

Minutes of the Essex Association of Change Ringers Northern District Meeting

Blackmore End Village Hall Saturday 25th November 2023

Present: Simon Ward (District Master), Tim Peckham (District Secretary), Vicki Elliott (District Treasurer), Roy Threadgold, Cherry Threadgold, David Newton, Janet Edwards, Kate Lackenby, Julia Ibbotson, Nicholas Elliott, Brian Meads, Pamela Ayling, and Marianna Marriott.

The District Master chaired the meeting which started at 7.15pm

1. **Welcome.** The District Master welcomed the attendees.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Andrew Taylor, Carol Taylor, Ian Cresshull, Pat Cresshull, Vicky Le Fèvre, Peter Smith, Maurice Downs, Kath Downs, Adrian Gurnett, John Elliott, and Jim Green.
3. **Minutes and Matters Arising.** The minutes of the District Meeting held at on 1st April 2023 were circulated in advance. A correction was made whereby attendees who were not yet members but who were elected later in the meeting were recorded separately. There were no comments or further corrections to the minutes which were agreed by a show of hands to be an accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.
4. **Election of Members.** No new members were proposed.
5. **District Calendar.** The following events were mentioned:
 - a. Sat 2nd December 2023. Carol Service at St James' Greenstead Green.
 - b. Sat 6th January 2024. Annual District Meeting at All Saints Rayne.
6. **News and Achievements.** The following were mentioned:

8 Peals and 70 Quarter Peals (QPs) have been rung so far this year in the Northern District on tower bells and hand bells (as compared to a total of 128 last year).

On 22/4/23 1st Peals were rung at Braintree by Ellis Whitehouse, by Bradley Hill as conductor as well as by Vicki Elliott and Jodie Hill on Royal.

On 20/5/23 the 400th Anniversary of the Wethersfield tenor was celebrated.

On 17/6/23 David Newton rang his 1st QP of Double Norwich Court Bob Major inside at Wethersfield.

On 25/6/23 Angus Threadgold rang his 1st QP of Bob Doubles inside aged 11 at Wethersfield.

On 13/8/23 Alfie Holland and Angus Threadgold rang their 1st QPs of Bob Minor inside.

On 29/10/23 Simon Ward rang his 1st Peal of Surprise Royal
7. **Any Other Business.** There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed 

Dated 27/4/24