

SallyForth

Western District Newsletter
August/September 2018



Diary of Events

August 2018

Wednesday 1 st	Codgers	for towers see SCACR calendar	11.00am–12.15pm 2.00pm–3.30pm
Friday 3 rd	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 4 th	Beginners & Improvers Practice - Contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am
Saturday 11 th	Monthly Get Together: Ringing Tea followed by ringing Names for tea to David at events-west@scacr.org	Westbourne Funtington	3.00pm-4.30pm 5.00pm
Friday 17 th	Advanced 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 18 th	Doubles Training Afternoon (link) Contact Mary Burr at sec-south@scacr.org	Wivelsfield	from 2.00pm
Saturday 25 th	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.15am

September 2018

Saturday 1 st	Beginners & Improvers Practice - Contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Findon	9.30am
Wednesday 5 th	Codgers	for towers see SCACR calendar	11.00am–12.30pm 2.15pm–3.30pm
Friday 7 th	Basic 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 8 th	New Ringers Morning <i>SEE BOX AD ON PAGE 2 FOR FULL DETAILS</i>	Washington	10.00am-12.30
Friday 21 st	Advanced 8 Bell Practice	Arundel	7.30pm
Saturday 22 nd	Surprise Minor Practice	Walberton	10.15am Wednesday

Looking Ahead

6 th October 2018	Basic Ringing Up & Down Course at Shipley (link)
6 th October 2018	Findon open ringing and Fund-raising Tea <i>SEE BOX ON PAGE 3</i>
13 th October 2018	Handbell Day at Hurstpierpoint Preparatory School (link).
13 th October 2018	District Coach Outing to the Salisbury Area <i>SEE BOX AD ON PAGE 2 FOR FULL DETAILS</i>
3 rd November 2018	Findon open ringing and Fund-raising Coffee Morning <i>SEE BOX ON PAGE 3</i>

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

Please send your contributions for the next edition of **SallyForth** to
news-west@scacr.org by **15th November 2018**. Thank you

Secretary's Musings

So, the AGM has taken place and although no one came forward at the meeting 2 members have since volunteered to become Association Master and Association Secretary. They are Rob Lane, who lives in Findon and rings mainly at Brighton, has agreed to become Acting Association Master, and Hamish McNaughton, who rings at Chichester and is also a member of our West Committee, has agreed to become Acting Association Secretary. Our thanks go to both of them for volunteering to take on these roles.

We have also had a couple of very successful 'Ringing Up and Down mornings' in the West, held at Shipley, both of which were oversubscribed so there is going to be yet another one in October as you will see from the Diary.

Another success for Sussex was when the Sussex Young Ringers' won the Ringing World National Youth Contest which took place in London on 7th July. They beat 21 other teams from all over England. Well done to the team as they put in a lot of time practising, but still had lots of fun together. We are all very proud of them and their reputation is known nationally. If you are a young ringer (under 18) and would like to join them, check out the SCACR website or SCACR Facebook for the next time they are doing something together.

As you will see elsewhere in the Sally Forth we also have a New Ringer's Morning to be held on 8th September at Washington. Do come along even if you have been ringing a few years, it is good to meet and talk with other ringers, as ringing is not only doing it but also making friends and doing things together such as Outings or social events. In fact we have planned an Outing in October, by coach, to ring at several Towers around Salisbury. There will be pick up points at Washington and Petworth. Do let me know if you wish to be included so we know what size coach to have but it will be no larger than 29, and should cost approx. £25 (including Tower donations).



There is lots going on all over Sussex, see the website, www.scacr.org, and join in with any of the activities. You don't have to just stay in the West District you will be welcome at any event.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - West District

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Laker, Milland

Rachel Warwick, Wisborough Green

District Coach Outing

Saturday 13th October 2018

Travel by 29-seater coach to ring at several towers in the Salisbury Area (including 2 in Salisbury where we will also have lunch), leaving the last Tower by 6pm to return home.

