

SALLY FORTH

Western Division Newsletter

January & February 2013



Diary of Events

January

Friday 4 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Friday 4 th	SCACR Young People's Event Take 7 (see page 7)	Brighton	
Saturday 5 th	Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Wednesday 9 th	Codgers (<i>January is one week later than usual to avoid the New Year Celebrations</i>)	Chailey (tbc) Uckfield (tbc)	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm <i>Please note new times</i>
Saturday 12 th	Western Division Social – Quiz Night (see page 4)	Pulborough	
Friday 18 th	General 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Saturday 26 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am
Saturday 26 th	Ringling Workshop (see page 6)		
Saturday 26 th	SCACR Birthday Service, St Saviours (see page 6)	Eastbourne	

February

Friday 1 st	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Saturday 2 nd	Beginners & Improvers Practice contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Wednesday 6 th	Codgers	Stedham (tbc) Easebourne (tbc)	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm <i>Please note new times</i>
Saturday 9 th	SCACR Library Open Day (see page 4)	Billingshurst	10.30am-2pm
Saturday 9 th	Annual Divisional Meeting, Ringing, Service, Tea and Meeting	Storrington	2.30pm
Friday 15 th	General 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Saturday 23 rd	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am

Practice and Annual Divisional Meeting at Storrington Saturday 9th February 2013

Ringling at St Mary's 2.30pm, Service 4pm,
Tea 4.30pm in the church hall
ADM 5pm back in the church
Ringers of all abilities welcome.

Names for tea to Jack Burton tel 01243 374937
or jeburton@alverservices.com

Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received



Regular Practices

Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first	1 st Saturday of every month	Christine Butterfield	01903 872623
Surprise Minor Practice	4 th Saturday of every month	John Taylor	01903 745477
Basic 8 Bell Practice	1 st Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
General 8 Bell Practice	3 rd Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
Codgers Practice	1 st Wednesday of every month	Mike Foster	01903 741664

New Year – Codgers New programme – Please note **NEW TIMES!**

The idea is to start a 1/4 of an hour earlier (11.00am). Therefore, lunch will be a 1/4 of an hour earlier (12.45pm) and slightly shorter, as we nearly always have to pre-order. Then we can start the afternoon session 1/2 hour earlier (2.00pm to 3.30pm) thus heading for home sooner during the winter months. This will also give us the chance to squeeze in an extra tower in the Summer, if needed.

Looking Ahead

9 th March 2013	Call Change Competition at Washington (tbc)
13 th April 2013	Practice and Service at Thakeham (tbc)
11 th May 2013	SCACR AGM at Billingshurst
8 th June 2013	Practice, Service and Business Meeting at Midhurst (tbc)
13 th July 2013	Walk and Ring – to be arranged

Master's Mutterings - Graham Hills

Due to one problem or another, a lot of the venues for the various meetings in November and December had to be changed, so I hope you all managed to keep up to date with them. It seems that the one meeting that did manage to stay put was the half muffled practice with service at Felpham, where the Curate took the service for us, the Vicar played the organ, and the local ringers laid on a magnificent tea for us, but unfortunately there were only a few of us there to enjoy it.

The following week Mike and Brenda Etherington organised a Shuffleboard Evening, which was a great success, and included a hot pot supper. Over 60 people attended, so I hope it helped them with their fund raising towards paying for Pulborough's recently re-cast 6th bell.

I hope many of you will support the Western Division Quiz Evening on January 12th in Pulborough Village Hall. Tickets are £6 each, to include a Fish and Chip supper, and are available from myself, Jack or Christine. This social event is open to all (ringer or not), so if your spouse or partner is not a ringer, he/she can still come along and be most welcome.

For the last 10 or so weeks I have been involved with teaching a group of people to learn to ring at Wisborough Green. This was a course organised by Chichester College, and there were 8 students. Unfortunately, along the way 2 of them decided not to continue with the course. I think it was very successful, but if anybody else is approached by a college to run a similar course, I suggest you contact Anne Franklin first. In case you don't know, Anne is the SCACR education officer, and has been in touch with the college. I must take this opportunity to thank all those involved, from the students, to the local ringers, and to visiting ringers who helped out when the students were starting to ring in rounds.

