



# Look To!

## SCACR Eastern Division Newsletter

### Summer 2018

Welcome to your Summer Edition of Look To! for 2018. Thank you to all who have sent in articles for this edition. Please do try to attend all or some of the ringing events that have been arranged over the Summer. You will be very welcome. We wish you much happy ringing!

### Saturday Meetings

**Saturday 23rd June.** - Walk and ring. Starting at Sandhurst (Kent)

Ringling at 9.45. Walk to Bodiam - Ringling at 11.45, pub or picnic lunch. Walk to Hawkhurst to ring 3.15 - 4.0 and walk back to Sandhurst. If you don't want to do all the walking maybe visit Bodiam Castle or the Kent & East Sussex Railway. Hawkhurst, Sandhurst and Bodiam are accessible by bus 349 from Hastings to Hawkhurst, or there is ample car parking at Sandhurst.

### Saturday, 30th June 2018 Sittingbourne Outing

*Own arrangements for lunch and travel. Some people are staying on the evening of the 29th at The Holiday Inn Sittingbourne.*

Time	Tower	Bell	Weight	Post Code
<u>9.45 a.m.</u>	Queenborough.	6 Bells.	5.2 Cwt.	ME11 5EP
<u>11.00 a.m.</u>	Minster.	6 Bells.	10.2 Cwt.	ME12 2HE
<u>12.15 p.m.</u>	East Church.	6 Bells.	10.0 Cwt.	ME12 4EH
	Lunch			
<u>2.30 p.m.</u>	Milton.	6 Bells.	10.3 Cwt.	ME10 2HA
<u>3.45 p.m.</u>	Sittingbourne.	8 Bells. 1	9.0 Cwt.	ME10 4PG
<u>5.00 p.m.</u>	Tunstall.	8 Bells.	10.1 Cwt.	ME11 5EP

**July 28th** Practice Meeting 3.00 pm Ewhurst Green 4.00 pm Northiam 5.00 pm Tea  
Names for tea to Marion Hollands [sec-east@scacr.org](mailto:sec-east@scacr.org) by July 22<sup>nd</sup> please!

**September 22nd** Ashburnham TBC

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Visit to the association Library at Stella's in Billingshurst with afternoon ringing. Details to follow in the next edition of LOOK To! and will be on the website calendar [SCACR calendar](#)

**November 3rd.** Mini outing to villages on the outskirts of Maidstone

**November 24th** Outing to Chelmsford.

# THE BEXHILL BELLRINGERS

## QUIZ 2018

THIS YEAR'S QUIZ WILL BE ON FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY  
6.30 FOR 7.00 PM FINISHING AT 10.00PM  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

TICKET £6 WITH THE USUAL PLOUGHMANS SUPPER

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
ROY COX 01424 211473 or [mroycox@gmail.com](mailto:mroycox@gmail.com)

## Practice plans.

**Plain Bob Doubles training:** This will be at Alfriston on Wednesday 4th July, starting at 7pm. Please look at the method before attending, but there will be a theory session followed by putting it into practice. Any questions please contact [alfriston@scacr.org](mailto:alfriston@scacr.org).

If successful there will be further sessions, for further ringing this method for those who attend this time, and to give others the chance to come or learn and practice other doubles methods.

### Minor practices:

These will recommence on Wednesday 27th June at Alfriston 7.30. There will be both plain and treble bobbing or surprise methods each time so that ringers who want to practice plain hunting or treble bobbing can do so. For this date the methods will be St Clements Minor and Little Bob Minor.

Future dates will be Wednesday 25th July at Christ Church Eastbourne, and Wednesday 22nd August at Alfriston, both at 7.30.

Contact [events-east@scacr.org](mailto:events-east@scacr.org) for any queries or just turn up!

### Triples and Surprise Major

We are still looking at the possibility of holding triples and surprise major practices. At present there are not enough ringers who can commit to a particular night so practices in the Eastbourne area (particularly the joint St Mary's/ Christ Church Tuesday practices which are generally held on the first and last Tuesdays of the month) are including these methods. If you would like to attend a triples or surprise major practice, please contact [events-east@scacr.org](mailto:events-east@scacr.org)

## Eastern District Quiz

Our 19th annual quiz was held in the Hailsham Community Hall, supported by 130 people. Our thanks go to Alastair and Jenny from St Mary's Eastbourne for organising the questions also to the Ringers from St. Mary for marking and collecting the answer sheets.

A raffle was held and raised £271.00 for BRF, also the proceeds from the quiz of £85.93 will also go to BRF making a total of £356.93.

