

# Northern News



The Northern District Newsletter  
August 2016

## Dates for Your Diary

### August

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:30 - 21:30
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### September

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ringling with coffee & cake	Warnham	10:00 - 12:00
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Practice	West Hoathly	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	Bolney	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 bell, General Practice	Horsham	19:30 - 21:15

### October

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ringling with coffee & cake	Worth	10:00 - 12:00
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Calling Call Changes (Down)	Seaford (see page 4 for details)	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	Balcombe	19:30 - 21:00
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Change Ringing Handbell Day*	Burgess Hill	10:00 - 16:00*
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10/12 bell, General Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SACAR Barn Dance & Supper	Bolney	18:30 - 22:30

### November

**Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ringling, Business meeting, coffee/cake	Slinfold	10:00 - 13:00
***Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	Crawley	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Practice	East Grinstead	19:45 - 21:30
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10 bell General Practice	Warnham (TBC)	19:30 - 21:00

\* See page 5 for details, including booking information.

\*\*The 2017 event's programme will be discussed at this meeting, so do attend if you want a say!

\*\*\*N.B date changed to avoid clashing with East Grinstead's 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday advanced practice

### Northern District Regular Practices - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Evenings

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

### Northern District Focused Practices - 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Evenings or Saturday Mornings

More focused practices (e.g. ringing up/down in peal, Plain Bob). Northern District gatherings on 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month. Let us know what you'd like via [sec-north@scacr.org](mailto:sec-north@scacr.org) or 01403 268512.

## What's happened around the District?

### WHIRLS Fish, Chips and Treasure

Huge thanks to Val Farley from Slinfold for arranging a wonderful fish & chip supper followed by a walking Treasure Hunt around Horsham on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Great fun!



### Morning Gathering at West Hoathly - Rachel makes a plea for better attendance

June 4<sup>th</sup>, high summer, people away and the wedding season, but were there only 10 people interested enough and available to attend this morning get together? The committee had agreed that a morning event would be the best possible use of our first Saturday in June. The West Hoathly ringers and others) provided a very good spread of cakes and real coffee which the fortunate few much enjoyed. Richard Pendlebury was nominally in charge of the ringing but this was mostly agreed by suggestion and discussion and a good standard was achieved with a variety of methods rung. Those who did not have to dash off to weddings spread out their rugs in the hot sunshine and we shared a very pleasant picnic lunch.

Please do try to give more support to your committee who arrange these Saturday events for YOU (i.e. everyone!).

## Success all round at Ringing World National Youth Contest on 2<sup>nd</sup> July



Following on in great Northern District tradition, three youngsters from Warnham and Horsham have represented Sussex in the Ringing World National Youth Contest held in London. A record number of 24 teams entered this year with Sussex entering two for the first time. Catherine and Andrew were in one, Emma the other.

Huge congratulations to all of them, with Andrew and Catherine's team coming joint second overall (ringing Grandsire Triples) and Emma's team coming third in their heat (ringing call changes), narrowly missing out going through to the final.

Well done to all 16 ringers who not only produced a high standard of ringing but were true ambassadors for Sussex in their positive and friendly approach.

We had a super day, with the youngsters being given the opportunity to ring at churches such as St Mary le Bow and St Magnus Martyr, both of which have 12 bells. It was lovely to see so many youngsters from all across the country mixing and having a fun time. Next year's contest will be held in Birmingham - perhaps we'll have more from the North joining in?



## WHIRLS Summer BBQ



Thanks to Tom White for a fantastic WHIRLS summer BBQ a few weekends ago. 40 people enjoyed Tom's lovely garden and pool and I am told the food was excellent as well. Unfortunately, many of the photos were unprintable - well would you want to see Ian emerging from the pool?

## Northern District Outing to Basingstoke and Test Valley

Ringers from across our district visited six churches on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Churches included St Mary, Upton Grey, All Saints, Basingstoke, St Leonard, Church Oakley, St Mary, Overton, St Mary, Crawley and All Saints, Houghton. A fine lunch was enjoyed at The Fox, North Waltham. Thank you to Jeremy for organising this. Sandra tells me that it turned out to be a brilliant day - I am not sure what she was expecting?!

## SACAR News and Events

### Next Codger's outing on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

'Codgers' is a group of ringers across Sussex of all ages who get together to for a 'mini-outing' once a month. Codgers was formed about 18 years ago by George Francis from Warnham. Although members are predominantly from Sussex there are several from other counties. Codgers will happily ring rounds and call changes as well as more difficult methods so ringers of all ages and skills are welcome as long as they can handle a bell safely by themselves with reasonable striking.

We meet once a month, usually on the first Wednesday and have a Summer Outing in June. The usual arrangement is to ring at two towers with a pub lunch between towers. The venue for the month can usually be found on the SCACR website calendar and details are usually circulated during the previous week of the meeting. Anyone interested in joining can get more details from Mike Foster at [codgers@scacr.org](mailto:codgers@scacr.org)

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### Ringling Courses

Check out the new one day courses taking place every other month on different days of the week and around the county. These will run from 10 am to 4 pm each day; the first few are as follows - more will be arranged after the survey results have come in. Places on these courses must be booked in advance; contact the person listed below. The fee is £10 for each course.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** Calling Call Changes (Down) at Seaford  
Contact Mary Burr - [sec-south@scacr.org](mailto:sec-south@scacr.org)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Doubles Methods at Lower Beeding  
Contact Steph Pendlebury - [sec-north@scacr.org](mailto:sec-north@scacr.org)

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### Heritage Open Days: 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Thousands of buildings and places across England will be throwing their doors open to the public for four days again in September, for an annual celebration of architecture, history and culture. For this year's festival, Heritage Open Days have joined forces with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to open up the heritage treasure hidden inside England's bell towers and bring to life the 400-year- old tradition of English-style bell ringing.

