

Look To

Eastern Division Newsletter January & February 2014



Saturday Meetings.

- January 25th Hooe Mini Ring 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Please let me know if you are able to come
- February 22nd ADM – Sedlescombe 2.30 p.m. Ringing - 4.00 p.m. Service followed by tea ADM and further ringing. Names for tea to Jane Blandford 01424 870501 or e-mail sedlescombe@scacr.org by Wednesday 19th January

Mid-week Practices.

- Surprise Minor Chiddingly, Wednesday January 22nd
Christ Church, Eastbourne, Wednesday February 26th
- Special methods are Cambridge, Norwich and London
- Triples/Major) St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Tuesday January 7th at 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Tuesday February 4th at 7.30 p.m.
Christ Church Eastbourne, Tuesday March 4th at 7.30 p.m.
- Rounds and Call Westham, Monday January 20th at 7.00 p.m.
Changes
Beginners and Westham, Wednesday February 12th at 7.00 p.m.
Doubles
- Surprise Major Christ Church, Eastbourne, Thursday February 6th
Southover, Lewes, Thursday March 6th
Christ Church, Eastbourne, Thursday April 3rd

Quarter Peal Week

Quarter Peal week is from Saturday January 18th to Sunday January 26th. If towers are ringing quarter peals can they please send details of the successful attempts directly to The Ringing World.

If you would like details of your quarter peal published in this newsletter please send me the details.

On Saturday 25th January if anyone would like to ring a quarter on the mini ring before our meeting could they please contact Marion Hollands and I will get something arranged.

Library Open Day - Saturday 8 February 2014

“SCA ringers who served in the Great War” with Alan Seymour (Burgess Hill), who will be sharing his research with us.

With the help of members, Alan hopes to expand on his research, as this will also be a hands-on experience of looking through the Association and Divisional Minute Books for the years 1914 – 1925 for any references made to the Great War

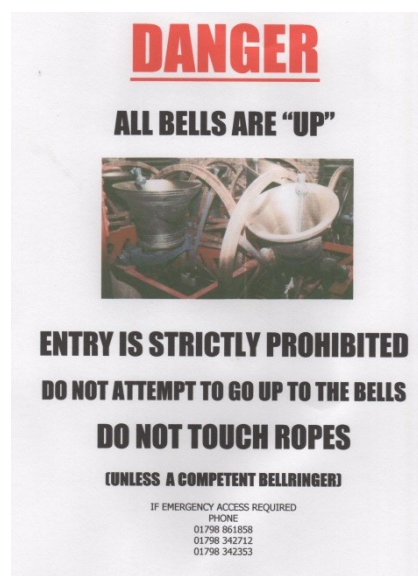
Saturday 8 February 2014 @ 10.30 am followed by the usual homemade soup and a ploughman’s lunch at the library at Oaklands, West Chilmington Lane, nr Billingshurst RH14 9EA.

Contact: Stella Bianco (Librarian) on 01403 740010 or library@scacr.org

When did you last review your tower notices?

There have been occasions of contractors or others not taking any notice of the typical “BELLS UP” signage, possibly because they and other church officers don’t always understand its full meaning.

There was an occasion recently, despite the notices, of a contractor climbing through the bell frame with the bells “up” to do some work. The person didn’t understand what the signs meant and did not appreciate the potential danger once up in the tower. This despite his “boss” being told not to go up to



the bells, a communication breakdown!

It may well be time to consider some stronger warnings regarding entrance to the bellchamber, with contact numbers, and also to look at the feasibility of locking access on the occasions that bells do need to be left “up”. This is the notice we are now using at Petworth.

Geoff Rix

Advance Notice

The Eastern Division outing this year will be to the Exeter area from Friday May 2nd to Monday May 5th. As usual please make your own arrangements for accommodation and full details of the towers will be published in the next newsletter. Over the weekend there will opportunity to ring at a variety of towers, so as a member of the Eastern Division please make every effort to attend. Ringing over the weekend will be pitched to meet the ability of the ringers present, from rounds and upwards. One highlight will be ringing for evensong at Exeter Cathedral on the Sunday. If you have not been on these outings before and would like to know more please call Marion Hollands.

Eastern Division Annual Divisional Meeting

As detailed above, the ADM will be at Sedlescombe on 22nd February. This is your chance to nominate and to vote for someone to **any** post on the Eastern Division Committee for the coming year. All the posts and the current holders are detailed in your 2013 handbook.

The committee work to put on events and practises in the Division over the year. Ideally committee members from all parts of the Division are preferable.

You will note from your handbook that last year the position of Publicity Officer and Education Officer remained vacant. At this ADM several other current members are not intending to seek re election. So, please consider if you can help.

“A vision for the SCACR” - The way forward

By now you should all be fully aware of the work currently being undertaken by a county wide working party to explore possible changes to the structure of the current Divisional make up for the ringing in Sussex together with a ‘root and branch’ review of procedures and rules.

Full details of the current position with this project are detailed on the SCACR Web site. You are encouraged, if you have not already done so to read this so you can fully understand

the major changes that are being proposed that will directly affect the way ringing is structured and the impact it may have on you and your tower.

Whilst it is proposed that the format of divisions is to remain initially for a year the plan is to dispense with the Divisional Structure, and replace with ringing organised and run by the ringers themselves on a very much more localised basis. Each grouping will be called a hub and each hub will need to elect a leader to organise and manage the ringing for their particular group.

In addition there will be four other teams at a County level to oversee the general functions currently managed by your Divisional Committee. For example, instead of a local 'Look To' newsletter there will be just one county wide newsletter.

It is understood that at least one other Division is firmly against any significant change. At the last Eastern Division business meeting when this was discussed in detail there were views both for and against the proposal.

There is to be an extraordinary meeting of the General Committee later this month. It is understood that subject to the outcome of this meeting in relation to the proposals there may be a resolution included at the AGM in May. In the meantime for 2014 we continue as before.

If you have any views, either for or against, please speak with a committee member. Please also note the AGM date of 2nd May and if there is to be a vote on a change, make your view known by attending. Whatever the outcome, with either the current format or a revised structure there will be a need for ringers to come forward to join either a Divisional Committee or to be part of a hub arrangement in your own locality or even be part of a county wide team. Please consider which structure best meets your needs.

Next Edition

Any items for the next edition of Look To could you please let me have by February 28th sec-east@scacr.org

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Eastern Division Secretary

