

## Dates for your diaries

- May 4 No practice – Bank Holiday  
May 11 Balcombe - Advanced (Surprise Major)  
May 18 Ardingly – Treble Bob Minor (mainly Surprise but please do try to learn Berwick S Minor and Cunecastre S Minor if you can)  
May 25 No practice – Bank Holiday
- June 1 West Hoathly – Elementary (Rounds to Bob Minor)  
June 6 (Saturday) Picnic and Ringing at Withyham 3-6pm  
June 8 Coleman’s Hatch - Advanced (Surprise Major)  
June 15 Worth - Treble Bob Minor  
June 22 Horsham – General 10 bell (Rounds upwards)  
June 29 No practice

Please make it known if you want to ring anything special (or not so special) during these practices, so that it can be arranged (they can be anything from Doubles upwards!). The organiser of the Monday practices will then be able to try to accommodate you.



## Ringling (or not) at Lindfield

This week we had the builders in at Lindfield tower modifying and improving the mesh screens that prevent birds getting in the belfry. Unfortunately we didn't see them leaving on their horses carrying their guns and lassos or we might have looked more closely before getting the bells up on Sunday morning.

When we tried to raise the 6 bell it got half way up and stopped. Investigating we found that the stay had stuck under a frame holding wire mesh over the window that had not been secured to the wall after work had been completed. The bell was stuck with the mouth pointing east and the stay horizontal pointing west. This is not a good position for a bell as it puts stress on the bell and headstock that it is not designed for.

After the morning services we returned and with some subtle adjustments (large hammer) the bell was freed but is out of use until the builders return and fix the problem. However if they are not back by Friday we will have to lever the frame off, as we have a quarter peal planned for VE day on Saturday and they will have to make a new one.

Michael Peace



Sadly, Elizabeth Green, a Bolney ringer for 36 years, died two months ago

Elizabeth and her family arrived in Bolney during the bitter winter of 1962, and since that time the village and Church have been at the heart of her life.

She was church bell-ringer, hand bell-ringer, and flower-arranger. She worshipped there and took an active part in all the church celebrations. She sang in the choir and decorated the church through her needlework and flower-arrangements.

Elizabeth learnt to ring later on in life when ringing was restarted at Bolney with lots of help from the northern division. Stan Brown called her first quarter peal and loved saying that she was the oldest person for whom he had called a first quarter peal.

Apart from her staunch support she is also remembered for her fabulous brownies, which we ate on ringing outings, and wicked sense of humour.

She continued to ring up until about six months before she died and latterly would only ring the No 4 bell, her favourite.

Elizabeth is survived by and much missed by two daughters, two grand daughters and two great grand children. Four of whom are ringers, or able to ring.

Heather Jordan



## A Right Royal Send Off!

In late August 1485 King Richard III, Duke of York, was defeated at the Battle of Bosworth by an army led by Henry Tudor. At the battle Richard III was killed and thus ended the long rule by Plantagenet Kings. Henry Tudor was crowned as Henry VII in October 1485 and married Elizabeth of York in November 1486, thus uniting the two opposing sides in the long period of strife known as The Wars of the Roses. So began the Tudor dynasty, and as they say the rest is history.

The finding of Richard III's remains 'under the foundations of a car park' created a great deal of public interest, as did the arrangements for his reinternment in Leicester Cathedral. Bells across the country were invited to commemorate this national event and St Margaret's, Warnham did this on Saturday 28th March by successfully ringing a quarter peal of Plantagenet Alliance Royal, which we considered a very apt homage to King Richard III. Included here is a photo of the loyal band, suitably adorned for the occasion. I think that Richard III would have been pleased to see that the band consisted of one Lancastrian!

Not to be outdone by this the Warnham Meadow Minis rang in royal regalia for their afternoon practice at George Francis' mini ring.

Adult photo names:

Back row - George Woodward, Jeremy Alford, Karen White, Graham Cannings, Sandra Alford, Simon Alford.

Front row - Nigel Gale, Margaret Oram, Judith Alford, George Francis



140 reasons to celebrate.

Penny Groome and Mike Cattell of Horsham joined forces on Tuesday 10th March for a joint birthday party after evening practice. Some 25 ringers from Warnham and Horsham gathered at the Royal Air Force Association club for refreshments and cake provided by Val Burgess. Both Penny and Mike are long time ringers at Horsham and were born the same year a few days apart. The Warnham ringers had double reason to celebrate as they had had a ring on the finest ring of 10 in Sussex! A quarter of Grandshire Triples was rung to celebrate the occasion.

In answer to the question from Nigel Gale "so if Penny is 21 (again) does that make Mike 119?" No the honours are shared equally.

