

SallyForth

Western District Newsletter August/September 2015



Diary of Events

August

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| Saturday 1 st | Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623 | Findon (<i>this month only</i>) | 9.30am |
| Wednesday 5 th | Codgers | Hellingly (tbc) Hailsham (tbc) | 11am - 12.15pm 2pm - 3.30pm |
| Friday 7 th | Basic 8 Bell Practice | Arundel | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 8 th | Evening Ring and Get-together | Heene | 6pm |
| Friday 21 st | Advanced 8 Bell Practice | Westbourne | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 22 nd | Surprise Minor Practice | Walberton | 10.30am |

September

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| Wednesday 2 nd | Codgers | To be arranged | 11am - 12.15pm 2pm - 3.30pm |
| Friday 4 th | Basic 8 Bell Practice | Arundel | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 5 th | Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first on 01903 872623 | Washington | 9.30am |
| Saturday 12 th | Afternoon Practice and Get-together | Upper Beeding | 3pm |
| Friday 18 th | Advanced 8 Bell Practice | Westbourne | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 26 th | Surprise Minor Practice | Walberton | 10.30am |

Saturday Get-togethers

**EVENING RING AT
ST BOTOLPH'S, HEENE**
Saturday 8th August 2015 at 6pm

**AFTERNOON RING AT
ST PETER'S, UPPER BEEDING**
Saturday 12th September 2015 at 3pm
Tea 4.30pm

All names for tea please to Jack Burton
tel 01243 374937 or e-mail sec-west@scacr.org
by 10th September

*Ringers of all abilities are welcome, so please feel
free to come along*



St Botolph's, Heene

Many thanks to everyone who sent in items for the newsletter. Your input is greatly appreciated.
Please send your contributions for the next edition to Margo and Liz at our gmail address, as before,
or via news-west@scacr.org by **15th November 2015**. Thank you.

Regular Practices

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| Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first | 1 st Saturday of every month | Christine Butterfield | 01903 872623 |
| Basic 8 Bell Practice | 1 st Friday of every month | Colin Spencer | 01243 824952 |
| Advanced 8 Bell Practice | 3 rd Friday of every month | Colin Spencer | 01243 824952 |
| Surprise Minor Practice | 4 th Saturday of every month | Graham Hills | 01903 266980 |
| Codgers Practice | 1 st Wednesday of every month | Mike Foster codgers@scacr.org | 01903 741664 |

Looking Ahead

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| 10 th October 2015 | Afternoon ring at Westbourne (tbc) |
| 30 th - 31 st October 2015 | Annual Ringing Course |
| 14 th November 2015 | Half-muffled ringing and service at Kirdford (tbc) |
| 12 th December 2015 | Afternoon ring and carol service at Steyning (tbc) |
| 9 th January 2016 | Afternoon ring at Bosham (tbc) |
| 13 th February 2016 | Ringing and ADM at Billingshurst (tbc) |
| 12 th March 2016 | Ringing at Storrington, followed by Western Social (Quiz) at Pulborough (tbc) |

Scratchings from the Secretary – Jack Burton

Graham Hills, our previous District Ringing Master, became the new Association Ringing Master, being the single nominee at the elections at the AGM in May. The AGM was held at Hastings, which meant some long distance travelling for many of us in the Western District. Even so, we were very well represented in what was an otherwise poor turnout for an Association AGM. The Western District, as with all the other three districts, does not have a ringing master and therefore the conduction of practices etc is as agreed in February at the ADM. It is working well to date.

The idea of having Saturday morning gatherings does seem to be very popular. We had good turnouts at both Pulborough in April, and again in June at Milland. Subject to the agreement of the District Committee, these morning meetings will continue and may well increase in number. Please let the Secretary or any other member of the District Committee have your views on this and any other points in the programme you may wish to comment on.

The third Friday 8 bell Advanced Practice has now moved to Westbourne from Felpham and to date numbers attending have increased. The other regular practices are also thriving. It is good to see Christine Butterfield back after her illness and her classes going from strength to strength. If you wish to join one of her meetings, please contact her direct as her practices are geared to the requirements of the pupils. Helpers are also made very welcome, but again please contact her first.

