

# Northern News



The Northern District - September 2018

## Dates for Your Diary

### September

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Essex Trophy - Come and listen	Horsham	All day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 Bell Methods Practice	Balcombe	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9/10 Bell Methods Practice (Simulator)	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00
6 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sussex Quarter Peal Week	All northern district towers	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	General 10/12 Bell Practice - rounds up	Horsham	19:30 - 21:00

### October

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Advanced Practice - Treble Bob Minor	Ardingly	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Codgers - check website calendar for details		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Northern District Outing	Central Hampshire	All day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 Bell Methods Practice	Rusper	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9/10 Bell Methods Practice (Simulator)	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	General 10/12 Bell Practice - rounds up	East Grinstead	19:30 - 21:00

### November

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ringling followed by short meeting	tbc	14:00 - 16:30
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Practice - Rounds & Changes	West Hoathly	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Codgers - check website calendar for details		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 Bell Methods Practice	Slaugham	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9/10 Bell Methods Practice (Simulator)	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	General 10/12 Bell Practice - rounds up	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00

The programme is subject to change depending on availability of towers etc - keep an eye on the website calendar for full and latest details: [www.scacr.org/calendar](http://www.scacr.org/calendar) If you have any requests, please get in touch: [sec-north@scacr.org](mailto:sec-north@scacr.org)

### Monday Evening Practices - Summary

First Monday: A six-bell practice, either an elementary practice (once every three months) or an "advanced" Minor practice (twice every three months). "Advanced" does not necessarily mean Surprise but would at least be based on methods which develop ringing towards Surprise.

Second Monday: An eight-bell methods practice including (but not necessarily restricted to) Surprise Major. These will be intended for those wishing to develop their method ringing.

Third Monday: A continuation of the more advanced ten-bell methods practice held on the simulator at Warnham, excellently run by Jeremy Alford. Come along to practise methods (including plain hunting/treble bob hunting on the treble) on 9 and 10 bells. There will also be a suggested method to look up, for those who wish give it a go.

Fourth Monday: A continuation of the current General 10/12-bell practices at Horsham, Warnham and East Grinstead. Ringing is rounds onwards - all welcome!

Fifth Mondays: Quarter peals, by request. If you want help to ring a quarter peal, this is your opportunity - let us know! [practice-north@scacr.org](mailto:practice-north@scacr.org)

## Upcoming Events in the Northern District (and Beyond)

### Quarter Peal Week - Northern District Challenge: 6-16 September

Is your tower ready to meet the Northern District Challenge for Quarter Peal Week? Would you like some help?!

Northern District Quarter Peal Challenge - 26 towers, 26 quarter peals, 26 firsts, 11 days - we can do it together!! Sussex will be holding its Quarter Peal Week 6-16th September. The challenge is to have a quarter rung in every Northern District tower, to help someone achieve a first - could be 1st QP, 1st inside, 1st covering, 1st conducting, 1st on 8, 1st in method, etc...

Have you got some ideas and could use QP Week as a target? We are aware this could be difficult for some towers so we have a group of friendly people who are willing to help you! Even if you are the only person in your tower who'd like to ring a quarter, please do let us know - we're happy to help! Get in touch with Sandra Alford ([sandra.alford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sandra.alford@hotmail.co.uk)) if you'd be able to take part or would appreciate some help to find a band.

Please could you let Sandra ([sandra.alford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sandra.alford@hotmail.co.uk)) know if:

- 🔔 Your tower plans to ring a quarter peal
- 🔔 You'd like a quarter with locals but need some help finding a few more ringers to make up the band
- 🔔 You don't have a band in your tower to ring a quarter, but you're happy for a visiting band to ring at your tower
- 🔔 Your tower doesn't plan to take part...

We know that Horsham, Ruser, Warnham, Slinfold, Lower Beeding and Itchingfield are all planning quarters - it would be fantastic to have a quarter at every tower in the District!!

There will be a special feature in the next Northern News on the QPs achieved - please do send the details (and any photos!) to Sandra and also to Katherine ([news-north@scacr.org](mailto:news-north@scacr.org)) so that we can include them, and make the certificates.

### Heritage Open Days - 6-9 and 13-16 September

QP "week" takes in the two [Heritage Open Days](#) weekends this year. These weekends are an excellent time to have a tower open day, particularly as you can get lots of publicity via Heritage Open Days. You could also have "bellringing taster sessions" - these are great for attracting new recruits. If you'd like any advice or help to organise an event, please contact Alison Everett: [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@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!

