

# Northern News



The Northern Division Newsletter  
March/April 2013



## Dates for Your Diary

### MARCH

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ringling (organised by Young Ringers)	Rusper	3pm
<i>Nos. for refreshments to May Littleton <a href="mailto:rusper@scacr.org">rusper@scacr.org</a> by 27<sup>th</sup> February please</i>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Practice	Hammerwood	7.30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	Fairwarp	7.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Triples and Plain Major	Bolney	7.30pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Listening Skills Morning	Warnham	10am-12 noon
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	HOLY WEEK - NO PRACTICE		

### APRIL

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	EASTER MONDAY - NO PRACTICE		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Division Outing to Hampshire - see newsletter for full details		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Practice	Slinfold	7.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	Turners Hill	7.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12-Bell Practice	East Grinstead	7.30pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10-Bell Practice	Warnham	7.30pm

### MAY

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Two Towers Walk - full details to follow		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY - NO PRACTICE		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	SCACR AGM - see details below	Billingshurst	2pm
<i>Nos. for refreshments to Jack Burton on 01243-374937 or <a href="mailto:sec-west@scacr.org">sec-west@scacr.org</a> by 9<sup>th</sup> May please</i>			
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Practice	Fletching	7.30pm



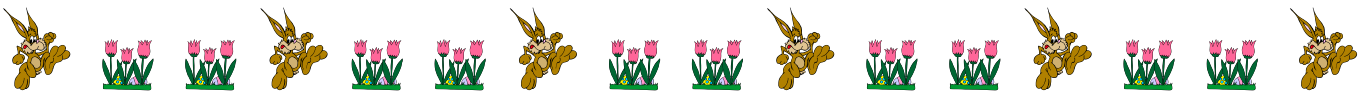
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013

SCACR AGM

2pm at St Mary's, Billingshurst

2pm Ringing, 3.30pm Service in Church  
4.30pm Tea & AGM at St Gabriel's Church Hall

Numbers for refreshments to Jack Burton by 9<sup>th</sup> May:  
Tel: 01243-374937 or [sec-west@scacr.org](mailto:sec-west@scacr.org)



## Northern Division Outing to Hampshire Saturday 6th April 2013

Please car share in order to take as few cars as possible. Thank you.

10.00am	Avington, St Mary	5	6-1-0
11.30am	Hannington, All Saints	6	5-0-16

LUNCH - venue to be advised

2.30pm	Newnham, St Nicholas	5	5-0-8
3.35pm	Herriard, St Mary	6	7-2-11
4.40pm	Holybourne, Holy Rood (tbc)	8	6-3-16



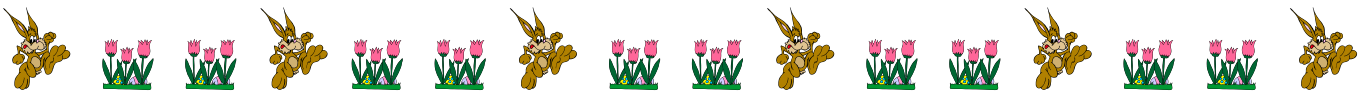
All Saints, Hannington

Rachel Edwards will be collecting lunch orders nearer the date. In the meantime, please let her know if you would like to go on the outing. Everybody welcome to come along.

Rachel's contact details: 01342-810210 or [rje@seasip.demon.co.uk](mailto:rje@seasip.demon.co.uk)

From the web:

- (1) Avington: St Mary's is an unrestored red-bricked Georgian church built between 1768-71.
- (2) Newnham: St. Nicholas' was founded about 1130. There are five bells. The two oldest date from 1602 and 1662 and three late Victorian bells were installed in 2010, when the bell dating from about 1500 was stood down after many centuries of ringing out over the landscape.



