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# OUT ON APPEAL

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR COMES TO LOOK TO! – BUT WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Hello and welcome to the March edition of Look To! Following much hard work from Nick Rees, I've taken over as Editor. I hope you continue to enjoy the newsletter, but before you read on, I hope you'll join the Eastern Committee in saying thank you to Nick for all his efforts in getting this publication out to you all in the past.

This edition sees a new look and a new layout. You'll find my favourite bit - the program of upcoming events within the Eastern District, on the back page. But don't rush there, I suggest you put the kettle on and read your way through to the back savouring the soul food that is a good practice and the beer and pickled eggs that make a good Surprise meeting on the way. Just don't forget to get your diary out and plan your way through the events ahead...

Any newsletter thrives on content, so please can I appeal to you for any news items, articles or information you would like to see included in Look To!

Please send your thoughts, comments and submissions to me on the usual email address:

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## FUN WITH BELLS

SOMETHING NEW TO GET YOUR EARS AROUND

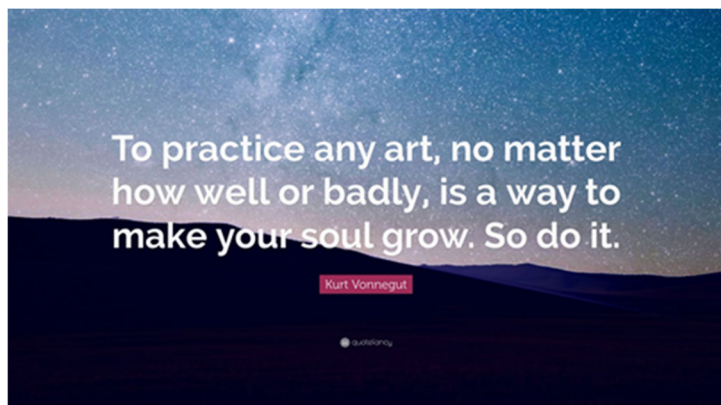
Podcasts are a form of 'Listen on demand' radio show that many of you will be familiar with, but you may not have yet seen or heard the 'Fun With Bells' podcast. So far episodes have covered topics such as Ringing differently in Devon, Bell ringing on your CV and Ringing in NZ, Oz and more... You can listen and find out more at <https://funwithbells.com/>



Image from the 'Fun with Bells' website - Ringing differently in Devon: Ryan Trout

# PRACTICE NIGHTS

## EASTERN DISTRICT TOWER PRACTICE NIGHTS



Visiting local practice nights is a great way to improve your ringing and meet new people. You may 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... Below, we've included a list of the Eastern District Towers and their practice nights, so you can find the one that suits you best.

We suggest you always phone to confirm there have been no changes on the night you are going to attend.

- **MONDAY:** BREDE, DALLINGTON ALL SAINTS, EASTBOURNE, HAILSHAM, ROTHERFIELD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TICEHURST, WALDRON, WARBLETON (JOIN THE PRACTICE AT DALLINGTON).
- **TUESDAY:** ALFRISTON, BATTLE, BEXHILL, BURWASH, CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE, ST MARYS EASTBOURNE, FRANT, MAYFIELD, NORTHIAM.
- **WEDNESDAY:** BECKLEY, BECKLEY, HEATHFIELD, HELLINGLY, SALEHURST, SEDLESCOMBE, WADHURST, WESTHAM.
- **THURSDAY:** ASHBURNHAM, BODIAM, BRIGHTLING, EWHURST GREEN, LAUGHTON, RYE, WILLINGDON.
- **FRIDAY:** BLACKLANDS HASTINGS.
- **SATURDAY:** ALL SAINTS HASTINGS, ST. CLEMENTS HASTINGS, HOOE, PEVENSEY.

Contact details and more practice night information, including other districts, is always available at [www.scacr.org/towers](http://www.scacr.org/towers) and in the SCACR handbook.

# FLOOD AT ADM

Amongst the reports, nominations and elections of the Eastern District ADM it was a flood of new members being welcomed to the association that stands out. **Welcome and Enjoy your ringing!**

**Brede** - Heather Smith, Kim Smith, Torr Arron Mitchell, John Smith, Holly Smith, Katie Ann Mitchell, Edith Nicholson, Jamie Burchett, Andrew Evans.

