

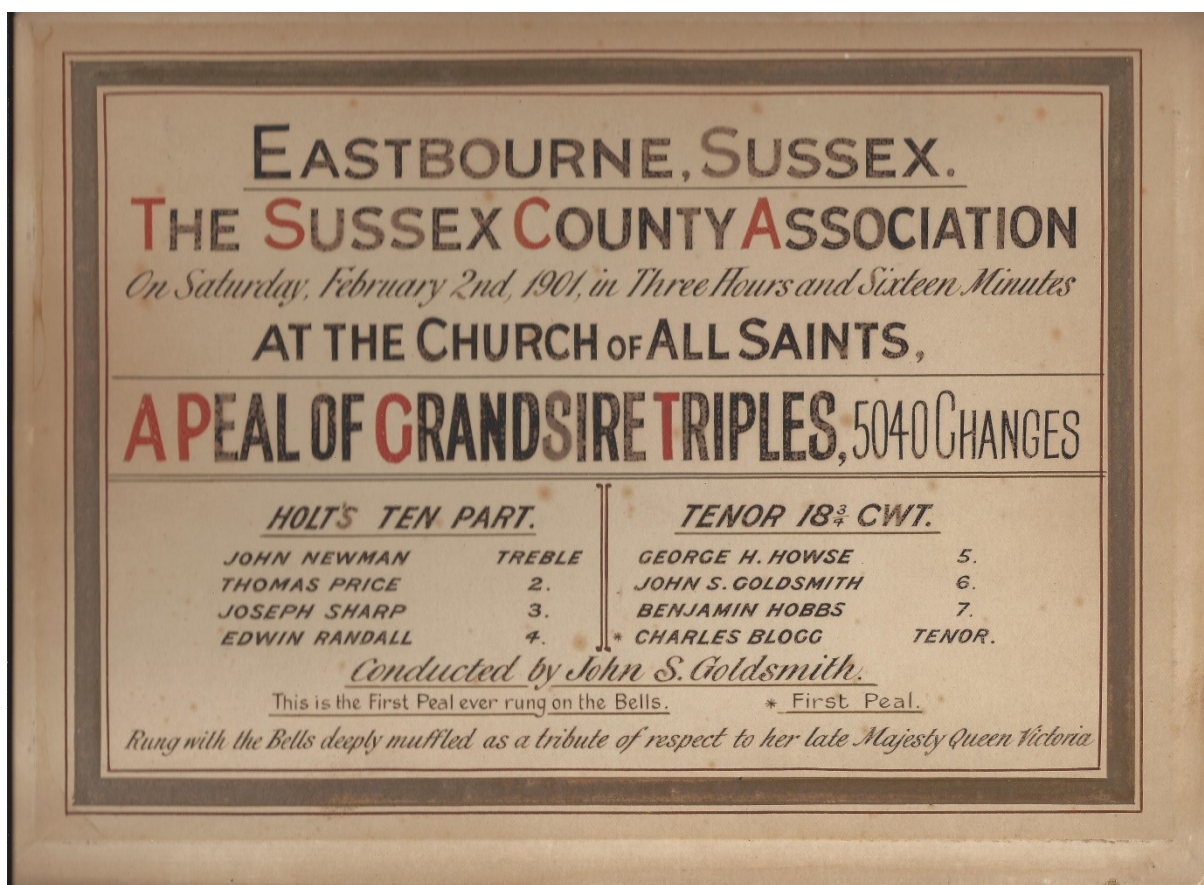
Back in Eastbourne after 113 Years!!!

I received an email at the beginning of February from some Canadian Visitors to Brighton telling me that they had a letter and a historic document that a friend wanted them to bring to All Saints' Eastbourne.

The items arrived about a week later in the post in the post..

The historic document [attached] is a framed Peal Record Card celebrating the first peal at All Saints rung on 2 February 1901.

Apparently, it ended up in a second-hand store in Canada. A lady called Betty Limley purchased the card and treasured it for years before deciding to send it home to Eastbourne.



