

# Look To!

## The Eastern District Newsletter September 2018



What's on - [www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar](http://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar) for more info

### Thursday 6th – 16th September – SCACR Quarter Peal Challenge week/10 days

Please link quarter peals to this BellBoard event: <https://bb.ringing-world.co.uk/event.php?id=8950>

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Ringling 2-4pm St Peter's, Ashburnham, followed by tea/coffee & cake in the Church Hall.

Ground floor ring of 6 bells, WC and space for parking.

*Please email names so we can cater for plenty of tea and cake to [matt.rj@outlook.com](mailto:matt.rj@outlook.com)*

### 24th November Outing to Chelmsford, Essex.

10.00 a.m. Chelmsford Cathedral. 12 Bells 34.2 Cwt. CM1 1NS C

11.45 a.m. All Saints, Springfield. 6 Bells. 10 Cwt. CM1 7ZA C

Lunch in Boreham – pubs being investigated!

2.45 p.m. Boreham. 8 Bells 13Cwt. CM3 3EG - TBC

4.15 p.m. St. Andrew, Sandon. 6 Bells. 10.3 Cwt. CM2 7SL

5.30 p.m. St. Michael, Galley Wood 8 Bells. 13.1 Cwt. CM2 8PW

*Make your own arrangements for travel, some people are staying over. Please contact Nick [nickcantbells@outlook.com](mailto:nickcantbells@outlook.com) or Marion [sec-east@scacr.org](mailto:sec-east@scacr.org) if you are hoping to come along, the more the merrier!*

(The planned Saturday October 20th visit to the SCACR library and ringing in towers close by has been postponed to next year).

## **Mid-week Wednesday practices**

Doubles: Alfriston 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>      Nov 7<sup>th</sup>      Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

- initially concentrating on learning plain bob doubles, but may progress to other methods as attendees progress

Minor: Alfriston 7.30 pm TBC

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>      Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

St Clements and Little Bob Minor, we will move onto other methods as attendees progress

## **Ringers' Walk**

This year's Walk and Ring took place on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A Kent, Sussex, Kent wander of approximately 9 miles in total. The weather like the whole of the late spring and summer in the South East was very hot and sunny.

Members of the Eastern District were joined at Sandhurst by two visitors from Surrey. At St Nicholas our first tower there are 6 anticlockwise hung bells. We rang Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Minor and a course of Cambridge Minor before setting off into the countryside lead by Nick Cant.

Our route took us across fields of wheat and broad beans into a valley which gave us good views of the Kent and East Sussex Railway with a steam train puffing plumes of smoke. The footpath skirted the National Trust's Bodiam Castle grounds before leading us through a newly planted vineyard, past several charming oasthouses to St. Giles church.

All the bells at Bodiam are named apart from the 2. The Tenor is HIM Haile Sellassie, Emperor of Ethiopia and Rastafarian messiah, which is not a reference you expect to see in a quiet and peaceful country church in East Sussex! Here we rang Plain Bob Doubles and a course of Norwich Surprise Minor.

There wasn't a great deal of time for lunch so some of us had a picnic in the churchyard whilst others set off downhill for a swift pint in the Castle pub. The energetic ones amongst us reconvened at the start of the next section of the walk along the Sussex Border Path to Hawkhurst whilst others caught the handy local bus.

At Conghurst Farm we came across an electric fence and a cautionary notice advising us to beware of the bull. He was very large but seemed happy with his

harem of cows, so we passed by making our way to St Lawrence Hawkhurst, the only 8 bell tower of the day.

These bells are a bit of a challenge, heavier than the other two rings we enjoyed in the morning and not the easiest to handle but we did well ringing rounds and call changes, some Grandsire Triples and finishing with a good attempt at half a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Those who had a support vehicle and driver parked here had finished their day but once again the hardy few with cars parked at Sandhurst strolled back along the delightful footpath. I really enjoyed the day and was very glad that I had packed plenty of water and wore a sunhat. Our grateful thanks are due to Nick Cant for arranging the walk and getting the towers and of course to the incumbents for allowing us to ring their bells. It had been a glorious sunny day with good company and ringing which was enjoyed by all, however much of the walk they chose to do!

**Jenny Dearie**

### ***Sussex Young Ringers News - Sussex wins the Ringing World National Youth Contest!***

Congratulations to Sussex Young ringers who won the Ringing World National Youth Contest in July



## NEWSFLASH! Sussex Young Ringers to star in Blue Peter!

Sussex Young Ringers will feature on the BBC's Blue Peter programme on Thursday 20th September (17.30, CBBC channel). Filming took place during the Ringing World National Youth Contest in July, which the Sussex team won. Presenter Lindsey Russell was also filmed having a "learn the ropes" session the week before, with the SCACR and KCACR youth striking competition teams. The programme may contain a few surprises...! The programme airs a few times in the week and is available for replay for a month afterwards. If the date changes for any reason we will be informed in advance and will let you know. Do encourage everyone you know to watch it!

