

# SALLY FORTH

## Western Division Newsletter September & October 2014



### Diary of Events

#### September

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Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Basic 8 Bell Practice</b>	Felpham	7.30pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Beginners &amp; Improvers Practice -</b> contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ringing Roadshow</b>	Newbury Racecourse	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Arun Walk and Ring</b> (see page 4)	Amberley – Arundel	10am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General 8 Bell Practice</b>	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Surprise Minor Practice</b>	Walberton	10.30am

#### October

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Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Western Division Outing</b>	Canterbury	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General 8 Bell Practice</b>	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Surprise Minor Practice</b>	Walberton	10.30am
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Association Social</b>	Pulborough	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> - Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>SCACR Course</b>		

The SCACR Social Event this year is a  
**SHUFFLEBOARD EVENING**  
at **PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL**  
on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

There will be open ringing beforehand at  
**Steyning** from 2.15pm to 3.15pm and  
**Washington** from 3.30pm to 4.30pm  
(tea and coffee will be available)

The Shuffleboard and Supper will be held at the Village Hall,  
Swan View, Lower Street, **Pulborough** RH20 2BF

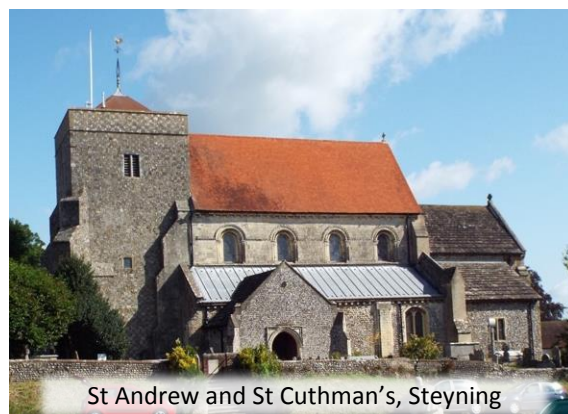
**Cost £8**, which includes a hot supper  
to be served during a break in the evening

Please bring your own cutlery, glasses, drinks & nibbles

To book your tickets please contact:  
Graham Hills tel: 01903 266980, e-mail: [rm-west@scacr.org](mailto:rm-west@scacr.org)

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](mailto:news-west@scacr.org) by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. Thank you.



St Andrew and St Cuthman's, Steyning

## Regular Practices

Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month	Christine Butterfield	01903 872623
Surprise Minor Practice	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month	Graham Hills	01903 266980
Basic 8 Bell Practice	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
General 8 Bell Practice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
Codgers Practice	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month	Mike Foster <a href="mailto:codgers@scacr.org">codgers@scacr.org</a>	01903 741664

## Looking Ahead

8 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Half-muffled practice at Wisborough Green (tbc)
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Practice and Carol Service at Petworth (tbc)
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	Ringling at Storrington, followed by Quiz Night and Supper at Pulborough Village Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Ringling practice and Western Division ADM at Aldwick (tbc)
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Method and Call Change Striking Competitions at Pagham, with running tea (tbc)
11 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Morning ringling practice at Pulborough (tbc)
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Association AGM hosted by Eastern Division

## Master's Mutterings - *Graham Hills*

For those of you who received the last issue of Sally Forth by post, I must apologise for you getting it late. The newsletters were printed in plenty of time, and were sitting there in the envelopes, but there was a glitch with the SCACR database which would not print out the labels. Hopefully all is now sorted, and the postal copies for this and future issues should go out on time.

Many congratulations to Emma Gadd who has now passed her Gold 'Duke of Edinburgh Award', and she had chosen bellringing for her volunteering part of the award. For our July meeting we rang at South Harting, and Emma's mum, Sue, brought along 2 ladies who wanted to see what ringling was all about, as they are involved with the DofE. As there is relatively easy access to the bells, I took them, followed by others, up to see the bells. Although they were very interested in seeing the bells and their sizes, they seemed to be equally impressed by the workings of the church clock!