The conductor is the famous John Sparkes Goldsmith from Southover who went on to found the Ringing World.

I would love to know more about the card's journey to Canada.

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Exeter Outing.

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 are in listed below. 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 contact Marion Hollands.

Programme 2nd May 2014 – 5th May 2014

Friday 7.30 Cadbury

Saturday 3rd 9.45 Crediton
 11.15 Shoebrooke
 12.30 Thorveton
 2.45 Silverton
 4.15 Bradninch
 5.30 Collumpton

Sunday 4th 9.20 St Peter's Tiverton
 12.00 St Thomas Exeter
 1.30 St Petrock Exeter
 2.30 Exeter Cathedral
 16.45 Pinhoe Exeter

Monday 5th 9.45 St Paul Tiverton
 11.00 Stoodleigh
 12.30 Washfield

The Cost of the weekend is £20.00 per person

SCACR AGM 10th May

10am – 11am Ringing at Barcombe
10.30am – 11.30am Ringing at Little Horsted
11am – 12 noon Ringing at Maresfield

12.30 – 1.30pm Buffet Lunch at The Belmont Centre Uckfield

2pm - 4pm AGM
4pm Ringing at Uckfield
5pm Service at Church of the Holy Cross Uckfield.

Names for lunch to Claire Cullen sec-south@scacr.org or telephone 01273 474114.

Westham Ringers.

The Ringers of Westham are holding another quiz on Saturday March 8th 2014 in the village hall: £6.00 per person to include a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks and tea and coffee will be provided. They are also having an open afternoon on Saturday 3rd May. To find out more contact Meg on 01323 761019

News from the SCACR library.

The Open Morning attracted 15 people interested in Alan Seymour's WW1 Sussex Roll of Honour and his research.

The Horsham and Warnham ringers discussed the confusion over the Warnham ringers, who doubled as Horsham ringers, pre- and post- WW1, as Horsham tower was unaffiliated to the Association from c1909 'til c1926.

Alan Baldock brought along his personal Annual Reports for 1914-18 and revealed the discovery of more names. The peal pages are missing from some of the Library copies of the annual reports, so this was important!

The other popular topic was about when ladies started to ring, so Rosemary Cox was able to promote The Ladies' Guild and Margaret Oram looked up a peal in the History of the Ladies' Guild that she'd rung in 1966.

The buzz of conversation increased considerably before we broke for Judy's homemade soup and a ploughman's lunch.

The Library now holds DVDs of The Bell News 1881-1915, The Ringing World 1911-1970 and Annual Reports from 1885 to date, should you wish to discover more about your home tower and its ringers.

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St. George's Day.

Dear Secretaries, I wrote just before Christmas to again request your kind help in encouraging your towers to join in and ring out on April 23rd. We are now in our fourth year and how well so many of you have contributed to creating a growing and successful campaign for St. George's Day. The point of this letter to you is to spur you on and to help support and encourage even more ringers to take part.

As I write Burns Night is being celebrated and so it should. But on April 23rd England has a double act for it not only is St. George's Day but Shakespeare's Day and how proud we should all be of such an inheritance. It is a sad reflection on our times that a BBC Cricket correspondent when asked recently by his Australian counterpart 'How do the English celebrate their national day?' he meekly replied, for all the world to hear as it was going live, that nothing much happened and that, as a nation, we really didn't do anything in particular. So this is the key to why Ringing for England was formed. Such is the growing interest by the general public that a PR company has most generously come forward to help broadcast the efforts made by all bell ringers to a far wider audience and engage with people of note to help spread the word. And part of this exercise is to engage and inform people in the media (eg: cricket correspondents!) that most certainly something is very definitely happening. In turn this has a knock on benefit of reminding the public how fortunate they are to have in their midst so many volunteer bell ringers who form an integral part of our communities, which, again in turn, will hopefully encourage new ringers to come forward. The more towers that ring out the more the public will hear and the greater the campaign will become and then as night follows day we will have a truly nationwide event. This is such a worthwhile cause with a hugely untapped groundswell of public support which will be my role to play in and inform. I will keep you all informed of progress and in return, in order to help me help you, I would very much appreciate it if I was kept up to date with what the towers hope to do on the day. Last year more regional radio stations and regional newspapers covered the occasion than before. I am hoping with the PR company on board we can now inform a far wider nationwide audience and gain their support and goodwill.

