

SALLY FORTH

Western Division Newsletter

March & April 2013



Diary of Events

March

Friday 1 st	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 2 nd	Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Wednesday 6 th	Codgers	West Hoathly (tbc) Balcombe (tbc)	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm
Saturday 9 th	Call Change Competition	Washington	3pm Draw
Friday 15 th	General 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Saturday 23 rd	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am
Saturday 30 th	Change Ringing Handbell Day (see page 5)	Roedean School, Brighton	10.00am

April

Wednesday 3 rd	Codgers	Barcombe (tbc) Ditchling (tbc)	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm
Friday 5 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 6 th	Beginners & Improvers Practice contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Friday 12 th	SCACR Young Ringers Take 8 Event (see page 5)	"Wander to the West"	
Saturday 13 th	Practice, Service & Tea (see page 4)	Thakeham	3pm
Friday 19 th	General 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Saturday 27 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am
Saturday 27 th	Western Division Outing (see page 4)	Bedfordshire	

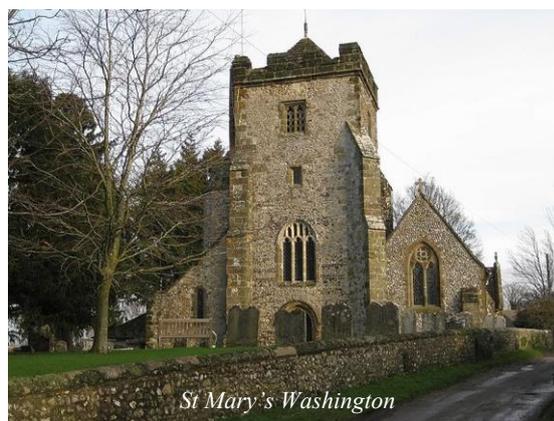
SIX BELL CALL CHANGE COMPETITION

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
ST MARY'S, WASHINGTON

Draw takes place at 3pm

Please contact Jack Burton
tel 01243 374937

jeburton@alverservices.com
to enter your band



St Mary's Washington

Many thanks to everyone who sent in items for Sally Forth.

Please send your contributions for the next newsletter to us at margolizb@gmail.com by 17th April 2013

All ringers are welcome to all practices and meetings, so feel free to come along

Regular Practices

Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first	1 st Saturday of every month	Christine Butterfield	01903 872623
Surprise Minor Practice	4 th Saturday of every month	John Taylor	01903 745477
Basic 8 Bell Practice	1 st Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
General 8 Bell Practice	3 rd Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
Codgers Practice	1 st Wednesday of every month	Mike Foster codgers@scacr.org	01903 741664

Looking Ahead

11 th May 2013	SCACR AGM at Billingshurst
11 th May 2013	Handbell Concert at Pulborough
6 th -8 th June 2013	South of England Show, Ardingly – Dewbys Bells
8 th June 2013	Practice, Service and Business Meeting at Midhurst (tbc)
29 th June 2013	SCACR Inter-divisional striking competition
13 th July 2013	Walk and Ring – to be arranged
1 st & 2 nd Nov 2013	SCACR Ringing Course

Master's Mutterings - *Graham Hills*

2013 got off to a good start in the Western Division, with a supper and quiz evening at Pulborough Village Hall. Over 60 people attended, which was absolutely fantastic, and I think most must have tried squeezing into Pulborough Tower for a ring, probably trying to work up an appetite for the supper. Liz Beadle, one of our Publicity Officers, had managed to rope her husband Alan into helping to devise the questions, which I think were very fair, and Margo Grundy, our joint Publicity Officer, managed to come up with a PA system, which was an added bonus. In the end, I had a terrible cough, and could not have spoken all evening, so a great many thanks to Alan Beadle for also compering the evening. Both Liz and myself forgot to take along our laptops, and neither of us had a calculator either, mobile phones weren't much better, so it came down to good old pencil and paper to keep track of the scores. A team from Graffham were declared the winners, and the following day, Liz informed me that she had checked all the answer sheets, and our good old fashioned brains had managed to get the maths right.

Despite not being able to have a Surprise 6 bell practice in December, I was glad to see that so many had remembered, and came along to Walberton in January. Having been used to providing tea and coffee at the Washington beginners practices, Christine Butterfield brings all the gear to Walberton for us to have a welcome coffee break. One day I might manage to drink mine without spilling it.