Cost approx. £25 depending on numbers (this includes tower donations)

Pick up points: Worthing, Washington, Petworth

Please register your interest with Moya (sec-west@scacr.org) or 01903-266980 to reserve your place.

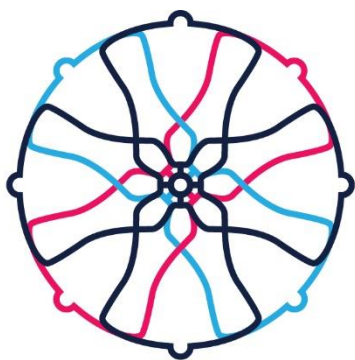
Calling all New Ringers

***Come to Washington Church (RH20 4AS)
Saturday, 8th September 10am-12.30***

Spend a relaxed morning meeting other new ringers in our Association.

- Go up to see the bells
- Watch and ring on these easy going 6 bells
- Have a go at ringing a dumb bell with simulator
- Meet and talk to other new ringers
- Ask questions of more experienced ringers
- Various ringing books on sale
- Enjoy delicious cake and coffee

Names to Moya (sec-west@scacr.org or 01903-266980)



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CCCBR UPDATE

This year the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers meeting was held in Lancaster, at the University, on its traditional late May bank holiday weekend. After the vote last year to go ahead with a comprehensive restructuring exercise this was the time to vote on the proposed changes. A new set of rules and supporting structure.

In accordance with changes already put in place the format of the meeting was different; out went peals and ringing for those representatives attending and in came a series of seminars aimed at ringers from the local area, everyone was welcome. The seminars covered a wide selection of subjects and all seemed to be well received.

Some items had been retained including the official reception this year held in the Great Hall of Lancaster University on Sunday evening; again a break with tradition, there were no local dignitaries invited.

The actual meeting was split in two with routine matters being dealt with on Sunday afternoon. Also the Annual Meeting of the Ringing World Ltd was held prior to this starting. The main session was still on Bank Holiday Monday but commenced with adoption of the accounts. The next item was to discuss a new set of rules to support the proposed new structure. There were those in favour of retaining the status quo, others who wanted to see the vote on change held over for a further twelve months. As it turned out however the vast majority wanted to see the changes implemented straight away.

Last year we voted on whether to accept the changes that had been put forward; although they only required a straight majority there was overwhelming support for them. This year because it was a rule change a majority of two thirds of those present would be required, as it turned out over 85% supported the new rules.



This has brought in an executive of eight, including four elected people (one of them Alison Everett from Bosham) in addition to the four officers. Committees have been replaced by a smaller number of workgroups. Anyone can join a workgroup, not just elected Central Council representative members and it is hoped that this will introduce some new blood with different ideas as to how to deliver services to grass roots ringers more effectively.

For the 2019 there will be another significant change in that the AGM will move from May to the first weekend in September. It will be held in London and again there will be a number of seminars and presentations on a wide range of subjects aimed at all ringers. In the future there is more work to be done on developing a direct membership channel and the size of the CCCBR.

David Kirkcaldy
Central Council Rep

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

Findon are Fund-raising!

Ringers will be familiar with the bells at Findon but may not know that two headstocks are of an earlier pattern and in need of replacement. This is planned for the near future (see article on page 6 of this issue). We are grateful for support already promised from the Bell Restoration Fund and elsewhere but want to contribute to the costs by raising funds ourselves in October/November.

We invite ringers and friends to come to tea at Findon on the afternoon of Saturday October 6th from 3 – 5pm when the tower will be open for ringing, our excellent cakes will be available and the SCACR Mobile Exhibition will be on display.

At other times in the four weeks that follow we shall be glad to have visitors to ring quarter peals or to attend practice nights.

We shall end the month with a coffee morning on Saturday November 3rd from 10 – 12 noon with open ringing, our favourite biscuits and the Exhibition again.