**Rye** - Ruth Hurley.

**Salehurst** - Jack Flanagan.

**St Leonard's On Sea** - Judy Irving, Richard Abraham.

**Pevensey** - Leigh Davalls, Tim Cantrell.

**Hooe** - Sarah Rowe, Carole Ballard, William Smith, Peter Jeremy Ballard.

**Rotherfield** - Nichola Garside, Susanna Roberts, Scott Walters, Simon Virgo.

**Hailsham** - John Canning, Samuel Canning.

**Christ Church, Eastbourne** - Thomas Boxall, Helen Fidler, Marie-Pierre Bijlani.

**Alfriston** - Andy Bullivent, Trish Bullivent.

**Mayfield** - Amanda Savage.

**Willingdon** - Don McCrudden.

**Battle** - Claire Steed.

**Waldron** - Jackie Wood, Paul Viner.

# BEFORE WE FORGET...

We keep a record in the Sussex Library of significant bellringing in the county e.g. SCA Centenary and 125th, HMQ's Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries.

However, "Ringing Remembers" performances of peals, quarter peals and call changes were submitted Nationally to BellBoard and printed in a special edition of The Ringing World.

If your band rang on 11 November 2018 and the performance **WAS NOT** sent to BellBoard, please would you let me know so that we can have a more complete record?

Details could include: time of ringing, half-muffled or open, and how many "Ringing Remembers" recruits and ringers took part and what you rang.

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# RINGING REMEMBERS A ROARING SUCCESS

## TWO 'SUSSEX SAYS THANK YOU!' EVENTS MIRROR THE SUCCESS OF RINGING REMEMBERS

The Ringing Remembers – 'Sussex says thank you!' event at Heathfield Church on the 30th March 2019 was the second well attended event organised by Marisa Hayes & Steph Pendlebury to welcome new ringers and say thank you to those who dedicate time to training recruits. The first event took place on the 2nd of March at Henfield.



Images by Kathy Howard & Hazel Mottram

The events were very well attended with over 50 people coming to enjoy ringing and meeting new ringers at the Heathfield event alone. Vicki Chapman, an Essex Association of Change Ringers Central Council Representative attended, along with her husband Colin, Tower Captain at Chelmsford Cathedral. Vicki organised and oversaw the entire 'Ringing Remembers' project and gave a brief overview of the initiative.

She was approached by the Central Council to coordinate the project. The idea was to recruit 1400 new ringers to replace those who had been lost in the war. Initially she thought that this was an amazingly high target and was astonished that the recruiting ringers not only stepped up to the mark and met the target, but surpassed it!

The final figure recruited nationwide was 3332. Not everyone who signed up was able to finish the challenge of being able to ring at 12 noon on 11<sup>th</sup> November. (The goal was that as many as possible would, even if it was only at backstroke.) Several dropped out, but equally not everyone who started ringing at this time signed up to the challenge, so the figures remain a little hazy but are as close as possible to being correct.

In Sussex 161 ringers signed up to the Ringing Remembers Challenge and of those 148 rang on 11<sup>th</sup> November. It's a fantastic achievement for both recruits and teachers that so many were successful and continue to ring. Vicki commented that it has been exciting to follow the progress of the ringers on Facebook.

Rob Lane, the Acting Ringing Master of the SCACR, presented some certificates of membership to new members at the event and welcomed them.

Hazel Mottram  
Roving Reporter and Eastern Committee Member

## PICKLED EGG SURPRISE

### A BRIEF REPORT

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April there was a very well attended Surprise Major Practice at Chiddingly. At one head count there were twenty-one people in the room and for many ringers it was standing room only! News about the coming practice must have spread far and wide as Ollie Thompson from Surrey came to support our ringing. We welcomed representatives from other districts including Chris and Michael Shaw, Anne Ekins, Pat Aylwood and Richard Neal.

Peter Bradford, who took charge of the ringing, was presented with quite a task meeting the needs of all the ringers. Some ringers needed practice at treble bob hunting while others wanted more of a challenge. Methods ranged from Cambridge and Yorkshire to Lessness and Turramurra, the latter two from the Pickled Egg project. Ringers also rang Superlative and Bristol.

Some ringers adjourned for lunch and liquid refreshments to the pub opposite. We were made very welcome at The Six Bells, orders were taken and food served in good order.

In view of the numbers present and the positive comments it seems Saturday morning is a good time to have a Surprise Major practice. Many towers in Eastern District struggle to ring Surprise on their practice nights so this presented an opportunity for ringers to get together and focus on specific methods. Hopefully this success can be repeated so please look out for further Surprise Practice dates on the SCACR Website / Facebook Page.

Our thanks go to the Chiddingly ringers and the church for allowing us to use their bells.

Frances Bradford  
Roving Reporter and Eastern Committee Member

# WHAT'S MADE MARION'S MONTH?

MEETINGS, VISITS AND A WEALTH OF NEW RINGERS



Image from SCACR Facebook Group

We have already had two Saturday meetings so far this year. The first was a trip to the SCACR library, which included ringing in three nearby towers. We all enjoyed seeing what the library held and the ringing on different bells. The second was the ADM, which was held at St. Marys, Battle this year. it was attended by 48 people, most of which also went and had a ring. In the absence of our master, Rob Lane, Alan Baldock chaired the meeting. The Battle ringers with the help of some members of local towers put on a lovely tea, enjoyed by all. I would like to thank them all for working so hard and making everyone feel welcome.

