

SALLY FORTH

Western Division Newsletter

July & August 2013



Diary of Events

July

Wednesday 3 rd	Codgers	Ticehurst Mayfield	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm
Thursday 4 th	Last of the discussion groups on 'The Future Development of our Association'	Stedham	7.15pm
Friday 5 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Felpham <i>(NB Change of venue)</i>	7.30pm
Saturday 6 th	Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Saturday 6 th	Sussex Young Ringers take part in The Ringing World National Youth Contest	York	
Saturday 13 th	Walk and Ring – ringing, lunch and more ringing (see page 3)	Steyning Henfield	10am 3pm
Friday 19 th	General 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Thursday 25 th	SCACR Young Ringers Take 9 Event Walking Ringing Outing (see page 5)		9.30am
Saturday 27 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am

August

Friday 2 nd	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Felpham <i>(NB Change of venue)</i>	7.30pm
Saturday 3 rd	Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Wednesday 7 th	Codgers	Wickham Ring (tbc) Hurstpierpoint (tbc)	11.00am-12.15pm 2.00pm-3.30pm
Saturday 10 th	Practice and Tea	Yapton Lyminster	3pm 6pm
Friday 16 th	General 8 Bell Practice	Westbourne	7.30pm
Saturday 24 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.30am

PRACTICE AT YAPTON & LYMINSTER

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2013

Ringing at St Mary's, Yapton 3pm

Tea 4.30pm – 'al fresco' if weather permits

Followed by

an evening ring at St Mary Magdalene's, Lyminster 6pm

Names for tea please to Jack Burton
tel: 01243 374937 or sec-west@scacr.org

Ringers of all abilities are welcome



St Mary's, Yapton



St Mary Magdalene's, Lyminster

All ringers are welcome to all practices and meetings, so please do 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

14 th September 2013	Method Striking Competition at Upper Beeding (tbc)
14 th September 2013	Essex Trophy 10 Bell Competition
5 th October 2013	SCACR Annual Social – a cream tea on the Bluebell Railway (tbc)
12 th October 2013	Practice, Service and Meeting at Chichester (tbc)
1 st & 2 nd November 2013	SCACR Ringing Course
9 th November 2013	Practice (half-muffled) and Service at Easebourne (tbc)
16 th - 24 th November 2013	SCACR Quarter Peal Week (tbc)
14 th December 2013	Practice and Carol Service at Wisborough Green (tbc)
6 th September 2014	Ringing Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse

Master's Mutterings - *Graham Hills*

As you will all remember, we, the Western Division, hosted the county AGM at Billingshurst in May. There was a great turn out, with over 80 ringers from all across Sussex attending. The ringers at Billingshurst did themselves proud with the fantastic tea that they laid on, especially as the final figure for numbers was added to at the last minute. They also supplied all the raffle prizes, the proceeds of which went to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The 4th Saturday in May saw our Divisional Outing take place instead of the usual Surprise 6 bell practice. Many thanks to Roger Watts from Thakeham for organising the towers in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, with the highlight of the day being the 10 bell tower at Olney. Thanks of course also go to Moya for organising the coach and the pub for our lunch time meal. After lunch, there appeared to be some strange goings-on at the back of Jack's car. What was he selling? There were 29 of us on the coach, and another 9 came along in cars, which made it a very enjoyable day out, so I hope everyone had a good ring.



The newest person on the committee took on the task of organising a Young Persons afternoon, held at Findon in the May half term. Knowing how difficult it can sometimes be to get things going, I think Sue Gadd from Steyning hit the ground with her feet running. The event was well attended, and thanks go to her for a good afternoon.

Last weekend saw a practice at Midhurst, followed by a service taken by Rev. Peter Blackman. There was then a short business meeting to elect no fewer than 21 new members to the Association. It was a pity that not more of them were there to receive their certificates in person. As is now becoming the norm, a superb tea was laid on by the local ringers, and the Bell Restoration Fund benefitted by £25 from the raffle.

Next month will be the now infamous Ring, Walk and Ring. I don't know if passports will be needed or not, but we shall be heading abroad – to the Southern Division. Please come along, the more the merrier. We shall meet at Steyning at 10am for ringing and a coffee, before heading off to Henfield for lunch at a pub, then more ringing.

Oh, by the way, Jack was just handing out the Annual Reports to save postage costs!