## SCACR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013 St Mary's, Billingshurst

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

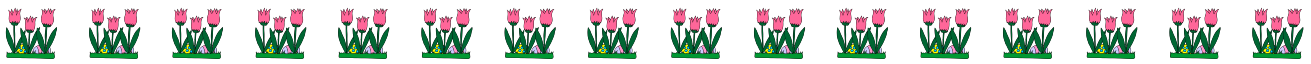
2pm Ringing

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](mailto:sec-west@scacr.org) before 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013.





# Elementary Listening Skills Morning



## "Putting your Bell in its Place"

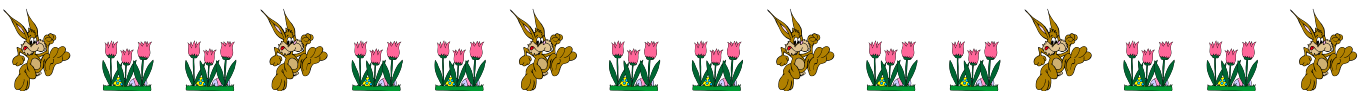
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013

at Warnham (using the simulator)

10am-12 noon - with coffee break

Places are limited so please let Rachel Edwards know asap if you would like to attend.

Tel: 01342-810210 or [rje@seasip.demon.co.uk](mailto:rje@seasip.demon.co.uk)



### Change Ringing Handbell Day

At Roedean School, Brighton - 30th March 2013

This event is open to all, especially:

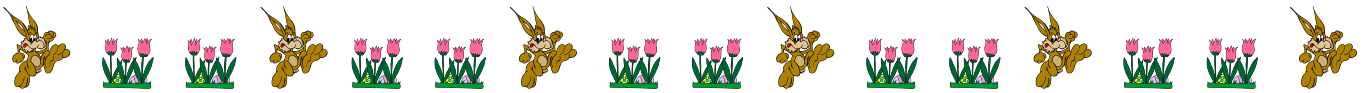
- Those who want to have a go
- Handbell groups in Sussex and nearby
- Those who enjoy change ringing on handbells but do not have a regular practice

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](mailto:hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk) stating which of the groups you would like to join and whether you are able to bring handbells.





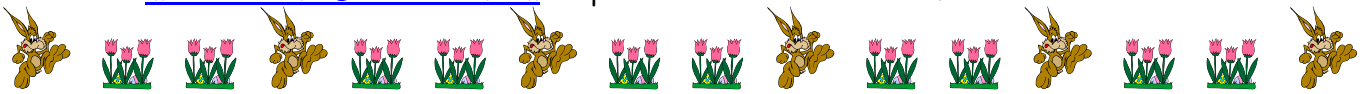
### *A Bluebell Journey - by Katherine Matthews*

As many of you will be aware, at the end of March the Bluebell Railway will be connecting through to East Grinstead. At Chailey we thought we would celebrate the occasion, joining the Parishes at the ends of the line.

At the end of the Railway Festival on 6<sup>th</sup> April, we will be ringing at Chailey at about 9.30am, moving on to the Railway to catch the 11.00am service. We will be ringing handbells on the train (once we have learned how!), breaking the journey at Horsted Keynes to ring more handbells at the church. We hope to be ringing at East Grinstead at about 2.00pm.

If anyone wants to join us to celebrate this fantastic achievement, (of the Bluebell not Chailey ringers) they will be very welcome, particularly handbell ringers, but we would ask that you make contact with us so that we can keep an eye on numbers. The Bluebell will issue a pass for us, but it would be nice if we could make a small contribution.

Contact [matthews78.11@btinternet.com](mailto:matthews78.11@btinternet.com) or phone Brenda on 01825 723978



### *Walk and Ring the South Downs Way*

Ringers from Seaford are arranging to walk and ring the South Downs Way between 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2013. We are hoping that a number of you might like to join us for all or part of the way or to ring at towers with us on the route. For more information on this please see the Association website where details will soon be posted. To register your interest and receive more information email:

Debbie Evans [evansent4u@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:evansent4u@hotmail.co.uk)

Please mark your email "Walk and Ring". We can then contact you with details as they evolve.



