

Northern News



The Northern Division Newsletter
May/June 2014

Dates for Your Diary

MAY

Saturday 3 rd	Two Towers Walk - Charlwood/Newdigate - full details on page2		
Monday 5 th	BANK HOLIDAY - No Ringing		
Saturday 10 th	SCACR AGM - Uckfield (see page 3 for further details)		
<i>Nos for lunch to Clare Cullen sec-south@scacr.org by 7th May, please</i>			
Monday 12 th	Treble Bob Minor Practice	Ardingly	7.30pm
Monday 19 th	Surprise Major Practice	Coleman's Hatch	7.30pm
Monday 26 th	BANK HOLIDAY - No Ringing		

JUNE

Monday 2 nd	Elementary Practice	Rusper	7.30pm
Saturday 7 th	Northern Division Outing to Isle of Thanet (note change of date!)		
<i>Names for lunch to Rachel Edwards ed-north@scacr.org by 4th June, please</i>			
Monday 9 th	Stedman Evening	Balcombe	7.30pm
Monday 16 th	Surprise Major Practice	Fairwarp	7.30pm
Monday 23 rd	10-Bell Practice	East Grinstead	7.30pm
Monday 30 th	Quarter Peal (time and venue to be arranged)		

JULY

Saturday 5 th	Ringing and BBQ afternoon/evening at Cowfold from 4pm		
<i>Names/Numbers to Anne Ekins sec-north@scacr.org by 2nd July, please</i>			
Monday 7 th	Elementary Practice	West Hoathly	7.30pm
Monday 14 th	Treble Bob Minor	West Grinstead	7.30pm
Monday 21 st	Surprise Major Practice	Turners Hill	7.30pm
Monday 28 th	10-Bell Practice	Warnham	7.30pm

AUGUST

No Monday practices but quarter peals can be arranged



Saturday 5th July 2014

4pm-5pm Ringing at Cowfold
followed by
BBQ & Games at Anne Ekins' house
(Burgers and sausages only for sale)

Nos. to Anne Ekins sec-north@scacr.org by 2nd July

Two Towers Walk with Style & lots of stiles!!

Sat. 3rd May 2014



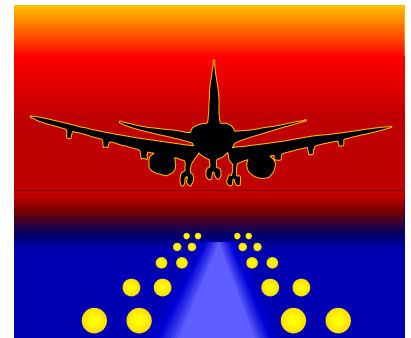
9.45am-10.15am Ringing at Charlwood
*Park to the west of the church in Glovers Road
but please park thoughtfully!*

Walk (about three miles) to
The Six Bells, Newdigate for lunch
(their light lunches are "substantial")

1.45pm-2.15pm Ringing at Newdigate
Walk back to Charlwood (another 3 miles)

Special features on the walk:

There will be plenty of plane-spotting - Llamas
(or they might be alpacas) - loads of bluebells
(but remember the Bluebell Walk in 2011?) - a
couple of Harrier Jump Jets and, of course,
- Pleasant Company -



Other things to bring with you:

Stout footwear - Plastic carrier bags to put over
muddy boots when going into pub -
Small donation for towers -
plus spending money (for lunch and a beer or two?)

The walk will be led by Ian Wiltshire.
Please let Anne Ekins know by
Thursday 1st May if you will be going
sec-north@scacr.org



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*Northern Division Outing
to the Isle of Thanet, Kent*

Saturday 7th June 2014

Ringling at:

10am Otham (6) and 11.45am Monkton (4)

L U N C H

2.30pm Minster in Thanet (5)

3.25pm Chislet (6) and 4.25pm Herne (8)

Numbers for lunch to Rachel Edwards before Monday 2nd June 2014
(menu will be available when the venue has been decided)

Please car share in order to take as few cars as possible. Thank you.

