

BUMPER BOOK OF BELLS

ADVENTURES, QUIZZES AND MORE FILL THIS ISSUE! GINGER BEER ALL ROUND!

Hello and welcome to the July edition of Look To!

This edition feels a bit like a bumper book of bellringing, with a lot of events to report on since the last issue. Don't miss out on the doubles / minor and general district practices coming up – take a look at the programme of events on the back page!

Please send your thoughts, comments and submissions to me on the usual email address:

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BELLS, QUIZ NIGHTS AND FISH N CHIPS PROVED TO BE ANSWER TO LONG MEMBERSHIP

The Eastern District Quiz was well attended again this year. 124 eager attendees came ready to be entertained and challenged by this year's questions and to enjoy a Fish and Chip supper.



Images by Matthew Jones

During the evening we were pleased to present both Margaret Waterhouse from Burwash and Tim Waterman from Chiddingly their Long Service certificates for 50 years of Membership to the SCACR!

As usual the quiz night aims to raise money for the association and the profit from the entry fees and a raffle on the night was £269.10. This year the money raised goes towards bell restoration.

17 teams competed with Hailsham (pictured above) taking the win, in what was a close result.

A big thank you to all those who attended and made the event such a success, to Pip for being the consummate quiz master and to Marion for her hard work in organising and running the evening and to those other helpers on the night.

FIVE GO ON AN ADVENTURE

FIVE BECOME SEVEN AND ENJOY A WALK AND RING AROUND BEWL WATER



Images by Nick Cant

Five ringers met at Ticehurst at 10.15 on a rather unsettled Saturday in June. Four had made their way by bus from Wadhurst. Two more walkers (one a ringer) were local and duly caught the others up just as they arrived at the lake, about a mile and a half along very quiet country lanes. We could be sure there wouldn't be any through traffic on the roads (unless it was amphibious), as the roads were cut by the flooding of the valleys to form the reservoir!

The 7 of us wandered gentle, occasionally a little muddy, footpaths. The paths trailed along the edge of the lake. They headed through beautiful woodland around the arms of the lake, extending up the stream valleys. We had a short break at a location overlooking the whole length of the lake and continued to the start of the main dam, where a passer-by kindly took our photograph. We walked on across the dam in bright sunshine, although it was increasingly windy as we reached the far side.

The Bewl Water Visitor Centre was reached at 1.0, and we looked forward to sitting outside to eat lunch.

The weather had other ideas, as within minutes it was absolutely teeming down with rain, and we all sat inside and thanked our lucky stars that it hadn't arrived 20 minutes earlier! The rain eased off eventually, although it wasn't finished until we had been walking for another quarter of an hour or so along the western side of the lake. The sun then reappeared for the remaining couple of miles, through more lovely woodland, with views up the lake, and then up the hill, passing a stile where dogs were forbidden from cycling!

The route into Wadhurst took us up another quiet country lane, right into the centre of the village. We arrived at the church as arranged, just at 3.30. Four Wadhurst ringers joined us for a session on these 8 lovely bells. We rang Plain Bob and Grandsire triples, Plain Bob minor (with 7/8 cover), Stedman and Grandsire doubles, and call changes on the 8.

Everyone enjoyed the day. We gave our thanks to the Wadhurst ringers for hosting the ringing.

Sorry that the date was inconvenient for some, and couldn't be our usual 4th Saturday, due to my commitments this month. I can supply a print-out of the route or would happily do it again!

Nick Cant
Roving Reporter and Eastern Committee Member

WALK OFF THE EARTH

SOMETHING NEW TO GET YOUR EARS AROUND



Image from YouTube

Canadian group 'Walk Off The Earth' take covers to a whole other level and have been putting their unique spin on songs done by everyone from Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran and Adele, to The Chainsmokers, Bruno Mars and LMFAO. They always use interesting materials or instruments in unusual ways to get amazing sounds.

Recently they covered the country song 'Old Town Road' after they were sent a set of Schulmerich hand bells. Combining the bells and a load of household items, they create a fantastic sound.

