

Southern News



JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR



FORTHCOMING EVENTS for 2015

Saturday January 17th

Ringling in Seaford from 4 to 5pm

St Leonard Church

Church St/Place Lane

Seaford

East Sussex

BN25 1HH

Tea & Coffee at 5.30pm followed by a choice of 2 sausage or fish with chips, it is being held at the same place as last year, in WI Hall, Claremont Road. BN25 2AB

Quiz from 7pm,

Cost is £6.50 for supper and quiz, the quiz alone is £3.50

Teams of 6 to 8 people but you can come alone and be in a team.

Contact:- Debbie Evans 01273 516488 evansent4u@hotmail.co.uk Please call Debbie to leave your name for supper and the quiz. If she is not available leave a name and contact number when calling so Debbie can confirm the booking.

IMPORTANT

Names of those wanting to take part to be with Debbie by Saturday 10th January

Do book as the organisers need to know the numbers to expect and order food. Space is Limited.

If you have not booked there will be no supper or quiz.

QUARTER PEAL WEEK 2015 24th to 31st January 2015

SCACR was established on 24th January 1885 - why not mark the 130th anniversary with a quarter peal during quarter peal week - anytime between 24-31 January 2015.

It is a great chance to consolidate your ringing so if you need help completing a band or are in need of a conductor or mentor (if you want a go at conducting yourself) - ask around or email your district master / secretary. We are here to help!

Please submit your quarter peals directly to the Ringing World (via BellBoard or Campanophile) with the appropriate footnote to ensure it is counted in our records.

Marisa Hayes



Other Dates for Events in 2015

Saturday 21st February 2015

Southern Ringing & ADM

Ringling at St Mary's De Haura, St Mary's Road, Shoreham –by-Sea BN43 5ZB

Ringling from 3 to 4pm

Tea from 4 to 5pm Tea in “The Lounge” at Homehaven Court, Swiss Gardens, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WH (Home of Meg Heyworth 01273 467198 for more details) followed by

The ADM at 5pm following tea.

Agenda to follow

Friday March 13th Good Practice Seminar

Details to be arranged by Anne Franklin

Saturday March 21st 2015 Kaleidoscope Day

Kaleidoscope ringing is a series of exercises made within two places. It can be started at handstroke or backstroke. The simplest form is “long places”, 4 blows in one place. This is followed by “place making” with two blows being rung in each place and then by “dodging”.

When these basic manoeuvres have been mastered they can be combined to form more advanced and complicated exercises.

These exercises are designed to help the learner listen to all the bells, the whole compass.

They help the learner develop a sense of the place they are ringing in.

They can be used on small numbers of bells perhaps early in the practice when there are only a few ringers present.

It is easy for the learner to hear and identify/hear his /her own striking as the bells move in and out of rounds.

Elaine Farrow will be coming to give us an introduction and explanation about how Kaleidoscope works and how it could help your tower. We will then be trying it out.

Venue TBC Contact sec-south@scacr.org for up to date info.

Keep these dates in your Diary Free June 11th, 12th and 13th

Some of the SCACR committee will be at the South of England Show in June

We will need helpers and people to support our venture.

More details soon



Here is a photo of Keymer outing in October 2014 ready to jump into the Bluebird bus and escape the rain near the end of the day. We enjoyed ringing at Laughton, Heathfield, Waldron, Hellingly, Hailsham and Alfriston where we enjoyed a cuppa in the church. Weather not the best but lunch in Horsebridge pub made up for the rain and we all enjoyed ourselves. Glad we had several ringers from other towers to give us extra fun and company.

Frances - Tower Captain Keymer

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Southern Division Outing to Surrey

The outing to London by train in October had to be hastily re-planned by Nick Cullen due to closures on the line that weekend. Surrey by car was the new venue – thank goodness for our nice satnav lady! The first tower, All Saints at Banstead, was a ground floor ring of 8 with a heavy tenor weighing 21¾ cwt. All Saints is an old church dating back to 1190 but the current bells were hung in the 1920s. Jonathan Franklin organised the ringing for us from rounds and call changes to a touch of Stedman.

Next was another All Saints, this time at Sutton – another 8 bell tower. The original bells dated back to 1893 but, following restoration of the tower and bells in 1970, the new ring was dedicated in 1971. Whilst we were waiting for the tower to be opened, the churchwarden showed Jane and I the 3 stained glass windows in the Lady Chapel that were donated by parishioners to celebrate the millennium, commenting that unfortunately they now resided in the churchyard. He also warned us that the stairs up to the ringing chamber were a bit dodgy so we were quite surprised to find they were wide, flat and quite new stone steps. He obviously wasn't familiar with belfry steps! Ringing had already started so we sat at the side to watch. It was a bit like being on a ship as the whole tower was moving – you didn't notice it when you were ringing but it was weird sitting out. Again, a variety of methods were rung by the more experienced ringers – one happening to mention that at last they'd got Stedman right - but plenty of rounds and call changes and plain hunt as well.

Most of the 15 or so ringers chose one of the two recommended pubs en route to the next tower for lunch but Jane and I went to the National Trust Morden Hall Park where we looked round the various craft buildings and walked in the park before having lunch in the cafe.

The first tower after lunch was St John the Divine at Merton. The church was built in 1914, to mark the anniversary of the death of Admiral Lord Nelson, near to the site of his house, Merton Place, and on ground formerly part of his estate. The six bells here were only installed this summer and are part of a ring from Cradley Heath Methodist Church in the West Midlands. They were a nice light ring but again you could feel the tower swaying a bit. On to Mitcham and the bright red brick building of St Peters and St Pauls and a ring of 8 bells renovated and rehung in 1952. The base of the bell tower dates back to the 13th century but the main body of the church was built in 1812.

Finally we drove to Beddington and the 10 bells at St Mary's. The bells were quite light – the tenor weighed 18½cwt. The tower was added to the older church in the 15th century. Eight bells were hung in 1869 and the two trebles were added in 1877. The church is set in a large graveyard, opposite a park and next to a former manor house – now a college - with grounds leading down to the River Wandle. We were early arriving and were able to relax in the sunshine before posing for the group photograph. Thank you, Nick – and Clare – it was the first outing Jane and I had been on for a while and we thoroughly enjoyed it. *Pat Hunter*

Southern Division outing to Surrey in October l to r: Pauline Kennard, Jenny Dearie, Stuart Corson, Stephen Beckingham, Phil Nancarrow, Bethan Nancarrow, Pat Hunter, Jane Wherity, Marisa Hayes, Clare Cullen, Chris Bassett (Kent) Jenny Beckingham, Sue Bassett (Kent), a young ringer from Kent and Nick Cullen