Richard Hutchings richard.a.hutchings@btinternet.com

and

Rachel Edwards ed-north@scacr.org

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SCACR AGM - Saturday 10th May 2014

Open Ringing at the following Towers:

10am-11am Barcombe

10.30am-11.30am Little Horsted

11am-12 noon Maresfield

12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch at The Belmont Centre, Uckfield

2pm-4pm Annual General Meeting

4pm Ringing at Uckfield

5pm Service at Church of the Holy Cross, Uckfield

Names for buffet lunch to Clare Cullen by Wednesday 7th May, please
sec-south@scacr.org or telephone 01273-474114.

The Belmont Centre is next to the church in Uckfield. Parking at main car park off the High Street via Library Way. Satnav TN22 1AR

**** there will be a sale by auction of SCACR stock clothing during coffee ****

Horsham/Warnham Social Event



Skittles Team l-r: Tom, Val, Steph, Richard, Rachel & Steph's Dad.

On Friday 28th March 2014 some 30 people, almost all active bell ringers from Horsham and Warnham, gathered at The Fountain Inn at Ashurst to take part in a skittles contest. The idea had been hatched by Tom Sibley and Sandra Alford. Val Burgess (Tower Captain, Horsham) and Sandra (Tower Captain, Warnham) ensured a very smoothly run procession of participants. There was a wide range of ages and abilities (although not so many bricks left in the wall at the end of the alley) with high scores by, among others, Edward Woodward and Astrid Gale. Each tower fielded two teams and the end result was an honourable draw. Special thanks to Ian Smith from Horsham who for numbers' sake became 'Iona' for the night.

There was a mid-game break for the serving of an excellent meal on the long tables set up in the skittle alley itself. Altogether a most successful occasion with everyone having a very happy and jolly time, indeed mutterings have been heard for an old-fashioned Sports Day as the Summer Get Together - we're not competitive at all!!

Tony Jones, Horsham

Association Treasure Hunt and Fun Striking Competition
Saturday 12th July 2014 from 11am to 5pm
Alfriston

The striking competition is for individuals to come along and have fun. Teams will be selected randomly "out of the hat".

- Call Change and Change Ringing Competitions
- Judges, 2 Junior members, 1 French Person and 2 Houses.
- 11.00 - 1.00pm Open Ringing
- 1.30 Deadline for Striking Competition Entries
- 2.00- 5.00pm Striking Competition (allocated time slots)
- Treasure Hunt - running throughout the day
- Bell Meadow Mini Ring (Weather Permitting)
- All day Refreshments including Ploughman's Lunch
- Handbell Ringing
- Ringing Exhibition
- National Trust Clergy House open (normal charges apply)

Come along and have a fun day. Further information available from:
lindaperkins151@aol.com or Pauline Kennard Pauline.kennard@googlemail.com

This is the last Northern News!



Yes, this is the last Northern News that I will be producing. If you remember, I stood down as Publicity Officer at the ADM in February.

Northern Division therefore needs someone to put together a newsletter every two months commencing with the July/August edition. Could this be you?? If you are interested - or know anyone who may be prepared to take on the role - please contact Anne Ekins as soon as possible. sec-north@scacr.org.
Thank you.

May Littleton

St Mary's, Balcombe

The bells of St Mary's are ringing again! Work was finally completed on Monday 17th March when Whitechapel returned with the headstock from the third bell in the ring of eight and fitted it, thus completing the work. This had held things up a bit when it was discovered that this headstock had a loose gudgeon pin (these stick out of the ends of the headstock and allow the bell to swing). The main bearings are mounted on the gudgeon pin and these proved difficult to remove, but were due for replacement. In the event, the Bluebell Railway came to the rescue and got the bearings off in their heavy engineering workshop at Sheffield Park, but could not replace the gudgeon itself, so new ones had to be made and fitted to the headstock at Whitechapel.



St Mary's Church in Balcombe, circa 2000

Thanks go to Steve Check at the Bluebell Railway for their help, also, in no small way, to the Sussex Ringers Bell Restoration Fund helpers, Graham Hills (Goring), Mike Cattell (Horsham) and David Cragg (Ditchling) who gave up a whole week to help with the work and keep the costs down, not to mention Alan Seymour of Burgess Hill, who helped when the headstock came back and also came back a week later to help with adjusting the ropes. You'll also be pleased to hear that our appeal for people to come forward and learn to ring has been heeded by one lady, new to Balcombe, who is now learning to ring. On or two more would be good! We practise from 7.30pm-9pm every Tuesday.

