

# Southern News



## January February 2014



Happy New Year to all Southern Division members. I hope you all enjoyed some good ringing over the festive period and are looking forward to new ringing challenges in 2014. The 'Vision' document which suggests possible changes to the way in which the Sussex Association serves its members has now been widely circulated and will be presented by the working group to the Association General Committee on 11th January. It is not too late to let me have your views, thoughts or comments.....pop them in an email to [education@scacr.org](mailto:education@scacr.org)

January 18th to 26th has been designated Association Quarter Peal Week giving ringers the opportunity to ring a quarter peal to mark the founding of the Association. Ringing a quarter peal is an excellent way in which to master a method, have a go at something different and concentrate on improving striking. It would be good to see quarter peals being rung in most of our towers so why not organise one? Short of ringers? Need a conductor? Want to ring a different method? Need some help? Let me know and I will see what I can do!  
[education@scacr.org](mailto:education@scacr.org)

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Southern Division ADM takes place on Saturday 15th February and we hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting. If the proposals for the 'Vision for SCACR' go ahead we will be looking for volunteers to become Network Co-ordinators or Hub Caps and people to join Association working groups.

Why not give it some thought? An opportunity for different people to be involved and a chance for some of us to take a back seat!

Wishing you all good ringing in 2014

Anne Franklin

Southern Division Ringing Master



Southern Division ADM

Ringling from 3pm to 4.30pm at St Peters, Church Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9NZ followed by tea and Annual Divisional Meeting in the church hall. Names for tea to Clare Cullen at [sec-south@scacr.org](mailto:sec-south@scacr.org) or call 01273 474114

## **Details for the Codgers meeting on Wednesday, January 8th 2014.**

For more information please contact: [codgers@scacr.org](mailto:codgers@scacr.org)

**Please note that this is one week later than usual to miss New Year's Day.**

Due to the vagaries of the weather and peoples' holiday arrangements we propose not to pre-order any meals but to suggest you make your own arrangements.

There is a handy Vintage Inn between Worth and Crawley at The Hillside Inn  
Balcombe Road, Crawley, RH10 7SX Telephone:01293 883346

Ringling at:

Worth St Nicholas 6 from 11am to 12.15pm

Crawley TBC St John Baptist 8 from 2pm to 3.30pm

I am told that there is ample parking on the lanes approaching St Nicholas, Worth.

There is limited parking at the West end of Crawley church and I have been assured by Iain Davey that restrictions will be lifted for the duration of our visit. This area is also shared with shopkeepers from Church Walk so can we ensure that we cater for anyone who cannot walk long distances first! There is also limited (free) parking at Goffs Park which is on the Horsham Road (A2220) just south of the railway line and is a 10 minute walk from the church.

Methods: Although there is a Worth Minor I suspect, as it is a principle, we should forgo the pleasure so close to Christmas, and Crawley Surprise Major also looks somewhat tricky (to me anyway) so perhaps we should fall back on the usual ones that we all know and love. Of course, if someone has a method they would like to try please let me know in good time and I will pass it round.

Contact Mike Foster for more information: [codgers@scacr.org](mailto:codgers@scacr.org)

**And then on-----**

### **Saturday 8 February 2014 at 10.30am**

SCA ringers who served in the Great War" with Alan Seymour (Burgess Hill), who will be sharing his research with us.

With the help of members, Alan hopes to expand on his research, as this will also be a hands-on experience of looking through the Association and Divisional Minute Books for the years 1914 – 1925 for any references made to the Great War.

Starting at 10.30 am followed by the usual homemade soup and a ploughman's lunch at the library at Oaklands, West Chilmington Lane, nr Billingshurst RH14 9EA.

Contact: Stella Bianco (Librarian) on 01403 740010 or [scb@biancoteam.com](mailto:scb@biancoteam.com)

## **QUIZ NIGHT 18th JANUARY 2014 at SEAFORD**

Ringling at Seaford St Leonard Church Street/Place Lane  
Seaford East Sussex BN25 1HH



### **RINGING from 4 to 5pm**

Fish and Chip Supper at WI Claremont Hall, Brooklyn Road, Seaford BN25 2AB.

