

SallyForth

Western District Newsletter
April/May 2018



Diary of Events

April 2018

Wednesday 4 th	Codgers	for towers see SCACR calendar	11.00am–12.15pm 2.00pm–3.30pm
Friday 6 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 7 th	Beginners & Improvers Practice - Contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Saturday 7 th	Handbell day at Hurstpierpoint Prep School (link) Contact Hamish at hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk (see advert PAGE 8)		10.00am–4.00pm
Saturday 14 th	Young Ringers' South-East Regional Striking Competition (link) Contact Anne Franklin at annefranklin@hotmail.co.uk		Warnham
Saturday 14 th	Monthly Get Together with Striking Contest (link) If you are interested and intend entering a team contact Moya at sec-west@scacr.org (see advert PAGE 11) Names for tea to Moya at sec-west@scacr.org	Walberton	2.00pm–5.00pm
Friday 20 th	Advanced 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 28 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.15am

May 2018

Wednesday 2 nd	Codgers	for towers see SCACR calendar	11.00am–12.15pm 2.00pm–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	Sussex AGM Day (link) Morning ringing Service Social Afternoon AGM Names to Mary at sec-south@scacr.org (see advert PAGE 11)	Keymer & Ditchling Westmeston Village Hall	10.00am 11.30am 12.15pm 2.00pm
Friday 18 th	Advanced 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 26 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.15am

Looking Ahead

7 th – 9 th June	South of England Show, Ardingly (link) Bellringing on Dewbys Bells at the South of England Show, volunteers required for half day sessions, passes for helpers please contact publicity@scacr.org or marisa@happymouflon.com (see PAGE 4)
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Many thanks to everyone who sent in items for the newsletter. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Please send dates of forthcoming events for the next **Diary update** to Mandy and Hamish via news-west@scacr.org by **15th May 2018** and your contributions for the next edition of **SallyForth** by **15th July 2018**. Thank you

Western Division ADM at Goring 10th February

The thing about ADMs is that they are like buses – you wait all year and 4 come along one after the other! The Western Division's took place at St Marys Church, Goring on 10th February after Pagham and Aldwick had been unable to help us.

It was busy and it was just as well that not everyone decided to squeeze into the ringing chamber at once. Even so, we soon built up the temperature as 20 or so of us got to grips with the heaviest ring of 6 bells in West Sussex. With Graham directing we moved from changes through to Plain Hunt, Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury and Cambridge, giving all a chance to show their paces.

St Marys Church goes back in time to the 12th Century and we settled down overlooked by the impressive wall painting of "Christ in Glory" by Hans Feibusch, quite controversial in 1954 when it was completed. The service that followed was led by the Reverend George Butler who gave his recollections of "ringers with trouser problems" and the joy of bells being rung across the village. Graham gave the address and the singing went well with the piano played vigorously by Malcolm Chiltern.

A short walk to the parish hall for refreshments followed and suddenly our numbers had increased to nearly 50 people!

It must have been that inviting tea with sandwiches, cakes and hot drinks provided by the local ladies (and Tony of course!) and very welcoming it was too. Raffle tickets were sold so successfully that over £80-00 was raised (many thanks to all of those who brought prizes along) and Graham then chaired the ADM with Moya assisting.

The highlights of the meeting were the certificates for new members, the 50 year membership certificates for Brenda Cox and for David Kirkaldy and the Michael Palmer award for achievement for young Nalon who posed for his photo taken by Kathy for "Soundbow". The raffle was then drawn and the tension built until the last of the prizes were chosen.

These meetings are an important part of the smooth running of our Western Division and we are grateful to our officers who give their time and effort. Training, publicity, bell restoration, social events finances, ringing records, safeguarding and communications have all to be considered and we are fortunate in having good people to bear the burden. At present we have no nominations for Divisional Ringing Master and in May, Graham will be standing down as Association Master. Spare some sympathy for him as he is also required to attend the other division's ADMs!

The minutes of the meeting were taken by Moya.

David Hall
Western District Events Co-ordinator



MICHAEL PALMER AWARD 2018

Nalon started ringing about 18 months ago at Arundel, St Nicholas, and Lymminster, St Mary when he was 12. At the time he was nominated for this award (October 2017, only a year after starting) he had already learned to ring plain hunt and a course of Bob Doubles on an inside bell and manage the treble to a touch of Grandsire Doubles. He had rung for weddings and also at one of the biggest funerals at Arundel when the eight bells were half muffled.

Nalon is taught by Colin Spencer and encouraged by his mother Gabrielle who is also a ringer at Arundel. He is keen to improve and despite competing interests in guitar, tennis and other activities, regularly attends practices and Sunday service ringing. He has been quick to acquire the skills of the basic ringing strokes and, picking up theory easily, is already enquiring about "surprise" methods. He has now started ringing an inside bell to Bob Triples.

Nalon being presented with his award by Graham Hills, SCACR Master, at the Western District ADM in February 2018



50 YEARS A RINGER!



Brenda Cox

In my late teens whilst horse riding through Ilex Way, I would hear Goring bells ringing on Sundays.

