Sun 'phone
Barking/Romford contact, PN -
Mon 7.30

LEYTON - 8, 8½ cwt, Sun & PN
('phone to check)

LEYTONSTONE - 8, 12¾ cwt, Sun
- 10.00 & 6.00, PN - Mon 7.45

Boyce, I
Creyke, A
Gaigher, B
Garcia, Ms A
Jones, G
Jones, N
Kadis, Ms A
Moran, Ms G
Moran, Mrs S
Naylor, B
Sadler, P
Scott, Anna
Scully, Ms T
Wareing, Mrs L E
Wareing, M □
Watson, Ms S

LOUGHTON - 8, 18¾ cwt, Sun -
9.00, PN - Tues 7.30
Lee, C
Lundy, Ms K
Mapley, P J
Wallis, A

ROMFORD - 8, 15½ cwt, Sun -
9.15, PN - Wed 7.30

Bond, A
Dunne, Mrs N
Gray, Mrs June
Sees, C
Thorne-Sees, G

THEYDON GARNON - 6, 13¾ cwt,
Sun - 8.45, PN - Weds 7.30

Chapman, M
Clay, Mrs A M
Clay, R J
Coggins, M J
Coggins, Mrs S E
Keeling, Mrs M
Wells, Miss J

WALTHAMSTOW, ST MARY - 10,
17¼ cwt, Sun - phone to check,
PN - Weds 7.30

Baker, D M
Bent, V
Buttery, E G
Draper, P C W
Hodgson, A
Marshall, Mrs K
Marshall, T F deC
Owen, L J
Pope, D
Sharples, Ms R
Vessillier, Dr S

WALTHAMSTOW, ST SAVIOUR -
8, 16 cwt, Sun by arrangement,
PN Thu 7.30

Harvey, Miss C
Harvey, P R
Lubega, S
Rouse, Mrs M
Stewart, Miss L
Taylor, Mr J

WANSTEAD - 8, 8 cwt, ringing by
arrangement

Course, Mrs S
Wallis, R
Warren, T H
Wyatt, Miss C E
Wyatt, Mrs C M

WEST HAM - 10, 26½ cwt, Sun -
9.15, PN - Fri 7.00

Brickell, A
Corben, Ms C
Crick, P
Crick, Mrs S
Crossley, H M
Lee, A
Purdie-Wood, Zoë K
Rayner, Mrs E C
Rayner, Miss H
Rayner, M E
Rayner, P J

WOODFORD - 8, 10½ cwt, Sun -
9.30, PN - Mon 7.45

Barnes, S M
Petchey, P N □
Ruff, Mrs E
Walker, Ms K

UNATTACHED MEMBERS

Barham, A P □
Bloomfield, A J
Ellisdon, D, Barkingside □
Faulkner, A M, Poplar □
Sager, Mrs L J, Suffolk
Walker, G, Somerset □
Wright, Colin G

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Cater, Julia R, Penrith
Hull, Ewan G A, Cawood, N. Yorks

DISTRICT & YOUNG RINGERS PRACTICES

The **Essex Young Ringers** hold monthly practices/events, generally on the last Sunday of the month (except March, August, December), plus other activities - email essexyoungringers@eacr.org.uk or check the website at www.eacr.org.uk/eyr for details.

Districts hold practices and training events throughout the year. For more detail consult district programmes, check the Association website, EACR Notices email, Social Media, or consult district officers for more details.

Whilst there is insufficient space to list the district practices in the back of this Annual Report, regular practices are noted below. **Please check with the district officers that a practice or event is on before you travel.** Main meetings and occasional events are listed in the calendar inside the back cover of this report.

The **Northern District** holds: a regular Advancing Practice normally on the third Saturday of the month (check times and locations); district practices and training events often on the first Saturday; and a Surprise Major practice jointly with the Northern-Western district at Felsted on the second Friday of the month, at 2-4pm.

The **North Eastern District** has a programme of Moving on to Hunting on 5, Beyond Bob Minor, 8/10 bell practices and training events throughout the year. The North East District Young Ringers also hold practices on the second Sunday of the month 2-4pm.

The **North Western District** holds: joint Surprise Major practices with the Northern (see above); a practice on the first Thursday of each month at Bishop's Stortford (alternating 10/12 bell or 12 bell); a 10/12 bell practice at Waltham Abbey on the second Wednesday of each month; an Advanced 6-bell practice on the third Tuesday at Henham or Matching and a Surprise Minor practice on the fourth Friday at Henham. Contact the District Secretary to check all before travelling as they could be cancelled at short notice if numbers expected are low.

The **Southern District** holds: a Surprise Practice in alternate months (January, March, May, July, September & November) at 7.30pm (check venue and date); and other practices either "what shall I try next?" or general practices, at various towers during the year.

The **South-Eastern District** holds: a Beyond Bob Minor practice usually on the third Sunday of the month rotating through Springfield, Sandon and Little Baddow; an Advanced 8-bell practice rotating through Danbury, Terling and Great Baddow on the last Saturday of the month at 10am (except April, May, June, September and December) and holds a District Practice most months (except April) supporting different towers on their practice nights.

The **South-Western District** holds mainly monthly events with District Practices supporting different towers on their practice nights or Saturday half-day training events with specific focus.

TOWER, Contact name and address where known	Telephone & email where known:	tower-name@eacr.org.uk
ARDLEIGH (10) - David Culham, 'Bycote', Ardleigh Road, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6EE	01206 323944 / 07187 094426	ardleigh@
ARKESDEN (6) - Mrs Anthea Boon, The Drive, Wenden Road, Arkesden, Saffron Walden CB11 4HB	01799 550861	arkesden@
ASHDON (8) - Kevin Nicholas, Bourne Stream, Bartlow Road, Ashdon, Saffron Walden CB10 2HR	01799 584617 / 07761 633443	ashdon@
ASHEN (3) - Maureen Rigg, 1 Ashen Close, Ashen, Sudbury CO10 8LH	01440 788678	ashen@
BARKING (8) - June Gray, 6 Priory Path, Romford RM3 9AR	07944 798733	barking@
BARKINGSIDE (8) - Dennis Ellisdon	07722 367024	
BASILDON (8) - Roger Hobson, 95 Rowenhall, Laindon, Basildon SS15 6SE	01268 491549	basildon@
BELCHAMP ST PAUL (6) - Stephen Norris, Hole Farm, Ashen Road, Ovington, Sudbury CO10 8JX	07976 824303	belchamp-st-paul@
BENTLEY COMMON (6) - Mrs Alwyn Brock, 9 Warwick Place, Brentwood CM14 5QB	07770 980966	bentley-common@
BISHOP'S STORTFORD (10) - Veronica Brand, 54 Mazoe Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3JT	01279 508119	bishops-stortford@
BLACK NOTLEY (5) - Maxwell Ford, Tarecroft, 96 The Street, Black Notley, Braintree CM77 8LL	07787 574472	black-notley@
BOBBINGWORTH (6) - Janet Leverich, Holmes Field, 1 Moreton Road, Bobbingworth, Ongar CM5 0LN	01277 890326	bobbingworth@
BOCKING (10) - Mrs Linda May, 20 Dover Close, Bocking, Braintree CM7 5TD	07729 469444	bocking@
BOREHAM (8) - John Everett, Catkins, Waltham Road, Boreham, Chelmsford CM3 3AY	01245 466778	boreham@
BOWERS GIFFORD (3)		bowers-gifford@
BRADWELL-ON-SEA (8) - Mrs Ann Hart, 1 Eastend Cottages, Eastend Road, Bradwell-on-Sea CM0 7PU	01621 776045	bradwell-on-sea@
BRAINTREE (10) - Mrs Lin Ould, 75 Kenworthy Road, Braintree CM7 1JJ	01376 344099 / 07762 313094	braintree@
BRENTWOOD (8) - Warren Hawkings, Wickets, 63 The Chase, Brentwood CM14 4JJ	01277 214612	brentwood@
BROOMFIELD (6) - Mrs Linda Clements, 'Conifers', Ongar Road West, Writtle CM1 3NT	01245 422013	broomfield@
BURES (8) - Peter Upson	07853 055514	bures@
BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH (6) - Mrs Wendy Hooper, 14 Station Road, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8BQ	01621 784166	burnham-on-crouch@
CANEWDON (10) - Brian Meldon, 22 Canute Close, Canewdon, Rochford SS4 3PX	01702 258401	canewdon@
CASTLE HEDINGHAM (6) - David Newton, Little Lodge Farm, Sudbury Road, Castle Hedingham, Halstead CO9 3AG	07919 043544	castle-hedingham@
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL (12) - Mrs Vicki L Chapman, 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford CM2 9PF	01245 358040	chelmsford@
CHIGWELL (6) - Sandra Lee	07932 513268	chigwell@
CHIGWELL ROW (8) - Jill Leftwich, 72 Rushden Gardens, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0BW	07967 820688	
CHRISHALL (6) - Parish Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston SG8 8QL	01763 837272	chrishall@
CLAVERING (6) - Frances Hiron, St Mary & St Clements Church, Clavering, Saffron Walden CB11 4PQ	07768 008808	clavering@
COGGESHALL (10) - Brian G Meads, 130 Tilkey Road, Coggeshall, Colchester CO6 1QN	01376 562892	coggeshall@
COLCHESTER, SHRUB END (6) - Miss M Harvey	07774 815912	colchester-shrub-end@
COLCHESTER, ST LEONARD (6) - Paul Bray, 7 D'Arcy Close, Kirby Cross, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 0RR	01255 679312 / 07759 998619	colchester-hythe@
COLCHESTER, ST PETER (8) - Mr S Garner, The Orchard, Moor Road, Langham, Colchester CO4 5NR	01206 272599	colchester@
COLNE ENGAINIE (6) - Ian Messenger, 1 Pebmarsh Road, Colne Engaine, Colchester CO6 2HD	07799 212266	colne-engaine@
DAGENHAM (8) - Tony Bloomfield, 2 Tawny Avenue, Upminster RM14 2EN	01708 536370	dagenham@
DANBURY (8) - Tracey Southgate, 60 Brockenhurst Way, Bicknacre, Chelmsford CM3 4XW	07883 543753	danbury@
DOWNHAM (6) - Julia V Taylor, 10 Teignmouth Drive, Rayleigh SS6 9PF	07880 735659	downham@
EARLS COLNE (8) - Trevor Beadle, Priory School House, 1 Foundry Lane, Earls Colne. Colchester CO6 2SB	01787 223611	earls-colne@
EASTWOOD (6) - Peter R Knight, 33 Homestead Gardens, Hadleigh SS7 2AB	01702 551906	eastwood@
ELMDON (6) - Parish Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston SG8 8QL	01763 837272	elmdon@
EPPING (8) - Ian Apps, 11 Severnsfield, Epping, CM15 5AP	07584 659799	epping@
EPPING UPLAND (6) - Parish Team Office, St John's House, St John's Road, Epping CM16 5DN	01992 575570	epping-upland@
FARNHAM (6) - Mrs A Moore, 46 Rectory Lane, Farnham, Bishop's Stortford CM23 1HU	01279 776220	farnham@
FEERING (8) - John Elliott	07943 496014	feering@
FELSTED (8) - Ian Cresshull, 4 Mill Field, Barnston, Dunmow CM6 1LH	01371 859265	felsted@

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FINCHINGFIELD (8) - Roy Threadgold, 'Plumley', Braintree Road, Wethersfield, Braintree CM7 4AQ	01371 850481	finchingfield@
FOBBING (8) - Steve Nash, 2 Woodview, Langdon Hills, Basildon SS16 6TZ	01268 490061	fobbing@
FORD END (6) - Paul Braisby, Oak House, Little Green, Chelmsford CM3 1BU	01245 361927	ford-end@
FRYERNING (6) - Judy Parmenter, 51 Heybridge Road, Ingatestone CM4 9AQ		fyerning@
FYFIELD (6) - Julie Robinson, 16 Cannons Lane, Fyfield CM5 0SF	07752 626999	fyfield@
GALLEYWOOD (8) - Philippa (Pippa) Criddle		galleywood@
GESTINGTHORPE (6) - Peter Nice, The Forge, Church Street, Gestingthorpe, Halstead CO9 3AZ	01787 460126	gestingthorpe@
GOLDHANGER (8) - Vicki Hipwell, Rockleys Lodge, Church Road, Tolleshunt Major, Maldon CM9 8AW	07980 312842	goldhanger@
GOSFIELD (6) - Susan Sherrington		gosfield@
GRAYS (8) -		grays@
GREAT BADDOW (8) - Mrs Cecile Cross, Magrathea, East Hanningfield Road, Sandon, Chelmsford CM2 7TQ	01245 478910	great-baddow@
GREAT BARDFIELD (8) - Nick Holland		great-bardfield@
GREAT BENTLEY (8) - Mr J Barber, 23 Newman Fields, Great Bentley, Colchester CO7 8FU	07804 907108	great-bentley@
GREAT BROMLEY (6) - Mr D N Wenden, 'Girlings', Honeypot Lane, Great Bromley, Colchester CO7 7UR	01206 250260	great-bromley@
GREAT CHISHILL (6) - Parish Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston SG8 8QL	01763 837272	great-chishill@
GREAT DUNMOW (8) - Mrs Gaynor Potter		great-dunmow@
GREAT EASTON (6) - J A Brown, The Old Post Office, Great Easton, Dunmow CM6 2DL	01371 870234	great-easton@
GREAT HALLINGBURY (5) - Karen Roddam	07949 191192	great-hallingbury@
GREAT HOLLAND (8) - Mr P Bray, 7 D'Arcy Close, Kirby Cross, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 0RR	01255 679312 /	great-holland@
GREAT HORKESLEY (6) - Mrs E Petter, 42 Grantham Road, Great Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4TU	01206 271511	great-horkesley@
GREAT ILFORD (8) - June Grey, 6 Priory Path, Romford RM3 9AR	07944 798733	ilford@
GREAT LEIGHS (5) - Mrs Judy Goodrum, Cedar House, 212 Main Road, Great Leighs, Chelmsford CM3 1NS	01245 361656	great-leighs@
GREAT PARNDON (6) - Michael Slowe, 45 Peacocks, Harlow CM19 5NY	01279 861546	great-parndon@
GREAT TEY (8) - Mrs S Brown, 4 Tey Grange, Chappel Road, Great Tey, Colchester CO6 1JQ	01206 211813 /	great-tey@
GREAT TOTHAM (6) - David Blake	07771 942103	great-totham@
GREAT WAKERING (6) - Tim Baskett, "Green Gables", 306 High Street, Great Wakering, Southend on Sea SS3 0HX	01702 219523	great-wakering@
GREAT WALTHAM (8) - Simon Tolliday, 2 Willow Cottages, Broads Green, Great Waltham, Chelmsford CM3 1DR	07940 801545	great-waltham@
GREAT YELDHAM (6) - M Brewster, 7, Duncan Rise, Great Yeldham, Halstead, CO9 4QE	07896 341028	great-yeldham@
GREENSTEAD GREEN (6) - Paul Waller, 7 Mill View, Church Road, Greenstead Green, Halstead CO9 1QS	07757 562742	greenstead-green@
HADSTOCK (6) - Gilbert Rowlandson	01223 892882	hadstock@
HALSTEAD (8) - Mrs Angela Kerrison, Birch Tree Bungalow, 20A Bois Field Terrace, Halstead, CO9 2DF	01787 477564 /	halstead@
HARLOW (8) - Anne Donaldson	01279 291066	harlow@
HARLOW COMMON (8) - Mrs Ros Clark	01279 423505	harlow-common@
HARWICH (8) - Mrs P Verrier	07855 756037	harwich@
HATFIELD BROAD OAK (8) - Mrs Edna Halls, Crabbs Green Farm, Crabbs Green, Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishop's Stortford CM22 7JU	01279 718231	hatfield-broad-oak@
HATFIELD HEATH (6) - Diana Graves	07754 613400	hatfield-heath@
HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER (6) - Jason Wapling, 19 Tennyson Road, Heaton Grange, Harold Hill, Romford RM3 7AD	07914 756686	havering-atte-bower@
HELIONS BUMPSTEAD (8) - Jane Slade		helions-bumpstead@
HEMPSTEAD (6) - Stephen Spencer, Wash Cottage, Bumpstead Road, Hempstead, Saffron Walden CB10 2PP	01440 730343	hempstead@
HENHAM (6) - Sheena Bigland, High Views, Woodend Green, Henham, Bishop's Stortford CM22 6AZ	01279 850373	henham@
HEYDON (5) - Parish Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston SG8 8QL	01763 837272	heydon@
HIGH EASTER (6) - Penny Kelsey, The Punchbowl, High Easter, Chelmsford CM1 4QW	01245 231222 /	high-easter@
HIGH ONGAR (6) - Kay Parkinson, Brookfield, Nine Ashes Road, Blackmore, Ingatestone CM4 0QW	01277 822432	high-ongar@
HORNCHURCH (10) - Gavin Carpenter	07720 953874	hornchurch@
HUTTON (5) - Mrs Lesley Clarke, 56 Byron Road, Hutton, Brentwood CM13 2SA	07885 327190	hutton@

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PEALS FOR 2025

(10599)

25/01 LITTLEBURY, Holy Trinity

Fri, 3 Jan 2025 in 2h 43 (8 cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

(7m: one extent each of London, Wells, Bourne, Netherseale, Westminster, Cambridge & Norwich)

- 1 Ian J Culham
- 2 P Mark Ogden
- 3 Simon J T Smith
- 4 Brian G Meads
- 5 Simon A Rudd
- 6 Colin F Chapman (C)

Rung in memory of Jim Towler and Charlotte Parsons.

25/02 ARDLEIGH, St Mary the Virgin

Sat, 4 Jan 2025 in 3h 10 (13 cwt)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: Parker's 12-Part

- 1 Frances Hill
- 2 David L Sparling
- 3 Alan P Mayle
- 4 Andrew R C Kelso
- 5 Ian J Culham
- 6 Ivan D Culham
- 7 Simon A Rudd (C)
- 8 Neil R Culham

First peal: 8. First peal on 8: 1. Final peal on the 8 before augmentation.