The next issue of Sally forth is not due out until near the end of February, so let me remind you of our Western Division ADM on February 9th to be held at Storrington. Not only will all positions on the Western Division Committee be up for election, but we also have to provide nominations for the General Committee to take forward to the AGM at Billingshurst in May. Don't forget that David Kirkcaldy has been our Master now for 3 years, so has to step down, meaning that the Association will be looking for a new Master. If you do decide to nominate someone for one of the positions, please remember to ask their permission first.

Now is also the time for all tower captains and correspondents to check the entry for their tower in last year's Report. If you notice an error, such as service or practice ringing times incorrect, then PLEASE e-mail Jack Burton as soon as possible, as he has now started collating the corrections for next year's Report. It is not possible for one person to check everything, so please help out with this task.



Students & helpers at Wisborough Green

The Divisional Carol Service was shown in the last issue of Sally Forth to be taking place at Aldwick. This is one of the venue changes that had to take place. So thanks go out to the ringers and clergy at Heene, who stepped into the breach, to let the Divisional Carol Service take place there on the 8th December.

I will finish now by wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Scratchings from the Secretary – Jack Burton

Life in the ringing world seems to be settling down again after all the activities of the past year with the Jubilee and the Olympics. It is now back to routine and looking forward to next year. The first thing will be the issue of the yellow subscription forms for 2013. It will be the same routine as last year, except the forms themselves have been generated for the first time directly from the newly established database of membership. It is particularly important that all members check their details on the forms, remembering to tick the box if they would like a copy of the Annual Report and also giving thought as to whether they could receive their copies of 'Sally Forth' by email if they presently receive them by post but have an email address.

The Autumn meeting of the General Committee took place in November where a number of interesting items arose. Firstly all secretaries have been requested to report that the full details of the ringer's insurance package is now given on the SCACR website. This insurance cover is paid for as part of your subscription and covers all ringing members of the Association.

The next item from the meeting I found to be particularly of note and here I express my personal thoughts. A Further Education evening class has been held at Wisborough Green throughout this term with people coming from a very wide area, including Hampshire and Surrey. One wonders why a person would want to go to night school to learn to ring instead of just turning up at their nearest local church with bells. Apparently the answer is that many of them would be too self-conscious to approach the church 'cold'. Perhaps this is something we should all be thinking about. Do we advertise our need for recruits in a way that encourages someone to get in touch at or near our churches? Just advertising in church related publications may not be sufficient, as clearly many potential ringers may not have contacts with a church or even be church goers. Notices in or around the church may not be sufficient.

I am sure most of you will have heard or read about the work of the Ringing Foundation. There have been numerous letters in the Ringing World about the subject. The foundation seeks to regularise and certificate the training of ringing teachers. The 'teaching of teachers' is an important aspect in our work in the Division and teacher's classes are organised and run from time to time, but I do wonder if formal certification is not a hostage to fortune in the world of insurance, health and safety, and safeguarding. The Ringing Foundation is seeking to raise £25K to fund a part-time administrator and have asked associations for money. At the General Committee Meeting the item was put aside until the next meeting in March, by which time the Education Committee will have made contact and it is hoped that more information will be available. One last thought, is not ringing administration the work of 'Ringing Masters'?

Now a plea to tower correspondents, will you please check your tower's entry in the last Annual Report for accuracy and let me have, in plenty of time, any amendments necessary for the new Report?

Just a couple of items to finish; a revised version of the SCACR tower map of Sussex is on the website for all to download, and another reminder about the next Annual Divisional Meeting at Storrington on Saturday 9th February 2013. Come along and support your Division and let me have the proposal forms for new members in good time.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St Mary's Victorian Christmas Market – Margo Grundy

The 1st of December saw the whole of St Mary's, Goring turned into a scene from a Charles Dickens novel with Victorian decorations adorning not just the hall but the church as well. Not to miss an opportunity, we opened the tower to visitors in the hope that we could attract or encourage some new ringers, not only for us but for Tarring and Heene as well.