February sees all the Divisions have their ADM's, where new members can be elected to the SCACR and new committee members can be proposed. This year David Kirkcaldy presided over our meeting at Storrington, and there was only one change to your committee. Jack Walker from Goring had decided to stand down due to pressure of university work, and Sue Gadd from Steyning was elected as a committee member.

The ADM also sees the presentation of the Michael Palmer Achievement Award. This year, Emma Gadd from Steyning was the worthy recipient. Initially she wasn't going to learn to ring, but went along with her mum, and soon got hooked. In little over a year, Emma has made fantastic progress, and the other day rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples inside. She has recently completed her DoE bronze award, and had used bell ringing as the volunteering part of this.

Having been the SCACR Master for the last 3 years, David Kirkcaldy will be stepping down at the Association's AGM on 11th May. At our ADM, Christine Baldock from Hailsham was proposed as the next Master, and Mike Wake was proposed to stay on as a Trustee for a further 3 years. Most of the General Committee members will find out at the committee meeting on 2nd March if they are to carry on for a further year, or if their tenure will be the subject of a ballot at the AGM, which will be held at Billingshurst.



Graham Hills presenting Emma with the Michael Palmer Award

Scratchings from the Secretary - *Jack Burton*

It is that time of year again when all the subscription forms come rolling in and the process of updating the information in the Annual Report is carried out. This year the yellow forms were generated directly from the central database and towers encouraged to supply completed Proposal Forms for any new members as well as adding their names to the lists. I am pleased to say this has happened in all cases so far. Those towers that returned their forms with proposal forms in good time meant that their new members could be elected at the ADM. This has resulted in 25 new members being elected at the ADM. This is certainly a record in my time as Secretary. The distribution of yellow forms also included the latest advice for 'Safeguarding'. Towers need to note this information and display it in their ringing chambers.

The website and database have now been transferred to the General Secretary and she is now the contact for notices and changes of address etc. There is going to be a separate article in the Newsletters explaining how the new website address works and how notices are promulgated.

At the last Publicity Committee meeting an interesting fact was tabled. It was that only 37% of the people in the Western Division, who receive their newsletters by email, actually open their emails. As more and more of you elect to receive your Sally Forth by email, it becomes more and more important for you to look at your emails from the Association because this is how calling notices for meetings and other important items are passed out to members quickly. All members are asked to check that notices of events etc are being received and not side-lined in our computers as 'spam' and thus being missed.

On a more pleasing note, the various ringing courses and workshops that take place throughout the Division are becoming more and more oversubscribed. The two day ringing course in the autumn and the regular "first Saturday" morning events are full and it is known that many towers have special teaching practices in their own towers and in towers nearby. This is great and means that ringing is growing both in number and in standards.

The revised pocket guide for new members is very shortly to be produced. This will be a great improvement over the old one and be much more welcoming and hopefully provide useful information to new recruits.

Dates for you diary should include all the regular second Saturday of the month meetings, which are now listed more or less up to December. The South of England Show will have a SCACR section in the Chichester Cathedral stand and will require volunteers to help. Names of any volunteers to the General Secretary in the first place please. It was also announced that there will be another Ringing Road Show in 2014 at Newbury on 6th September.

Lastly, but by no means least, we have a new committee member. Sue Gadd of Steyning was elected to the post at the last ADM and a very warm welcome is extended to her. Her contact details will appear in the new Report Book. If you have any points you wish to raise please contact me or any members of the committee. I promise that they will be considered and who knows may be acted upon.

Welcome to New Members

Shirley Hamilton & Jennifer Moodie – Angmering; Ellie Summers - Arundel;
Susan Hastings & Karen Wallace – Bosham; Stephen Casebow & Catherine Burne – Fittleworth;
Jane Winter – Goring-by-Sea; Caroline Evans – Graffham; Anna Hall – Lyminster; Neil Pirie – Milland;
Melissa Peirce & Brian Vickers – Pagham, Charlotte Goodman – Pulborough;
Charlie Barrett & James Stevenson – Rogate & Trotton; Gina Radford – Shipley; Mary Bowra – Stedham;
Jason Crouch – Westbourne; Shirley Driscoll, Pauline Lovell, David Stubbings & Maria Thomas – Yapton
David Bowerman & Zara Bampton - Unattached

Education News – *Christine Butterfield*

Despite Washington Church being closed for most of the summer, the monthly Saturday morning elementary practices have carried on thanks to the hospitality of Storrington and Findon. We usually only have five of six students at these practices and we are frequently booked up well in advance, so if you would like to join us please give me plenty of notice. As always, a big **thank you** to all the experienced ringers who turn out every month to provide a steady band or to stand behind.

