

SALLY FORTH

Western Division Newsletter

March & April 2014



Diary of Events

March

Saturday 1 st	Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Wednesday 5 th	Codgers	Pagham Aldwick	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm
Friday 7 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Felpham	7.30pm
Saturday 15 th	Method and Call Change Striking Competitions <i>Please note this is one week later than normal</i>	Funtington	9.45am Draw
Saturday 15 th	Western Division Young Ringers' Event	Shipley	2.30pm
Friday 21 st	General 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 22 nd	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am

April

Wednesday 2 nd	Codgers	Hartfield Withyham (tbc)	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm
Friday 4 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Felpham	7.30pm
Saturday 5 th	Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Saturday 12 th	Morning Ringing Practice	Findon	10.00am-12 noon
Friday 18 th	The General 8 Bell Practice will not take place this week as it is Holy Week		
Saturday 26 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2013

CALL CHANGE AND METHOD STRIKING COMPETITIONS at St Mary's, FUNTINGTON

Draw at 9.45am for a prompt start at 10am

Please contact
Jack Burton
tel: 01243 374937 or
sec-west@scacr.org
to enter your band



Western Division YOUNG RINGERS EVENT at St Mary the Virgin's, SHIPLEY

2.30pm

The event is open to all young people, from all divisions

To help us plan the
event, please contact
Sue Gadd
tel: 01903 813174 or
suegadd99@gmail.com



Ringers of all abilities are welcome to all practices, so please do come along

Many thanks to everyone who sent in items for Sally Forth. Your input is greatly appreciated.
Please send your contributions for the next newsletter to us at our gmail address, as before,
or via news-west@scacr.org by **11th April 2014**

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 codgers@scacr.org	01903 741664

Looking Ahead

7 th May 2014	Codgers – Shipley and Horsham (tbc)
10 th May 2014	SCACR AGM at Uckfield
4 th June 2014	Codgers – Outing to East Sussex
14 th June 2014	Ringing Practice at Lodsworth and Tillington (tbc)
12 th July 2014	Walk and Ring – to be arranged
6 th September 2014	Ringing Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse – see http://cccbr.org.uk/pr/roadshow/

Master's Mutterings - *Graham Hills*

A lot has been happening behind the scenes the last couple of months since the last edition of Sally Forth. Apart from welcoming in the New Year, there was a Special General Committee Meeting just to discuss and vote on the proposal for the Vision of the Future for the SCACR. Although I had not mentioned this before, when the proposals were first announced, several of you from different areas of this Division contacted me and asked: "If these proposals go ahead, can you please look into declaring UDI and form the Western Division into an association in its own right". Well, I am pleased to announce that at the Committee Meeting in January, the proposal was put to the vote, and defeated. We can therefore keep all aspects of the Western Division that we know and love so well! Of course, one of the main things is that Sally Forth will continue to be published.

That Saturday was very busy, as mentioned above. There was the committee meeting in the morning and the afternoon saw ringing at Storrington, followed by a fish and chip supper and a very successful Beetle Drive at Pulborough Village Hall. If you were one of those that we had to turn away, I'm very sorry, but there was a maximum to the number of people we could fit into the hall, and of course the suppers had to be ordered in advance. In fact two weeks before the event, I only had 10 definite names and I was worrying that I would have to pay for the hall hire regardless. Anyway, it turned out to be a marvellous time enjoyed by all those who could attend. What shall we do next year?

We have just held our Annual Divisional Meeting at Felpham where over 60 attended. Thank you for the support you have all given me over the last 3 years that I have served as Western Division Ringing Master, and for your continued faith in me, as you voted me in for a fourth year in office. However, I do think that at the ADM in 2015 I really ought to stand down, and let somebody else take over the reins

Coming up in March are the Method and Call Change Striking Contests. Please check the diary on the front cover. Up to now we have held the Call Change Competition in March and the Method one in September. However, last September there was so much happening that we only had one team enter, and I couldn't find anyone to be the judge. Hence this year we are trying a change of format, with both competitions on the same day, and later on in the year we will be having some of our Divisional Practices on a Saturday morning. Again, please check the diary.