We had a steady stream of visitors throughout the two pre-arranged sessions, where we gave a short demonstration of call changes. Graham gave a little talk, and with the help of the demonstration bell he intrigued our guests with how it all works.

It's early days but there were positive vibes from several people. One mature lady walked all the way home to get her husband, who has been interested in bells for many years but had never seen them rung before. The biggest interest though was from the local Scout Group who would like to involve their young people in ringing early next year. It will be a really good opportunity to keep as many of them as possible interested well into 2013. Who knows, we could soon become the Bell Ringers recruiting agency!!!



Angmering and Findon Bell Ringers' Outing – Raymond Bivand (a.k.a. RingRay)

It was an early start in the pouring rain as our group boarded the minibus in Angmering for a day out to the Isle of Thanet in Kent.

The weather got somewhat brighter en route and by the time we reached The Waterloo Tower, in Quex Park, Birchington, the sun was shining and the sky was a deep shade of blue. Here, we were able to enjoy some refreshments before setting off on foot through a rather muddy field to the tower where the ringing up of the twelve bells commenced. As there were twenty people in our party there was no shortage of ringers. As we launched into rounds and call changes, this was a very good test of our bell handling and control.

Some of the towers were not particularly easy to access. Well done, Caroline Jones in particular, for getting up that near vertical long ladder at our next venue which was All Saints in Birchington. For all those ringers who braved that ladder, it was well worth it in order to ring the eight bells there.

After that, it was back to the minibus for the short journey to Minster. Here we had lunch before getting to grips with the five rather heavy bells at St. Mary's. The treble is over 7 cwt. and the tenor some 17 cwt. but feels more like twenty! Just as well we had lunch before ringing here!

Our next stop was Chislet and a more familiar ring on six bells. We were able to ring Bob Doubles and Grandsire as well as other methods performed by the more experienced ringers in our group

Our final stop was Littlebourne where we had the choice of either ringing there or at nearby St. Andrew's at Wickhambreaux. As the latter was our original choice, we opted for that as the church was opposite the Rose Inn where we already had tables booked for dinner which was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We had many challenges to deal with on the day! The muddy field and the 12 bells at the Waterloo Tower, the vertical ladder at All Saints, Birchington, the heavy bells of Minster and the reverse ringing circle of 6 bells at Wickhambreaux. It was a nice surprise to find out that we could ring there after all, as originally planned. Some of the clappers had to be removed for maintenance and were restored just in time for our visit.

Everyone in our group played their part in making things run smoothly and keeping to the timetable which helped make the day enjoyable and successful.

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SCA Library Open Day

+ Homemade Soup & Ploughman's Lunches

Saturday 9th February 2013

from 10.30am – 2pm

Come and enjoy dipping into our wonderful books, magazines and ephemera (eg Ringing for the Millennium, 125 Anniversary peals/quarter peals and HMQ's Diamond Jubilee ringing).

You can also look up your tower's references in the Bell News, The Ringing World including peals and quarter peals.

The Quiz is back, too!

... and then go onto the Western Division meeting at Storrington perhaps?

**Names to Stella Bianco: Tel 01403 740010
or Email: scb@biancoteam.com**

WESTERN DIVISION'S SOCIAL EVENT

will be held at

Pulborough

on Saturday 12th January 2013

**Ringing at St Mary's from 4-5pm,
followed by a Fish and Chip Supper
(or vegetarian alternative) and a Quiz**

at the Village Hall, Swan View, Lower Street,
Pulborough RH20 2BF

Please bring your own drink and nibbles

All are welcome. Don't forget to invite other friends and family along for the supper and quiz. It is not limited to ringers.



Cost £6

Please contact:

Jack Burton tel: 01243 374937, email jeburton@alverservices.com
or Graham Hills tel: 01903 266980, email gr.hills@yahoo.com
for tickets, and to give your order.