Although different to change ringing, it's very cool and well worth a listen. You can find them on YouTube or type this link into your browser to go straight there: <https://bit.ly/2WSwPoT>

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PRACTICE NIGHTS

EASTERN DISTRICT TOWER PRACTICE NIGHTS

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IN LITTLE THINGS; AND THENCE PROCEED
TO GREATER.
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Visiting local practice nights is a great way to improve your ringing and meet new people. You may 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... Below, we've included a list of the Eastern District Towers and their practice nights, so you can find the one that suits you best.

We suggest you always phone to confirm there have been no changes on the night you are going to attend.

- **MONDAY:** BREDE, DALLINGTON ALL SAINTS, EASTBOURNE, HAILSHAM, ROTHERFIELD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TICEHURST, WALDRON, WARBLETON (JOIN THE PRACTICE AT DALLINGTON).
- **TUESDAY:** ALFRISTON, BATTLE, BEXHILL, BURWASH, CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE, ST MARYS EASTBOURNE, FRANT, MAYFIELD, NORTHAM.
- **WEDNESDAY:** BECKLEY, BECKLEY, HEATHFIELD, HELLINGLY, SALEHURST, SEDLESCOMBE, WADHURST, WESTHAM.
- **THURSDAY:** ASHBURNHAM, BODIAM, BRIGHTLING, EWHURST GREEN, LAUGHTON, RYE, WILLINGDON.
- **FRIDAY:** BLACKLANDS HASTINGS.
- **SATURDAY:** ALL SAINTS HASTINGS, ST. CLEMENTS HASTINGS, HOOE, PEVENSEY.

Contact details and more practice night information, including other districts, is always available at www.scacr.org/towers and in the SCACR handbook.

CODGERS OUTING

The annual Codgers outing took place on 5th June this year. The four towers on the programme were St Margaret Horsmonden, and St Mary the Virgin Goudhurst in the morning followed by Christ Church Kildown and lastly St Mary Lamberhurst in the afternoon.



This year's outing took place in mixed weather conditions ranging from rain at one point to lovely sunshine later in the day. The 23 Attendees came from as far afield as Redhill, St Leonards and Horsham.

The ringing on offer varied from rounds and call changes to Stedman Triples, Grandsire Minor and Cambridge Minor as well as plenty of other methods suitable for a wide range of ringing abilities.

Coffee and Tea were on offer at Goudhurst church by way of mid morning refreshments. This was prior to ringing at the church which has a very heavy ring of 8. Following this most of the ringers adjourned to the Vine in Goudhurst to enjoy a spot of lunch which received favourable reports, "very fine sausage and mash" being just one of the comments to be heard.

A big thank you is extended to the organisers of the outing - Mike and Sheila Foster and Mary Burr. As usual a great time was had by all.

Codgers is a group that meets monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. The usual format of the day is ringing at two towers with a pub lunch separating them at midday. The towers tend to alternate from the west to the east of the county. Codgers is open to **all ringers** and details can be found on the SCACR website or by contacting Mike at codgers@scacr.org

Hazel Mottram

Roving Reporter and Eastern Committee Member

SANCTUARY AT SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

RAISING AWARENESS OF BELLRINGING TO SHOW BELLS ARE A PART OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

SCACR Bellringers and Dewby's Bells were invited by the Chichester Diocese to join them in the Sanctuary area at this years South of England Show to demonstrate bells are a part of church and community. The aim was to raise awareness of bellringing and give visitors to the show the opportunity to have a go and to see how they worked, as both the bells and bellringers are often hidden in churches.



We were very grateful for a number of passes which meant volunteers could spend half a day ringing Dewby's Bells and have the rest of the day to enjoy the show. Bellringers from around the county, including roving Handbell Ringers and Young Ringers were all in attendance at various times over the three days.

Everyone attending the show was welcome to come along and listen to the bells and watch a demonstration or have a go at ringing by themselves (no prior experience was needed as the bells are light and safe). This gave the volunteer bellringers the opportunity to enthuse about their hobby and provide information about the towers in Sussex where they could learn more. We gave out leaflets and stickers.

Great fun was had by all and although there was a great deal of wet weather on 7th June this was unable to dampen our enthusiasm.

