

Northern News



The Northern Division Newsletter
May-June 2013



Dates for Your Diary

MAY

Saturday 4th "May the Fourth" Two Towers Walk - see newsletter for further details
Monday 6th BANK HOLIDAY - NO PRACTICE
Saturday 11th SCACR AGM - Ringing from 2pm at St Mary's, Billingshurst
Nos. for refreshments to Jack Burton: 01243-374937 or sec-west@scacr.org by 9th May
Monday 13th Elementary Practice Fletching 7.30pm
Monday 20th 10-Bell Practice Horsham 7.30pm
Monday 27th BANK HOLIDAY - NO PRACTICE

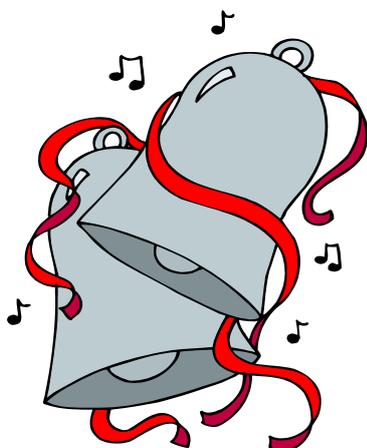
JUNE

Saturday 1st Ringing & Buffet Supper West Hoathly 6pm
Monday 3rd Elementary Practice Danehill 7.30pm
Monday 10th Advanced Practice Coleman's Hatch 7.30pm
Monday 17th Stedman Evening Lower Beeding 7.30pm
Monday 24th 12-Bell Practice East Grinstead 7.30pm

JULY

Saturday 6th Ringing & Business Meeting Danehill (tbc) 3pm

Saturday 1st June 2013



General Practice & Buffet Supper

West Hoathly

Ringing from 6pm

followed by buffet supper at 7.30pm

Numbers for refreshments to Anne Ekins:

sec-north@scacr.org

by Wednesday 29th May, please





Two Towers "Star Wars" Walk "May the Fourth Be With You!"

Sat. 4th May 2013

9.45am-10.15am Ringing at Fletching
Walk to The Royal Oak, Newick for 12.30pm (and lunch)
2pm-2.30pm Ringing at Newick
Walk back to Fletching for, hopefully, a cup of tea & cake about 3.45pm (tbc)

Special features on the walk:

Sewage Works - Airstrip - Mud - Playing Fields - Council Estate
River Gorge - Electricity Pylons - Pleasant Company

Other things to bring with you:

Stout footwear - Suntan lotion (*Ed. Ha! Ha! Ha!*) - Light sabre (optional)
Plastic carrier bags to put over muddy boots when going into pub
Small donation for towers (around £1-£2) plus money for items of a personal nature

The walk has been organised (and will be led) by Ian Wiltshire
Please let Anne Ekins know by Thursday 2nd May if you will be going on the walk

sec-north@scacr.org



SCACR Annual General Meeting Saturday 11th May 2013 at Billingshurst

2pm Ringing at St Mary's, Billingshurst
3.30pm Service in Church
4.30pm Tea & AGM at St Gabriel's Church Hall
(RC Church east of St Mary's on the A272 - please park here)

Names for tea to Jack Burton:

Tel: 01243-374937 or email sec-west@scacr.org

before 9th May please



CODGERS

Wednesday 1st May

Itchingfield (tbc) & Warnham (tbc)

11am and 2pm

For details of Codgers please contact Mike Foster: codgers@scacr.org



Northern Division Outing - by Patsy Whiteside

Saturday 6th April came along rather quicker than I imagined it would and somewhat sunnier than we were used to after all the cold dark days we've had this winter. I, having not been to any Monday night practices in quite an age, deigned to show up at the outing organised by the tower captain of my tower, Richard Hutchings. I promise you, I wasn't bullied into going! The day started cold but very bright at Tower One which was a ring of 5 with a tenor of 6cwt at Avington, St Mary.