I would like to say thank you to Nick Rees who has been helping with Look To for the last few years and to Mary Hallett, general committee member, who have both stood down at the ADM. Matthew Jones has taken on the job of producing our newsletter, but he can't do it without your help so please send him some articles, pictures or something you think Members would like to read.

We would still like to see two more people come onto the committee, what would be good is if someone from the Eastern side of the district could help, then we can look into holding midweek practices in the area. We usually only have two committee meetings a year.

We were very lucky with the ringing Remembers recruits as between November 2018 and 2019 I was asked to send out thirty-five certificates, this is just in our district.

Marion Hollands

**Eastern District Secretary** (sec-east@scacr.org)

# OVERDUE AT THE LIBRARY

WHY DIDN'T WE GO SOONER!

A small group of members met up at the SCACR library in January. As most will be aware the library is at Stella Bianco's home. For some of the group it was the first time they had visited the library, but everyone was impressed with the quantity and range of material available.

Some people had asked Stella to get specific material out that they wanted to see, she also presented a range of items that were of general interest for those present.

We would like to thank Stella for her kind hospitality and for looking after us so well.

After the visit, we all made our own lunch arrangements then met again for ringing in the afternoon at Shipley a 9cwt six, Cowfold an 8.5 Cwt six and ending the day at Bolney a 13 Cwt eight. The ringing catered for all present and for some these were first visits to towers in our county.

It was a good day out where the weather was kind to us. If you ever get the chance it is strongly recommended you visit the library.



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## VISIT SCACR.ORG

Don't have a 'Soundbow' subscription? Four fat issues is only £6!  
Why not set up a tower subscription? Contact Kathy Howard at  
Soundbow99@gmail.com, 01903 813653.

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 and @sussexbells

Contact Alison Everett, your Communications and Events Team leader, at publicity@scacr.org if you want to know more about publicity or social media.

# CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## THANK YOU TO DEWBYS BELLS FOR SPONSORING PLACES FOR SCACR MEMBERS

Thank you to Dewbys Bells for once again sponsoring places for SCACR members to attend the 2019 ART Conference that was held in Worcester. David Kirkaldy, Kathy Howard, Sue Gadd, Steph Pendlebury, Elaine Farrow and Alison Everett attended.



Image by John Cater

The ART conference, held in Worcester on 3rd & 4th March, was a great success with about one hundred people present on both days.

Sunday at the Conference was arranged by the Volunteer & Leadership workgroup of the CCCBR and focused on developing youth ringers and ringing. Listening to experience from other parts of the country Sussex is well placed, although of course there is no room for resting on our laurels. One specific area that seems to need attention is university ringing and the danger of losing people at this stage of their ringing careers.

A full write up on the conference can be found on the ART website: <http://ringingteachers.org/news/articles/art-conference-went-worcester> or in 'The Ringing World' No. 5629.

## CCCBR AGM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Plans for the CCCBR AGM to be held in London, during the weekend of 6th – 8th September, are progressing well. Based at Goldsmiths University in south east London, it is open to all ringers. The Sunday will focus on talks, seminars and displays aimed at ringers in general. Details should be available in early May but put the date in your diary now if you are thinking of coming along.

There are good transport links as Goldsmiths is a short walk from both New Cross Gate and New Cross railway stations. The overall theme will be tower management, covering many different subjects.

You can already find out a lot about the events that are being planned by going to:  
<https://cccb.org.uk/about/meetings/2019-meeting/>

## DEWBYS BELLS

Dewbys Bells were first rung to a quarter peal in November 2005 and have since been rung to over 995 quarters and 3 peals.

They were set up to promote bell ringing and to encourage all forms of bells ringing. Each time a quarter is rung, each ringer pays £1.50 into the Dewbys Bells fund which contributes 50p per rope per entry to the ringing world bell board, with the remainder going into a ringers support fund. This fund supports local towers raising funds for essential repairs and refurbishment and helping to buy new ropes, replace clappers, stays etc. The fund is also used to encourage ringers to attend the ART conference.

Alison Everett (publicity@scacr.org)  
**CCCBR Representative for SCACR Eastern District**

## SCACR Clothing

Loose polo shirts, fitted t-shirts, hoodies, rugby tops and fleeces – all embroidered with the SCACR logo are available now!!