Dewby's Bells are a portable mini ring of 8 bells (22lb tenor) built and owned by Alan Collings of Hooe near Battle. He and his wife Mary Collings drove the rig to the Show on the back of a trailer and set up the bells in the entrance to the Sanctuary Area, (right next to the tea wagon which was handy) assisted by able bodied volunteers. Gordon Upton, Richard Hutchings and Edward Woodward. Gordon provided a gazebo which was useful!

Thursday dawned bright and reasonably clear and the volunteers of the day duly arrived on shift ready to talk bellringing and to enjoy the odd tea / coffee / beer!

Images by Hazel Mottram, Alison Everett, Rob Lane

As well as the mini ring, there was some great Handbell ringing demonstrations from Jonathan Franklin, Hamish McNaughton, John Wells, Margaret Sherwood and Ali Lucas.

Friday dawned slightly less bright. In fact there were several serious downpours during the day, but volunteers still turned up and rang cheerfully.

Saturday was a very busy day and the show was much busier as the weather, although windy, had improved. We had some visiting ringers from Sussex and beyond who came to join us to ring or help out. It was great to see them and welcome them to our friendly band.

Special thanks are extended to Alan and Mary Collings for the loan of the Dewby's Bells and all of their hard work in transporting and erecting the bells on site. Thanks to Alison Everett the SCACR Communications & Events Team Leader for her hard work and enthusiasm in organising and coordinating the three days. Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteer ringers who came to share their enthusiasm with the unsuspecting public. More photos can be found on the SCACR facebook page, search for 'Sussex Bellringers – SCACR' and twitter feed @scacr_bells

Hazel Mottram
Roving Reporter and Eastern Committee Member

CENTRAL COUNCIL UPDATE

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL MEETING

2019 MEETING - BOOKING NOW OPEN!



The outline programme of events and the online booking form for this years' Central Council meeting from 6-8th September 2019 based at Goldsmiths College, London is available on the CCCBR website:

<https://cccbbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2019-meeting/>

The programme is open to all ringers and I hope you will find a great deal to interest you, whether it is the social evening on Friday 6th September, the chance to come and discuss the Council's work on Saturday 7th September, the mini roadshow, exhibition and speaker events taking place on Sunday 8th September, or the opportunity to visit St. Paul's Cathedral and ring at some iconic London churches.

The Sunday is aimed at ringers in general, not just Central Council members, and there is a full day of talks, seminars and attractions for ALL ringers. This is the first time this format for the CC meeting has been tried and leads on from the recent moves to reform the Central Council. Do come along and help make this a success.

Over the coming months we will be sharing more information about the speakers, exhibitors and opportunities available at the mini roadshow.



To register, simply use the link or QR code. If you plan to come for more than one day, you can also find details of nearby accommodation. We look forward to welcoming you to Goldsmiths and hope that

you find it an informative and inspiring weekend.

David Kirkcaldy
Deputy President, Central Council
Chair of the London 2019 Organising Committee

RINGERS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINI RING AT CCCBR LONDON 2019

Alan Collings is taking his handbell restoration stall and Dewbys Bells to CCCBR London 2019. The volunteers at the South of England Show were much appreciated, demonstrating bellringing to the public. For London 2019 you'll ring call changes or methods, making a band of 6 or 8.

There will be some teaching for those who haven't been on mini-rings before, but mainly to keep the bells going and share looking after the rig during the event. If you are interested in helping out, please let Alison know on publicity@scacr.org

FRAMEWORK

ADOPTION OF NEW FRAMEWORK FOR METHOD RINGING

After 16 months of intensive work, involving two major consultation exercises, the CCCBR Framework Team led by Tim Barnes delivered the Framework.

This provides common language and terminology for describing many aspects of method ringing, and also contains the Central Council's requirements for adding new methods to the CCCBR's methods library, for classifying and extending methods, and for record length performances.

The framework is provided to support effective communication within the ringing community, and its use by all is strongly encouraged. It is a permissive document, which is not over-prescriptive, but instead describes in simple language the norms and understandings which are common to almost all method ringing performed around the world.

It will inform and govern the Council's various collections and records (e.g. methods, record lengths, extension processes), including how things are recorded, classified, analysed and reported.

The Framework, appendices and supporting material are combined in a single website at <https://framework.cccbbr.org.uk>.