There will be tea and coffee served at about 5.30

There is a choice of 2 sausages or vegetarian sausages and chips or fish and chips followed by the quiz.

The cost for quiz will be £6.50 to include the chip supper.

Cost for quiz only will be £3.50

Teams to be between 6 and 8 people. We can have 80 people so the places are on first come first served.

Names for supper and quiz or just quiz to be with Mary by Monday 13 January no names no food or quiz.

**maryburr18@yahoo.co.uk or Mary on 01323 325914**

**Please leave a contact number, name and email please.**

When it snowed last year it was difficult to get in touch with everyone and was stressful with 60 odd portions of fish and chips on order.

### **SEAFORD ST LEONARDS**



A quarter of bob doubles with 7, 6, and 8 covering to celebrate the milestone as follows;

Celebrating 50 years of Colin's ordination and ministry and his first quarter at the age of 75.

## STORRINGTON ST MARY CHURCH



This group photo of Keymer ringers and friends was taken on the convenient sweep of steps leading up to Storrington church --- the last tower we rang at on our outing on 5th October this year. Our first ring of the day, at Aldrington, en route to towers in the Worthing area, brought back memories for Frances who learnt to ring there as a teenager --- and there were photos on the wall to prove it.

After ringing Stedman on the relatively heavy 6 at Angmering we lunched in Worthing and then tried our hand at our only 8 of the day, Heene. Here more memories were awakened by ageing photos of an ex-Keymer ringer on the wall and by recollections by another of our band who had learnt here many years ago. Altogether a trip down memory lane for some of us, and for everyone a rewarding experience of sampling the ways (sometimes unpredictable!) of unfamiliar bells.

We were very grateful to be accompanied by ringing friends from other towers, particularly as Alan Seymour came armed with a full colour programme of the churches we visited, complete with details of all their bells.

Altogether it was thoroughly enjoyable day, as full of fun, food and laughter as it was of great (??) ringing.

It seemed generally to be agreed that as Frances Gilbert, our captain, had arranged such a brilliant outing she will hopefully do the same for us next year.

Juliet Holroyd

### **IN MEMORIAM of Roger Peckham 2013**

On Remembrance Sunday evening in memory of Roger Peckham who was our past tower captain and recently died. A quarter peal rung on bells half muffled was a very fitting in memory of a much loved friend and past tower captain.



From Left to Right: Juliet Holroyd (1) Roy Richardson (4) Ian Hodge (3) Frances Gilbert Conductor (2) David Cragg (6) Simon Everest (5)

On Sunday Nov. 10th 2013 in 41 minutes, at St.Cosmas & St.Damian, Keymer Stedman 60, Reverse Canterbury 240, and Plain Bob Doubles 960.

### **Also**

On Dec. 15th I felt privileged to be part of the band who rang a peal in memory of Roger Peckham who died last November.

Roger was a tower captain at Keymer over 30 years ago and later moved to Norfolk to continue his bell ringing.

The peal was called by his son, Christian, the methods chosen being Cambridge Surprise Minor, St. Clements Minor, Kent Triple Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor. Roger's cousin and nephew were part of the band and all went well.

As the present tower captain I knew Roger and family well and remember how much he taught the bell ringers with his cheerful, happy manner. Outings and even holidays were part of what he achieved. He also helped to raise money for the Keymer bells re-hung in 1978. Although we shall miss him we know that Christian, his son, will continue his good work and help keep bell ringers cheerful and happy and ever learning to improve their skills. Frances Gilbert.



Alan Baldock, Chris Durrant, Frances Gilbert, Christian Peckham (C) David Kirkaldy, Simon Everest.

## IN MEMORIAM of Michael Welch 2013

### Sussex County Association

Brighton, East Sussex

St Mark

Thursday, 12 December 2013 in 44mins (6cwt)

### 1296 Minimus

Single Court and Plain Bob Minimus

1 Jill Trevett

2 Terry A Cox

3 Margaret C Ellis (C)

4 Samuel F J Tyler

Rung to celebrate the life of Michael Welch, who died on 5th December 2013, and with love to his widow Mary

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