

Northern News



The Northern District Newsletter
April-May 2016

Dates for Your Diary

April

Saturday 9th	Horsham Festival of Bells	Horsham	All day
Monday 11 th	Advanced Practice	Slaugham	19:30 - 21:00
*Wednesday 20 th	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Monday 25 th	General Practice	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00

May

Monday 9th	Advanced Practice	Coleman's Hatch	19:30 - 21:00
Saturday 14th	Ringling, Service, Lunch & SACAR AGM	Ardingly	11.00 - 15:00
	General Ringing	Cuckfield	10.00 - 10.45
	General Ringing	Balcombe	10.30 - 11.15
*Wednesday 18 th	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Monday 23 rd	General Practice	Horsham	19:30 - 21:00

June

Saturday 4th	Two Towers Walk	Pulborough	TBC
Monday 13th	Advanced Practice	Withyham	19:30 - 21:00
*Wednesday 15 th	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Monday 27 th	General Practice	East Grinstead	19:30 - 21:00

*East Grinstead Advanced Practices

Please note due to structural work on the Tower ringing is cancelled. The band hope to resume ringing for Easter Sunday, so Wednesday advanced practices should go ahead. Please check the SCACR website for updates.

Northern District Regular Practices - 2nd and 4th Monday Evenings

Organised by Neil Dobson practice-north@scacr.org. 2nd Monday - Advanced Practice (mostly Surprise Minor/Major) and 4th Monday - General 10/12 Bell (rounds onwards).

Northern District Focused Practices - 1st or 3rd Monday Evenings or Saturday Mornings

More focused practices (e.g. ringing up/down in peal, Plain Bob). Let us know what you'd like via sec-north@scacr.org or 01403 268512.

Northern District Gatherings - 1st Saturday of each month.

There is always a social element (as well as ringing!), e.g. coffee and cake, or pub lunch. The ringing is rounds upwards, so there's something for everyone. Why not bring a friend?!

Find out what other districts get up to

Anyone can attend any district's events, not just those in their own district. For more information about what's on, have a look on the calendar on the website

<http://www.scacr.org/scacr-calendar> or sign up for other districts' newsletters database@scacr.org.

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New odd-struckness meter available to borrow

The Association has purchased an odd-struckness meter, which can be used to measure and quantify how odd-struck bells are. This is very useful for adjusting bells to minimise odd-struckness. The meter can be borrowed for a donation to the Bell Restoration Fund (£5 suggested donation); please email David Kirkcaldy for more information david.kirky@gmail.com

SACAR Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Saturday 14th May, Ardingly

10:00-10:45 Cuckfield - open ringing
10:30-11:15 Balcombe - open ringing
11:00-12:00 Ardingly church - open ringing
12:00-12:30 Ardingly church - service
12:30 Ardingly hall - Ploughman's lunch (names to sec-north@scacr.org by Wed 11th May)
13.30 AGM (including election of Association Officers)

It's the Northern District's turn to host the AGM this year. Do come along and have a say in how your Association is run! If anyone is interested in standing for Association Secretary (the role can be split into parts and taken by more than one person), please do get in touch secretary@scacr.org. The ringing will be rounds onwards - all welcome.

Parking in Ardingly: there is plenty of parking available in the village hall car park (old school playground) and on both sides of the road outside the village hall (just a couple of hundred yards from the church). Please do not park outside the church as this blocks the road.

Safeguarding Update from Pat Aylward 6th March 2016

Hurray! I hear you say, just what we want to know about!

Some towers and ringers really appreciate the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. And some are not so interested. Too frequently I hear 'we haven't got any children at our tower' 'their parents are teaching them' 'I've worked with children for years and not needed a DBS check' 'big brother' 'just another piece of paper, it doesn't mean anything' Unfortunately, in the society in which we live these days safeguarding children is something everyone must take seriously. And, as SCACR Safeguarding officer, it's my responsibility to remind you of this.

In January this year the Central Council of Church Bell ringers issued a general statement on Safeguarding Children in Towers. www.cccbr.org.uk You should have a copy in your ringing chamber. If not, and you are not able to access the web site to print one, please contact me to send you a copy. 01273 812577

Anyone who regularly teaches, trains or supervises children must have a DBS check done by the parish safeguarding officer. This is usually a member of the PCC. It is most commonly the Tower Captain who does the teaching, but not necessarily so ringers in general supporting roles or one off teaching or deputising do not need DBS checks.

DBS checks can be automatically updated or renewed every 5 years. If you are the person DBS checked and responsible for safeguarding in your tower you must attend a Diocesan training update session every 3 years.

So much of safeguarding is really just good practice; obtain parental consent to teach children; 2 adults when children are present (preferably one male, one female). Towers are also advised to keep an attendance register, just so you can look back to see who was present at any ringing occasion. I have trouble remembering who was at ringing this morning, let alone last week or last month or last year.

If anyone has any worries, concerns or questions I can be contacted by the phone number above or safeguarding@scacr.org You can also speak to your parish safeguarding officer or the safeguarding team at the Diocese of Chichester.