David Culham and George Thoday wish to be associated with this peal.

25/03 MATCHING, St Mary

Tue, 7 Jan 2025 in 2h 33 (7 cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Christina D A Brewster
- 2 Victoria J Richards
- 3 Nicholas D Hughes
- 4 Andrew P Brewster
- 5 Colin F Chapman
- 6 Fred Bone (C)

In memory of Charlotte Parsons (9 January 1973 - 12 December 2024), a ringer at this tower. First peal at first attempt: 2. 50th peal on the bells. Mary Bone wishes to be associated with this peal.

25/04 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 16 Feb 2025 in 2h 54 (11 cwt)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton (Johnson's variation)

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Neil M Pasmore
- 3 Vicki L Chapman
- 4 Christina D A Brewster
- 5 Courtney J A Mandell
- 6 Colin F Chapman
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

First of Surprise Major: 5. First of Cambridge Major: 2

25/05 INWORTH, All Saints

Wed, 19 Feb 2025 in 2h 37 (5 cwt)

5040 Spiced Surprise Minor (15m)

(15m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland (2) Chester, Munden (3) London, Wells (4) York, Durham (5) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)

- 1 Vicki L Chapman
- 2 Yvonne A Towler
- 3 Paul A Cammiade
- 4 Neil V Avis
- 5 Colin F Chapman
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

1000th peal on a tenor: 6.

25/06 LEIGH ON SEA, St Clement

Sat, 22 Feb 2025 in 2h 55 (10 cwt)

5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: C Adams

- 1 Julia V Taylor
- 2 Nigel S D Taylor
- 3 Stephen G Halliwell
- 4 Trevor E Church
- 5 Ian J Culham
- 6 Josie E Rapley Mende
- 7 Jon Waters
- 8 Brian G Meads (C)

Rung to welcome Fr Myles Owen to the Parish. First Yorkshire: 6.

25/07 INWORTH, All Saints

Wed, 5 Mar 2025 in 2h 39 (5 cwt)

5040 Spiced Surprise Minor (27m)

(27m: (1) Newcastle, Alnwick, Chester, Munden, Sandiacre (2) Carlisle, Northumberland (3) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn (4) London, Wells (5) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham, York (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne)

- 1 James Green
- 2 Yvonne A Towler
- 3 David L Sparling
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 Colin F Chapman
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

25/08 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 16 Mar 2025 in 2h 45 (11 cwt)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

(3x1440 & 1x720)

- 1 Theo A Johnson
- 2 Paul A Cammiade
- 3 David M Hengeli
- 4 Andrew R C Kelso
- 5 Neil M Pasmore
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

25/09 DOWNHAM, St Margaret

Wed, 19 Mar 2025 in 2h 37 (7 cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

(1 ext each of London, Norwich, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge)

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Colin G Wright
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Julia V Taylor
- 5 Neil M Pasmore
- 6 Nigel S D Taylor (C)

First Surprise Minor: 2. First of 7-Surprise Minor: 4 and 5.

25/10 GREAT BADDOW, St Mary the Virgin

Sat, 22 Mar 2025 in 2h 58 (14 cwt)

5088 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: RDS Brown

- 1 Victoria J Elliott
- 2 Vicki L Chapman
- 3 Cecile Cross
- 4 Stephen A Waters
- 5 Richard M Dunhill
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Brian G Meads
- 8 Colin F Chapman (C)

To celebrate the 55th anniversary of Cecile's first peal and the 100th anniversary of the first peal on these bells (3rd January 1925).

25/11 DOWNHAM, St Margaret

Wed, 26 Mar 2025 in 2h 35 (7 cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

(1 extent each of London, Wells, York, Norwich, Beverly, Surfleet, Cambridge)

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Julia V Taylor
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 Neil M Pasmore
- 6 Nigel S D Taylor (C)

Rung in memory of Derek Sibson.

25/12 STISTED, All Saints

Sat, 29 Mar 2025 in 2h 45 (9 cwt)

5040 Minor (7m)

(7m: Childwall, St Clements College Bob; Ipswich, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise)

- 1 Adam Brett
- 2 Benjamin J Willetts
- 3 Jon Waters
- 4 P Mark Ogden
- 5 Alan P Mayle
- 6 Simon Ward (C)

First Peal: 1. First Peal of Minor as Conductor.

25/13 HORNCHURCH, St Andrew

Sat, 29 Mar 2025 in 3h 11 (18 cwt)

5075 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Richard F Deal

- 1 Helen J Carter
- 2 Robert Tregillus
- 3 Marianne R Hayward
- 4 Simon M Barnes
- 5 Trevor E Church
- 6 John M Church
- 7 Roderic K Bickerton
- 8 Andrew P Barham
- 9 Clive J Stephenson (C)
- 10 James P Riley

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to John Church (24th March).

First peal: 10. First on 10: 6. First in method: 5.

25/14 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 30 Mar 2025 in 2h 48 (11 cwt)

5024 Rutland Surprise Major

Comp: Norman Smith

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Colin F Chapman
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 James Green
- 5 Neil M Pasmore
- 6 Brian G Meads
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

First of Rutland: 5. 100th peal together: 3 & 7. 50th peal together: 1 & 8.

25/15 INWORTH, All Saints

Sat, 5 Apr 2025 in 2h 43 (5 cwt)

5040 Treble Dodging Minor (7m)

(7m: (1) Beverley S (2) Surfleet S (3) Bourne S (4) Cambridge S (5) Norwich S (6) Oxford TB (7) Kent TB)

- 1 Yvonne A Towler
- 2 Christina D A Brewster
- 3 James Green
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 David L Sparling
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

In memory of Richard F Prime of Bishop's Stortford who died on 13th March 2025. He rang 291 peals for the Essex Association.

25/16 BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts, St Michael

Sat, 19 Apr 2025 in 3h 7 (15 cwt)

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Robert D S Brown

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Nicholas D Hughes
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Jeremy Piron
- 5 Brian G Meads
- 6 Colin F Chapman
- 7 Fred Bone
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

Rung half-muffled on Holy Saturday in Memoriam of Richard F Prime. Dick rang 100 peals in this tower, as commemorated by a plaque on the headstock of the sixth of the ring of twelve. First peal on the back 8 since rehanging in 2022.

25/17 INWORTH, All Saints

Wed, 7 May 2025 in 2h 46 (5 cwt)

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (32m)

(32m: (1) Newcastle, Alnwick, Chester, Munden, Sandiacre (2) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn (3) London, Wells, Cuneastre (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale, Annables London (5) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham, York (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne)

- 1 Yvonne A Towler
- 2 David L Sparling
- 3 Paul A Cammiade
- 4 Simon A Rudd
- 5 Colin F Chapman
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

For VE day 80.

In memory of Charmane MacPherson (Lt Baddow) and Roger Brown (formerly of Gt Baddow).

25/18 HORNCHURCH, St Andrew

Fri, 9 May 2025 in 3h 10 (18 cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Comp: David Highton

- 1 Jon Waters
- 2 Helen J Carter
- 3 William J Stungo
- 4 Elle G Buttery
- 5 Roderic K Bickerton
- 6 M Louise Booth
- 7 Andrew P Barham
- 8 Hugo L Tracey
- 9 Lucas J Owen
- 10 Clive J Stephenson (C)

Rung to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

First Royal: 4. First Royal in the method and 35th peal: 8.

25/19 ORSETT, St Giles and All Saints

Sat, 17 May 2025 in 2h 41 (10 cwt)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

(1 x 2160, 4 x 720)

- 1 Robin O Hall
- 2 David G Hull (C)
- 3 Trevor E Church
- 4 Clive J Stephenson
- 5 Julia R Cater
- 6 Ewan G A Hull

Marking David's 50 years of ringing. He first learnt to ring on the bell he rang in the peal.

25/20 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 18 May 2025 in 2h 48 (11 cwt)

5088 Pudsey Surprise Major

Comp: Arr Stanley Jenner

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Paul A Cammiade
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Neil M Pasmore
- 5 Brian G Meads
- 6 David M Hengeli
- 7 Ian J Culham
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

70th birthday compliment to Andrew Brewster.

First of Pudsey and 25th peal: 4.

Remembering Mary Roast of Danbury, Life member of the Essex Association.

25/21 MISTLEY, St Mary and St Michael

Tue, 20 May 2025 in 2h 46 (10 cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

(7m: (1) London (2) Wells (3) Bourne (4) Westminster (5) Beverley (6) Cambridge (7) Norwich)

- 1 Ian J Culham
- 2 Brian G Meads
- 3 P Mark Ogden
- 4 Katharine J Salter
- 5 Colin F Salter
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

900th peal as conductor.

25/22 ARDLEIGH, 6 Church View

Tue, 20 May 2025 in 1h 36 (11 G)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Colin F Salter
- 3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
- 5-6 Ian J Culham

First peal at the address. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

**25/23 OLD STOKE, Ipswich,
Sfk, The Wolery**

Thu, 22 May 2025 in 1h 42 (9lb)

5040 Surprise Minor (2m)

(2m: 4 ext Norwich, 3 ext Cambridge)

- 1 Hal J Meakin
- 2 Katharine J Salter
- 3 George E Thoday
- 4 P Mark Ogden
- 5 Ian J Culham
- 6 Colin F Salter (C)

First on a mini ring: 4.

**25/24 ARDLEIGH,
St Mary the Virgin**

Mon, 26 May 2025 in 3h 4 (13 cwt)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Albert M Tyler arr. Colin F Chapman

- 1 Frances L Hill
- 2 P Wendy Campbell
- 3 George E Thoday
- 4 David L Sparling
- 5 Ian L C Campbell
- 6 Simon A Rudd (C)
- 7 Hal J Meakin
- 8 Paul A J Bray
- 9 Ian J Culham
- 10 Ivan D Culham

First peal on the augmented bells. First peal on 10 tower bells in the North East District. 500th peal: 9. First on 10: 1.

25/25 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 15 Jun 2025 in 2h 55 (11 cwt)

5088 Lessness Surprise Major

Comp: Graham A C John

- 1 Colin F Chapman
- 2 Julia V Taylor
- 3 Nigel S D Taylor
- 4 Christina D A Brewster
- 5 Theo A Johnson
- 6 Brian G Meads
- 7 Neil M Pasmore (C)
- 8 David L Sparling

First in method: 2, 5 & 7. First Surprise as Conductor: 7. Circled the tower to peals: 1. With best wishes to Sue Page on the eve of her 80th birthday. Sue was tower captain at this tower for many years and a regular ringer in the third Sunday peal band.

**25/26 TENDRING,
St Edmund King and Martyr**

Sat, 21 Jun 2025 in 2h 34 (6 cwt)

5040 Minor (4m)

(4m: (1,2) Cambridge S (3,4) Kent TB (5,6) St Clements (7) Plain Bob)

- 1 Anne R Bray
- 2 Ian J Culham
- 3 Jillian E Parker
- 4 Paul A J Bray
- 5 Peter E A Dykes
- 6 Alan P Mayle (C)

First attempt: 5.

**25/27 ARDLEIGH,
St Mary the Virgin**

Fri, 18 Jul 2025 in 2h 56 (13 cwt)

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Comp: John H Fielden

- 1 Ian J Culham
- 2 Christopher N McCarthy
- 3 Paul A Cammiade
- 4 Christina D A Brewster
- 5 Jed Flatters
- 6 David I Stanford
- 7 Brian G Meads
- 8 Colin F Salter (C)
- 9 Rowan P Wilson
- 10 Andrew B Mills

First peal of Royal on the bells.

Birthday compliments to Ian Culham and to welcome Sabrina Faye Salter, born 14th July, a daughter for Rachel and George.

25/28 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 20 Jul 2025 in 2h 53 (11 cwt)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Robert D S Brown

- 1 Adam Brett
- 2 Paul A Cammiade
- 3 Andrew R C Kelso
- 4 Christina D A Brewster
- 5 James Green
- 6 Brian G Meads
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

First of Major: 1. 200th peal: 7.

25/29 FOBBING, St Michael

Sat, 26 Jul 2025 in 2h 48 (11 cwt)

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Richard J Angrave

- 1 Paul A Cammiade
- 2 Stephen G Halliwell
- 3 Josie E Rapley Mende
- 4 Vicki L Chapman
- 5 William M Beech
- 6 Stephen J Nash
- 7 Alan P Mayle
- 8 Colin F Chapman (C)

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Fr David Rollins, on completing 20 years as Rector of this church.

200th together: 1 & 7. 100th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major: 7.

25/30 WRITTLE, All Saints

Sat, 26 Jul 2025 in 3h 27 (31 cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Caters

Comp: David B Wilson

- 1 Christina D A Brewster
- 2 Adam L Sloman
- 3 Elle Buttery
- 4 Courtney J A Mandell
- 5 Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt
- 6 Andrew P Brewster
- 7 Lucas J Owen
- 8 Jon Waters
- 9 Neil M Pasmore (C)
- 10 David M Hengeli

Specially arranged in celebration of the forthcoming wedding of Adam Sloman (2) and Demi-Leigh Taylor on the 8th of August at Simonstone. Best wishes from all the band.

**25/31 GREAT CHISHILL,
St Swithun**

Sat, 2 Aug 2025 in 2h 36 (8 cwt)

5040 Minor (3m)

(3m: 1440 Cambridge Surprise; 1440 Double Oxford; 3 extents Plain Bob)

- 1 Christopher N McCarthy (C)
- 2 Oliver Clinton
- 3 Stephen C Wood
- 4 Iain A Hayden
- 5 Jo Lerpiniere
- 6 Benjamin J Quigley

First peal: 2. First peal since 1988: 5! First peal on the augmented bells. Rung by a local band.

25/32 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 17 Aug 2025 in 2h 52 (11 cwt)

5184 Turramurra Surprise Major

Comp: Robert D S Brown

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Vicki L Chapman
- 3 James Green
- 4 Theo A Johnson
- 5 Christina D A Brewster
- 6 Neil M Pasmore
- 7 Colin F Chapman
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

First peal in the method by all except conductor. 650th peal for the Association: 7.

**25/33 SHENFIELD,
St Mary the Virgin**

Tue, 19 Aug 2025 in 2h 36 (7cwt)

5040 Minor (4m)

(4m: 1440 Kent Treble Bob; 1440 Cambridge Surprise; 720 St Clement's College Bob; 1440 Plain Bob)

- 1 John M Church
- 2 Sarah H Robbins
- 3 Hannah Brooks
- 4 Emily Brooks
- 5 William M Beech
- 6 John G Harpole (C)

1st peal: 3. 1st peal on 6: 1.

Compliment to Beth and Ian Johnson on their forthcoming Golden Wedding Anniversary.

21st birthday compliment to 5.

**25/34 ARDLEIGH,
St Mary the Virgin**

Sun, 14 Sep 2025 in 3h 3 (13 cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Comp: Anon

- 1 Ivan D Culham
- 2 James A Smith
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Courtney J A Mandell
- 5 Simon J T Smith
- 6 Andrew P Brewster
- 7 Andrew R C Kelso
- 8 Hal J Meakin
- 9 Brian G Meads
- 10 Neil M Pasmore (C)

In Memory of John F Malster, former District Master and Captain of this Tower for many years.

25/35 DOWNHAM,

St Margaret

Wed, 17 Sep 2025 in 2h 36 (7 cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

(7m: 1 extent each of Carlisle, London, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Julia V Taylor
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 Neil M Pasmore
- 6 Nigel S D Taylor (C)

Has rung a peal on every date in the year on tower bells: 4.

25/36 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 21 Sep 2025 in 2h 49 (11 cwt)

5120 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Arr James Clatworthy

- 1 Neil M Pasmore
- 2 David L Sparling
- 3 Vicki L Chapman
- 4 Colin F Chapman
- 5 James Green
- 6 Christina D A Brewster
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

First of Cambridge: 5. Circled tower: 1.
200th for the association: 7.

25/37 NAZEING, All Saints

Thu, 25 Sep 2025 in 2h 44 (9 cwt)

5040 Minor (2m)

(2m: 1x 1440 & 2 exts Cambridge Surprise (1,2,4,6) and 3 exts Plain Bob (3,5,7))

- 1 Adam Brett
- 2 Christina D A Brewster
- 3 Fred Bone
- 4 Brian G Meads
- 5 Andrew P Brewster
- 6 Colin F Chapman (C)

Arranged and rung to celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Jacky and Jim Sams married here on this day 60 years ago. 175th peal & most minor inside: 5.

25/38 DANBURY,

St John the Baptist

Sun, 28 Sep 2025 in 2h 47 (10 cwt)

5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp: David B Wilson

- 1 Adam Brett
- 2 Vicki L Chapman
- 3 Christina D A Brewster
- 4 Andrew R C Kelso
- 5 Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt
- 6 Colin F Chapman
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 Neil M Pasmore (C)

First in the method: 5. 50th together: 4 & 7.

25/39 INWORTH, All Saints

Thu, 9 Oct 2025 in 2h 33 (5 cwt)

5040 Minor (3m)

(3m: 2 exts each Bourne (1,2) and Cambridge (4,6) Surprise; 3 exts Plain Bob (3,5,7))

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Vicki L Chapman
- 3 Neil M Pasmore
- 4 Courtney J A Mandell
- 5 Christina D A Brewster
- 6 Colin F Chapman (C)

Most methods: 4.

25/40 WOODFORD,

St Mary the Virgin

Sat, 18 Oct 2025 in 2h 50 (10 cwt)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Charles Middleton (Arr

Henry Johnson)

- 1 Marianne R Hayward
- 2 Theo A Johnson
- 3 Miles F E Baker
- 4 Simon M Barnes
- 5 Brooks M Hayes
- 6 Andrew P Barham
- 7 Kye L Leaver
- 8 Lucas J Owen (C)

First Peal: 5. First Cambridge Major: 4, 7 and as Conductor. 60th peal on the bells.

