

Southern News



The Southern District Newsletter *September and October 2018*

Words from your editor

I hope you've enjoyed your summer. This latest edition of southern news should have reached you before our district outing on 15th September so I'll look forward to spending the day with some of you.

If you are interested in developing your ringing, whether that is with handling, confidence or method ringing, we would love to hear from you with any particular requests or ideas you might have. My email is news-south@scacr.org. Your views will help us plan events to benefit our district ringers.

In the meantime, do come along to our October practice at Shoreham (tbc). Ringing will be rounds onwards. May I encourage those who have never been to a district practice before, to come along to this one. District practices aim to provide opportunities to ring on bells other than the familiar ones at your home tower, and to ring methods with plenty of additional support. As requested, this practice will also cater for those who wish to ring methods such as Middlesex and Single Oxford Bob Triples. Good alternatives to Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Enjoy your ringing!
Josh



Upcoming Events

www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar

Thursday 6th – 16th September – SCACR Quarter Peal Challenge week/10 days.

Please link the quarter peals to this BellBoard event: <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=8950>

Saturday 15th September – Southern District Ringing Outing to Eastbourne.

COME ALONG! Itinerary and details inside.

Saturday 13th October – SCACR Handbell Day at Hurstpierpoint Prep School.

Contact Hamish: hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk

Saturday 20th October – Southern District 8 Bell Ringing morning at Shoreham (St Mary) (tbc) 10:30 – 12:30.

Ringing will be rounds onwards for all abilities. Focus methods will be Triples methods for those wishing to move on from Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples. Come ready to ring Middlesex and Single Oxford Bob Triples.

Monday 22nd October – 12 Bell Practice at East Grinstead. 19:30 – 21:00.

Saturday 17th November – Southern District November Practice. Details to follow in next edition of Southern News.

Words from Mary – Your district secretary

I am writing this from Winchester where I was lucky enough to ring at the Cathedral about five years ago. The Seaford ringers were walking the South Downs way and had the opportunity to ring at Winchester cathedral before the start. Looking back I am amazed that I had the courage to do it as I was very much a beginner ringer, but I did and it will always be a special memory for me.

Life has been a bit less hectic recently so along with Penny and Richard Neal I have resumed my challenge to visit the practice nights of all Southern District towers. We have been to Newick and Chailey recently and received a warm welcome and enjoyable ringing from both.

It was lovely to have put on a successful doubles course at Southover in August. 5 students benefited from some expert tuition and progressed all afternoon, learning new methods and gaining confidence. (See more inside)

I have also spent a bit of time helping to teach some new ringers who are beginning to learn to handle a bell. Occasionally it has been a bit scary but it's also felt really rewarding to try and help others learn, watch their successes, and pay back a bit for all the help that I have received over the years.

We have a walking/ringing outing to Eastbourne on Saturday 15th September. Please join us. Details are on the website.

Mary Burr



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.

Love curling up in my hoodie!

The Southern District Ringing Outing 2018

Saturday 15th September. Walking in Eastbourne

Sun, sea, food and bells on the sunshine coast!

- **9:30am** – Meet at Eastbourne railway station and walk to St Mary's for ringing.
- **10:00 – 10:45** – Eastbourne, St Mary. 8 Bells, 15cwt.
- **11:15 – 12:00** – Eastbourne, St Saviour. 10 Bells, 24cwt
- **12:00 – 13:45** – Lunch break. Bring your own or visit one of the several cafes and pubs close by. Plenty of time for a few pints.
- **13:45 – 14:45** – Eastbourne, Christ Church. 8 Bells, 8cwt.
- **14:45 onwards** – Optional tea on the beach to round the day off. Possible opportunity to ring handbells too.

Please do come along. This outing is open to all districts, especially the eastern district which Eastbourne lies in. Josh Hutchinson and Rob Lane will be on hand if you are ringing on new bells which you are unsure of. We are looking forward to an enjoyable day!

Please contact Mary Burr with any questions or if you wish to come:
sec-south@scacr.org. Or just turn up on the day.

There is a pay and display carpark at Eastbourne Station and a pay and display at Southfields carpark just up the road from the station on the left. These are both a 15 minute walk from Christ Church/ the beach.

(Final Itinerary was emailed out 27th August)

Recent Southern District Events

July Event– 8 Bell Ringing morning at Seaford



(L – R) Richard, Penny, Janice, Harry, Helen and James's arm. Ringing spanned from rounds for the large group of learners at Seaford, to touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Cambridge.

August Event – Doubles Training Afternoon at Southover (Lewes)

On Saturday the 18th of August we met at Southover church for an afternoon of training under the guidance of Richard Neal. As always I was very apprehensive before the start but soon felt better once we all had introduced ourselves and started ringing.

It was nice to meet with other course members I had not met before. We rang Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles and St Simon's Doubles.