Forever Imber – Aldwick Outing – David Hall

The little village of Imber on Salisbury Plain was effectively cleared of its inhabitants in 1943 when the Ministry of Defence gave its occupants seven days notice to leave. There was no assistance or alternative accommodation offered as it was World War 2 and there were other priorities for the authorities. The little church of St Giles had stood since the 13th century and is now the only complete building of the village still standing. It nestles in a little valley with its churchyard, and close by an odd collection of house shells are strung out along the area of the old village. The shells are used by the army for urban warfare exercises and one is even labelled as a mosque. Now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, it is possible to visit the church 3 or 4 times a year for a service and a chance to ring the peal of six, very light bells. This was the main purpose of a ringing outing that Darren Woodyer had organised for local Sussex ringers and friends from further away.

We started at Aldwick at 7.00 in the morning and three car loads were joined by others going direct and heading for the Wylve Valley of Wiltshire. Perfect sunny weather allowed us to enjoy the ride and reach our first church of St Mary's at Amesbury in good time. This is a large, well lit church dating from the 12th century and has a splendid ring of eight heavy bells (18cwt tenor) with a big comfy ringing chamber at first floor. These were the only stairs that we had to climb that day so it was nice to get them out of the way early! Slippery sallies and heavy bells made for some groans and squeals until we got used to them, but soon we were all loosened up after our journeys and rung some Cambridge on the back six, Grandsire and changes. An enjoyable ring and a good start to our day.

Heading further west, we admired the sight of Stonehenge, before reaching Wylve village where we had to admire the picture postcard perfection of the little church of St Nicholas. There were old cottages to die for, thatch, limestone, flint, The Bell Inn, yew trees and monuments, all getting cameras clicking before we went inside and found a friendly ring of six bells (8cwt tenor). Lots of doubles methods, hunting and changes were good for self-confidence and those waiting were able to admire the beautiful carved oak pulpit, tester, lectern, prayer desk and rails dating from 1628 and donated from a demolished church in Wilton. Property values in this area were obviously on the slide here as the pretty cottage opposite the church was for sale and had reduced its price from £800,000 to £600,000 and still wasn't selling!

Off again up the valley to Orcheston (the birth-place of Mick Channon the race horse trainer) and the choice of two churches, one at either end of the village. We had to split into two groups but even then there were only seven bells available in total! St Mary's was very pretty, built of local limestone and with a square pinnacled tower, but only had three bells. With a 7cwt tenor, it was listed as unringable in Doves! That didn't stop us however, but did rather restrict our repertoire. A real struggle to ring up and to keep up, with moth-eaten sallies and a small ringing chamber (thanks Darren) we came away nursing aching fingers and backs. The parish gives its name to a variety of grass called Orcheston Long Grass or "Creeping Bent" which described us quite well after 10 minutes of struggling.

The other church of St George's was a relief and a treat of a different kind, as the locals had left us a great display of cakes and cold drinks. This ring of four bells (7cwt tenor) was so loud that changes had to be bellowed out at full blast, sending cake crumbs flying across the tower. We did however manage Bob Minimus with a struggle and changes, but ringing down was the best ring at this church, which is redundant and looked after by the Churches Conservation Trust.

Now it was time for the main event of the day and our cars followed each other to Salisbury Plain. Passing through the perimeter check point, the signs confirmed that the village was open and we took the long narrow tarmac road into the normally forbidden area. It was a remarkable experience in itself seeing the rolling hills covered with thick unfenced meadow grass, the deep valleys and thick woods and the occasional sign warning us to avoid leaving the road. It had become one vast nature reserve and was like going back 70 years in time. Soon the little pinnacles of Imber Church appeared below us in a valley and we found plenty of parking (in a little field just off of the road!). Hoping that they had cleared it of unexploded ordnances, we settled down to eat our picnic lunches and admired the view of the little limestone church. Inside, the Churches Conservation Trust had put on a display of local photos, the history of the village and church, and refreshments. A popular event each year, some 4000 people visited in 2011, a large number of whom were ringers. The six very light bells (300lb tenor) were arranged anti-clockwise and we soon rang them up and went straight into Bob Minor, trying to look in the right direction! There then followed Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and changes for everybody, including others visiting, so that we could all experience this delicate ring. Over 38 ringers swelled our ranks with some coming from Harrow and even Tenterden for the chance to master these long ropes.