### **CODGERS**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

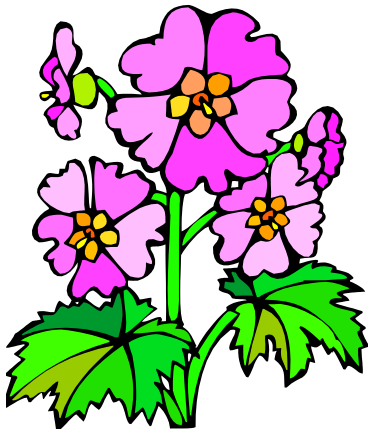
West Hoathly (tbc) & Balcombe (tbc)

Barcombe (tbc) & Ditchling (tbc)

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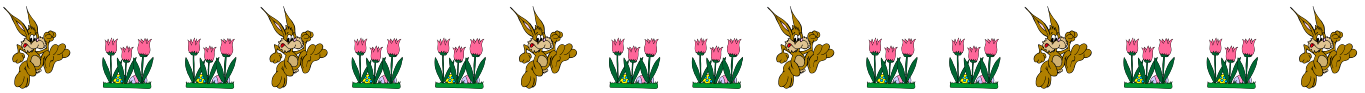
For details of Codgers please contact Mike Foster: [codgers@scacr.org](mailto:codgers@scacr.org)



On behalf of the members of Northern Division, I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Simon King for all his hard work over the past twelve years as database administrator. This involved ensuring members' details were kept up-to-date on the database, sending out emails, posters and Northern News. He also printed address labels for the eighty or so members not on email so they didn't miss out on their newsletters and was always there to give general help and advice. Thanks also for his input in the great task of getting the new website up and running. Thank you, Simon!!

*May Littleton - Publicity Officer*





# SCACR Young Ringers Take 8 Event

## Wander to the West

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013



10.30am - 11.30am ringing at St Mary's Stoughton (6)

11.45am - 12.45pm ringing at St Mary's Funtington (6)

Junk Lunch (bread/cheese/ham/crisps/cakes, etc.) provided at Funtington  
£3 per person

2pm - 3pm ringing at St John the Baptist Westbourne (8)

3.30pm - 4.30pm ringing at Holy Trinity Bosham (6)

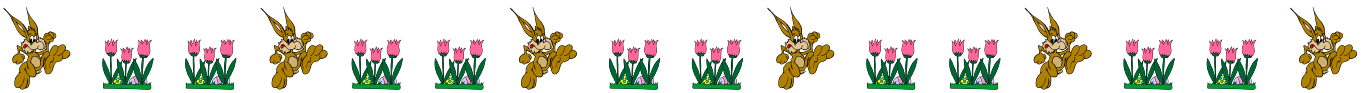
All towers subject to final confirmation

As usual, please let either Anne or Sandra know if you would like to come.

Public transport will be difficult but lifts can be arranged.

Anne Franklin 01273 813189 [education@scacr.org](mailto:education@scacr.org)

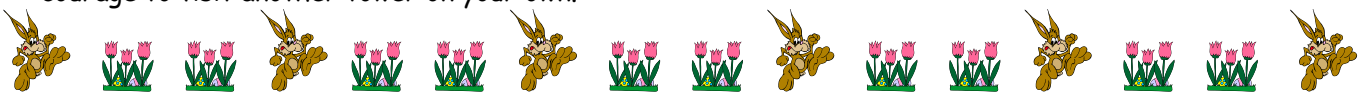
Sandra Alford 01403 251240 [thealfords@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:thealfords@dsl.pipex.com)



### *Ringling at Balcombe - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2013*

A group of hardy souls braved the cold and dark to make their way to Balcombe for the first Saturday ringing for 2013. There was a warm welcome for everyone with a wide range of ringing, starting with Rounds & Call Changes, which gave everyone an opportunity to ring no matter what level they had reached. After ringing down, many people then went to The Cowdray for a well-earned pint.

Once again a successful Saturday meeting with lots of ringing and the chance to meet ringers from other towers. If you haven't been to any of the monthly meetings, why not "give it a go". There is always something arranged for the first Saturday of the month. Find a friend to go with if you don't have the courage to visit another tower on your own.

