

Look To

March – April 2013



Our current 'Look To' editor is Roy Cox. Roy has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election at the ADM in February and advised that the previous edition of 'Look To' in January would be his final one. We would like to thank him for all his work in this post.

The Eastern Division is looking for a new editor. Is this something you have considered? Would you like to know more about what is involved?

If you would like to know more please speak with either Roy or any member of the committee.

This edition of 'Look To' will detail the programme of events in the Eastern Division in the coming year. Please keep it handy and mark the dates in your diary. It would be helpful if tower correspondents could ensure a copy of the events are placed on your tower notice boards.

Included in this newsletter are details of the following

- Monthly programme for the year
- Quiz and fish & chip supper
- St Albans day outing
- Weekend outing to Wales
- Secretary's Report – To be presented to the members at the ADM
- Obituary for Roy Fuller
- 60th Jubilee Quarter's "Thank You Letter"

Eastern Division ADM

Our **ADM** is being held at **Rotherfield on February 23rd 2013**. Ringing at 3.00 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Please do try and come to support your division. Names for tea to Marion Hollands please 01323 764868 – marionhollands@aol.com.

P.S. - There will be vacancies on the committee to be filled at the ADM. Please ask if you would like to know more.

Outing to St Albans - 9th March

The towers for this outing are

10.00 St. Stephens

11. 00 St Michael

1.45 St Peter

3.00 St Albans

4.45 Redbourn

Please make your own travel arrangements. However If anyone would like to go by train please contact Nick Cant e.mail is nickcant@fsmail.net . Why not make it a tower outing and come along?

Saturday Meetings

27th April 2.00 p.m. Ringing at Pevensey, followed by Ringing and Tea at Westham. This is a fundraising event to support renovation of the bells for this tower that has just been able to restart ringing. The cost of this event will be £5.00. This will include Ringing and tea. Names for tea to any Committee Member.

18th May 4.30 p.m. Waldron - Service Tea Business Meeting and Ringing.

Mid – Week Practices

Mon March 11th Surprise Minor Chiddingly 7.30 p.m.

Wed April 10th Surprise Minor Chiddingly 7.30p.m.



SCACR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 11th May 2013

St Mary's Billingshurst

You are invited to attend the forthcoming AGM of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers

2pm Ringing

3.30pm Service in Church

4.30pm Tea and meeting at St Gabriel's Church Hall (RC Church east of St Mary's on the A272)

Please book tea with Jack Burton on 01243 374937 or email: sec-west@scacr.org before 9th May.

Monthly Programme 2013/ 2014.

23 rd Feb	ADM at Rotherfield
9 th March	St Albans – Day outing -
25 th March	Quiz & Supper - Herstmonceux Hall
27 th April	2.00 – Ringing at Pevensey followed by ringing and tea at Westham
3 rd /6 th May	Weekend Outing to Wales
11 th May	AGM - Billingshurst
18 th May	4.30 at Waldron - Ringing, service, tea and business meeting, followed by evening ringing
6 th -8 th June	Dewby's Bells at the South of England Show, Ardingly
22 nd June	Christ Church Eastbourne - ringing at 4.30 followed by fish and chips or picnic on the beach and evening ringing
27 th July	Heathfield ringing at 12.30 followed by lunch at the 'Beehive'
17 th August	Walk - TBA
28 th Sept.	2.00 ringing at Bodiam followed by picnic in Castle grounds
26 th Oct	3.00 at Beckley – Ringing followed by service, tea, business meeting and evening ringing
7 th Dec	Christmas Carols - TBA

2014

25 th Jan	Birthday Service
22 nd Feb	Ringing, Service, tea and ADM - TBC

Advanced notice

6 / 13th September 2014 – Ringing Road Show at the Newbury Show Ground

Outing to Wales.

This year the annual outing is to the Merthyr Tydfil area. Please do put this date in your diary to experience some lovely Welsh countryside and towers. Please make your own arrangements for accommodation. If you cannot make the whole weekend just come for part of it. The weekend is open to **all** Eastern Division ringers. If you would like to know more please caontact Marion Hollands.

Friday 3rd May

7.30 Cefncoed

Saturday 4th May

9.45 Ebbw Vale

11.0 St Peter's Blaenavon

12.00 Abergavenny

2.30 Llantilio Crossenny **TBC (WEDDING MIDDAY)?**

3.30 Dingestow

4.45 Cwmcarvan

Sunday 5th May

9.00 St Mary's Brecon (Service Ringing)

10.00 Brecon Cathedral (Service Ringing)

St David's Brecon **TBC**

2.30 Llanfeugan **TBC**

3.45 Cwmdu **TBC**

4.45 Llangattock

Monday 6th May

9.45 Merthyr Tydfil

11.00 Aberdare

12.15 Pentre **TBC**

Newsletters

Many of you may have noticed that the electronic versions of the newsletter are now being distributed by a new email facility, which has been developed as part of the new website. It uses the SCACR membership database that Simon King maintained for twelve years. Simon has now handed over the responsibility of the SCACR's database to the General Secretary, which will still be used for the production of address labels, and the distribution of news, emails, electronic newsletters etc.