Getting to our next tower at Urchfont wasn't easy however, as we took a different road out, only to find it blocked at the end. Gingerly backing our cars off of the road again and waiting for the bang, we turned around and headed back, trying to avoid the potholes, until 6 miles later we were back in the real world again. St Michael and All Angels was another delightful pretty place with the village pond, old cottages, a fine 18th century house and a splendid stone church. This is also where the games show cheat Major Charles Ingram lives, but who wants to be a millionaire? The bells were not easy, being deep set and heavy (19cwt tenor) - a bit of a step up from the last tower. However, we did get some



Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples and hunting going well to wake up the inhabitants and spook the local horse riders before we left.

Our final ring took us across country, past the White Horse carved in the hills, to Upavon and the church of St Mary, with it's lovely 8 sided Norman font. Tempted by the restored cars in a local, very scruffy garage (you could buy an ivory Jaguar saloon like Inspector Morse for £28,000), we found the church and soon rang up the six bells (14 cwt tenor). We then launched into Stedman, Kent, Bob Minor and Bob Doubles. A fitting end to a fine day.

What a treat it all had been and passed too soon. The weather had been perfect, the places to visit a dream, and the ringing gave everyone a chance to experience new bells. Many thanks to Darren and the helpers and drivers for giving us such happy memories, and all of you who didn't manage to make it, come along for the next one - you don't have to be an expert, just an enthusiast!

New Tower Correspondent at Pulborough

Brenda Etherington is the new tower correspondent at Pulborough. Her email address is: bmetherington46@gmail.com.

Almost There – Mike Etherington

Following our very enjoyable Shuffleboard Evening, the Pulborough Ringers are delighted to announce that a profit of £316-00 was raised towards our new bell. We wish to thank all who came and supported us and we would particularly like to thank those who brought Raffle Prizes, those who helped set the hall up and those that helped us clear up afterwards. It was very much appreciated.

SCACR Education Event Ringing Workshops on a 'Getting better' theme



**Saturday 26th January 2013
9.30am to 12noon**

- 1. Getting better at ringing call changes (Ringmer)**
- 2. Getting better at plain hunting (Hailsham)**
- 3. Getting better at ringing Bob Doubles (Alfriston)**
- 4. Getting better at Triples and Major (Chiddingly)**
- 5. Getting better at ringing down (Laughton)**

**Interested? Want to know more?
Want to book a place?
Want to be a helper?**

**Contact Anne Franklin 01273 813189
education@scacr.org**

**Afternoon ringing in Eastbourne prior to the
Birthday Service at 3pm.**

SCACR Birthday Service at St Saviour & St Peter's, Eastbourne

Saturday 26th January 2013

Service at 3pm, followed by tea.

It is hoped that the bells at Christ Church and St Mary's will be available for ringing earlier in the afternoon.

The only ringing at St Saviour's prior to the service will be the service touch, however, the bells will be available for open ringing after tea if required.

Unfortunately the bells at All Saints, Eastbourne are not available due to another event in the church.

Names for tea to Marion Hollands
tel 01323 764868 or
sec-east@scacr.org



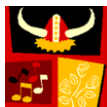
Following on from our success in Birmingham this year, we are looking to enter a Sussex team in the Ringing World National Youth Competition next year.

The competition is being held on Saturday 6th July 2013 in the City of York.

Would you be interested? Are you competent ringing call changes on 8 bells? Will you be aged 19 or under on the day of the contest and able to commit to around 4 practices prior to the event? If so, come and have a go, this really is a great event.

We will be holding the first practice at Fairwarp on 24th February 2013 between 2.30 and 4.00 pm for anyone who would like to take part. After this, we will select the team to go to York and arrange more practices.