Scratchings from the Secretary – *Jack Burton*

The main event of the year to date has been the ADM at Billingshurst, which was very well attended and at which we welcomed our new Master, Christine Baldock. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her and wishing her well for the future. At the same meeting, David Kirkcaldy was elected as one of our Central Council representatives. He has taken the fifth place which is elected at an AGM. Although the actual numbers of votes cast for each candidate were not disclosed, apparently the voting was very close between David and Alan Baldock.

After the formal part of the meeting had been closed, Anne Franklin gave a brief talk on 'The Future of Our Association', explaining the work so far, and asking for as much input from members as possible. There are a number of hand-outs in circulation and copies can be downloaded from the website, but the most important thing was the programme of visits to towers over the whole county to give members the opportunity to tell the committee their views and thoughts on the work

and how they would wish the Association to be changed for the future. Unfortunately, by the time this edition of Sally Forth hits the streets, there will only be one tower left to visit, and that is Stedham on Thurs. 4th July starting at 7.15pm. Please do try and attend as all constructive thoughts and ideas will be considered. Nothing is too small or too great to be added to their agenda.

During the course of the AGM there was the vote on what form the Association autumn social event should take. The outcome, which has yet to be organised and confirmed, was to have a trip with refreshment on the Bluebell Railway.

On a lower, but just as important level, was our own ADM which was held this year at Storrington. The most outstanding thing was the number of new members. No less than 25 were elected. They came from 15 different towers with two members electing to be unattached. This was really good news, especially when at the recent Business meeting at Midhurst on Saturday 8th June a further 21 were elected. It means that 46 new ringers have joined the Association this year. This can only be good for ringing in general and shows just how the Western Division is going from strength to strength at the moment.

At the ADM we elected a new Committee Member, Sue Gadd of Steyning, who has quickly found her feet and has already organised an event for juniors. I am sure the Master will have mentioned her in his report.

Since the last Sally Forth we have had our routine Publicity Committee meeting. One of the main items discussed was the distribution of emails throughout the Association. Divisional Publicity Officers and Secretaries will soon be able to send out notices directly to their divisions, which will hopefully save time and speed up the distribution. Apparently less than half of us still do not bother to open our emails. How can we know what is going on if we just do not look?

There is to be a drive on divisions to plan the programme for practices, meetings and other events for at least a year ahead. This is something I have yet to raise at our committee meetings! At the same time, it is hoped that more news and other contributions will be posted on the website for the interest of members. All members will be encouraged to look at the new rebuilt SCACR website and be invited to make contributions for inclusion.

The publicity boards which advertise bell ringing generally, and which are available for loan by towers for fetes and open days etc, are to be updated and the stands replaced. There is a need for someone who has a flair for that line of publicity and display art to help with the design, so if you can help, please get in touch with the General Secretary.

I am sure that you all realise that next year (2014) will be the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Please watch out for notices of events for which some form of special ringing would be appropriate. The British Legion is taking the lead in setting out the commemorations, which start on 4th August 2014 and go on throughout the following four years of the war.

On the Safeguarding front we are again reminded that formal parent or guardian consent must be obtained before a picture of a minor can be published.

Lastly, I have a plea as Secretary. Now that more of us are using only an email address as our main point of communication, it is essential that this address is kept up-to-date. Please let the Secretary know as soon as your address changes, so that you will not miss out on the messages and notices.

Insurance – *Marisa Hayes*

Just a reminder that your membership includes insurance to ring, teach and maintain bells - at all towers (not just Sussex). Full details at www.scacr.org/downloads and any queries to secretary@scacr.org



RING, WALK AND RING – SATURDAY 13th JULY 2013

Ringling at St Andrew and St Cuthman's, **Steyning**
from 10.00 am until 10.45am, followed by coffee and cake

11.15am Walk to Henfield. Approx 2 hours

Lunch at the White Hart in Henfield
Menus will be available in the morning so we can book ahead

Ringling at St Peter's, **Henfield**
from 3.00 pm until 3.45 pm

Buses run regularly from Henfield back to Steyning

Any queries contact Christine Butterfield 01903 872623

Welcome to New Members

David Roberts & Gillian Roberts – Chichester
Stephanie Bennett, Sam Jarratt, George Shillingford, Annette Smith & Archie Tasney – Felpham
Marcus Etherington, Oliver Etherington & Lance Oelmann – Kirdford
Adam Carter & Linda Hayter – Midhurst Helen White – Northchapel Julia Elliot – Steyning
Sharon Meacher, Tonia Mitchell & Jade Trill - Upper Beeding Darren Lewis - West Tarring
Simon Garland, Sarah Pinchin & Henrietta Warwick - Wisborough Green

Did you leave your coat at Billingshurst? - Marisa Hayes

A large dark grey waterproof hooded coat (male?) was left at Billingshurst tower ... somebody might be wondering where they've left it! Please contact Kathy Fitzpatrick to reclaim. Email billingshurst@scacr.org

Gossip from the Tower – Teresa Kendall

In the words of Britney Spears "We did it again" but that's where that ends. What "We did again" was have another Open Tower Day at St Nicholas Arundel.