Don't forget that the Association AGM will be on 10th May. Last year we hosted the event at Billingshurst. This year the event will be at Uckfield and hosted by the Southern Division, so please do go along so that your views can be heard. Details of times, etc are on page 4. The meeting will be early in the afternoon, followed by ringing and the service.

Scratchings from the Secretary – *Jack Burton*

Christmas is over and it will soon be Pancake Day. This is the busiest time of the year for a secretary. First there were the subscription forms to be received, checked and amendments noted for the annual report. Then there were the preparations for the ADM, which this year was held at Felpham. And, a very successful event it was, due mainly to all the hard work of the local ringers and helpers. Over 60 people were there for tea, and what a tea! Finally on top of all this we have had the extraordinary General Committee Meeting to consider the outcome of the work of the group looking into the 'Vision for the Future'; more about that later.

At the winter meeting of the Publicity Committee, the biggest single item by far came at the end when Kathy Howard gave us the news that she is to give up the job of Publicity Officer for the Association at the coming AGM in May. This will be a big loss to the system as she has been the key to how information has been disseminated throughout the county and quite simply kept us informed on matters to do with the Association. She will be a hard act to follow, but if anyone reading this newsletter feels they would like to know more about the task, Kathy will be only too pleased to advice and help. When I took over the task of Secretary I felt out of my depth, but there is always help at hand, not only from your predecessors but also from many others who will help you arrange the tasks of the job to your own liking and your ways of doing business. My only concern is that publicity will become part of the Communications and Events Team if the 'Visions' proposals come about and we shall be without a steady hand during the change-over process.

On the more mundane items of news, we have another splendid issue of 'Soundbow', which Kathy has agreed to continue publishing for the foreseeable future. From reports at the meeting, the database seems to be working very well, although there have been some teething troubles which were only to be expected but which have now been sorted out. It came through its biggest test so far when the yellow forms for subscriptions this year were created directly from the data held. At the time of writing most of the towers in the Division have completed and returned their yellow forms with the subscriptions to me with only 4 towers outstanding. I was coerced at the ADM to give out the names but it would be churlish of me to list them now and effectively but them on a permanent record. They all know who they are.

On a very similar vein, the Website seems to be gaining strength and in particular the calendar section which received many times more 'hits' than other sections. Whilst looking at the Website, have you seen the Roll of Honour for the First World War? It is a magnificent piece of work and well worth the effort. It is now hoped to continue and expand it with details, stories and obituaries of the casualties by gathering information from their local towers.

The most recent mind focusing event was the extraordinary meeting of the General Committee which took place in January. The only item to be considered was a paper tabled by the working group into the future of the Association. The significant part of which was to divide the association into 14 networks or hubs, loosely associated with each other and re-shape the present four divisions. There was also a plan to replace the present central management system with a number of 'teams', with each team being represented at the General Committee. After a lot of discussion at the meeting, the proposal to adopt the paper was put to a vote and defeated by 11 votes to 7 with 6 abstentions. A subsequent proposal was made to establish the hubs which would now be formed within the present four divisions and that the four new teams should be set up. An amendment to this proposal changed it so that the present divisions were left as they are with the new hubs being introduced slowly under the direction of the divisional committees. The amendment was carried 13 votes to 8. The result is that the current divisional system will remain as it is with all officers and committee members being elected at the ADMs as usual but that the grouping of towers into 'hubs' within the division should be encouraged. The last motion was that the four SCACR teams be established. This was carried by 13 votes to 7. The hubs are considered to be a good idea to support training and improve the general liaison between towers at a local level. Leaders of these groups, once formed, will be seconded onto or be part of the divisional committees. Thus the present divisional system remains and as a result, the Western Division officers were re-elected at the ADM and will continue for another year.

As it will be seen, this possible reorganisation is a very involved problem. The work done by the group has highlighted many good points and ideas mainly to do with training and the problem now is how to incorporate these ideas without throwing away a system which is clearly working in the West. Most of the findings have been, or can be, incorporated at divisional level using the present committee system and certainly some of these new 'hubs' can be formed and tried out. The problem that remains is how and whether we wish to replace the present single officer post at General Committee level with working groups. Surely this too could be made to work with stronger support at divisional level?

