

Minutes of the Essex Association of Change Ringers Northern District Meeting
held at Great Yeldham on Saturday 27th April 2024

Members Present: Simon Ward (District Master), John Elliott (Deputy Master), Tim Peckham (District Secretary), David Newton (Treasurer), Nicholas Elliott, Cherry Threadgold, Roy Threadgold, David Jennings, Jim Green, Angela Pannell, Charlotte Mackle, Trevor Beadle, Karen Abbie, Alan Jones, Donna Goodchild, Ian Hagger, Kate Lackenby, Janet Edwards, and Julia Ibbotson.

The District Master chaired the meeting which started at 5.30pm.

1. **Welcome:** The District Master welcomed the members to the meeting.

Then announced the sad passing of Mrs Marian Wood on Saturday 13th April 2024. He mentioned that Marian H Mills learned to ring as a young teenager after nagging her father, Percy Mills of Thorpe-le-Soken to teach her. (Girls don't ring bells!). She rang her first peal in 1955 and went on to ring a total of 90. She and Peter were married in 1962 and moved to the Northern District at Finchingfield. She was District Secretary/treasurer in 1962/63. Then they moved to Worcestershire for about 4 years in late '70s but returned to Essex, first to Thaxted and then back to Stebbing in '94. Marian was Deputy Master of the Northern District 2002/3/4/5 and Master for the next four years 2006 – 2009.

Marian Wood's funeral will be held at Great Bardfield at midday on Friday 3rd May. An invited band will ring before the funeral. All can ring afterwards.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Sarah Holland, Nick Holland, Alfie Holland, Andrew Taylor, Carol Taylor, Maurice Downs, Kath Downs, Vicki LeFèvre, Susan Sherrington, Vicki Elliott, Peter Smith, Clare Gray and Lin Ould.

3. **Minutes & Matters Arising:** The minutes of the District Meeting held on 25th November 2023 had been circulated in advance. There were no other comments or corrections to the minutes. They were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, proposed : Ian Hagger, seconded : David Newton. This was agreed by a show of hands. There were no matters arising.

4. **Election of new Members:**

Paul Waller (Greenstead Green), Ringing member, proposed: Donna Goodchild, seconded: Trevor Beadle

Mike Claxton (Wethersfield), Ringing member, proposed: Roy Threadgold, seconded: Cherry Threadgold

Jane Claxton (Wethersfield), Ringing member, proposed: Roy Threadgold, seconded: Cherry Threadgold

Peter Carman (Wethersfield), Ringing member, proposed: Roy Threadgold, seconded: Cherry Threadgold

Rosie Gray (Braintree), Ringing member, proposed: Peter Smith, seconded: Linda Ould

Suzanne Walker (Black Notley), Ringing member: proposed: Max Ford, seconded: Derek Hammond

5. District Calendar for until next business meeting on 7/9/24

May 2024

Sat 4th District Practice, Bocking, 10am – 11.45am

Mon 6th EACR Annual General Meeting, Chelmsford Cathedral (All welcome)

(Presentations for Life Membership to Michael Mason and David Jarvis)

June 2024

Sat 1st District Practice, Coggeshall, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Thurs 6th District Practice, Black Notley, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Sat 29th EACR Striking Competition Finals 8-bell draw, Great Bardfield, 10am Results and refreshments, Great Easton Village Hall 6-bell draw, Great Easton, 12.30pm

July 2024

Sat 6th Hand Bell Picnic, Boydell's Dairy Farm, 6.00pm

August 2024

Sat 3rd Northern District Outing to St Albans

September 2024

Sat 7th District Practice, Witham ringing 10.30am -12noon, Kelvedon Pub Lunch 12.30pm, 2pm service, 2.30pm Business Meeting followed by ringing until 5.00pm

6. News and Achievements

Witham 4/2/24 Nicholas Elliott 1st QP on treble of Grandsire Doubles

Braintree 4/2/24 Clare Gray 1st QP covering & Luke Attfield 1st QP Grandsire Doubles

Braintree 8/2/24 Ellis Whitehouse 1st QP of Cambridge Surprise Minor on inside

Braintree 17/3/24 David Newton 1st QP of St Clement's College Bob Minor

Wethersfield 20/4/24 QP of Bob Minor in memory of Marian Wood

Great Bardfield 25/4/24 QP of Bob Minor in memory of Marian Wood

Braintree/Witham since 6/1/24 Simon Ward and/or Jim Green have rung 5 QP's on hand bells

7. Any Other Business:

Vicki Elliott (former treasurer) sent an email thanking everyone who sent their subs by post over the last 9 years. The stamps have now been bagged up and donated to charity.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

Signed .. 

Dated 03 / SEPT / 2024