25/41 SANDON, St Andrew

Sun, 2 Nov 2025 in 2h 42 (9 cwt)

5040 Minor (7m)

(7m: one extent each London, Ipswich, Cambridge S; Kent T B; Double Oxford, St Clement's College, Plain B.)

- 1 Victoria J Elliott
- 2 Vicki L Chapman
- 3 James R Dunhill
- 4 Richard M Dunhill
- 5 David M Hengeli
- 6 Colin F Chapman (C)

First peal on the bells since major refurbishment in 2022.

First peal at first attempt: 3. 175th peal: 2.

First minor: 1.

25/42 TERLING, All Saints

Sun, 9 Nov 2025 in 3h (11 cwt)

5088 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Theo A Johnson
- 2 Charles K Chikuruwo
- 3 Julia V Taylor
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 Vicki L Chapman
- 6 Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt
- 7 Nigel S D Taylor
- 8 Colin F Chapman (C)

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance.

First peal at first attempt: 2; Charles organised his own first peal.

Birthday anniversary compliment to Nigel for today.

25/43 BISHOP'S

STORTFORD, Herts,

St Michael

Sat, 15 Nov 2025 in 3h 25 (15 cwt)

5070 Stedman Cinques

Comp: John S Warboys

- 1 Stephanie J Warboys
- 2 Vicki L Chapman
- 3 Brian G Meads
- 4 Christina D A Brewster
- 5 Fred Bone
- 6 Nicholas D Hughes
- 7 Jeremy Piron
- 8 Andrew R Stone
- 9 John S Warboys (C)
- 10 Stephen J Bailey
- 11 Alan P Mayle
- 12 Colin F Chapman

Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of Dick Prime's first peal, Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral; the bells had been booked for this occasion prior to his passing in March this year.

25/44 MALDON, All Saints

Sun, 30 Nov 2025 in 2h 54 (11 cwt)

5184 Bovey Tracey Surprise Major

Comp: Robert D S Brown

- 1 Andrew P Brewster
- 2 Paul A Cammiade
- 3 Gillian M Sparling
- 4 David L Sparling
- 5 Christina D A Brewster
- 6 David M Hengeli
- 7 Colin F Chapman
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

Specialy arranged to mark the first anniversary of the passing of James L (Jim) Towler, rung on the bells where he learnt to ring and was tower captain for many years.

350th peal for the Association: 5. 75th peal together: 4 and 5.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

The band wishes to associate Yvonne Towler with this peal.

25/45 HUTTON, All Saints

Sat, 6 Dec 2025 in 2h 40 (6 cwt)

5040 Doubles(16m)

(16m: 2 ext each of Stedman, Grandsire, Huntspill Bob, New Bob, Blaisdon Bob, St Vedast Bob, Winchendon Place, St Nicholas Bob, Huntley Place, St Remigius Bob, Reverse Canterbury Place, and 4 ext each of St Martins Bob, St Simons Bob, Eynesbury Bob, St Osmund Bob, Plain Bob)

- 1 Julia V Taylor
- 2 Nigel S D Taylor
- 3 Theo A Johnson
- 4 David A Buckley
- 5 Stephen J Nash (C)

Arranged and rung for the 700th Anniversary of the Church.

Most methods: 3 & 4.

25/46 WRITTLE, All Saints

Sat, 6 Dec 2025 in 3h 16 (31 cwt)

5021 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Albert M Tyler

- 1 Vicki L Chapman
- 2 Paul A Cammiade
- 3 Adam L Sloman
- 4 Neil M Pasmore
- 5 Courtney J A Mandell
- 6 Andrew P Brewster
- 7 Christina D A Brewster
- 8 Colin F Chapman (C)
- 9 Jon Waters
- 10 Lucas J Owen

For the opening of the annual Christmas Tree Festival in Writtle church.

First Grandsire Caters: 3, 4 & 5.

Circled the 10 to peals: 9. 50th peal of Grandsire: 2.

25/47 GREAT BADDOW,**St Mary the Virgin**

Sat, 13 Dec 2025 in 2h 58 (14 cwt)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: by D F Morrison (No 565)

- 1 Victoria J Elliott
- 2 Jon Waters
- 3 Paul A Cammiade
- 4 Stephen A Waters
- 5 Richard M Dunhill
- 6 David M Hengeli
- 7 Simon Ward
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

Dedicated to the memory of Stephen Foakes, who died on 8th December aged 75. Also wishing Cecile Cross (who was due to ring) a speedy recovery.

25/48 WALTHAMSTOW,**St Saviour**

Sun, 14 Dec 2025 in 2h 53 (16 cwt)

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Donald F Morrison Op. 6975

- 1 Miles F E Baker
- 2 Theo A Johnson
- 3 Clara M Waller
- 4 Simon M Barnes
- 5 Brooks M Hayes
- 6 Andrew P Barham
- 7 Fraser A Storie (C)
- 8 Lucas J Owen

Rung after Morning Service. Sending Happy

Birthday wishes to Tony Bloomfield.

25/49 TERLING,**All Saints**

Sun, 21 Dec 2025 in 2h 58 (11 cwt)

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (No 173)

- 1 Julia V Taylor
- 2 Christina D A Brewster
- 3 David L Sparling
- 4 James Green
- 5 Stephen A Waters
- 6 Nigel S D Taylor
- 7 David M Hengeli
- 8 Alan P Mayle (C)

50th peal and first of Bristol: 4.

25/50 KELVEDON,**St Mary the Virgin**

Tue, 23 Dec 2025 in 3h 2 (19 cwt)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: Bruerton's 12.part

- 1 John G J Elliott
- 2 Philip Saunders
- 3 James R Dunhill
- 4 Andrew R C Kelso
- 5 Alan P Mayle (C)
- 6 Fred Bone
- 7 Brian G Meads
- 8 John Keeble

First peal on 8: 2 & 3.

Rung for Advent & Christmastide.

12th Birthday Compliment to Nicholas J. Elliott.

In Loving Memory of the late David Kennard.

**This peal is recorded as
number 10648 in the
Association records.**

PEAL COMPOSITIONS

5040 Grandsire Triples

by JJ Parker (12-Part)

<https://complib.org/composition/11821>

Rung at Ardleigh 4 Jan 2025

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

by Charles Middleton (Johnson's variation)

<https://complib.org/composition/14095>

Rung at Terling 16 Feb 2025 & Woodford 18 Oct 2025

5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major

by Chris Adams

<https://complib.org/composition/11579>

Rung at Leigh on Sea 2 Feb 2025

5088 Cambridge Surprise Major

by Robert D S Brown

<https://complib.org/composition/19133>

Rung at Great Baddow 22 Mar 2025

& Terling 9 Nov 2025

5075 Grandsire Caters

by Richard F Deal

<https://complib.org/composition/15826>

Rung at Hornchurch 29 Mar 2025

5024 Rutland Surprise Major

by Norman Smith

<https://complib.org/composition/10598>

Rung at Terling 30 Mar 2025

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

by Robert D S Brown

<https://complib.org/composition/597912>

[substitutedmethodid=17060](https://complib.org/composition/597912)

Rung at Bishop's Stortford 19 Apr 2025

5040 Plain Bob Royal

by: David Heighton

<https://complib.org/composition/14418>

Rung at Hornchurch 9 May 2025

5088 Pudsey Surprise Major

Arr Stanley Jenner

<https://complib.org/composition/110822>

[substitutedmethodid=19335](https://complib.org/composition/110822)

Rung at Terling 18 May 2025

5039 Grandsire Caters

by Albert M Tyler arr. Colin F Chapman

<https://complib.org/composition/114062>

Rung at Ardleigh 26 May 2025

5088 Lessness Surprise Major

by Graham A C John

<https://complib.org/composition/29054>

Rung at Terling 15 Jun 2025

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

by John H Fielden

<https://complib.org/composition/96941>

Rung at Ardleigh 18 Jul 2025

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Robert D S Brown

<https://complib.org/composition/387142>

[substitutedmethodid=17060](https://complib.org/composition/387142)

Rung at Terling 20 Jul 2025

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

by Richard J Angrave

<https://complib.org/composition/143141>

Rung at Fobbing 26 Jul 2025

5040 Plain Bob Caters

by David B Wilson

<https://complib.org/composition/96622>

Rung at Writtle 26 Jul 2025

5184 Turramurra Surprise Major

by Robert D S Brown

<https://complib.org/composition/900522>

[substitutedmethodid=16622](https://complib.org/composition/900522)

Rung at Terling 17 Aug 2025

5040 Plain Bob Royal

by Anon (submitted by Ellis Hollows)

<https://complib.org/composition/114656>

Rung at Ardleigh 14 Sep 2025

5120 Cambridge Surprise Major

Arr James Clatworthy

<https://complib.org/composition/54095>

Rung at Terling 21 Sep 2025

5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

by David B Wilson

<https://complib.org/composition/91190>

Rung at Danbury 28 Sep 2025

5070 Stedman Cinques

by: John S Warboys

<https://complib.org/composition/149339>

Rung at Bishop's Stortford 15 Nov 2025

5184 Bovey Tracey Surprise Major

by Robert D S Brown

<https://complib.org/composition/200682>

[substitutedmethodid=16836](https://complib.org/composition/200682)

Rung at Maldon All Saints 30 Nov 2025

5021 Grandsire Caters

by Albert M Tyler arr Colin F Chapman

<https://complib.org/composition/134782>

Rung at Writtle 6 Dec 2025

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

by D F Morrison (No 565)

<https://complib.org/composition/149112>

[substitutedmethodid=17060](https://complib.org/composition/149112)

Rung at Great Baddow 13 Dec 2025

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

by Donald F Morrison Op. 6975

<https://complib.org/composition/20341>

Rung at Walthamstow St Saviour 14 Dec 2025

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

by Donald F Morrison (No 173)

<https://complib.org/composition/14483>

Rung at Terling 21 Dec 2025

5040 Grandsire Triples

by James Bruerton (12.part)

<https://complib.org/composition/22092>

Rung at Kelvedon 23 Dec 2025

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QUARTER PEALS for 2025 - TOWER

Ardleigh (2)

15-Aug 1368 Grandsire Caters
15-Dec 1296 Erith Little Bob Major

Ashdon (2)

27-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
04-Nov 1280 Double Norwich C B Major

Barkingside (4)

26-Jan 1260 Grandsire Doubles
08-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Minor
07-Aug 1325 Stedman Triples
04-Sep 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Bentley Common (6)

04-Feb 1260 Doubles (3m)
20-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
02-Jun 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor
30-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
11-Nov 1320 Plain Bob Doubles
14-Nov 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Bishop's Stortford (7)

29-Mar 1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal
22-Jun 1320 Grandsire Cinques
29-Aug 1346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus
14-Sep 1260 Grandsire Doubles
20-Sep 1320 Erin Cinques
26-Sep 1282 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal
13-Dec 1320 Grandsire Cinques

Boreham (1)

06-Aug 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

Bradwell on Sea (2)

29-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
05-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Braintree (8)

13-Jan 1260 Plain Bob Minor
16-Mar 1296 St Simon's Bob Caters
01-Apr 1280 Alderney Surprise Major
07-Apr 1260 Doubles (4m)
21-Jun 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
22-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
02-Nov 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
03-Nov 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Brentwood (1)

09-Jul 1260 Grandsire Triples

Burnham on Crouch (1)

29-Mar 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor

Canewdon (6)

18-Jun 1260 Doubles (6m)
09-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Minor
23-Aug 1296 Minor (2m)
24-Sep 1260 Doubles (3m)
07-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Minor
14-Dec 1344 Plain Bob Triples

Chelmsford (6)

05-Jan 1297 Grandsire Cinques
26-Jan 1320 Erin Cinques
23-Mar 1250 Zanussi Surprise Maximus
26-Aug 1260 Grandsire Triples
02-Sep 1260 Doubles (2m)
09-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Chigwell Row (1)

29-Jan 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Chrishall (4)

06-Jul 1260 Doubles (1m/3v)
01-Aug 1260 Doubles (1m/3v)
05-Sep 1440 Doubles (2m/4v)
14-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Coggeshall (4)

23-Feb 1250 Spliced Surprise Major (2m)
30-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Minor
31-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Royal
09-Nov 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Colchester (Shrub End) (1)

20-Sep 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Dagenham (1)

13-Sep 1260 Grandsire Triples

Danbury (6)

14-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
30-May 1280 Plain Bob Major
27-Jul 1296 Cambridge Surprise Major
06-Aug 1344 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
31-Aug 1344 Plain Bob Major
16-Sep 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Downham (10)

12-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
26-Mar 1320 Surprise Minor (2m)
06-Apr 1260 Doubles (2m)
11-Jun 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
26-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Minor
13-Jul 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
03-Sep 1250 London Surprise Minor
10-Sep 1320 Surprise Minor (3m)
18-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
03-Nov 1260 Doubles (1p/4m)

Eastwood (4)

26-Apr 1260 Doubles (4m)
26-Apr 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor
26-Apr 1260 Doubles (6m)
29-May 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor

Felsted (3)

01-Apr 1280 Double Norwich C B Major
25-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor
03-Nov 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Fobbing (4)

14-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
30-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
07-Sep 1282 Cambridge Surprise Major
26-Dec 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

Fyfield (3)

09-Jan 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
18-Jan 1260 Doubles (5m)
19-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Galleywood (2)

25-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Minor
22-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Goldhanger (1)

29-Jun 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Great Baddow (5)

03-Jan 1260 Plain Bob Minor
23-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Minor
22-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
07-Sep 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples
05-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Great Bardfield (8)

25-Jan 1320 Bourne Surprise Minor
28-Mar 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
09-May 1260 Plain Bob Minor
20-Jun 1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor
18-Jul 1260 Grandsire Doubles
21-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor
09-Nov 1320 St Martin's Bob Doubles
21-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Great Bentley (2)

12-Sep 1260 Grandsire Doubles
17-Oct 1289 Plain Bob Doubles

Great Chishill (7)

10-Jan 1260 Double Bob Minor
02-May 1260 Doubles (3m)
16-May 1260 Grandsire Doubles
15-Jul 1260 St Swithun Bob Minor
19-Sep 1260 Doubles (3m)
24-Oct 1260 Doubles (1m/3v)
29-Nov 1260 Grandsire Doubles (S)

Great Dunmow (1)

17-Sep 1280 Bristol Surprise Major

Great Ilford (1)

13-Sep 1344 Plain Bob Major

Great Tey (2)

22-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
14-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Great Totham (9)

06-Jan 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
09-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
20-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
10-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
28-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
25-Oct 1320 Surprise Minor (2m)
01-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
14-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
31-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Great Wakering (2)

26-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
26-Apr 1260 Doubles (3m)

Halstead (2)

01-Mar 1260 Grandsire Triples
27-Dec 1344 Grandsire Triples

Harlow (12)

16-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
16-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
20-Apr 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pls PI Doubles
18-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
15-Jun 1260 Doubles (5m)
25-Jun 1344 Chiddingstone Surprise Major
10-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
03-Sep 1344 Lessness Surprise Major
04-Sep 1325 Stedman Triples
28-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
12-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
16-Nov 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Harlow Common (6)

09-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
10-May 1260 Plain Bob Triples
25-Jun 1344 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
03-Sep 1280 Kenninghall Surprise Major
04-Sep 1344 Percy's Tea Strainer Treble Place Major
21-Nov 1288 Plain Bob Triples

Hatfield Heath (1)

14-May 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Helions Bumpstead (2)

17-Sep 1280 Ashted Surprise Major
04-Nov 1250 Pudsey Surprise Major

Henham (3)

16-May 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
27-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
08-Dec 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Heydon (1)

15-Aug 1260 Stedman Doubles

High Ongar (1)

18-Jan 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Hornchurch (56)

05-Jan 1259 Grandsire Caters
12-Jan 1260 Stedman Triples
19-Jan 1296 Erin Caters
26-Jan 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major
02-Feb 1344 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
09-Feb 1344 Rutland Surprise Major
16-Feb 1296 Erin Caters
23-Feb 1320 Cambridge Surprise Major
02-Mar 1344 Plain Bob Major
09-Mar 1277 Grandsire Caters
16-Mar 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (2m RY)
23-Mar 1344 Plain Bob Major
30-Mar 1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
13-Apr 1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor
20-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Minor
04-May 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)
08-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
11-May 1260 Plain Bob Triples
18-May 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
01-Jun 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (7m)
08-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Triples
15-Jun 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major
21-Jun 1260 Doubles (4m)
22-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
27-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Minor
29-Jun 1260 Stedman Triples
06-Jul 1280 Oxford Treble Bob Major
13-Jul 1260 Grandsire Doubles
20-Jul 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
27-Jul 1277 Grandsire Caters
03-Aug 1260 Grandsire Triples
10-Aug 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples
15-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor
17-Aug 1296 Stedman Caters
24-Aug 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (7m)
29-Aug 1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor
29-Aug 1288 Grandsire Triples
31-Aug 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major
07-Sep 1296 Plain Bob Caters
14-Sep 1250 Superlative Surprise Major
21-Sep 1296 Stedman Caters
28-Sep 1280 Turramurra Surprise Major
05-Oct 1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
12-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Triples
19-Oct 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major
26-Oct 1260 Stedman Triples
01-Nov 1260 Grandsire Doubles
02-Nov 1344 Plain Bob Major
09-Nov 1312 Double Norwich C B Major
23-Nov 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major
30-Nov 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major
07-Dec 1260 Grandsire Triples
14-Dec 2025 Spliced Plain Major (2m)
20-Dec 1264 Plain Bob Major
24-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
28-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Hutton (2)

19-Jan 1260 Doubles (2m)
05-Sep 1260 Doubles (5m)

Ingatestone (1)

25-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Ingrave (1)

16-Oct 1260 Doubles (3m)

Inworth (1)

08-Jan 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Kelvedon (5)

08-Jan 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
08-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Minor
06-Aug 1344 Amber Valley Surprise Major
07-Sep 1440 St Clement's College Bob Minor
30-Nov 1260 Grandsire Triples

