

Southern News



The Southern District Newsletter *August 2019*

Words from your editor

It's that time of the year when lots of ringing events take place - just look to the right of this column! I'd encourage you to go along and try an event. Ringing outside of your home tower is much more exciting and provides worthwhile, and often memorable, experiences.

This time of year is also a very good time to get out to another tower's practice night. Tower practice night visiting is **the** way to improve your ringing and confidence on the end of a bell rope. We have two middle-aged learners (although they are now becoming increasingly experienced) at my home tower of Burgess Hill who visit at least one other tower practice night a week. Their ringing excels week by week and they set a prime example of how to make the most out of ringing.

Think how other ringers at other towers feel. Do they want visitors to come to their practice night? Of course, they do! So, get up, get out and get ringing.

It may be daunting at first, but we've all got to take that step at some point. Take the hint!

My very best wishes.

Josh

Upcoming Events

www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar

Saturday 10th August – Walk and Ring from Stoughton to Funtington. Full details on the SCACR website calendar.

Friday 16th August – Stedman and beyond practice at Petworth, **19:30 – 21:00**.

Saturday 17th August – Southern District Monthly Event - New Ringers Morning at Keymer, **10:00 – 12:00**. Full details inside.

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th September – Central Council Weekend and Mini-roadshow.
<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2019-meeting/>

Saturday 7th September – Into into Plain Hunt course at Danehill, **9:30 – 11:30**. Contact Steph via sec-north@scacr.org to register your interest.

13th – 22nd September – Sussex Quarter Peal Week. Contact Josh Hutchinson: news-south@scacr.org if you'd like assistance.

Saturday 21st September – Southern District Monthly Event – Walk, Ring and Pub! Heathfield to Waldron. Full details inside.

Saturday 21st September – Ringing Up and Down in Peal Course at Aldingbourne. **14:15 – 16:15**. Contact Graham: gr.hills@yahoo.com

Monday 23rd September – 12 Bell Methods Practice at East Grinstead, **19:30 – 21:00**.

More Upcoming Events...

Saturday 28th September – Eastern District Outing to Brighton. Full Details on the SCACR website calendar.

Saturday 19th October – Change Ringing on Handbells Day at Hurstpierpoint Prep School. Contact Hamish: hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk

Monday 28th October– 12 Bell General Practice at East Grinstead, **19:30 – 21:00**.

Saturday 12th October – **Southern District Monthly Event – Ringing Up and Down Course**. Location and timings tbc. Contact Josh to reserve a place: news-south@scacr.org

Words from Mary – Your district secretary

There I was, on holiday, in the depths of rural Herefordshire, when a message popped through from Josh: “Mary, could you write something for the newsletter in the next few days please?” Well, the inspiration was just not there, my mind was a blank, in holiday mode, whatever could I write? I had no idea!

Bellringing was far from my mind. Before leaving home, I had looked in Doves, but the nearest tower was described as unringable. Then one day I happened to walk past the church and had a look inside. It was a ground floor ring and I found a large picture behind the bells showing the bishop and a group of bell ringers at a service of dedication for the restored bells in March 2018. Luckily for me the church newsletter said that they would be a service at 11.00am on the Sunday so I decided to turn up at 10.45 to see if there would be ringing. I am so glad that I did because I discovered a heartwarming story of a retired army major (a non-ringer) who had decided to raise the money to restore the church’s five existing bells which hadn’t been rung for over 30 years. He also raised the money to have a new armistice bell cast as the village doesn’t have a war memorial. It took him eight years to raise the money and he was pleased that the bells

- **Want to ring a Quarter Peal?**
- **Looking for more help at practice night?**
- **Want advice on moving a band forward?**

Contact Mary, your district secretary, or any member of the Southern District Committee. We are here to help!

were finally installed in time for the village to ring on Armistice Day 2018. The major also decided to recruit a new team of bellringers which included himself and his grandson.

The new band have been learning together and are able to ring rounds and call changes. Libby, who has recently retired, has taken over as a very enthusiastic tower captain and rings three or four nights a week in local towers. She has rung the treble or tenor to nine quarter peals so far and is learning touches of Bob Doubles. All the others are hugely enthusiastic and are quite rightly very proud of their achievements. It was such a pleasure to ring there, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting such a lovely group of people and finding such a positive story when we hear so much about towers struggling to get enough ringers.

I hope you all enjoy your ringing as much as the ringers of Michaelchurch Escley clearly do! If you would like to know more, please search for [Michaelchurch Escley Church Bells Project](#).