The annual 'Walk and Ring', organised largely by Christine, this year started at Pulborough and finished at Wisborough Green. We had splendid weather and a reasonable turnout. In August we have an evening ring at Heene. This is another recently introduced event which makes use of the light evenings in the summer and is something different. Again we will see how popular they are as to whether we repeat them in the programme. Do keep the front page of Sally Forth to hand for coming events and do please attend them if you can. You will be made most welcome, and they cater for all levels of expertise unless the event is specifically named as a Surprise or Advanced practice. Watch out for the extra things which appear from time to time like the Raising and Lowering training we had at Shipley in June. There will be more.

On the pure Secretarial side, things are very much quieter than in previous years. The new rule whereby new members do not have to be elected is now working and once the Secretary has received the completed Proposal Form, the nominee is a member. A membership certificate will follow usually by the hand-of-ringer mail.

On the newsletter front, the alternating full and partial editions of Sally Forth will continue into the foreseeable future. The District Committee expressed an idea to list briefly the ringing events in other districts in each newsletter. This will require agreement of all districts and the Ringing Master was persuaded to investigate.

The Finance Committee has met on a couple of occasions to first agree a draft Financial Policy statement produced by the new Treasurer, Sue Gadd, and then to prepare it for its adoption, which took place at the General Meeting last May. This is now a working document and is on the web site for reference.

One last item for your consideration; it is time for nominations of candidates for the Michael Palmer award. Please let a member of the Committee have your proposal, with a simple statement about the candidate, by the beginning of November this year.

A Great Achievement by Sussex Young Ringers

Well done to the Sussex Young Ringers who tied in 2nd place in the Call Changes category of the Ringing World National Youth Contest, which was held in Oxford on 11th July. After Bedfordshire in first place with an A*, along with the Derbyshire YR, they achieved a Grade A, beating 13 other teams.

Congratulations to all!

Bell ropes! – Geoff Rix, Petworth

I recently replaced two of our top ends with pre-stretched polyester. Very good I thought, so time to do two more ropes.

However, a different batch of polyester and guess what, very slight stretch under load but one does notice it with nearly an inch of stretch at the sally.

So I thought let's give this new fibre, Dyneema, a go. (Dyneema is an Ultra High Molecular weight Polyethylene fibre developed by DSM in the Netherlands a little over 20 years ago.)

No stretch at all, lighter than polyester, stronger and like polyester, no water absorbance. What's more, it's a similar colour to hemp and splices much easier than polyester.

So in my book, forget polyester and go for Dyneema. Tower Essentials supplied me, they call it Superlative, but I guess a good yacht chandler would also supply.

Happy splicing!

Aldwick: Ringing for Anniversaries and Other Events – Alan Martin

Over the last few years there have been quite a few occasions demanding "special ringing". At Aldwick we rang for the London Olympics, HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Centenary of the start of World War I and this year, so far, we have rung for St George's Day, VE Day and, "three for the price of one" – Magna Carta, Battle of Waterloo and Sussex Day.

Obviously, members of the public will understand the significance of ringing on Sundays and for occasions such as weddings but we have felt for some time that, although "special ringing" is all well and good, do passers-by realise what is actually being celebrated? We therefore decided, with our Vicar's approval, to produce a board for display in the churchyard, facing the road on appropriate days. This board has permanent wording at the top reading: "Our bells will be rung today at" with sufficient space below to insert the commencement time and to describe what the "special ringing" is for.

The accompanying two photographs show our board as prepared for the WWI centenary and Magna Carta/Battle of Waterloo/Sussex Day.



Perhaps some other towers already do something similar and maybe more should consider doing so to keep local residents better informed about what, to some people, might otherwise appear to be just another ringing session.

We also have a good relationship with the local press: on several occasions a reporter/photographer has been sent along to the tower to talk to the tower captain and other ringers – coverage in the next edition of the newspaper usually results.

Training

Some very successful and enjoyable training sessions have been held recently.

At the end of May, a Kaleidoscope Ringing Course was run by Elaine Farrow at Billingshurst, taking ringers through various exercises such as place making, to help develop their bell control.

This was followed on 20th June by a Ringing Workshop held at Shipley, run by Graham Hills, focusing on 'Ringing Up and Ringing Down, and doing it in peal'. There were 6 active students, and a couple who wanted to learn but were incapacitated at the time, came to watch.



'Ringing Up and Ringing Down' Workshop at Shipley. Photos – Moya Hills

A very big 'thank you' to all involved in running these events, to all the helpers without whom they couldn't take place, and to Billingshurst and Shipley for allowing their towers to be used. Having a dumbbell at Shipley to practise on was very useful.

Also on the 20th June, a 'Minor' Workshop, run by Anne Franklin, took place at Hailsham,.