Kirby le Soken (2)

15-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor

03-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Langham (1)

19-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Layer de la Haye (1)

20-Sep 1320 Bourne Surprise Minor

Leigh on Sea (5)

07-Mar 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

26-Apr 1260 Grandsire Triples

26-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

29-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

21-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Leyton (2)

22-May 1260 Stedman Doubles

12-Sep 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples

Leytonstone (1)

21-Sep 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Little Baddow (8)

27-Jan 1260 Doubles (4m)

20-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

10-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

20-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

22-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

06-Aug 1344 Saverley Green Delight Major

24-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

09-Nov 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Little Horkesley (2)

13-Jul 1260 Doubles (2m)

21-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Littlebury (3)

07-Mar 1320 Minor (2m)

17-Oct 1260 Single Canterbury Pls Bob Minor

19-Dec 1260 St Nicholas College Bob Minor

Loughton (1)

27-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Margaretting (8)

17-Aug 1260 Doubles (2m)

20-Aug 1296 Stedman Alliance Minimus

20-Aug 1260 In These Unprecedented and
Challenging Times Our First Priority Is
The Safety Of Our Staff Alliance
Minimus

20-Aug 1272 Plain Bob Minimus

27-Aug 1260 Doubles (3m)

06-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

06-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

27-Dec 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Matching (2)

09-Jan 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

12-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Mistley (1)

12-Jan 1280 Doubles (1p/3m)

Moreton (1)

18-Jan 1260 Doubles (5m)

North Ockendon (4)

25-Jan 1260 Grandsire Doubles

13-Apr 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

08-Jun 1320 Doubles (5m)

30-Aug 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Pleshey (1)

17-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Prittlewell (11)

16-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Minor

11-May 1344 Plain Bob Major

08-Jun 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

07-Jul 1260 Doubles (2m)

19-Jul 1260 Singles (5m)

20-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Triples

10-Aug 1260 Doubles (4m)

15-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

23-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor

21-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Triples

11-Nov 1259 Grandsire Caters

Purleigh (2)

29-Mar 1260 Grandsire Doubles

25-Oct 1320 Purleigh Surprise Minor

Radwinter (2)

09-Apr 1280 Mareham Delight Major

17-Sep 1344 Cooktown Orchid Delight Major

Rayleigh (12)

23-Feb 1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles

23-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

02-Apr 1280 Cornwall Surprise Major

27-Apr 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

25-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

29-Jun 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

15-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Triples

23-Aug 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

28-Sep 1260 Plain Doubles (11m)

26-Oct 1260 Grandsire Triples

29-Nov 1260 Grandsire Doubles

21-Dec 1344 Plain Bob Major

Rayne (4)

06-Oct 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

06-Oct 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

06-Oct 1260 Spliced Plain Minor (2m)

06-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Rettondon (1)

24-Aug 1260 Doubles (2m)

Rochford (1)

09-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Roydon (2)

01-Jan 1260 Plain Bob Minor

04-Sep 1320 Wragby Delight Minor

Saffron Walden (4)

22-Jul 1296 Bob Minimus (3m) (S)

09-Nov 1320 St Simon's Bob Doubles

22-Nov 1320 Grandsire Cinques

22-Nov 1320 Little Bob Maximus

Sandon (7)

06-Apr 1260 Doubles (2m)

03-May 1320 Tulip Delight Minor

29-Jul 1260 Grandsire Doubles

07-Aug 1260 Doubles (2m)

06-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Minor

15-Dec 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

19-Dec 1260 Doubles (2m)

Sawbridgeworth (4)

04-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

21-May 1260 Grandsire Doubles

22-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

05-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Shenfield (11)

02-Feb 1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

27-Apr 1260 Doubles (2m)

28-May 1260 Doubles (2m)

03-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Minor

07-Aug 1320 Minor (2m)

17-Aug 1320 Minor (3m)

01-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

05-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Minor

12-Oct 1260 Doubles (2m)

21-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

25-Dec 1260 Stedman Singles

South Ockendon (1)

22-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

South Weald (12)

23-Feb	1280	Cornwall Surprise Major
13-Apr	1344	London Surprise Major
21-Apr	1250	Spliced Surprise Major (2m)
27-Apr	1344	LXV Delight Major
05-May	1260	Stedman Triples
11-May	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
26-May	1280	Lessness Surprise Major
19-Jun	1280	Bristol Surprise Major
27-Jul	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
26-Oct	1320	South Weald Surprise Minor
03-Dec	1280	Cornwall Surprise Major
14-Dec	1344	Spliced Surprise Major (c7)

Southminster (1)

29-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Triples
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Springfield (11)

19-Jan	1320	Doubles (3m)
05-Mar	1272	Cambridge Surprise Minor
16-Mar	1260	Doubles (9m)
13-Apr	1260	Doubles (4m)
03-May	1320	York Surprise Minor
18-May	1260	Doubles (4m)
06-Jul	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
30-Aug	1380	Doubles (7m)
05-Oct	1260	Doubles (3m)
02-Nov	1260	Doubles (3m)
30-Nov	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor

St Osyth (3)

04-May	1320	Surprise Minor (2m)
09-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
16-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Doubles

Stanford le Hope (4)

15-May	1280	Plain Doubles (4m)
14-Aug	1260	Doubles (2m)
03-Sep	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major
24-Nov	1300	Plain Bob Doubles

Steeple Bumpstead (1)

07-May	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
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Stisted (2)

08-Feb	1440	Cambridge Surprise Minor
09-Apr	1260	Plain Bob Doubles

Tendring (3)

31-May	1260	Minor (2m)
13-Nov	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
27-Dec	2025	Doubles & Minor (2m)

Terling (11)

24-Jan	1260	Grandsire Triples
25-Jan	1280	Cornwall Surprise Major
08-Mar	1280	Cornwall Surprise Major
04-Jun	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
04-Jun	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major
23-Jun	1260	Grandsire Triples
03-Aug	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major
14-Aug	1280	Grandsire Doubles
16-Aug	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (5m)
28-Sep	1344	Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
26-Oct	1344	Cooktown Orchid Delight Major

Thorpe Bay (3)

16-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
01-Oct	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (7m)
27-Oct	1260	Grandsire Triples

Thorrington (2)

09-Apr	1260	Minor (2m)
15-Aug	1296	Plain Bob Minor

Tillingham (3)

29-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
29-Mar	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor
12-Apr	1260	Plain Bob Doubles

Waltham Abbey (17)

05-Jan	1260	Doubles (2m)
05-Mar	1260	Grandsire Doubles
23-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Minor
13-Apr	1260	Doubles (2m)
18-Apr	1260	Grandsire Triples
11-May	1260	Grandsire Doubles
25-May	1260	Plain Bob Triples
14-Jun	1320	Grandsire Cinques
13-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples
31-Aug	1260	Grandsire Doubles
28-Sep	1260	Doubles (2m)
12-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Minor
08-Nov	1320	Erin Cinques
09-Nov	1260	Doubles (3m)
23-Nov	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
14-Dec	1260	Reverse Canterbury Pls PI Doubles
21-Dec	1260	Plain Bob Minor

Walthamstow (St Mary) (5)

22-Feb	1260	Plain Bob Royal
08-May	1280	Plain Bob Doubles
08-Jun	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor
12-Sep	1259	Grandsire Caters
31-Dec	1280	Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Walthamstow (St Saviour) (1)

12-Sep	1260	Grandsire Triples
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Wanstead (3)

09-Feb	1260	Grandsire Triples
13-Jul	1344	Plain Bob Major
14-Dec	1260	Plain Bob Minor

West Ham (2)

04-Apr	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
18-May	1282	Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Wethersfield (5)

23-Apr	1296	Treble Bob Minor (KO)
14-Sep	1260	Doubles (5m)
17-Sep	1344	Xorin Green Delight Major
10-Oct	1280	Cherry Surprise Major
02-Dec	1260	Plain Bob Doubles

Willingale (19)

12-Jan	1260	Doubles (2m)
15-Jan	1260	Doubles (5m)
18-Jan	1260	Plain Bob Minor
19-Feb	1260	St Simon's Bob Doubles
22-Feb	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
09-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
15-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
19-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
26-Apr	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
21-May	1260	Plain Bob Minor
20-Aug	1260	St Simon's Bob Doubles
14-Sep	1260	Doubles (3m)
17-Sep	1260	Doubles (3m)
12-Oct	1260	Plain Doubles (4m)
01-Nov	1260	Doubles (4m)
16-Nov	1260	Doubles (4m)
19-Nov	1260	Doubles (3m)
27-Dec	1260	Doubles (7m)
27-Dec	1260	Plain Bob Doubles

Witham (2)

14-Sep	1280	Plain Bob Major
21-Dec	1260	Plain Bob Doubles

Wivenhoe (1)

27-Aug	1259	Plain Bob Minor
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Woodford (5)

09-Feb	1344	Plain Bob Major
13-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples
10-Aug	1260	St Clement's College Bob Minor
14-Sep	1344	Plain Bob Major
14-Dec	1260	Stedman Triples

Wormingford (1)

20-Sep 1260 Single Canterbury Pls Bob Minor

Writtle (4)

09-Feb 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
 09-Mar 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
 08-May 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
 28-Jun 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

QUARTER PEALS - IN HAND**Braintree (17 Westergreen Meadow) (12)**

04-Feb 1260 Plain Bob Minor
 11-Mar 1260 Single Wreford Bob Minor
 18-Mar 1260 Buxton Bob Minor
 01-Apr 1344 Single Canterbury Pls Bob Major
 20-May 1260 St Martin's Bob Triples
 17-Jun 1344 Plain Bob Major
 24-Jun 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor
 02-Sep 1288 St Martin's Bob Triples
 30-Sep 1344 Little Bob Major
 21-Oct 1260 Lakesend Bob Minor
 25-Nov 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pls Pl Doubles
 02-Dec 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Chinford (Balgonie Road) (1)

26-Dec 1344 Demi-Bristol Alliance Minimus

Goldhanger (9A Church St) (1)

26-Oct 1440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Springfield (29 Meon Close) (1)

14-Aug 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Thorpe Bay (Ringing Room) (3)

03-Jul 1260 Plain Bob Minor
 18-Sep 1260 Plain Bob Minor
 16-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Thorrington (Red Brick House) (3)

30-Apr 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
 04-May 1280 Kent Treble Bob Royal
 31-Aug 1440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Wethersfield (Church) (1)

10-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Wickford (39A Friern Gardens) (17)

19-Jan 1312 Bristol Surprise Major
 25-Feb 1320 York Surprise Minor
 11-Mar 1320 Durham Surprise Minor
 25-Mar 1320 Wells Surprise Minor
 31-Mar 1260 Plain Bob Minor
 29-May 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
 17-Jun 1320 Surprise Minor (2m)
 29-Jun 1344 Superlative Surprise Major
 30-Jun 1344 Plain Bob Major
 02-Sep 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
 07-Sep 1280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
 13-Oct 1260 Plain Bob Minor
 04-Nov 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
 11-Nov 1440 Norfolk Surprise Minor
 23-Nov 1272 Warkworth Surprise Minor
 23-Nov 1272 Norwich Surprise Minor
 21-Dec 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

DISTRIBUTED QUARTER PEALS

Distributed ('Virtual') Quarter Peals are only included in this list if they meet Central Council criteria (each bell or simulated bell rung with distinct handstroke and backstroke) and 50% or more of the ringing members were in Essex for the performance. All these performances were rung in Ringing Room.

07-Jan 1272 Canterbury Delight Minor	02-May 1280 Rutland Surprise Major
22-Jan 1440 Castleton Delight Minor	06-May 1320 Humber Delight Minor
10-Feb 1296 Chadkirk Treble Bob Minor	16-May 1344 Knutsford Delight Minor
11-Feb 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major	03-Jun 1320 Ludlow Delight Minor
13-Feb 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major	16-Jun 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major
24-Feb 1320 Chepstow Delight Minor	08-Jul 1440 Melrose Delight Minor
25-Feb 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major	15-Jul 1280 Uxbridge Surprise Major
03-Mar 1280 Superlative Surprise Major	17-Jul 1368 Rochester Treble Bob Minor
04-Mar 1344 Cheviot Treble Bob Minor	12-Aug 1280 Superlative Surprise Major
10-Mar 1344 Chiltern Treble Bob Minor	18-Aug 1280 Painswick Surprise Major
11-Mar 1280 Pudsey Surprise Major	22-Aug 1440 Rostherne Delight Minor
17-Mar 1280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major	01-Sep 1440 Sherborne Delight Minor
20-Mar 1280 Lessness Surprise Major	01-Sep 1280 Uxbridge Surprise Major
04-Mar 1320 Conway Delight Minor	23-Sep 1440 Skipton Delight Minor
07-Apr 1344 Dunedin Delight Minor	15-Oct 1440 Taxal Delight Minor
07-Apr 1280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major	16-Oct 1440 Warwick Delight Minor
24-Apr 1280 Kent Treble Bob Royal	20-Oct 1280 Aldenham Surprise Major
01-May 1296 Evesham Delight Minor	11-Dec 1472 Kent Treble Bob Major

ANALYSIS OF DISTRIBUTED PERFORMANCES

46 Distributed performances have been noted, of which 36 included 50% or more ringers in Essex and are listed above. These performances are in the main used to practice more advanced ringing, but without the travel that might otherwise be needed.

3 Ringing Members took part, one ringing in 45 quarters, one ringing in 36 and the other ringing in 16. All were "In Hand". Methods ranged from various treble dodging Minor, Surprise Major and Surprise Royal. A significant milestone was the completion of a quarter peal in Ringing Room in each of the 'Standard' 147 treble dodging methods by two of the ringers together with Simon Rudd who called all the quarters.



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PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Association holds two insurance policies for its members. *The following notes are intended as a guide only and are not intended as a substitute to the insurance policies held by the Association relevant to the period of cover, which contain the full policy definitions, terms, conditions and exclusions.*

Public Liability

The policy covers bell ringing, minor maintenance and fundraising events. No definition of 'minor maintenance' is available but it would cover routine maintenance and similar activities. Fundraising includes, for example, the use of halls for meetings and publicity and social events (including the use of mini-rings). The indemnity is up to £5,000,000 for every claim with a £250 excess and includes member-to-member liability. The policy is with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. Public liability cover for major bell projects should be arranged separately.

Personal Accident

The policy covers all paid-up members of the Association (but not non-resident members), including any person under instruction prior to acceptance for membership of the Essex Association. The policy is underwritten by Allianz Insurance plc. Members are covered whilst ringing or attending to any works or travelling to or from a church or bell tower to practice or take part in ringing anywhere in the world. Cover and benefits payable have been extended in respect of age benefits (see table below). Cover is subject to the policy terms, conditions and exclusions – the Insured shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent accidents and any injury, loss or destruction or damage and shall take all reasonable steps to observe and comply with statutory or local authority laws, obligations and requirements.

Benefits payable in the event of an accident		Aged under 80	Aged 80 - 90
1	Death	£30,000	£2,500
2-3	The above amounts are also payable across the age ranges in respect of loss of sight of one or both eyes, loss of one or more limb(s), loss of hearing in one or both ears or loss of speech		
4	Permanent total disablement	£30,000	£2,500
5	Temporary total disablement	£300 pw for up to 104 weeks	Not covered
6	Temporary partial disablement	Not covered	Not covered
7	Quadriplegia	£50,000	Not covered
8	Triplegia	£85,000	Not covered
9	Paraplegia	£125,000	Not covered
Additional benefits are payable e.g. dental, optical, rehabilitation and counselling			

Any member whose subscription is in arrears and who has not paid those arrears by the 30th April each year will not have their insurance cover renewed. It is therefore even more important that you do not let your membership lapse. In the event of a claim the Association Officers will decide whether or not you are a valid member based on membership lists, which the Association are required to maintain (Rule 11.3).

The above is a summary of the policies held and in any conflict with this summary and the actual policies, the policies will take precedence. Claims and queries concerning the extent of the cover, exclusions or operation of the policies should be directed in the first instance to the Association Treasurer so that the position may be clarified with the insurers.

Andrew Brewster
Association Treasurer
January 2026

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2026

Ringing Members: £12; Junior Ringing Members (aged 17 or under on 1st January): minimum £6;

Associate Members £6; Non-Resident Life Members: £120.

Paid life membership: Ringing £240; Associate £120.

Peal Fee £0 per rope (or pair of handbells).

This Annual Report is free to Ringing and Associate Members, is free to Non-Resident Members in the year that they are elected only, and costs £4 (+ £2.50 2nd class p&p for a printed copy) to non-members.

You can join the Association by initially applying on-line at membermojo.co.uk/eacr - you will also need to present a membership application form (available from District Secretaries or through the Membership link on the EACR web-site at eacr.org.uk) at any District Meeting to confirm your election.

