

Southern News



The Southern District Newsletter April, May and June 2017

Greetings! – Words from your editor.

May I introduce myself! My name is Josh and I am the new editor for the Southern Newsletter and member of the Southern Committee. I am a young(er) ringer and my home tower is Burgess Hill, where I have recently taken up the role of Tower Captain.

I must start by thanking Jo Worsley (Twineham) for all her hard work over the past year producing the newsletter. The 'baton' has now been passed onto me!

There are only a few small jobs you can do for me. Read the newsletter, I will fill it with as many events and news as I can! If you have a tower email list, please forward it onto your ringers and print off a copy to put up in your tower. And finally, send me your news and events. There are more details on the back page :-)

I look forward to meeting and hearing from more ringers in our district.

Josh



Association AGM – Saturday 13th May

Come along and represent your tower at the annual AGM.

10.30am -12pm ringing, 12pm - 12.30pm short ringers service, 12.30pm - 12.45pm walk to St Gabriel's Hall, Catholic Church, 12.45 - 1.30pm ploughman's lunch. **1.30pm - 3.00pm AGM**

Location: **Billingshurst**

Upcoming Events

Thursday 20th April - Ringing Up

and Down Course, Ringmer and Barcombe. Contact annefranklin@hotmail.co.uk to book a place.

Saturday 22nd April - Chichester

Cathedral Bell Tower Open Day, (more details on the SCACR website).

Saturday 22nd April – Young Ringers

Practice... Ringing and cake at Billingshurst, 2-4pm. All young ringers welcome to come along, lots of ringing, chat and cake! (Contact Anne, above, for more details).

Thursday 4th May – Surprise Major

Practice at Seaford. Eastern & Southern Districts Surprise major practice at Seaford. These practices are suitable for all wishing to ring treble bob on 8 and progress through the Standard Eight. Recent practices have seen us ring Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland and London.

Words from Mary – Your district secretary

Some of you may have heard that my challenge for the year is to visit every practice night in the Southern District before the end of the year. This came about because I have been Secretary to the Southern District since the ADM in February 2016 and as a comparative newcomer felt that I didn't know anything much about the district, the towers or the people who rang in them and what they might like the committee to do for them. So the idea was born!

To date I have only made two visits. The first was to Ditchling where I was delighted to find a large group of lively and enthusiastic young ringers who really made the practice fun and the second was to Ringmer. This was cheating slightly as I go to Ringmer for their practice most weeks!

They have really supported my learning over the past three years or so and I have made good friends there.

I have twenty one more towers to fit into the rest of the year (Seaford is my home tower) and I'm hoping that with the longer evenings it will be easier to find those of you who ring at towers down dark twisting lanes! If I haven't met you already I am looking forward to doing so soon. Please introduce yourself and let me know how the district committee can help you. We are very happy to provide support either in your own tower for a specific thing or by running a course but we need to know what would help first. In the meantime, have a lovely Easter.

Mary Burr



Ditchling – (L – R) David, James, Nicky, Josephine, Ollie, Josh and William.



New members to the Southern Committee

You've now met Josh, so here's William!

Hi, I'm William, I have been ringing for about 5 years now and I learnt at Hurstpierpoint where I still ring today. Over these five years I have found my passion for ringing accumulate, especially in recent years with my part in the youth striking teams winning the past two South East Competitions with Sussex Young Ringers and Conducting the Young Sussex Ringers team that was one place off from the final at the Ringing World National Youth Contest in 2016. I also rang a Peal of Minor last year and I hope more are down the line. I hope to plan some brilliant events for the Southern District, top of my list being an Outing in September, maybe to Guildford (Watch this space). I hope you will enjoy my time on the committee!

William

William on the 28cwt Tenor at St.
St Sepulchre's Church, London.



A few reasons why you should attend your Association's AGM

- It's your association, it only happens once a year. Not much to ask, whether you *'used to go to these things'* or not.
- There are always things to learn in ringing – you may meet a new face or discover something new about the association.
- You don't have to volunteer to join a group or committee, like me you may be rather busy at your home tower. Don't let this stop you though; the association is a thriving team working with all ringers in Sussex, there is always a small job to be done!
- Everyone is friendly; a meeting may seem like a boring, scripted show. But there are always discussions to be had and reports to be given.
- You get a nice lunch and you get to meet me! :-)) So I'll see you there! *Josh*

News from your district

The Rose between two Thorns – *By Frances Gilbert*

Here are three Keymer ringers celebrating their birthdays together! Two of us 70 and one 15 and in 42 minutes. We rang a Quarter Peal of eight methods, sharing the calling. It was good fun! The methods were Stedman, Plain Bob Doubles, St.Simon's, St.Martin's, Eynesbury, April Day, Southrepps and Grandsire Doubles. *Happy Birthday to Diana, Molly and Frances! (L-R).*



Keymer Church

The Southern District Quiz – *By William Stafford*

Way Back in January we enjoyed an evening of competition and rivalry in the Southern Division quiz at Henfield! The evening started with some nice ringing on the 8 across the road. We went from Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Bob, Stedman all the way to Cambridge and Yorkshire Major. We then gathered in the hall for the quiz, with Fish and Chips! There were many different topics, some more suited to the 'older' folk! Well done to the winners (playing at home):Henfield, and the runners up:

Shoreham. Unlucky for Southover, they went home with the metaphorical wooden spoon. Also thanks to Jo for organising such an enjoyable evening and Mat for being a clear and able quizmaster! Roll on the pictures...



The quiz is underway!



The Raffle, raising money for the BRF.



The Winning Team: Henfield. Second year in a row!

