

LOOK TO!



EASTERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

CALENDAR

SATURDAY MEETINGS

January 26

ASSOCIATION BIRTHDAY SERVICE

Towers Open before the service
Christchurch: 1.30p.m – 2.30pm. St Mary's: 2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m.
St Saviour & St Peter Eastbourne
Service 3.30 p.m.
Followed by tea and ringing at St Saviour
Names for tea to Marion Hollands
marionhollands@aol.com or 01323 764868

February 9

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING 10.30 am – 2 pm

+ Homemade Soup & Ploughman's lunches +
Come and enjoy dipping into our wonderful books, magazines, albums etc.
You can also look up references to your own tower and ringers.
The Quiz is back, too!
Names for lunch to Stella Bianco: Tel 01403 740010 or Email scb@biancoteam.com

February 23

EASTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING ROTHERFIELD

Ringing 3.00, **Service 4.30**, Tea 5.00, Business Meeting 5.45.
Followed by further ringing if required names for tea to mariohollands@aol.com 01323 764868

EVENING PRACTICE

10 Bells: St Saviour Eastbourne on Wednesday January 16: 7.30pm

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW IN JUNE 2013

Volunteers are needed to help at this year's S of E Show. It is hoped that we shall have the opportunity to join the Church Tent with Dewbys Bells, and a display. A few willing volunteers are therefore needed in advance to form a working party - the invitation is open to anyone. If you would like to volunteer please get in contact with Marisa Hayes on 01273 812790 or email her on secretary@scacr.org. There will also be plenty of opportunity to take part on the open days of the show itself as we shall be organising a rota of people to get active and encourage participation.

FOR MORE DETAIL ON SUSSEX EVENTS PLEASE VISIT www.scacr.org

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For much more on general aspects of ringing please visit www.cccbr

Edward T (Ted) Baldock
5th January 1936 – 28th September 2012

Ted was the second son of Fred and Mabel Baldock and was born at Polegate in 1936 during the short period that the family lived out of Eastbourne. In 1938 they moved back to Eastbourne and Ted resided in the town for the rest of his life.

As was the custom at St Mary's at the time Ted was recruited to ringing from the confirmation class in 1949, following his older brother Les, who had been recruited similarly in an earlier year. Ted became a regular and reliable member of the St Mary's band and, as the younger brother by several years, I well remember accompanying him and Les to service ringing on many a Sunday evening long before I was old enough to learn and sitting at the top of the staircase leading to the clock room.

By trade, Ted was a printer and joined the Eastbourne firm of Strange the Printer at the beginning of 1951, receiving his first pay packet on his 15th birthday. Knowing nothing at the time of the voluntary nature of ringing, I remember asking my father "Why does he need a job as a printer – *isn't he a bellringer?*" He remained in the printing trade until mid-way through his working life, when the introduction of chemicals into the modern inks caused health problems and he transferred to an office job.

Ted had no ambition to ring methods inside or to ring a peal but was a very reliable treble and tenor ringer and had rung a number of quarter peals, including several with other members of the family for celebratory occasions. As an additional contribution to the wellbeing of St Mary's tower he was the steeplekeeper for a period in the 1960s. Unfortunately, due to health problems, Ted had to give up ringing about 20 years ago.

Amongst Ted's other interests was walking and he was a member of the Eastbourne Rambling Club. It was through this that he met Marjorie and they were married at St Mary's in August 1964 and subsequently had two daughters, Ann and Valerie, who both learned to ring. Ann's younger son, Sean, has now learnt and carrying on the family line of ringers at St Mary's – a line which started with Ted's maternal great-grandfather way back in 1869.

Ted's funeral took place at Eastbourne Crematorium on 23rd October and was well attended by his family and many friends and colleagues. Ann spoke warmly of his loving relationship as the head of the family, of his cheerful disposition and sense of humour, all of which will be greatly missed. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St Mary's by five members of the family and three current members of the local band.

Alan Baldock

Roy Fuller

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Roy Fuller, a Hailsham and former Westham ringer, long-service member and father of Christine Baldock. Our thoughts are with Christine, Alan and all the family at this sad time. Details of Roy's funeral will follow.

