

Southern News



November to December 2013



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th November

Joint East/South Surprise Major Practice
at Southover 7.30pm (tbc)

Saturday November 16th Newick.

Ringling 3pm followed by tea, business
meeting and SCACR Vision presentation.

Names for tea to:

sec-south@scacr.org

December 21st Ringling at Southover
3pm with mulled wine and mince pies .

Book the dates now....

Saturday 18th January 2014

Ringling at Seaford followed by
fish and chips and QUIZ.

18th – 26th January 2014

SCACR Quarter Peal week to
mark the founding of the
Association. If you need help
organising a QP or want to ring
in one contact

rm-south@scacr.org



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SCACR has a budget

SCACR has some ideas

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 road-show in September 2014. Find out more and drop an e-mail to publicity@scacr.org

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 round up 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 and it has been taken to Business Meetings in Chichester and Beckley with one meeting in Newick yet to take place (16 November). 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.

NEW FUNDING allocated to support the installation of training equipment in Sussex.

At the March General Committee Meeting, the Trustees agreed that a sum of £8000 be allocated towards helping towers in Sussex to install their own simulator and training equipment such as dumb-bells.

The money comes from a legacy left to the Association by Bryan Burrough (who learnt to ring at Itchingfield in the 1950s and latterly rang at St Leonards) who died in 2006. It was his wish that his legacy be used for the advancement of ringing in Sussex and it is hoped that by offering some financial support, a wide mix of towers in all corners of the county might consider installing additional equipment.

An application form is now available from the website (see downloads) or by contacting your local committee. We are fortunate to have a number of experts among our membership and if you require further advice, do please contact a member of your local committee who will put you in touch with a suitable helper.

“The Ringers’ Arms” Pub Sign

NEW!! Wentworth wooden jigsaw puzzle of an image commissioned by the Editor of The Ringing World for its beer tent at the 2001 Ringing Roadshow and kindly loaned by the artist for the RW Centenary art exhibition “Inspired by Bells” in March 2011.

See photo below and at www.cccbr.org.uk & RW calendar (June) Copyright: Maggie Willans

Size: c250mm x 250mm 200 pieces with Rural cut shapes called “whimsies”



AN IDEAL GIFT

Price £22 & £3 pp in UK, Cheques payable to: CCCBR. Proceeds payable to CCCBR Bell Restoration fund. It can be obtained from Stella Bianco, “Oaklands” West Chilmington Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9EA. Tel: 01403 740010 E-Mail: scb@biancoteam.com. Online payment available. Please supply e-mail address, if possible.

More musings from a Seaford Bell Tower Ringer.

Thanks Colin,

Thoughts on The New Testament reading for Trinity 14 - Hebrews 13

Inspired by a conversation on the ringers’ walk from Seaford to Eastbourne

“So what is the theme of the readings for Sunday?”

“The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews, the practical implications of our faith, things like -

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers

Remember those who are in prison

And those who are being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honour by all,

Keep your lives free from the love of money

Remember your leaders.”

“That sounds like Bell ringing.”

Let mutual love continue - it is a joy to belong to such a sociable tower, BUT.....

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers - it’s good to welcome people from other towers, even though our jinxed bell 7 makes their trousers fall down.

Remember those who are in prison - with 18 or more in our small ringing chamber, we must be more crowded than most prisons.

And those who are being tortured - it’s nothing short of torture, when long before you feel you have mastered one thing, you are required to go on to the next.

Let marriage be held in honour by all - not quite sure how this fits, but, like Youth Clubs, I guess towers with younger members could Match-makers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money - well, you are certainly not into ringing for the money

Remember your leaders - and woe betide you if you do not do as the Tower Captain says.

Colin Pritchard

Seaford tower

The SCACR Library

The Association Library contains a wealth of information for any ringer.

- What sort of things might you look for in the Library?
- Do you wish to find out how many quarter peals have been rung at your tower?
- Are you interested in researching a special member of your band?
- Do you want to know about ringing in Sussex?

The Catalogue is available on the SCACR website and is updated regularly. There are approx. 300 volumes including books on Sussex bells, SCACR annual reports and peal records, general interest, method composition, plus bound ringing magazines (The Ringing World from 1911, Bell News, Campanological, The Bellringer, SCACR's Soundbow from 1976), minute books, postcard albums and scrapbooks. The catalogue has been produced 'by author' and 'by subject' to make searching easier. We also have about a dozen video tapes on teaching/learning, bell restoration, bell foundries, ropemaking, ringing for pleasure and a couple of DVDs about bellringing and a bell restoration project, that are available to borrow in return for the postage costs. Contact the librarian for a list.

