

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS – NORTHERN DISTRICT

Minutes of the District Meeting held at Toppesfield on Saturday, 28th June, 2008

1 Welcome We were welcomed to this historic meeting by Northern District Master, Marian Wood. This is the first time an Association Meeting has been held at Toppesfield.

2 Apologies Apologies were received from:- Allen Cansdale, Alistair Donaldson, Richard Dunhill, Bradley Hill and Debbie Hill.

3 Minutes of the last meeting Pat Healy proposed and Maurice Downs seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a true and correct record. This was agreed.

4 Matters Arising It was reported that the bells at Kelvedon are to be re-hung, probably in June/July.
The problem with the treble and second at Earls Colne has been dealt with. No specific information was to hand.

5 Election of new members

Ringin:- Stephen Sudbury, Mac Ford, Rebecca Lyne, and David Degnan of Gosfield, proposed by Laurence Carter and seconded by Marian Wood.

Devon Oakley of Finchingfield was proposed by Pat Healy and seconded by Roy Threadgold.

Esther Pilgrim of Wethersfield, proposed by Roy Threadgold and seconded by Cherry Threadgold.

Beth Rippingale, Matthew Rippingale, Louise Olley, and Peter Olley of Wickham St. Paul, proposed by Libby Laurence and seconded by Brian Meads.

These were all accepted as new members.

Confirmation of Non-resident Members:- Thomas Childs of Builth Wells, proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by Richard Dunhill.

Clive G. Smith of Manchester, proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by Debbie Hill. Both were accepted.

6 Report of Association AGM at Chelmsford

New Officers elected were:-

Master	Brian Meads
Secretary	Vicki Chapman
Property Trustees	Mary Bone, Colin Chapman and Bernard Fairhead
Independent Examiners	R. Dunhill and M. Green

A change of rule means that over 65 year olds will pay subscriptions. This does not apply to those members who are already 65 and over.

7 District Striking Competition The District Striking Competition was held at Gosfield on Saturday, 7th June with seven teams taking part.

1st Coggeshall; Plain Bob Minor; 26 faults

2nd Rayne; Plain Bob Doubles; 44 faults

3rd Bocking; Grandsire Doubles; 52 faults

Wickham St. Paul won the call change competition

8 Ringing Achievements – Quarter Peals

1st Treble to Surprise

Lyn Ould	Cambridge Minor
James Brown	Norwich Minor

1st in Method as Conductor

Daniel Smith	Grandsire Triples
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Most Surprise Methods

C. John Warboys	10 Methods
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1st Grandsire Caters

Laurence Carter
Libby Laurence

9 Future Events

The Association Striking Competition on 5th July.

August 2nd is the date for the District Outing to Suffolk, at present numbers are low so we may have to use our cars and cancel the coach.

Maurice Downs has arranged towers for the Open Day on 25th August. This is a fund raising event for the belfry repair fund. There is a need for more volunteers to be stewards on the day.

The District Master has booked a coach to go to The Ringing Road Show on Saturday, 6th September leaving Great Dunmow Church car park at 7.10 am. Names to Marian as the seats are filling fast.

November is Quarter Peal Month.

District Quiz Night is at Kelvedon Parish Room on Saturday 8th November, price £6 per person.

Saturday, 22nd November is Association Training Day, 9.30 am at Stebbing. Helpers are needed for Plain Bob Doubles, Raising and Lowering, Plain Hunt and Cambridge Minor/Major.

Ringing School, Saturday, 13th September at Felsted. Beyond Bob Minor and Advanced Practice are on their usual Saturdays monthly.

10 Any Other Business

Alistair Donaldson has produced a Northern District website. Forward to Alistair any items you would like to be included.

The Association Dinner is on Saturday, 4th October. Tickets from Vicki Chapman EACR Secretary.

11 Votes of Thanks

Marian Wood thanked Keith Holloway for the use of the church and the bells. Vic and Wendy Turner were thanked for the tea.