Since the last newsletter we have put on successful events such as a Learning Doubles practice and Surprise Minor training morning. I hope you will join in with some of our upcoming ringing events in the Southern District. We have a new ringers morning coming up in August and a Walking and Ringing day in September. All dates and details are in Southern News and on the [SCACR website calendar](#).



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!

New Ringers Morning

As a new SCACR member, you are warmly invited to Keymer on Saturday 17th August, 10:00 – 12:00 for a relaxed new ringers morning.

This is an opportunity to meet other new ringers from the Southern District who are learning new things just as you are and have a go on some new bells.

Josh Hutchinson has kindly organised the morning – Josh was also a new member of SCACR a few years ago.

- You will have the opportunity to ring as much, or as little, as you like. Rounds, Call Changes or even a method. Our team of helpers will be happy to ring anything!
- If you have any questions about ringing, big or small, you are more than welcome to ask a helper.
- If you haven't received your SCACR membership certificate, you can have it presented to you on the day.
- You are more than welcome to bring along your teacher or tower captain from your home tower, as this can often make the experience calmer and more relaxing.

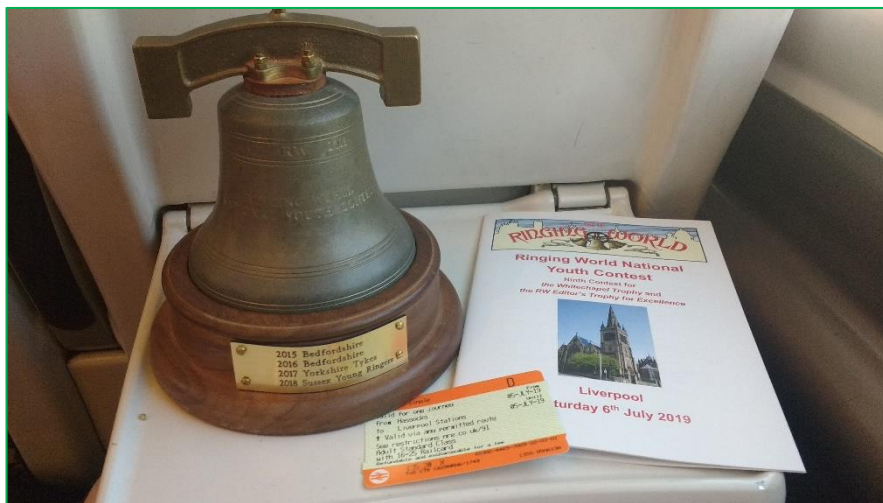
There is parking down 'Church Mead' and 'The Crescent' roads.

Please email Josh Hutchinson to express your interest, or if you have any question: news-south@scacr.org.

We look forward to seeing you at Keymer on the 17th August!

Sussex Young Ringers at the RWNYC in Liverpool

We can safely report the Ringing World National Youth Contest trophy has made it to Liverpool and been handed to the new RWNYC champions, Oxford. Sadly, we couldn't defend our title this year, and settled with a commendable 6th place. We stepped up this year and rang Grandsire Triples, making us one of only a few teams to ring a method out of the 24 competing teams.