RULES

- 1 The **ASSOCIATION** shall be called '**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**'.
- 2 **OBJECTS**
- 2.1 The **OBJECTS** of the Association shall be:
 - (a) To further the work of the Church by the ringing of bells and to promote all aspects of the same;
 - (b) The advancement of the education of the public in the art and science of bell ringing, by promoting and encouraging the practice of bellringing and by supporting the recruitment, training and development of bellringers.
- 2.2 In furtherance of these objects the Association shall:
 - (a) encourage the attendance of its members both at service ringing and at public worship;
 - (b) encourage the recognition of ringers as Church workers;
 - (c) encourage fellowship and communication among ringers;
 - (d) recruit and train new ringers, so that there may be regular service ringing in all the towers within the Association's boundaries where the bells are ringable; and
 - (e) promote interest in the care of all the bells and provision of new bells within the Association's boundaries.
- 3 **THE ASSOCIATION** shall be registered with the **CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES** (registration number 292250).
- 4 **THE ASSOCIATION** shall be affiliated to the **CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS** and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.
- 5 **THE PRESIDENT** shall be the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. The Vice-Presidents shall be the Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral, the Area Bishops, Honorary Assistant Bishops and Archdeacons of the Chelmsford Diocese.
- 6 **THE ASSOCIATION** shall be **GOVERNED** by the Association Trustees (defined in Rule 12) and administered by them through the Management Committee and its sub-committees, and through the Districts and their respective District Committees and District Meetings. The Trustees are responsible to the Membership via the Annual General Meeting. The order of precedence for Governance is: i) the Trustees, ii) the Management Committee, iii) the District Officers.
- 7 **THE BOUNDARIES** of the Association shall be those defining the geographical County of Essex prior to 1st April 1965 and shall include towers in adjacent counties which are by tradition affiliated to the Association. The Association shall be sub-divided into **SIX DISTRICTS**: Northern, North-Eastern, North-Western, Southern, South-Eastern and South-Western, the boundaries of which shall be regulated by the Management Committee.
- 8 **MEMBERSHIP**
- 8.1 **MEMBERSHIP** shall be open to any person interested in bells and bellringing.
- 8.2 Membership categories shall comprise the following:
 - (a) **RINGING MEMBERS** able to ring a tower bell unaided and ring changes to a standard suitable for Sunday Service ringing on tower bells or to ring handbells. Changes shall be deemed to include method ringing, call changes and tenor cover on tower bells. Handbell ringers shall be capable of ringing methods on two bells retained in hand.
 - (b) **LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS** are Ringing Members honoured by the Association for their exemplary service and substantial contribution to the operation of both a District and the Association for over 20 years.
 - (c) **LIFE MEMBERS** are Ringing or Associate Members honoured for their substantial contribution to their tower and district for an extended period (over 20 years) or who have been Ringing Members for at least 50 years.
 - (d) **NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS** who shall meet the criteria for Ringing Membership and who shall not be normally resident within the Association's boundaries. Ringing Members for five consecutive years on moving from within the boundaries of the Association shall qualify as Non-Resident Life Members without election on payment of current subscriptions.
 - (e) **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** who wish to be associated with and support the objects and activities of the Association but who are not eligible for membership under any other category.
- 8.3 Members in categories 8.2 (a), (b), (c) and (e) only, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting and hold office unless otherwise stated in these rules.
- 8.4 Any person whose name appears on the Sex Offenders Register is not eligible to become or remain a member of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.
- 9 **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
- 9.1 **SUBSCRIPTIONS** shall be due on election and subsequent annual subscriptions on 1st January. Ringing and Associate Members may become life-paid members by paying a lump sum equal to not less than 20 times the annual subscription at the current time. Elected Non-Resident Life Members pay a one-off subscription.
- 9.2 Those members whose annual subscriptions are not paid by 30th April each year shall not participate in or vote at meetings or ring peals for the Association until the subscription is paid and those not paid by 31st December shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association and their names shall not be published in the Annual Report for that year. Lapsed members may be readmitted to membership without election in

- the year following non-payment if payment of arrears and the current year's subscription are received by 30th April. After this date lapsed members shall be re-elected in accordance with Rule 10.
- 9.3 Ringing Members aged less than 18 years on 1st January shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in their subscriptions.
- 9.4 Life Members and Life Vice-Presidents shall become free from further subscriptions upon election.
- 10 ELECTION OF MEMBERS**
- 10.1 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS** (except Life Vice-Presidents and Life Members) may take place at any business meeting. Prospective members shall apply using the prescribed Application Form and may only be elected by a majority vote of members present. Election is only completed on payment of subscriptions.
- 10.2 Ringing Members and Non-Resident Life Members may be provisionally elected (via "Belfry Election") prior to a peal attempt by two Ringing Members of the Association and ratified at the next business meeting, the proposers being responsible for subscriptions and for ensuring the prescribed Application Form is completed. The Peals Secretary shall be notified of such Belfry Elections immediately following a peal, including the name and address of each new member.
- 10.3 **ELECTION OF LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS** shall be by overall majority vote of members present at an Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall be forwarded by the Management Committee only if not less than four-fifths of the Committee Members present vote in favour. All nominations for Life Vice-President, including details of the work of the nominee, together with the names of proposer and seconder shall be submitted to the Association General Secretary in writing by 1st January for review at the February Management Committee Meeting.
- 10.4 **ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS** shall be by overall majority vote of members present at an Annual General Meeting. All nominations for Life Members, including details of the work of the nominee, together with the names of proposer and seconder shall be submitted to the Association General Secretary in writing by 1st December and all nominations shall be circulated to all District Secretaries by 14th December for announcement to their members and at their Annual District Meetings.
- 11 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**
- 11.1 The **MASTER** shall promote the interests of the Association, control all ringing activities at General Meetings or gatherings of the Association (other than District meetings or functions), chair Trustees, General and Management Committee Meetings and deal with such other matters as may be provided for in these rules or as may be directed by the Trustees or the Management Committee.
- 11.2 The **GENERAL SECRETARY** shall record the Minutes of Trustees, General and Management Committee meetings, issue notices of all General Meetings of the Association and of the Trustees and of the Management Committee, and carry out such other duties as may be directed by the Trustees or the Management Committee.
- 11.3 The **TREASURER** shall give and receive vouchers for monies passed, maintain an up to date Membership List, keep proper books of account, ensure that proper financial records and procedures are maintained, prepare a balance sheet as at 31st December each year and an income and expenditure account for that year, or other such financial statement as prescribed by law, all of which shall be examined by the Independent Examiners or professionally audited if required. The income and expenditure account and the balance sheet shall be approved by the Trustees and reported to the Management Committee prior to being presented to the members at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 11.4 The **PROPERTY TRUSTEES** ("holding trustees") shall be vested with the title to all investments held by or on behalf of the Association and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of books and records and other property of the Association and shall maintain an accurate list of the property of the Association. The Master, General Secretary and Treasurer (the "Principal Officers") shall be ex-officio Property Trustees of the Association. All monies received by the Association shall be paid into bank or other accounts in the name of the Association as agreed by the Trustees; any two of the six nominated Property Trustees shall have the power to authorise payments. All money in the Association's funds not required for normal working purposes shall be invested or deposited by the Treasurer as may be directed by the Trustees.
- 11.5 The **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER** shall be responsible for co-ordinating Association communications within and beyond the Association. This shall include: social media and the website; publicity and press liaison; providing a point of contact for public enquiries and sources of material for use by the Association Members for displays, exhibitions, local publicity, etc. The Communications Officer shall normally chair the Communications & Public Relations sub-committee.
- 11.6 The **TECHNICAL ADVISER** shall advise the Trustees, the Management Committee and Association on all matters relating to towers, bells and belfries. The Technical Adviser shall provide or solicit high quality and unbiased advice regarding all technical aspects of bells, bell fittings and bell hanging, etc., as requested, including inspection and approval of work prior to grant payment. This shall include providing advice and training for those considering DIY maintenance, etc., to any parish within the Association's boundaries and undertaking detailed inspections as requested providing a full written report including any recommendations. The Technical Adviser shall normally chair the Bell Maintenance & Restoration Sub-Committee.
- 11.7 The **EDUCATION OFFICER** shall provide advice and guidance on the recruitment and training of new and existing ringers and coordinate training events at Association and District level as required, including working with recognised national bodies offering training and guidance. The Education Officer shall normally chair the Recruitment & Training Sub-Committee.
- 11.8 The **DISTRICT MASTERS** shall promote the interests of the Districts, control all ringing activities at District Meetings, chair District Meetings and deal with such other District matters as may be provided for in these rules or as may be directed by the Trustees or the Management Committee.
- 11.9 The **DEPUTY DISTRICT MASTERS** shall deputise for the District Masters as mutually agreed.

- 11.10 The **DISTRICT SECRETARIES** shall arrange and publicise District Meetings and other events, record the Minutes, and carry out decisions thereof.
- 11.11 The **DISTRICT TREASURERS** shall be responsible to the Association Treasurer for collecting membership subscriptions, donations and other monies, maintaining an up-to-date District Membership List (including addresses) and making payments within their Districts, giving and receiving vouchers for monies passed, making prompt bankings and ensuring banking summaries are sent to the Treasurer, submitting accounts to the Treasurer not later than the 31st December. A statement of district accounts shall be prepared for presentation to their Annual District Meeting.
- 11.12 All Officers and prospective Officers shall meet the eligibility requirements of Table 1 to these rules.

12 TRUSTEES

- 12.1 The Trustees shall be the Master, General Secretary, Treasurer, three Property Trustees, Communications Officer, Technical Adviser and Education Officer as elected under Rule 14 and one Trustee per District as elected under Rule 15. No person may occupy more than one Trustee post. If at any time the number of Trustees has reduced to five or below, the remaining Trustees shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting under Rule 14 to consider the future of the Association.
- 12.2 The Trustees shall ensure that the Association operates within Charity Commission recommendations for good governance practices and complies with its obligations under all current legislation, including but not limited to the current Charities Act from time to time in force, with regard to:
- (a) the keeping of accounting records for the Association;
 - (b) the preparation of annual statements of account for the Association - such accounts must be prepared in accordance with the provisions of any Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Charity Commission;
 - (c) the preparation of an Annual Report and its transmission to the Charity Commission;
 - (d) the preparation of an Annual Return and its transmission to the Charity Commission;
 - (e) the determination of and the annual review of such financial policies as may be required, including Reserves, Expenses and treatment of Legacies;
 - (f) the review, approval and publication of role descriptions and terms of reference for officers and sub-committees.
- 12.3 The Trustees shall ensure that the Association complies with its Objects and Rules as set out in this document.
- 12.4 The Trustees shall have full powers on matters not provided for in these rules.
- 12.5 All Trustees shall be at least 18 years of age and shall not be disqualified from being a Trustee by virtue of the current Charities Act from time to time in force. Prospective Trustees of the Association shall sign a declaration that they are not disqualified from becoming Trustees prior to standing for election and taking up office or attending a Trustees or Management Committee meeting, the Trustees Declaration shall be sent to the Treasurer immediately after election. All Trustees and prospective Trustees shall meet the eligibility requirements of Table 1 to these rules.
- 12.6 The Trustees are responsible to the Membership for management of the Association. Whilst they would normally act within the parameters agreed through the AGM and Management Committee, they shall where necessary for smooth running of the Association or urgency make decisions including financial approvals. The Trustees may make temporary Officer appointments if an existing officer is unable to continue; such appointments may remain in place until the next ADM or AGM or Management Committee meeting as appropriate. Such appointed officers shall not become Trustees until approved at a District or General meeting.
- 12.7 The Trustees shall meet independently of the Management Committee at least three times per year, to prepare/approve the Charity Annual Report and prepare for the Management Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Additional meetings may be held face-to-face or via electronic means and shall take place as often as required to conduct normal or urgent business. Minutes of each Trustees Meeting, redacted for sensitive material if necessary, shall be published to the Management Committee within two weeks of each meeting.
- 12.8 For all business except that conducted under Rule 19 the quorum for Trustees Meetings shall be two thirds of the elected Trustees (subject to a minimum of 5), and all decisions of the Trustees shall be by a two thirds majority of those present.
- 12.9 Trustees who do not take an active role and participate in at least two of the required meetings per year shall not normally be eligible to stand at the next election, unless in exceptional circumstances as recommended by the remainder of the Trustees and approved by the AGM or ADM prior to elections taking place.

13 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 13.1 A **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** shall manage the routine affairs of the Association on behalf of the Trustees and shall comprise the Association Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Property Trustees, Communications Officer, Technical Adviser, Education Officer, the other Trustees, Central Council Representatives, Life Vice-Presidents, the officers from each District elected under Rule 15 and those officers and convenors of the sub-committees appointed by the Management Committee under Rule 13.5 excluding members co-opted under rule 13.7.
- 13.2 The quorum for a Management Committee Meeting shall be 20 including a quorum of Trustees as defined in Rule 12.8 (including two of the Principal Officers and one Property Trustee).
- 13.3 All decisions of the Management Committee shall be carried only by overall majority of members present, except as provided for in Rule 10.3. All financial decisions require approval by the Trustees; this may be achieved through the quorum of Trustees present, or via a separate Trustees meeting convened promptly after a Management Committee meeting.

- 13.4 The Management Committee shall recommend subscriptions and peal fees and the proportion of subscriptions and peal fees transferred to bell restoration, education or any other purpose to meet the Association's Objects, for approval by the Trustees.
- 13.5 The Management Committee may appoint a Safeguarding Officer, Peals Secretary, Report Editor, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Chaplain, Ringing Course Administrator, Youth Co-ordinator, Bookstall Administrator and any other officers as it may decide and may also appoint sub-committees as required. All such officer appointments shall meet the eligibility requirements of Table 1 to these rules.
- 13.6 All acts and proceedings of any sub-committee shall be fully reported to the Management Committee at each meeting.
- 13.7 The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt such persons as it considers necessary to assist its deliberations. The number of co-opted persons at any one Management Committee meeting shall not exceed three. All co-options shall be reviewed annually and only renewed if deemed necessary.
- 13.8 No aspect of control of the Association may be delegated to any person or persons not duly elected as Trustees or elected or appointed as members of the Management Committee.
- 13.9 The Management Committee shall meet on at least two occasions during the year to discuss matters concerning the Association:
 - (a) not later than the last day of February to prepare the Agenda and other arrangements for the Annual General Meeting; and
 - (b) not later than the last day of October to: review the Association's financial affairs to date and to recommend budgets for the coming year for approval by the Trustees; and to appoint Auditors or suitably qualified Independent Examiners if the accounts for the current year are likely to exceed the legal thresholds for audit or qualified independent examination in place of the elected Independent Examiners if they are not qualified for such appointment.
- 13.10 Should no Auditors or qualified Independent Examiners be appointed and subsequently it is found necessary so to do then the Auditors or qualified Independent Examiners shall be appointed by the Trustees.
- 13.11 The Trustees acting through the Management Committee and its sub-committees shall have the power to raise funds by any lawful means other than permanent trading.
- 13.12 A number of sub-committees shall operate to coordinate work across the Association and its Districts. These shall normally include Communications & Public Relations, Recruitment & Training and Bell Maintenance & Restoration. Each shall be sponsored by a Trustee who shall normally attend the sub-committee meetings and act as the link between the Trustees and the sub-committee. It is preferable that each district shall be represented on each sub-committee. The three principal officers shall be ex-officio members of each sub-committee. Terms of reference for each sub-committee and details of the application processes for any applications for funding may be proposed by the Trustees or the Management Committee for approval by the Trustees. The sub-committees shall decide how and when to meet and shall provide a written report for each Management Committee meeting.
 - (a) The Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee shall comprise the Communications Officer, General Secretary, Master, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and normally at least one member or officer active in Communications or Public Relations from each district. The convener shall be the Communications Officer or a member of the Management Committee. The Communications Officer shall be the sponsoring Trustee.
 - (b) The Recruitment & Training Sub-Committee shall comprise the Education Officer, Ringing Course Administrator, Master, Treasurer and normally at least one member or officer active in Education and Training from each district. The convener shall be the Education Officer or a member of the Management Committee. The Education Officer shall be the sponsoring Trustee. Applications for training funding shall be considered by this sub-committee.
 - (c) The Bell Maintenance & Restoration Sub-Committee shall comprise the Technical Adviser, Treasurer and normally at least one member or officer active in Bell Maintenance from each district. The convener shall be the Technical Adviser or a member of the Management Committee. The Technical Adviser shall be the sponsoring Trustee. This sub-committee shall consider applications for financial assistance for bell maintenance and restoration in accordance with Rule 13.13, meeting at least 30 days before each Management Committee meeting and making written recommendations for consideration at the next Committee meeting.
- 13.13 The Trustees shall have the power, after considering a recommendation from the Bell Maintenance & Restoration Sub-Committee supported by the Management Committee, to approve financial assistance for maintenance and improvement of a bell installation, which shall be deemed to include the following:
 - (a) Taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting bells and erecting the same.
 - (b) Taking out, overhauling and reclobbering existing bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting or overhauling and re-erecting.
 - (c) Taking out existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, recasting or overhauling and reclobbering same and re-erecting.
 - (d) Augmentation and bringing existing bells, frames and fittings into an adequate state of repair.
 - (e) All other major repairs to bells, frames, fittings and towers.
 - (f) The provision of bells, frames and fittings and erection of same in Churches which previously had none.
 - (g) The provision of sound regulation by means of adjustable equipment designed to facilitate ringing.
 - (h) Provision of Bell Simulators and audio-visual equipment to support training and practice.

14 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 14.1 **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** shall normally be held in Chelmsford on the May Day Bank Holiday and arrangements made for a special service. The following business shall be transacted: confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (and any Extraordinary General Meeting held since the previous AGM); adoption of reports and accounts; consideration of motions; matters recommended by the Trustees or the Management Committee; election of Officers whose nominations shall have been received by the General Secretary before 1st February: Master, General Secretary, Treasurer, three Property Trustees, Technical Adviser, Education Officer, Communications Officer and Central Council representatives as defined by the Council's rules; election of at least one and preferably two Independent Examiners; election of Life Vice-Presidents and Life Members. Notices of motion sponsored by at least two members must have been received by the General Secretary before 1st February. The closing date for nominations and notices of motion shall be published in accordance with Rule 23 in December of each year. Notice giving full details of the Agenda and other arrangements shall be delivered, in accordance with Rule 23, not later than 14 days prior to the Meeting.
- 14.2 **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS** may be called by the General Secretary, either by request of the Trustees or the Management Committee or by written request, detailing the business or motion to be discussed, signed by no fewer than fifty members. The meeting shall be convened within two months of receiving a properly constituted written request or Trustees/Committee instruction. One month's notice of any such meeting shall be sent in accordance with Rule 23 stating the purpose for which it is called. No other business shall be transacted thereat.
- 14.3 50 Members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting.