The following courses will be taking place at the end of October:



SCACR Ringing Courses

30th – 31st October 2015

They will be held at various towers
in the centre of the county

Apply Now!

Courses:

Developing Method Ringing Skills

Getting to Grips with Grandsire

Different Doubles

Starting Stedman

Treble Bob Hunting

Training the Trainers

Course application forms are available to download from the SCACR website,
or contact Anne Franklin tel 01273 813189 to reserve a place.

If you wish to be added to the list of helpers please e-mail education@scacr.org or training@scacr.org

OBITUARY: JOYCE MARRETT

Joyce sadly passed away on 16th June 2015, after a long battle with cancer. She and her husband Tony were two of several ringers who learnt to ring at Goring in 1999 after hearing about the 'Ring in 2000' campaign.

Due to her illness, Joyce had not been able to ring for some time, but in the past not only rang regularly at Goring for Sunday Services, Practices and Weddings, but also at Lyminster, Walberton and West Tarring. She also enjoyed ringing outings, and after she and Tony went on a holiday to Australia, was delighted to say that they had rung at the Bell Tower in Perth.

Tony came and listened in the churchyard at Goring to a quarter peal rung in celebration of Joyce's life on 28th June 2015.

St Mary's, Goring-by-Sea

on Sunday 28th June 2015

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Elizabeth Potter
- 2 Brenda Cox
- 3 Moya Hills
- 4 Irene Batchelor
- 5 Graham Hills (C)
- 6 Allen Monks

Rung in celebration of the life of Joyce Marrett, a ringer at this church, who died on 16th June 2015.

All Saints, Lindfield Bell Replacement Project

On August Bank Holiday Monday, 25 towers will be holding an open day to raise funds for All Saints, Lindfield Bell Replacement Project. They look forward to welcoming ringers from all over the country.

TOWERS OPEN DAY

in aid of All Saints, Lindfield Bell Replacement Project

Monday 31st August 2015

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| 10:00 | Warnham, St Margaret (10) | TQ159336 |
| 10:10 | Warnham, The Bell Meadow Belfry (10) | TQ161338 |
| 10:35 | Itchingfield (5) | TQ131289 |
| 11:00 | Shipley (6) | TQ145218 |
| 11:20 | West Grinstead (6) (G/F) | TQ170206 |
| 11:40 | Cowfold (6) (G/F) | TQ212226 |
| 12:00 | Lower Beeding (8) T | TQ220274 |
| 12:20 | Slaugham (8) (G/F) T R | TQ257280 |
| 12:40 | Bolney (8) (G/F) T | TQ261227 |
| 13:00 | Twineham (5) | TQ253199 |
| 13:20 | Hurstpierpoint (8) T | TQ279165 |
| 13:40 | Keymer (6) (G/F) | TQ315152 |
| 14:00 | Ditchling (8) (A/C) | TQ325152 |
| 14:20 | Wivelsfield (6) (G/F) | TQ338207 |
| 14:40 | Chailey (6) (G/F) | TQ392193 |
| 15:00 | Newick (6) (G/F) | TQ421208 |
| 15:20 | Maresfield (8) (G/F) | TQ465240 |
| 15:40 | Fairwarp (8) T | TQ466267 |
| 16:00 | Fletching (8) (G/F) | TQ428234 |
| 16:20 | Danehill (6) T | TQ402275 |
| 16:40 | Lindfield (8) T R | TQ348258 |
| 17:00 | Ardingly (6) | TQ339298 |
| 17:20 | West Hoathly (6) | TQ363325 |
| 17:40 | Turners Hill (8) (G/F) | TQ337353 |
| 18:00 | East Grinstead (12) | TQ396380 |



All towers will be open for one hour

Day Tickets £16 or £1 a tower.

T=Toilets available R=Refreshments available.

Further information from:

Richard Hutchings (01444 453466) or email lindfield@scacr.org

Sonia Rix receives her 50 year Membership Certificate

– *Graham Hills*

Sonia was presented with her 50 year Association Membership Certificate during the evening meal at The Drovers Pub in Liss, after Petworth's outing. She said that the 50 years had gone very quickly, and it didn't seem that long ago that George Jennings was encouraging her at Crawley.

Sonia learnt to ring at St Mark's, Darling Point in Sydney, but after returning to the UK, ventured up Crawley tower after hearing only seven bells ringing for a wedding one Saturday afternoon!