A few years later when I went to college in Salisbury I had the chance to learn to ring. The inhabitants of Coombe Bissett were very tolerant of our clashing and banging on practice nights. Soon I was out ringing most nights and Sunday service ringing at St. Thomas' and St. Pauls in Salisbury. When I returned home I went up to Goring to ring and I was made welcome and finally ended up ringing at West Tarring in Worthing where I have been ever since.



David Kirkcaldy

David started ringing at Hurstpierpoint in 1967, along with his elder brother James. His parents

worshipped at the parish church and one day they were asked whether the boys would be interested in learning to ring.

A number of the band were instrumental David's early progress; they were John Norris, Harry and Stan Brown. Then Peter Hurcombe arrived, who was a returning ringer and lived in the village. At this time the local band was advancing in the methods being rung and this helped David's ringing development as well. Then three years of Further Education in Wales brought him in contact with the student ringing scene.

David has continued to ring ever since, and has held various positions in the SCACR, including as a Divisional ringing master when he was 16 years old, a couple of stints as BRF Secretary, and Association Master for three years from 2010. In 2007 he was elected as a SCACR representative on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and is currently its Vice President.

David now rings at Steyning where he has been tower captain for a number of years. He says he feels fortunate as over his ringing career many people have helped him with his ringing, and he is very grateful to all of them. David believes it is important to try and encourage all ringers to reach their full potential

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS West District WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Angmering: Barbara Oldham, James Oldham

Arundel: Sherian Morgan

Goring: Alison Evans, Paul Rampton, Ginny Ward

Heene: Jim Pillow

Petworth: Gary Conway

Pulborough: Jack, Francesco, Luca

Mini Survey of Wedding Fees

In February I conducted a mini-survey of wedding fees based on 20 towers in the Northern and Western Districts. The results vary a lot:

Only five of the 20 towers ring Before and After

Fees range between £80 and £240 - the average being £135

Payment per ringer varies between £10 - £20 (the Cathedral is higher). The average per ringer is £15

Most towers retain an amount for the tower fund and some PCCs take an amount

Eight bell towers try and recruit 8 ringers, but charge the same for six

Some towers contribute petrol money to non-resident ringers

Some towers in other places have different rates for After only and Before & After

Some towers charge less to encourage wedding bells

Stella Bianco

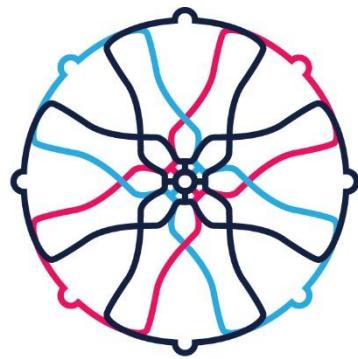
TELECOMS EQUIPMENT GUIDANCE

Following the [announcement by the Church of England](#) that they have signed an accord with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), setting out how churches and other church properties could host new digital infrastructure, the CCCBR Towers & Belfries Committee have prepared some guidance on this to assist any ringers that may have to deal with telecoms equipment being installed in their tower.

This is available on the CCCBR [Towers & Belfries Committee](#) page and can also be downloaded directly here:

<https://cccbbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/TELECOMMUNICATIONS-EQUIPMENT.pdf>

If you are being approached by telecoms companies at your tower, or your church PCC has been looking into it; do take into consideration that workmen/women will require access to the tower at any moment in time.



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH
BELL RINGERS

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

So... have you thought about doing the Diocese of Chichester on line safeguarding training yet? Everyone involved with the church, in any way, should be aware of safeguarding and child protection issues.

Tower Captains and anyone involved with the training of young people or transporting young people must still complete the C1 and C2 training every 3 years. You can book yourself onto training Diocese of Chichester training courses. Or your parish safeguarding officer can arrange it for you.

And for everyone else there is the C0 on line training. It takes about an hour to complete. Here's what to do...

C0 on line training

Go to: <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org>

Click on 'training event'

On the left side of the page you will find E learning, which is what you need. At the bottom of the page is the safeguarding portal, which will take you to the on line courses.

At this stage you will need to create a new account.

The course is 1 hour long. You are able to stop and start, go back over bits.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Currently, there is a lot of media coverage about historic abuse by church members, and particularly the response by the Diocese of Chichester to allegations that were made.

Always, always believe what a young person may tell you and report what has been said to your parish safeguarding officer, to me, to the police. Keeping children safe is the responsibility of everyone.

Pat Aylward, Association Safeguarding Officer

Help with the Mini Ring and visit the South of England Show!!



SCACR members are invited to take part in the [South of England show](#) (7,8 & 9 June at Ardingly). We're looking for volunteers to help with the mini-ring ([Dewbys Bells](#)) and to engage with members of the public. We have free passes for volunteers – get in touch to request yours now. We'd love to have as many people as possible take part. Please let us know if you could help out from either 9-1 or 1-5, with the rest of the day to enjoy the Show.

