

Southern News



March –April 2013



Special Events for All Ages and Ringing Ability
The following events are OPEN TO ALL RINGERS

SCACR Southern Division Outing for ringers of all abilities!

Saturday 20th April 2013

9.30am – 10.15am Christ Church Fairwarp (8)

10.45am – 11.30am St Denys Rotherfield (8)

11.45am – 12.30pm St Alban Frant (6)

Lunch

2.15pm – 3pm St Peter and St Paul Wadhurst (8)

3.15pm – 4pm St Mary Ticehurst (6)

Please let out ringing master Anne Franklin know if you will be coming education@scacr.org 01273 813189

Codgers 2013

The 'Codgers' is a group of predominantly retired Sussex ringers formed about 15 years ago by George Francis from Warnham. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month and usually ring at two towers (anywhere in Sussex and sometimes over into the adjacent counties) with a leisurely lunch in-between. It is also a social occasion where you can easily mix with ringers from the whole county and beyond unlike District meetings. Codgers can be a way of advancing your ringing as we cover a wide range of methods from Plain Bob Doubles to Bristol. There are no formal ringing qualifications required to join us other than that you can reliably ring a bell on your own at least in call changes. Contact Mike Foster codgers@scacr.org

The next meeting is on:-

Wednesday March 6th	West Hoathly Balcombe	St Margaret 6 St Mary 8	11-1-7 9-0-10	From 11 to 12.15pm From 2pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday April 3rd	Barcombe Ditchling	St Mary 6 St Margaret 8	9-0-2 7-3-8 Anti Clock	From 11 to 12.15pm From 2 to 3.30pm

New - Handbell Ringing Date Announced

WHEN? On Saturday 30th March

Where? Roedean School, Brighton

The day is aimed at ringers who want to have a go, those who are members of Handbell groups in Sussex and those who enjoy change ringing on Handbells but do not have a regular practice.

The day will start at 10.00am and go on until 4.00pm.

There will be a charge of £6 to cover refreshments and lunch.

This year we will have three groups:

- Plain Hunting to Plain Bob (anyone can have a go!)
- Plain Bob to Treble Bob
- Beyond Treble Bob

If you would like to attend this event please email Hamish McNaughton at hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk stating which of the groups you would like to join and whether you are able to bring Handbells.

A Bluebell and bell Journey with the Chailey Ringers

6th April 2013

The Bluebell Railway will be connecting through to East Grinstead at the end of March.

If anyone wants to join the Chailey Ringers celebrate this fantastic achievement, there is a Railway festival, on 6th April.

They will be ringing at Chailey at about 9.30am, moving on to the Railway to catch the 11.00 service. Handbells will be rung on the train (once they have learned how!), and then they will break the journey at Horsted Keynes to ring more Handbells at the church.

They hope to be ringing at East Grinstead at about 2.00pm.

Everyone will be very welcome, particularly Handbell ringers. The Bluebell will issue a pass for everyone; however, they will make a contribution towards the cost.

If you are interested, please contact, matthews78.11@btinternet.com or phone Brenda on 01825 723978 by March 23rd as they need to know the numbers for the Bluebell pass.

There is also the Wickham Whatsits for the younger age group. More details in the next Newsletter, to find out more now, contact John Norris jrn@orpheusmail.co.uk

Your diary should be filling up by this point, below are ringing practices, meetings and forward planning dates for your diary

REGULAR EDUCATION WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT 2013

Adrial runs practices every 2nd Saturday of the month, they are aimed at those wanting to learn or improve at plain hunt on five, plain bob doubles or Grandsire doubles.

The next one of these is Saturday March 9th, 10am to noon.

There is also a triples practice on the Friday before the Saturday in roughly alternate months.

The next one of these should be on April 12th from 10am to 12 noon.

**Saturday April 13th will be plain hunt and bobs,
from 10am to 12 noon**

Please let Adrial know if you are coming. ed-south@scacr.org

Helpers are always wanted. Adrial will e-mail you with the details of future meetings if you register your interest in attending these workshops.

On the second Thursday of the month there is a beginner's practice at Barcombe to which members of the division are welcome. Contact Marisa for more information secretary@scacr.org

The next practice is at Barcombe on Thursday 14th March from 7.30pm to 9pm

The next Southern / Eastern Surprise Major Practice is at Southover on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm. Contact Anne for further details - education@scacr.org

**On Saturday March 16th Shoreham-by-Sea St Mary de Haura
10.30am to 12 noon Method Union Triples
Contact Clare Cullen clare.cullen@googlemail.com**

Walk and Ring the Southdowns Way between the 11 - 18 May 2013.