Many thanks to the local ringers who provided an excellent tea for us all, with plenty of cake. Let's face it, a ringers tea would not be a ringers tea without cake!

In the area around South Harting, the church builders and the bell hangers must have had a competition to see which church they could build with the longest rope draught. The reason I say that is because after tea, we moved on to Rogate, where, as at Harting, there is a very long draught, hence both churches tested rope handling skills. Here, the treble, 2, 3 and 4 ropes used to be in a straight line, but Darren Woodyer has re-rope the treble and the 4<sup>th</sup>, so there is now a much improved ringling circle, and they seem easier to ring.

In the last Sally Forth I mentioned that this year's Annual Outing would be to Canterbury on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Well, I can't believe the response I've had. Maximum numbers have been reached and I have had to start a reserve list.

The other major event in October is the Annual SCACR Social Event. This year it is the Western Division's turn to host the event, which will be a Shuffleboard evening in Pulborough Village Hall, with ringling at Steyning and Washington before. I hope to see many of you there, along with other members from across the county.

## Scratchings from the Secretary – *Jack Burton*

By now you should have all seen the final draft of the new rules for the Association, together with the Roles and Responsibilities for the Association Teams. An Extraordinary Meeting of the General Committee has been called in September to review these new rules and agree a resolution to put them before the next AGM in May next year. Once that has been done, members will have time to study these rules and bring any comments and observations to the individual district ADMs in February. I would ask all of you to read these new rules and pass your comments to a District committee member before, or bring them to, the next ADM, which will be at Aldwick on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The new rules are the results of a special working group which was set up at the last AGM. They were tasked to take the rules produced by the 'Vision' team, to note all the comments made at the AGM, call for more comments and amendments in writing and then produce a new set of rules. This they have now done and it is these which we are now asked to eventually ratify.

Reading through the new rules, you will find that not a lot has been changed to the way we presently do our ringling business, and what I forecast in last edition of 'Sally Forth'. At our last Divisional Committee meeting we resolved that if these rules were adopted then we would carry on much as we do now. We would still elect our existing set of officers, including those who will represent us in the Association Teams. We will still have a Ringling Master, education and publicity officers, and a couple of lay committee members. As has been reported before, the vast majority of the towers in the Western Division are already loosely linked to at least one other tower so I believe the new rule 15(b) is already being carried out and the loose associations we have between towers will, I hope, continue as at present.

Now for the rest of the news; the Divisional Committee has set out the programme through to the next AGM, which will be somewhere in the Eastern Division in May. We are still looking for a relief for Graham Hills as Ringing Master, to be elected at the next ADM, and also we are looking for a new publicity officer. His/her roll is the putting together of 'Sally Forth' and the issuing of notices of coming events. If you think you have a will to publish and generally get involved in the running of the Division, please do get in touch.

It is time we again started thinking about a candidate for the Michael Palmer award. This is a worthy award which keeps the memory of Michael Palmer alive and encourages a new ringer who shows promise, is keen to learn and is generally doing well. Mostly it has gone to a junior ringer but this is not necessarily the case. Please write a simple statement of the ringer's achievements and why you are proposing him for the award and pass the paper to me or the Ringing Master; usually just over half a page of notes is plenty. We will consider the candidates at the next committee meeting.

One last plea, would Correspondence Officers and Tower Captains please use the new proposal form when introducing a new member or changing the details of an existing ringer. A couple of towers are still using the old (A5 sized) form. A copy of the form can be downloaded from the SCACR website. If you have any problems obtaining a copy, please contact me.

## Welcome New Members

Paul Strachan – Easebourne : William Mountain – Goring-by-Sea

Daniela Forster, David Turner-Higgins, Luke Ullyot, Aaron Wood and Jack Wood – Rogate & Trotton

Gina White – Steyning

### Harting & Rogate – *Kathy Howard*

A glorious summer's day, and what's better than to travel through the Sussex countryside for the meeting at South Harting and Rogate. A late arrival, due to a wedding, the ringing was well under way when I arrived, but there was a very warm welcome from the local ringers who had laid on tea for everyone. The facilities at South Harting are excellent and the good weather meant that many enjoyed tea sitting in the sunny churchyard with wonderful views of the South Downs. A very short business meeting was held to elect new members, eight from the West and three from the North. Amongst those attending was David Barlow, a ready made ringer, who has recently moved from Essex to Midhurst.