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(including childrens sizes)

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Orders will be placed on the last day of every month and delivery time is approximately 4 weeks from the order being placed with the supplier. **So order yours now!**

**Please contact Sandra Alford with any questions.**  
[clothing@scacr.org](mailto:clothing@scacr.org)

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2019/20

PLENTY OF EVENTS ARE COMING UP, SO BE SURE TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE COMMUNITY AND THE RINGING!

We'd love to see more of you at our events. They are organized for you, the SCACR membership and are a great way to meet new people, visit new towers and enjoy your ringing! For more information or to book your place email Marion Hollands ([sec-east@scacr.org](mailto:sec-east@scacr.org))



## Quiz and Fish & Chip supper at the Civic Community Hall, Hailsham - Tuesday 16th April

7.00 pm for 7.30 start. Please book with Marion by 9th April 2019. The choice of food is Cod, Chicken, Sausage or Veggie burger and chips at a cost of £7.50 per person. Please bring your own drinks although tea and coffee will be served during the break. We will also be holding a raffle.



## SCACR AGM in Eastbourne - Saturday 11th May

Ringing at the following towers:

- 12.30 pm Christ Church, Eastbourne
- 1.30 pm St Mary's, Eastbourne
- 2.15 pm St. Saviours, Eastbourne
- 3.30 pm All Saints Eastbourne

Followed by 4.30 pm Service, tea and AGM at All Saints Eastbourne. Names for those wishing to have tea to Marion Hollands by 8th May 2019.

## South of England Show – 6-8<sup>th</sup> June

The SCACR and 'DEWBYS BELLS' mini ring have been invited to the South of England Show again this year by the Chichester Diocese. We need volunteers to help on the day. In return for half a day's duty you'll receive a **Free Pass** so you can enjoy the rest of the day at the show. Volunteers are also needed to help put up and take down Dewby's Bells mini ring.

If you can help please contact [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org)



## Devon 'Weekend' Outing - 16th – 19th May

Ringing outing to the Okehampton area in Devon. The actual towers are still being finalised (See provisional list below). Members will need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Some people who plan to come have already booked into The Manor House in Okehampton ([www.manorhousehotel.co.uk](http://www.manorhousehotel.co.uk))

### Thursday May 16th.

- **1.30 pm Ide**  
6 Bells 7 Cwt. EX2 9RE
- **2.45 pm Holcombe Burnell**  
6 Bells. 11.1 Cwt. EX6 7RZ
- **4.00 pm Tedburn St Mary**  
6 Bells 10 Cwt. EX6 6EN

### Friday May 17th.

- **9.45 am Bridestow** 6 Bells 13 Cwt. EX20 4EL
- **11.15 am Lydford** 6 Bells 8 Cwt. EX20 4BH
- **1.30 pm Lewtrenchard** 6 Bells. 8. Cwt. EX20 4PN
- **2.30 pm Stowfold** 6 Bells. 9 Cwt. EX20 4BZ
- **3.45 pm Thrushleton** 6 Bells. 7 Cwt. EX20 4QY
- **4.45 pm Broadwoodwidge** 6 Bells. 7 Cwt. PL16 0JH

### Saturday May 18th

- **9.30 am Belstone**  
6 Bells. 5.2 Cwt. EX20 1RH
- **10.45 am South Tawton**  
6 Bells 11 Cwt. EX20 2LP
- **12.00 Drew Steignton** TBC
- **1.30 pm Okehampton**

# OUTINGS AND PRACTICE DATES IN 2019/20

## OUTINGS AND GENERAL PRACTICE DATES

8th June - **Walk around Bewl Water.**  
27th July - **Practice at Dallington and Burwash.** TBC  
28th September - **Brighton Towers** TBC  
19th October - **Doubles Training, Westham**  
23rd November - **Outing to Maidstone area**  
25th January 2020 - **Laughton and Ripe** TBC  
22nd February 2020 - **ADM Ticehurst**

## PRACTICE DATES

**Plain Bob Doubles** (including covering and plain hunting the treble)  
Ashburnham, May 2nd and June 6th, then Westham July 3rd and August 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Progressing in Minor** April 23<sup>rd</sup> Christ Church Eastbourne. Other proposed dates: May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> Towers and Methods TBC. Watch Facebook and e-mails from Nick Cant ([nickcantbells@outlook.com](mailto:nickcantbells@outlook.com)). Possibly a Surprise method and a Plain method – perhaps Bob Minor.

We hope to start a **10-bell Triples / Caters practice** at Bexhill and to have more dates for Saturday **Surprise Practices** soon.

The next edition of Look To! is July-Sept 2019 - The deadline for write ups, events and relevant material is 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please send all items for inclusion to [news-east@scacr.org](mailto:news-east@scacr.org) - **Many thanks to everyone who contributed!**