ANOTHER BEXHILL RINGER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

It is always good to see the achievements of younger ringers who one day may well be the leaders of ringing whether in Sussex or elsewhere, hopefully they will have a long career in ringing. At Bexhill our team of ringers are predominately over fifty years of age, two of whom have recently celebrated their 80th and 90th birthdays. I wrote about Joyce in the last edition of Look To. In December it was Margaret Pink's 80th birthday. A Celebration Peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters was rung at Bexhill on Saturday 15th December in 2 hours 55 minutes.



The band pictured from left to right: on the 9 Alan Pink (C), 3 Pauline Kennard, 1 Rosemary Cox, 7 Timothy Pink, 8 Richard Kennard, 10 Roy Cox, 4 Louise Pink, 2 Colin Nicholson, 6 Andrew Howell, 5 Judith Stiles (first peal attempt). Specially arranged and rung to celebrate Margaret Pink's 80th Birthday and Joyce Philpott's 90th Birthday.

As with Joyce, Margaret's celebrations also lasted well over a week, following the peal Margaret had invited the band back to her house for a buffet lunch, as we were leaving Margaret was asked how long her birthday celebration were going to last, her reply was "this is definitely it", which caused a certain amount of amusement, as we all knew that the next day the Bexhill ringers were attending a surprise luncheon in her honour. Margaret is pictured on the right at her surprise luncheon.



Back in November Margaret made a request to ring a quarter peal at Bexhill, which if successful would be her 499th as she hoped she would be ringing her 500th for her birthday with members of her family and other colourful ringers, both of these quarters were successful and congratulations go to Margaret on ringing her 500th!

Hastings Christ Church, Blacklands. 12 December in 44 minutes (20 cwt). **1260 Blue Peter Doubles.**



1 Helen **Green**, 2 Margaret **Pink**, 3 Louise **Pink**, 4 Stephen **Brown**, 5 Alan **Pink** (C), 6 Ian **White**. 500th quarter peal 2. 'Here's one we rang earlier...':

Salehurst. 14th December, **1250 Rutland S Major.** 1 Colin Nicholson, 2 Revd. Edward Bryant, 3 Louise Pink, 4 Jenny Dearie, 5 Roy Cox, 6 Alan Turner, 7 Alan Pink (C) 8 Peter Bradford, another Birthday compliment.

Margaret belies her years has, boundless energy and is always busy whether it be transporting friends somewhere, or working in a charity shop or carrying out duties at church. She also runs secondhand bookstalls for charity.

In the Nineteen Seventies Margaret was the Eastern Division Publicity Officer, full of ideas and advice, always busy. Margaret still teaches youngsters to ring. Her late husband David and her three children Greta, Alan and Tim also being bellringers. Incidentally Colin Nicholson called Margaret's 2nd peal - her first "inside" at Waldron in 1972 *Roy Cox*

A RECENT DAY OF RINGING IN LONDON

Joshua Tomalin and I went up to London for the day with Alan and Christine Baldock and it turned out very well.

We got up to London by train then walked to the first bell tower - St Olave's, Hart Street (8 bells). The church has a nice set of bells. They are like ours but were a bit heavier.

Secondly we went to St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street (12 bells) which was a good experience as neither Josh nor I had ever rung on that many (Josh has rung on 8 bells and myself on 10). It was hard as you have to set your bell every stroke and hold up which is difficult.

Then we had lunch on the Thames which was enjoyable as it was sunny and everyone seemed to have fun.

Next we went to St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street (8 bells) which are extremely heavy. The 5th bell is the equivalent to our tenor (our heaviest bell). They were nice bells to ring though. Finally we went to St Botolph Without – Aldgate – (8 bells) which are nice but probably our least favourite as they were very springy bells and hard to control.

Overall Josh and I thought it was a very good day out.

Ryan Coates

'Ryan and Joshua both rang very well at each tower and were great ambassadors for Hailsham. It was a joy to take them to London and to see their reactions after ringing at the very different towers.

Christine Baldock

JOSHUA AND RYAN OF HAILSHAM

Ryan and Joshua are both 13. Ryan was asked to be a guinea pig on one of Christine's Train the Trainers Courses some 2 1/2 years ago and became a regular member of the band following that. He has rung about ten quarters on the treble to Doubles and is now mastering Bob Doubles inside and the treble to Triples. He also rang the treble to Caters whilst on a visit to his grandparents in Enniskillen. Joshua is the younger son of one of the Hailsham clergy and was seen to be taking an interest in what was going on the ringing chamber from the church. He came up and started to learn about 16 months ago; he is now ringing call changes quite competently.