We all started with a plain course and later in the afternoon were given the opportunity to ring a touch. It was really good to have the opportunity to ring the same method repeatedly surrounded by expert ringers. Also when not ringing to be able to stand with a helper and watch.
The tea break was very welcome and lovely homemade cakes were provided by Mary Burr
I feel it was an excellent afternoon and a very big thank you to Richard and everyone who gave of their time to help us learners be better ringers.

Inge Edwards



Do come along to our October event: Improving 8 bell practice at Shoreham. Saturday 20th October, 10:30 – 12:30. Ringing will be rounds onwards but with a focus, for those who wish, on methods different to Plain bob and Grandsire Triples such as Single Oxford and Middlesex. More details to follow by email soon!

Sussex Young Ringers News

Sussex wins the Ringing World National Youth Contest!

Congratulations to Sussex Young ringers who won the RWNYC in July. Five members of the team are based in the southern district and did us all proud. Here is an extract from the article written in the Ringing World by team Sussex.

Molly (southern district ringer) writes on ringing at Cubitt Town

When we reached the qualifier tower, my nerves were rising, as was the pressure. The teams talks from Captains Sandra and Anne did help, wishing us all the best and making us laugh. It was extremely hot up in the tower, which didn't help us trying to relax. But we pushed through and our practice was brilliant making us much more confident. We rang rounds to ensure our rope length was comfortable, and then rang a few call changes to practise the key changes.

We felt that we rang really well in our test piece, and were happy with our performance. It was great to see our friends from other teams there to support us too; it made it an enjoyable morning. As this was my first RWNYC, I felt that the atmosphere was fun and exciting.



(L-R)
Mahala,
Lysbeth,
Molly,
Andrew,
Katherine
(reserve),
Rachel,
William,
Harry and
Josh

Rachel (southern district ringer) writes on ringing in the final at Garlickhythe

As team Sussex was walking to Garlickhythe, Captain Anne received an exciting email; Sussex achieved great success in their heat and was through to the final. Cheers of happiness and excitement came from all the team members and supporters, however as conductor of the team, I felt the pressure rising and I remember thinking... this could be Sussex's year, we have the potential to win, and we have just got to deliver it. The glorious sound of

the Jubilee bells blared out with confidence as Sussex arrived to listen to their competitors. With lunch in one hand and a cold bottle of drink in the other, we all sat in a circle underneath the scorching sun, cautiously waiting and listening to the other teams all ringing their very best. We knew this was going to be a close competition almost instantly, therefore the nerves were slowly rising... however this did not stop team Sussex from smiling and containing their excitement.

Time passed and the chimes of St James struck half past three, meaning this was the time for Sussex to shine. After applauding Team Bedfordshire for their exceptional ringing, we gave our final hugs to our team leaders and our Sussex supporters and made our way one by one up the spiral



Team Sussex outside Southwark Cathedral

staircase.

We then approached 8 bright red ropes waiting for us to grab hold. The pressure was at its peak as we all took our places to practice, some members were even shaking and almost letting their nerves get to them, but they managed to pull it together and represent the

county with praise. We rang some very stable rounds and perfected queens which boosted the teams confidence levels, giving us more and more hope. Then the time came, useful advice was exchanged and good lucks were called, this was now or never as Team Sussex pulled off for their test piece.

One by one, each change was called and made slickly and smoothly, which made Queens and Whittingtons a delight to listen to. As conductor, I strictly told the team to maintain the rhythm and oddly decided to tell them to communicate with their bells... who knows what was going through my head?! Eventually Rounds came and we stood to end a stable piece of ringing.

However at the time, we did not think this was the case. We all felt a little disappointed with ourselves and felt like we could have improved. I led the team down the stairs first, my smile had turned into a slight frown thinking we could have done better and we did have the potential... I entered into the sunlight, surrounded by cheers and applause which confused me... maybe the ringing wasn't as bad as we thought? In fact, Captain Anne and Captain Sandra were beaming with joy so we must of done them proud. Our thoughts were turned as one by one, different ringers came up to us and congratulated us on our exceptional ringing, and this was when I knew we had done Sussex proud. We even got an interview with Simon Edwards on the RWNYS live feed!

Josh (southern district ringer) writes on the results at Bow.

Shhh, don't tell anyone... I rang the treble for Sussex in my third national youth contest. When we had finished our test piece in the final at Garlickhythe, the team thought we didn't do well and we had lost it. I disagreed (silently). Listening to the whole change from the front is a different perspective, and after all your harshest critic is yourself (especially when you make the odd mistake!), I had a feeling we had it in the bag. The ringing was the best I had done with the team in about four years of ringing with the Sussex Young Ringers. Something felt like this might be our year...

The results, moved to Bow at last minute, were packed! The teams were called in and we sat in rows. The judges gave their verdicts on the qualifier ringing and medals were given out to each team. Then they moved onto the final. The judge's feedback here was critical but full of praise. They identified some common errors within all the teams, which was very interesting to hear. Finally they announced the results. 4th, 3rd...2nd: Oxford! So 1st is Sussex! We had done it, after years of coming 2nd and 3rd we had finally reached the trophy. We received our medals and lifted the Whitechapel Trophy into the air. It was a good, feeling to say the least.