This is great publicity for ringing, and we hope it will inspire new young (and old!) ringers.

### Sussex 10 Bell Team

Congratulations to the Sussex 10 Bell Team who won (and retained) the Essex Trophy at Horsham on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. They came first out of seven teams with a striking accuracy of 88%. This was 12% better than Surrey who were placed second. The test piece was a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Further details of this and other association news on the SCACR website:

<https://www.scacr.org/>

## SUSSEX CLOTHING IS BACK

Loose polo shirts, fitted t-shirts, hoodies, rugby tops, fleeces – all embroidered with the Sussex logo.

Many colours, styles and sizes (including children) to suit all.

Please visit the Clothing page (can be found under Resources) on the SCACR website for full details and order form. Orders will be placed on the last day of every month, delivery time is approx. 4 weeks from the order being placed with the supplier.

Any questions, please get in touch with Sandra Alford at [clothing@scacr.org](mailto:clothing@scacr.org)



### FEEDBACK SO FAR

I am really pleased with my rugby shirt – it is a great length for ringing!

I love my polo shirt, it's a really nice fit and colour.

Fleece and rugby shirt are lovely and fit very well, thank you!

I shall wear my t-shirt with pride!

Good price, good quality and good fit – thank you.

Love curling up in my hoodie!

## ISLE OF SHEPPEY/SITTINGBOURNE OUTING

30 June 2018

David Leworthy & Pip Pawley from All Saints

I first met Marian and David Hollands on a St Michael's Sittingbourne ringing outing over forty years ago when Marianne and I lived on the Isle of Sheppey and they both lived in Sittingbourne. This excellent outing, organised by Marian, was a real trip down memory lane for the three of us!! We were delighted to welcome ringers from several local towers which included: Christchurch, St Marys, St Saviours, Pevensey and Seaford. The ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Minor and Bob Major at Tunstall with the help of 3 local ringers.

Massive thanks to Marian and David for their excellent organisation of a brilliant day.

### Can you recognise any of the ringers on the tour



We visited the following towers with bells ranging from the light six at Queenborough to the heavier eight at St Michaels Sittingbourne.

Holy Trinity, Queenborough

[6 bells - Tenor 5-2-21 in B]

SS Mary and Sexburgha, Minster-in-Sheppey

[6 bells - Tenor 10-2-0 in G]

All Saints, Eastchurch

[6 bells - Tenor 10-2-27 in G]

Lunch

Holy Trinity, Milton Regis

[6 bells – Tenor 10-3-13 in G]

St Michael's, Sittingbourne

[8 bells – Tenor 19-0-6]

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

[8 bells – Tenor 10-1-8]

**SHORT QUIZ:**

**Can YOU Identify the following Towers??**



**Tower 1** \_\_\_\_\_



**Tower 2** \_\_\_\_\_



**Tower 3:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Tower 4** \_\_\_\_\_

**What about the Ringing Chambers**



**Ringling Chamber 1:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Ringling Chamber 2** \_\_\_\_\_

## New Members

Our membership secretary is Jonathan Spencer [membership@scacr.org](mailto:membership@scacr.org)

Make sure all your new learners sign up to receive their Ringing Remembers badges!  
Ask them to register here: <https://www.big-ideas.org/project/ringing-remembers/>



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## Eastern District Tower Practice Nights

These are always available at <https://www.scacr.org/towers/directory> and in the SCACR handbook/Annual report where you will find contact details too.

Visiting local practice nights is a great way to improve your ringing, meet new people and support local ringing.

## Keep up to date with the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers

### Visit **[www.scacr.org](http://www.scacr.org)**

- Don't have a 'Soundbow' subscription? Contact Kathy Howard at [Soundbow99@gmail.com](mailto:Soundbow99@gmail.com), 01903 813653. Yearly postal subscription for four fat issues is still only £6! Why not set up a tower subscription if you don't have one already...
- Find SCACR on Facebook - search for 'SCACR' – the Association has a page and our members have a secure closed group for their posts about ringing in Sussex.
- Find SCACR on Twitter. Use [@scacr\\_bells](https://twitter.com/scacr_bells) and [@sussexbells](https://twitter.com/sussexbells)
- Contact Alison Everett, your Communications and Events Team leader, at [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org) if you want to know more about publicity or social media

The next edition of Look To! is for November and December 2018

The deadline for write ups, events and relevant material is 28th October

Send it all to [news-east@scacr.org](mailto:news-east@scacr.org)

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