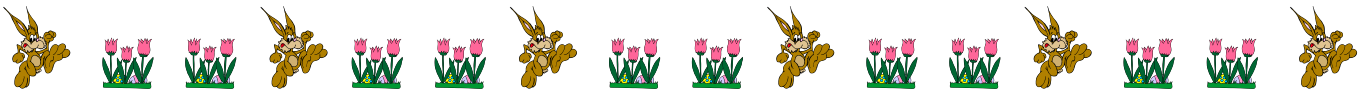


### *First Monday Practice of 2013*

I'm sure I'm safe in saying that everyone who came to the first Monday practice of 2013 on 7<sup>th</sup> January at Hartfield had an enjoyable and worthwhile evening. There were 17 people in all (including lots of new faces) gathered in the new upstairs ringing room - much more spacious, airy and bright than the ground floor and well worth the climb up the steep spiral staircase (unfortunately no oxygen at the top). There was even what appeared to be a "naughty corner". A fenced off area beneath the clock mechanism complete with stool. Couldn't see a dunce's cap though so perhaps it serves another purpose.

Don't forget - Elementary Practices are held on the first Monday of every month. These will offer Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunting, Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. There is also the opportunity to learn to cover (ringing the tenor behind.) If you need to improve in any of these skills, please be brave and come along! There are always plenty of kind, helpful people to ring around you and offer advice so you should be able to make progress quickly.





## Northern Division ADM - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013

This year's ADM was held at Slaugham on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013. There was a really good attendance of about forty people. Once again, there was a wide range of ringing to cater for all levels of ability including Rounds & Call Changes, Kent and Grandsire Triples.

Following the service and splendid tea, came the serious business of the ADM. The election of Divisional officers resulted in: Ringing Master (David Perkins), Secretary (Anne Ekins), Publicity (May Littleton), Education Officer (Rachel Edwards), BRF Rep (Terence McGinn) and four Committee Members (Rosie Gregory, Jo Faircloth, Sandra Alford and Richard Hutchings). Both Rachel and May said they were willing to continue in their roles for a further year but would be standing down at the 2014 ADM.

There were a record number of new members for election - thirteen in all (lucky for some!): Stephen Dole (Rudgwick), Ian Windwood (Rudgwick), Beryl Palmer (Cowfold), William Cash (Cowfold), Amanda Jane (Crawley), Elizabeth Buchan (Fletching), Peter Roc (Fletching), Susie Jacobson (West Grinstead), Neil Jacobson (West Grinstead), Dawn Robinson (West Grinstead), Chloe Bleach (Horsham), Lucy Bleach (Horsham) and James Turner (East Grinstead). Welcome to you all to Northern Division!!

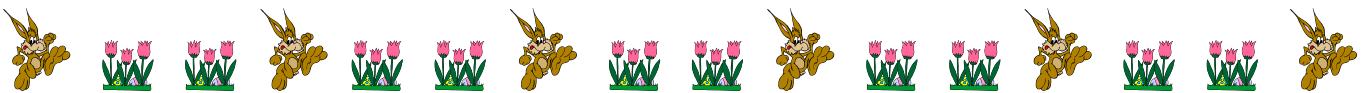


Four of the new members (from Rudgwick, Crawley and Horsham) who were able to attend the meeting to collect their certificates.

The Secretary's and Education Officer's reports noted many of the various opportunities for ringing in Northern Division. Special thanks were given to Sandra Alford for the many events for Young and Mini-Ringers she organises.

David Perkins thanked David Kirkcaldy for chairing the meeting and for his contribution as Ringing Master over the past three years. Thanks were also given to Revd Gary Simmons and Graham Reid, the organist. Special thanks were given to the Slaugham Ringers together with Margaret and Elizabeth Moore from Balcombe for the splendid tea.

If you would like a copy of the ADM meeting notes, please contact Anne Ekins at [ndivsecscacr@uwclub.net](mailto:ndivsecscacr@uwclub.net) who, I'm sure, would be only too pleased to email to you.