Following on from the decision about the future at the extraordinary committee meeting, the Association Ringing Master took the floor at the ADM when this item was taken on the agenda. She again outlined how the four groups would work and ground to be covered by the central teams, and then called for members to volunteer or indicate an interest in joining one of the new groups. Nobody showed any interest at the meeting whatsoever and it was pointed out from the floor that the plan for these groups had not yet gained approval at an AGM.

The next General Committee meeting is at the beginning of March and hopefully the situation will become a lot clearer.

Education Report – *Christine Butterfield*

"More training, more training" was one of the requests highlighted by the Working Group set up by the Association to produce a 'Vision for the future! I know there are several groups of churches in the Western Division who are supporting each other and in some cases arranging extra practices, but this can be difficult owing to the lack of experienced ringers.

The monthly Saturday morning elementary practices held at Washington are still proving popular but are only possible because of the regular band of experienced ringers who turn out every month. A big **thank-you** to you all. If you are struggling with the concept of call changes or would welcome some extra help learning one of the basic methods, please come and join us. Just give me a ring first - 01903 872623 - as we limit the number of learners so you get plenty of time on the end of a rope. Sometimes a whole tower approach is needed and some of us visited South Harting for a morning's ringing with their learners and were rewarded with a delicious hot-pot lunch!

Although the 8 bell practices run by Colin Spencer have moved around this year due to work on the tower at Arundel, they are being well supported and the advanced 6 bell practices have seen numbers steadily rising since they have been moved to Walberton on a Saturday morning.

The first Young Ringer's Event organised by Sue Gadd at Findon was a great success. With a helping hand to start with, the young ringers were soon running the ringing themselves. Future events are in the pipeline.

While there seems to be a general air of despondency in some quarters concerning the state of the Association and the future of ringing in general, I think there's a lot of good things going on in the Western Division and I am greatly encouraged by the number of ringers who are determined to improve their ringing and who are prepared to come to extra

practices and visit other towers to widen their experience. Also encouraging is the large number of ringers who come to the monthly Divisional meetings and social events. It's a great way of meeting people and it's always good to have the chance to ring with ringers from different towers.

I hold a selection of some of the most popular bellringing books and these have been selling well. They are available at the monthly Divisional meetings or you can contact me for an up-to-date book list.

Michael Palmer Achievement Award 2014 – Graham Hills

This year, Chris Burnett from Steyning was nominated for the Michael Palmer Award. Chris's interest in bell ringing was aroused by watching the TV Documentary 'All the Bells'. His uncle, Mike Peate, persuaded Chris to go along to Steyning and see what ringing was all about. His first lesson was in May 2012 and he was soon ringing unaided, progressing quickly through call changes to method ringing. He rang his first quarter peal in early November 2012 and since then has rung further quarters, including Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Minor, all inside, and has recently rung a quarter peal of Stedman Triples inside. He has become a very reliable and valued member of the new band at Steyning.



Chris Burnett receiving the Michael Palmer award from Graham Hills

Chris not only puts all his efforts into developing his own ringing. He is more than happy to ring to allow the not so far advanced ringers to progress. In addition he has also helped out on both the SCACR Young Ringers' events and with Sue Gadd's first Western Division Young Ringers' afternoon. He is also very interested in developing his skills on the maintenance front; at present there is no steeple keeper at Steyning and hopefully this is a role that Chris will soon be able to take on. Chris has attended a number of SCACR meetings and was part of the Steyning call change team that competed last year at Washington. Besides all this he has willingly gone to help at other local practices, especially Shipley, when David and Kathy have been there to fill in for the absence of the tower captain, Simon Meyer.

Chris has a quiet personality but is very keen on his ringing and has made great progress over the last twelve months. In addition he is a very popular member of the Steyning band and worthy of the Michael Palmer Achievement Award.