WESTLEY AWARD

WESTLEY AWARD FOR CHURCH BELL MAINTENANCE



The Stewardship & Management Workgroup of the Central Council is launching an award for people who have

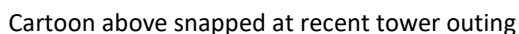
recently become involved in belfry maintenance, are developing their own skills and those of others.

The first award will be made at the September 2019 CCCBR annual conference to be held at Goldsmiths College in London. The winner will receive £100 and a certificate.

Full details and an application form on the CCCBR website: <https://cccbbr.org.uk/workgroups/stewardship-management/westley-award/>

The closing date for nominations is 28th June 2019

ITS BEEN A HUM DINGER SO FAR THIS YEAR!

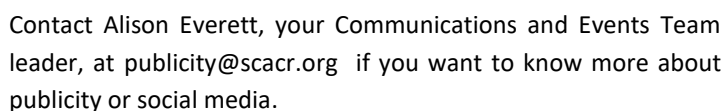


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I NEED SOMEBODY, HELP! I NEED SOMEONE...

EASTERN DISTRICT DOUBLES AND MINOR PRACTICES

The two recent practices at Ashburnham had ringers come from a variety of towers and there was a range of abilities. Everyone was very welcoming and happy to ring rounds and plain hunt so learners could get the feel of the bells before starting on some bob doubles practice. Everyone understands ringing on new bells at a new tower can be daunting, so don't let that put you off! You can find the next practice dates on the back page, so take a look and come along!



WEST COUNTRY WANDERINGS

EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL WEEKEND OUTING TO THE OKEHAMPTON AREA OF DEVON



Images by Marion Hollands

This year's outing was moved from the usual May Bank holiday weekend to May 16th - 19th. The towers were based around the Okehampton area in Devon. There was a smaller number of ringers present than seen in previous years although this did not detract from the variety and the quality of the ringing.

Okehampton is situated in a most beautiful part of the UK just on the northern edge of the Dartmoor National Park. The outing was geared to ensure some really good ringing coupled with ample time to explore the local area. The ringers stayed in a variety of accommodation ranging from B&B, relatives and also at the Manor House (a sport, craft and spa hotel).

Ringing started on the Thursday with three towers in the afternoon. These were geared to take in towers en-route. First was Ide just outside Exeter, A nice gentle ground floor 7 cwt six. Then onto Holcombe Burnell another 6 but much heavier. To get here we got our first experience of very narrow and winding Devon Roads. We ended the day at Tedburn St. Mary.

Friday was a full day of ringing. We awoke to a glorious sunny and warm day. We had six towers, all close to each other on the western edge of Dartmoor. The towers were Bridestow, Lyford, Lewtrenchard, Stowfold, Thrushleton and Broadwoodwidge. These were all sixes and mostly ground floor rings.

Bridestow was a challenging ring in a very austere looking tower. The bells here were very loud where calling was difficult. At Lyford we were joined by Ivor, the tower captain who introduced and instructed us in 'Devon call changes, we soon got used to the calls 'Upwards' and 'Third Stroke Set'. He said we did well but I'm not so sure!

By now we were getting used to the very long ropes seen in all the towers. Trying a knot in the rope definitely not allowed with ringing nearly always with several coils. Lyford was the first tower where we experienced the Devon tail end, the end of the rope having a short 6 inch loop with the end spliced into the rope.

Lunch at Lyford included for some a pint of the St. Austell Brewery Trelawny Ale or for one a refreshing dip in the water at the world famous National Trust Lyford Gorge.

The afternoon ring at Stowford was an experience. The bells a real challenge. In the end we shortened our visit here where even the call changes proved difficult. One of the ringers suddenly found they had rung their bell down in just three strokes. Local ringers later raised eyebrows when we said we rung at Stowford with a general view that their frame was loose.

At Lewtrenchard the locals pointed out to us the grave of The Reverend Sabine Baring-Gould, the hymn writer who wrote amongst others the words to Onward Christian Soldiers. The best ring of the day was the last tower at Broadwoodwidge where the church gave us some glorious view over the countryside.