## Century of World War One Armistice - Sunday 11 November

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November is the **Centenary of the First World War Armistice**. Bells will ring out across the country to commemorate this occasion. Many bands will be welcoming new "Ringing Remembers" learners to take part in this auspicious occasion. Over 1,400 new and returning ringers have registered as "Ringing Remembers" recruits, commemorating the 1,400 bellringers who lost their lives in the First World War.



SCACR is joining other ringing associations across the world in **commemorating the fallen by ringing half-muffled in the morning**, in the traditional inclusion of church bells as a symbol of mourning, followed by a **celebration of peace as signified by ringing open (without muffles) at 12.30 pm** or later in the afternoon. The aim is for as many towers as possible to ring out at these times, across the country. We hope that all Northern District towers will take part - whether ringing rounds and call changes, or methods; open ringing, quarter peals or peals!

The ringing across the world on Armistice Day will be highly visible (audible!) to the public; the local and national media have recently featured many stories about Ringing Remembers. This is an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of church bellringing, and demonstrate that ringing (and churches) are still very relevant to modern-day society.

Please do let us know when you're planning to ring so we can help publicise this ([publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org)). If you are concerned that you might not have enough ringers to ring on Armistice Day, please do let Steph know so that the District Committee can help ([sec-north@scacr.org](mailto:sec-north@scacr.org)).

Have your new learners received their **Ringing Remembers commemorative badges**? Make sure they are all registered to be counted as part of the Armistice 100 Band here: [www.big-ideas.org/project/ringing-remembers/](http://www.big-ideas.org/project/ringing-remembers/)



### Ringing Remembers update

What an incredibly busy couple of months it's been. We are really excited to now be able to share with you that the latest numbers registered on the Ringing Remembers database is just over 1,700. Yes, you read that correctly, over seventeen hundred! This is a fantastic number and well over our target of 1,400.

That number does need to be read with a note of caution however. It represents the number of people who have registered on the database. We do expect there to be a percentage of registrants that decide that they are no longer interested and have withdrawn, but that's a difficult number to assess. So, as with all investments, the final number could go down, as well as up!



Of this number we are currently able to ascertain that 80 are registered as "Returning Ringers", those that chose this project as a catalyst to return to ringing after an absence of a number of years. We are grateful for their return to help with the Armistice Centenary, and beyond.

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### Intro to Plain Hunt Training Session - Saturday 4 August

A super morning of focused training took place led by "super-teacher" Elaine Farrow during which five students made plenty of progress in Plain Hunting generously supported by a fantastic showing of helpers. A similar session was held in Ardingly on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.



### BBC Radio Sussex

Apart from the Sussex Young Ringers **winning** at the [RWNYC18](#) in London last month, this month we woke to hear Julie McDonnell, Rob Lane and Marisa Hayes all live on the local BBC radio station with Emily Jeffery.

Emily has appealed for anyone learning for Ringing Remembers in Sussex and Surrey to email her at [emily.jeffery@bbc.co.uk](mailto:emily.jeffery@bbc.co.uk). She would like to chart their progress towards the big day when they will be ringing (hopefully) as part of the Armistice 100 band, to honour the memory of the 1400 bellringers who lost their lives in WW1.



### Downs Link Ring & Ride Outing - Saturday 19 May



A few months ago there was an Inter District opportunity to escape the Royal Wedding or indeed celebrate it by ringing across the county. A combination of bikes, cars and feet were used to transfer between towers.



This reporter has access to eye witness accounts and can report that while the cycle route was very flat and almost completely traffic free, as per the description, the promised gentle pace seemed like quite a pace to the only two riders not on a tandem... no guesses there. However, this reporter can confirm

that Sandra Alford and her "cycle buddy" made it to all the towers, which included Slinfold, Henfield, Upper Beeding and Steyning. Many thanks to Steph and Richard Pendlebury for organising.

### Martin Donner - Our Condolences

We are very sad to report that Martin Donner, who had only recently started ringing at Hartfield, has died unexpectedly over the summer. Our sympathy to his wife Lola, and all the ringers at Hartfield.



## Dark Star Bus Tour

by Ian Smith

Following the recent announcement that the Dark Star brewery had been purchased by Fullers (although the pubs are to remain under the original ownership), a group of local ringers decided to mark this by a tour around each of the 4 pubs. So that all could enjoy the available products, the tour was conducted by bus.

The tour included the Lockhart at Haywards Heath, the Evening Star at Brighton, the Partridge at Partridge Green and ended at the Anchor Tap at Horsham, where this photo was taken. As far as can be remembered all had a good time.