Welcome New Members

Wendy Holden & Johan Keijser-Petch – Aldwick
 Colin Hassack & Katherine Quigley – Billingshurst
 Sheila Bevan & Shawn Holbrook – Bosham
 David Jarratt – Felpham
 Ben - Goring-by-Sea
 David Barlow – Midhurst
 Andrew Piper & Catherine Piper – Milland
 Christopher Fynes & Juliet Fynes – Petworth
 Matthew Hill – Storrington
 Christine Hounslow – Thakeham
 Terry Madigan – Unattached



Andrew Piper, Catherine Piper, Christine Baldock and Ben

There were 16 new members elected at the ADM, and these 3 ringers were at the meeting to receive their certificates from the Master, Christine Baldock.

SCACR CLOTHING

A range of clothing is available with embroidered SCACR logo - polos, T-shirts, fleeces, sweat shirts, etc in many different colours and all sizes.

Order from Adele Potton on 01798 875514, or by emailing SCACRclothing@potton.myzen.co.uk

The full range of clothing is available on the supplier's website: www.ricara.co.uk/. Please note that the prices quoted exclude the cost of embroidery, VAT and postage, so please contact Adele prior to placing the order to be quoted the final price. Once an order has been placed, the items are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. All orders must go through Adele and not direct to the company.

The next deadline for orders is 30th April.

SCACR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 10th May 2014

UCKFIELD

10am-11am	Ringling at Barcombe
10.30am-11.30am	Little Horsted
11am-12 noon	Maresfield
12.30pm-1.30pm	Buffet Lunch at The Belmont Centre, Uckfield (names for lunch please to Clare Cullen sec-south@scacr.org or telephone 01273 474114)
2pm-4pm	AGM
4pm	Ringling at Uckfield
5pm	Service at Church of The Holy Cross, Uckfield

Bell Restoration Fund Representatives Report for 2013 – Geoff Rix



Some very interesting visits this past year. In March I was asked to visit East Dean church, which is a small downland village east of Singleton, where there is a chime of 3 bells. One rope had broken and could I suggest what to do!

The treble was cast in 1570 and the tenor in 1702. The old 2nd was recast in 1950 by Taylor's as it was cracked, when, I guess, the current bell fittings were installed. The frame is dated 1655.

I spent a rather cold hour or so splicing ropes as that of the tenor was near breaking point, but the work was much appreciated as it meant all 3 bells could be chimed for Easter.

Later that month, I had a call from the Priest-in-Charge at Woolavington church, now the chapel of Seaford College. The bell is in a turret at the west end of the church, so inspection with binoculars was the only way; but was sufficient to show that the ironwork supporting the bell was badly corroded and a careful pull on the chiming rope just moved the headstock, the bell being so loose it didn't move.

After scaffolding was erected, Nicholson's came and removed the bell, and later that year restored it with an electric action hammer. The BRF made a grant of £700 towards the £7,100 cost of the work and our then newly installed Bishop of Chichester came to rededicate the installation. Apparently the bell hadn't been heard for very many years prior.



June saw me at West Tarring where there is interest in having some much needed maintenance work carried out. The parish has, I understand, sufficient funds for the work so is not applying for a grant from the BRF.

The usual things were required - overhaul of the clapper assemblies, fitting new bushes and staple pins and forging new top ends for the 2nd, 4th & 5th clappers, replacing the gudgeon bearings, providing new rope pulleys and replacement of the runner boards. The 5th bell for some unknown reason is hung the wrong way so that the rope circle is less than ideal and whilst this work is being undertaken it will provide a good opportunity to correct this problem.



Hunston has two bells in a turret and in July I was asked to comment as one of these was thought to be cracked. There was work being undertaken to the roof so scaffolding was in place that enabled a close look.

Sadly, the old bell, cast ca. 1270, was indeed seriously cracked. This had been caused by some inexpert rehangng using steel rods through the crown. These had corroded, expanded



and thus cracked the crown of the bell. The supporting iron work was in a poor condition and I advised removal of both bells as soon as possible for safety.

Nicholson's undertook this with permission of the Archdeacon and they are at least safe and awaiting funds for restorative welding of the cracked bell and then rehangng with new fittings.

August was clapper rebushing time at Petworth. These were still the original 1924 fittings and were now in need of some work. Nicholson's undertook the work and I'm pleased with the result.