Alan Baldock

MEETING AT DALLINGTON ON DECEMBER 8th

The afternoon started with ringing at 3pm, the special method being All Saints Doubles. Ringing was followed by carols round the piano when the numbers present had increased to 27. We sang: Once in Royal David's City, Ding Dong Merrily on High, We Three King's, The Sussex Carol, Hark the Herald Angel Sing and In the Bleak Midwinter, all interspersed with a Christmas reading. Finally we had a Christmas tea of mulled wine, mince pies and plenty else on offer as well.

Our thanks go to Dallington for their hospitality and to David Hollands for producing the mulled wine.

Roy Cox

GIFT AID - important changes

(Published in the Ringing World on December 21st 2012)

Some time ago HM Revenue and Customs announced that a change would be required to Gift Aid declarations signed by donors, but it was not well publicised and is now urgent. As from **1st January 2013** a new form of declaration is required from new donors for their donations to be eligible for reclamation of tax under Gift Aid. New donors to charities must now confirm that they will pay enough Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in a year to cover all donations they intend to make that year and that they understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

However, charities do not need to ask existing donors with enduring declarations to fill in new declarations unless they wish to do so.

Model Gift Aid declarations are to be found on the HMRC website at www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid/declarations.htm.

The model forms do not have to be used, but declarations provided by charities for their new donors must incorporate the required wording. As before; the forms can be both retrospective and cover all future donations to the charity. Thus ringing societies which claim Gift Aid on donations must now ensure that the new form of declaration is issued to all new donors.

Now for some good news on Gift Aid: the Small Charities Donations Bill currently before Parliament will, if enacted, permit charities to claim Gift Aid on individual donations of up to £20 without the need for Gift Aid declarations, subject to a maximum amount of £ 5,000 per charity per year. To be eligible a charity must have been in existence for at least two years and have made Gift Aid claims in at least two of the previous four years. The target date for implementation of this new scheme is 6th April 2013. Thus ringing societies which qualify will, for example, be able to claim Gift Aid on collections at meetings. The Central Council's Bell Restoration Committee will keep an eye on this and report further in due course.

CHRIS ROGERS for the CCCBR Bell Restoration Committee

If you wish to make a donation through Gift Aid please contact: -
Marion Hollands

CENTENARY PEAL

St Mary's Warbleton, Sussex.

Friday 21 December 2012 in 2hrs.50mins (10.75cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

1 Peter Watson, 2 Colin F E Nicholson, 3 Rosemary Cox,
4 Michael J Wake, 5 Alan D Pink, 6 Roy M Cox (C)

This Peal was rung on the Centenary of the first peal on the bells.
Rung within the month of Rosemary's Fiftieth Anniversary of her first peal – ringing the same bell - which was called by George Beeney who taught Rosemary to ring.

THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER

The standard Agenda format was followed, with a financial update, Val Burgess was not able to be there but a report was forwarded to the Meeting. The committee reports were given verbally and the main points are as follows.

Education; Next year's Young Peoples Striking Competition would be in York on 6th July. The Ringing Foundation had forwarded some information about fund raising, see CCCBR website, this was not recommended by the committee.

Publicity; the committee had updated the Sussex Map, revised the Pocket Guide, given to each new member and issued membership forms to those whose information was not up to date, resulting in 96% database registration.

Safeguarding, the new update should now be on the website and may appear in the newsletters. I quote a part of this regarding what should be checked.

"It is only necessary for people who are responsible for instruction of children to seek CRB checks. Tower Captains, Instructors and any other regular instructors (NOT any other adult ringer who is present during normal practice nights)".

The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £55,482.

The Reg Johnson Account stood at £4,000.

Future events were then discussed; please see the front page of this newsletter.

Just to underline, our Association is supporting the Church Tent at the South of England Show 6-8 June, helpers needed; contact General Secretary Marisa Hayes.

Inter-Divisional Striking Competition 29th July

Two Day Ringing Course 1st-2nd November, possible Joint Event with the Surrey Association.

The purchase of another simulator is regarded as a good idea, and towers are invited to make contact. A fund for this is available and loans/grants are available. Cost is about £500.

Diana Day

ANOTHER RED LETTER DAY

The following peal included 3 resident Sussex ringers and one who learnt to ring at Battle.