It was then on to Rogate for evening ringing and the first chance for many to experience the new rope circle. Suzanne Thompson, a fairly new ringer from Tillington, had grown up in Rogate and can remember being allowed to chime the treble. This time she rang it properly! About 25 people were present at some stage during the afternoon including some new faces.

### Hurray we have done it!!! - Arundel

#### Repair funds update – *Teresa Kendall*

In a few weeks after launching our fund-raising to repair the bells at St Nicholas' we hit the £12,000 target. The people of Arundel have been very generous and rallied to the cause.

I stayed to coffee after Sunday morning service to do a presentation. Much to my surprise, many were unaware of our bell problems. Not now!! The ringing team of St Nicholas were on the case with the support of the Parish Council.

A very popular idea was to sponsor a bell, in which a bell is sponsored to either celebrate a special occasion or in memory of someone. We also had an open tower afternoon, which is always great fun, together with a scrummy tea.

The repairs have been booked in for January/February 2015, and will take about 6 weeks. We may need some manpower help!

Thank you all for your help and the donations from our bellringing friends. Fund raising is hard work but the rewards are amazing. Many Many thanks.



For those who were disappointed about the cancellation of the walk from Amberley to Arundel, we are re-arranging it for the 13th September.

## Amberley to Arundel **WALK and RING** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014



10am – Ringing at St Michael and All Angels Church, Amberley



10.30am – Walk begins.  
Arrive at the Black Rabbit pub at Offham, Arundel at approx. 12.30pm for lunch.



After lunch, continue the walk into Arundel for more ringing, at St Nicholas' Church.

*Jack Burton and Graham Hills' cars will be available to transfer people from Arundel to Amberley, and vice versa. As there isn't a lot of space to park at Amberley, it would be best to park and meet at the Lido Car Park in Queens Street, Arundel at 9.30am.*

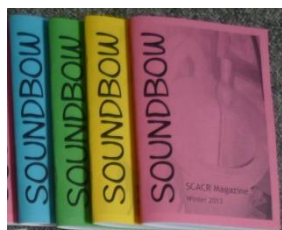


*Moya Hills, whilst on holiday, saw this shrub, planted in memory of a bell ringer, which had been cut in the shape of a bell at the entrance to the tower of St Mary's Without-the-Walls, Handbridge, Chester*

### **Appreciative resident ... Stella Bianco**

During practice night on 23<sup>rd</sup> July an anonymous resident left a box of cupcakes for the Billingshurst ringers, as a thank you for hearing the bells on a warm summer's evening!

## Soundbow



Some members may be asking 'What is Soundbow'? Soundbow is the Association's magazine, produced four times a year by Kathy Howard, and is published to complement the divisional newsletters. Normally consisting of about sixty pages, hopefully there is something of interest in it for most members. Soundbow reports on Association events in more depth than perhaps space allows the newsletters to do, features various ringing related articles, and gives an insight into what is happening right across the county – a good read!

A single copy costs £1, but you might have to wait some time until you see someone selling a copy – which may not be for months, or even not at all! So, why not join the growing number of readers with an annual postal subscription. This costs £6 per year and guarantees you four editions of Soundbow delivered straight to your door as soon as it's collected from the printers.

To secure your own copy contact Kathy Howard at [soundbow99@gmail.com](mailto:soundbow99@gmail.com) or by phone on 01903 813653. There is also an application form on the SCACR website you can complete.