On 27th May, bank holiday Monday the sun shone (yes it did!!) and it was a beautiful day. Arundel was full of tourists and a crack team of Teresa Kendall, David Hall, Jane Power, Helen Farrer, Nick Plumley and Colin Spencer welcomed the visitors to the tower. We gave ringing displays and tours of the bells, and rang the treble bell down so the children could ring the bell. They had great fun swinging from the sally (that's the red fluffy bit on the bell rope). We had a visit from an elderly lady (Mrs Catchpole) who, with the aid of her sticks, climbed the 62 steps to the tower. She then went up to the see the bells, and to finish it off she had a ring on the treble. I think we made her day!

I think about 75 people came up to the tower, so hopefully there will be some future ringers. If not they have a better understanding of bellringing.

It ended with tea and cakes. Lots of fun was had by all and we all left on a high!!!



Unfortunately, after a successful tower open day, bad news again for us at St Nicholas', Arundel – Teresa Kendall

Due to work on the church tower, there will no further ringing at Arundel for about 20 weeks, from 9th June 2013. I'm hoping that the next repairs may be to the bells themselves, but I'm not pinning too much on that one yet! This will mean that the Basic 8 Bell Practices, held on the first Friday of each month, will be held at Felpham for the foreseeable future.

Arundel and Lyminster ringers are having mini ringing outings. We are still at Lyminster once a fortnight, and the week we are due to ring at Arundel we will be visiting other towers on their practice night. So, it would be best to ring either Dave Hall or myself to see where we are ringing.

Western Division Young Ringers Afternoon – Sue Gadd

I recently offered to set up a series of local divisional events for our young ringers, in the hope of building on the success of the County-wide events organised by Anne Franklin. Whilst Anne's events are well attended and very popular with those young people who go, there are often very few young ringers there from our Division. Travelling distance to the towers has been quoted as a problem in the past, but Anne's recent "Wander to the West" still attracted very few attendees from Western Division, and no-one who hadn't already been before to the other 'Take' events elsewhere.

So – how to encourage our young people to join in? Perhaps geography was a problem, perhaps they weren't aware of the events, perhaps they needed encouraging to come, perhaps a full day was too long or too big a commitment, perhaps our young people thought they had to be ringing methods before they could go, perhaps joining in with a large group of strangers from all over the County is too scary a thought and they needed to know a few people first.

We therefore planned an event that was an afternoon only in half term at the end of May. We made it clear that any level of experience was welcome and that tutors were available to help on the day, and as many of our less experienced young ringers are not yet Members of the Association, we made it clear the event was open to non-members as well. We advertised it by writing to Western Division tower correspondents and asked them to put the leaflet in the tower and to give any young person a copy directly, encouraging them to go. The first hurdle was that 10% of these emails came back undeliverable!

Our first event took place on Thursday 30th May at Findon Parish Church, starting at 2.30pm, with tea at about 4pm and finishing by 5.00pm. Nine young people came - 5 from Western towers (3 of whom had not been to a young ringers event before), 1 from Southern and 2 from Northern - plus one surprise visitor from Devon (he was visiting family, we haven't moved the Division boundary that far yet!) We also received apologies from 4 other Western tower young ringers who had wanted to come but were away on holiday.

The biggest challenge was overcoming the initial shyness and actually getting everyone into the ringing chamber to have a go. Mission accomplished, Graham Hills kindly took charge of the ringing, and we started with rounds to get used to the bells. At which point we realised the ropes weren't long enough for those with more growing still to do, and there was only one box! Christine saved the day by scooting up to Washington tower and borrowing a couple from there.