Circulation of notices, news, etc

If you have anything that needs to be circulated to members, please can you now email website@scacr.org or let your Divisional Publicity Officer know. Or if you have an update to your own details (eg change of email address, or tower) let your Divisional Secretary know or email database@scacr.org

SCACR Website

Please note that requests for amendments or additions to the website calendar, towers information, or news, should be sent to your Divisional Secretary. And if you have any comments/feedback in general about the website, please email website@scacr.org.

Change Ringing Handbell Day

At Roedean School, Brighton on 30th March 2013

This event is open to all, especially:

- Those who want to have a go
- Handbell groups in Sussex and near by
- Those who enjoy change ringing on handbells but do not have a regular practice



The day will start at 10.00am and go on until 4.00pm. There will be a charge of £6 to cover refreshments and lunch. This year we will have three groups:

- Plain Hunting to Plain Bob (anyone can have a go!)
- Plain Bob to Treble Bob
- Beyond Treble Bob

If you would like to attend this event please email Hamish McNaughton at hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk stating which of the groups you would like to join and whether you are able to bring handbells.

EASTERN DIVISION QUIZ – 2013

We will again be holding our General Knowledge Quiz during Holy Week. This will be the fourteenth year and the format will be similar to previous years.

The venue will be Herstmonceux Hall. The date is Monday 25th March starting at 7.30 p.m.

Each team will consist of up to eight people. A tower can enter a complete team or if they cannot find enough people please still come along and we can 'make up' teams on the night.

The evening will include a fish and chip supper.

The cost will be £7.00 per team member to include the supper. Tea / Coffee will be provided with the supper. Please bring any other drinks, salt, vinegar, sauces, cutlery, etc. you require yourself.

In previous years demand has been high so we may need to restrict numbers, for this reason we ask everyone to buy a ticket even if there are no food requirements.

Please can each tower complete the attached reply slip and return to Marion Hollands with your money. If you have any questions please call me on 01323 764868

EASTERN DIVISION QUIZ
WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

From _____(Tower)

We would like to enter _____ team (s) for the Eastern Division Quiz on Monday 25th March 2013

Our supper requirements are ;-

MENU	NUMBER
COD AND CHIPS	
CHICKEN AND CHIPS	
SAUSAGE AND CHIPS	
VEGGIE BURGER AND CHIPS	
NO FOOD REQUIRED	
TOTAL TEAM NUMBER	

I enclose my cheque for £ _____payable to S.C.A.C.R.

Signed _____

Tel. No. _____

Please reply no later then 16th March 2013

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D Roy Fuller

22/6/1922 – 2/1/2013

Douglas Roy Fuller was the eldest child of Albert and Selina Fuller and was born at Bexhill in 1922. In 1928 the family moved to Dittons, then in the parish of Westham.

After a period of enforced silence following the removal of the ropes, a new vicar at Westham had the bells brought back into use in 1938. It was then that Roy learnt to ring under the tuition of the late Leslie Tapp and he also attended practices at Christ Church, Eastbourne, where the late Harold Hobden was in charge, in order to improve his ringing.

In 1944 Roy joined the RAF and served as a Flight Engineer and Radio Mechanic, flying in Lancasters. He was demobilised in 1947 with the rank of Flight Sergeant having been employed on radar mechanical duties. In 1948 he joined the Air Ministry Works Department as an electrician and, subsequently, the Ministry of Defence in 1952 as a Radio Technician working on radar at RAF Wartling.

Whilst stationed in South Wales in 1944, Roy met Betty Davies and they were married in Llandaff Cathedral in January 1945. By 1950 they had a family of five children which did not allow much time for ringing but Roy did still ring at Westham when the opportunity arose. One such occasion was after the birth of Kathleen in 1948, when, having just delivered the baby, Nurse Murray (also a ringer) said “Come on Roy, everything’s done here, we now have a wedding to ring for.”

In 1960, Roy joined the band at Pevensey, where three of his daughters were already members of the church choir and Christine learnt to ring there at this time. Living in Westham, where there had been only intermittent ringing since 1945 and his family having now grown older, Roy decided in 1962 to teach a band to ring there on a regular basis, some of them being former ringers and some new recruits, including his daughter Kathleen and son Bob. Ringers came regularly from Battle, Bexhill and Eastbourne to help on practice nights and the band was soon established, with ringing continuing both for Sunday services and practice until the enforced silence in 2003.

