

# *Church News*

## **News from the Belfry**

This year, St Peter's Church is hosting the Essex Association of Change Ringers (EACR) South Eastern District six bell and call change competitions. This will take place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. If you live near the church, you will have the opportunity to hear some good ringing. You are very welcome to come to St Peter's to listen. We will be providing refreshments for our visiting ringers.

A team comprises six ringers, and at least one member of the team will not previously have rung a quarter peal on bells two to five. A team can comprise of ringers from two different towers. On previous occasions, a joint Great Totham and Inworth band has entered one of the competitions.

This is how the ringing competition works. First there is a draw to determine the order in which the competing towers ring. Two experienced ringers act as judges and they are unaware of the ringing order. The judges listen to the ringing and marks are deducted when two bells strike at the same time or the ringing is not even. The winning tower is the one with the least marks deducted. Certificates are awarded to the first three highest placed towers. The first and second placed towers will go forward to compete in the EACR ringing competition later in the year.

It has not yet been decided whether a band from Great Totham will take part in the competition this year.

If you are interested in learning to ring the bells at St. Peter's, please contact our Tower Captain, Janice Spalding, on 01621 892197, come along to our Friday practice at 19.45 hours or visit <http://greattothambellringers.org.uk>.

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