The Western Division is not alone in having a large number of ringers wishing to brush up their striking or progress from Call Changes to Plain Hunt or from Plain Hunt to Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob. The annual County two day ringing course held at the beginning of November was oversubscribed, so we hope by holding these monthly elementary practices we are helping in some small way to plug the gap. Sometimes a whole tower approach is needed and we can arrange a visiting band to help. We already have two in the pipeline for the spring.

The 8 bell practices run by Colin Spencer are well supported. Disappointingly the advanced 6 bell practices which were held at Fittleworth during the summer were not. These have now moved to Walberton on the fourth Saturday of the month and are so far proving to be more popular.

Looking back, I've been Western Division Education Officer for fifteen years and it's very easy to become complaisant and stuck in a rut so any suggestions for training are welcome.

We have recently been updating the selection of bellringing books that the Western Division holds. Some of the most popular ones i.e. Ringing Circles, Carry on Counting, Beginner's Grandsire Doubles, Beginner's Bob Doubles to name just a few, I have in stock. The books will be available to buy at the monthly Divisional Meetings or you can contact me and I can let you have an up-to-date book list. If you have found a book which you think is really useful and you would like to recommend to others please let me know.

MBE for Steyning Ringer – Kathy Howard

Bellringing attracts people from all walks of life and when a new recruit arrives we know little about them. At Steyning we have been fortunate during 2012 to have a number of people who have started to learn to ring. One is Phil Bowell who had recently retired and was looking for a new hobby. He knew that he had a bell connection as he is related to the Bowells of Ipswich, and other members of his family worked in the past for Eyes of Day, the bell hangers.

During a recent visit to the nearby tower of Shipley another ringing connection came to light when he saw two Bowells who have their names on one of the peal boards. They were local ringers at Shipley in the early twentieth century.

Phil has been a very enthusiastic member of our band, but his past life that we knew little about has now caught up with him. In the recent New Year's Honours List he was awarded the MBE. This was for services to British Industry and the community in Bahrain where he was CEO of Bahrain Airport Services.



Bert Bleach - Penny Croucher

Bert Bleach, who was a bell ringer at Rogate for many years, was awarded the MBE in the Queens' New Year Honours List, for services to his country and community.

Bert was officially recorded as joining the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers on 31 May 1946. There have been many significant moments in Bert's ringing career. He often recalls that in the early 50's Rogate ringers were heard live on air at the start of "The Peoples Service", a programme which recorded a half hour service from the same church for four weeks running. The incumbent vicar, the Rev Ken Matthews insisted against the BBC's will, that the bell ringers were included. Thus a minute of Grandsire Doubles rung by Bert as Vice Captain and others was broadcast each time. The BBC must have thought highly of the vicar and the bells, as a second round of four programmes was broadcast to the nation with a minute's ringing to introduce each.

Bert has always welcomed all to ring, including on one occasion a gentleman of the road and a stranger to the village, who appeared one Sunday morning and asked to ring. Although his appearance was shoddy, Bert invited him to try a bell and quickly realised he was an experienced ringer.

To then discuss Bert's prowess and bell ringing expertise, we must mention that in 1953 the late Rev Ron Scruby conducted one of the two quarter peals that Bert has rung (ringing number four bell) and the only one to include all six ringers from Rogate. Bert's second quarter peal included an out of area Association ringer and his wife, who joined the band to ring on a Sunday morning.

Bert was tower captain for a total of 29 years and only recently, regretfully, had to give up ringing due to ill health, but he still encourages us most Sundays and makes every effort to come to our annual AGM, which I feel is a really good accolade at the age of 93.

WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL OUTING

Saturday 27th April 2013

This year we will be visiting the Bedfordshire area

(Further details will be sent out in due course)

If you are interested in going please let

Jack Burton (01243 374937) jeburton@alverservices.com

or Graham Hills (01903 266980) gr.hills@yahoo.com

know asap so transport can be arranged

All ringing abilities welcome.