All are welcome!

The long and the short of THE WEST STRIKING COMPETITION!

We are fortunate to have been sent two complementary articles about West's Striking Competition. If you just want to know the score then read the short; but if you want to watch the game then read the long!

the short

A request had been received to hold a striking competition this year after an absence of a few years in the west.

The date selected was Saturday, 14th April and the venue at Walberton. This turned out to be a good choice as we were blessed with sunny, warm weather. The judge, Richard Verrall, from West Grinstead was recruited and he was accompanied by Sheila, his wife; always good news as she brought some of her wonderful bread pudding.

The afternoon combined the method and call change sections, with two in the former category competing for the Robert Wake shield and five in the latter. After a manipulated draw - Goring wanted to ring early in order to watch the Grand National and Steyning wanting to ring late due to a wedding at their home tower - all was under way. Richard was positioned in a sunny part of the churchyard to listen and ultimately give us his comments on our efforts.



The teams entering the call change section in some cases were made up of ringers from more than one tower all of whom attended practices together. The tower teams were Goring, Milland, Steyning, Walberton and Washington. Richard didn't give each team a score but placed them in the order for the best piece of ringing produced. After some words of wisdom he declared Walberton to be the winners.

Of the two teams in the method section one represented Chichester Cathedral and the other was a more 'put together' one. As it turned out they were awarded first place with Chichester Cathedral being judged runners up.

With between thirty and forty present it was a very enjoyable afternoon and a worthwhile event to be included in the District calendar.

David Kirkcaldy

Method Winners: Moya Hills, Brian Underwood, Kathy Howard, David Kirkcaldy, Christine Butterfield & Graham Hills

the long

It has been some three years since the last striking competition and it is remarkable how quickly some people seem to find some other reason not to be available when prompted to join a band! Some had already arranged an outing of course, such as Felpham/Pagham and the Westbourne Deanery outing involving other local towers, and we are now getting into the wedding season, but we were able to organise five teams for change ringing and one for the method competition. (this was supplemented by a quickly formed 6 calling themselves "The Oldies").

Walberton church of St Marys was a good choice and 20 to 30 ringers gradually assembled while Moya sorted out the ringing order. A large gazebo was erected in the field about 100 yards away for our honoured judge, Richard Verrall, to sit in glorious isolation. The weather was perfect with an afternoon of balmy sunshine which we had so long hoped for, calming those nerves while waiting for the fatal call to ring! The birds were singing, spring flowers in bloom and a great tea was waiting for us.

Chichester Cathedral band rang first as they were the only entrant at the time for the method test and they gave us 240 changes of Bob Minor after a warm-up, even though the competition had called for only 120 changes!. An ambitious choice with the slight odd struck nature of the 5 bell, but as there was no opposition, they were able to enjoy themselves.

The striking competition started with the Washington band, glad to get their ring out of the way. It was the first time some of the ringers had rung these bells so the warm-up for two minutes allowed, was important. A cautious ring then followed and their 6 minutes of changes were soon completed and the nerves eased as they made way for the Goring band. For the warm-up they gave us plain hunting which must have confused the judge, but the call changes followed after four strikes on the treble.

The local band from Walberton came next and they had no excuses for not knowing these bells! It was good to see a band from Milland to follow, as they have problems getting ringers together not only at their own tower, but helping out at a couple of others locally as well.

Steyning had entered a team but we had to await their arrival as they had a wedding to ring for earlier, so a scratch method band was organised to give the Cathedral a run for the money! Their 240 of Grandsire Doubles was a pleasant change to all of the callings and then we were able to enjoy the ringing of the Steyning band (already warmed up by their wedding bells!). While all us this activity was going on we enjoyed munching our way through a great spread of sandwiches, cakes, drinks and other delights set out in the little side room, and tried to stop Bella, Barry's cheeky spaniel, from snaffling the spare cake. We all eyed the raffle prizes while Moya sorted out the tickets and Dylan, Marjorie's little grandson, was very well behaved, even when tempted by the sight of all of that chocolate delight!