We are keen for members to use the library! "Using it", means not only borrowing items, but also depositing items for a wider audience to see. We are happy to accept offers of donations, but space is limited and if an item is already in stock we hope that would-be donors will not be offended if we have to decline an offer. To borrow an item from the library, please make an appointment by contacting Stella Bianco at library@scacr.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need to be JavaScript enabled to view it.

Soundbow

This is the Association News Magazine which started out as the Western Division Newsletter. In 1976, the first edition was issued, containing only 8 pages. Produced quarterly, it now contains approx. 60 pages of news, views and information about what is and has been going on in and around the Association, plus other various ringing related articles. Approximately 275 copies are printed each quarter and most are sold throughout the Divisions either via postal subscription or at meetings. For further information, or if you'd like to submit an article, please contact the Editor, who is Kathy Howard, soundbow@scacr.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need to be JavaScript enabled to view it.

Thanks to Alan Seymour, 12 members of the Southern Division and 1 from the East, enjoyed a super outing to Kent on Saturday 19th October. Appledore (8) was the first tower of the day and then we ventured onto the Marsh to ring at Newchurch (6). Here we were joined by the Eastern Division Ringing Master out for a grab – the bells and the delicious homemade biscuits provided by our own Ringing Master! Next stop was Hythe (10) and for some of us, our first chance to ring changes on ten bells. Lunch came next but unfortunately there was no time for the tempting puddings on offer as the bells of Folkestone(8) were next on the list. Cheriton (8) were quite a contrast in terms of weight and we soon warmed up the tiny ringing chamber. The final tower of the day was Lympne (6).

The organisation of the day was perfect, just a pity that the sun didn't shine! Thanks Alan for a great day out!

We say “hello” to some ringers.

Congratulations to Simon and Carole

They finally did it. Carole and Simon have been together for 21 years and on 27th July they got married in St John The Baptist Church, Southover, Lewes. To celebrate their forthcoming wedding they rung a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples at Southover on the morning of the wedding. It was a very special quarter as it was their son, Reuben’s first quarter peal and it was rung entirely by members of Carole’s family. Not many can say they rang their 1st quarter peal on the day of their parents wedding!



- 1 Reuben. G. Chant (Son)
- 2 Anne. M. Newcombe (Mother)
- 3 Elizabeth. W. Struckett (Aunt)
- 4 Simon. W. Chant (Fiance)
- 5 Carole. A. Stevens
- 6 Philip Stevens (Father)
- 7 David. W. Struckett (Uncle) (C)
- 8 Andrew. G. Stevens (Uncle)

1. First Quarter Peal

Carole has been ringing for over 30 years and Simon for more than 15, so it was no surprise that bell ringing continued to be the theme of the day. The bells were rung before the wedding, Carole and Simon were listening nearby in the local pub where they shared a pre-wedding pint. The bell ringers hymn was sung during the service and during the signing of the register, members of the band at Southover rang Pachelbel’s Canon and Handel’s water Music on handbells.

At the end of the service the bride and groom cut their cake complete with a ring of bells on it, a full set of ropes and bride and groom bell ringers. The cake was amazing and was hand made by Ali Lucas, a Brighton ringer.



A touch of Stedman Caters was rung by local ringers and ringing friends as the bride and groom came out of church. Following the service they enjoyed tea and cake with their guests, along with more ringing; including a touch of Stedman with the bride and groom in. After this guests made their way to Lewes Town Hall for a celebratory barn dance.

The following day 2 more ¼ peals were rung to celebrate the marriage. One of Grandsire Caters at Southover with Carole and Simon, a local band plus Carole's Dad and another at St Nicolas Brighton.

Southover, Lewes, East Sussex
St John the Baptist
Sunday, 28 July 2013 in 48 mins

1259 Grandsire Caters

1 J.Clare Cullen
2 Tom Hinks (C)
3 Tania Osband
4 Carole A Chant
5 Rebecca A Cullen
6 Simon W Chant
7 Philip Stevens
8 Nicholas A Cullen
9 Tom Reeves
10 John S Ashcroft

Brighton, Sussex
St Nicolas of Myra
Sunday, 28 July 2013 in 46 mins

1259 Grandsire Caters

1 Linda Etherington
2 Caroline House
3 Kathy Howard
4 Marion Huang
5 Linda Perkins
6 William Wilson
7 David Kirkcaldy (C)
8 Steve Lucas
9 Gavin Bennett
10 Simon Poole

And "Goodbye" to others

We are sad to report that Molly Elphick passed away peacefully on 12 September aged 98. Molly became an Honorary Life Member of the Association in 1999 and will be fondly remembered. A Service of Thanksgiving took place at St John the Baptist Church, Southover on Thursday 26 September at 3pm.

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