Practice & Service at St Mary's, Thakeham

Saturday 13th April 2012

Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30pm,

Tea 5.15pm

Names for tea to Jack Burton

tel 01243 374937

jeburton@alverservices.com



Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received

St Mary's Church, Pulborough Handbell Concert

**(in aid of the Tower Bell restoration fund)
will be held on**

Saturday 11 May 2013 at 7.30pm

at

St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Kiphra Handbell Team will entertain you to an evening of handbell music. The team have five octaves of handbells and play a wide variety of music to suit all tastes. The Bell Tower will be open from 6.30pm for anyone who wishes to come along earlier and have a ring prior to the concert.

Tickets Cost £8.00

(including light refreshments and glass of wine)

Ticket Enquiries to

Ian Cockburn – 01798 813102, or

Brenda Etherington – 01798 872066

My Birthday Celebrations – Ken Knight



The Aldingbourne ringers who were able to be present on the occasion

The 16th January 2013 was the date of a significant birthday for me as I celebrated my 80th on that day. I felt that I could not let it pass without an attempt at some sort of celebration, but little did I know that others also thought likewise, most notably my local tower at Aldingbourne.

It was therefore somewhat of a surprise that I was asked to cut the practice short on the Monday evening before my birthday so that we could all make our way to the nearby home of one of our ringers for what turned out to be a very pleasant time of eating prepared nibbles and drinks, culminating in the cutting of a celebration cake and presentation of a lovely display of spring flowers, all planted up in a splendid pot which now sits on the patio at the back of the house where I can see it each day.

I had also asked and got permission from the cathedral authorities to attempt a quarter peal before the usual practice on the Wednesday evening, as it happened to be my actual birthday. Unfortunately we lost the quarter but not the opportunity to have another shortened practice to have some more drinks and nibbles together with the other ringers associated with the cathedral band. All in all some 20 plus coming out on a not very pleasant evening.

Despite losing the quarter at the cathedral, I was delighted to be asked to stand in a quarter at Walberton on the evening of Sunday 3rd February which was successful.

Finally, a very big THANK YOU to all who made my birthday so special!



An overview of the cathedral ringers who had come to help me celebrate

13 is Lucky for Some - Brenda Etherington

A recent quarter peal rung at Pulborough prior to the Sunday evening service was to celebrate Charlotte Goodman's 13th Birthday, it also being her 1st Quarter.

The details are a quarter of 1300 changes of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles rung on the 13th January 2013 for Charlottes 13th Birthday

Congratulations Charlotte on becoming a teenager and for ringing your first Quarter!

Change to Aldwick and Pagham Practice Night – Alan Martin

Please note that the joint Aldwick/Pagham practices, which have been held at Aldwick on the first Monday of each month have been discontinued - Aldwick practices have reverted to every Tuesday at 7.30pm and Pagham is held on Mondays at 7.30pm.

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 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.

SCACR Young Ringers Take 8 Event Wander to the West

Friday 12th 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
Sandra Alford 01403 251240 thealfords@dsl.pipex.com

Arundel Window Display - David Hall

"We've got the community activity window for two weeks from 7 February" said Helen Farrer. "It's a good chance to publicise ringing at Arundel and, of course Lyminster, as we share practices."

None of us had any experience of window displays, but were anxious to make a good job of it, so Helen, Teresa Kendall and myself, went down to look at what was on offer.



The local opticians, "Martin Steels" in Tarrant Street, generously allow their right hand window to be used for local community activities and the 8 feet high by 5 feet wide window has dainty, folded plastic shelves suspended on thin wires, just right for glasses but a challenge for bell ringing bits and pieces.

Various ideas were offered, but as the day neared it was down to me to get the window "dressed". Fortunately we are a talented lot at Arundel and Helen produced a great leaflet on her computer and Teresa enlarged some photos of our happy ringers and tuition sessions. 100 leaflets giving contacts, as well as a SCACR website address, were printed off quickly and I framed up the photos and other printed material which would be helpful to the public. Special shelves had to be made up to fit around the shelves and suspension wires, to allow photos frames to be displayed without slipping and crashing down, and these would have to be then cramped into place.

The window is changed at 9.30am, so loaded up with tools, boards, photos, handbells and ropes, I stumbled into the shop while Heather, the manageress, was removing the "Lifeboat Service" display. I had to delicately clamber up into the window to staple up the ropes, fit the shelves and arrange the photo frames, making a fine display of myself to the public!

