

## Minutes of the Essex Association of Change Ringers Northern District Meeting

### Ridgewell Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

**Present:** Simon Ward (District Master), Tim Peckham (District Secretary), Vicki Elliott (District Treasurer), Andrew Taylor, Roy Threadgold, Cherry Threadgold, Jim Green, Kelly Thompson, Jon Thompson, Maureen Rigg, Val Fullman, David Newton, Emily Thompson, John Elliott, Nicholas Elliott, Charlotte Mackle, David Kerrison, Angela Kerrison, Nick Holland, Sarah Holland, Alfie Holland, Donna Goodchild, Karen Abbie, Janet Edwards, Kate Lackenby, Julia Ibbotson, Tom Prideaux, Rob Wood, Michael Mead, David Jennings, Luke Hildersley, Julie Rust, and David Mead. (Angus Threadgold, Alan Jones, and Jane Mitchell were present and were elected members at the meeting)

The District Master chaired the meeting which started at 5.30pm

1. **Welcome.** The District Master welcomed the attendees and thanked the Jennings family for hosting the meeting and the preceding striking competition.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Bradley Hill (Deputy District Master), Carol Taylor, Debbie Hill, Ian Cresshull, Pat Cresshull, Vicky Le Fèvre, David Learmonth, Peter Wood, Marian Wood, Peter Smith, Tim Forsey, Maurice Downs, Kath Downs, Max Ford, Pamela Ayling, and Adrian Gurnett.
3. **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the District Meeting held at Belchamp St Paul on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 were circulated in advance. A correction to David Learmonth's name had been made. There were no comments or further corrections to the minutes which were accepted by a show of hands as an accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Election of Members**

Maxwell Ford (Black Notley) proposed: Derek Hammond, seconded: Ernie Andrews.  
Alan Jones (Earls Colne) proposed: Trevor Beadle, seconded: Donna Goodchild.  
Jane Mitchell (Halstead) proposed: Simon Ward, seconded: David Kerrison.  
Angus Threadgold (Wethersfield) proposed: Roy Threadgold, seconded: Cherry Threadgold.  
Laura Wang (Wethersfield) proposed: Roy Threadgold, seconded: Cherry Threadgold.
5. **District Calendar 2023**

The following events were mentioned:

  - a. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April Essex Ringing Course at Coggeshall
  - b. Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April Advanced Practice at Braintree
  - c. Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April Surprise Major Practice at Felsted
  - d. Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May Coronation, "Ring for the King"
  - e. Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May "Bell Sunday" celebrating St Dunstan
  - f. Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June District Practice (Call Changes) at Coggeshall
  - g. Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> September Next Business Meeting at Great Dunmow
6. **News and Achievements**

Simon Ward mentioned that there had been 14 Quarter Peals (QPs) by Northern district bands since the New Year of which 3 were on hand bells.

It was mentioned that on 9/1/23 Jim Green completed his 200<sup>th</sup> QP ringing Stedman doubles at Braintree.

In addition, on 25/2/23 Angus Threadgold, aged 11yrs, completed his 1<sup>st</sup> QP ringing the treble for Plain Bob Doubles at Wethersfield.

On 31/3/23 a Surprise Minor Peal was rung at Great Yeldham.

**7. Any Other Business**

- a. Roy Threadgold mentioned that on Saturday 20th May Wethersfield were having a “bell-fest” to celebrate 400 years of the tenor bell. All welcome.
- b. The collection of subscriptions via the online membership system was going well.
- c. More helpers are required on the Essex course.
- d. Almost all the 2022 Annual Reports and April edition of “Rounds & About” were distributed at the preceding striking competition.
- e. “Ring for the King” for the coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.
- f. Ashen tower has been awarded a grant of £500 towards restoration of bells and frame.

The District Master thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced David Hengeli (South Eastern District Master) and his assistants Janice Spalding and Emily Ashton who had all judged the preceding striking competition.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

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Dated .....27/Nov/2023 .....