John Moore

A new event for the Association.....

A SEMINAR/DISCUSSION MEETING

for anyone who has responsibility for, or an interest in, organising ringing. We especially hope that **Tower Captains** will come along but anyone interested is welcome. This will take place **on FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 7pm to 9pm** at **Hurstpierpoint Village Centre**.

There will be presentations on the following topics followed by questions and answers:

- Top tips for running a successful ringing practice
- Teaching techniques and resources
- Recruitment and retention of ringers
- Tower maintenance and ensuring a safe environment
- Communicating with your Vicar and PCC.

Please let me know if you would like to attend, or want further information so that enough refreshments can be provided (wine, juice, nibbles) Anne Franklin 01273 813189 education@scacr.org

Warnham Birthdays

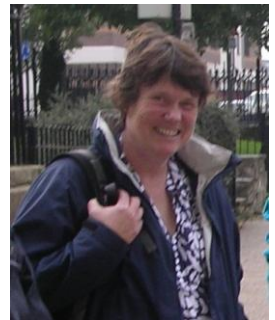
Warnham like to party so when two of our ringers realised they were both celebrating a particular special age within a month of each other, the idea of finishing practice early to eat cake and drink bubbles was muted. Indeed, some ringers have suggested we do this more often! Karen White and Ann Lloyd have both rung at Warnham for just a little while now and it was lovely to share their Diamond birthdays with them.



It seemed fitting that we also marked the occasions with some sort of ringing so two local quarter peals were rung at St Margaret's, Warnham

Sunday 16th March, 1250 Sixtieth Surprise Major
1 Jeremy White, 2 Sandra Alford, 3 Karen White, 4 Margaret Oram,
5 Ian Oram, 6 Simon Alford (C), 7 Jeremy Alford, 8 Edward Woodward

Rung to celebrate Karen's special birthday



Friday 4th April, 12'60' Plain Bob Minor

1 Karen White, 2 Ann Lloyd, 3 Judith Alford, 4 Isabel Woodward, 5 Margaret Oram (C), 6 Sandra Alford

Rung by a St Margaret's ladies band to celebrate Ann's 60th birthday.

Sandra Alford, Warnham

THE VISION AT THE AGM

The Vision Working Party have spent the past year looking at how we can ensure that our Association achieves its aims in the 21st Century.

The proposals for change have been discussed at local meetings and by the General Committee and a new set of rules have been developed: these will be presented for consideration by all members at the AGM on 10th May at Uckfield.

A full set of the the rules and accompanying notes are available from the website and sent to each tower correspondent by post. If you would like your own copy ahead of the AGM, please contact Marisa Hayes - 01273 812790 or secretary@scacr.org

CODGERS 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 (except last) : East Grinstead : Slinfold : Withyham

Thursday:- Crawley : Fairwarp : Hartfield : Lower Beeding : Rusper : Warnham : West Grinstead : West Hoathly : Worth

Friday:- Bolney : Coleman's Hatch : Cuckfield : Fletching : Itchingfield : Slaugham

Contact details for the Northern Division Committee

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Committee Members:	Rosie Gregory		na444@btinternet.com
	Jo Faircloth		jo@jofaircloth.co.uk
	Richard Hutchings		richard.a.hutchings@btinternet.com
	Angela Cash		

Publicity Officer Vacancy - Northern Division

The Publicity Officer is responsible for co-ordinating publicity via: (a) Information to Divisional Members (Northern News & posters for divisional events) (b) Information to Other Ringers (eg via Soundbow) and (c) Information to the General Public (local radio, newspapers or other media, open days, fetes, etc.) or two people could share this post.

Northern News should contain dates of forthcoming events, items of news and general interest, reports of Divisional meetings, etc. It is published six times a year and is circulated to members via the database administrator with a further 75 copies being sent by post - a task which could be delegated to someone else. There are no rules about how Northern News should look so you can make it as plain or fancy as you wish.

The pay is on the poor side of bad - just the occasional pat on the back!

If you are interested, please let Anne Ekins sec-north@scacr.org or any other member of the committee know as soon as possible, please. Thanks!