Richard in his gazebo had the task of working out the results and some suitable words to encourage our contenders. He emphasised the importance of good changing for everyone to achieve. Listening and counting with a handstroke leading gap were the key and well rung accurate striking, he said, will always be appreciated. The minimum of effort should be employed to produce the maximum effect and is achieved when the ringer has the best control of their bell.

He gave the results in reverse order with the eventual winners of the call change competition being Walberton, who rightly should know their own bells (even though half of the band were from Lyminster, they do ring regularly at Walberton). The method ringing was won by "The Oldies" (a doubles method proving to be a safer choice than minor).



Graham called the raffle winners, the remains of the tea were distributed, and we all went outside with our shiny trophy for the winners photos taken by Kathy for "The Soundbow". It was agreed that it was good to bring back the striking competition again and even though it would have been nice to see more teams, the combining with the method competition worked out about right for an afternoon.

Well done to the Walberton band of Colin, Sue, Anna, Tony, Sue and David and to all of our other nervous competitors. Many thanks to Richard our judge for his kind words and patience, for Moya who had to call the Goring band changes as well as organise the event, and to Sue, Colin, Sheila, Marjorie and Anna for the super tea!

David Hall

Striking Winners: Tony Davey, Susan Spencer, Colin Spencer, Anna Hall, David Hall & Sue

Mike Etherington

Following the recent sad loss of Mike, I would like to thank you for all the cards, letters and emails I have received and also for the many quarters rung in his memory.

A huge thank you to those of you who came from near and far to attend his funeral, it is a great comfort to know that we have so many friends. Lastly but by no means least many thanks for the donations that many of you sent for Myeloma U.K and the R.N.I.B. I understand that Dillistones have now forwarded the sum of £865 to these charities

Thanks again,
Brenda

Findon needs a new clapper!

 - Michael Nott

An article on clapping and bells that go up “wrong” by Geoff Rix appeared in ‘Sally Forth’ in 2014 (ref 1) which means that when raised and set, the clapper is on the wrong side of the soundbow. More recently, ‘The Ringing World’ for December 2017 quoted an author of one of the first papers on clapping, F.H. King, that the usual trouble with bells that are hard to get up right is that the clapper swings too quickly in relation to the swing-time of the bell (ref 2). Two of the six bells at Findon, the 3 and the 5, are known to be difficult to raise correctly and the 3 is especially troublesome and will always go up “wrong” when rung up by an inexperienced ringer. The tenor and treble at Angmering have also sometimes been found to be up “wrong”. We set out to compare the 3 particularly and the 5 at Findon with other bells to determine if there were any noticeable differences and, if so, whether anything could be done about it. This was helped with publication of the manual on belfry maintenance (ref 3).

The measurements required were the times of the swing of the bell and of the clapper, treating each as a simple pendulum, and the distance between their respective axes of rotation. Twenty-six bells were measured in four towers, Findon (F), West Tarring (T), Arundel (-) and Angmering (A). The weight of the bells ranged from 191 to 700kg. The time of swing of the clapper (T_c) and bell (T_b) was measured by taking an average of 10 or 20 full swing times, in seconds. The distance between their respective pivot points (from the centre of the gudgeons and clapper pivot pins), the “throw” (r), was found by measuring both to the belfry floor in centimetres and taking the difference. No fittings were altered and so the findings are not exact but are believed to be a close approximation.