It all went together well with space for our logo embroidered sweatshirt and the handbells. The window is illuminated so looks well at night and will hopefully attract some new ringers and even lapsed ringers. February is not the best month for window shopping but I have booked it for September again so will need to repeat my balancing act in public once more!

Western Division Quiz Night – Margo Grundy

Pulborough village hall was the scene for the Western Division quiz night on 12th January where ten teams gathered, using imaginative names such as "The Westie Lovers", "On The Pull", "The Grapplers", "Pulborough Stars" and many more.

Liz Beadle from Goring set the questions and no matter how much we bribed her, she just would not let us peak over her shoulder at the answers and believe me, we did try!! Alan, her husband was the question master and kept up with a steady stream of questions in categories such as general knowledge, literature and a very difficult set of anagrams. The picture round had us all stumped, with an array of buildings, sights and people, and it was quite amusing when Moya didn't recognise a picture of her own husband, Graham! There was also a very entertaining music round which heard a less



than musical rendition of "Puff the Magic Dragon" being sung by the contestants.

A quiz night wouldn't be complete without the obligatory Fish and Chip supper, delivered for us by Jack Burton and Graham Hills from the local chippy, and if that wasn't enough excitement for one evening, there was chocolate Vienetta ice cream for "afters"!

The old grey matter was kept churning for several hour with questions such as

What is the largest gland in the body?

Which country boasted the most French language speakers at the start of the new millennium?

What is the first name of "Dad's Army" platoon leader Captain Mainwaring?

but eventually, with the aid of a hand written spread sheet, the eventual winners were announced. This just happened to be a very brainy team called "The Grapplers" who were from Graffham. For those of you who receive the electronic version of Sally Forth, the score sheet was sent out as an Appendix with this newsletter.



"Food for Thought" – John & Sue Gadd, & David Kirkcaldy of the 2nd placed "Steyning Locksmiths"



Winning team – "The Grapplers" from Graffham

So, it just leaves me to say congratulations to “The Grapplers” for winning, a very big thank you to Graham and Moya Hills for arranging the quiz, to Liz Beadle for compiling the questions and to Alan Beadle for being such a good compere. I’m sure you would all like to see other such events organised during the coming year, so if you feel like arranging something then don’t forget to use the Sally Forth to advertise it. Do please think about coming along and joining in. It seems the more the merrier (there were 62 of us in total) makes a very successful evening!

The answers to the above questions are: Liver, France and George.

A big “Thank You” to Simon King, from the members of Western Division

for all the hours spent behind the scenes over the past twelve years or so, ensuring member’s details are maintained, sending out e-mails and the electronic Sally Forth, printing address labels and helping to get the new SCACR website up and running. Thank you!

Newsletters and e-mails

Many of you may have noticed that e-mails and electronic versions of Sally Forth are now being sent out by the new e-mail facility (noreply@scacr.org), which has been developed as part of the new website. It uses the SCACR membership database that Simon maintained, and he has now handed over the responsibility of it to the General Secretary, and will continue to be used for the production of address labels, e-mails 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 Officers at margolizb@gmail.com know. Or, if you have an update to your own details (eg change of e-mail address, or tower) let your Divisional Secretary, Jack Burton jeburton@alverservices.com know or e-mail 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 your Divisional Secretary. And if you have any comments/feedback in general about the website, please e-mail website@scacr.org

Quarter Peals and Miscellaneous Performances

St Richard’s, Aldwick

23rd December 2012

1260 strokes, 315 changes

1 Myra Cheeseman, 2 Darren Woodyer (C)
3 Thomas Nagel, 4 Richard Jeffery
5 Alan Martin

Rung for Parish Carol Service; also in memory of the children and adults who died in the Sandy Hook, USA, school massacre on 14th December; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to his wife’s godson, Noah, for his second birthday.