Team No:	Team Name	Joker played	Round number (9 rounds in total: 1 through 8 plus SB)										Joker points	Total points	Overall POSITION
			1	2	3	4	SB	5	6	7	8				
1	Waldron	6	6	6	6	7	19	7	7	9	7	7	81	14	
2	Heathfield	8	8	7	7	9	20	10	9	10	9	9	98	2	
3	Dallington	5	8	8	4	8	19	3	6	7	7	3	73	15	
4	Rotherfield	2	9	8	9	9	18	10	9	9	9	8	98	2	
5	Chiddingly	8	8	7	5	10	18	7	7	8	7	7	84	12	
6	St Clements	7	7	7	7	10	19	8	8	9	8	9	92	5	
7	Ashburnham	8	6	8	7	9	20	7	9	7	7	7	87	9	
8	Salehurst 1	8	5	7	4	5	18	7	6	6	5	5	68	17	
9	Salehurst 2	5	9	8	8	9	20	7	8	9	9	7	94	4	
10	Hailsham 1	8	7	7	6	10	17	8	8	8	9	9	89	7	
11	Hailsham 2	5	9	8	8	10	19	10	10	9	8	10	101	1	
12	Hellingly	5	7	7	7	8	16	9	7	6	8	9	84	12	
13	Willingdon 1	5	6	9	6	9	19	9	7	7	8	9	89	7	
14	Willingdon 2	5	5	7	4	7	15	6	9	6	5	6	70	16	
15	Christchurch	4	8	9	7	9	19	6	9	8	6	9	90	6	
16	Alfriston	3	4	7	7	9	20	9	9	6	8	7	86	11	
17	Mayfield	5	5	8	6	9	16	9	9	9	7	9	87	9	

## BRF Update

The BRF committee met during March and considered a number of applications that had been received, including one from Eastbourne, All Saints'.

At All Saints', the bells are to be rehung with new fittings including bearings, headstocks, wheels. Whilst the bells are removed from the tower the opportunity will be taken to tune them. A grant of £12,500 was offered.

Pip Pawley, BRF Rep - Eastern District - [brf-east@scacr.org](mailto:brf-east@scacr.org)

### 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](mailto: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.

Love curling up in my hoodie!

## News Update (June 2018)

**New Master & Secretary, Open Dates, Ringing Remembers, ART training & more**

### Master and Secretary

We are **delighted to announce** that two Sussex ringers have come forward to take on the roles of Association Master and General Secretary! Rob Lane, from Findon, is now confirmed as Acting Master. The Acting General Secretary is Hamish McNaughton from Chichester. Many thanks to them both!



More details about the **[General Committee here](#)**.

## Tower Open Days and Taster Sessions – Ringing Remembers and Heritage Open Days

If you are planning tower open days, taster sessions etc (e.g. for [Ringing Remembers](#) recruitment and [Heritage Open Days](#)), please do let us know so we can help publicise your event! We've had an amazingly successful time at the South of England Show this week with the Diocese of Chichester. They are keen to help Sussex churches and bell ringers promote these important initiatives, particularly to honour those ringers who paid the ultimate sacrifice during World War One. Remember to [sign up your new recruits \(including returning ringers\) for Ringing Remembers !](#)

## Train the Trainer Course

Would you like to learn how to teach bell-ringing? There is just one place left on the [Association of Ringing Teachers M1 course](#) at Billingshurst 30 June. Attendees at the most recent ART course in Sussex [found it to be an invaluable and enjoyable experience](#), providing lots of practical tools and techniques for teaching learners. Book a place on this course [here](#) or plan one at your tower!

## South of England Show

Bells played a central part at the South of England show this year. Alison Everett our Communication & Events team leader, and Marisa Hayes led the organisation of the SCACR presence at the show. Listen to Marisa on BBC Radio Sussex live from the Show <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p068m3yp#programmes-main-content> (scroll to 2hrs 21 mins)



The Dewbys mini-ring was constantly in use throughout the three days of the show, enjoyed by all ages. Hundreds of people visited the Sanctuary space as well as many schools, including St Margaret's, Rottingdean, taking part in toasting marshmallows on the log fire.



## Central Council Representative update following the AGM 2018 – by Alison Everett

Lancaster May 2018 was my first Central Council AGM as a territorial association Representative. I volunteered as a helper when the 2016 AGM was hosted in Portsmouth by our neighbours Winchester & Portsmouth Guild just over the western border of the Sussex Association and attended Edinburgh 2017 as a member of CRAG (the Central Council Review Action Group), so knew a bit what to expect, but it's quite different to our District or Association meetings, with over 200 representatives, speakers and local volunteers too.