**If you are already a postal subscriber please let Kathy know if you change your address!**

### **Aldwick mark the centenary of the outbreak of WW1 – Alan Martin**

At Aldwick, the ringers decided that, to mark the centenary of the commencement of the war, we should ring half-muffled from 10.40pm to 10.58pm on Monday 4th August, followed by two minutes' silence, and then 100 blows of slow, dignified tolling of the tenor, commencing at precisely 11pm to mark the ensuing 100 years. Residents within reasonable earshot of the tower were leafleted to warn them!

This received a mention in our local paper, the Bognor Regis Observer on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014, as below:

### **“WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY 1914 – 2014, Commemorative Bell Ringing 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

A SINGLE bell was tolled 100 times at Aldwick's Parish Church on Monday night. The repetitive and solemn sound from 11pm symbolised a century since the outbreak of the first world war. The tolling at St Richard's Church was part of a 35 minute programme staged by its bell ringers. They began with half-muffled bells from 10.40pm in the build up to the centenary.”



## Nottingham Area Tour by the Angmering & Findon Bellringers – Raymond Bivand

It was a fine Friday morning at the start of the early Spring Bank Holiday weekend as we set off for our bellringing tour of the Nottingham area in a minibus driven by George Coulson.

There were 12 of us on the minibus, although not all campanologists, and we were to meet up with 2 more bellringers who used to live in Angmering, but had since moved up north. I should mention that the minibus had large lettering down each side of the vehicle 'Arun Transport for the Visually Impaired' but, although we were all able to see quite well except the driver (only joking, George), we were seen by others to cope extremely well with our supposed infirmity!

Our first stop was in the early afternoon at Trumpton. Wasn't that a children's television programme way back in the sixties? Oh, but on a second look – it's actually Thrumpton. Perhaps I am visually impaired after all!

However, on entering All Saints church we all could see that the pews were bedecked with various colourful embroidered hassocks which looked so picturesque. There were six bells in a small chamber on the ground floor, the heaviest being only 6cwt. Here, we met up with Colin Chappell, who used to ring at Angmering, and he told us of the time when there was ringing on the ground floor at a recent wedding ceremony. The congregation were seated listening to the bells as they eventually came into rounds when the tower captain shouted 'stand' and the whole congregation stood up!

Moving on, our next stop was St George's church at Barton-in-Fabis. Here there was another ground floor ring with a heavier tenor (11cwt). We rang the bells up and we rang the bells down with some good ringing in between, before departing at 4pm for Nottingham City Centre where we booked into our hotel for the weekend.

After a much appreciated dinner at the hotel, George drove us the short distance to Bramcote (5cwt tenor). St Michael and All Angels church was refurbished in 2012 and now has a very light and bright interior. Being practice night, we were able to join in their ringing, again on a ground floor six. We had a warm welcome from their small band of ringers and thoroughly enjoyed the evening before retiring to our hotel.

The next morning we were up bright and early for a hearty full English breakfast, before departing for Aspley. By now, we had renewed acquaintance with another ex-Angmering bellringer, Adrian West, who was to stay with us at the Nottingham hotel for the rest of the weekend. At Aspley St Margaret's, a huge church built of red brick, there were 48 winding and narrow steps leading up to a small ringing chamber. There were eight bells here (tenor 9cwt) and after ringing up in peal we launched into rounds and call changes. They were lovely sounding bells so we must have been striking them in just the right places! We also tried our hands at ringing other methods such as good old Bob Doubles.



From L to R: Adrian West, Dave Sheppard, Helen Bickers, Sue Taylor, Brenda Cox, Caroline Jones, Shirley Hamilton, Colin Chappell, Barbara Harbut, John Taylor, Raymond Bivand and George Coulson

On next to Holme Pierrepont, St Edmund's (6 bells, 11cwt tenor) where the ringing room overlooks the nave of the church. We allocated a ringing time at each tower of between 45 minutes to an hour and all too soon it was time for lunch. We dined in at the Magna Carta in Lowdham where we were due to ring next at St Mary's from 2pm. Another ring of six upstairs (tenor 9cwt) and by now we were getting used to ringing different bells of varying weights with different draughts and multi-coloured sallies.

