

**Essex Association – Northern District**  
**Secretary's report of the Executive Committee - February 2010**

Two letters had been received: regarding the bell project at Writtle thanking the association for the £2,500 donation received. The bell lantern was proving effective in reducing noise.

A letter had also been received from Rev Janet Donaldson thanking the association for the £1,800 donation given to Pebmarsh Church in respect of work to the bell frame there. She added that a peal had subsequently been rung there without any problems.

It was decided that the Master, Deputy Master and Secretary meet to discuss the inscription to go a new bell being cast for Prittlewell.

The Treasurer reported that there were outstanding charity declarations.

It was also noted that for members with outstanding fees their insurance would be nullified. The accounts had been audited, with the auditor satisfied that the accounts are being satisfactorily kept.

Personal accident insurance was discussed. Currently a member between the age of 18-65 would receive £10,000 should death occur whilst ringing; it was questioned whether the benefits were sufficient. It was also suggested that it would be a good idea to investigate whether it would be possible to look at greater benefits for disability resulting from a bell ringing accident. The Master proposed that this should be included as an item for discussion at the AGM in May where a greater audience could share their views.

There was some discussion regarding the Trustees Annual Report. This is a legal document and it is important that information recorded meets the necessary requirements. The trustees have to be listed, but it was not certain whether full names should be included. As full names of trustees are included on the website it was thought that it was not necessary to repeat this information in the report. It was proposed that Colin Chapman, editor of the report, should use his own judgement to determine what should be included.

131<sup>st</sup> AGM at Chelmsford Cathedral 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10: open ringing from 9:30 am, Service at 10:30, the Meeting will begin after the Service.

The Education Officer is planning to hold a training day on June 19<sup>th</sup> Learning about Teaching anyone interested should contact Liz Rayner - [education@eacr.org.uk](mailto:education@eacr.org.uk).

82 applications had been received to date for the Essex Ringing Course, 57 of these were Essex ringers. It was proposed that in the future the individual events entertainment, Friday supper, Thursday tea, teas and coffee should be organised by individual Districts on a rota basis.

The Peal Secretary noted that 15 peals had been rung in Essex by other bands.

The Child Protection Officer reported that amendments were going to be made to the Child Protection Guidelines. If anyone has any concerns or suspicions relating to ringers these should be reported to the Child Protection Officer. It is intended to provide some training in Child Protection by Jean Halliday, a date is to be arranged.

