

Northern News



The Northern Division Newsletter
September-October 2013



Dates for Your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2 nd	Elementary Practice	West Hoathly	7.30pm
Saturday 7 th	N.Division Striking Contest	Ardingly	am & pm
<i>Call Changes at 10am. Method at 1.30pm. Refreshments available.</i>			
Monday 9 th	Surprise Major Practice	Coleman's Hatch	7.30pm
Monday 16 th	Treble Bob Minor Evening	Cowfold	7.30pm
<i>Please check the website in case the venue is changed due to ongoing building work.</i>			
Monday 23 rd	Spliced Surprise Major	East Grinstead	7.30pm
<i>Ringling on front 8 bells</i>			
Monday 30 th	Quarter Peal - Superlative	venue tba	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 5 th	SCACR Social Outing - River Trip on Wey & Arun		
<i>See newsletter for further details. Come along for a good day out.</i>			
Monday 7 th	Elementary Practice	Danehill	7.30pm
Monday 14 th	Surprise Major Evening	Crawley	7.30pm
Monday 21 st	Triples Practice	Slaugham	7.30pm
Monday 28 th	10-Bell Practice	Warnham	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Monday 4 th	Elementary Practice	Cuckfield (tbc)	7.30pm
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SCACR Social Event



Saturday 5th October 2013

2½ Hour Riverboat trip on the
Wey & Arun canal departing
11am from Loxwood

Take your own picnic lunch or book lunch
at The Onslow Arms for our return.
Tea & Coffee available on board

Tickets at £8 adults and £4 children (5-16yrs)
available from Anne Ekins: sec-north@scacr.org



Northern Division Striking Competitions to be held at Ardingly on 7th September

10am Call Changes

Can you persuade six ringers from your tower to compete? It isn't difficult and the ringing takes only 5 minutes with a short practice first - plus you can call the changes from a board. There is also a novice section of the call change competition. So, no excuses!!

1.30pm Method Competition

Again, teams of six ringing 120 changes of a method of your choice.

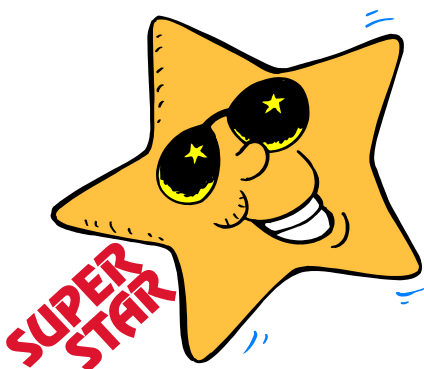
Before and afterwards, join other ringers socially for tea and coffee and a picnic lunch.

Don't forget!! Two towers can combine to enter a team.

Entries to Anne Ekins sec-north@scacr.org or tel: 01403-864291 by 5th September 2013.



First Quarter Congratulations



Congratulations to Natasha Evans and her daughter Tabitha Bulbrook who have both rung their first quarters at West Hoathly during the summer months. "Bells, Music and Tea" on Sunday afternoons has provided the opportunity. Natasha and Tabitha each rang the treble and both rang very well. Our thanks are due to Richard Hutchings who called both attempts.

Rachel Edwards - West Hoathly



SCACR Social Event - Saturday 5th October 2013

The boat "Wiginholt" has been booked for a 2½ hour cruise on the Wey & Arun Canal. This leaves from Loxwood (by the Onslow Arms) at 11am on Saturday 5th October 2013. The boat holds a maximum of 50 people so don't delay in buying your ticket(s) which cost just £8 per adult and £4 for children aged between 5yrs and 16yrs.

Tea and coffee will be available to buy on the boat but it is suggested that you take your own picnic lunch or book lunch at The Onslow Arms on our return.

Seating is at small tables of four with a narrow gangway down the centre. To add to the fun, there will be handbell ringing. You couldn't ask for more!!