15 DISTRICT MEETINGS

- 15.1 Each District shall hold at least three meetings yearly.
- 15.2 The first of the three meetings shall be the Annual District Meeting at which shall be elected four Officers and one Trustee. The Officers shall be District Master, Deputy District Master, District Secretary and District Treasurer. The Trustee may be one of the District officers or another member who has the full support of the District; the Trustee attends Trustees Meetings with the full delegated authority of the District. All of these may represent the district on the Management Committee. In the event of a vacancy, a District may elect an Officer or Trustee at any business meeting. The General Secretary shall be notified, in writing, of these District elections and the Trustees Declaration sent to the Treasurer immediately.
- 15.3 The quorum for District Meetings shall be 10 members of that District including at least two elected District Officers.

- 16 **THE EXPENSES** paid by the Treasurer from the Association Funds may be: those of the Annual General Meeting; the Essex Ringing Course; cost of printing and distribution of the Annual Reports; purchase of stock; travelling and other expenses of Officers; postage, stationery and incidental expenditure (including Audit or Independent Examination fees approved by the Trustees); Central Council affiliation fees; and, if pre-authorised by the Trustees, reasonable expenses of Representatives attending the Council; education and training expenses as approved by the Recruitment & Training Sub-Committee; costs associated with the website; the cost of advertisements in The Ringing World, on BellBoard and Social Media and any other expenditure determined by the Trustees or the Management Committee year by year. No action involving expenditure in the name or on behalf of the Association shall be taken and no undertakings which would commit the Association to expenditure or other liability shall be made without the prior authority of a resolution of the Trustees or the Management Committee.

- 17 **An ANNUAL REPORT** for the year ended 31st December shall be printed and shall contain: Office for Belfry Use; a list of Trustees, Officers and Conveners of sub-committees; Trustees Report; Officers' reports for the year's work including Statement of Accounts signed by the Treasurer and the Independent Examiners/Auditors; a classified list of members, excluding those in Rule 8.2(d) elected prior to the current year; peals and quarter peals rung and other matters determined by the Management Committee. The Rules, list of Association Property as certified by the Property Trustees, Standing Orders and Striking Competition Rules shall each be printed in the Annual Report at least every five years.

- 18 **PEALS RUNG** by members which conform to the current regulations of the Central Council may be credited to the Association. Details of such peals shall be forwarded by the Conductor together with the peal booking fee charged at the time to the Peals Secretary. Peal Booking Fees for peals rung up to 30th November each year shall be forwarded by 14th December. Peals rung in December shall be notified to the Peals Secretary by 1st January and the Peal Booking Fees forwarded by 7th January.

19 SUSPENSION or REMOVAL OF OFFICE or MEMBERSHIP

- 19.1 If in the unanimous opinion of all the Association Trustees any Officer is unfit to hold office or fails to carry out their duties to its satisfaction, it shall have the power to suspend the Officer immediately, advising the reasons for suspension, and confirming in writing within seven days. If the Officer is also a Trustee then the remaining Trustees must be unanimous.
- 19.2 If in the unanimous opinion of the Trustees a member has committed acts which have or are likely to damage the reputation of the Association, then their membership may be suspended with immediate effect, advising the reasons for suspension, and confirming in writing within seven days.
- 19.3 All suspensions shall be reviewed and confirmed or rejected at the next Trustees Meeting, which shall be convened within 2 months of the suspension, whose decision shall be final. Members and Officers who are suspended shall be invited to the meeting and given the opportunity to make representation to the Trustees either in person or through an intermediary (who shall not be a Trustee) prior to the Trustees making their determination on termination or reinstatement. Membership or Office shall be terminated or reinstated if not less than four fifths of the Trustees present vote in favour. Life Vice-Presidents whose Office is suspended may retain their life membership but may not take part in Management Committee meetings or act as

Trustees. Terminated members shall forfeit any payment made to the Association. All suspensions, terminations and re-instatements shall be reported to the Management Committee members within 2 weeks.

- 19.4 Terminated members may not seek re-election until at least three years after termination, or in the case of a custodial sentence three years after release, and then not until a formal application supported by at least two members has been considered by the Trustees and approved by not less than four fifths of the Trustees present. Those terminated members whose application to rejoin has been approved must present themselves at a District Meeting for re-election and may not be re-elected by Belfry Election.

20 MEETING CONDUCT

- 20.1 All Association and District business meetings shall use Standing Orders.
- 20.2 In the event of urgency the Chairman may accept a motion for the suspension of Standing Orders. A member proposing this motion must clearly state the urgency and the Standing Order numbers involved. The length of time of any suspension shall be subject to the discretion of the meeting.
- 20.3 Meetings shall generally take place face-to-face. However, at the discretion of the Trustees for Trustees and Association meetings, District Officers for District meetings and sub-committee conveners for sub-committee meetings, these may take place using electronic conferencing facilities. If a quorum of meeting attendees, on receipt of a notice of a meeting, request that the meeting be held face-to-face then this shall be arranged instead.

21 RULE CHANGES

- 21.1 No alteration, addition or deletion of these rules shall be made except by a motion considered at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting specially called for the purpose.
- 21.2 No alteration, addition or deletion of these rules shall be made so as to cause the Association at any time to cease to be a Charity in Law. No alteration, addition or deletion of these rules shall be made unless approved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting. No alteration, addition or deletion of these rules shall be made so as to cause the Association or its Officers to act or potentially act illegally. If at any time the Association Officers are advised that a rule is illegal, then the Trustees shall meet to review the matter, seeking such legal advice as deemed necessary. If the advice is upheld it shall issue a notice suspending the application of that rule with immediate effect and convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with Rule 14.2 to formally remove the rule or pass a legal alternative.

22 DISSOLUTION

- 22.1 If the members resolve to dissolve the Association (through a Motion at a General Meeting) the Trustees will remain in office and be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Association in accordance with this clause.
- 22.2 The Trustees must collect in all the assets of the Association and must pay or make provision for all the liabilities of the Association.
- 22.3 The Trustees must apply any remaining property or money:
- (a) directly for the Objects of the Association (defined in rule 2);
 - (b) by distribution for the purpose of bell maintenance and restoration equally among those Churches which at the time of the dissolution were in union with Association;
 - (c) by transfer to any Charity or charities for purposes the same as or similar to the Association;
 - (d) in such other manner as the Charity Commission for England and Wales ("the Commission") may approve in writing in advance.
- 22.4 The members may pass a resolution before or at the same time as the resolution to dissolve the Association specifying the manner in which the Trustees are to apply the remaining property or assets of the Association and the Trustees must comply with the resolution if it is consistent with paragraph 22.3 above.
- 22.5 In no circumstances shall the net assets of the Association be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association (except to a member that is itself a Charity).
- 22.6 The Trustees must notify the Commission promptly that the Association has been dissolved. If the Trustees are obliged to send the Association's accounts to the Commission for the accounting period which ended before its dissolution, they must send the Commission the Association's final accounts.

- 23 NOTICES** shall be given by any of the following means: advertisement in The Ringing World; publication by electronic means. In addition Notices of Agenda for the Annual and Extraordinary General meetings shall be sent by mail (postal or electronic) to each Tower Correspondent (delivery of the Annual Report shall be deemed sufficient notice of the AGM).

These rules were adopted at the AGM on 2 May 2011 and amended at the AGMs on 6 May 2019 and 3 May 2021.

RULES TABLE 1 - Officer Eligibility and Election/Appointment requirements

OFFICE	Qty	TRUSTEE (Rule 12)	Mgt Cttee Member (Rule 13)	Electing/Appointing Body			Reqd Ringer? (8.2abc)	Reqd Member? (8.2abce)	Membership Length	Electing/ Appointing Rule	Role Definition
				AGM	District	Trustees					
Master	1	YES	YES	YES		#	YES	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.1 & 12
Secretary	1	YES	YES	YES		#	YES	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.2 & 12
Treasurer	1	YES	YES	YES		#	YES	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.3 & 12
Property Trustee	3	YES	YES	YES			NOT REQD	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.4 & 12
Communications Officer	1	YES	YES	YES		#	YES	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.5 & 12
Technical Adviser	1	YES	YES	YES		#	YES	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.6 & 12
Education Officer	1	YES	YES	YES		#	YES	YES	>2 yr	14.1	11.7 & 12
Central Council Rep	5	NO	YES	YES			YES	YES	>1yr	14.1	NA
Life Vice-President	-	NO	YES	YES			YES	YES	>20yr	14.1	NA (8.2b)
Independent Examiner	2	NO	NO	YES			IF REQD	NOT REQD	NA	14.1, 13.9/10	NA
Auditor	1	NO	NO	YES			IF REQD	NOT REQD	NA	13.9/10	NA
District Deputy Master	6	**	YES	YES	YES	#	YES	YES	>1yr	15.2	11.9
District Master	6	**	YES	YES	YES	#	YES	YES	>1yr	15.2	11.8
District Secretary	6	**	YES	YES	YES	#	YES	YES	>1yr	15.2	11.10
District Treasurer	6	**	YES	YES	YES	#	YES	YES	>1yr	15.2	11.11
(District) Trustee **	6	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	>1yr	15.2	12
Chaplain	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	NOT REQD	NA	13.6	NA
Webmaster	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	NOT REQD	>1yr	13.6	NA
Course Admin	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA
Newsletter Ed	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA
Report Ed	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA (17)
Peals Sec	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA (18)
Safeguarding	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	NOT REQD	>1yr	13.6	NA
Youth Coord	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA
Bookstall	1	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA
Other appointments	-	NO	YES	YES			IF REQD	YES	>1yr	13.6	NA

NOTES # in emergency only, to be ratified at a District Meeting or General Meeting, may only observe at Trustee meetings until ratified

IF REQD - Trustees or MC to appoint if required, or as urgent replacement

** District-elected Trustees normally expected to be one of the four District Officers but may be another member if the Officers do not wish to act as Trustees

Required Ringer/Member - is the officer required to be a bell-ringing member or could they be an Associate Member? Or can they be a non-member? The Trustees may vary this by formal decision in specific cases only (i.e. an individual appointment or election, not as a permanent change).

Membership length - the recommended minimum length of membership under Rule 8.2 immediately prior to standing for office (may be varied under exceptional circumstances by formal decision at the electing/appointing meeting, e.g. an experienced officer moving into the area from another association).

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION RULES

1. The Association Annual Striking Competition shall comprise a Six Bell Final and an Eight Bell Competition which shall normally be held on the second Saturday of July.
2. The Competition shall be hosted by a district, chosen each year in rotation. The District shall be responsible for organising a venue for each of the Six Bell and Eight Bell competitions, appointing persons to act as M.C., and making all local arrangements including refreshments.
3. **OFFICIALS**

The Association Secretary shall arrange the draw for the order of ringing at the appointed time. To overcome any attendance difficulties teams may with the consent of the Association Master and the other teams re-arrange the order in which they shall ring.

The Association Master shall appoint judges for each of the Six Bell and Eight Bell competitions. There shall be at least two judges for each competition who shall preferably not be resident within the Association's area.

An M.C. shall supervise the ringing. They shall be the only person in the Ringing Room with each competing team and will report to the judges as to method(s) rung and the truth of the ringing at the conclusion of the competition.

The Judges shall recognise each team by a number only. They will announce the result of the competition after each event and will be expected to give a report on each team's performance.
4. **A TROPHY** will be presented to the winning team after the Judges have given their decision. The holders shall be responsible for its safe-keeping whilst it is in their possession and shall ensure that it is returned to their District Master at least 14 days before the date on which the next Association Competition is to take place.
5. If necessary, ruling concerning any matter not covered by these rules shall be given by the District Master or their nominee in the case of a District Heat or by the Master or their nominee at the Final and any such decision shall be final. Rules 7.2, 7.3, & 7.5 below shall also apply to the District Heats, other requirements are at the discretion of the District Master.
6. These rules may be amended by the Management Committee.
7. **SIX BELL COMPETITION**
 - 7.1 There shall be up to two teams from each District in the Six Bell Final. Each District must arrange and hold their Heat before the end of June and the winners and runners-up (or next available team) of each District Heat shall be entitled to compete in the Final. In the event of any District having fewer than three teams prepared to compete in the District Heat then that District may dispense with the District Heat and if applicable those teams who were prepared to compete shall be deemed to have qualified for the Final.
 - 7.2 **THE COMPETITION PIECE** shall be 240 changes of either Minor or Doubles with tenor covering. Five bell towers may ring Doubles without a covering bell.
 - 7.3 Practice rounds or changes of two minutes will be allowed before each team rings the competition piece. Commencement of the competition piece shall be indicated by an agreed signal.
 - 7.4 Any team failing to complete the competition piece at the first attempt (unless due to a mechanical breakdown, e.g. broken rope) shall retire.
 - 7.5 **TEAMS** - All towers within the Association's boundaries may compete in their District Heats.
 - a) A tower may enter any number of teams composed of ringers listed as being members of that tower in the current report or any who may have been elected since the last report was published. Up to three ringers listed as Unattached in the District may ring for a tower provided that they regularly ring at that tower.
 - b) A tower finding difficulties to form a team on the competition day, may make their own arrangements to have up to two substitutes from neighbouring towers.
 - c) A tower with insufficient members to form a team may join with a neighbouring tower in the same situation to form a joint team, entering the competition in the joint name of both towers. Ringers at towers within a parish group, or who regularly ring in a parish group, may join together and enter a team in the name of the parish group. A parish group may cross district boundaries but may only enter one team in one District unless there are sufficient ringers to form two bands.
 - d) No ringer shall compete in more than one team in either the District Heats or the Association Final. To overcome any attendance difficulties teams may with the consent of the District or Association Master and the other teams re-arrange the order in which they shall ring.
8. **EIGHT BELL COMPETITION**
 - 8.1 **THE COMPETITION PIECE** shall be determined each year by the Master who shall decide whether a set touch is to be used or whether the touch is to be left to the discretion of each team.
 - a) If a set touch is to be used, the details will be advised at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b) If no set touch is defined then each team shall ring at least 250 changes of Major or Triples with tenor covering.
 - 8.2 Practice rounds or changes of three minutes will be allowed before each team rings the competition piece. Commencement of the competition piece shall be indicated by an agreed signal.
 - 8.3 Any team failing to complete the competition piece at the first attempt (unless due to a mechanical breakdown, e.g. broken rope) shall retire.

8.4 **TEAMS** – Each District may enter one team.

- a) District teams shall be composed of ringers listed as being Ringing Members of that District in the current report or any who may have been elected since the last report was published
- b) No ringer shall compete in more than one team.

These rules were adopted at the AGM on 2 May 2011 and amended at the AGM on 2 May 2016 and at the Management Committee on 3 February 2018.





STANDING ORDERS

1. **AGENDA** - Items on the Agenda shall take precedence over other business, except matters of urgency, which may be moved only by permission of the meeting. Any member may introduce business, not requiring notice, for consideration after the items on the Agenda have been completed, time permitting.
2. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman (it shall not be necessary to read Minutes of any meeting which have been circulated to members). No discussion thereon shall be allowed except with regard to their accuracy before confirmation, after which relevant questions may be asked regarding matters arising therefrom. Debates on the policy outlined shall take place only by permission of the Chairman.
3. **SPEAKERS** - Speakers shall address the Chair, speak clearly and audibly, and announce their names and localities. When necessary the Chairman shall decide on the precedence to be given to the speakers. Time limits shall be: Movers of resolutions and amendments, five minutes; seconders and other speakers, three minutes; unless otherwise agreed. Movers shall be entitled to three minutes at the end of discussion. Members shall speak more than once, on a given proposition, only by permission of the Chairman.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S RULING** - The Chairman's Rulings on any question shall be final, unless challenged by not less than four members, and a majority of those present to the contrary.
5. **MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS** - The first proposition on a matter shall be known as the 'Original Motion' and succeeding propositions known as 'Amendments'. Every motion or amendment must be properly seconded before discussion. It is permissible to address the meeting and conclude with a motion. When an amendment is moved no further amendment may be discussed until the first is disposed of satisfactorily. If an amendment is carried it disposes of the Original Motion, and becomes the Substantive Motion, whereupon a further amendment relevant to the Substantive Motion may be moved. After a vote on each succeeding amendment the surviving proposition shall be put, and if carried, shall then become a resolution of the meeting. No direct negative to any motion shall be taken.
6. **CLOSURES** - If he considers a matter sufficiently debated, the Chairman may move 'That the question now be put'. Closure may also be moved by a member who has not taken part in the debate. If the closure is carried, the mover of the Original Motion or Substantive Motion shall have the right to reply. Should the closure be defeated ten minutes must elapse before it can again be moved.
7. **VOTING** - Voting shall be by show of hands, unless otherwise decided by the meeting. In the event of voting being equal, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his own, otherwise the motion shall be deemed to be lost. The Chairman shall declare a motion carried 'unanimously' when all present vote in favour; carried 'nem con' (none contradicting) where some abstain and none vote against; carried 'by majority' where a count has been necessary. No resolution shall be rescinded at the same meeting at which it is carried.