Having the meeting on a University campus meant the lecture theatres, meeting rooms, catering facilities and accommodation was conveniently on one site, and it was organised by the Council in conjunction with the local Guild. The weekend's attractions included: The Lichfield Diocesan Mobile Belfry • The Carter Ringing Machine • The Woodhouse Ringing Machine • The CCCBR Roll of Honour • Bookstalls – ART and CCCBR. Seminars were provided on the following subjects: • Positive Public Relations • Are you Safe and Safeguarded? • Biographies: The Key to Ringing History • Kick start your Bell Restoration Project • Practical Belfry Maintenance • Youth Leadership Forum: Led by prominent Young Ringers. All ringers were invited to attend, and this format will continue, it is hoped, to promote understanding of and participation in the Council's varied activities.

The meeting papers were made available on the CCCBR website beforehand, so we had a chance read them, and there had been discussion in the Ringing World and social media. Since the Edinburgh meeting when a vote for reform of the Central Council was carried, a shadow Executive had been in place, running alongside the committees, and dedicated groups had been working on the Rules and Decisions, consulting widely and referring to the Charity Commission framework. At Lancaster there was much debate and amendments considered, but at the end of the day an 85% majority vote provided a strong endorsement of the work so far.

The new Workgroups are now in place, and whereas the equivalent positions in the committees were open only to elected Central Council representatives, the workgroups are open to all ringers. There is much work to be done over the next few months, but be assured, everything is being done to ensure that the Council becomes the organisation that we need it to be:

The strategic leader and public voice of the ringing community, the arbiter of standards; and to promote an environment where ringing can flourish.



David Kirkcaldy, Graham Hills, Alan Baldock, Alison Everett, Rob Lane

## Norwich Outing.

We decided to make the most of going to Norfolk, so after an early start we went for a walk around Sheringham Park with my cousin who lives in the area. Later we met some of the other ringers at Friday evening's tower at Horsham St. Faiths now a 9.cwt 6. There used to be three bells, but in 1553 they were reduced to one. Between 1610 and 1612 the one bell was replaced by four Bells, cast by the Brend family who owned a bell foundry near All Saints Green in Norwich. In 1868 the bells couldn't be rung because of a rotten bell frame and two of the bells were cracked, the major restoration of the church began in 1873 and six Bells were hung in a new frame, they were again restored in 1930 in memory of a church warden of fifty years William Warner Cook. We rang Rounds, Plain Bob Minor, Norwich and Grandsire.

Saturday was our busiest day, the first tower was Wroxham a 9.2 cwt 6, and we met some other Ringers who travelled up earlier in the morning. We nearly had a lock out here. After making a phone call the tower correspondent's husband answered the phone and said "Sorry my wife forgot to remind me, I'll be there in two minutes." After ringing up we had an enjoyable ring, the feature in the tower was a pulley to hold the ropes on, it was like a candelabra maybe used for their lighting in previous days, suggestion now is it could be their emergency lighting! Coltishall a 10cwt 6, they were slightly harder to ring. On the wall was the commandments of bell ringing. Marsham was our first ring of eight a 7.3 cwt. after a rest enjoying the sunshine in the church yard we went up the tower to start ringing. We were lucky here as the bells had been left up as there had been a meeting of the Norfolk Association earlier. These bells went very well. We all drove to Aylsham and wandered around the town finding places for a snack before ringing at Aylsham a 17.1 cwt ten, Grandsire caters was rung otherwise it was mainly Rounds, Call Changes and Plain hunt. Felmingham was a 15.3 cwt eight. In 1817 a peal of six was cast by Thomas Mears of London and hung by Thomas and Joshua Hurry of Norwich, to replace the previous ring of five. By 1857 the bells were in need of rehangng again, and the work was carried out by Thomas Edridge of Marsham. The Bertram Legacy enabled a restoration of the tower to take place in 1997, a new treble and tenor were added making a ring of eight, and the work was carried out by Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Part of the old oak frame in this tower dates back to 1684.



The last tower on Saturday was Erpingham an 8.3 cwt eight. When we got there the person that let us in had rung the tenor up, as it had a tendency to go up wrong, but we were also warned the one and two may go up wrong after a change of ringer on the two the bells were rung up, but the treble did go up wrong. These bells were quite hard work but we all managed to ring them. Think we were all glad Ringing was over for the day and we could go and find dinner somewhere.

