The last year has been relatively quiet for me, though I know others have been doing their bit to help out here and there – thank you. The rope adjustment at Slaugham, outstanding from last year's report, was resolved by local ringers Bernie and Nick in March.

Trefor Hall from Danehill contacted me for advice in June. I put him in touch with professional bellhangers because the problem described was beyond my experience and know-how.

Nicol Kinrade from Highbrook has been trying to organise a professional inspection of the chime there, so far without success. I shall try to help put her in contact with appropriate people.

Balcombe experienced broken stays following the visit of overseas ringers in the autumn. New replacements were fitted by Edward Woodward with assistance provided by myself, Andrew Alford, and some of the locals.

Edward and Andrew were again involved helping replace a broken stay later in the autumn, this time at Slaugham.

Simon Alford

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