The clapper time as a percentage of the bell time, or clapper/bell ratio T_c/T_b , for all 26 bells is shown in Fig 1. There is a spread of results and three-quarters, 75%, of the bells lie within the range 88 - 91% indicated by the broken lines. These would appear to be the “normal” limits and are consistent with the manual on belfry maintenance which states that the period of the swing of the clapper needs to be 90% of the period for the bell, much less and there will be problems in raising the bell correctly (ref 3). All bells known to go up wrong have results which are 88% or less, and these are A1, A6, F5 and F3. Notably, the finding of 82.4% for F3 stands out as lower than any other in the survey. Two bells at Tarring, the treble T1 and T5, are also shown. These were found to have values below 88% and yet are not known to go up wrong. All the bells at Arundel go up correctly. Measurements of throw were from 7.5 - 16.5cm and no correlation with any of the other measurements was found.

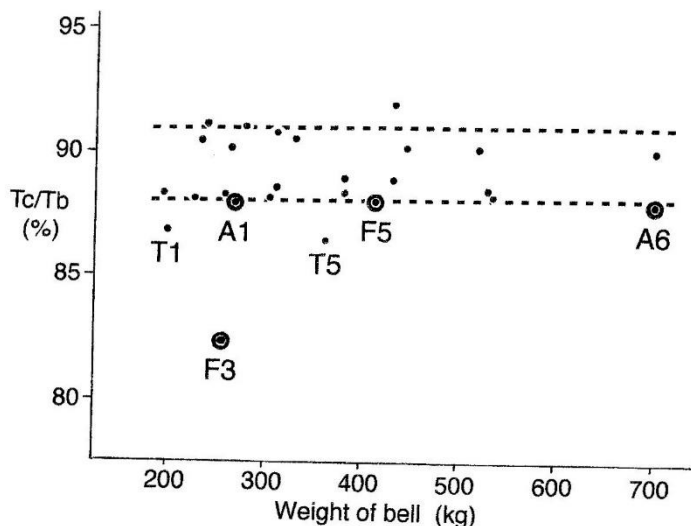


Figure 1 Clapper/bell ratio (see text)

Things can be more complicated. The swinging bell is a compound pendulum. In an exhaustive paper (ref 4) King, McClenahan and Threlfall published a graph which purported to show how a bell would behave and this was used in both referenced articles (refs 1 & 2). It demonstrates the theoretical relationship between “pendulum equivalent length” of the clapper (L_c) and the bell (L_b), and the distance (r) between their axes of rotation (ref 4). The pendulum equivalent length is the length of a theoretical pendulum having a weightless shaft and same weight as the real one. This is obtained from the swing-time by squaring the measurement and applying a conversion factor (m) that includes acceleration due to gravity, which in this case equals 24.85. The formula for L is $T^2 \times m$, where $m = g/(4\pi^2)$. This gives values for the clapper (L_c) and for the bell (L_b). We have superimposed values of A (r/L_c) and B (L_b/L_c) for our 26 bells on this graph, Fig 2. All the bells are clustered in a group in the zone where they may go up right or wrong. The 22 bells that always go up right are here. The six of special interest are labelled and can be seen to be spread inconsistently across the group, including

Findon 3 which almost always goes up wrongly. There appears to be no association with their true behaviour. The predictive value of this graph may be limited because the relationship shown, A/B , cancels out L_c , the term for clapper equivalent length; it is not easy to see what might be done to correct a difficult bell.

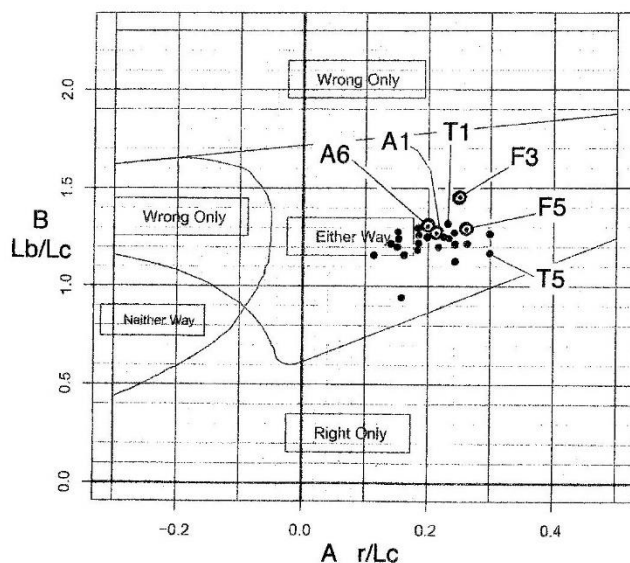


Figure 2 (after King, McClenahan, Threlfall)