Please email publicity@scacr.org or

Marisa Hayes marisa@happymouflon.com

We have started publicising our collaboration on social media @chichesterDio @seas_org - hashtags #southofenglandshow #bellringing

Death of MIKE ETHERINGTON (Pulborough Ringer)

We are sorry to report that Mike Etherington died on the morning of 8th March 2018. He was Pulborough's Tower captain for many years and was elected an Honorary Life Member of SCACR in 2008. More details will follow on www.scacr.org.

WEST'S MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS Angmering Carol Service December 2017

The Christmas carol service is always a bit special because, even though we have all been rushing around buying presents and sorting out our card lists, this event tells us that it will not be long to the big day. This year St Margaret's, Angmering kindly allowed us to ring and sing in their friendly church which seemed spacious and welcoming with its' comfy chairs and warm wooden floors.



The ring of six tested our muscles and got the circulation going. Graham organised the ringing of Bob Doubles, Cambridge, Stedman, Bob Minor with enthusiasm after some testing call changes and hunting. Francesco and Luca showed us what youth and enthusiasm could do. The little ringing chamber became packed with late arrivals and all managed to give the locals a fine demonstration of bell ringing as they went about their shopping in the village. About 25 of us then assembled below for the carol service and a chance to test our lungs.

Alison Everett, David Hall, Helen Bickers, Anna Hall enjoying the ringing 1010

The Rector, Canon Mark Standen, welcomed us to the service and quickly we were into "Once in Royal David's City" with Bill Payne playing the organ. Carols with familiar tunes always touch the heartstrings, reminding us of days gone by, even back to childhood. A tremble in the voice may be more a shortness of breath now, but possibly a dampness in the eye might take us back to the young child we left behind in our school days many Christmas' ago.

Graham gave the first reading, looking resplendent in his Christmas jumper and chain of office, then we sang "It came upon a midnight clear" followed by another reading by Ken. "Angels from the realms of glory" came next, which meant that my reading of "The shepherds go to the manger" would be imminent. The three carols and a strong peppermint had helped to clear my throat and the magic of the verses from Luke 2 calmed my nerves, so my crunch point of the afternoon passed smoothly.

*Thinking about the next ring??
Sheila Foster, Tony Davey, Adrian Miller*

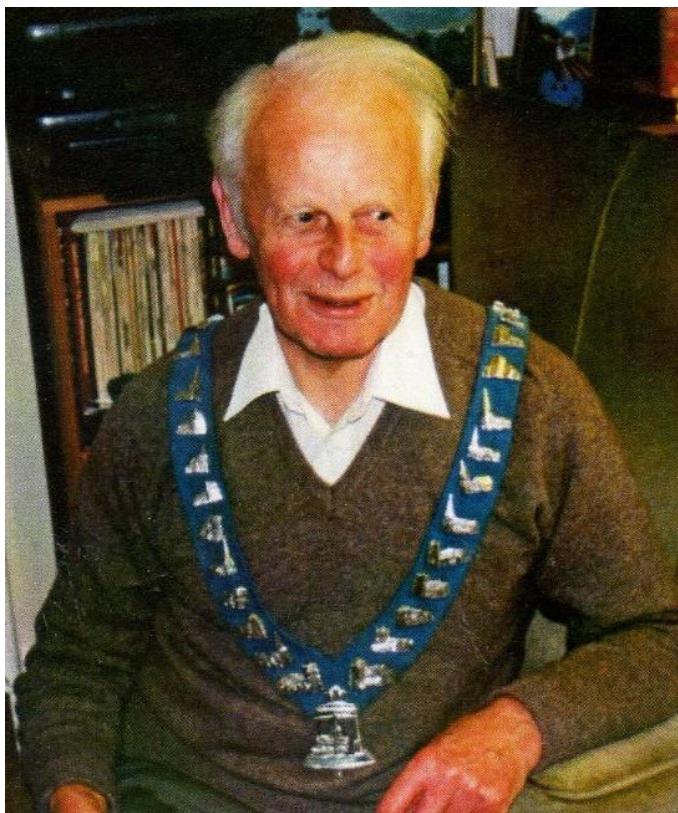
More carols tested our vocal abilities and our capacity for getting our breath back between verses (more of an "open hand stroke" would have helped!). There was a reading by Sue and a Longfellow poem about Christmas bells read by Moya and followed by an address from the Rector expressing the value of ringing to the village and the need for greater generosity and giving to others. A prayer followed and thoughts were turned to those lost to us or in poor health this year.

"Ding dong merrily on high" and the anticipation of tea raised our spirits. The Rector thanked us for coming and the raffle was drawn as we balanced plates of cake and cups of tea. Well done to Janice and her lady helpers for such a splendid spread and to the Rector and the organist for making it a memorable gathering. Thanks also to Moya for her organisation and to Graham for taking charge of the ringing and the raffle and for not switching on the Xmas lights on his jumper during the reading!



David Hall

KEN KNIGHT 16 January 1933 – 18 December 2017



Ken was born on 16 January 1933 and his family lived in a house at Bolney on what is now the A272 going towards Cowfold. His father was one of a family of shop keepers and after a spell living in Lindfield moved back to Bolney in 1945.

