

Northern News



Northern Division Newsletter - November/December 2013



NOVEMBER

Fri/Sat 1 st & 2 nd	SCACR Ringing Course	Various Towers	
Monday 4 th	Elementary Practice	Worth	7.30pm
Saturday 9 th	Ringing plus Coffee & Cakes!!	Coleman's Hatch	10am
Monday 11 th	Treble Bob Minor	Ardingly	7.30pm
Saturday 16 th	Joint gathering with Southern Div.	Newick	3pm
<i>For further details see website: www.scacr.org/a-vision-for-scacr</i>			
Monday 18 th	10-Bell Practice	Horsham	7.30pm
Monday 25 th	Pudsey and London Practice	East Grinstead	7.30pm

DECEMBER

Monday 2 nd	Elementary Practice	Cuckfield (tbc)	7.30pm
Saturday 7 th	Ringing, Carols, Mince Pies & Tea	Warnham	3pm
<i>Numbers for refreshments to Anne Ekins sec-north@scacr.org by 4th December please</i>			
Monday 9 th	Surprise Major	Rusper	7.30pm
Monday 16 th	Triples and Major Practice	Balcombe	7.30pm
Monday 23 rd	General Ringing & Mulled Wine	East Grinstead	7.30pm
<i>General practice with mulled wine - for everybody, whatever your ringing ability</i>			



*Ringing, Advent Carols,
Mince Pies and Tea*

at Warnham

from 3pm on Saturday 7th December 2013

Why not, get your Christmas off to a cracking start by coming along to the Advent Carol Service at Warnham on 7th December 2013.

General Ringing will be from 3pm-4.30pm followed by the Advent Carol Service then mince pies and tea. All welcome!!

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Saturday 9th November 2013
at Coleman's Hatch from 10am
General Ringing morning (Rounds to Surprise)
open to all. Plus Coffee and Cakes

(Please note: There is no Business Meeting this month as all Northern Division members are invited to Newick on 16th November to discuss the future of SCACR)

Numbers for refreshments to:
Anne Ekins sec-north@scacr.org by 6th November please



2013 Wentworth Jigsaw

"The Ringers' Arms" Pub Sign

NEW!! Wentworth wooden jigsaw puzzle of an image commissioned by the Editor of The Ringing World for its beer tent at the 2001 Ringing Roadshow and kindly loaned by the artist for the Ringing World Centenary art exhibition "Inspired by Bells" in March 2011.

See photo: www.cccbr.org.uk and Ringing World calendar (June).

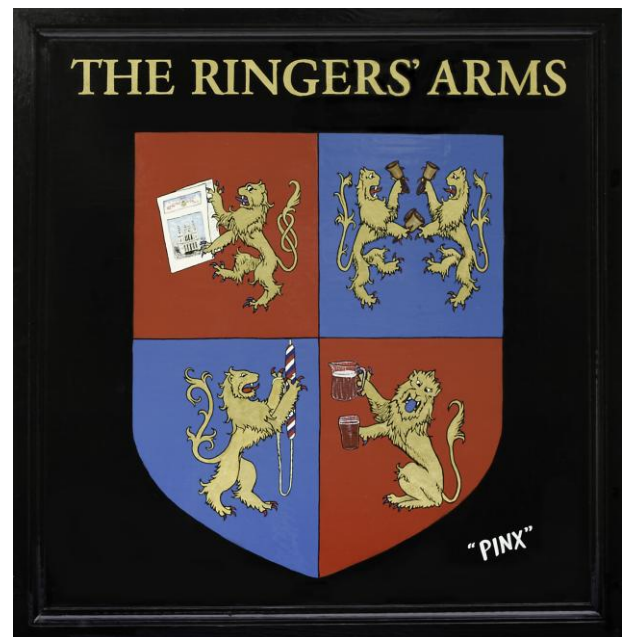
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Size: c250mm x 250mm 200 pieces with Rural cut shapes called "whimsies"

AN IDEAL GIFT

Price £22 (plus £3 p&p in UK). Cheques payable to: CCCBR please. Proceeds to the CCCBR Restoration Fund.

Please send order to: Stella Bianco, "Oaklands", West Chilmington Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9EA Tel: 01403 740010 Email: scb@biancoteam.com
Online payment available. Please supply email address, if possible.





Slaugham Outing - 12th October 2013

Three Counties Tour!

From Lingfield in Surrey, to Edenbridge in Kent and Hartfield in Sussex. Slaugham ringers and friends from Crawley, Balcombe, West Hoathly, Cuckfield and Worth numbering 24 in all. 16 on the Handcross Community Bus plus cars. Supper was at The Chequers in Slaugham. It was a good afternoon and evening enjoyed by all with a super duper picnic on a lovely sunny afternoon at Edenbridge.