Ringers from Seaford are attempting to walk and ring the South Downs Way from Winchester to Eastbourne. They are raising money for the Bell Restoration Fund and combine this with ringing at a variety of towers along the way. Plans are coming together and they hope that a number of you might like to join them in this venture. Come for some or the entire walk and enjoy some good ringing along the way.

Saturday 11 May Ring at Winchester Cathedral before the off 13 Miles to West Meon 8; East Meon 10 and Warnford 6. Overnight stay in Exton.

Sunday 12 May Walk 14 Miles to Buriton 6; Peters field 8; South Harting 6. Overnight stay in Petersfield.

Monday 13 May Walk 14 Miles to Midhurst 6; Graffham 8; Overnight stay nr Cocking

Tuesday 14 May Walk 12 Miles to Amberley 5. Overnight stay in Amberley.

Wednesday 15 May Walk 14 Miles to Steyning 8, Upper Beeding 6. Overnight stay in Bramber

Thursday 16 May Walk 13 Miles to Keymer 6, Ditchling 8, Iford 3. Overnight stay in Kingston

Friday 17 May Walk 8 Miles to Alfriston 6. Overnight stay Alfriston

Saturday 18 May Walk 11 Miles to Eastbourne. St Mary's 8, St Saviours 10.

To register your interest and receive more information email Debbie Evans evansent4u@hotmail.co.uk
Please mark your email Walk and Ring, they will contact you with details as they evolve.



SCACR Young Ringers Take 8 Event

Wander to the West

Friday 12th April 2013

10.30am - 11.30am ringing at St Mary's Stoughton (6)

11.45am -12.45pm ringing at St Mary's Funtington (6)

Junk Lunch (bread/cheese/ham/crisps/cakes etc.) provided at Funtington £3 per person

2pm - 3pm ringing at St John the Baptist Westbourne (8)

3.30pm - 4.30pm ringing at Holy Trinity Bosham (6)

All towers subject to final confirmation

As usual please let either Anne or Sandra know if you would like to come.

Public transport will be difficult but lifts can be arranged.

Anne Franklin 01273 813189 education@scacr.org



LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

SCACR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 11th May 2013

St Mary's Billingshurst

You are invited to attend the forthcoming AGM of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers

2pm Ringing

3.30pm Service in Church

4.30pm Tea and meeting at St Gabriel's Church Hall (RC Church east of St Mary's on the A272)

Please book tea with Jack Burton on 01243 374937 or email: sec-west@scacr.org before 9th May 2013.

South of England Show - 6th, 7th & 8th June 2013

Volunteers needed. If you are willing and able to help out on any of the above dates, please contact the General Secretary, Marisa Hayes on 01273-812790 or email her on secretary@scacr.org

Proposed Programme for 2013

April 20th Learners outing to Kent/Sussex border

May 18th Morning meeting at Buxted followed by a picnic in the park tbc

June 15th Striking competition at Keymer

July 20th Barcombe ringing followed by skittles and buffet at The Royal Oak

August 17th Joint walk and ring with the East

September 21st Ringing at the Good Shepherd ringing and tea

October 19th Outing

November 16th Newick Meeting and ringing tbc

December 21st Southover Ringing, mulled wine and mince pies tbc

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Looking back over the last two months

Flying Teacakes from Southover Victory Report

The flying Teacakes and the Lewes Beachcombers were from Southover, Say No More from Ringmer and the 3 others from Seaford.

Saturday 19th January 2013.

Southern Division members gather in Seaford for the annual quiz. The previous day's snow caused a number of teams previously entered to cancel, so around 35 people in all attended. Ringers gathered at St Leonards for ringing, covering everything from rounds and call changes, to Surprise Major.

We then made our way to the nearby WI Hall for a warming cup of tea. Delicious food arrived shortly after and was hungrily consumed by all. Feeling refreshed, we then began the serious business of the quiz, under the expert guidance of quizmaster Steve Lucas and the scorer Samantha (oops, sorry Ali, too much 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue').

With ten rounds of questions and a Ditloids/Dingbats sheet to complete, topics ranged from Sport, TV&Film, 2012, the Queen's 60 year reign and Science, to Art and Literature and Food/Drink. Brains were taxed, answers debated and minds changed. My particular favourite was to name the four cities created to mark the Diamond Jubilee...the closest we guessed was Colchester!