Sunday morning everyone done their own thing walking or busing into Norwich and spending the morning exploring Norwich. We all met up at Coalgate a 9.cwt six, there was a room that used to be a priest's room that we waited in while some people rung. On to Coslany a 14.5 cwt eight, the back two bells were rung up separately, the tenor had to be turned over as up wrong, and the other six were rung up. These bells were hard work, we were told they need to be rehung. The church is now 'the oak circus centre', while we were waiting for our turn to ring we were able to look over the balcony on the mezzanine floor and see people practicing on the circus equipment. On our way to ring at St Giles a 13.2 eight, some of us stopped off for an ice cream or a drink in the park. We had a longish climb to the ringing floor where we had to ring the bells up. The tower of St Giles Church, is about 35 metres, its best admired from outside and is beautiful from many vantage points. Three of the bells date from 1430. On top of the tower is the cupola of 1737 which contains the clock bell. This takes the place of the beacon cresset now in the South aisle which dates from the 1497 will of Thomas Colton who was saved from drowning in the nearby marshes by the ringing of St. Giles' bells leading him to higher ground. He requested that the beacon be lit, and he provided a piece of land to pay for the Church's maintenance.

Our lightest tower of the tour, All Saints centre 5.cwt six. The church is now an antique centre, so between ringing people were wondering between the different stalls. The treble and tenor share the same rope guide, which can be a bit tricky to ring. We all made our own arrangements for dinner eating in different venues in Norwich, then a few of us walked back to the hotel along the disused railway and river, while others took the bus back.

Our last day Monday we rung at four towers all six Bells, Drayton 7.3 Cwt. Tony, who let us in at All Saints, lives next to the church, he called in to see us, we were also joined by Sandra and Jeremy Alford and Jeremy's sister. Weston Longville, 10.2 cwt. St Peters Church Yaxham, 12.1cwt. This was a round tower and built of flint. This was a ground floor ring, making is easier for us all to explore the church. Our last tower of the tour was Mattishall, 14 cwt, the bells

were very hard work, but we successfully managed them. A few people had started their journey earlier in the day but those of us that were left all went into the local pub before making our own way home.

Methods rung over the weekend.

Stedman doubles St. Clements, rounds on six, eight, and ten, Plain Bob Minor, Norfolk Surprise Minor, Cambridge Minor, Plain Bob Doubles, Norwich, Plain bob triples, Cambridge major, rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunting on six and eight, Stedman Triples, Double Oxford, Grandsire Caters.

102 Bells were rung

## **Safeguarding report.**

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...

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.

## **Central Council.**

The Eastern District would like to congratulate Alison Everett (a relative newcomer to ringing) on her election to the CCCBR Executive comprising: President Christopher O'Mahony, Vice President David Kirkcaldy (SCACR), Treasurer Andrew Smith, Secretary Mary Bone, plus the results of an election to complete the remaining four places from five nominations: The four candidates receiving the most votes at the CCCBR annual meeting were:

Clyde Whittaker (Rules Lead) - 146 votes

Phillip Barnes (CRAG & KCACR Chairman) - 134 votes

Alison Everett (SCACR) -122 votes

David Smith (ANZAB) - 116 votes

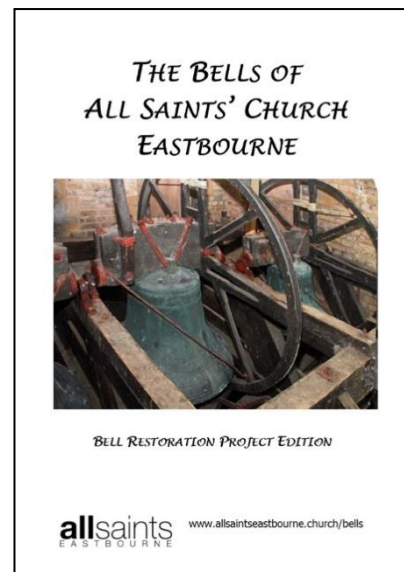
## Publication of *Bells of All Saints' Eastbourne* booklet

In conjunction with the launch of the Bell Restoration appeal at All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, the ringers have produced this high quality and informative 40-page booklet. It contains a brief history of the bell tower, the bells, the early ringers and other interesting facts about bell ringing.

The ringers are looking to raise £75,000 to finance the restoration of the bells. This includes all new fittings and the retuning of the bells, together with the cost of moving and overhauling the tower clock.

No charge is being made for the booklet, but it is hoped that this will encourage a generous donation to the All Saints' Bell Restoration Fund.

To obtain your copy, please contact Pip Pawley at [pip@allsaintsbells.uk](mailto:pip@allsaintsbells.uk) or [bells@allsaintseastbourne.church](mailto:bells@allsaintseastbourne.church)



Donations to the All Saints' Bell Restoration Fund can be made via the MyDonate website - follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MyDonateAllSaintsBells>

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