Newnham



A rather lovely little brick built church that some of us spent more time admiring the pews than ringing! Not much to do on 5 bells than ring Grandsire or Stedman without a cover (we didn't stoop to doing minimus with a cover - we have class!) Tower 2 was Hannington, All Saints which was our first ring of 6 bells with an even lighter tenor of 5cwt and a ground floor ring at the back of the church. Having not rung with others for a while I had managed to lose my nerve so ended up almost skipping this tower altogether until I got cajoled into some Stedman while not many people were looking. Before we knew it lunch time had arrived which surely is the best time of day. We scoffed our fill at The Bolton Arms in Old Basing before dashing off to Newnham, St Nicholas which was

our second 5 bell tower followed by Herriard, St Mary which we nearly ended up arriving late to as we (4/5 cars) managed to drive to the wrong church. This was our second 6 bell tower with a couple of ladders required to get up the tower, almost as though access to the ringing room was a bit of an afterthought when building the church. The last tower of the day was our only 8 bell ring with another 6wt tenor at Holbourne, Holy Rood which we nearly ended up missing as no one was there to unlock the tower. Only after a phone call to the person meant to let us in did someone come along to unlock the tower. However, it was worth the wait and served as a lovely end to the day. Even better, the day had warmed up quite nicely so it felt like we had rung in the spring.

Patsy Whiteside - Lindfield



A message received via Kathy Howard - SCACR Publicity Officer

Sussex Day, Sunday 16th June 2013

The 16th of June is St Richard's Day and also Sussex Day. As this falls on Sunday this year, a day when many of your members will be ringing in churches across Sussex, we wondered if it would be possible to ring a special peal across Sussex to celebrate Sussex Day? Are there any peals related to St Richard or the county anthem "Sussex by the Sea"? We think that this would be a great way to mark the day, and may also be an opportunity to publicise the work of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers. If your group were to do this we could publicise this on The Association of British Counties website, along with other Sussex Day events across the county, if you wish. Please let us know if you think this is a good idea, or if you have any comments or queries. Yours sincerely, Dave Ells and Brady Ells
The Sussex Association. *The Sussex Association is a branch of The Association of British Counties, which is dedicated to promoting the historic counties and their traditions.*





FEBRUARY 2013

Benedict, Jonathan, Thea, Aidan, William, Sophie, Finley,
Emily, Emma and Alexander

A brief update on the Meadow Minis who are all coming along in leaps and bounds. They have now reached the call changes stage which has proved interesting teaching so many at once. Amazingly our February Get Together was basking in sunshine so we were able to split into two groups, with one lot ringing on the mini ring whilst the others were seen jumping around the garden trying to get their 'bell' in the right place. As usual lots of laughter, fun and cake was had by all. One of our group is now ready to move up into the tower and we look forward to hearing how she gets on. The first of many we hope.



Congratulations (& Happy Birthday!) to Louise Woodward

Many youngsters spend Saturday mornings either in bed, doing homework or working but the morning of 9th March saw Louise looking sleepy and a bit nervous in Warnham's belfry. She was about to embark on her first peal, just under three hours' worth of Stedman Triples - and what a fine job she made of it too. She may have been heard to say 'I'll never do that again' but the big smile over a glass of wine in the pub afterwards suggested otherwise. Happy 18th birthday!



Louise Woodward



5040 Stedman Triples, St Margaret's, Warnham

1. Sandra Alford
2. Louise Woodward
3. Isabel Woodward
4. Karen Monk
5. Nigel Gale
6. Jeremy Alford
7. David Smith (C)
8. Edward Woodward





Changes of Policy and Procedure in the world of Safeguarding...

Discussions at Education Committee and General Committee have led to the approval of a new policy in the Association regarding the publication of photos and information about young people. This policy brings us into line with the Press Complaints Commission Code of Practice which is used by "The Ringing World".

"The SCACR Website and all SCACR publications will not knowingly publish material which could be detrimental to the interests of children and vulnerable adults and will abide by the normal media conventions and recommendations of the Press Complaints Commission. No material will be published which is restricted due to being the subject of legal proceedings or resulting judgements.

Where material is published that specifically relates to youth activities, then accompanying photographs and names will only be published with the general consent of the parents or guardians of any minors involved. Such consent will be deemed to cover the use of the material on the SCACR website and in all SCACR publications, but not its transmission to or use by other persons or sites."