Rosie Gregory - Slaugham



A Limerick from Limerick

A band of ringers (described as "a lovely group of people") from Limerick in Ireland made a tour of the Sussex area and Lower Beeding was one of their stop-off points. To greet them Ian Smith and Nigel Friswell had written this limerick on the whiteboard.

There was a young ringer from Limerick
Who fell fast asleep in a hayrick
He dreamt of Bob Doubles, forgot all his troubles
Well now, there's a very good trick.



When they came to lock up afterwards the Limerick ringers had responded with their effort:

There was an 'auld' ringer from Beeding
Who was tired from too much deep breathing
He rang on the four, then breathed out no more
So now he's below with no feeling.



Ringling for Stedman - from the SCACR website

Ringers of Sussex are invited to mark the Tercentenary of the burial of Fabian Stedman. Fabian Stedman is probably the most famous ringer and he had an enormous influence on the development of change ringing by publishing the first books on the subject. He was buried on 16th November 1713.

The Central Council is encouraging all ringers to mark this anniversary by ringing on, or as close as possible to, Saturday 16th November 2013, and to use the event to seek as much publicity as possible for your ringing, local bands and for ringing in general. John Harrison (CCCBR PR Committee)

Take a look at the Central Council website for touches of Stedman (300 changes), peal and quarter peal compositions and find yourself a band for Stedman - what better excuse do you need?





News from Lindfield



The Bells of Lindfield have had to fall silent for a while. This is due to the commencement of the project to refurbish and rebuild All Saints Church, which has begun with work on the roof and re-shingling the spire. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a scaffolding pole obstructing the swing of the 6 bell and the removal of two of the wheels to allow a girder to pass right through the tower to brace the scaffolding.

The original date of completion of this phase of the project should have been early December but, as the scaffolding was completed two weeks later than planned and extra work beyond that allowed for may come to light, it is not possible to say when we can resume ringing.

Michael Peace, Vice Captain, Lindfield



St Mary's Church, Billingshurst

Cosmetic work began on the external stone-work of the tower at the end of August 2013 and will continue until mid-November 2013. During this period minor structural work will be necessary to a support beam located in the "deadening chamber", which will affect any ringing arrangements at St.Mary's for two or three weeks. The work in question is about to commence so please contact Billingshurst secretary, Kathy Fitzpatrick, regarding any ringing arrangements while this work is being carried out.

Brian Nulty - Billingshurst



2014 Quarter Peal Week

Advance notice of the 2014 Quarter Peal Week. This is due to be held from Saturday 18th January to Sunday 26th January to coincide with the Association's Birthday which is 24th January 2014.





SCACR Social Event for 2013



This year was Northern Division's turn to organise the SCACR Social Event and we wanted to do something a bit different. After much discussion, the list was whittled down to two possibilities. One, as it turned out, would have been too expensive so we all agreed a trip on a narrowboat along the Wey & Arun canal would be ideal.

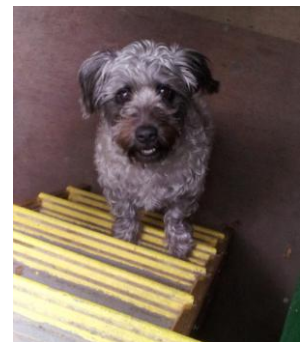
We met at Loxwood and boarded the Wigginholt which set off promptly at 11am. A lovely sunny day awaited us, which was good after the "iffy" weather we'd been having that week, so our big jackets and raincoats weren't



Anne Eakins operating the lock gates while the men stand by.....

needed. This wasn't a booze cruise but lots of tea, coffee and hot chocolate was available to wash down the picnic lunches some (organised!) people had brought along. One lone swan had joined us at the halfway point and led us the majority of our return journey. About 2½ hours after setting off, we arrived back at Loxwood, some to go home but the majority to make a detour via The Onslow Arms for "a pie & a pint". The sun was still shining and it was still warm so we were able to sit outside. A wonderful end to a very enjoyable day out.

Help! The stairs are a bit steep for my little legs!!





**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

SCACR has a budget

SCACR has some ideas

SCACR has no-one to help

SCACR wants to find a team of people with an interest in, or work in, graphic design and exhibitions.

SCACR would like to revamp its exhibition material ready for the Ringing Roadshow on Saturday 6th September 2014 at Newbury Racecourse, Berkshire.

HELP 

Find out more and drop an e-mail to publicity@scacr.org



A Vision? Whose Vision? Why? Where and When?