A visit to Apuldrum in September - two bells, treble 1908 and tenor 1370. The tale goes that the sound from a volley of shots at a naval funeral cracked the old treble!

My first visit was in 2010 when I found that birds had got in and had part filled the bellcote with twigs etc. These had now been cleared out, the shingles and wire mesh repaired, and although dirty, I could announce that the bells were again quite usable.

In November there was a call from Darren at Rogate to follow up on an inspection I made some years back. He felt it might be time to undertake some of the recommendations, mainly the rebushing of the clappers. He commented on the hang of the bells which meant the ropes fell in two lines with some very close together.

My thought was that when they were installed, someone had objected to ropes falling in front of the West window and the hanger had just re-roped them the other way. There was certainly no problem with roping them, as I think was probably intended and this has now been done, with I am told, a considerable improvement. Darren has fitted new bolts to the stays and the clappers have just returned from Taylor's after being rebushed.

December was Arundel's turn. First, a call from the Castle to look at the bells. There is a 6cwt ring of three, cast and hung in 1898, in a small turret above the private chapel. Bells are hung on two levels in an oak frame and there's not much room to climb about! The bells are actually in good condition for their age, but little used. Some work was needed to a wheel, and a little lubrication, and this was carried out in the subsequent week by the conservator and a donation made to the BRF for my time, which was nice.

I have been assisting in discussion with the parish church for some time now, and Teresa and I had a further meeting in December with the Chairman of the Fabric Committee to consider the quotations received for the work needed. It's the usual maintenance items, bearings, clapper assemblies; these being much in need of attention, rope pulleys, runner boards and sliders. Hopefully something may happen this year now that work to the tower stonework has been completed.

With appreciative thanks for your support of the BRF.



She Loves You Yeah Yeah Yeah - oops, the wrong kind of Beatles!!!!

It was decided that this year's social event was to be a Beetle Drive. No doubt those of you who were teenagers in the 60s were expecting four young men (or at least some look-alikes) to be performing songs such as "She Loves You" and "Can't Buy Me Love".

Well, as those of you attended now know, it was the game of Beetle, not the group! After a very enjoyable session of ringing at Storrington on the afternoon of the 12th of January 2014, we all met at the community centre in Pulborough-on-Sea. I say "on-sea" as the surrounding fields were completely flooded and we were all treated to the most beautiful sunset shimmering on the impromptu lakes.

We eventually got into the hall at around 4.30pm and had a frantic 30 minutes trying to squash ten tables into the hall, but we managed it in the nick of time, resulting in ten teams of six.

Promptly at 5.15pm, meals-on-wheels turned up (Jack and Graham) with our fish and chip supper. Ringing obviously makes people very hungry as the meals were distributed and eaten in record time. Because of high ticket sales, there was enough money left in the kitty to provide chocolate, strawberry and black forest gateaux for pudding.

Then it was time for the fun to begin. Can you imagine the din of ten dice in plastic cups being shaken vigorously at the same time? The noise abatement society would have had a field day and slapped an ASBO on us as quick as lightening!! Everyone needed to throw a six to begin drawing their beetle's body, followed by a five for its head. From thereon in it was a free-for-all with a 4 needed for each wing, a 3 for each leg (and there were six of them), a 2 for each antennae and a 1 for each eye.

Most people only had just about enough time to draw a basic beetle but there were others who designed the most glamorous beasts imaginable. There should have been a prize for the best and most ambitious beetle on the night.

Once the beetle was complete, the person with the highest score moved to the next table on the right and the one with the lowest score moved to the table on the left. Now that sounds easy doesn't it? Well I can tell you that because people were sitting on either side of the table, left and right became very confusing and there were many people wandering around not knowing in which direction they were heading.