Then back to the hotel for dinner. Later a group of us joined in the team quiz and with a good run of questions ended up top equal. We then won the tie break question - 'In Kilometres how long is the river Nile? The prize of chilled Prosecco was then enjoyed after a game of ten pin bowling.

On Saturday we ventured into the National Park and rung at Belstone. Two more towers in the morning at South Tawton and Drew Steignton both in attractive village settings. The last tower here was almost a lock out where the key holder simply forgot to open the tower despite the usual phone call the week before. After ringing, the afternoon was free to enjoy the area.

There was just one ring on the Sunday when we joined the local band for service ringing at Okehampton. This was our only eight bell tower of the trip. Again, we experienced Devon Call Changes where we were placed in the ring amongst the locals

Overall a very successful outing with good ringing, good company and glorious countryside.

We are looking to visit the Bournemouth area in 2020 from May 14th, put this date in your diary now!

Answer to the quiz tie break question mentioned above:

The team were closest with an answer of 6100 Km against the actual answer of 6650 Km (Encyclopaedia Britannica)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2019/20

PLENTY OF EVENTS ARE COMING UP, SO BE SURE TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE COMMUNITY AND THE RINGING!

We'd love to see more of you at our events. They are organized for you, the SCACR membership and are a great way to meet new people, visit new towers and enjoy your ringing! For more information or to book your place email Marion Hollands (sec-east@scacr.org)

PRACTICE DATES

Plain Bob Doubles Practice - Wednesday, 3rd July & Wednesday, 7th August

Bob Doubles practice at Westham (including covering and plain hunting the treble)

District General Practice - Saturday 27th July

Practice meeting at Dallington, open to all abilities and districts - 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. picnic lunch at Batemans, Burwash. Afternoon ringing at Burwash starting at 2.30 p.m.

Plain Bob Doubles Practice - Thursday, 5th September & 3rd October

Bob Doubles practice at Ashburnham (including covering and plain hunting the treble)

Progressing in Minor - (Dates to be confirmed) – Provisional dates Wednesday July 24th, August 28th and September 25th

Towers to be advised - watch for e-mail, SCACR website and Facebook. Special methods Durham Surprise Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob or St Clements Minor. For all the minor practices ringers are welcome to come to practice plain hunting or treble bobbing the treble to the set methods.

Surprise Major Practice

Nick hopes to arrange another Saturday morning session, either at the end of July or August, dependant on availability. Otherwise these may restart in September. Watch for e-mail, SCACR website and Facebook.

10-bell Triples / Caters practice

We hope to start a 10-bell Triples / Caters practice at Bexhill soon.

Doubles / Minor Training at Westham - 19th October

Westham in the morning (10.30-12.0, then lunch and an afternoon session) and will include doubles and minor, methods, plain hunting etc.

OUTINGS IN 2019/20

Brighton Outing 28th September

Towers are yet to be confirmed.

Day Outing to The Maidstone area - 23rd November. Towers are listed below.

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| 9.45 | East Peckham 6 14Cwt. | TN12 5NG | 3.30 | Barming 7 mins. 6 Bells 9Cwt | ME16 9HA (TBC) |
| 10.45 | Mereworth. 7 mins 6 Bells 9Cwt | ME18 5LS | 4.30 | East Farleigh 5 mins. 8 Bells 7Cwt | ME15 0JL (TBC) |
| 11.45 | Wateringbury. 4 mins 6 Bells 7Cwt | ME18 5PD | 5.30 | St. Michael, Maidstone 8 Bells 6 Cwt. | ME16 8JG (TBC) |
| 2.30 | Nettlestead 2 mins. 6 Bells 5Cwt | ME18 5ET | | | |

2020 OUTINGS

Laughton and Ripe - 25th January 2020 (TBC)

ADM Ticehurst - 22nd February 2020

Advance Notice - Mini Outing

Our mini outing next year will be from Thursday May 14th around the Bournemouth area, we are also looking into going down to Okehampton for a few days craft and leisure for those that would like to.

The next edition of Look To! is Oct - Dec 2019 - The deadline for write ups, events and relevant material is 20th September. Please send all items for inclusion to news-east@scacr.org - **Many thanks to everyone who contributed!**

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Please contact Sandra Alford with any questions. (clothing@scacr.org)