Team Sussex with the Whitechapel Trophy and Anne and Sandra.

A very proud Anne Franklin (SCACR Young Ringers officer) holding the trophy after years of waiting.



NEWSFLASH! Sussex Young Ringers to star in Blue Peter!

Sussex Young Ringers will feature on the BBC's Blue Peter programme on Thursday 20th September (17.30, CBBC channel). Filming took place during the Ringing World National Youth Contest in July, which the Sussex team won. Presenter Lindsey Russell was also filmed having a "learn the ropes" session the week before, with the SCACR and KCACR youth striking competition teams. The programme may contain a few surprises...!

The programme airs a few times in the week and is available for replay for a month afterwards. If the date changes for any reason we will be informed in advance and will let you know. Do encourage everyone you know to watch it! This is great publicity for ringing, and we hope it will inspire new young (and old!) ringers.



The Lilliputters Guild of Ringers visit the Southern District

The Lilliputters began in 2015 as a group of friends going on a week's ringing holiday, based at the Lilliput Sea Scout hut in Poole – hence the name! This quickly turned into something bigger, and two further Tours saw us pick up a number of new friends along the way, from Leicester to Kent, and, of course, Sussex!

After three years in Poole, it was time to move the Tour on, and Sussex were the lucky recipients this year, as we based ourselves at the Parkwood Scout Campsite in Poynings, near Hurstpierpoint. This venue proved ideal both in terms of comfort and location, situated in fabulous countryside.



Ringling at Aldrington

During our eight day visit, we visited some thirty three towers, driven by Captain Michael, Pilot of the Roads, in a flashy minibus! We only had one day outside of Sussex (when we dared to head inside the M25 boundary to ring at Croydon!). Highlights of the week included the daytrip into Brighton, resplendent in our

rainbow polo shirts, the superb bells of Petworth and Burgess Hill, and the novel (but nonetheless fabulous!) ring of three bells at Storrington!

Our local members – Josh, William, Harry – must take credit for their help in planning and running the Tour, and for the marvellous way they represented Sussex. A huge thank you goes to all the towers and local ringers that hosted us and made us feel so welcome during the week.

We look forward to a return Tour next year, and plans are being made already – watch this space!

Simon Edwards (Gloucester and Bristol Association)



The group, resplendent in our rainbow polos, outside St Nicholas, Brighton.

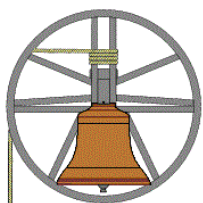
l-r: Aaron, Luke , Cameron, David, Euan, Simon, Lewis, Joshua, Alex, Steph, Connor, Will H, Molly, George, Will S, Jack, Dena, Andrew, Dan G, Jay, Harry, Josephine, Michael and Marc

In Remembrance

It is with regret that we have been informed of the death on 31st August 2018 of William (Bill) Hubbard, a member of the Burgess Hill band.

Bill was a member of SCACR for 50+ years and held roles as Tower Captain and Secretary at Burgess Hill for many years.

Funeral arrangements will be communicated when known.



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Southern District Tower Practice Nights

These are always available at www.scacr.org/towers and in the SCACR handbook. Visiting local practice nights is a great way to improve your ringing and meet new people. You may also be surprised by how many ringers will return the favour and give your home tower a visit too! *Perhaps it's time you got back into going to practice nights...*

Monday: Burgess Hill 7:45, Brighton; St Nicholas 7:45, *(There is no ringing at Brighton St Peter until September 2018. All practices are being held at Brighton; St Nicholas, instead)*, Chailey 8:00, Maresfield 8:00 (infrequent – please check), Newick 7:00.

Tuesday: Aldrington 7:45, Brighton; Good Shepherd 7:00, Ditching 7:30, Southover (Lewes) 7:30, Little Horsted 7:30 (please check), Seaford 7:30, Shoreham-by-sea 7:45, Uckfield 7:30.

Wednesday: Buxted 8:00 (please check), Henfield 7:45, Keymer 7:30, Ringmer 7:30.

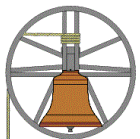
Thursday: Barcombe 7:30 (infrequent – please check), Brighton, St Mark 7:15 (best to check before travel), Hurstpierpoint 7:00, Wivelsfield 8:00.

Friday: Twineham 7:30 (1st, 3rd and 5th).

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- Find SCACR on Facebook. Search 'SCACR'.
- Find SCACR on Twitter. Use @scacr and @sussex bells.
- Contact Alison Everett, your Communications and Events Team leader, at publicity@scacr.org if you want to know more about social media.



The next edition of Southern News is for **November and December 2018**

The deadline for write up's, events and relevant material is

28th October

Send it all to news-south@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

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