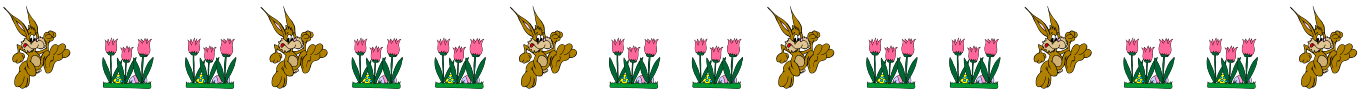
## Are You One of the 39%?

Due to the wonders of modern technology, it is now possible to show how many people open and, presumably, read their newsletters. I was quite shocked to hear that in Northern Division this is just 39% of the number of people who are sent Northern News via the database. These are very disappointing figures.

Are there any detectives out there who can find out why the remaining 61% don't bother to read their Northern News? I would be interested to know. It also begs the question, do we need a newsletter?

*May Littleton*





## *Northern Division Young Ringers*

Below is a report written by Toby who is learning to ring at Itchingfield. This was the first Northern Division Young Ringers Get Together he had been to. 11 Youngsters attended from 5 different towers and we were very pleased to welcome some new faces. They enjoyed it so much that we are planning to hold these once every half term on a Saturday morning, with a day's outing in the Summer.



Saturday morning 24 November 2012. I got up early for my first ever ringing outing. It was a very wet day and we went to Slinfold. There were about 12 of us.

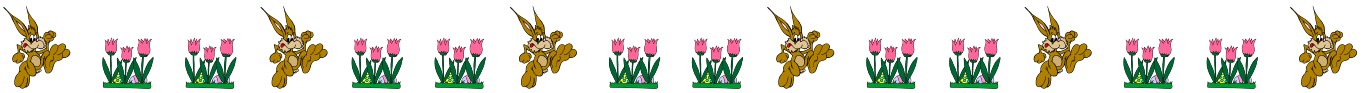
I really enjoyed the morning. I liked ringing the tenor there because it was heavy! I also liked ringing it behind. We can't do that at Itchingfield because we only have 5 bells. We rang things like Bob Doubles, Call Changes and some even rang Banana Doubles with a junior calling all the time.

The stairs up to the ringing room were interesting - they made you dizzy when you got to the top!

The cake was very nice. We had brownies, cup cakes, cheesy biscuits and all sorts.

*Toby - Itchingfield*





## A Bit of This and That

**2014 RINGING ROADSHOW** - The next Ringing Roadshow will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Newbury Racecourse. Further details nearer the time.

**Northern News** - Many of you may have noticed that the electronic version of Northern News (and the other divisions' newsletters) is 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 the past 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. It is most important that any change of email/address is notified to [database@scacr.org](mailto:database@scacr.org).

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](mailto:noreply@scacr.org)) to their approved senders' list. If in any doubt, email [website@scacr.org](mailto:website@scacr.org) for more information.

**Circulation of Notices, News, etc.** - If you have anything that needs to be circulated to members, please can you now email [website@scacr.org](mailto: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](mailto:database@scacr.org)

**SCACR Website**- Please note that requests for amendments or additions to the website calendar, tower information or news, should be sent to our Secretary (Anne Ekins [ndivsecscacr@uwclub.net](mailto:ndivsecscacr@uwclub.net)). If you have any comments/feedback in general about the website, please email [website@scacr.org](mailto:website@scacr.org).

### *Yellow Forms - A Message from the General Secretary*

I hope that most towers have sent the yellow forms and membership subscriptions to their Divisional Secretary. There is a lot of work ahead to get the Annual Report prepared - please help us by responding promptly. With thanks. *Marisa Hayes*

### *Everyclick.com*

Everyclick.com donates half its revenue to UK charities, so next time you use the internet, use **Everyclick.com** as your search engine and select 'Sussex County Association of Change Ringers' as the charity!

### Contact details for the Northern Division Committee

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