The afternoon was very successful and enjoyable, with some of the newest ringers gaining much more confidence in their ringing. We rang plenty of rounds, call changes, plain hunting and Bob Doubles, with a burst of Cambridge Minor for the 3 more experienced young people. The adult helpers and chauffeurs were mainly redundant as the young people were able to ring together for most of the time, so the adults drank tea and chatted.

Having rung for an hour and a half, we called a halt for something to eat – pizza, sausage rolls, crisps and lots of cake were all demolished in no time. The general view over tea was that this had been a very enjoyable event, the duration was about right for newer ringers, intensive but not too tiring, and they had enjoyed ringing with others closer to their own age. And, most importantly they wanted to do it again in the summer. Hopefully, now they know a few faces and had fun at a smaller event, they may also feel less daunted at the prospect of eventually joining in with the bigger 'Take' events as well.

Over to me again then! The next Western Division event will be organised in the school summer holidays, date to be notified – please look out for the leaflets and/or emails. If you have young ringers in your tower and you'd like us to run an event at a tower near you, so they can get there, please let me know, and we'll see what we can arrange! We need light-ish, easy handling bells, a WC and somewhere to eat tea. I can be contacted by email suegadd99@gmail.com or phone 07876 237007.

Finally, it only remains for me to thank all the adult helpers, the cake and sausage roll makers, and the chauffeurs who made the event such a success, and to thank the young people themselves for coming and making it such an enjoyable afternoon. Here's to the next one!



Ben, Lawrence, Chloe, Emma, Ollie, Rachel, Mary, Catherine and Catherine



Chloe, Rachel, Ollie, Catherine, Mary and Catherine



Enjoying tea at the Young Ringers' afternoon

SCACR Young Ringers Take 9 Event Walking Ringing Outing

Thursday 25th July 2013

(First day of the summer holidays!)



9.30am meet in car park at Holy Cross, Uckfield

Walk to Maresfield (1½ miles)

Ringling and cakes at Maresfield 10.30am to 11.15am (TBC)

Walk to Fairwarp (2 miles)

Ringling at Fairwarp 12.15pm to 1pm

Picnic Lunch (bring your own)

Walk to Buxted (3 miles)

Ringling at Buxted 3pm to 3.45pm

Walk to Uckfield (1½ miles)

Ringling and cake at Uckfield 4.30pm to 5.15pm

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

Public transport is possible: 29 Bus from Lewes, but lifts can be arranged.

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Liz Lane from Heene came across this poem in an issue of the Sussex County Magazine from 1926

A Rhyme of Sussex Church Bells

An old woman limping
Says the bells of Climping

Bread and cheese on a board
Says the bells of Ford.

Come in and welcome
Says the bells of Felpham.

I'll give ye a slap on the pate
Says the bells of Eastergate.

There's more rogues than honest men
Says the bells of Warbleton.

Shut the gate and clap'n
Says the bells of Yapton.

Beds & Bucks (Western Divisional Outing) – David Hall

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a coach load of ringers must be in need of a bell tower." Happily, these came together at the impressive church of Olney on Saturday 27 April when the Divisional outing took place once more. Thirty-five or more ringers and friends set out at 7am from Washington to enjoy the delights of the "Beds and Bucks" area, with 5 towers all located about 20 minutes from Milton Keynes. This had been a happy "hunting" ground for previous years' outings which had been centred on Turvey, and the sumptuous lunch and tea provided by Roger Watts' sister Jill and her husband David, who joined us during the outing to give local guidance.

Olney was to be the focal point this year, but first we stopped at Emberton, All Saints and a friendly ground floor ring of 6 bells (9-0-10 tenor). It was good to see some new faces on the outing this year, as well as meeting old friends again. Several decided to come along by car so it took some organising to make sure that we all had a ring appropriate to abilities. Thankfully, Graham had taken time to sort out the bands and handed out lists. Roger had helpfully provided his usual sheet with tower descriptions and a separate sheet with a history of a local historic landmark, the Great Ouse River Bridge, which would be another stop on the outing.