His father had discovered that Bolney Post Office and shop was being offered for sale. So he obtained the necessary permission from the Post Office to purchase the business and the family returned sometime after VE day in 1945. Unfortunately Ken was unable to join them at first due to being in hospital with rheumatic fever; however he does remember being back at home when the Second World War came to an end later that year.

The hedge at the top of the Post Office garden formed the boundary with the churchyard and Ken's first introduction to the church bells was on a practice night when they drowned out the sound of the radio that the family were trying to listen to! A few years later Ken's father was approached to enquire whether Ken would like to be taught to ring. Like a number of towers Bolney was still short of ringers after the Second World War.

Teaching Ken to ring at Bolney wasn't as straight forward as it might first seem due to the fact that the family worshipped at Bolney Chapel, and they wondered whether this would cause any conflict. Ken started ringing however, taught by Tom Gasson; in the early days Ken didn't keep any records so could not say exactly when he started but he guessed he must have been about 16 years old.

As he became more proficient he was encouraged to go to other towers, either by cycling or on the back of Freddie Godsmark's motorbike. The main towers he visited were Cuckfield and Twineham. At that time Cuckfield had a strong band including some who rang with Oliver Sippetts from Crawley, one of the best ringers in Sussex at that time.

Twineham also had a good band under their tower captain Charlie Wickens. One ringer at Twineham Ken still hadn't met was Charlie's daughter Stella, who was away at teacher training college in Chichester. However that changed on Christmas morning in 1949 when Stella was home from her studies and they met for the first time.

After that they both were members of a group of young ringers who would travel widely to ring across Sussex and the neighbouring counties. Their main form of getting round was by cycling. Weekends away ringing were also arranged, often over a Bank Holiday to allow an extra day of ringing. They called themselves the National Union of Tower Snatchers or NUTS for short.

Ken had to carry out his National Service and during this time his parents gave up the Post Office in Bolney and moved to a small holding in High Hatch Lane, between Burgess Hill and Sayers Common. Returning to Sussex Ken trained as a heating engineer. He was back in contact with Stella and they started going out, eventually getting married at Twineham church on 28 April 1956. It was a real 'ringer's wedding'. Ken's Best Man was Peter Romney who was a ringing friend from Keymer. Both Ken and Stella continued ringing at Twineham although by now they lived in Burgess Hill.

Their daughter, Paula, was born the following year. About this time Ken was approached to see whether he would be prepared to train a new band at Burgess Hill. With Stella's support they set about the task; there were a small number of the old band to assist them and about a dozen new recruits to teach. This provided the foundations of the Burgess Hill band that has now been ringing for almost 50 years.

After nine years and now with the addition of a son, Roger, the family moved to Chichester into a house in Turnbull Road next door to the Blackman family, who were also ringers. They became members of the Chichester Cathedral band. Ken had a short break from ringing at the Cathedral but then returned and was asked to be Tower Master, a post he held for a number of years.

In 1996 work was carried out on the three bells at Aldingbourne; they were increased to five and Ken helped with the practical work of this project. He was then asked to help train a new band to ring the bells, which he did. Ken remained as an Aldingbourne ringer and served as Tower Captain. He was very much involved in the wider work of the Parish and served as a Churchwarden for a number of years.

Ken was a very practical man, his garden provided a constant supply of vegetables for the family. He was a keen model maker especially of aeroplanes; and was also involved as a volunteer at St Richard's Hospital in Chichester.

In the late 1960s he thought it would be a good idea to have the hospital Chapel service transmitted to all the wards so that anyone who wanted to could listen to it at their bedside. This directly led to the formation of Chichester Hospital Radio which is still going strong to this day. Ken brought his practical skills into play in developing studios, preparation rooms and everything else that was needed to make this a success. In 2017 Chichester Hospital Radio celebrated 45 years on air, and to recognise the huge commitment made by Ken he was unanimously elected its Vice President. He was very touched by this honour.

Ken and Stella celebrated 60 years of marriage with a special service at Aldingbourne church. They were surrounded by many friends and family including their three grandchildren.

In ringing Ken has always been a loyal Sunday Service ringer, on top of that he has served the SCACR in a number of roles. He was Southern Division Secretary in 1955, more recently he was Ringing Master of the Western Division, in addition to being one of the Association Trustees for three years. In 1998 he was elected Master of the Association and took great pride in this honour.

Ken rang his first peal, one of Grandsire Doubles, at Twineham on 27 May 1954. He went on to ring a total of twenty peals, all for the SCACR; these included eight at Chichester Cathedral enabling him to circle the tower. His last peal was one of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Hurstpierpoint on 29 March 2003; this was by a band of past Association Masters.

Unfortunately in late 2017 Ken's health deteriorated very quickly and he moved to a Care Home in Fontwell; it was here that he sadly passed away on 18 December 2017. A service to celebrate his life was held at Aldingbourne church on Wednesday 10 January 2018. The church was packed with family and friends, many members of the Chichester Hospital Radio, and of course there was also a very large number of ringers present.