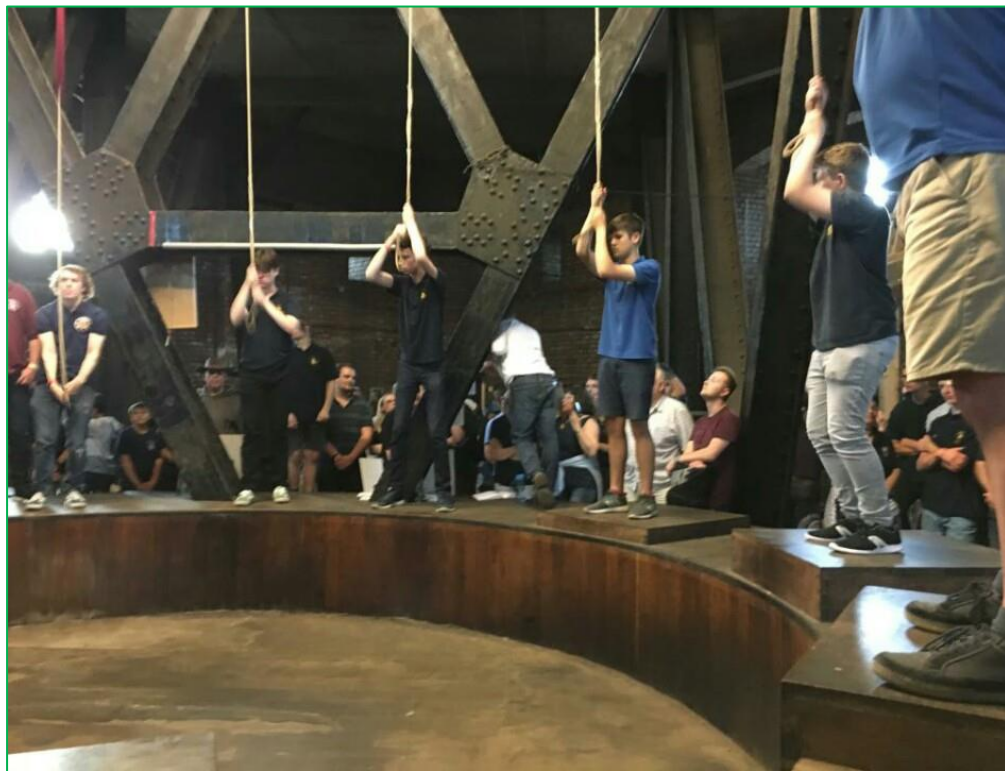
We ventured up to Liverpool by train on Friday 5th and stayed two nights in a hotel over the whole weekend. The Friday night saw some of us head over to St Nicholas Pierhead for their weekly 12 bell practice, while others stayed at the Hotel for dinner. On Saturday we were lucky to be drawn to ring third, meaning we could spend the rest of the day tower grabbing in Liverpool! The competition tower was St Francis Xavier's; a beautiful Roman Catholic Church. We found the bells challenge, with some interesting acoustics, but our hard work and preparation meant we could produce some top striking on these bells. Our feedback from the judges after the results in the evening commended our solid speed and purpose, with small striking mistakes not detracting from the overall quality.

The rest of Saturday saw us grabbing towers around Liverpool such as the 8s at Penny Lane and Bootle. We also got another chance to ring at Pierhead, an absolutely fantastic 12. It was great to ring Grandsire cinques at Pierhead and show other teams our 12 bell skills. Some older ringers doubt the skills of young ringers, but in Sussex we pride ourselves on being able to ring a variety of methods from 6 to 12 bells and do it with confidence and skill.

The highlight for many was the chance to ring at Liverpool Cathedral after the competition results were announced. The Cathedral bells are the heaviest and highest in the world – It was a long way up! The experience of ringing these massive bells inside a huge ringing chamber, surrounded by 100s of young ringers, adults and friends, was astonishing.

The final result was a little disappointing, but we knew we gave it out all, and had done Sussex proud. We will be back next year (location tbc) to compete again and build on our ringing this year.

Thanks to our coordinators, Anne and Sandra, and our supporters over the weekend. It was a blast!



Sussex Young Ringers 2019 Striking Team (L-R): William, Andrew, Josh, Katherine, Rachel, Alex, Lysbeth, Michael and Molly.



The Southern District third Saturday event for September is a Walking and Ringing Day, with an optional pub lunch!

Saturday 21st September at Heathfield and Waldron

Anyone can come along to this event, from any district.

'Walk and Ring' is a great way to do some ringing and take in your surroundings. If you're not up for walking, driving between the two towers is absolutely fine.