It is therefore very important that you ensure that you are familiar with the consents that parents have given **before** publishing anything about their child, or sending it to your Publicity Officer for publication. Remember, Publicity Officers don't have access to the consent information that you should hold in the tower.

Other news

DBS checks (formerly known as CRB checks)

Should you need a DBS (Data Barring Service) check for working with children in the Diocese, this can only be applied for through your Parish Safeguarding Officer, or directly with the Diocese if there isn't a Safeguarding Officer in your Parish. The Diocese now employs an Agency, CCPAS (*Churches Child Protection Advisory Service*). This has made the system both quicker and easier for the applicant. Applicants need to provide evidence of their identity, and the process is completed on line, with results available within a week (usually).

From December, 2012 all checks are on an "enhanced disclosure plus barred list" basis for Regulated Activities, which includes bell ringing.

Single Certificate

The latest changes to the process mean that from summer 2013, the applicant will receive the completed check, **not** the Parish or Diocese, although they will be notified that the process is complete. You will then be required to show your DBS to the Parish SO if you wish to be involved in teaching children. You will not be permitted to teach if you refuse to divulge the contents. Minor offences will not now be revealed.

from The Central Council



Following some changes in legislative guidance after the publication of the Protection of Freedoms Act, the Central Council Tower Stewardship Committee has recently revised "Guidance Note 3", which gives full details of the requirements and expectations of bell ringers in relation to children and young people. Please take a few minutes to have a look.

If you don't have access to their website, those who need a DBS check are as follows:

Those involved in face to face teaching on a regular basis, or activities involving overnight stay (for example weekend courses).

- Tower Captain/ Deputy and Instructor (apply through parish or seek advice)
- People who transport juniors as a formal arrangement – irrespective of frequency. (apply through the parish)
- People who teach in towers other than their home tower, unless they are supervised by a DBS/CRB checked Tower Captain (or other) at that tower. If the teacher is DBS checked for activities with children within the Diocese of Chichester s/he should show her/his DBS/CRB certificate to the host tower captain.

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- Those who teach at events organised by the Association will be supervised by the tower captain of the host tower or the Association officer.

And the question of "portability"?

Well there are to be changes in summer 2013. This will mean that someone changing "employer" or area, can ask that their CRB/DBS certificate be checked on the Update Service. For bell-ringers, the Parish Safeguarding Officers or the Diocese Safeguarding Officer will be able to do this free of charge. If there are no changes, then no new Certificate will be required for activities of a similar nature.

Currently, if you have a Diocesan issued CRB/DBS, you can teach at any other tower within the Diocese, but **not outside**, without the permission of that Parish Safeguarding Officer. CRB/DBS disclosures provided by any other "employer" for any purpose are not valid for the purpose of teaching bell-ringing yet.

And finally.....thank you for taking time to read this.

If you have any questions or issues you would like to discuss, please do contact me.

*Sue Elrick
Safeguarding Officer*



Ringing and Tea at Rusper - 2nd March 2013



Val Atkins. Was she leaving a donation to St Mary's Toilet Fund?

Ringing on the first Saturday in March was held at St Mary's, Rusper and was organised and led by The Young Ringers. There was also a "Ringers' Tea" to be provided by Rusper and we certainly had a lot to live up to judging by Ringers' Teas laid on in the past at other towers. Numbers were very low until we were nudging twenty. To be on the safe side we sorted out sandwiches, cakes and various savoury items for about thirty people. On the Friday before I had a panic attack and went out and bought some more food "just in case". Saturday morning I set off for Rusper in good time intending to set up the tables and possibly have a chance to ring. Silly woman!

Setting up took much longer than expected then people started arriving - in their droves!! Where were they all coming from? There must have been at least forty walked through the door. Thank goodness I'd bought extra food. Finally the tables were set up, the food laid out, water was boiling ready for the tea and coffee and everything was in order just as the ringing finished and footsteps on the stairs announced the arrival of the diners. I don't think we had forgotten anything - or had we? After admiring the spread before them the comments began "Isn't it cold here?" "There isn't any heating". "This radiator's cold!" I had to agree because I was frozen despite rushing about. Idiot!! I had forgotten to ask for the heating to be put on. Everyone had to huddle together for warmth. It was a very friendly teatime!! Many thanks to Pam Brinkler, Christine Kirkwood, Francis Vernon and all the Rusper Ringers for maintaining the high standard of the Bellringers' Tea.