## Whirls update

Slitfold - Warnham - Horsham - Itchingfield - Rusper - Lower Beeding - Lower Beeding - Slitfold

A full programme of events has been enjoyed by Whirls' members thanks to Graham Burling including Beetle Drives, walks, ringing, eating and drinking, not to mention an excellent treasure hunt organised by Val Farley.

Most recently Whirls enjoyed an outing to Kent about which Rosie Gregory reports: "We had a great day out. Six towers: Willesborough, Mersham, Wye, Great Chart, Little Chart and Ulcombe. All pretty wee villages around Ashford, Kent. We enjoyed a second breakfast for some of us - bacon butties at the Inspire Café in the church at Willesborough and lunch at the Tickled Trout in

Wye beside the beautiful Great Stour river. Many thanks to Graham for another a great outing."

Despite 26th July being recorded as one of the hottest days of the year, a group of intrepid walkers from WHIRLS set off to the Surrey Hills for a ring and walk.

First stop, ringing at Albury - the church with a view, and then a short drive to Silent Pool car park for the start of the walk. The ancient flint walled Saxon church set amongst the trees of beautiful Albury Park was a particular highlight where we enjoyed its hidden treasures.



The two fords along the route provided a welcome opportunity to cool our rather warm toes, Stephen P enjoyed the Albury chimneys which tiered over us along the route, the picture



postcard village of Shere welcomed us for lunch either al fresco or in the pub and the Silent Pool gin distillery keep us hydrated at the end of the day.

Unfortunately a funeral prevented us from ringing at Shere however gives us an excuse to go back and sample the wonderful Surrey Hills another day.

# HOT FOOTNOTES ON BELLBOARD FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT

1<sup>st</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> August

## First in method - Congratulations to :



**Elaine Farrow** for her first of London S Minor at Ardingly  
**Elizabeth Moore, Roger Clarke, Iain Davey, Margaret McGinn, Nicholas Barrett & Trevor Cowburn** from Crawley for their first in the variation Little Aston Doubles, also rung to welcome Jimmy Young as Associate Vicar of the Parish  
**Stephanie Pendlebury** for her first of Superlative S Major at Rusper, also rung as a wedding compliment to Ian Wiltshire's son and daughter in law  
**Sandra Alford, Jeremy Alford & David Smith** for ringing the first ever quarter peal in the method, Yucky Treble Bob Major, rung at Slaugham  
**Andrew Alford** for his first in Cambridge S Royal, first of Minor as Conductor - both at Bell Meadow, Warnham. Also for his first handbell quarter peal in hand.  
**Kate Nye & David Perkins** for ringing their first of Spliced S Royal at Warnham.  
**Abigail Fairhurst** for her first of Cunecastre S Minor & Cornwall S Major, both at Warnham  
**Margaret Oram** for her first of Cunecastre S Minor at Warnham.  
**Graham Cannings** for his first of Cornwall S Major at Warnham  
**George Francis** for his first handbell quarter on 12 in hand!

## Celebrations and best wishes to :

1280 Braunstone S Major at Bell Meadow, Warnham - **Andrew Alford's** 100<sup>th</sup> quarter  
1250 Spliced S Major (3 methods) at Warnham - congratulations to the **Sussex Young Ringers** on their victory in the RWNYS  
1440 Yorkshire S Royal at Warnham - congratulations to **George Woodward and William Alford** on successfully completing their degrees  
1282 XXV Surprise Royal at Warnham, 1259 Grandsire Caters and 1280 Quedgeley Surprise Major at Bell Meadow, Warnham, 5152 Spliced S Major (12 methods) at Fairwarp - congratulations to **Sandra and Jeremy Alford** on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. 1250 Yorkshire S Major was also rung by the bridal party at Bell Meadow, Warnham  
1280 Quedgeley S Major at Bell Meadow, Warnham - **Ian Wiltshire's** 800<sup>th</sup> 8 bell quarter  
1260 Doubles (2 methods) at Worth - a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to **Bob Newton** and a wedding compliment to **Caroline Mackenzie and Neil Hughes**  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles - wishing **Caroline Potter** a speedy recovery  
1295 Grandsire Caters - to celebrate the opening of the newest **pub** in Horsham, the town's 4<sup>th</sup> brewery

## In memory of :

1260 Doubles (2 methods) at Slinfold - in memory and on the centenary of the death of **Pte Thomas James Higgins**

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