News and events

Fund-raising idea from St Mary's Balcombe

St Mary's are in the middle of running ringing workshops organised by the vicar's wife as a church fund-raising exercise, reports John Moore. "We're working with four people and so far the sessions have evidently been enjoyed. We have got as far as backstroke and ringing in rounds with people just ringing backstroke, with assistance. We're hoping that they'll want to come back and learn the hand-stroke. If nothing else, it's a great PR exercise!"

Horsham Festival of Bells 250 - 9th April 2016

On 11th April 1766, the first peal in Sussex by an all Sussex band was rung at St Mary's Horsham. We cordially invite ringers and non-ringers to join us on Saturday 9th April 2016 for the celebrations of the 250th anniversary of this historic event!

Choose from the huge range of activities will take place in and around Horsham town centre:

Open towers:

Time	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3
10.00-11.00	Worth	Newdigate	Wisborough Green
10.30-11.30	Balcombe	Ockley	Billingshurst
11.00-12.00	Slaugham	Capel	Shipleigh
11.30-12.30	Lower Beeding	Rusper	Cowfold

Open ringing at St Mary's Horsham: 11 am to 1 pm and 2-4 pm (public demonstration ringing) and 4.30-5.30 pm (service ringing).

Demonstrations of tune and change ringing in hand, and Belleplate tune ringing: in the Carfax and around the town centre (11 am to 4 pm).

Bell Meadow mini-ring: demonstration ringing and have-a-go; in the bandstand (Carfax; 10 am to 4 pm).



Rope-making demonstrations: in the town centre (Medwin Walk, next to Boots; 11 am to 4 pm).

Ringling exhibition: including books from SCACR library; St Mary's parish church (Friday 8th to Monday 11th April, 10 am to 5.30 pm).

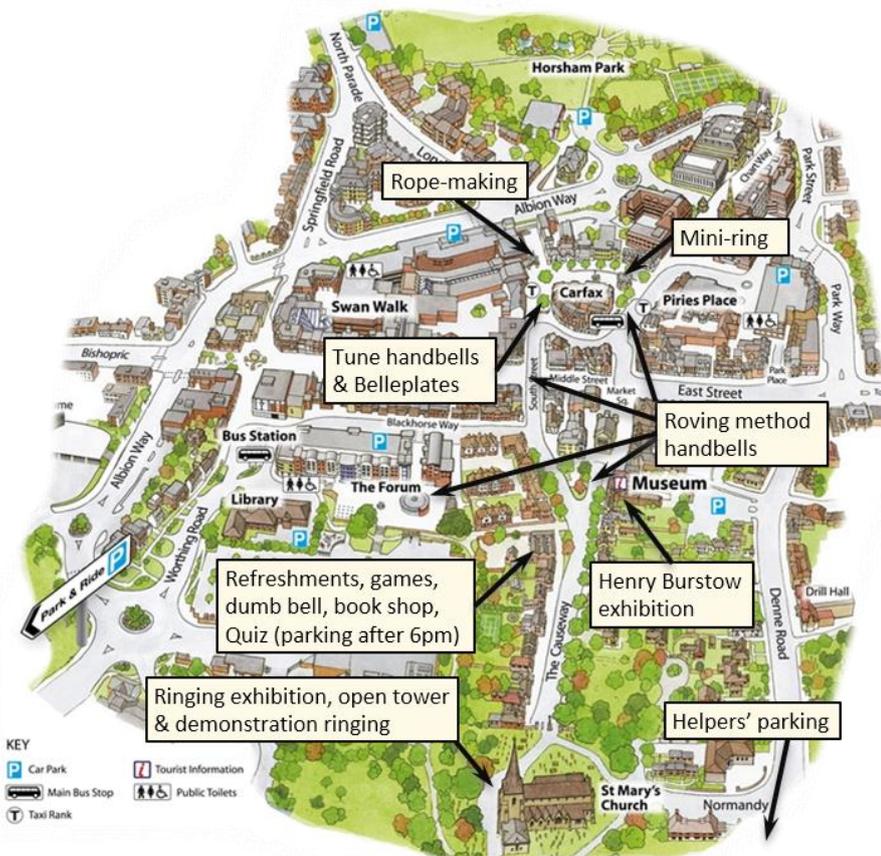
Refreshments, frog-racing, ringing book shop and dumbbell: in the Barn (11 am to 4.30 pm).

Henry Burstow Exhibition: Henry Burstow was a famous Sussex bell ringer and folk singer. Horsham Museum will have an exhibition entitled "A Victorian Tale: Henry Burstow's Horsham" (19th March to 1st July, Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm).

Church service: 5.30-6.15 pm, in St Mary's parish church.

Quiz and Supper: in the Barn; doors (and bar) open 6.15 pm, quiz starts 7 o'clock. **Entrance only by tickets purchased in advance: £8**, contact Steph (sec-north@scacr.org) for info. Supper options: Fish & Chips or Sausage & Chips (veggie & gluten-free options also available). Beer, wine and soft drinks available from the bar. Free parking at the Barn after 6 pm.

Volunteers: We need volunteers for helping with refreshments, the demonstration ringing in the tower, the mini-ring, change ringing on handbells, and open towers in the morning. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Steph (sec-north@scacr.org).



Contact details for the Northern Division Committee

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Very many thanks to all those people who have submitted articles and photographs. Your input is really appreciated. Thank you.

Please send items for the next newsletter to: news-north@scacr.org

Before Wednesday 22nd June 2016