These standing orders were last amended at the AGM on 2 May 2011.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the Association through the links below and your District Facebook pages.

	www.facebook.com/EsexBells		www.eacr.org.uk/
	www.instagram.com/essex.bells/	 YouTube	www.youtube.com/channel/UCwQcGeDDYSzKVw-m4huwKZw

TOWERS IN THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AREA

1. CONTAINING FOUR OR MORE BELLS HUNG FOR RINGING:

↺ = Anticlockwise Ring Unringable due to: ⚠ Tower ✦ Frame/fittings ⚠ Cracked bells ☹ Other
 + = +Semitones(s) ‡ = Ground Floor, Staircase, Ladder, X-Simulator, Chiming Apparatus, Toilet,

Tower	Dedication	Dist	No of Bells	Tenor Weight	Key	‡	O/S Ref & Post Code	Peal Total
Ardleigh	St Mary the Virgin	NE	10	13-1-2	F#	LT	054296 CO7 7LE	122
Arkesden	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	5-2-19	G#	S	483345 CB11 4HB	11
Ashdon	All Saints	NW	8	15-1-25	F	ST	581415 CB10 2HG	46
Barking	St Margaret	SW	8	18-2-21	Eb	SCT	441838 IG11 8AS	193
Barkingside	St George	SW	8	10-0-9	G	SC	431887 IG2 6XF	58
Basildon	St Martin of Tours	S	8	11-2-24	G	S	702886 SS14 1DX	3
Beauchamp Roding ✦	St Botolph	NW	4	9-0-0	-	-	578098 CM5 0PF	-
Belchamp St Paul	St Andrew	N	6	8-2-16	F#	SCT	798435 CO10 7DJ	49
Belchamp Walter ✦	St Mary the Virgin	N	8	9-1-0	Ab	-	827407 CO10 7AT	22
Bentley Common	St Paul	S	6	4-1-17	C#	ST	566966 CM14 5RZ	44
Bishop's Stortford	St Michael	NW	12+	15-0-17	E	SXT	486213 CM23 2LS	243
Black Notley	SS Peter & Paul	N	5	5-3-26	Bb	GFT	762207 CM77 8LF	23
Blackmore ✦	St Laurence	NW	5	10-1-10	F#	-	603016 CM4 0RN	-
Bobbingworth	St Germain	NW	6	13-0-3	G	GFT	534055 CM5 0DQ	15
Bocking	St Mary	N	10	18-1-20	E	ST	572566 CM7 5NA	176
Boreham	St Andrew	SE	8	13-0-19	F	S	756097 CM3 3EG	509
Bradwell-on-Sea	St Thomas	SE	8	8-0-10	G#	ST	004069 CM0 7PX	10
Braintree	St Michael	N	10	10-2-27	Gb	LXT	756229 CM7 1EY	172
Brentwood	St Thomas of Canterbury	S	8	18-1-15	D#	ST	596937 CM14 4DF	169
Broomfield	St Mary	SE	6	11-0-18	G	GFT	705105 CM1 7BD	26
Broxted ✦	St Mary	N	4	8-2-0	-	-	578274 CM6 2BZ	-
Bures ↺	St Mary	NE	8	21-0-0	E	ST	907340 CO8 5AB	38
Burnham-on-Crouch	St Mary	SE	6	10-0-15	Ab	ST	949971 CM0 8QB	30
Canewdon	St Nicholas	S	10	17-2-23	E	SXT	896945 SS4 3PY	4
Canewdon ↺ ☹	St Nicholas	S	5	9-2-0	G	SCT	896945 SS4 3PY	-
Castle Hedingham ↺	St Nicholas	N	6	11-1-21	G#	GF	784355 CO9 3ER	21
Chelmsford Cathedral	St Mary the Virgin, St Peter and St Cedd	SE	12+	34-2-22	C	ST	708070 CM1 1NH	258
Chigwell	St Mary	SW	6	8-0-15	G	GFCXT	441937 IG7 6QA	43
Chigwell Row	All Saints	SW	8	14-0-11	F#	SC	465933 IG7 4QD	62
Chrishall	Holy Trinity	NW	6	8-1-22	Ab	ST	451386 SG8 8QU	14
Clavering	SS Mary & Clement	NW	6	9-0-13	G	L	471318 CB11 4PJ	7
Coggeshall	St Peter ad Vincula	N	10	24-1-7	D	SXT	854230 CO6 1UB	157
Colchester	All Saints, Shrub End	NE	6	4-1-14	Eb	LT	970232 CO3 9FN	33
Colchester	St Leonard at the Hythe	NE	6	15-0-0	F	GF	013247 CO1 2NS	27
Colchester	St Peter	NE	8	21-0-17	Eb	ST	994253 CO1 1JW	148
Colne Engaine	St Andrew	N	6	9-2-7	G	GF	850304 CO6 2HY	57
Dagenham	SS Peter & Paul	SW	8	14-3-0	F#	S	500845 RM10 9UX	165
Danbury	St John the Baptist	SE	8	10-1-24	Ab	ST	779052 CM3 4NG	172
Dedham ✦ ⚠	St Mary the Virgin	NE	8	19-0-0	E	S	056332 CO7 6DE	5
Downham	St Margaret	S	6	7-3-0	Bb	ST	730952 CM11 1LG	254
Earls Colne	St Andrew	N	8	14-0-15	F	SX	860288 CO6 2RG	77
Eastwood	St Laurence & All Saints	S	6	9-0-8	A	GFT	862888 SS2 6UN	5
Elmdon ⚠	St Nicholas	NW	6	10-2-26	G	S	462397 CB11 4NE	8
Epping	St John the Baptist	SW	8	20-0-0	E	ST	459021 CM16 5EB	34
Epping Upland	All Saints	NW	6	12-0-0	G	GFT	444045 CM16 6PH	27
Fairstead ✦	St Mary	N	4	6-3-0	-	GF	768167 CM3 2AT	-
Farnham	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	9-2-8	Ab	GFT	482248 CM23 1HR	9
Feering ✦	All Saints	N	8	18-0-0	F	S	872204 CO5 9QQ	88
Felsted	Holy Cross	N	8	12-0-20	F	SXT	676204 CM6 3DG	28
Finchingfield	St John the Baptist	N	8	15-2-22	E	GF	686328 CM7 4NP	34
Fobbing	St Michael	S	8	11-0-27	Ab	LT	717839 SS17 9JJ	42
Ford End	St John the Evangelist	SE	6	4-2-16	C	L	671768 CM3 1LH	9
Foxearth ↺ ✦	SS Peter & Paul	N	8	7-0-17	Bb	SC	836447 CO10 7JE	91
Fryerning	St Mary the Virgin	SE	6	8-1-26	A	SCT	638001 CM4 0NL	71
Fyfield	St Nicholas	NW	6	6-3-9	Bb	ST	572068 CM5 0SB	57
Galleywood	St Michael & All Angels	SE	8	13-1-9	F	SXT	704029 CM2 8PW	120
Gestingthorpe	St Mary	N	6	16-0-0	F	L	812386 CO9 3BB	45

Goldhanger	St Peter	SE	8	8-3-1	Ab	GF C T	905088	CM9 8AS	121
Good Easter ☿	St Andrew	SE	5	8-1-12	G#	GF C	627121	CM1 4RU	-
Gosfield	St Catherine	N	6	9-2-7	G#	GF T	777294	CO9 1UD	23
Grays	SS Peter & Paul	S	8	10-3-16	G	GF T	614777	RM17 6NQ	6
Great Baddow	St Mary the Virgin	SE	8	14-1-13	F#	S T	729048	CM2 7JU	223
Great Bardfield	St Mary the Virgin	N	8	15-0-0	F#	GF T	678303	CM7 4RN	55
Great Bentley	St Mary the Virgin	NE	8	7-0-27	A	S T	109216	CO7 8QG	88
Great Bromley	St George	NE	6	15-0-0	F	S T	084263	CO7 7TY	63
Great Burestead ♣ ♣	St Mary Magdalene	S	5	9-0-0	A	-	681922	CM11 2TR	-
Great Chesterford ♣	All Saints	NW	6	10-1-10	G	-	505427	CB10 1NP	-
Great Chishill	St Swithun	NW	6	8-3-6	A	L X T	422388	SG8 8SA	6
Great Dunmow	St Mary the Virgin	N	8	21-1-6	E	GF T	629229	CM6 2AE	115
Great Easton	SS John & Giles	N	6	11-2-10	G	GF T	608254	CM6 2HF	112
Great Hallingbury	St Giles	NW	5	10-2-15	G	S	511196	CM22 7TZ	6
Great Holland	All Saints	NE	8	15-0-10	F#	S T	219193	CO13 0JS	144
Great Horkesley	All Saints	NE	6	12-2-0	F#	L	972324	CO6 4BD	20
Great Ilford	St Mary the Virgin	SW	8	7-0-22	Ab	S C T	447867	IG1 1TX	84
Great Leighs ♠	St Mary the Virgin	SE	5	9-2-0	G	S/L T	738155	CM3 1PL	6
Great Parndon	St Mary	NW	6	9-1-0	G	S T	433089	CM19 4HT	8
Great Sampford ♣	St Michael	NW	5	8-0-0	G#	-	643354	CB10 2RS	-
Great Tey	St Barnabas	NE	8	15-1-0	F#	S X T	892257	CO6 1JF	70
Great Totham	St Peter	SE	6	6-3-16	Bb	GF T	862110	CM9 8NP	138
Great Wakering	St Nicholas	S	6	8-1-2	A	GF	949875	SS3 0AG	21
Great Waltham	SS Mary & Lawrence	SE	8	22-2-18	Eb	S C T	696135	CM3 1AS	40
Great Yeldham	St Andrew	N	6	7-0-0	A	GF T	757386	CO9 4PT	40
Greenstead Green ♠	St James the Apostle	N	6	12-2-25	G	S	822285	CO9 1QR	11
Hadstock	St Botolph	NW	6	2-3-13	F#	S	558447	CB21 4NX	28
Halstead	St Andrew	N	8	15-1-6	F	S C	816307	CO9 2LD	78
Harlow	St Mary & St Hugh	NW	8	18-1-13	E	S T	483115	CM17 0LR	44
Harlow Common	St Mary Magdalene	NW	8	12-0-9	G	GF T	473085	CM17 9HD	151
Harwich	St Nicholas	NE	8	13-2-22	G	S T	262326	CO12 3ER	53
Hatfield Broad Oak	St Mary the Virgin	NW	8	17-1-15	E	S T	546166	CM22 7HG	78
Hatfield Heath	Holy Trinity	NW	6	4-1-21	Eb	GF	522149	CM22 7AB	76
Havering-atte-Bower	St John the Evangelist	SW	6	16-2-4	Eb	S	512931	RM4 1PY	13
Helions Bumpstead	St Andrew	NW	8	12-2-9	F	GF	651416	CB9 7AJ	59
Hempstead	St Andrew	NW	6	12-3-8	F	S	634379	CB10 2PB	13
Henham	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	8-2-2	Ab	GF T	544286	CM22 6AN	21
Heydon	Holy Trinity	NW	5	6-1-6	C	GF	433399	SG8 8QB	5
High Easter	St Mary the Virgin	SE	6	19-0-0	E	S	620148	CM1 4QW	9
High Ongar	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	11-1-0	F#	L C	565037	CM5 9NQ	11
Hornchurch	St Andrew	SW	10	18-0-0	Eb	S C T	544869	RM11 3XU	155
Hutton	All Saints	S	5	6-1-10	A	GF T	635943	CM13 1SA	45
Ingatestone	SS Mary & Edmund	SE	6	10-0-0	G	S C T	652996	CM4 9DU	10
Ingrave	St Nicholas	S	6	10-1-16	F#	S	623920	CM13 3RR	20
Inworth	All Saints	SE	6	5-1-2	B	S	879178	CO5 9SP	213
Kelvedon	St Mary the Virgin	N	8	19-3-2	Eb	GF T	855186	CO5 9AL	64
Kirby-le-Soken	St Michael	NE	8	9-3-1	Ab	S	219220	CO13 0EF	195
Langdon Hills ☼	St Mary the Virgin & All Saints	S	6	10-3-7	F	S T	678865	SS16 6HY	19
Langham	St Mary the Virgin	NE	6	9-2-0	G	S T	034336	CO4 5PS	16
Langley ♣	St John the Evangelist	NW	4	6-0-0	Bb	GF	443353	CB11 4RZ	-
Layer-de-la-Haye	St John the Baptist	NE	6	10-3-22	F	S T	965191	CO2 0EW	10
Leigh-on-Sea	St Clement	S	8	10-1-21	G	S T	842857	SS9 2DE	10
Leyton	St Mary the Virgin	SW	8	8-2-16	A	S C T	377868	E10 5UH	92
Leytonstone	St John the Baptist	SW	8	12-3-23	G	S T	394875	E11 1HH	93
Little Baddow	St Mary the Virgin	SE	8	11-2-5	Ab	S T	765081	CM3 4BE	43
Little Bentley ♣ ♣	St Mary the Virgin	NE	5	15-1-0	F	-	123250	CO7 8SE	-
Little Bromley	St Mary	NE	4	6-2-0	Bb	S	091278	CO11 2PP	3
Little Horkesley	SS Peter & Paul	NE	5	10-2-16	Ab	S T	960320	CO6 4DB	20
Little Waltham ☼	St Martin	SE	6	10-2-14	G	L T	713127	CM3 3LJ	30
Littlebury	Holy Trinity	NW	6	8-1-12	F#	S T	516395	CB11 4TT	10
Loughton	St John the Baptist	SW	8	18-2-19	E	S T	429969	IG10 1PE	49
Maldon	All Saints	SE	8	11-3-13	G	GF C T	849071	CM9 4QB	106
Maldon	St Mary	SE	6	11-0-0	G	S T	857067	CM9 5HW	40
Manuden	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	9-2-14	G	S T	491266	CM23 1DQ	23
Margaretting	St Margaret	SE	5	10-1-20	Ab	GF T	665004	CM4 0ED	5
Matching	St Mary	NW	6	7-3-5	G	GF	525120	CM17 0QZ	50
Mistley	SS Mary & Michael	NE	6	10-3-2	F#	S T	114318	CO11 1ER	134
Moreton	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	9-3-17	G	GF	537071	CM5 0JB	31

Navestock	St Thomas	S	6	9-3-20	G	GF T	540984	RM4 1HA	22
Nazeing	All Saints	NW	6	9-1-14	A	S T	414070	EN9 2DB	41
Newport	Ellen Campanile	NW	8	0-0-10	G	T	521331		1
Newport ❖	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	14-2-17	F	S	521341	CB11 3RA	3
North Ockendon ⚡	St Mary Magdalene	S	6	9-2-21	G	GF T	586848	RM14 3QH	11
North Weald	St Andrew	NW	6	9-2-0	F#	S C	495052	RM16 6AL	34
Orsett	St Giles & All Saints	S	6	10-2-12	Ab	S T	644820	RM16 3EB	7
Pebmarsh	St John the Baptist	N	6	8-1-4	Bb	L T	854335	CO9 2NN	57
Pentlow	SS George & Gregory	N	5	8-2-0	G	L	813461	CO10 7SP	11
Pleshey ⚡	Holy Trinity	SE	5	11-3-25	F# m	S	664144	CM3 1HA	5
Prittlewell	St Mary the Virgin	S	10	18-0-9	E	S X T	877868	SS2 6EQ	279
Purleigh	All Saints	SE	6	9-3-18	G	S T	842020	CM3 6QJ	48
Radwinter	St Mary the Virgin	NW	8	12-0-22	F	S X	606372	CB10 2SN	30
Rayleigh	Holy Trinity	S	8	16-1-14	F	S X T	807908	SS6 8BB	79
Rayne	All Saints	N	6	6-2-5	Bb	S T	733229	CM77 6BW	116
Rettendon	All Saints	S	6	8-1-7	A	S T	770959	CM3 8DR	23
Rickling	All Saints	NW	5	5-1-18	A	L	498315	CB11 3YL	4
Ridgewell	St Laurence the Martyr	N	6	8-3-23	Ab	GF	740408	CO9 4SA	4
Rochford	St Andrew	S	8	4-0-9	D	S C T	872903	SS4 1NW	15
Romford	St Edward the Confessor	SW	8	15-2-14	F	S T	512889	RM1 3AF	220
Roydon	St Peter	NW	6	8-3-18	G#	S T	407103	CM19 5LW	44
Saffron Walden	St Mary the Virgin	NW	12	22-2-24	D	S X T	537386	CB10 1JP	221
Sandon	St Andrew	SE	6	9-2-9	G	S X T	743048	CM2 7SL	36
Sawbridgeworth	Great St Mary	NW	8	24-0-12	D	S X	485148	CM21 9AD	49
Shalford	St Andrew	N	5	9-3-27	Ab	L T	724293	CM7 5HH	7
Shenfield	St Mary the Virgin	S	6	7-0-20	G	L T	605951	CM15 9AL	85
Sible Hedingham	St Peter	N	8	18-1-0	E	S T	775343	CO9 3NT	91
South Benfleet	St Mary the Virgin	S	6	11-3-14	F#	S T	777862	SS7 5LJ	10
South Ockendon	Holy Cross	S	8	3-3-9	D	S T	584816	RM15 5EJ	10
South Weald	St Peter	S	8	14-1-3	F#	S T	571939	CM14 5QJ	36
Southminster	St Leonard	SE	8	11-2-2	F#	S T	958997	CM0 7EP	12
Springfield	All Saints	SE	6	10-0-15	F#	S T	719080	CM1 7ZA	33
St Osyth	SS Peter & Paul	NE	6	10-2-15	G	GF X T	123155	CO16 8QW	17
Stambourne ❖	SS Peter & Thomas	N	5	9-2-0	Ab	C	721388	CO9 4NR	-
Stanford-le-Hope	St Margaret of Antioch	S	8	11-1-5	G	S	684823	SS17 0EU	50
Stansted Mountfitchet ⚡	St Mary the Virgin	NW	8	13-0-0	F#	L	521241	CM24 8UB	234
Stebbing	St Mary the Virgin	N	6	12-2-14	F#	S T	664240	CM6 3SW	89
Steeple Bumpstead	St Mary	NW	6	14-2-2	F#	S T	679410	CB9 7DG	6
Stisted	All Saints	N	6	9-1-20	Ab	L T	799246	CM77 8AH	184
Takeley ⚡	Holy Trinity	NW	4	13-0-0	G	S T	555217	CM22 6QL	1
Tendring	St Edmund King & Martyr	NE	6	6-2-17	A	S	143242	CO16 0BL	37
Terling	All Saints	SE	8	11-1-13	F#	S T	774148	CM3 2PH	519
Thaxted	St John the Baptist	NW	8	15-0-2	Eb	GF	610310	CM6 2PL	56
Theydon Garnon	All Saints	SW	6	13-3-3	F	S C	472994	CM16 7NX	5
Thorpe Bay	St Augustine	S	8	16-0-18	F	S T	916851	SS1 3JQ	29
Thorpe-le-Soken	St Michael	NE	6	9-2-0	G	S T	179223	CO16 0EB	38
Thorrington	St Mary Magdalene	NE	6	9-0-22	G	L	098196	CO7 8HA	81
Tillingham	St Nicholas	SE	6	9-0-0	Bb m	S C T	993038	CM0 7SU	10
Tollesbury	St Mary	SE	10	7-0-18	A	GF T	956104	CM9 8QJ	87
Tolleshunt D'Arcy ❖	St Nicholas	SE	6	6-2-4	Bb	L T	928117	CM9 8TS	90
Toppesfield	St Margaret of Antioch	N	8	14-2-14	G	S T	739374	CO9 4DR	12
Waltham Abbey	Holy Cross & St Lawrence	NW	12+	37-1-7	C	S T	381006	EN9 1DT	229
Walthamstow	St Mary	SW	10	17-1-1	Eb	S T	377892	E17 9RL	248
Walthamstow	St Saviour	SW	8	16-0-16	E	S	367879	E17 8EU	68
Wanstead	Christ Church	SW	8	8-0-12	Bb	S T	403884	E11 2SW	28
Wendens Ambo	St Mary the Virgin	NW	6	8-0-0	G#	GF	514363	CB11 4JZ	20
West Ham	All Saints	SW	10	26-1-23	Eb	S C T	394838	E15 3JY	299
West Hanningfield ❖	SS Mary & Edward	S	4	7-0-3	A	GF T	735998	CM2 8UL	-
Wethersfield	St Mary Magdalene	N	8	11-1-22	F	GF X T	712312	CM7 4BY	37
White Roding ❖ ⚡	St Martin	NW	5	11-0-0	G	S T	562134	CM6 1RR	-
Wickham St Paul	All Saints	N	5	9-2-11	G	GF	826371	CO9 2PH	14
Widford ❖	St Mary	SE	8	11-2-18	G	S C T	694050	CM2 8TE	112
Willingale	St Christopher	NW	6	7-3-9	A	L C X T	596073	CM5 0SJ	6
Witham	St Nicolas	N	8	15-3-12	E	S	817154	CM8 2JS	60
Wivenhoe	St Mary the Virgin	NE	6	7-0-7	Bb	S T	039215	CO7 9BJ	12
Woodford	St Mary the Virgin	SW	8	10-2-21	F#	S	400907	E18 2QF	60
Wormingford	St Andrew	NE	6	8-0-0	Bb	S T	933323	CO6 3AZ	150
Writtle	All Saints	SE	10++	31-2-12	D	S X T	678062	CM1 3EN	208

