

May to June 2013



Dates for your Diary

Saturday May 11th 2013

Southern Association AGM

Details are as follows:

2pm Ringing at St Mary's, Billingshurst

3.30pm Service in Church

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

The formal meeting will be followed by a short presentation and discussion on the working group's work to date on the future of SCACR.

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

This year's Annual Reports are now available to collect from Clare Cullen

Thursday 9th May and Thursday June 13th

Beginners Practice 19.30pm to 21.00

Informal and friendly practice for everyone who wants to improve their rounds and call changes, plain hunt, Bob doubles and Grandsire doubles.

Contact Marisa for more information

secretary@scacr.org

Saturday May 18th

10.30 am Morning meeting at Buxted

Special methods Plain Bob Major, Little and Double Norwich, also rounds and call

changes. All welcome! 😊 If the weather is suitable we may have a picnic in the park afterwards. 😎 For more info please contact

sec-south@scacr.org

Saturday 11th May and Saturday June 8th

LEARNING WITH ADRIAL Adrial holds regular education mornings to help you progress with Plain Hunt, plain Bob or Grandsire Doubles. Sessions are held at various different towers. Bring a mug for tea or coffee! Please let Adrial know if you are coming. ed-south@scacr.org

June 15th Striking Competition at Keymer

6 Bell striking competition at Keymer at 2pm
Get your teams together and start practising!
Method, Call changes, and Novice competitions
with a trophy to be won for each section.
Rules can be found in the "downloads" section of
the SCACR website.

Email your team entry and names for tea to sec-south@scacr.org

July onwards dates for your diary

July 20th 4pm Barcombe ringing (TBA) followed by skittles and two course cold buffet supper at The Royal Oak. Names for buffet (£9.50 per head) to sec-south@scacr.org

August 17th Joint walk and ring with the East

September 21st Ringing at the Good Shepherd
ringing and tea tbc

October 19th Outing

November 16th Newick Meeting and ringing tbc

December 21st Ringmer Ringing, mulled wine
and mince pies

South of England Show - 6th, 7th & 8th June 2013

Come along and see SCACR in action, they are in the Chichester Diocese tent with Dewbys Bells and a display. They will be demonstrating bell ringing on the Dewbys bells and allowing the public to have a go over the three days of the show. Report next month.

Each Month I hope to feature something going on in the Sussex Association just for the fun of it. This month's feature is courtesy of John Norris, founder of:-

The Wickham Whatsits

The name was coined fairly recently by those in Sussex high places to describe the young ringers' sessions I have been organising at the Wickham Ring. If you come to a Young Ringers' event at the Wickham Ring you are in effect a 'Wickham Whatsit'.

You can read about the Wickham Ring itself at www.jrnorris.co.uk/wickham.html. Although the bells are made of papier maché rather than bronze and rely on bell sound generated by the computer program Abel, the ringing experience is just like ringing on a normal mini-ring. Mini-rings have advantages for young ringers, particularly those not yet big enough to handle a typical tower bell. It is also a useful way of introducing adults to ringing in that they can gain a practical idea of what ringing is about in a fraction of the time taken to reach an equivalent stage on tower bells.

Ringing at the Wickham Ring has so far been organised on ad hoc basis, as I haven't wanted to dip too deeply into the limited pool of regular mini-ring ringers, and from the start in 2008 we have had practices and quarter peal attempts to help ringers both young and old. However, the birth of the Wickham Whatsits can be said to date from a visit to a local bookshop late in 2010. During the course of conversation with the proprietor, the subject turned to ringing (amazing isn't it - can't think how it happened!) and I was greatly taken aback when she said "Oh I didn't realise you wanted **young** ringers" (or words to that effect). I realised just how little effect all our public tower open days had achieved and, with publicity provided by the shop owner, I arranged a young people's "Come and Have a Go Day" on the Wickham Ring. Among those who came was William Stafford, who is now ringing regularly at Holy Trinity and was elected a member of the association at the recent ADM.

Since that time we have held a number of young ringers' events at the Wickham Ring, mostly arranged in conjunction with, and supported by, Frank and Catherine Lewis and their group of young ringers from Brasted in Kent. Events have included general ringing mornings, a mini-ring outing, practices with limited numbers for specific learning purposes and quarter peal attempts to achieve particular targets.

To ensure some degree of control and the prospect of achieving a measure of progress, Wickham Whatsits' events have not been widely publicised to those outside the group. However there is no bar to joining.

If you would like to be added to the e-mailing list, have a specific learning request, or want to arrange a visit to the Wickham Ring for your own band that's fine – just email or phone 01273 843718 and ask. John Norris, jrn@orpheusmail.co.uk

The Wickham Whatsits



Each Month I hope to feature something funny in the Sussex Association. This month it is John Lonsbrough (thanks for sharing this John)

If you listened at the tower door recently, you would be forgiven for wondering why the phrase "oops never mind just carry on" should cause so much laughter. But this is exactly what we did a few weeks ago despite the distress of our elderly ringer John Lonsbrough.

We rang and rang for a further 3/4 minutes and after safely standing our bells noticed John reaching to the floor to retrieve his trousers! Well, why hadn't we noticed before? Perhaps because of our intense concentration and not wishing to interrupt this John had just carried on.

That glimpse of black clad legs led to much hilarity and speculation on the exact Lycra content of those long johns , all agreed a very fetching look.