Tickets available from Anne Ekins: : sec-north@scacr.org





Ringling Master Vacancy for Northern Division



David Perkins, our divisional Ringing Master, has confirmed that he will not be seeking re-election at the next ADM. If anybody might be interested in taking over this role, David will be very pleased to hear from you and answer any questions you may have. His contact details are included on the back page of this newsletter.

May Littleton - Publicity Officer



Could you be the next Education Officer?

I'm reliably informed that the post of Education Officer is really what you make it. There is no "Job Description" as such because all the committee tasks are voluntary, so if you wanted to go out to different towers every night of the week helping people I'm sure you would receive a very warm welcome. You will be expected to attend the Northern Committee Meetings (about 3 per year) and, in addition, you represent the North at (again, about 3) General Education Meetings at Ringmer.

The main activity in the North is planning and arranging the weekly Monday practices. There is an established pattern for these but you and the committee may want to change the format from time to time. However, it is always held on a Monday as there are no towers with Monday practices in our Division. Towers are contacted by email and the towers' secretaries are usually most helpful in making the arrangements. Any other events, practices, quarter peals, etc. that you care to arrange are on your own initiative.

Rachel Edwards would be happy to job share on education matters with someone from the Horsham side of the Division. If you feel this is a way in which you could help to promote ringing, please ring Rachel on 01342-810210 to discuss how this would work in practice.

May Littleton - Publicity Officer



Publicity Officer for Northern Division

It's coming up for six years now that I've been producing Northern News and I think it's about time I moved over and let someone else "have a go". Also, I think it's always good to have a change of style now and again. I hope you agree. Therefore, I will not be standing for re-election at the next ADM so the January/February 2014 edition of Northern News will be my last. The newsletter is produced every two months (just six a year) and distributed via the database. Please contact me if you are interested and/or require any further information.

May Littleton - Publicity Officer





How Not to Organise a Ringing Tour!!

Recently I felt I needed to get out and about a bit more so decided to devise my own mini ringing tour in June. The first tower was Padstow, Cornwall, dedicated to a well-known Radio 3 presenter. A pleasant peal of 6 bells (10cwt in G), rung from a gallery at the back of the church. Rang for the morning service with quite an inexperienced band, gallantly being trained by a chap from a nearby tower, so 'twas nice to help them out. Not only a tower grab, but also a new county: double bonus points for this one.



The next place on the itinerary was the attractive village of Axbridge, Somerset, nestling below the Mendip Hills. A splendidly heavy ring of 6 (20cwt in Eb) with a gorgeous tenor (the bell, not the ringer). Think back 6 at Horsham and better.



The following day found me in Gloucestershire. The nearest practice night to my luxury 5* accommodation (aka Travelodge) was at the ring of 6 at Deerhurst (11cwt in G). Interesting geometry here, with bells 1, 2, 3 & 6 rung in one part and 4 & 5 rung in an extension on the side of the original tower.

The church lies very close to the River Severn and has a floodgate built in the wall surrounding the churchyard, so if you ever intend ringing here during or after wet weather it might be advisable to take a boat for ease of access.

Heading north, next on the list was Newton-le-Willows in Lancashire (10, 25cwt in Eb). Had some difficulty finding the church and the Old Bill were no help whatsoever. Practice night was limited to calls and round changes on the 10, but the natives were very friendly and it was a splendid peal of bells.

Last, but not least, on my tour was the light 8 (8cwt in A) at Wigton, Cumbria (Cumberland in old money), that were newly installed for the Millennium. Got the time wrong and arrived here an hour too early for a Carlisle Guild monthly Surprise Major practice so I witnessed the aftermath of a posh wedding, one of those where the photos take twice as long as the service. Nice to bump into a couple of old friends and enjoyed the best ringing of the tour.

So, to summarise: 5 days, 5 counties, 500 miles but only 5 towers. I really must get better organised next time!

Nigel Gale



SCACR Ringing Course *1st & 2nd November 2013*

Courses: Moving on from Rounds to Call Changes, Plain Hunting, Plain Bob Doubles, Different Doubles, Stepping Up to Triples and Major and Becoming a Conductor
Book your place now! Course application forms available from Anne Franklin, Association Education Officer
Also, see the SCACR website for application form & full details.