May Littleton - Rusper





Big Ring Day - Take Two - by Eeyore aka Elaine



Many will remember that Rusper's efforts on last September's 'Big Ring Day' turned out to be a spectacular flop with no-one turning up to see us at all. I was more than a little disheartened but May chivvied me to give it another go seeing as our dress rehearsal had been so thorough. "You do all the publicity and organisation and If you get any volunteers, I will teach them." was my rather curmudgeonly response.

We had a campaign meeting and May duly designed and printed upwards of 500 (yes; 500) leaflets. These were inserted into parish magazines, left in the pubs, post office and shop, and hand delivered further afield by May, Christine and Francis.

The day dawned; we had lots of volunteer helpers, two laptops featuring ringing publicity and Abel, hand bells in the church for people to listen to and have a go at. We had tied bells and one left open for visitors to go up to the bell chamber and watch. Tea, coffee and biscuits were on tap downstairs: would anyone turn up? Well, yes (we had asked people to let us know their intentions in advance), ten adults and three children came and had a go, all of whom seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks to all our volunteers who came from Warnham and Horsham to help.



Revd Nick Flint and Revd Maureen Young trying out the handbells with Elaine

We took everyone's contact details and I followed up with a letter inviting them to come and learn to ring. I must confess that I stressed the amount of commitment required and that they would be expected to ring for Sunday Service as soon as they were able. One didn't reply and several said they had enjoyed the day but couldn't manage the time for lessons! However.....we do now have three people learning to handle. So...Watch This Space!!

Elaine Farrow



Divisional Practice Nights

You'll always be welcome on practice nights at other Towers in the Division but it would be an idea to check before you set off.....

Monday:- Northern Division practice evenings. See Diary Dates on front page for full details

Tuesday:- Balcombe : Cowfold : Horsham : Lindfield : Rudgwick (1st & 3rd) : Turner's Hill (phone first)

Wednesday:- Ardingly : Danehill : East Grinstead : Slinfold : Withyham (not regular evening - phone first)

Thursday:- Crawley : Fairwarp : Hartfield : Lower Beeding : Rusper : Warnham : West Grinstead : West Hoathly : Worth

Friday:- Bolney : Coleman's Hatch : Cuckfield : Fletching : Itchingfield : Slaugham





Copy of Article in West Sussex County Times dated 7th March 2013

Oyez, oyez! Read all about it - our new town crier contest



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The search is on for a new town crier for Horsham. The County Times is hosting a contest, in association with Horsham District Council, to find an honorary representative to herald the news of the day to the townspeople. The winner, who will be confident, charismatic and proud to represent the town, will wear a specially provided uniform and be furnished with a bell to toll on market days in the Carfax and about the town centre. Although unpaid, the role will afford the winner significant status and the opportunity to represent Horsham, its people and businesses, to a wider audience. There has been no town crier in Horsham in living memory, although the ghost of Dan Roberts (1737-1831), a town crier well known for his large nose, is reputed to haunt the Old Town Hall.

The new town crier will be determined at a special event on Horsham's Day of Dance, Saturday 11th May, at the bandstand where prospective criers will go head to head to win the approval of the townsfolk. Anyone interested in entering the contest should write to the paper at the usual address, or email ct.news@sussexnewspapers.co.uk, including their full contact details. All correspondence should be clearly marked Town Crier Contest and applicants may be invited to audition on a Thursday afternoon prior to the May event.

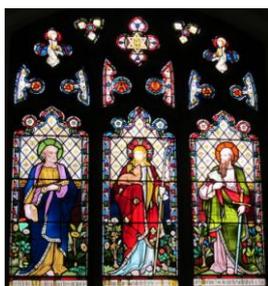
If you think you would like to represent Horsham and could give freely of your time on Thursdays and some Saturdays, or you know who else would make a great town crier, write to the County Times and enter.

Oyez, oyez! The town crier contest has begun.



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Very many thanks to all the people who have submitted articles and photographs. Your input is really appreciated. Thank you!!
Please send items for the next newsletter to me at: news-north@scacr.org before 15th June 2013