David Kirkaldy

SUSSEX CLOTHING IS BACK

Loose polo shirts, fitted t-shirts, hoodies, rugby tops, fleeces – all embroidered with the Sussex logo.

Many colours, styles and sizes (including children) to suit all.

Please visit the Clothing page (can be found under Resources) on the SCACR website for full details and order form. Orders will be placed on the last day of every month, delivery time is approx. 4 weeks from the order being placed with the supplier.

Any questions, please get in touch with Sandra Alford at clothing@scacr.org



FEEDBACK SO FAR

I am really pleased with my rugby shirt – it is a great length for ringing!

I love my polo shirt, it's a really nice fit and colour.

Fleece and rugby shirt are lovely and fit very well, thank you!

I shall wear my t-shirt with pride!

Good price, good quality and good fit – thank you.



THAKEHAM BELLRINGERS OUTING

On Friday 8th September Thakeham Bellringers went on an outing which, for the first time, did not involve bellringing.

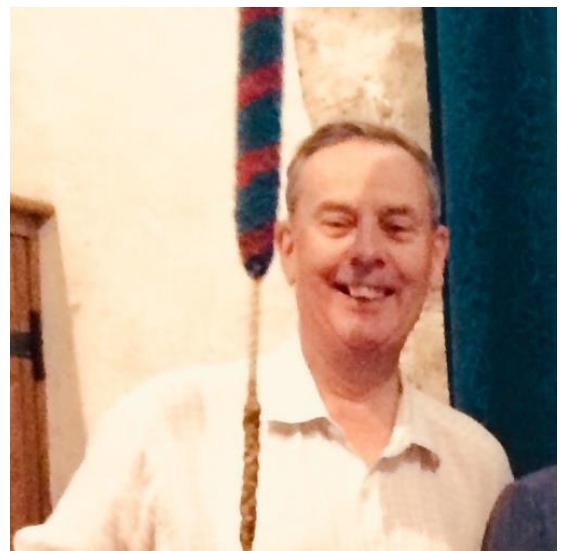
We have "honorary" members of our tower, who come regularly to our practice on a Wednesday night, to support us and help us to improve, and to learn new methods.

They also help out when we need extra ringers for Weddings, and Church services.

One such honorary member is John Bentley, who is a tower member of St. Michael's, Amberley. He has supported us for many years, week in, week out, come rain or shine, and we wished to say a thank you to him.

John is now retired but for all of his working life he was employed by British Rail in their Signalling and Telegraphic Department, and was primarily involved in designing and overseeing the installation of level crossings.

He therefore has a very keen interest in all things connected to railways. In order to say "Thank You" to him for his long term support, we organised a surprise trip for him, 10 of us in total. John was "picked up" at 4.30pm and taken on a mystery journey through the rolling countryside of East Sussex. We travelled on a round about route so that he couldn't guess our final destination. When we finally arrived at The Bluebell Railway, he was, to say the least, very excited. We had arranged for a fish and chip supper on board the train, whilst travelling to East Grinstead and back.



We all met up in the Bressemer Arms on the station, and then after a welcome drink John spent a long time before we boarded, looking at the engine, looking at the signal box, looking at the tracks, and talking to the operatives. The first course of fish and chips was served on the outward journey, and the dessert and coffee on the return journey.

The experience was enjoyed by all, and we resolved to take a trip again in the spring, when the Bluebells are in bloom, and have an afternoon tea on board the train.

It was a wonderful way to spend an evening. Thank you John

Christine Hounslow

Association Handbell Day

Saturday 7th April 2018 10.00am to 4.00pm

Hurstpierpoint Prep School Chalker's Lane, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9JS

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 a charge of £7 to cover room hire, refreshments and lunch.

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 stating which of the focus groups you would like to join and whether you are able to bring handbells.

ANGMERING & FINDON BELLRINGERS OUTING

18th November 2017

It's a Saturday morning in mid-November and we are off on our annual jaunt. We have arranged to visit four Surrey towers. None of them are ground floor rings so our arms and legs are going to get plenty of exercise.

This time, we were fortunate that Graham and Moya Hills were able to join us. Their experience and expertise is invaluable and they were able to help some of our band ring methods that would not normally be rung. So thank you Graham and Moya.

Our first tower was **Capel**, St. John the Baptist, where we went up a narrow and winding staircase to a ring of 6 bells including a tenor bell which was a little over 6 cwt. We rang the bells up at 9.30 am followed by some 40 minutes of ringing rounds and call changes, grandsire and bob doubles. We rang the bells down before leaving to visit our second tower at **Ewhurst**, St. Peter and St. Paul.

Here there are 8 bells in a fairly spacious ringing room. The tenor bell is just over 11 and a quarter cwt. After ringing for three quarters of an hour, it was time for some refreshment. A mug or cup of tea or coffee was provided in the village hall together with a generous buffet.

Having partaken of such welcome and wonderful fare, it was time to move on to our third tower at **Warnham**, St.