Calling all Tower Correspondents: Marisa Hayes recently sent an email to all tower correspondents with an email address. Did you receive it? If not, please contact her. If you would like to register an email address for a member of your band to be your tower email contact for SCACR matters, please let Marisa know via email: secretary@scacr.org or call 01273 812790

The **VISION FOR SCACR** working party will be holding a Special General Committee meeting on Friday 13th September where a formal presentation will be made to officers and divisional representatives. Further information will be circulated to members as soon as possible after this meeting.

Did you attend Bishop Luffa School as a pupil, a teacher or as a parent? The school celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and a thanksgiving service will take place on Saturday 5th October 2013. Hamish McNaughton is co-ordinating a band of ringers to ring before the 10.30am service at Chichester Cathedral. Hamish would love to hear from you if you have had any connection with the school. Contact him via email at hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk

Full details of the school's celebrations can be found at www.bishopluffa.org.uk





Not One but Two Diamond Weddings at Balcombe



On Thursday the 25th July between 4pm and 5pm, Balcombe Ringers and friends rang all eight bells at St Mary's Parish church Balcombe to Grandsire Triples. This was to celebrate the diamond weddings of two Balcombe couples, Mr & Mrs Richard Greenwood of Balcombe Place and Mr & Mrs Mike Dutton, a local farming family. Both couples were celebrating their wedding anniversaries - on the same day!

The ringing was followed by a very enjoyable party in glorious sunshine on the grass outside the Church where the ringers were invited to a glass or two of champagne etc. to celebrate with the two couples and their relatives. The ringers were: Anne Anderson, Neil and Jenny Dobson, Iain Davey, Roger Clark, Rosie Gregory, David Moore and John Moore. We didn't quite get the quarter but the families could not have been more pleased that we rang the bells at St Mary's for them on this very auspicious occasion. The striking was pretty good too!

John Moore - Balcombe





Itchingfield Ring for Prince George



Itchingfield is only a small village. The church has only five bells. We would not be able to ring Cambridge Royal, nor even Cambridge Minor. Indeed any quarter peal was currently beyond the reach of our local band. So how could we celebrate the birth of the future King of Great Britain? A little creative thinking was required.

Call changes we can do and we have a great tradition of dressing up and eating cake. If we combined all three and included everyone who was available, we would have a right royal celebration!

Our 'baby themed' practice night started early on Friday 26 July with an especially composed length of 86 call changes. Why 86? Well 8lb 6ozs was George's birth weight after all. This was followed by 22+07+13 call changes (his birth date) which gave all members of the band an opportunity to take part, no matter how inexperienced they were.

The length of ringing, the concentration required and the safe exchange of ropes all provided a challenge for the band and not least for the conductor.

Dummy medals were awarded and the baby's health toasted with delicious home-made lemonade and chocolate cakes.

BEST WISHES TO HRH PRINCE GEORGE OF CAMBRIDGE.



Friday 26 July 2013

86 Call Changes

1. Val Atkins (c)
2. Charlotte Alford
3. Carole Clarke *
4. Mary Pickard *
5. Miriam Coghill

* Longest length to date

Rung to celebrate the birth of HRH Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on 22 July 2013.

Friday 26 July 2013

22+07+13 Call Changes

1. Mags Fisher
2. Vicky McGee / Miriam Coghill
3. Irene Loft / Charlotte Alford
4. Mary Pickard / Carole Clarke
5. Brian O'Connor

Conducted by Val Atkins

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Are you (or do you know) a young ringer about to go off to University?
 If so, take a look at the CCCBR Uni ringing webpage (<http://ccabr.org.uk/uniringing/>). All of the university societies would be delighted to hear about any young ringers before term starts.



CODGERS

Wednesday 2nd October Salehurst and Dewbys Bells 11am and 2pm
 For details of Codgers please contact Mike Foster: codgers@scacr.org



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

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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:

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before 15th October 2013