St Mary’s, Storrington

6th January 2013

1260 Doubles – Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob

1 Michael B Taylor, 2 Sheila R Foster
3 Susan Taylor, 4 A John Taylor
5 Michael G Foster (C), 6 Richard E Bland
Rung for Epiphany Evensong

St James’, Stedham

12th January 2013

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Barry Cooper*, 2 Marilyn Payne
3 Peter Payne, 4 Rebecca Browning
5 Geoff Rix (C), 6 Tony Douglas

*First quarter away from cover

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Barry Cooper

St Mary’s, Puborough

13th January 2013

1300 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles

1 Ian Cockburn, 2 Brenda Etherington
3 Mike Etherington, 4 Peter Gregory
5 Bill Avenell (C), 6 Charlotte Goodman*

*First quarter

Rung to celebrate Charlotte Goodman’s 13th birthday

St Richard’s, Aldwick

20th January 2013

1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Richard Jeffery, 2 Alan Martin
3 Margaret Sherwood, 4 Peter Watson
5 David Crockford*, 6 Darren Woodyer
7 Michael Wake (C), 8 Simon Knights

*First inside in the method

Rung after morning service. Birthday compliments to 1 (65), 2 (75) and to mark 60 years’ ringing for 2. Also to welcome Bethany Alice Lothian, granddaughter of the conductor, born on 14th January.

St Mary’s, Storrington

27th January 2013

1260 Mixed Doubles – Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob

1 Laura Wadey, 2 Sheila R Foster
3 Alan J Taylor, 4 Michael G Foster
5 Nigel Boorman (C), 6 Susan Taylor
Rung for Sylvia Hyams in recognition of her MBE awarded for services to charity and the local community.

St Richard’s, Aldwick

3rd February 2013

1260 strokes – 315 call changes

1 Richard Jeffery, 2 Julie Robinson
3 Patricia Isaacs, 4 Susan Hart
5 Darren Woodyer (C), 6 Myra Cheeseman
7 Alan Martin, 8 Simon Knights

Rung for Morning Eucharist. In memory of Joyce Kathleen Cox, mother of 6, who died on 19th January, and to say “au revoir” (not goodbye) and good luck to the conductor and his wife, moving to Rogate because of work location.

St Mary’s, Walberton

3rd February 2013

1260 Doubles 2 Methods, 1 Principle

1 Susan Spencer, 2 Marjorie Murphy
3 Colin Spencer (C), 4 Ken Knight
5 Hamish McNaughton, 6 David Bland
Rung for Evening Communion and to celebrate Ken’s 80th Birthday (16th January)

St Mary the Virgin, Shipley

10th February 2013

2013 Minor - 565: Reverse 8: Little 720: London, Colledge

1 Simon Meyer (C), 2 Rebecca Meyer
3 Sheila Foster, 4 Susan Meyer
5 Mike Foster, 6 Terry Madigan
30th consecutive year to a date touch: 1

From the General Secretary – Marisa Hayes

I hope that most towers have sent the yellow forms and membership subscription 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.



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 2013.



Did you know – that there are many famous bellringers such as Norma Major, wife of a former prime minister, TV presenter Alan Titchmarsh, poet Sir John Betjeman, politician Ed Balls and surprisingly, comedian Jo Brand

Did you know – “Sally Forth” is also a daily comic strip created in 1982 focusing on the daily life of an American middle class mother's life at home and work. The cartoon appears daily in The Seattle Times and various other newspapers throughout the USA. Sally's main character is a 40 year old marketing department manager who lives with her husband and daughter. She regularly comments on the eccentric behaviour of those around her. Does it sound familiar? Do you know someone just like her?

Did you know – that our electronic version of Sally Forth is only opened by 37% of the e-mail recipients it's sent to? That means that 63% are not reading it and so are missing out on the news and information on forthcoming events. Please do encourage as many people in your tower to read and digest the informative and sometimes entertaining features appearing in each edition.

And finally – it seems that spring is on its way, so hopefully we will all be emerging like butterflies from a chrysalis to enjoy a summer of ringing.

Margo

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Please see the SCACR Report and Handbook for all Association contact details

DIVISIONAL PRACTICE NIGHTS

You'll always be welcome on practice nights at other towers in the division, but it might be an idea to check before you get there!

Monday: Aldingbourne, Arundel (2nd & 4th), Lyminster (1st & 3rd) (*please ring to check*), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yaptton

Tuesday: Aldwick, Findon (2nd & 4th), Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington & Wisborough Green (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Milland, Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm) (1st only) & Upper Beeding

Thursday: Angmering (2nd, 4th & 5th), Bosham, Easebourne (1st & 3rd), Findon (1st & 3rd), Midhurst (2nd & 4th), Petworth, Rogate, Steyning & Walberton

Friday: Amberley, Fittleworth & Storrington

Other Towers: Fernhurst (3), Lodsworth & Trotton (4)