It may have escaped your attention but there have been rumblings in the engine rooms of the Association. In March, a small working group was formed to look at the aims and practices of the Association with a view to making sure the Association meets the needs of ringers in the 21st century. There were five of us: Christine Baldock, Val Atkins, Peter Wilkinson, Anne Franklin and Marisa Hayes. We met, we ate cake and we went on the road..... to eight discussion groups from Rye to Stedham and from Walberton to Mayfield and points in between.

In September, the Officers of the Association and four representatives from each Division, met to hear a round up of the discussion groups and to agree on the next steps towards a new SCACR. Full details of the presentation can be found on the website at www.scacr.org/a-vision-for-scacr and it has been taken to Business Meetings in Chichester and Beckley with one meeting in Newick yet to take place (16th November). It's a Vision we hope will be shared to ensure that members enjoy ringing opportunities which are relevant and allow for progress. We've listened to what members have told us and want SCACR to work from the grassroots all over Sussex from 2014. We want to put the draft rules and proposals to the General Committee on 9th November so it would be helpful to hear your thoughts by then.





A Visit to Kissingate Brewery

An outing to the Kissingate Brewery at Lower Beeding had been planned by some Horsham ringers earlier in the year but somehow never got underway. So a second attempt was made on 19th November to get to the Brewery for their Beerfest and barbecue. A group of Horsham ringers plus May (and Molly) from Rusper went along to sample to beer.

We were given a tour of the micro-brewery together with a talk on the process of brewing - then on to the drinking!!



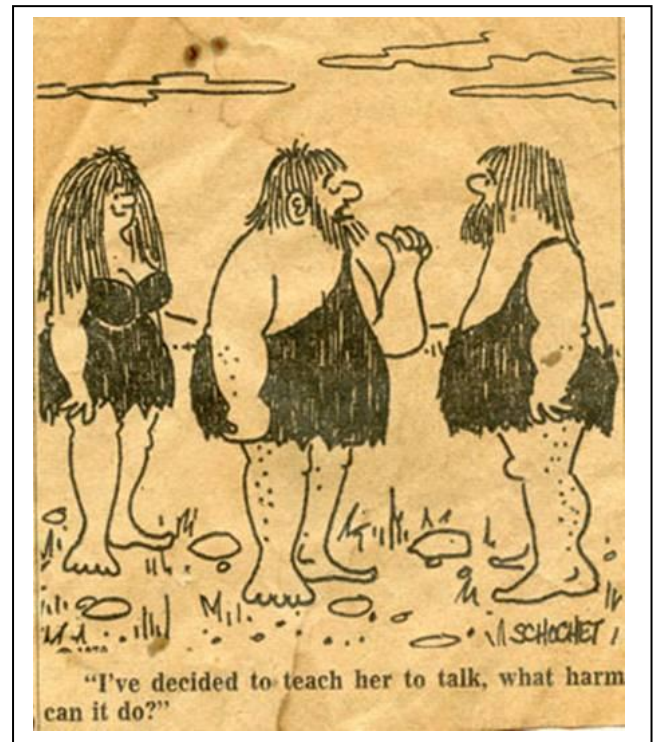
A very pleasant five or so hours was spent, chatting, meeting old friends, making new friends, eating and sampling the various brews. Molly also had the time of her life hoovering up the bits of burger, sausages and buns which people managed to drop (some, I'm sure, intentionally!) All in all, a jolly good Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Mike Cattell for organising this outing although he was heard to groan more than once "I wish I'd never started this!"



Harvest Festival display



Harvest Festival display in the porch at St Mary's, Rusper





CODGERS

For details of Codgers please contact Mike Foster : mgfoster@btopenworld.com



Divisional Practice Nights

You'll always be welcome on practice nights at other Towers in the Division but it would be an idea to check before you set off.....

Monday:- Northern Division practice evenings. See Diary Dates on front page for full details

Tuesday:- Balcombe : Cowfold : Horsham : Lindfield : Rudgwick (1st & 3rd) : Turner's Hill (phone first)

Wednesday:- Ardingly : Danehill (except last) : East Grinstead : Slinfold : Withyham

Thursday:- Crawley : Fairwarp : Hartfield : Lower Beeding : Rusper : Warnham : West Grinstead : West Hoathly : Worth

Friday:- Bolney : Coleman's Hatch : Cuckfield : Fletching : Itchingfield : Slaugham

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Very many thanks to everyone who has submitted an article and/or photographs over this past year. Your input is really appreciated. Thank you!!

Please send items for the next newsletter to:

news-north@scacr.org by 10th December 2013



*A Happy Christmas to you all
and to your families.
With very best wishes from
the members of the
Northern Division Committee*