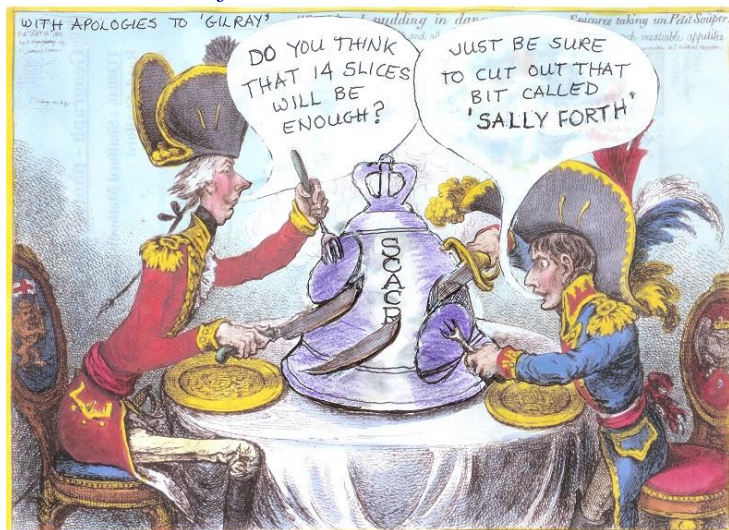
We played six rounds and then had a break for the raffle. We even managed to complete a couple of quizzes before we resumed play for the final six rounds. It was a closely fought contest with the outright winner being Lucy (Helen Bickers' daughter) who managed to get round nearly all of the tables.



All in all, it was a really good evening with an exceptionally good attendance. So good in fact, we had more people wanting to join in than we had places for. So the moral of this story is: 'If you want to have a bit of fun on a cold winter's evening, with a very nice fish and chip supper included, book well in advance to avoid disappointment!'

Next year's social event hasn't been decided upon yet, but watch this space, and if you want to join in the fun, buy your ticket early.

David Hall sent in this amusing cartoon as a comment on the current controversy regarding the new structure of the SCACR



Do you have any old photos of ringers

somewhere in the house, for example in a box under the bed, in the attic, in a long forgotten photo album, or even hanging in the belfry? If you do, and you're willing to share them, please scan and email them to Kathy Howard at soundbow99@gmail.com to appear in future editions of SOUNDBOW. Ideally, it would best if you could also supply the names of the people as well!

Quarter Peals

St Mary's, Storrington

15th December 2013

1260 Mixed Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob)

1 Lee Smith, 2 Katherine P Davies

3 Michael G Foster, 4 Christine J Butterfield

5 A John Taylor (C), 6 Richard E Bland

Rung to celebrate the 40th Wedding

Anniversary of the Rev. Malcolm Acheson and his wife Pauline on 8th December.

St Mary's, Goring-by-Sea

22nd December 2013

1260 St Martins Doubles

1 Jo Cheng, 2 Elizabeth Potter

3 Irene Batchelor, 4 Moya Hills

5 Graham Hills (C), 6 Allen Monks

Rung for the Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols

Chichester Cathedral

4th January 2014

1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Anthony Shutler, 2 Susan Spencer

3 Keith Game, 4 Jane Deadman

5 Hamish McNaughton, 6 Mike Smith

7 Colin Spencer (C), 8 Nick Deadman

In fond memory of Jenny Morris, formerly a member of the Cathedral band.

9 Wandleys Drive, Eastergate,

17th January 2014

1312 Bristol S Major

Composed by James Holdsworth

1-2 Margaret Sherwood

3-4 Graham Firman (C)

5-6 Katharine Firman

7-8 Hamish McNaughton

Chichester Cathedral,

1st February 2014

1280 Superlative S. Major

1 Peter Watson, 2 Keith Game

3 Jane Deadman, 4 Colin Spencer (C)

5 Philip Down, 6 Mike Smith

7 Nick Deadman, 8 David Roberts

With compliments to the Dean of Chichester, the Very Reverend Nicholas Frayling, following a ceremony in the Cathedral to grant him the Freedom of the City of Chichester. Dean Nicholas is to retire at the end of February 2014, with best wishes from all the Cathedral ringers. We are sorry to see him go.