Walk and Ring

Moya Hills sent in these photos of the annual Walk and Ring, which took place this year on 11th July. It started with ringing at St Mary's, Pulborough, followed by a walk to Wisborough Green, with an opportunity to visit Lordings Lock on the Arun and Wey canal on route. After lunch more ringing took place at St Peter ad Vincula's, Wisborough Green.



Angmering & Findon Bellringers – Ringing for VE Day Anniversary - *Raymond Bivand*

Saturday 9 May 2015 - To mark the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), the church bells were rung in Angmering and Findon, along with the bells from many other churches in cities, towns and villages across the country.

At 11am the bells rang out over Angmering from St Margaret's church for about half an hour. As well as rounds and call changes, there was some plain hunting followed by Grandsire doubles. The ringers were George Coulson (tower captain), Helen Bickers and Harry, Ken Black, Dave Bowerman, Shirley Hamilton and Raymond Bivand.

Just after 11.30am, we left Angmering for the short journey to Findon where we rang the bells at St John the Baptist church for some 20 minutes. The ringers here were Shirley Hamilton on the treble, Raymond Bivand on the number two bell, Ken Black on number three, David Bowerman on four, Barbara Harbut (tower captain) on five, and George Coulson on the tenor bell. We started off in rounds and then launched into Bob doubles, finishing with some rounds and call changes.

We all enjoyed the ringing and hope that all the people who heard the bells enjoyed them too while thinking about the celebrations 70 years ago.

St Mary's Church, Thakeham – Christine Hounslow

There has been a Church on this site since 1086, and Rectors mentioned from 1208.

In 1724 there were just 4 bells. Three were recast in 1748 and the fourth in 1775. A 5th bell was added in 1809. All were recast in 1925, and in 1948 a new Treble was added, bringing the total to 6 bells.

This year, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day, all Churches were invited to ring on 9th May, as part of the national celebrations. Thakeham Tower Captain and Band Conductor, Roger Watts, was unable to ring as he was recovering from recent surgery, so the Divisional Education Officer kindly stepped in as Guest Conductor, and the band rang the bells between 10.30am and 11.00am.

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| 1 Barry Paey | 2 Christine Butterfield |
| 3 Christine Hounslow | 4 Valerie Bellas |
| 5 Adrian Miller | 6 John Bentley |
- Karen Miller was on standby

The Band was pleased to have represented Thakeham in the national celebrations.

The Collation and Induction of the Reverend Derek Spencer as Rector

On 30th June 2015 there was a Eucharist service, with the Collation of the Reverend Derek Spencer as Rector of The Benefice of St Mary's, Sullington and St Mary's, Thakeham by the Right Reverend Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, and the Induction by the Venerable Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Hastings.

The Thakeham Bellringers rang before and after the service.

- 1 Roger Watts
- 2 Lee Smith
- 3 Christine Hounslow
- 4 Mike Carey
- 5 Barry Paey
- 6 John Bentley



The Right Reverend Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester met with, and thanked the bellringers for their dedication, and contribution to the service.

It was both a pleasure and a privilege for the Thakeham Bellringers to have been a part of such a joyous occasion.

Quarter Peals

St Mary's, Pulborough

16th April 2015
1282 Annabel Delight Major

- 1 Mike Etherington
- 2 Anne Franklin
- 3 Sandra Alford
- 4 Ian Oram
- 5 Jeremy Alford
- 6 Graham Cannings
- 7 Simon Alford
- 8 Bill Avenell (C)*

**First in method as conductor*

Rung to celebrate the birth of Annabel Catherine Ansell, born on the 4/8/14. Grand Daughter of the Conductor

St Bartholomew's, Rogate

18th April 2015
1260 Doubles - 660 Grandsire,
480 Bob Doubles & 120 April Day

- 1 David Hughes
- 2 Ron Tipper
- 3 Grahame Cane
- 4 Brian Underwood
- 5 Darren Woodyer (C)
- 6 Barry Wateridge

Rung at the celebration of the life of Helena Annie Beach, 23rd September 1918 to 26th March 2015. Wife of Bert Bleach MBE, ex tower captain at Rogate

St Mary's, Walberton

23rd April 2015
1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 David Hall
- 2 Jane Deadman
- 3 Susan Spencer
- 4 Colin Spencer (C)
- 5 Hamish McNaughton
- 6 Nick Deadman

For St. George's Day, in the vain hope of being broadcast by the BBC for the One Show!