Libby Alexander Ringing for England Campaign www.ringingforengland.co.uk

EASTERN DIVISION QUIZ – 2014

We will again be holding our General Knowledge Quiz during Holy Week. This will be the fourteenth year and the format will be similar to previous years.

The venue will be Hailsham Civic Community Hall Vicarage Lane, Hailsham. The date is Tuesday 15th April starting at 7.30 p.m.

Each team will consist of up to eight people. A tower can enter a complete team or if they cannot find enough people please still come along and we can 'make up' teams on the night.

The evening will include a fish and chip supper. Please speak with your tower Correspondant.

The cost will be £7.50 per team member to include the supper. Tea / Coffee will be provided with the supper. Please bring any other drinks, salt, vinegar, sauces, cutlery, etc. you require yourself.

Eastern Division Annual Divisional Meeting

In total over 40 ringers descended on Sedlescombe for this year's ADM. Ringing was varied catering for all those present and with such a number there was good opportunities to catch up with old friends in-between rings. Following the evensong service the local ringers had arranged a tea for those present. Many thanks to the local band for this.

The business meeting followed the usual format with Master Christine Baldock in the chair. It was good to have a number of new ringers to be elected to the association. Some were present to be awarded their membership certificates.

At the election of divisional officers the position of ringing Master and Deputy Ringing master were not filled. Initially the current secretary Marion Hollands stated she was not willing to stand and no other proposals were received. However later, Marion did agree to stand on the basis that the secretary duties she is required to undertake would mirror those currently outlined in the Association rules and that she would not be required to complete additional other duties as secretary that may be requested should the 'Vision Proposal' go ahead.

The role of both publicity officer and education officer were also unfilled.

If any Eastern Division member feels they would like to fill any of these vacant rolls or just assist generally as a committee member please do come forward.

The Master gave the meeting an update on the current position with the 'Vision Project' It was suggested that members might like to volunteer at the ADM to fill places on the proposed new county wide teams. However after a proposal from the floor was carried that this action was not appropriate as the ringing membership had not yet approved the 'Vision' changes no volunteers were called for.

In the absence of a Publicity Officer the 'Look To' newsletter will now be published quarterly rather than six times a year as currently the case.

Please see below the new committee -

Ringling Master - Vacant

Assistant Ringing Master - Vacant

Secretary - Marion Hollands- seceast@scacr.org

Treasurer - David Hollands – As Marion

Publicity Officer - Vacant

Education Officer - Vacant

BRF Rep - Nicky Twort- brf-east@scacr.org

Committee Members - Frances Bradford - francesbradford@scacr.org

Nick Cant - nickcant@fsmail.net

Quarter Peal Week.

Please see attachment detailing the quarter peal's rung that were sent in to The Secretary

SCACR Clothing.

A range of clothing is available with embroidered SCACR logo. Polos, T-shirts, fleeces, sweat shirts, etc. in many different colours and all sizes. Order from Adele Potton on 01798 875514, or by emailing SCACRclothing@potton.myzen.co.uk

The full range of clothing is available on the supplier's website: www.ricara.co.uk/. Please note that the prices quoted exclude the cost of embroidery, VAT and postage so please contact Adele prior to placing the order to be quoted the final price. Once an order has been placed, the items are non refundable and non exchangeable. All orders must go through Adele and not direct to the company.

The prices on the SCACR website exclude VAT, embroidery charges and P&P; final prices can either be obtained from Adele. The next deadline for orders is 30 April.

Next Edition

Any items for the next edition of Look To could you please let me know by May 20th.

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Marion Hollands

Eastern Division Secretary