Our next destination was St Swithun's, Woodborough, where we found some winding stone steps up to a small ringing room with another circle of six with a 9cwt tenor bell. Having rung the bells up, we again agreed on who was going to be the conductor prior to starting with rounds and call changes and finishing with various methods.

Our final ring of the day was at Calverton and here at St Wilfred's (8cwt tenor) we had the luxury of carpeted wooden steps up to the ringing chamber with six bell ropes overlooking the nave. Two bells were added to the original four in 1997-1998 to commemorate the turn of the millennium. It was then time to head back to our hotel for dinner.

After dinner, some of our group went for a stroll around the City Centre to see some of the sights. There was plenty of activity in Nottingham on a Saturday evening as you can probably imagine with people dressed up or dressed down in various costumes celebrating stag or hen 'do's' or just partying. We eventually returned to our hotel duly enlightened. Later, a pack of Uno playing cards was produced and we played several games. One of the games ended up with us all in absolute hysterics. One of our party had gone to the bar to get some drinks and having dealt the cards in his absence, we 'tailored' his hand so he had absolutely no chance of winning. Everyone knew this except 'our victim' and it was extremely difficult for us to keep straight faces as the cards were played. He did take it in good heart though and appreciated the joke.

The next morning we had an 'eat as much as you like' buffet-style Sunday breakfast to set us up for another day's ringing. Our first stop was at St Mary's, Greasley where we were due to ring prior to the usual church service. The graveyard contains the grave of Benjamin Drawater who was ship's surgeon on one of Captain Cook's voyages. They were lovely sounding bells being an upstairs ring of eight, with a 13cwt tenor.

Next up was Ilkeston where, after a cup of coffee at a local inn, we ascended the steps at St. Mary the Virgin. A circle of eight bells, with a 17cwt tenor, and after ringing them out across the town, we returned to the inn for lunch.

Suitably refreshed, we drove on to Oxton, St Peter and St Paul (6 bells, 6cwt tenor). In the twentieth century, the tower was strengthened and the National Coal Board stabilised the structure following mining subsidence from Calverton coal mine. After going through our, by now, usual repertoire, we descended the narrow winding steps and returned to our conveyance to drive to St Mary's at Edwinstowe (6 bells, 6cwt tenor). Legend has it that Robin Hood and Maid Marion were married here. At this tower, we had not one but two captains taking it in turns to conduct the proceedings, ie to call the changes and choose the methods, as neither of them had ever done that before! It was quite fun and a different sort of challenge for them.

At the various venues visited in and around Nottingham as well as rounds, call changes and plain hunting, we rang a number of methods. These included Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob.

Alas, all good things have to come to an end and our final visit was to Nuthall, St. Patrick's, to ring before evensong. A ground floor circle of eight with very long draughts, causing the bells to be a bit flighty, the tenor bell only 7cwt. However, with our experience from twelve previous towers, it was not a problem. We enjoyed our ringing there and we hope the congregation did too. This time they did remain seated when the call to stand was given!

Thanks to everyone who made this trip happen, particularly to Colin Chappell for arranging the towers and to George Coulson for driving the bus. Thanks also to Barbara Harbut, Caroline Jones, John Taylor, Adrian West, Helen Bickers, Brenda Cox and Shirley Hamilton among others for conducting the proceedings during this excellent bank holiday weekend.

## **The adventures and "birth" of our new Sanctus bell 'St Michael' – Penny Croucher**

Back in March, Darren Woodyer, Bell Captain of St Bartholomew's Rogate, suggested to the bell ringers that he would really like to have a new bell cast in commemoration of all those from Rogate, who had lost their lives in WW1. After seeking permission from our Rector, Edward Doyle and the PCC, we realised we needed to get a faculty to actually install the bell in the tower. We also sought expert advice on the feasibility of space and loadings on the bell tower. At the moment we have a ring of six, and the new bell would be used as a Sanctus Bell, but Darren has calculated space and fittings for us to shortly obtain an eighth bell so we become a ring of eight!