At the end of the evening the final scores were as follows:

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| 1. Flying Teacakes 171.5 | Southover |
| 2. Say No More 167 | Ringmer |
| 3. Lewes Beachcombers 161.5 | Southover |
| 4=. Seahorses 133.5 | Seaford |
| 4=. Nutty Apples 133.5 | Seaford |
| 6. Seaford Sallys 120 | Seaford |

Steve presented prizes, and he and Ali were thanked for once again putting the Southern Division through their paces. Particular thanks also go to Linda Perkins for arranging and then re-arranging the event in light of the weather.



On Saturday 26th January 2013, an afternoon of ringing at Eastbourne towers, followed by the Association Birthday Service and tea.

Having been ringing all morning at the workshop at the Chiddingly tower, it seemed a good idea to follow this up with more general ringing in Eastbourne. The first decision was lunch or ringing? Lunch won and I joined other ringers at the local in Chiddingly for a great lunch, before setting off to Eastbourne.

I caught up with the ringers at St Mary's on the Seaford Road in Eastbourne where I had not rung before so I added another tower to my Doves while enjoying a ring at a great eight bell tower.

There was also ringing at Christchurch and St Saviours.

Eastbourne St Mary's



8 bells

Eastbourne Christchurch



8 bells

St.Saviours and St Peter



10 bells

The Ringer's service at was well received with a good representation of ringers' attending and a collection of hymns and readings for the order of service to celebrate being a ringer. Of course we were all there for the tea and were greeted by a wonderful selection of sandwiches and cakes in the church hall. Well worth the effort and thanks to everyone who organised it all.

Meg Heyworth

Having broken my leg in 2012, my ringing has been very limited and my confidence has fallen. I decided to attend every event possible during 2013, to get in the practice.

On Friday 8th February. I joined 12 other ringers for a morning of Triples at St Leonard, Seaford which was my home tower when I first moved to Sussex in 2002. It has a lovely ring of 8, and has augmented by a simulator which makes it a great tower for practices. All was going really well until the tenor bell decided to improve our listening skills by ringing triples all by itself. The rare sunshine was blamed by shining on the sensor. We carried on regardless and it must have worked because I am now attempting Cambridge on practice nights at my new home tower in Shoreham. Thank-you Adrial Walton, Linda Perkins, Jonathan Franklin, and everyone else who was there to help. Meg Heyworth

On Saturday 26th February. The final event, I attended in February was the Southern Region ADM at Ringmer another tower for my Dove, which is now online dove.cccbr.org.uk where I found my latest tower. **Ringmer**, E Sussex, S Mary V, **8**, 13-3-0 (699kg) in F.

Collecting towers could be another reason to attend practices perhaps?

Ringing was from 3pm to 4.30pm and there was a good turnout of ringers especially from the up and coming younger ringers. Once again practice on different bells has helped me with my bell handling confidence at my home tower.



A service at 4.30pm prepared us for tea at 5pm followed by the ADM; a report on this will be in the next newsletter.



The latest recruits for the Southern Division. Left to right: Herbie, Lysbeth, Mary and William

NOTICES

"From the General Secretary: I hope that most towers have sent the **yellow forms** and membership subscription to their Divisional Secretary. There is a lot of work ahead to get the Annual Report prepared - please help us by responding promptly. With thanks, Marisa Hayes." Contact her for more information secretary@scacr.org

The SCACR's database has been handed over to the General Secretary, it will still be used for the production of address labels, and the distribution of news, emails, electronic newsletters, can you keep her informed about any changes. secretary@scacr.org

If you have anything that needs to be circulated to members, please can you now email website@scacr.org or let your Divisional Publicity Officer know. Or if you have an update to your own details (eg change of email address or tower) let your Divisional Secretary know or email database@scacr.org

Please note that requests for amendments or additions to the website calendar, towers information, or news, should be sent to your Divisional Secretary. And if you have any comments/feedback in general about the website, please email website@scacr.org.

I have just been voted on as publicity officer and I would love to have any news or information from your towers, if you are doing something at your tower let me know, invite me to come and take part if you want a write up about the event. If you want to know something let me know, I would like to start a "did you know" the weird and wonderful aspects of bell ringing corner. I would love to include some fun articles, one I have in mind is "The loo's at Sussex Towers" including a picture of the best bush to use in the church yard!! Pictures of your loos would therefore be welcome, as would any from countries that your church is twinned with.

My aim is to inform you all about what is happening in the Southern division and for you all to read the newsletter thus far!!

I can be contacted at anytime on megheyworth@gmail.com and I look forward to many more newsletters being an interactive read you will all enjoy on your kindles! Meg Heyworth