

# Look To

## Saturday Meetings.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** Beckley - 3.00 p.m. Ringing - 4.30 p.m. Service followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Diane Marsh 01797 260596 or [Beckley@scacr.org](mailto:Beckley@scacr.org).

**- As many of you will be aware there are plans to dramatically change the way ringing in Sussex is organised. This will be discussed at this business meeting. Please make every effort to attend to hear what is planned and for you to give your views. (See below \*\*)**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** Warbleton - Ringing 2.30 p.m. followed by 'carols', tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Janice Leeves 01435 830803 / [warbleton@scacr.org](mailto:warbleton@scacr.org)

## Mid-week Practices.

### November

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Triples and beyond at St Mary's Eastbourne

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Surprise Major at Southover

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Surprise Minor at Westham

### December

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Surprise Major at St Mary's Eastbourne 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Triples and beyond at Christ Church Eastbourne

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Surprise Minor at Westham 7.30 p.m.

## **\*\* - A Vision? Whose Vision? Why? Where and When?**

It may have escaped your attention but there have been rumblings in the engine rooms of the Association. In March, a small working group was formed to look at the aims and practices of the Association with a view to making sure the Association meets the needs of ringers in the 21st century.

There were five of us: Christine Baldock, Val Atkins, Peter Wilkinson, Anne Franklin and Marisa Hayes. We met, we ate cake and we went on the road... to eight discussion groups from Rye to Stedham and from Walberton to Mayfield and points in between.

In September, the Officers of the Association and four representatives from each Division met to hear a roundup of the discussion groups and to agree on the next steps towards a new SCACR.

Full details of the presentation can be found on the website at [www.scacr.org/a-vision-for-scacr](http://www.scacr.org/a-vision-for-scacr) and it has been taken to the Business Meeting in Chichester with further meetings to come in Beckley and in Newick. It's a Vision we hope will be shared to ensure that members enjoy ringing opportunities which are relevant and allow for progress. We've listened to what members have told us and want SCACR to work from the grassroots all over Sussex from 2014. We want to put the draft rules and proposals to the General Committee on 9 November so it would be helpful to hear your thoughts by then.

Marisa Hayes – General Secretary

## **Stedman**

Fabian Stedman died 300 years ago this November . Why not commemorate this famous ringer by ringing some Stedman in your tower.

## **Junior Ringing Day Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Attention all junior ringers...**

There will be a day of ringing activities open to all youngsters in the Eastern Division. Alan and Mary Collings have kindly made available the mini ring of bells at Dewby's Barn in Hooe. As the bells are easy to handle; this will provide an opportunity for junior ringers to practise rounds, call changes, plain hunting and simple methods. However, there is plenty of adult support for any ringer who wants to try more advanced methods. In addition there will be an opportunity to ring hand bells for both tune and change ringing and to learn an essential skill for any aspiring bell ringer, rope splicing.

Mary Collings has kindly offered to provide lunch and there will be plenty of cake!!

The course will start at 10.00 and finish at 3 o'clock.

If you know of any junior ringers who would like to attend please contact me on [francesbradford@scacr.org](mailto:francesbradford@scacr.org) It is not too late to come!!

There will be a nominal charge of £1 for the day.

Frances Bradford - Committee member

## **Bodiam Meeting.**

The monthly meeting for the Division in September was at Bodiam. This is a light (7 ¼ cwt) 6 and has been some time since the Division held a meeting there. There was a good turnout on what was a sunny warm day. Divisional Master Diana Day ensure that everybody had a good ring. Afterward many of those present retired to the grounds of Bodiam Castle for a relaxing picnic tea. What a pleasant way to spend an afternoon.

## **Westham Quiz Evening.**

There in to be a Quiz held at Westham Village hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013 7.00 for 7.30 start. Ploughman's supper tea and coffee included but bring your own drinks. Cost of the tickets is £6.00 available from [westham@scacr.org](mailto:westham@scacr.org) or phone on 01323 764868. All proceeds for St. Mary's Westham Bell Restoration Fund.

## **Practice Night.**

**Westham** - will be holding their practice night on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. 7.30 start.

**Bodiam and Ewhurst Green** have a joint practice each week on Thursday, alternating between the two towers. They start at 7 pm and ring until 8 pm, but not during the winter months. Please phone Mrs M-L Apps, tower correspondent at Ewhurst Green, on 01797 260263 to check the venue if you are intending visiting. You will be most welcome.

**St Mary's Church. Billingshurst** Cosmetic work began on the external stone-work of the tower at the end of August 2013 and will continue until mid November 2013. During this period minor structural work will be necessary to a support beam located in the "Deadening chamber", which will affect our ringing arrangements at St Mary's for two or three weeks. The work in question is about to commence, so please contact our secretary Kathy Fitzpatrick regarding our ringing arrangements over the next two or three weeks. Email [billingshurst@scacr.org](mailto:billingshurst@scacr.org)  
Brian Nulty

## **Advance Notice**

18-26 January 2014 SCACR Quarter Peal Week

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Ringing Road Show at Newbury Racecourse



SCACR has a budget

SCACR has some ideas

SCACR has no one to help

SCACR wants to find a team of people with an interest in, or work in graphic design and exhibitions.

SCACR would like to revamp its exhibition material ready for the ringing roadshow in September 2014.



Find out more and drop an e-mail to [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org)

## **Next Edition**

Any items for the next edition of Look To could you please let me have by Dec 30th at [sec-east@scacr.org](mailto:sec-east@scacr.org)