There are a number of reasons why bells may go up wrongly, for instance being odd-struck as is the 3 at Findon, having a long or loose clapper bolt, loose frame or fittings, worn fittings and perhaps worn, dry or damaged bearings. The specific need is to slow down the clapper swing-time, to bring it to the correct period of swing for the bell, in effect making it into a “longer” pendulum. It is impractical to extend a clapper but one with a thinner, or wooden, stem might have the same result by moving the centre of gravity away from the pivot. An alternative simple solution would appear to be to increase its weight. In the absence of other changes, what increase would be required to bring the clapper/bell ratio of F3 close to the normal range? Calculations indicate that to raise T_c/T_b to 88%, its clapper would need to be heavier by approximately 14%.

Findon bells F3 and F5 have fabricated steel canon-retaining headstocks, unlike the four other bells in the tower. It is proposed to replace these with lighter modern fittings, which are not so top-heavy, while retaining the existing clappers. Changing a headstock alone may improve things where the discrepancy is small but if the ratio T_c/T_b is significantly below “normal”, as with F3, the headstock is unlikely to be the sole cause of the difficulty. Attention to necessary maintenance together with new headstocks and correcting the striking can be expected to improve things. Nevertheless, we believe we have shown, at least for F3, that it is the existing clapper which makes it so hard to ring up.

After this was written, the treble at Findon was found for the first time to have gone up wrong; T_c/T_b for this bell measures 88.3%.

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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

Worshipful Company of Founders Visit to Arundel

Leaving St Nicholas' Church one Sunday after service, I was drawn aside by John Barkshire who is a distinguished welcoming steward." We are going to have a visit by The Worshipful Company of Founders on 9th May" he told me, so would you like to help out and give a little talk about the bells?

A search on the web told me that the Company were one of the oldest Livery Companies of the City of London and can trace back their existence to 1365! That was just after The Black Death and just before St Nicholas' and the adjacent Priory were built about 1380. It was one of the early medieval Guilds formed to protect the interests of members and to ensure high standards of workmanship and quality in articles of bronze and brass. It maintains its physical presence in the City of London through the Founders Hall in Cloth Fair. They promote research and education in related disciplines and in industry and offer bursaries for young sculptors working in bronze.

There was little to help me get an idea of the make-up of my audience for a talk and delving into the archives, I came up with a few facts about the bells.

History of the bells

1380	Church established
1455	3 bells chimed from floor level
1467-8	new bell added
1474-77	new floor inserted and 2 bells added to make 6 bells
1829	tenor cracked at funeral of Duke of York - bells silent
1854	old tenor recast and ringing floor raised higher
1855	bells recast by C & G Mears of London and the 7 and 8 bells added. Bells are in a major key.
1855	peal of Grandsire Triples rung
1880	St Nicholas Bellringing Society formed
1885	Sussex County Association formed with Arundel a founder member

WW1 and WW2 the bells were silent and stored in the nave.

1950	Gillette and Johnson serviced the bells and had a steel frame installed
2015	major overhaul by Whitechapel Bell Foundry and frame painted by volunteers (in January!) after fundraising of £13,000-00 by local donations.