Margaret's. This is a 10 bell tower with the tenor bell weighing in excess of 14 cwt. Here there is a very narrow wooden staircase and up we went to a spacious ringing chamber. Not being used to seeing ten bell ropes in the same room, we concentrated our efforts on ringing rounds and call changes although some of the ropes were left unattended whilst ringing other methods.

There are several narrow and winding stone steps to reach a good sized ringing room with eight bell ropes in our fourth and final tower of the day at **Rusper**, St. Mary Magdalene. The tenor bell weighs in at 12.75 cwt. Here there is a rather interesting clock, circa 1855. The internal wheels and cogs can be seen in full working order.

By now it was 2.30 pm. The time had passed all too quickly as we had reached the end of our scheduled ringing sessions for the day. Some of us went for a well-earned pie and pint at the local inn and others went on their homeward journeys. Our thanks go to Cheryl for her splendid organisation. It all went like clockwork and everyone had their fair share of

ringing which included rounds and call changes, plain hunting, grandsire doubles, bob doubles, and Stedman. Thanks again to Graham and Moya for helping and supporting us. Our commiserations go to John Taylor who looked at his diary on Sunday and then realised that he was scheduled to join us on Saturday, the day before! My apologies to Janice for leaving her in the carpark! I am pleased to add that she had made other arrangements to get home.

Raymond Bivand

The picture is at St Margaret's, Warnham - from left to right are Harry Bickers, Ann Cooke, Cheryl Kidd and Ethan, Barbara Harbut, Erica Pritchard, Caroline Jones, Shirley Hamilton, Richard Adams, Janice Crawford, Raymond Bivand, Graham Hills, Moya Hills, Sue Booth, Helen Bickers and Monty, the dog



November 2017 saw the launch of a national **Ringing Remembers** initiative to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One. 'Ringing Remembers' is promoted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Central Council of Church Bellringers in collaboration with the Big Ideas Company who are publicising the campaign across social media and have created a poster for us to put it up in church and village notice boards. The Ringing Remembers campaign aims to recruit at least 1400 new recruits to ringing in time for them to be trained and join Remembrance Day ringing 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice Day.

In Sussex 53 bellringers are known to have paid the ultimate sacrifice during the 1914-18 war, you can find further details on our website <https://www.scacr.org/about-us/history/roll-of-honour>. Bands are encouraged to open towers and promote bellringing locally, go to <https://a100.cccbr.org.uk/?rf=32> for more information, graphics to use, and to register your new ringers!



We thought that this days ringing would be unusual by looking at the list of towers! Two with 10 bells, one with 12 bells and a very light six to finish, all located in Southampton. The provision of these, together with a poster, instructions for parking and an evening meal had been organised by young Francesco Greenslade from Pulborough.

Most of us came by car and after finding the multi-story, we had just enough time to grab a coffee in Debenhams then walk in glorious sunshine to arrive at 11.00 a.m. at **St Mary's Church** (10 bells with 21-2-8 cwt tenor). We were lucky to have Colin Lovelock of the Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers on hand to let us in to the first three towers. There are 83 steps up to the ringing chamber of this magnificent church and the room was brick lined and painted a cheery yellow. Only the 8 and 10 were waiting to be rung up and I was glad to see Stephen Pocock step forward after a bit of hesitation! We were a mixed group of ages and abilities so Francesco organised the ringing with changes and plain hunt to start. He then suggested a method on 10 but only about 6 hands went up (including young Ewan!) so we went into Grandsire Triples on the back 8. The shortish ropes made for lots of scrambling for boxes as getting the bells up for hand and back strokes was essential. The bells were a real treat having been recast by Taylors in 1945, although the walls swayed a bit. All too soon we had to ring down and descend where Francesco's father collected tower fees and wished us on our way.

A short walk across the city brought us to **St Michaels Church** (10 bells 16-1-15 cwt tenor).

This amazing needle like spire rising to 165 feet from the ancient massive stone walls, had been used in WW2 as a marker for bombing raids on the docks so was little damaged during hostilities. It took a little while to get our group together again but we climbed the creaky, wooden spiral stair to find a ringing chamber well supplied with impressive peal boards. Eight of the bells had been cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1923 when the old oak frame was replaced by steel, then two bells were added in 1947 by Taylors. They went well and became a favourite ring of the day for many. Rounds, changes and Bob Triples on the front eight were followed by an attempt at Grandsire Caters which faltered eventually. We were running a bit short of time so a group photo followed before we dispersed for a lunch break.

Five of us drove off to find the Common area and a pub called "The Cowherd" where we were warned not to use the car park without buying a drink (as if we would?) or we would be wheel clamped. The craft beer was good, it was popular being half-term and a lovely sunny day with lots of dogs and children. (Loved that young Dalmatian puppy).