So the fundraising began in March with a really fun "pudding club", which entailed everyone bringing a pudding, bowl, spoon, £5 and a very empty tummy! This raised £532. In April we had a jumble sale. This raised £611. In both May and June we had a car wash. This raised £575. Also in June, we donated wedding bell fees to the fund and Caroline, one of our bell ringers, did a sponsored bike ride. This raised £320. In July we had a private viewing of the beautiful Shalford House garden with a scrummy tea. This raised £467.

We also received many generous donations, which enabled us to actually place the order with Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough. We needed £8,000 to be able to do this, but we still need approximately another £2,000. This is for all the fittings and inscriptions. It cost £3.50 per letter for 'St Michael' (which Edward, our Rector, suggested would be appropriate), plus the names of all those in Rogate who lost their lives in WW1 and are on our war memorial.

Our next fund raiser is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August at The White Horse, Rogate, where we are going to fill the newly cast upturned bell with beer that has been kindly donated by the manager, Adam, and have a drink from it. We did point out to Edward that the bell hasn't been blessed yet, so this old tradition is not a problem as we reminded him "once blessed and in the church the bell is 'his'"! In the evening there will be a hog roast and live music, plus a raffle of prizes that money can't buy. So it is going to be a really fun evening for everyone to come and celebrate this historic bell.

On 24th July bell ringers and friends hired a minibus to drive to Loughborough to witness the casting of our bell, which was such a memorable day. Not only did we stop off at Loughborough's parish church, All Saints with Holy Trinity, to ring their 10 bells, which were a joy, we also rang at the foundry's ring of 12. We then had a tour of the works, seeing for ourselves how they make the bell moulds, the ringing wheel, the ropes with the sally, and how the bells are tuned. The tuning was particularly interesting as the vicar of Rogate from 1901-1912, Reverend A. H. Simpson, did valuable work, as did his late father, Reverend A.B. Simpson, who for close on a quarter of a century was the Rector of Fittleworth, and whose chief aim was that every bell ought to be "in tune with itself". He asserted that the three more important notes in the bell, ie the tonic (which he called the "fundamental"), its octave above (which he termed the "nominal") and its octave below (called by the name by which it is known in English foundries, the "hum-note") were meant to be in true octaves. They worked closely with Taylor's to achieve this. This is why there are close links between Taylor's and Rogate's peal of six.

At 3.30pm we were called and told our bell was just about to be cast, so we went to the viewing platform to see three of Taylor's employees pour the molten bell metal, which is made up of copper and tin heated to 1100 degrees, into a bucket which was then winched to our Rogate mould (there were two other bells being cast, both for Dallas, Texas). It truly felt a historic moment to see "our baby" being born! After the casting we were allowed down onto the workshop floor and Darren had the honour of agitating the casting to make sure there were no voids in it. This took place on the Wednesday and they said it would still be hot on the Monday.



Darren and fellow bell ringer Barry Wateridge left Rogate on Friday 1st of August at 6am to go and collect the bell. Plan A was that Darren was going to phone me on the way home with the bell so I could do a phone round for the welcoming committee in Rogate. At 9am I got a phone call from Darren to say his Discovery had broken down at Loughborough (thank goodness it made it to Loughborough) so he would have to get back to Rogate on a recovery truck. Darren wasn't at all downhearted by this as he was given many goodies such as old bell wheels, a clapper and other bits and bobs. A boy in a sweet shop comes to mind! So plan B was to arrange our welcoming committee for 7pm. At least we can say our new bell came off the back of a lorry!

There was great joy and excitement as four sturdy men lifted the bell out of the back of Darren's Land Rover and wheeled it up to the church on a trolley. We welcomed the bell by ringing call changes.



To conclude this happy story, Monday 4th August was a momentous day for us. BBC South Today were invited to Rogate to record a piece for that evening's special program to commemorate the start of WW1. There was a short clip of us for all of 30 seconds, a close up of the bell, a short burst of ringing and a short interview with our Rector, Edward Doyle. Also there was a 5 minute interview with Darren on BBC Radio Sussex, and Breeze FM also reported on our new bell and its significance at this poignant time.