Quarters Rung for SCACR Quarter Peal Week

St Luke's, Milland

18th January 2014

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Brian J. Underwood, 2 Joanna Green

3 Catherine Piper, 4 Barry Wateridge*

5 Neil A. Pirie (C), 6 James E. Stevenson

*1st quarter peal inside

St Mary's, Walberton

19th January 2014

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Marjorie Murphy, 2 Susan Spencer

3 Colin Spencer (C), 4 David Hall

5 Hamish McNaughton, 6 Bob Holman

Rung in memory of Rev. Martin Sully, Vicar of Walberton from 1986 to 2001. He began learning to ring here before moving to East Sussex and later retiring to the Tunbridge Wells area.

St Thomas-a-Becket's, Pagham

20th January 2014

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Susan Spencer, 2 Susan Lothian

3 Margaret Sherwood,

4 Ewan Grant-Richardson*

5 Colin Spencer, 6 Michael Wake (C)

*First quarter peal (age 14).

40th birthday compliment - 2.

St Mary's, Aldingbourne

23rd January 2014

1260 Plain Bob Doubles:

1 Cath(erine) Sweeney, 2 Marjorie Murphy

3 Susan Spencer, 4 Steve Nelmes

5 Colin Spencer (C)

Rung to welcome the new Vicar and his family to the Parish.

St Richard's, Aldwick

23rd January 2014

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Peter Watson, 2 Margaret Sherwood

3 Alan Martin, 4 Susan Lothian

5 Colin Spencer (C), 6 Michael Wake

First of surprise inside in 60 years of ringing and a 76th birthday compliment - 3.

St Luke's, Milland

25th January 2014

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Sarah Windibank*, 2 Brian J. Underwood (C)

3 Joanna Green, 4 Neil A. Pirie

5 Darren Woodyer, 6 Barry Wateridge

*First quarter peal

Another recipe for bell-ringers teas - or the Great Bell-Ringers' Bake Off!

Stilton and Celery Scones

or you could "ring the changes" and use Cheddar or Chives

6oz (175g) self-raising flour, 1oz (25g) butter, 3oz (75g) celery, chopped finely (use a food processor if you have one), 3oz (75g) grated stilton, 1 large egg, 2-2½ tablespoons milk, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon mustard powder, pinch of cayenne pepper and a little milk for brushing the tops.

Pre-heat oven – gas mark 7 / 425°F / 220°C. Sieve the flour into a bowl, and add the mustard, salt and cayenne. Mix thoroughly then rub the butter into the flour until crumbly. Mix in nearly all the grated cheese (leaving about 1 tablespoon over) and celery. Beat the egg with 2 tablespoons of milk and add it to the flour mixture to make a soft dough – if it seems a little dry add another ½ tablespoon of milk to make a smooth dough that will leave the bowl clean. Roll it out to about 2cm thick and cut out the scones with a fluted cutter. Place on a well-greased baking sheet, brush the tops with milk and sprinkle on the remaining cheese. Bake them on a high shelf for about 15-20 minutes, then cool on a wire tray.



I hope that you have all survived the first weeks of 2014 completely unscathed with no flooding, fallen trees, broken fences or other such disasters. No doubt like me, your brain has been hibernating away waiting for spring to pop up its head. Things you could remember easily are now more difficult to stir. So with this in mind I thought the old grey matter might like a bit of a work out. Below are some anagrams for you to solve and hopefully kick-start your thought processes once again. They are all bell ringing terminology so you should have no problems in solving them. The answers can be found at the bottom of this page. Good luck!!! .

Margo

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| 1. OK Tool | 2. Idle Ant | 3. A Patient Crow | 4. Title Blob |
| 5. Honest Dark | 6. Shallow Nutter | 7. Now Grinding | 8. Mad Nest |
| 9. Unrepeatable Scurry | 10. OK Brackets | 11. I'm Superb Disgracer | 12. The Liked Things |

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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, Arundel (2nd & 4th) & Lyminster (1st & 3rd), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

Tuesday: Aldwick, Findon (2nd & 4th), Fittleworth, 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 & Storrington

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

Anagram Answers: 1. Look To, 2. Tail End, 3. Tower Captain, 4. Little Bob, 5. Hand Stroke, 6. Last Whole Turn, 7. Ringing Down, 8. Stedman
9. Canterbury Pleasure, 10. Back Stroke, 11. Cambridge Surprise, 12. Kentish Delight