Turning east across the Itchen River we made our way to the **Church of the Ascension**. It had been built in 1924 and has some of the best modern stained glass in England and endorsed by Sir John Betjeman. The glorious south window in the ringing area, was called "The Ship of the Holy Church" and not loved by one vicar who disliked its use of signs of the zodiac so much she encouraged ringers to fling their ropes at it! A huge building, it is used for a variety of functions now, the interior having been sub-divided and facilities added including a ring of 12 bells (8-1-13 cwt tenor). These had been fitted with oversize wheels and pre-stretched ropes for better control and used as a training tower by the Southampton Guild. Again Francesco organised the ringing with plain hunt, double called changes on the front and back bells, Stedman Triples on the back 8 and a rather odd, atonal, plain hunt on 6 bells to include the chiming bell with Stephen holding up at both strokes.

Back into Portswood across the river again and we eventually found **St Barnabus Church** (so glad we had satnav!). A brick and concrete Catholic church, it had been built in 1956 as one of six just the same around the south of England and had a ground floor ring of six bells (2-3-2 cwt tenor) set half in and out of a little porch in the corner. Our ringers had dwindled a little by then but some had come a long way (Rickmansworth and Hastings) so there was plenty of chances to try these short ropes while others lounged around on the comfy sofas and chairs and browsed the magazines. Fast and light with little room between ringers, we rang Stedman, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and a failed Cambridge Minor (my brain had turned to a fog by then). We christened





these manic bells the "Munchkin ring"! The youngsters then rang forward and backwards rounds by standing the bells at hand and backstroke and then Queens. They finished by ringing down and then Ewan, Nalon, Francesco and Lucca had fun chiming away.

Everyone gave the remarkable Francesco a round of applause for his efforts (well done to his brother Lucca and his father as well) and then we drove off to West Quay for our dinner. Unfortunately, the original choice of "Zizzi's" could not arrange for the 20 of us so we went to "Carluccio's". It was a pleasure to meet Francesco's mother Irene and his 3 younger siblings (more potential ringers perhaps?) and a good way to finish off a memorable days ringing. How great to see such enthusiasm and ability in someone of tender years (not quite 11 yet!) which gives hope for the future of bell ringing!

David Hall

WEST DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

Walberton, Saturday, 14th April 2018

Call changes (5 minutes) or 120 changes of a method

These are judged separately

It is not meant to be too serious, so why not enter a team and see how good you can be as a team.

The team can be made up from regular ringers who come to your weekly practices (even if they are not members of your tower)

*We even have a trophy for a team with at least 2 novice ringers in it
with the least faults*

(i.e. not progressed to ringing methods inside)

Names for tea to Moya at sec-west@scacr.org

SCACR AGM Day 2018

Saturday 12th May at Ditchling and Westmeston.

*Open Towers, Service, Social Afternoon, BBQ,
Handbells, Treasure Hunt, Tea and Meeting!*

**Morning Ringing at Keymer and Ditchling from 10am,
Service at 11:30.**

Social Afternoon at Westmeston Village Hall from 12:15pm

AGM at 14:00



**WHY NOT
GIVE IT A
GO!**

BARBARA SALMONS 13 June 1935 – 14 January 2018



Westbourne tower has suffered a sad loss in the death of Barbara Salmons.

What most of us will always remember about Barbara is her sheer determination to achieve things – and to achieve them well. It was most obvious in the way she coped with the disability which had been with her almost all her life – she had polio and a TB knee as a child. Bell ringing was a vital part of her life; and this meant that she took on Portsea tower with its 80 steps, which she tackled uncomplainingly year after year. And later, when she finally looked for extra ringing in the Chichester area, she chose, of course, its Cathedral – with even more steps than Portsea. We remember her climbing them until only a few years ago; and also have vivid recollections of ringing outings where she tackled vertical ladders, awkward steps, twists and turns, but never missed a tower.

She was born in Leicester in 1935, and educated at grammar school, followed by Royal Holloway College, London. Languages were her passion. Her degree was in French and Latin – backed up with Greek. She never stopped wanting to learn; and even when working she took courses in German and Religious Knowledge, at one point starting to train as a Lay Reader

After university she taught languages at Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School and later on took up translation work. This brought her to Portsmouth and it was here that she learned to ring - and met Ernie Salmons, a leading ringer in the Portsmouth area. When she moved to a job in Paris, legend has it that Ernie suddenly appeared there to ask her to marry him. Ringing - and particularly Portsea tower - became a major part of her life. Portsea was always her spiritual home, even after she joined Westbourne - and she was dedicated to maintaining its band. She was always a teacher, and the tower took over from the classroom. She would go to endless trouble. One pupil, now a well-known ringer, recruited as a teenager, remembers basic training sessions for three nights a week – and even (to his considerable surprise) enrolment in the Confirmation Class.

There are many ringers who owe their arrival in ringing to Barbara's enthusiasm and training. And that is a legacy for which she will long be remembered. We miss her.

Peter Wilkinson

2018 - GREAT WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE RINGING

Thank you from Alan Regin and myself, to all the Tower Bands and Ringers who during 2017 arranged and rung to Commemorate the Great War Centenary deaths of the 15 known SCACR / Sussex Ringers who died while on service in His Majesty Forces in 1917.