2. Containing Three bells hung for ringing and which are in a ringable condition:

Tower	Dedication	Dist	Tenor Wt	Key	‡	O/S Ref / Post Code
Ashen	St Augustine	N	8-3-22	Bb*	GF	747423 CO10 8JN
Bowers Gifford	St Margaret	S	9-0-0	Bb	GF	755873 SS13 2EZ
Bush End ()	St John the Evangelist	NW	2-1-19	F#	S	548200 CM22 6NN
East Hanningfield	All Saints	SE	6-0-6	B	GF	771012 CM3 8AD
()		no stays or sliders		*Tuning 1-3 of 4		

3. The following rings of 4 or more have been lost for the reasons stated:

Church	Dedication	Dist	Bells	Tenor Wt	O/S Ref	Peals	Reason for Loss
Aveley	St Michael	S	5	9-1-0	567801		Treble & 2nd scrapped
Canning Town	Holy Trinity	SW	6	7-1-0	397818	7	Church closed 1948, transferred to Harlow St Paul as chime
Colchester	All Saints	NE	5	11-0-0	999252		Transferred to Little Horkesley
Colchester	St Nicholas	NE	6	12-0-0	997252		Transferred to St Martin's, Basildon
East Horndon	All Saints	S	4	8-0-0	636895		Stolen
Little Heath	St James	SW	5	5-2-22	469891	1	Church demolished c1933
Little Oakley	St Mary	NE	4	7-1-0	218291		Stolen
West Tilbury	St James	S	5	7-0-22	661777	1	4 bells transferred to Grays; one to Little Baddow.

REPORT EDITOR'S REPORT

I would like to thank all contributors for their input especially the District and Association Officers for their timely inputs. The Rules are included this year (usually published in alternate years). This year we also have included a summary of ringing for the 80th Anniversary of VE and VJ Days. The Association is also grateful to the advertisers who support this publication.

Where members have used Membermojo to change towers or districts we have taken the location as at end December 2025, also taking into account information from districts and the Association Treasurer. Printed copy preferences are as at February 2026 and if you have asked for a printed copy it is likely to go to the tower where you were then listed.

The tower and officer email addresses rely on the webmaster being sent a valid current contact email address to ensure that the email forwarders work correctly.

If you notice any mistakes or have updates please let me know in writing for next year's Report. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the information given is correct, the officers of the Essex Association of Change Ringers cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies contained in this Report.

Colin Chapman

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The Association maintains computer and paper records on its present and past members, only as necessary for its accounting and membership needs. Contact details (name and address and/or telephone number) of Tower Correspondents (whether members or not) are published in this Report, and are also made available to third parties for purposes connected with ringing.

In carrying out our day to day activities, the Association processes and stores personal information relating to our members and we are therefore required to adhere to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR). We take our responsibilities under these acts very seriously and we ensure the personal information we obtain is held, used, transferred and otherwise processed in accordance with that Act.

MemberMojo collects data which is used and saved in accordance with our published Data Protection and Privacy information on our website. The MemberMojo system is held on secure UK based servers. Your data is visible only to the Association Treasurer, Membership Administrator, District Treasurers and Secretaries, and backup system administrator. The membership system helps us to comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) by both informing members about how the Association uses your personal data, to gain the consent of all members for those uses, and to enable us to keep the information we hold on our members up to date.

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The Association's Data Controller is the Association Treasurer, Andrew Brewster (address: see page 2 of this Report). There is generally no fee for enquiries pursuant to the GDPR.

GUIDELINES ON SAFEGUARDING IN THE CONTEXT OF BELLRINGING

Introduction

The Essex Association has adopted the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Safeguarding guidelines, although this will always be secondary to the National Safeguarding policy adopted by the Chelmsford Diocese. The Association's Trustees have issued a Safeguarding Statement which can be found via the EACR link below.

The Central Council documents are still relevant, so Tower Captains and particularly those teaching young ringers should be familiar with these guidelines and those required by your PCCs in order to protect young ringers. Links to the Diocesan web site and the CCCBR documents above can be found via the EACR link at eacr.org.uk/safeguarding.html or on the CCCBR Safeguarding pages at www.cccbr.org.uk/safeguarding/resources.

Depending on your tower situation the documents above may be appropriate for your Tower notice board.

In addition to the above your church should display a document that has all the necessary Safeguarding contacts for your parish.

Parishes will have a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to manage DBS applications, etc., and who is the first point of contact for local Safeguarding issues or queries. Tower Captains should find out who this person is and it is recommended each tower appoints a Safeguarding representative. The Central Council has provided Dioceses with copies of "From Practice to Perfect" for circulation: this is a short guide for clergy, PCCs and Safeguarding Advisors to explain how Church Bell ringers are trained, safeguarded and organised; copies are available from the CCCBR website (search on the booklet title) or use this [link](#).

Considering the above, if you have any suspicions, concerns or questions, consult the Association's Safeguarding Officer whose details are on page 2 of this Report, your PSO, or the Diocese Duty Safeguarding Officer ☎ 01245 294444 (24hr - emergency number) e-mail safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org or the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager Amanda Goh ☎ 01245 294457 e-mail agoh@chelmsford.anglican.org.

Suggested guidelines (these should be read in conjunction with the CCCBR guidelines) and your Parish policy

- 🔔 **Always** have two adults present when children are being taught, preferably one male & one female.
- 🔔 Invite the parents of any trainees to come and watch a training session before allowing their child to start to learn. Require a parent to attend the first training session and ensure that the parent fully understands what is involved in learning to ring.
- 🔔 Make sure a parent is responsible for delivering the child to and collecting the child from the tower.
- 🔔 Ask parents to sign a form giving permission for the child to be taught to ring.
- 🔔 Keep an attendance register.
- 🔔 Be aware of the insurance position for children.
- 🔔 Never allow children up amongst the bells apart from an initial demonstration visit (if it is safe to have one).
- 🔔 Get parents to sign a detailed permission form for tower outings. Organisers should be aware of Health and Safety and other issues: for example, it is inadvisable for a child to travel alone in a vehicle with an adult. A suggested "permission to ring" form can be found at the Central Council website at: www.cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/permission-to-ring-form.pdf
- 🔔 Ensure you have a copy of the CCCBR guidelines displayed in your tower, please see above.

Points to check:

- 🔔 Church insurance - does the policy have a lower age limit? In some churches this is 12 years of age.
- 🔔 Is it possible to prevent inquisitive children from wandering up amongst bells that are 'up'?
- 🔔 Is there a tower Health and Safety Policy? Is it reviewed regularly? Is there an accident log book?
- 🔔 Is there a first aid kit for minor accidents?
- 🔔 Are you aware of any medical conditions affecting the children being taught? For example: epilepsy, diabetes. The permission to ring form requests this detail.
- 🔔 Find out the name of the church's appointed person (Parish Safeguarding Officer) and the procedure to be followed in the event of a child making a disclosure about possible child abuse. Always follow up such allegations, avoid detailed questioning of the child and never promise confidentiality.

PRACTICE NIGHTS

	No	Dist		No	Dist		No	Dist
MONDAY			WEDNESDAY			FRIDAY		
Arkesden	6	NW	Basildon	8	S	Belchamp St. Paul (1st)	6	N
Ashdon	8	NW	Broomfield (not 1st)	6	SE	Bradwell-on-Sea	6	SE
Braintree	10	N	Canewdon	10	S	Colchester, St Leonard **	6	NE
Chelmsford	12	SE	Chrishall (2nd)	6	NW	Fobbing	8	S
Chigwell Row	8	SW	Coggeshall	10	N	Great Baddow (†)	8	SE
Colne Engaine	6	N	Colchester, Shrub End	6	NE	Great Bromley	6	NE
Epping	8	SW	Danbury	8	SE	Great Totham	6	SE
Felsted	8	N	Goldhanger	8	SE	Halstead	8	N
Fyfield	6	NW	Great Bentley *	8	NE	Pleshey	5	SE
Galleywood	8	SE	Great Chishill (not 2nd)	6	NW	Rochford (2nd)	8	S
Great Bentley	8	NE	Great Waltham (3rd)	8	SE	Shalford	5	N
Great Dunmow (alt)	8	N	Harwich	8	NE	Shenfield	6	S
Havering-Atte-Bower	6	SW	Helions Bumpstead (alt)	8	NW	West Ham	10	SW
Ilford	8	SW	Hempstead	6	NW	** monthly		
Laver-de-la-Haye	6	NE	Ingrave (not 3rd)	6	S	† with exceptions		
Leytonstone	8	SW	Ingatstone	6	SE			
Littlebury	6	NW	Little Waltham (1st, suspended)	6	SE			
Maldon, All Saints (2nd & 4th)	8	SE	Rayne	6	N	SATURDAY		
Manuden	6	NW	Rettendon	6	S	Ford End	6	SE
Margaretting	5	SE	Romford	8	SW	Harlow	8	NW
North Ockendon *	6	S	St. Osyth *	6	NE			
Pebmarsh (1st & 3rd)	6	N	Steeple Bumpstead (alt)	6	NW			
Prittlewell	10	S	Theydon Garnon	6	SW			
Radwinter	8	NW	Thorpe Bay	8	S			
Sawbridgeworth	8	NW	Tillingham	6	SE			
South Weald *	8	S	Toppesfield	8	N			
Springfield	6	SE	Waltham Abbey	12	NW			
Stisted	6	N	Walthamstow, St. Mary	10	SW			
Thorpe-le-Soken *	6	NE	Willingale	6	NW			
Wethersfield	8	N	Witham	8	N			
Woodford	8	SW	Wivenhoe	6	NE			
* alt North Ockendon and South Weald			* Check schedule Gt Bentley, St Osyth, Thorpe-le-Soken					
TUESDAY			THURSDAY					
Ardleigh **	8	NE	Bishop's Stortford	12	NW			
Barking	8	SW	Black Notley	5	N			
Bentley Common †	6	S	Bobbingworth (2nd, 4th)	6	NW			
Boreham	8	SE	Bocking (1st)	10	N			
Burnham-on-Crouch	6	SE	Brentwood	8	S			
Earls Colne (1st, 3rd, 5th)	8	N	Chigwell	6	SW			
Gosfield	6	N	Colchester, St. Peter (3rd)	8	NE			
Great Parndon	6	NW	Downham	6	S			
Great Tey	8	NE	Eastwood	6	S			
Great Holland (summer) *	8	NE	Great Bardfield	8	N			
Great Wakering	6	S	Great Hallingbury	5	NW			
Greenstead Green (2nd & 4th)	6	N	Hadstock	6	NW			
Hatfield Heath	6	NW	Harlow Common	8	NW			
High Easter	5	SE	Henham	6	NW			
High Ongar	6	NW	Leigh on Sea	8	S			
Hornchurch	10	SW	Little Baddow *	8	SE			
Hutton	5	S	Matching	6	NW			
Inworth	6	SE	Mistley	6	NE			
Kelvedon	8	N	Moreton (1st, 3rd, 5th)	6	NW			
Kirby-le-Soken * (alt)	8	NE	Nazeing	6	NW			
Langham **	6	NE	Orsett	6	S			
Loughton	8	SW	Purleigh	6	SE			
Navestock (4th, not Jan-Feb)	6	S	Roydon	6	NW			
Rayleigh	8	S	Sible Hedingham	8	N			
Saffron Walden	12	NW	South Ockendon	8	S			
Sandon	6	SE	Stanford-le-Hope	8	S			
South Benfleet (2nd & 4th)	6	S	Stebbing (suspended)	6	N			
Tendring * (alt)	6	NE	Terling *	8	SE			
Thaxted	8	NW	Tollesbury	10	SE			
Whittle	10	SE	Walthamstow, St Saviour	8	SW			
* alt Tendring & KLS/GH			* Last Thurs alternates					
** 2nd Tue alts Ardleigh/Langham								
† not 4th Mar-Dec								

All practice nights are subject to change and many towers are working together so always check practice times and venues and confirm details with tower contacts before travelling.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2026/27

2026

March	7	District Call Change Competition - Old Harlow - Bartrum 8 Bell Trophy	North Western
	21	District Meeting - Shenfield	Southern
April	9-11	ESSEX RINGING COURSE- Rickstones Academy, Witham	
	18	SEECON - New Alresford, Hampshire	EYR
	23	ST GEORGE'S DAY RINGING	
	25	District Quarter Peal day - To be confirmed	Southern
May	4	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Chelmsford Cathedral - Ringing & Tea in	North East
	16	District 6-bell Striking Competitions - Stisted - Picnic & Meeting	Northern
	16	District Meeting and Method Striking Comp. - Nazeing - Stan Clark Trophy	North Western
	16	District 6 Bell Method Striking Comp. & Short Business Meeting - Purleigh	South Eastern
	23	District Spring Meeting and Striking Competition - Kirby-le-Soken	North Eastern
	23	District Outing - To be confirmed	Southern
June	13	RIDGMAN TROPHY 10-BELL COMPETITION - Stowmarket, Suffolk	
	13	District Outing - To be confirmed	North Western
	13	District 6 bell Striking Competition and Meeting - Chigwell	South Western
	20	District Method & Call Change Competition - Eastwood	Southern
	27	District Outing	South Eastern
July	4	RINGING WORLD NATIONAL YOUTH CONTEST - Nottingham	EYR
	4	District Picnic / Social evening with hand bells - Boydell's Farm	Northern
	11	STRIKING COMPETITION FINALS - Southern Dist - North Ockendon (6) &	South Weald (8)
	17-19	District Weekend Outing - Worcestershire - Bells, Bus and Steam	North Western
	26	District Picnic & Call Change Competition - Terling	South Eastern
August	1	District 10 Bell Practice & Meeting - Bocking	Northern
	29	District Car Outing (tbc)	North Eastern
	29	District Ring and Ramble (tbc)	North Western
	31	GEORGE EVE ANNIVERSARY RINGING - Margaretting	
September	5	District Meeting - Bradwell	South Eastern
	12	ESSEX TROPHY 10-BELL COMPETITION - Horsham, Sussex	
	12	District Autumn Meeting and Call Change Competition - Mistley	North Eastern
	19	District Meeting - Stanford-le-Hope	Southern
	19	District 12 Bell Practice - Chelmsford	South Eastern
	26	District Meeting and Call Change Striking Competition - Ashdon	North Western
	29	District 6 bell Call Change Competition and Meeting - Epping	South Western
October	10	ANNUAL DINNER - Essex County Cricket Club, Chelmsford	
	31	District Plain Hunt Competition - Matching - Charlotte Parsons Trophy	North Western
November	1	District Quarter Peal Month	Northern
	28	ASSOCIATION TRAINING DAY	
December	5	District Carol Service - venue tbc	North Eastern
	5	District Carol Service - Great Hallingbury	North Western
	5	District Carol Service - Orsett	Southern
	7	District Social - venue tbc	South Western
	12	District Carol Service - Broomfield	South Eastern

2027

January	9	ADM - Finchingfield	Northern
	9	ADM - Danbury	South Eastern
	16	ADM - Thorpe-le-Soken (tbc)	North Eastern
	16	ADM - Venue tbc	South Western
	23	ADM - Fobbing	Southern
	30	ADM - Willingale	North Western

Districts and the Essex Young Ringers also hold regular practices and other events and some further information is provided on page 63 and in the [Events diary](#) on the EACR website.

This information is believed to be correct at the time of publication; **please check details** with your District Secretary, on the Association's and Districts' Social Media feeds, the Association website at eacr.org.uk, and on [BellBoard](#) and in [The Ringing World](#).

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