We were back in the bell tower at 10pm. Rogate ringers rang just in candlelight, with half muffled bells, for half an hour. There was one larger candle lighting up the WW1 Roll of Honour list underneath our new St Michael's bell, which was decorated with poppies, and a very large Union Jack flag hanging in the centre of the ringing circle. Each bell was stood individually. First the treble, then we continued to ring 5 bells until 2 was asked to stand, and so on, until the tenor was left tolling slowly. Truly haunting! Edward then read out the names and ranks of those who had lost their lives, and a candle was extinguished every minute, slowly and with meaning, the last candle blown out as the new bell was struck once at 11pm. Then followed one minute in complete darkness for reflection before our Vice Captain, Rod Jarvis read out the Binyon poem "We will remember them".



## Quarter Peals

### St Mary's, Billingshurst

19<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
1296 Plain Bob Major  
1 Valerie Mourilyan  
2 Karen Quigley  
3 Iain Davey  
4 Graham Hills  
5 Rik Clay  
6 Kevin Quigley  
7 David Smith (C)  
8 Geoff Rix  
Rung in Memory of Harold Frank Wood

### St Andrews, West Tarring

20<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
1260 Plain Bob Minor  
1 Jo Cheng  
2 Irene Batchelor  
3 Brenda Cox  
4 Val Clay  
5 Jane Winter  
6 Graham Hills (C)  
Rung to celebrate 100 years since Durrington became a separate parish from West Tarring

### St Mary's, Washington

14th August 2014  
1260 Grandsire Doubles  
1 Jane Footman\*  
2 Moya Hills  
3 Katherine P Davis  
4 Graham Hills  
5 Christine J Butterfield (C)  
6 Nigel S Waters  
*\*First quarter peal*  
Rung to celebrate the birth of Ronnie Walter Batchelor, great grandson of the treble ringer, on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

## Ed Twitters

I hope that your summer has been a really good one, with lots of things to do and see. There has been so much going on all over the place that it's hard to imagine that there wouldn't have been something to go to or join in with.

The highlight of my summer was a trip to the Commonwealth games a few weeks ago. Having applied for tickets for 10 different events we found ourselves at the two finals nights for athletics. It was so good to see our British athletes winning medals, especially the gold variety, but what was most heart-warming was the fact that we were cheering for the Scottish competitors as loudly as they were cheering for ours. The whole experience was very entertaining, with the presenters getting 40,000 people doing a highland fling in their seats, and it was quite moving to hear 40,000 voices singing "You Take The High Road" The next Commonwealth games is in Australia in 2018. Hopefully we will be fit enough to attend there as well for a rousing rendition of "Waltzing Matilda"!

**On to a more serious note** - Liz and I have decided that our time as publicity officers will come to an end at the ADM next February. We have really enjoyed our time compiling your news and letting you know of forthcoming events, but feel that it is now time for someone with fresh ideas to take over the realm. So, if you feel you have the skills to produce a bi-monthly newsletter (you could use our template, or do something totally different), then please do get in touch with Jack Burton or Graham Hills as soon as possible. It is not a time consuming job. You usually need to spend a few days every other month collating all of the information e-mailed to you, plus you might need to send out some notices during the year. Of course, Liz and I would be on hand to help you with the first few editions, if needed. So, please do consider this request for a replacement publicity officer, or officers as in our case, as it's a bit of fun and a very satisfying role. *Margo*

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

**Tuesday:** Aldwick, Findon (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), Fittleworth, Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington & Wisborough Green (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Wednesday:** Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Milland, Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm - 1<sup>st</sup> only) & Upper Beeding

**Thursday:** Angmering (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>), Bosham, Easebourne (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), Findon (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), Midhurst (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), Petworth, Steyning & Walberton

**Friday:** Amberley, Rogate & Storrington

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