Also further to the '**Remembering Sussex Bell-ringers - Songs of Praise Service**' held in April 2017 at St. Swithuns, East Grinstead; a special thank you to Marisa Hayes, and to all those involved in arranging and carrying out this service. Thank you also to those who attended.

1918 would see 11 known SCACR / Sussex Bell-ringers from 9 towers lose their lives. In date order, they were:

DATE	SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	TOWER
21/03/1918	GROOMBRIDGE	Arthur	MAYFIELD
22/03/1918	ATTWATER	Ernest	CUCKFIELD
27/03/1918	COOTE	Frank	WEST GRINSTEAD
27/04/1918	MOORE	George Walter	LEWES
01/05/1918	BURGESS	George	WESTHAM
30/05/1918	MINCHIN	Frank Hopkins	HENFIELD
01/06/1918	EDWARDS	Edwin Harold	SALEHURST
08/08/1918	BAUGH	William George	MAYFIELD
21/09/1918	TURRELL	Lawrence	WEST GRINSTEAD
16/10/1918	HOLLMAN	William Harold	PULBOROUGH
02/11/1918	JENNER	Harold	HEATHFIELD

You will find the basic Military/Commemorative details on each of the above names on the SCACR website at:

https://www.scacr.org/documents/rolls/Roll_of_Honour.pdf

Alan Seymour, Burgess Hill, January 2018

Quarter Peals

St Luke, Milland

18th November 2017

5040 Doubles

240 Stedman, 360 Grandsire, 1080 April Day, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 960 St Simons, 480 St Martins, 960 Plain Bob
1 Edward Underwood
2 Graham Cane
3 Brian Underwood
4 Harry Cane
5 Roger Barber (C)
6 Barry Waterridge
Rung as a 60th birthday Compliment for Barry Waterridge
First Peal 1 & 4

St Mary, Walberton

19th November 2017

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Marjorie Murphy
2 Susan Spencer
3 Jane Deadman
4 David Hall
5 Nick Deadman
6 Colin Spencer (C)
Rung to celebrate the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip tomorrow, also for the Christening of Isla Grace Cowen, granddaughter of Marjorie.

Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

20th November 2017

1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Keith Game
2 Hamish McNaughton
3 Chris Fynes
4 Peter Wilkinson
5 Phil Down
6 Peter Watson
7 Colin Spencer (C)
8 David Roberts
Rung to celebrate the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip

St James, Stedham

13th January 2018

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Edward Underwood
2 Marilyn Payne
3 Rebecca Browning (C)
4 Peter Payne
5 Brian Underwood
6 Barry Cooper
Rung as a 65th birthday Compliment for Barry Cooper

Holy Trinity, Bosham

20th January 2018

5040 2 Minor Methods

1 Jonathan Franklin
2 Ann Franklin
3 Margaret Sherwood
4 David Roberts
5 Benjamin Carey
6 Ewan Grant-Richardson (C)
First towerbell peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the conductors recent 18th Birthday.
Dedicated to the memory of Ken Knight, a Past Master of the association and a good friend to many of the band.

St John the Baptist, Westbourne

21st January 2018

1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Cyril Shutler
2 Jane Wilkinson
3 Tim Wright
4 Simon Kelly
5 Jack Burton
6 Geoffrey Anthony
7 Peter Wilkinson (C)
8 Anthony Shutler
In memory of Barbara Salmons, ringer for many years at Westbourne and Portsea towers

St Mary, Stoughton

26th January 2018

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Hilary Major
2 Pauline Jeffs
3 Mandy Rodgers
4 Caroline Taylor
5 Tim Wright (C)
Rung in memory of Barbara Salmons

Sussex County Association

St Mary, Funtington

9th February 2018

5040 Minor

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Pinehurst Bob, St Clements College Bob, Buxton Bob, Plain Bob.
1 Michael Wake
2 Margaret Sherwood
3 Peter Wilkinson
4 Robert Lane
5 Marisa Hayes (C)
6 Jonathan Franklin
In memory of Barbara Salmons of Portsea and Westbourne whose funeral was this week.

Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

3rd March 2018

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1 Keith Game
2 Peter Watson
3 Marie Boniface
4 Alison Hunt
5 Doug Boniface
6 Hamish McNaughton
7 Colin Spencer (C)
8 Ewan Grant-Richardson

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WESTERN DISTRICT 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) & Lymminster (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 (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm - 1st only) & Upper Beeding, Wisborough Green (7.30pm)

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

Friday: Amberley, Rogate & Storrington

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

Regular Practices

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

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Subscribe to Soundbow. SCACR quarterly magazine. £1 each or £6 pa for a postal subscription. Contact Soundbow Editor Kathy Howard 01903 813653

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If you use Twitter then look for @scacr and @sussexbells

If you need to know more about social media please email Alison Everett, our Communications and Events Team leader, at publicity@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who sent in items for the newsletter. Your input is greatly appreciated.

*Please send dates of forthcoming events for the next **Diary update** to Mandy and Hamish via news-west@scacr.org by **15th May 2018** and your contributions for the next edition of **SallyForth** by **15th July 2018**. Thank you*