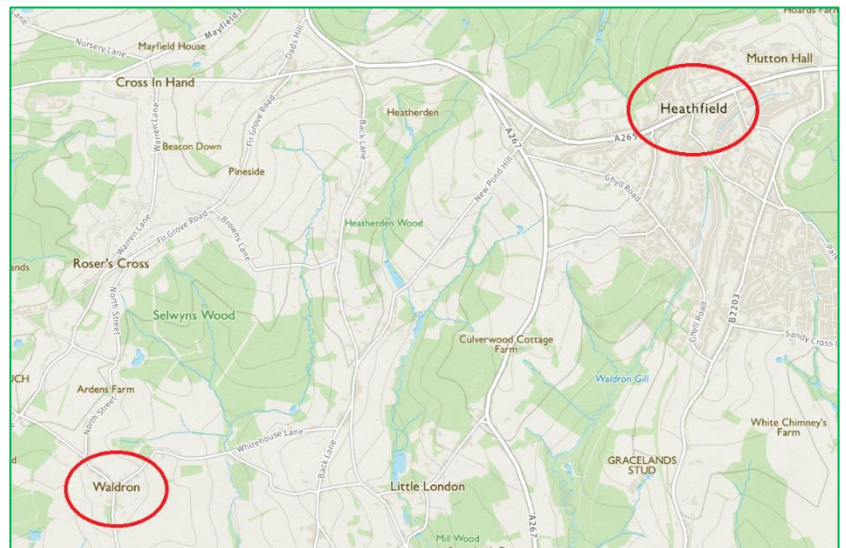
Itinerary

- **10:00 - 11:00** - Ringing for all at Heathfield.
- **11:00 - 12:30** - Walk to Waldron - *a leisurely countryside walk which should take around an hour. (3.5 miles)*
- **12:30 - 14:00** - Lunch - *'The Star Inn' at Waldron for drinks/food, or bring your own.*
- **14:00 - 15:00** - Ringing for all at Waldron.
- **15:00 - 16:30** - Walk back to Heathfield - *Or own transport.*
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Further Details

- **Heathfield**, All Saints - 8 Bells (11-0-8), Parking and Toilet available. TN21 9AH
- **'The Star Inn, Waldron** - Parking available at the pub and the church. TN21 0RA
- **Waldron**, All Saints - 8 Bells (12-0-7) Parking available. TN21 0RA

Email Mary Burr: sec-south@scacr.org to express your interest.



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 YOUR PLACE
 NOW!**

**View the
 programme
 and register -
 Google "CCCBR
 London 2019"
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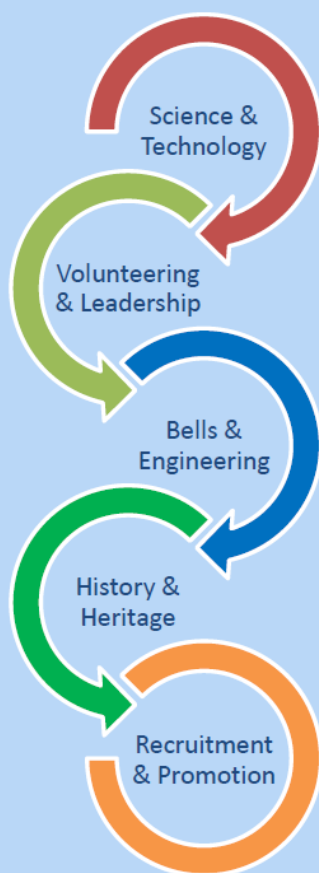


The 2019 London Mini-roadshow

Goldsmiths College, London SE14 6NW

**FOR ALL RINGERS - SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
 9.30AM TO 4.30PM**

Start the day by taking the opportunity to ring for service at one or more of **15** City and nearby churches.



21 TALKS – by expert speakers including :

- Youth Ringing (with a panel of young ringers)
- Project Pickled Egg (Simon Linford)
- ART and Teaching Ringing (Lesley Belcher)
- Building a bell sound (Bill Hibbert)
- Making Bells (Tom Westley),
- Bell restoration (Peter Tottman and Michael Royalton-Kisch)
- Steve Coleman on "When Ringing Had To Stop".

17 STANDS

- See the unique Carter Ringing Machine, take a browse at the Central Council's library on tour, print a model bell, or try your skills at simple rope making on the Avon Ropes stand.

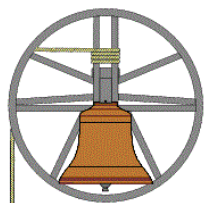
4 TRAINING BELLS AND 3 MINI-RINGS

- Try out a Training Bell to see what it could do for your tower or try out one of our three mini-rings.

Organised for ringers everywhere by the Central Council of Church Bellringers, Registered Charity 270036



Thanks to Paul Wells for running the Southern District Surprise Minor morning at Barcombe in July.



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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!

Monday: Burgess Hill 7:45, Brighton; St Nicholas 7:45 (1st, 3rd and 5th) Brighton; St Peter 7:45 (2nd and 4th), 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.

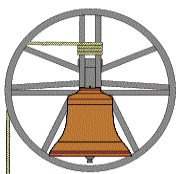
Thursday: Barcombe 7:30 (infrequent – please check), Brighton, St Mark 7:15 (best to check before travel), Hurstpierpoint 7:00, Wivelsfield 8:00.

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

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Visit www.scacr.org

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- 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.



Have something you would like in the next issue of Southern News?

Send it all to news-south@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

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