Please let either Anne 01273 813189 education@scacr.org or Sandra 01403 251240 TheAlfords@dsl.pipex.com know if you'd be interested to come along.



SCACR Young People's Event Take 7

Friday 4th January 2013

Will be visiting Brighton this Winter

10.30–12 noon St Nicholas, Brighton (10 bells)

Picnic and Playtime on the Pier

2.00–3.30pm St Peter, Brighton (10 bells)

Cakes will be provided of course! Wrap up warm!

Look forward to seeing you there. As usual, please let either Anne or Sandra know if you are coming and if you need help with transport.

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Quarter Peals

St Mary's, Pulborough

2nd September 2012

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Susan Black*, 2 Brenda Etherington

3 Mike Etherington, 4 Peter Gregory

5 Bill Avenell (C), 6 Ian Cockburn

*First Quarter

St Margaret's, Angmering

15th October 2012

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Dave Bowerman*, 2 Rachel Wells

3 Julia Wells, 4 Caroline Jones

5 Alan J Taylor (C), 6 George Coulson

*First Quarter

Dedicated by Dave to Julia and Rachel for their tolerance and guidance

St Andrew's, West Tarring

28th October 2012

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Elizabeth Potter, 2 Moya Hills

3 Erica Pritchard, 4 Brenda Cox

5 Rik Clay, 6 Graham Hills (C)

St Michael's, Amberley

31st October 2012

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 John Bentley, 2 Elizabeth Butler

3 Ruth Brown, 4 Sheila Hewer

5 Michael Etherington (C)

Rung for the funeral of Stephen Mason

St Mary's Goring-by-Sea

11th November 2012

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Elizabeth Potter, 2 Jo Cheng*

3 Allen Monks, 4 Tansley Grace

5 Graham Hills (C), 6 Jane Winter

*First inside

Rung half muffled for evening service on Remembrance Sunday

St Mary the Virgin, Shipley

24th November 2012

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Graham Heath, 2 Simon King

3 Brenda Etherington, 4 Linda Etherington

5 Mike Etherington (C), 6 Peter Gregory

Rung to celebrate 60 years of ringing for Brenda, who learnt to ring at Shipley, and ringing on the bell that she first rang

Chichester Cathedral

25th November 2012

1264 Plain Bob Major

1 Shirley Mower, 2 Keith Game

3 Gill Roberts, 4 Hamish McNaughton (C)

5 Philip R Down, 6 Peter Watson

7 Nick Deadman, 8 David Roberts

Rung for the service of Enthronement of Bishop Martin Warner

St Mary's, Thakeham

29th November 2012

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Sonia Rix, 2 Ruth Brown

3 Valerie Mourilyan, 4 Sheila Verrall

5 F Richard Verrall, 6 Geoff Rix (C)

Baltic Venturers Reunion

St Luke's, Milland

8th December 2012

1260 Plain Bob doubles

1. Barry Wateridge*, 2. Neir Pirie

3. Jo Green, 4. Brian Underwood (C)

5. Ed. Underwood, 6. John Reynolds

*1st Quarter away from cover

Who rings a bell like this?

Our last newsletter had a photo sent in by June Somerville of a sally hanging about 25' in the air at the Town Church in St Peter's Port, Guernsey and asked if anyone knew a bellringer who could ring the bell.

Not content with just saying the rope is lowered through the floor, ringers from Goring and West Tarring came up with a number of other ideas: "The long arm of the law", "Guernsey police are currently looking for a 17' man with trousers just below the knee and extra long socks!!", "Where is Steve Pocock?", "Is there someone up there?", "Someone's aiming high", "We're going up to the high places", "We lost the floor" and "Little Richard with his 'Long Tall Sally', and his 'Slippin and Slidin' for when the long rope starts flying about".