It is the honour of the current Master of the Company, Michael Harrison Swan, to choose an area for their 3 day outing and he had decided on West Sussex. A visit to Chichester Cathedral had been cancelled due to lack of time and the day of the visit was a warm one. Our visitors had been enjoying themselves touring Arundel Castle so they were 30 minutes late. Just as we were wondering if they had decided to skip the talk and go direct to the local vineyard where a generous lunch with wine awaited, the coachload of about 50 to 60 people arrived. They were not swathed in ermine and flowing robes as I had in the back of my mind, but a rather typical group of all ages on a summers outing.

John is a practiced guide for this type of gathering and I was a little alarmed at the mass of notes, the light pen and the mobile microphone system he carried, compared to the single page of brief notes which were my guidance.

After about 40 minutes of very interesting facts about the church (did you know that there were galleries to the sides of the nave in Victorian times and that up to 800 people filled the church?), I was called to give my little talk. It was clear that attentions were wandering by now, so my announcing that I would not speak for long but just give a few facts about the bells and then offer a tour of the ringing chamber, went down well.

I was not expecting such a good response to the last suggestion as many of the visitors were elderly and I did forewarn of a climb of 55 steps, but I can't remember so many in the tower before. Then I started to wonder what was the maximum number permitted (I had requested a maximum of 25 please). We must have had over 35, including two Italian tourists who joined in rather furtively, at the back of the queue.

The bells were down except for the tenor which I rang for them, then we moved up to the bell chamber, giving good access for visitors. This seemed to be the high-light of the visit for some who had never seen church bells up close. I was able to explain the workings and we had one or two bell-founders who were able to correct a couple of items in my talk!

All in all, it was a successful visit and a good public relations exercise, although I couldn't get a donation to repair our tower clock!

David Hall



A Template for a Heritage Open Day Jason Crouch

WESTBOURNE – 2017 HERITAGE OPEN DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

We opened our tower after the service on Sunday 10th September 2017 as part of the national Heritage Open Days.

We had about 60 people come up the tower which was open after the service from 10:30-12:00 to see the ringing and the bells. We had several of them "have-a-go" including many children.

We had 4 adults and 2 children sign up to come again on a practice night - one group, a family, joined us last night on our Monday practice. A Great Result with promise of more!!

A Template.....

I had created a web page on the HOD website. I had got the details printed in the Westbourne parish magazine and pew sheet. I had posters on the village noticeboards and in the neighbouring villages' boards, community centres, shops and libraries. I had also approached the parish/church offices of the local churches of all denominations with invitations to join us after their services too. Notifications were sent to the Portsmouth Evening News, The Chichester Observer and Radio Sussex. We had signs up outside the church to notify passers-by that the church was open

I borrowed the excellent model from Chichester Cathedral (Thank you Hamish McNaughton) so that we could talk through the mechanics of bell-ringing to those who weren't up the tower. And to reduce the time they needed to be up the tower for quicker turnover.

Geoff Anthony and Peter Wilkinson helped me set the back of the church up for the coffees and for the displays and the Bell Model. We also set up a laptop with a webcam in the Belfry using powerline network adapters to relay pictures of the bells to a laptop in the back of the church coupled to a widescreen TV. This all tested fine on the Saturday. The intention being that people would be able to see the bells all swinging.

Our band of ringers rang for the Sunday service and lowered and silenced 3 bells to enable people to "Have-a-go" yet still be able to demonstrate 5 bells ringing. They stayed for the service and were on hand to both demonstrate, guide the have-a-go and show them up to the belfry. All the time I was demonstrating the bell-handling and extolling the virtues of our hobby to the groups waiting down below.

We had some great feedback from the visitors who signed our visitors sheet and best of all we had a number who are interested enough to come again.

The only fly in the ointment was my laptop which threw a wobbly on the Sunday morning in the Belfry and which I couldn't get restarted to relay the pictures of the bells. Next time I will have proper IP cameras or a spare laptop.

Despite being very tired by the Sunday afternoon, post clean-up, it was all in all a very worthwhile exercise - one we will be repeating next year.

What about you???