However it did make us think of just how much team work there is in ringing and how at times we fight against the odds not to let each other down. John is a valued and treasured member of our band a great help, support and excellent ringer. Thank you John for allowing us to share this story so what next "Oops never mind we'll just carry on "

Linda Perkins, Tower Captain of St Leonards Seaford

Each Month I hope to feature someone special in the Sussex Association. This month it is Herbie from Southover

1st Quarter Peal congratulations

Herbie started ringing in June 2012 at Southover, Lewes, East Sussex, aged 10 years. After hearing about the work of a locally based charity, he decided that he would like to raise money for them. The charity is the children's cancer charity 'Samuel's Children's Charity'. In January 2013, he decided to do this by ringing a sponsored quarter peal. At that time Herbie was learning to cover. The quarter peal was successfully rung on 24th March 2013 raising approximately £255 for the charity. The band consisted of regular Southover ringers, his Godfather Graham Nobbs and Viv Nobbs who ring at Newport, Isle of Wight.

Sussex County Association

Lewes, East Sussex

Southover

Sunday 24 March 2013

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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| 1 J Clare Cullen | 4 Graham Nobbs |
| 2 Tom Reeves | 5 Richard C G Neal |
| 3 Viv Nobbs | 6 Herbie Palmer |

This was Herbie's first quarter-peal rung for 'Samuel's Children's Charity' which supports children with cancer.



L to R J. Clare Cullen, Tom Reeves, Viv Nobbs, Graham Nobbs & Herbie, Richard C.G. Neal, Samatha Read (Representative of the charity)

What have the Southern Association been up to over the last two months?

The bell ringers of the Southern Association get up to all sorts of ringing experiences and below is a unique one, that, I, for one, hope will be repeated.

Bells on the Bluebell 6th April

We ring the Church bells (6) at St. Peter's Chailey and we like to think of ourselves as the Dean Martin of campanologists –middle of the road, but with a lot of style.

Over the last year we have rung for the Queens Jubilee and the Olympics and we thought that the opening of the Bluebell Railway was another milestone which is worthy of celebration.

The logical progression was that we should ring at Chailey and East Grinstead to link the two parishes. Illogical additions to the programme would be to ring en route at Horsted Keynes and to ring handbells on the train; illogical because:

- Horsted Keynes has no ringable bells
- We have no handbells
- Even if we had, we did not know how to ring them

But inability never stopped Chailey ringers (as other Towers tell us). East Grinstead were brave enough and agreed to let us loose on their bells and some of their ringers joined our trip. We were grateful for the Bluebell Railway to let us travel free and our friends at Ringmer lent us a set of handbells, without any obvious concern that we might melt them down for the bronze.

Intensive training followed on three evenings which tended to take the form of socialising chat, laughter and a little practice. I never realised that these bells could hurt so much (Fairy Liquid hands) or that my left and right hands were such total strangers and there seemed to be no connection to the brain.

Nevertheless by the 6th we were ready and, following tea and croissants and a ring at Chailey, 17 of us boarded the 11.00 at Sheffield Park, after a burst of handbells on the platform. We were particularly grateful for the experienced handbell ringers who could make the bells sound like they should.

We had a marvellous day, although the logistics of getting 17 ringers to and from the Church at Horsted Keynes proved tricky (the Bluebell should deny all knowledge of an overloaded bright red Mini Clubman haring round the bends of HK just before the 12.30 left). One of the highlights was the two experienced handbell ringers who could ring methods being joined by another who happened to be on the train and who showed us how good they could sound in the right hands.

Thanks again to all the ringers who joined us, with representatives from the Northern, Western and Southern Divisions, to East Grinstead tower for letting us ring, to Ringmer Tower for letting us borrow their handbells (don't ever do that again!) and to the Blue Bell Railway.



Hand bell Ringing Having attended the hand bell ringing day at Roedean on Saturday 30th March and been taken with the difficulty of left hand/right hand thought process I would love to do hand bell change ringing regularly. I gather from the hand bell ringers present that in order to do so; I need a group to join, and a set of hand bells. The alternative is to find some ringers who also want to do change ringing on hand bells regularly. I have a room where we could meet in Shoreham, so let me know if you are interested or able to help on megheyworth@gmail.com

Handbell day Saturday 30th March 2013
Great concentration was needed.



There were many sets of lovely hand bells in use



Jonathan commented after the event "Thank you everyone for making the day so enjoyable. I didn't have a chance to thank Hamish and Adrial properly, who were the people who did all the work, and we owe a big debt of gratitude.

This is the third hand bell day we have had in Sussex and our largest number of attendees so far at 34. We try to improve each year and would welcome any feedback on the day whether it concerns the arrangements, venue, organisation or ringing. Any comments to Hamish or myself would be great."

The 34 people were sorted by Jonathan into various groups depending on their ability. There was also the simulator to help things along.

And Finally 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.

- 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

What are you doing on Saturday 29th June in the afternoon?
NOTHING I hope!

On Saturday 29th June in the afternoon, the Sussex Association is holding its annual SCACR Striking Competitions at Withyham (TBC). We need at least 12, but preferably 16 ringers, to represent the Southern Division in the call change section and the method section (Grandsire Triples). We are currently the holders of the Call Change trophy and so have to defend our title!

Oh no! Not me! I hear you say.....but why not give it a go?

What better way is there to spend a summer's afternoon sitting in the sun, chatting, listening to ringing and enjoying afternoon tea?

Come and take part.....I look forward to hearing from you.

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