ED-TWITTERS

Well it's that time of year again when life is very busy preparing for an extra special Christmas celebration. Hopefully by now, your list of things to buy or do has started to shrink and is becoming more manageable. One of the most time consuming but possibly the most rewarding job is writing the Christmas cards. Do you like me, start off just writing "Best Wishes from" or "Happy Christmas from" in your cards but by the end of the task find yourself writing two or three page letters to all those you haven't had time to catch up with during the year? What should be a relatively easy job becomes a marathon task.

A few years ago, we decided at Goring that we wouldn't send individual cards to all of the ringers as not only is it time consuming, it becomes quite costly with the price of cards ever increasing. We now have one large card (which we obtained from the local hospice) which we each sign, add our Christmas messages and put a donation in a collection box which we hand to the charity in the New Year. This year, to cut down on waste even more, we are recycling last year's card and just adding our new messages for 2012. No doubt by now you are thinking "What a bunch of scrooges" but at least a charity is benefitting from our lean thinking!!

So it just leaves me to say a very big "Thank You" for all the help, support and splendid articles you have given to Liz and I in our first year as Publicity Officers. We started the job with some unnecessary trepidation but it's turned out to be very enjoyable. Happy Christmas everyone and hope to hear from you in the New Year with plenty of news from your Christmas activities.

Margo

Apologies if you've done this before, but we know ringers like a sweet or two, and as a starter for the quiz next month, here's a 'sweet' quiz! (Answers at the bottom of the page)

1. Quintessentially English flowers.
2. Scrooge's idea of Christmas.
3. Istanbul harem.
4. High-class thoroughfare.
5. Spin on the spot.
6. The teddy bears had one.
7. Mother's local.
8. Sport for princes.
9. Melodies.
10. Subject for Discussion.
11. Big Bus.
12. Luminous band stretching across the night sky.
13. The exact centre in room and moor.
14. Dark occult.
15. A piece of snow.
16. There was a mutiny here.
17. Wobbly infants.
18. Various black items.
19. Clever folk.
20. Talk Quietly.
21. 100% precious metal.
22. Assorted girls.
23. Majestic Herb.
24. Edible fastenings.
25. Dating Agencies.
26. 9, 10, 11.
27. Pig's tail, perhaps?
28. Frankie Vaughan wanted it.
29. Later mess.
30. Dairy Holder.



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DIVISIONAL PRACTICE NIGHTS

You'll always be welcome on practice nights at other towers in the division, but it might be an idea to check before you get there!

Monday: Aldingbourne, Aldwick (1st), Arundel (2nd & 4th), Lyminster (1st & 3rd) (*please ring to check*), Northchapel, Pagham (Aldwick on 1st Monday of month), Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

Tuesday: Aldwick (moved to Monday on 1st Monday of month), Findon (2nd & 4th), Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington & Wisborough Green (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Milland, Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm) (1st only) & Upper Beeding

Thursday: Angmering (2nd, 4th & 5th), Bosham, Easebourne (1st & 3rd), Findon (1st & 3rd), Midhurst (2nd & 4th), Petworth, Rogate, Steyning & Walberton

Friday: Amberley, Fittleworth & Storrington

Other Towers: Fernhurst (3), Lodsworth & Trotton (4)

Many thanks to everyone who sent in articles and photos for Sally Forth. Please send your contributions for the next newsletter to us at margolizb@gmail.com before **16th February 2013**. Thank you.

The nativity scene on the front page of Sally Forth was handmade in clay by Society of Women Artist, Valerie Shepherd and was created for St Nicholas Church, Poling

1. Roses
2. Humbug
3. Turkish Delight
4. Quality Street
5. Twirl
6. Picnic
7. Mars Bar
8. Polo
9. Tunes
10. Topic
11. Double Decker
12. Milky Way
13. M & Ms
14. Black Magic
15. Flake
16. Bounty
17. Jelly Babies
18. Liquorice Allsorts
19. Smarties
20. Whisper
21. All Gold
22. Dolly Mixtures
23. Mint Imperials
24. Chocolate Buttons
25. Match Makers
26. After Eight
27. Curly Wurly
28. Moonlight
29. Maltesers
30. Milk Tray