NB - Post event thanks were sent to all involved, the other parish/church offices, and the papers. I wrote an article for the next edition of our own Parish Magazine, to extend the coverage and goodwill. It also allows another plug for opportunities for giving bell-ringing a go!! The Chichester Observer also has asked me to develop a piece which hopefully will spread the word more widely with Sec-West@scacr.org as the contact to direct any interested potential ringers to their nearest tower.



Quarter Peals

If requested, SallyForth is pleased to report Peals and Quarter Peals rung in memorium of ringers or national figures, or rung to celebrate events which are of general public interest or of specific interest to bellringers, or which include "firsts" for one or more members of the band.

Please ensure that all members of the band are happy to have their names printed in SallyForth before sending your request.

St Mary, Pulborough

11th March 2018

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Lucinda Barton
- 2 Brenda Etherington
- 3 Peter Shearer
- 4 Peter Gregory
- 5 Bill Avenell (C)
- 6 Connor Rowe

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mike Etherington who sadly died 8th March, many years Ringing Master at this tower.

Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

7th April 2018

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Keith Game
- 2 Susan Spencer
- 3 Stephen Haig
- 4 Jane Deadman
- 5 Mike Wake
- 6 Colin Spencer (C)
- 7 Mike Smith
- 8 Nick Deadman

In Memorium Mike Etherington of Pulborough, former Divisional Ringing Master

St John the Baptist, Findon

16th April 2018

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Sheila Foster
 - 2 Barbara Harbut
 - 3 Erica Pritchard
 - 4 Caroline Jones
 - 5 Alan J Taylor (C)
 - 6 Michael Foster
- Rung in memory of Mike Etherington, a ringer at Pulborough, who sadly passed away on 8th March.

Holy Trinity, Bosham

29th April 2018

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Mandy Rodgers
- 2 Carol Bishop (C)
- 3 Caroline Taylor
- 4 Alison Everett
- 5 Ewan Grant-Richardson
- 6 Jane West

First quarter peal as conductor - 2.
First inside bell for the method - 4.

St Mary, Pulborough

5th April 2018

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Moya Hills
- 2 Linda Etherington
- 3 Graham Heath
- 4 Bill Avenell
- 5 Graham Hills
- 6 Adrian West
- 7 Michael Birbeck (C)
- 8 Richard Tilley

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mike Etherington immediately prior to his funeral service

Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

19th May 2018

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Ian Hunt
- 2 Susan Spencer
- 3 Alison Hunt
- 4 Jane Deadman
- 5 Keith Game
- 6 Nick Deadman
- 7 Colin Spencer (C)
- 8 David Roberts

Rung with congratulations to HRH Prince Harry and Megan Markle after their wedding earlier today.

Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

2nd June 2018

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire & Superlative

- 1 Jane Deadman
- 2 Keith Game
- 3 Susan Spencer
- 4 Peter Watson
- 5 Mike Wake
- 6 Colin Spencer (C)
- 7 Ewan Grant-Richardson
- 8 Mike Smith

Rung during the Cathedral Flower Festival and to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the coronation of HM The Queen, also to celebrate the conductor's birthday on 3rd June

St Mary, Fittleworth

9th June 2018

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Carole Burne
- 2 Ruth Brown
- 3 Brenda Etherington
- 4 Catherine Piper
- 5 Linda Etherington (C)
- 6 Rupert Burne

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mike Etherington at the tower he learnt to ring at in 1948, who died on 8th March.

Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

19th June 2018

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Hamish McNaughton
- 2 Susan Spencer
- 3 Chris Fynes
- 4 Jane Deadman
- 5 Keith Game
- 6 Peter Watson
- 7 Colin Spencer (C)
- 8 Mike Wake

Rung prior to Evensong celebrating the 40th anniversary of Chichester Fine Arts Society

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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) & 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 (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm - 1st only), 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 Upper Beeding (2nd & 4th)

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
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