Non Association

London EC2 St Mary le Bow, Cheapside

Saturday 5 January 2013 in 3 hours 40 minutes (41 cwt)

5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus

1 Michael R Crockett, 2 Shirley E McGill, 3 Adam A Brady, 4 Timothy R Forster
5 Stephen J Beckingham from Laughton, 6 Gavin D Bennett, 7 Damien S Smith,
8 Alan D Pink (C) from St Leonards, 9 Ian G Mills, 10 Richard H Edwards,
11 Stephen J Bailey formerly Battle, 12 Simon S Meyer from Shipley.
First Maximus 5 - First Bristol Surprise Maximus 4, 8
First Surprise Maximus as Conductor and 500th peal 8
Arranged and rung for Stephen Beckingham's 30th birthday

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

On behalf of the committee we would like to thank all those who completed the questionnaire. As you will know from previous 'Look To' s the committee wanted to understand what the Eastern Division members wanted in the programme for the coming year. However out of the membership of nearly 350 the actual number of responses was low to a point where they did not form a representative sample and firm conclusions cannot safely be drawn.

In spite of this some observations have been made which we list here. In reading these please remember they were made up from a small sample.

One common area of comment was the distance to travel to meetings. The average distance people were prepared to travel was 16 miles. Virtually no one was prepared to travel more than 25 miles.

- There were several comments on the high cost of fuel.
- Reasons why people did not attend meetings included family commitments, busy life, did not want to travel and non ringing spouses.
- More than one response from ringers who stated they were inexperienced was they would feel uncomfortable in the company of more experienced ringers at a ringing meeting.
- There were a number of ringers who were keen and active in ringing for both practice and service ringing at their own tower and simply had no interest in going elsewhere.
- Meetings with a business meeting attached were less popular.
- A meeting that included a church service was fairly evenly split in popularity.
- The most definitive answer was the universal appeal of the 'ringers tea'.
- With regard to the events provisionally planned, answers in respect of the most popular and the least popular were so well spread as to be meaningless as stated.

No real conclusions can be drawn from the survey in particular for the coming programme. On that basis the programme will proceed very much on the lines of the provisional ideas. Various other comments though are helpful and will be taken into account once again. Many thanks to those who responded

David Hollands

TOWER CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE NOTE

Each Tower in the County having one or more members of the Association has a Tower Correspondent, who should forward to the Divisional Secretary, by not later than 1st February, the total amount due in membership subscriptions for this year and all information required for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Association.

HAS EVERYONE RECEIVED THIS LATEST ONLINE NEWSLETTER?

The latest round of newsletters from the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Divisions have now been despatched to members via the new email system. If you hear of anyone who has not received theirs, please ask them to check their spam/junk folders and to add the new email address (noreply@scacr.org) to their approved senders lists. If in any doubt, email website@scacr.org for more information.

QUARTET PEAL AT WESTHAM



Westham, Sunday 11 November
1260 Grandsire Doubles
 The band from the left; on the 5 Alan Baldock (C), 6 Philip Long
 [Angela Long]
 2 Marion Hollands, 1 Meg Lansom,
 3 David Hollands, 4 Nigel Fox.
 The 250th recorded quarter peal on the bells: Rung on Remembrance Sunday as a thanksgiving for the life of John Long, husband of Angela and father of Philip and Catherine, who died on 29th July 2012.

**WESTHAM WILL BE ONE OF THE TOWERS ON OUR
 OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY APRIL 27th TO RAISE FUNDS
 FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE BELLS**

**THE NEXT RINGING ROAD SHOW WILL BE HELD ON
 6th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT NEWBURY RACECOURSE**

NEW RECTOR APPOINTED FOR BEXHILL

The Reverend David Reynish will become Rector of Bexhill on Thursday 14 March 2013

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ADM 23rd FEBRUARY LATEST NEWS

The following positions become vacant at the ADM at Rotherfield on February 23rd as the current holders are standing down: Ringing Master John Day, Publicity Officer Roy Cox. The Central Council Representative Diana Day is not seeking re-election for the next triennium 2014-2016. The post of Education Officer has been vacant for two years! Trying to find someone to take office is never easy; if you consider taking on one of these positions and need more information as to what the job involves, please ask one of the above.

My personal thanks go to all who have supported me as Editor of 'Look To' and previously as Education Officer. No doubt we will all be informed as to the date for editorial copy at or soon after the ADM – Roy.