Wisdom from the South... "I once attended a tower outing and in the belfry of one of the towers I read a poster: '*A dodge requires the cooperation of two people – not the hard work of one and the wishful thinking of another!*'

5 Well struck ringing is not just made by a band of experienced ringers, but by those who work together"... **Anon.**

The South East Youth Striking Contest – Well done Sussex Young Ringers!

Big well done to Sussex who took the top two spots in the 2017 SEYSC in Hertfordshire on Saturday 1st April. The competition was held at Kings Langley (8), just off the M25. All teams rang over 160 rows of call changes, with the majority of ringers coming from the Southern Division. 'Sussex Young Ringers' easily took the top spot followed by 'Young

Sussex Ringers' in second who beat third place Hertfordshire by 1%!

Rachel, conductor of the winning team said: *"The bells weren't as bad as everyone made them out to be. The atmosphere was buzzing and it just felt great. Everyone was really supportive, new friendships were made and the Sussex teams felt like one big family."*



Kings Langley Church – The Competition Bells.

"I conducted the second place team. Our aim was to stay relaxed and ring at a good pace. Alex rang the tenor and did very well. Even better, Katharine, from Billingshurst, got a special mention in the results for her superb treble ringing, well done Squish!!" Josh.





The Winning team 'Sussex Young Ringers'. Lysbeth, Rachel(C), Andrew A, Mahala, William, Katherine, Andrew M and Reuben.



Josh and Rachel – Victorious Captains.

Look out for the full report in the next edition of 'Soundbow'!

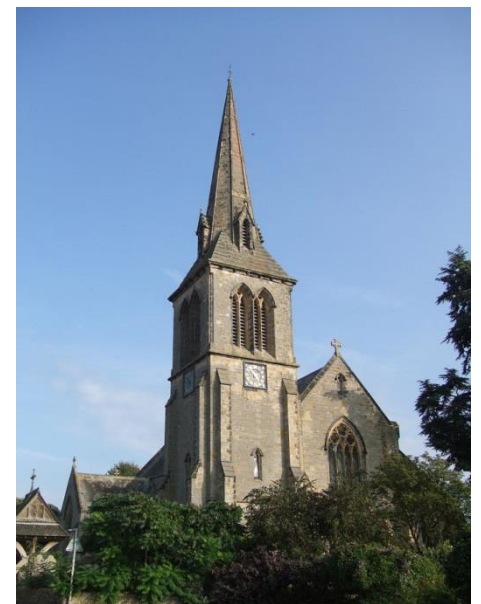
10 Bell Practice at Hurstpierpoint

On Saturday 18th March we enjoyed another 10 bell practice on the simulator at Hurstpierpoint. There was ringing from Rounds and Call Changes up to Cambridge Royal. Something for everyone! We also enjoyed cake and tea in the church, a good chance to meet some new ringers and catch up with others.

Would you like to have a go at 10 bell ringing for the first time, or improve your Stedman caters? Watch this space, there will be more practices coming up soon!



The latest 10 bell practice.



Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint.

Views from Your District

This edition we hear from Helen Wells. Helen rings regularly at Twineham and lots of surrounding towers. I asked Helen to say why she likes going to the 10 bell practices at Hurstpierpoint.

1. Most importantly John N. always arranges the practice to coincide with tea and cake mornings at the church, the staple diet of ringers. A Saturday morning suits me well.

2. The ringers attending are all friendly and encouraging. The practice covers all abilities starting with rounds. It has been quite popular so far and the ringing is varied, no one is left out.



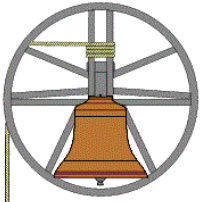
John and Jonathan playing on the computer!

3. Generally there are not that many opportunities for me to ring on 10 bells, I know Brighton has Monday practice nights but I can't always get there. I would like to point out that some of the less experienced amongst us like to have the safety net of a simulator to practice on first and get the rope sight etc, before they venture out into the real world where people will hear their performances. **Striking is key.**

4. I also attend because John and his helpers have gone to a lot of effort installing the simulator so I want to support them, and, I know that it will help progress my ringing. Win-win don't you think?

5. Hurstpierpoint is local to me and fairly central to a lot of people in the Southern division and I think it would be a shame to miss out on the help kindly offered; we have to use it or lose it. Once John gets the Babbage computer running it's a good laugh and well worth having a go. Come and give it a try. Hope to see you all in the ringing chamber next time. *Helen*





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Southern District Tower Practice Nights

These are always available at www.scacr.org/towers and in the SCACR handbook. Visiting local practice nights is a great way to improve your ringing and meet new people. You may also be surprised by how many ringers will return the favour and give your home tower a visit too! *Perhaps it's time you got back into going to practice nights...*

Monday: Burgess Hill 7:45, Brighton; St Nicholas (2nd and 4th), St Peter (1st, 3rd and 5th) both 7:45, Chailey 8:00, Maresfield 8:00 (infrequent – please check), Newick 7:00 (*note new day and time*).

Tuesday: Aldrington 7:45, Brighton; Good Shepherd 7:00, Ditching 7:30, Southover (Lewes) 7:30, Little Horsted 7:30 (please check), Seaford 7:30, Shoreham-by-sea 7:45, Uckfield 7:30.

Wednesday: Buxted 8:00 (please check), Henfield 7:45, Keymer 7:30, Ringmer 7:30.

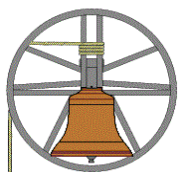
Thursday: Barcombe 7:30 (infrequent – please check), Brighton, St Mark 7:15 (best to check before travel), Hurstpierpoint 7:00, Wivelsfield 8:00.

Friday: Twineham 7:30 (1st, 3rd and 5th).

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The next edition of Southern News is for July and August 2017.

The deadline for write up's, events and relevant material is
Saturday 24th June

Send it all to news-south@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

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