St Nicholas, Arundel

28th April 2015
1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Anna Hall*
- 2 David Hall
- 3 Sylvia Hartigan*
- 4 Graham Hills
- 5 Colin Spencer (C)
- 6 Chris Dart

**First quarter*

**First inside*

To celebrate the completion of restoration work on the bells at Arundel, rung by local ringers and helpers. Also 50th birthday compliment to Teresa Kendall, sister of 3, prime mover of the fundraising for the work, now moved to Devon.

Chichester Cathedral

2nd May 2015
1250 Glasgow S Major

- 1 Keith Game
- 2 Hamish McNaughton
- 3 Alison Hunt
- 4 Jane Deadman
- 5 Ewan Grant-Richardson*
- 6 Ian Hunt
- 7 Colin Spencer (C)
- 8 Nick Deadman

**1st of Glasgow*

Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their daughter this morning. Also to welcome Jacob Mumford, born on 23rd April, to Andrew and Hannah.

St Mary's, Pulborough

3rd May 2015
1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Debora Wickens*
- 2 Brenda Etherington
- 3 Bill Avenell
- 4 Brian Nulty
- 5 Mike Etherington (C)
- 6 Paul Wickens*

**First quarter*

Rung to celebrate the birth of the new Princess, born on the 2nd May, a daughter for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and a sister for Prince George.

St Mary's, Storrington10th May 2015Mixed doubles - St Simon's, Reverse
Canterbury, Bob Doubles, Grandsire

- 1 Ian Wadey
- 2 Katherine P. Davies
- 3 Michael G. Foster
- 4 Alan J. Taylor
- 5 Nigel Boorman (C)
- 6 Steve Swyer

Rung to celebrate 70th Anniversary of
VE Day**St Mary's, Goring-by-Sea**

10th May 2015

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Margaret Grundy
- 2 Brenda Cox
- 3 Jo Cheng
- 4 Rik Clay
- 5 Graham Hills (C)
- 6 Irene Batchelor

Rung to commemorate the 70th
Anniversary of VE Day.**St Mary's, Storrington**

17th May 2015

Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Laura Wadey
 - 2 Sheila R. Foster
 - 3 Katherine P. Davies
 - 4 Alan J. Taylor
 - 5 Nigel Boorman
 - 6 Michael G. Foster (C)
- Rung to mark the retirement of
Rev Roger Watts after 5 years of
dedicated ministry as assistant priest.

Chichester Cathedral6th June 2015

1280 Superlative S Major

- 1 Peter Watson
- 2 Susan Spencer
- 3 Jane Deadman
- 4 Margaret Sherwood
- 5 Phil Down
- 6 Keith Game
- 7 Colin Spencer (C)
- 8 Nick Deadman

To celebrate the marriage of Luis
Altamirano-Arias-Smith and Jennifer
Arias-Smith, daughter of Cathedral
ringer Mike Smith, on May 2nd. The
newly-weds and family listened to the
quarter from the Bishop's Palace
Garden.

St Nicholas, Arundel16th June 2015

1280 Cambridge S. Major

- 1 Margaret Sherwood
- 2 Jane Deadman
- 3 Phil Down
- 4 Peter Wilkinson
- 5 Graham Hills
- 6 Mike Wake
- 7 Colin Spencer (C)
- 8 Geoff Rix

Following the completion of
restoration work on the bells at
Arundel, to allow more of the helpers
to participate. Also 65th birthday
compliments to Colin Spencer (3rd
June).

Chichester Cathedral4th July 2015

1280 Cambridge S Major

- 1 Andrew Mumford
- 2 Keith Game
- 3 Hamish McNaughton
- 4 Mike Wake
- 5 Nick Deadman
- 6 Mike Smith
- 7 Colin Spencer (C)
- 8 Ewan Grant-Richardson

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WESTERN DIVISION PRACTICE NIGHTS

You'll always be welcome on practice nights at other towers in the division, but it might be an idea to check before you get there!

Monday: Aldingbourne, Arundel (2nd & 4th) & Lyminster (1st & 3rd), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

Tuesday: Aldwick, Findon (2nd & 4th), Fittleworth, Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington & Wisborough Green (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Milland, Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm - 1st only) & Upper Beeding

Thursday: Angmering (2nd, 4th & 5th), Bosham, Easebourne (1st & 3rd), Findon (1st & 3rd), Midhurst (2nd & 4th), Petworth, Steyning & Walberton

Friday: Amberley, Rogate & Storrington

Other Towers: Fernhurst (3), Lodsworth & Trotton (4)