The challenge is to open up 500 bell towers across the country to the public, offering special bell ringing demonstrations at some point during the week-end.  
[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and [www.cccb.org.uk/events/challenge500](http://www.cccb.org.uk/events/challenge500)

### Collective Bell Ringing Moment 18:00 - 19:00 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Heritage Open Days are hoping to create a collective bell ringing moment during the festival on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 6.00 - 7.00pm. If you haven't already heard about this then it's probably too late to take part officially this year as bell towers need to register with Heritage Open Days by 1st August 2016. However, there's no reason why you shouldn't join in unofficially and/or ring with everyone else on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September or visit some of the towers that are participating. They'll be listed on the Heritage Open Days website (Visiting) and can be searched by town, county or local authority.

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### Change Ringing Handbell Day

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10:00 - 16:00, £6.00 (includes lunch/refreshments)**

Manor Field School, Burgess Hill, Junction Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0PZ  
Adjacent to Wivelsfield Railway Station. This event is open to all, especially:

- Handbell groups in Sussex and near by
- Those who enjoy change ringing on handbells but do not have a regular practice
- Those who want to have a go

There will be three focus groups:

- Plain hunting to Plain Bob
- Plain Bob to Treble Bob
- Beyond Treble Bob

If you would like to attend this event, please email Hamish McNaughton at [hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk](mailto:hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk) stating which of the focus groups you would like to join and whether you are able to bring handbells.

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### SCACR Barn Dance and Supper

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Rawsons Hall, Bolney RH17 1PF**

6:30 for 7pm - until 10:30                      Adults £10; Under 18 £5

Music and calling by Touchstone, Fiddle, flute and guitar see [www.allwoodmusic.co.uk/touchstone](http://www.allwoodmusic.co.uk/touchstone)  
Hot supper is included in the price: baked potatoes with chilli (or vegetarian alternative) and dessert. Please bring your own drink, wine glasses (if required) and cutlery!

Tickets from Alison Everett [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org) or 01243 775366

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### Ringers Strike Back - Quarter Peal Challenge for Blood Cancer

Some of you may have heard about Julie McDonnell's ringing challenge called 'Ringers Strike Back'. A fund raiser for Anthony Nolan Register and Bloodwise, the challenge is for 100 Quarter peals of Julie McDonnell Doubles to be rung by Christmas. If this happens one of the Dragons from Dragons Dens will contribute £10,000 to the fund. So far 10 quarters have been rung with many more in the pipeline.

Have you planned your quarter peal?

The method, Julie McDonnell Doubles is Callender Bob Doubles with a Lichfield Single. The diagram can be found at this link. <http://www.scacr.org/component/k2/item/240-julie-mcdonnell-doubles>

2<sup>nds</sup> place - 3 blows lead, dodge, seconds, out

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5<sup>ths</sup> place - 4 blows behind, 3<sup>rds</sup>, 4<sup>ths</sup>, 3<sup>rds</sup>

become

3<sup>rds</sup> place - 4<sup>ths</sup>, 3<sup>rds</sup>, 4 blows behind to

become

4<sup>ths</sup> place - seconds, dodge, 3 blows lead, seconds

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### Welcome to the new Association Publicity & Events Team Leader: Alison Everett

My name is Alison Everett, for those of you who don't know me, I'm a comparative new bellringer from Bosham. I have been attending SCACR meetings and events for a few years now trying to work out who is who in the Bellringing community, and ring where I can when I am away from home, meeting other Bellringers and finding out more about other Associations and Guilds. I helped with the Ropemaking Demonstration at the wonderful Horsham Festival of Bells, and volunteered as a Marshal at the Central Council AGM in Portsmouth, because I live just over the border from Hampshire being in the south west corner of Sussex, and subscribe to their website, as well as following a number of them and other neighbouring Guilds and Bellringers on Facebook and Twitter. I attended a SCACR Communications and Events Team meeting in June and met all the team.

The role of [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org) is an evolving one and I am proud and excited to be part of the challenge we face in promoting bellringing, nurturing and maintaining the invaluable enthusiasm and dedication of bellringers far and wide.

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### Ways to keep in touch with what the Sussex Association of Change Ringers is doing

- Request to receive any or all of the District Newsletters, just email [database@scacr.org](mailto:database@scacr.org)
- The Association magazine, Soundbow (not available electronically) is available to buy at District and Association events (£1), or you can get a postal subscription - email [soundbow@scacr.org](mailto:soundbow@scacr.org) for more information.
- You can register and keep in touch via Facebook - just search for SCACR
- If you use Twitter, then look for @scacr and @sussexbells

If you need to know more about social media please email Alison Everett, at [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org)

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### Classified

Free to a good home - Ringing Worlds from 1954 to date, bound in Delight folders.

It seems a shame to bin them. Any takers? Contact George Francis at [bell.meadow@talktalk.net](mailto:bell.meadow@talktalk.net)

Please send items for the next newsletter to: [news-north@scacr.org](mailto:news-north@scacr.org) by Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.