In 1964, Roy’s employment with the Ministry of Defence required him and his family to move to Dorset, where he joined the band at Swanage. A further employment move took Roy to West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire in 1970 where, not only was he instrumental in raising the money to have the bells rehung but also carried out much of the practical side of the work. In 1977 came his last employment move, this time to Benson, Oxfordshire. Whilst there he organised a number of weekend outings for the local ringers and held office as the Chairman of the South Oxfordshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In 1973 the Royal Air Force Guild of Bellringers was formed and Roy was a founder member, keeping up his membership until his death.

In 1983 Roy retired from his employment and moved back to his native Sussex in 1989 to Hailsham. Once again he joined the local band and became a regular and reliable member. He also served the church as a member of the Parochial Church Council for a number of years and carried out a number of tasks behind the scenes. The church clock was converted to electric winding in memory of Betty, who died in 1994.

Roy rang only a modest 16 peals but, having kept no records of them, he is thought to have rung in well over 150 quarter peals. He had to give up ringing about five years ago due to failing health but still kept in touch with ringing affairs and his membership of the Sussex County Association. His health continued to decline slowly and he died peacefully on 2nd January 2013. His thanksgiving memorial service was held at Hailsham on 24th January and was well attended by his family and many friends from the various organisations to which he belonged and had supported over the years.

Alan Baldock

Sussex County Association of Change Ringers

Secretary's Report from the Eastern Division for 2012

2012 has been both a busy and varied year in the Eastern Division. As usual there has been a variety of both ringing and non ringing activities.

On the ringing side to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee as a Division we aimed to ring 60 quarter peals during February. We managed it but there was a point when we wondered if we would as, in the first week, we had heavy snow. However all the ringers involved managed to get to their towers and the last quarter was rung on 29th February.

The Division continued with tradition and held the annual quiz with fish & chip supper during Holy Week. A team from Heathfield won this year and second place went to Blacklands Hastings. A raffle was held with the proceeds going to the BRF and Christ Church New Zealand Cathedral bell appeal.

The Eastern Division entered a team in both the Call Change and Method Ringing category for the association Striking competition held at Chiddingly. We did not win but those involved had an enjoyable day

As many towers as possible joined in with the St Georges day ringing, Olympic Torch ringing, and also ringing for the Olympics.

The committee has continued to put on a varied programme for the Saturday meetings. Some of our meeting were not well supported. We would like to see new members come along as well as the regular supporters.

This year Saturday meetings were held at a variety of towers including Laughton, Rye, Mayfield, Wadhurst, Waldron, Bexhill and Willingdon

The Divisional weekend outing to Yeovil was well supported. We rang over four days starting on the Friday night and finishing at lunch time on the Monday. Members came for all or part of the weekend. There was an opportunity to ring at 16 different towers

John Day arranged yet another interesting walk, this year we rang at Seaford and then completed a circular walk along the coast and back to the church. The weather was hot which added to an enjoyable afternoon.

Midweek practices and Surprise Minor practices were held at various towers. Peter Bradford continues to organise a 10 bell practice at St Saviour Eastbourne. Joint Surprise Major practices alternate with Southern Division.

This December the Division's Christmas Carols and 'readings' afternoon was organised by the Dallington ringers. Included was general ringing and tea (with mulled wine). This went very well and was attended by a good number of ringers and non ringers.

I would like to thank all those who supported me during the year including the committee, the towers, the incumbents and the Eastern Division ringers. I would also thank John Day for his work as joint Ringing Master, Alan Turner for his work as Deputy Ringing Master and Roy Cox for his work as Publicity officer. I understand none of them is seeking re election. I will be seeking re election as secretary this year but, if elected, will probably not be seeking re election in 2014.

Marion Hollands Secretary



SANDRINGHAM HOUSE

8th February, 2013

Dear Mrs Hollands,

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your card with which you enclosed a list of the sixty Quarter Peals rung by the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, Eastern Division, in February 2012, to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

The Queen was touched to know of your tribute and thought it most kind of you to send this record for Her Majesty's information.

The Queen greatly appreciated the sentiments expressed in your message, and Her Majesty sends her good wishes to you all.

I am to thank you once again, and I hope you will understand that because The Queen received so many cards and letters in her Diamond Jubilee year, it has not been possible to reply to you until now.

Yours sincerely
Mary Jones

Lady-in-Waiting

Mrs. M. Hollands