Soon we were off to Olney and the wonderful tall spire of St Peter and St Paul. Ten majestic bells (24-3-14 tenor) awaited us, and those not fitting into the first floor ringing chamber were able to watch the bells through a CCTV system while waiting below. The camera trained on the ringers would have been more entertaining but the sight of Michael battling with the big tenor might have put them off coming up! Plain hunt, changes and Grandsire sounded good and we all felt that we had achieved some fine ringing. Olney town is a Regency delight with a broad main street full of pretty little stone houses, cottages, boutiques, places of refreshment and a lace museum, seeming little changed from the days of Jane Austen, although the nearest that she ever came was Oxford. Our coach driver, Clive, liked the town so much that we passed through it three times, perhaps as it was not easy to turn the coach round, except on the bypass roundabout. The town is famous for its pancake racing begun in 1445 when on Shrove Tuesday the Shriving Bell was rung to mark the start of Lent. A local lass was anxious to use up perishable food before fasting and rushed out of her house to the church with her pan in hand! The race had been revived in the 1950s and the prize is a kiss from the verger!

Leaving the town we headed for Clifton Reynes, St Mary the Virgin (10-2-14 tenor) and a ground floor ring of 6 bells. We had to leave the coach about 200 metres from the church and as luck would have it, it was while walking to the church, the rain and hail came down, reminding us that we were in England and it was April still. The bells however were a good choice for our less experienced visitors and all enjoyed the ringing with some good Cambridge, Grandsire and Bob Minor. Those waiting in the church admired the wooden and stone tomb effigies of the de Reyne family Crusader knights going back to the 1300s. Up above the Nave were stuffed owls, put there to discourage the bats. These can be a real nuisance in the building as Turvey found when their verger was marched off by the local Constabulary for allowing scaffolding to be placed inside his church without the required consultation of the local bat officer.

The Robin Hood pub at Clifton Reynes was a very welcome lunch break and having orders phoned through meant that we had only a short time to wait before tucking in to ham, egg and chips or excellent pasta. It was a chance to sit and relax a while, have another chat (trying hard not to fall asleep!) before we joined the coach for some more action.

Felmersham, St Mary was our 4th tower (20-2-18 tenor) with 8 bells in a large first floor chamber. Health and Safety put in an appearance here as the verger decided that the floor was being overloaded (lunch was not that generous surely?) so we had to revert to groups going up and down the stairs. Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman went well while those waiting below admired the rude stone internal corbels, the painted rood screen from the 15th century and the stained glass. It was a splendid church and listed in Simon Jenkins 1000 Best Churches of England. It was started in 1220 and the bells were a joy to ring, having been refurbished recently by Whites of Appleton.

Our last ring was at Milton Ernest, All Saints and a first floor ring of 6 bells (9-1-1 tenor). The little narrow staircase and small ringing chamber meant those waiting below on the grass could admire the flowers, blossom and splendid trees just pushing out the first leaves of a new year. It was near here at Tinwood airfield that Glenn Miller left on his last flight, before disappearing over the Channel in WW2.



After the ring came the Great Ouse River Bridge and a photo shoot. It was built over a period of time from 1000 to 1599 (probably French builders!) and has needed constant repairs ever since. The nine flood arches are of local stone and there are 31 arches to the causeways each side. It is a real tourist attraction, and being narrow and a local bottleneck, it's best to arrive by donkey or bicycle and not a coach!

Back on the coach, we were happy to let Clive take the wheel while we reached for packed teas. Dark clouds built up and after a services stop we had a spectacular rainbow animate our drive around the M25 for those still awake, before arriving back at Washington at 8.15pm. It was surprising how quickly the miles and the hours had flown by.

What a great day out which I am sure everyone enjoyed. Our thanks must go to Moya for arranging the coach and the pub, Roger for the towers and for Clive our driver who liked Olney so much, he named it thrice!

Weald & Downland Museum – Geoff Rix

Of passing interest is the bell installed in the old Stoughton frame, which is now at the Weald & Downland Museum at Singleton.

The 28" diameter, 4¼cwt bell, was cast by Miles Graye in 1621 and is on permanent loan to the museum from St Helens, Ipswich.



Photos by Sally Reay, Petworth.

Thank you all for your support of the Bell Restoration Fund. It does really help in keeping our ringing heritage.

Quarter Peals

St Mary's, Storrington

14th April 2013

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Lee Smith, 2 Katherine P Davies
3 Susan Taylor, 4 Michael G Foster
5 A John Taylor (C), 6 Richard E Bland
Rung for Evensong in memory of
Marjorie Pettitt.

Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Chichester

23rd April 2013

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

1 Keith Game, 2 Peter Watson
3 Margaret Sherwood, 4 Gill Roberts
5 Mike Wake, 6 Graham Hills
7 David Roberts, 8 Ian Hunt (C)
Rung for St George's Day

St Thomas-a-Becket's, Pagham

6th May 2013

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Brian Vickers, 2 Susan Lothian
3 Peter Watson, 4 Margaret Sherwood
5 Tom Raggett, 6 Mike Wake (C)
For the baptism of Abigail, Caitlin and
Bethany, daughters' of Paul and
Susan Lothian, and granddaughters' of Mike
and Pat Wake

St John the Baptist, Findon

6th May 2013

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Sheila Foster, 2 Barbara Harbut
3 Ken Black*, 4 Mike Foster
5 Alan J. Taylor (C), 6 Caroline Jones

**First inside*

Dedicated by Ken to his granddaughter
Iris Black, born on 15th August 2011

St Luke's, Milland

7th May 2013

1320 Milland Surprise Minor

1 Graham Hills, 2 Paul Bagshaw
3 Philip Down, 4 Brian Underwood
5 Geoffrey Rix, 6 Andrew Barnsdale (C)

St Botolph's, Heene

5th June 2013

1260 Plain Bob minor

1 Jo Cheng*, 2 Moya Hills
3 Val Clay, 4 Paul Rampton
5 Arthur Wright, 6 Rik Clay (C)

**First minor*

Rung in memory of Keith Honeyball, a former
ringer at St Botolph's Heene

Quarters rung to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 2013

St Mary's, Goring-by-Sea

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Irene Batchelor, 2 Brenda Cox
3 Elizabeth Potter, 4 Moya Hills
5 Graham Hills (C), 6 Jack Walker

St Thomas-a-Becket, Pagham

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Brian Vickers, 2 Susan Lothian
3 Alan Martin, 4 Peter Watson
5 Graham Hills, 6 Mike Wake (C)

St Mary's, Petworth

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Linda Wort, 2 Valerie Mourilyan
3 Chris Fynes, 4 Andrew Brooke
5 Geoff Rix (C), 6 John Bojanowski

St Mary's, Pulborough

1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and
Plain Bob)

1 Hilary Major, 2 Brenda Etherington
3 Elizabeth Butler, 4 Brian Nulty
5 Mike Etherington (C), 6 Luke O'Donovan
Rung prior to the evening service

Many thanks to Raymond Bivand from Angmering, who took up Margo's challenge to come up with some methods that ducks could ring. It looks like everyone else chose to duck out.

"You could teach the ducks to impress the swans with Bewick Surprise, a slight variation of Berwick Surprise.

As the moat is near Wells Cathedral, why not Wells Surprise?

There are another 2 surprise methods, I can suggest. In the summer, it could be Moulton as they would be losing their feathers. In the winter, it would have to be Coldstream!!"

ED-TWITTERS – A "fete" worse than death

My husband and I were invited to join our friends on a visit to a village fete. Due to the proximity of my friends' house to the field where the event was taking place it meant that we didn't arrive in the conventional way (through the front gate) but via a footpath and in through some bushes.

To set the scene, there was a small rectangular site with a few bouncy castles set up, a flint barn where you could get drinks, a BBQ with some delicious food cooking, a gazebo with straw bales for sitting on and a very large covered stage with a Madness tribute band playing. As it was a hot, sunny day, my friends went straight to the barn to get drinks for us all, while my husband and I sat on the straw bales waiting for the rest of the stalls to be set up. I was hoping to get some tomato plants and perhaps a cake or two. Lots more people began to arrive and I remember commenting to my husband that it must be a very friendly village as everyone seemed to know each other.

My friends eventually came back with the drinks and settled on the straw bales with us to listen to the music and watch the comings and goings of some very smartly dressed people. After about 1 ½ hours, and several trays of drinks later, you can imagine our embarrassment when eventually a suited and booted gentleman made his way to the microphone and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, the entertainment is about to start for the surprise birthday party for Chanelle"

Yes, you have guessed it. We weren't at the village fete at all, it was actually a private 21st birthday party for a complete stranger.

On hindsight, we should have known as my friends came back from the barn and remarked that it was a strange village fete as the drinks were free. We appeared to be the oldest people there by about 30 years and there were bouncers on the main gate to the field (not usually needed for a village fete!!) We made a hasty retreat via the way we came as quickly as we could. After all, we were the only guests there without a present to give!!! (The actual fete was the following week!)

Margo

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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) (*no ringing at present due to work on the tower*) & Lyminster (1st & 3rd), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

Tuesday: Aldwick, Findon (2nd & 4th), Fittleworth, 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 & Storrington

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

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