# **Sally***Forth* Western District Newsletter Jan/Feb 2021



## **Diary of Events**

### January 2021

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Weekly Online Association Ringing Practices Novices followed by Moving-On Contact Steph at sec-north@scacr.org See advert on page 4

Zoom/ Ringing Room 3.00pm -5.45pm

And every Saturday thereafter at the same times, until further notice

Saturday 30th On-Line Handbell Morning (link) Contact Hamish at hamish@wandleys.uk See advert on page 4

Zoom/ Ringing Room 9.45am-12.30pm

### February 2021

Annual District Meeting 2021 This will take place on zoom Register in advance with Moya (sec-west@scacr.org) To be sent the log in details for the meeting Saturday 13th February 2021 3pm – 3.45pm online Chat on zoom or for those who wish to, **Ring** using Ringing Room Let Moya know when registering if you wish to do some ringing beforehand so this can be arranged If you are not sure how zoom works contact Hamish (secretary@scacr.org) or Moya for info. 4pm ADM Meeting (via zoom) 2020 Reports from our District Officers Michael Palmer Award Elect committee members (Secretary would like to step down) Nominate Association Officers Any other business

Saturday 27th

**Zoom Quiz** 

7.15pm for 7.30pm start Zoom Please contact Moya to register your interest and get the log-in details for the event at sec-west@scacr.org or 07941178474

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now, we start another year with hope that this virus will be beaten and things will start to improve so that we can get back to meeting friends and family and ringing all our bells, not only for church services, but for our enjoyment at practices as well.

Even though there has not been much ringing this year, it is in the rules of the Association that we need to have a business meeting for our District once a year. Usually it incorporates a delicious tea provided by the hosting tower to soften the blow. However, this time it is having to take place on ZOOM. The actual meeting will start at 4pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February and hopefully not last long as I would assume most of the reports will be short due to the lockdowns and restricted ringing when we could ring. If you have anything you wish to bring up in any other business please let me know beforehand so I can add it to the Agenda. We will start the zoom meeting from 3pm so, those who wish to, can have a chat over a cup of tea (provided by you) prior to the meeting. Should anyone wish to do some ringing beforehand on ringing room, and has done so before so knows how to log in and use ringing room, this can be done as well by Hamish opening a breakout room for us to do so. If you wish to have a ring then let Hamish or I know beforehand *(see front page advert).* 

If you haven't had a go on ringing room before and wish to why not register for Steph's Saturday afternoon elementary ringing room session *(see advert on page 4)*. As with everything the first time you try it you think you will never get the hang of it, ringing the bell, counting, and listening, but it soon becomes much easier. Our learners have enjoyed it very much, finding it much easier thinking about what you are ringing without having to worry about handling the rope. You could also join in with Hamish's Handbell Morning on 30<sup>th</sup> January, also done in ringing room *(see advert on page 4)*.

Having been West District Secretary for 4 years I think it would be good for someone else to take over with a fresh approach, hopefully there is someone in the District willing to do this as I know we are an enthusiastic lot willing to help out. I have added the Duties of a District Secretary below *(see page 3)* but if you wish to know more then do contact me. I think the nicest part of the job is getting to know other ringers in your District by going to the Saturday Get Togethers. You don't have to be a fantastic ringer, it is mainly being organised yourself and organising other people. Some of the jobs in our District are already done by other people i.e. Newsletter (Mandy and Hamish), Janice (Minute taker) and most of our committee have been on it a few years so may be willing to take on one of the other roles. They have always been helpful to me.



Hopefully when we get back ringing Graham & I will get out and about and enjoy meeting up with you all again. In the meantime stay safe and we wish you a prosperous and happy New Year. Take care, Moya

Moya Hills, Sec West sec-west@scacr.org 01903-266980

> We are very sad to record the death of our member Stella Knight Who died peacefully on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **SCACR DISTRICT SECRETARY DUTIES**

### **General Duties**

- Point of contact for SCACR Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster.
- Arrange District Meet Ups in line with demand. (Usually monthly) These could be ringing practices, social events, at weekends or weekday evenings, and add them onto the Association website.
- Send out new members pack letter of welcome, certificate, badge, small SCACR pocket guide and District Get Together Dates. (Membership secretary will inform you of these). If possible, presented at the ADM by Association Master or posted to them.
- Inform the SCACR secretary and SCACR membership secretary of any members who may have died.
- Bank any monies received by donation or raised by your District into the Association bank account. This should be done by Bank Transfer or Paying in Book provided. Always provide the SCACR Treasurer with clear details of which account it should be paid into, either by reference on transfer or e-mail.
- Claim expenses from the SCACR Treasurer for any printing done on the Association's behalf, postage, and also for mileage, if needed, to attend Association meetings. (Expenses Claim Form on SCACR website under Resources.)
- Distribute the printed Annual Report/Handbook to your District's Towers, if necessary.

### (Any of the above jobs could be allocated to a willing volunteer on your committee)

### Association Meetings

- Organise your Annual District Meeting (ADM) held in February each year for your District. This usually involves arrangements for ringing, hall for the meeting, church service (optional) and food. (Your District representatives for the Association are elected at this meeting, and nominations are taken for Association Officers)
- Attend the two General Committee Meetings (GCM) if possible, held on first Saturday in March and second Saturday in November.
- Attend the SCACR Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on second Saturday in May. The AGM rotates around Districts each year anticlockwise. 2021 will be held in the North. (Association Officers are elected at this meeting.)

### LOCKDOWN MADNESS!!

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home! I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my tea, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant!

In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!"

We will survive!!

(Courtesy of a WhatsApp contact)

## Weekly Online Association Ringing Practices -

"Novices' Practice" and "Moving on to Minor" Novices' Practices

these will restart on Saturday 9th January, 15.00-16.30

All welcome

from rounds & call changes, up to ringing Plain Doubles methods inside.

Register by the Friday before with Steph (north-sec@scacr.org)

also

### *"Moving on to Minor"* starting from Saturday 16th January, 16.30-17.45

Would you like to progress your knowledge and skills on doubles and minor methods? As well as the Saturday afternoon sessions, there will be some homework (writing methods out and/or using Mobel/Abel).

Once again you must register in advance with Steph (north-sec@scacr.org)

For more details on both events see SCACR website calendar

Both sessions are also looking for helpers and take place using zoom and Ringing Room

Change Ringing Handbell Morning

9.45am to 12.30pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Zoom and Ringing Room

This event is open to all, especially:

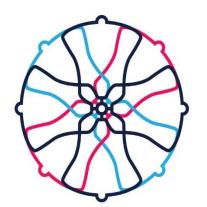
- Handbell groups in Sussex and near by
- Those who enjoy change ringing on handbells but do not have a regular practice
- Those who want to have a go

If you are not used to the technology, there will be a familiarization session from 9.45am to 12.30pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

On the day, there will be three focus groups:

- Plain hunting to Plain Bob
- Plain Bob to Treble Bob
- Beyond Treble Bob

If you would like to join in please email Hamish McNaughton at <u>hamish@wandleys.uk</u> stating which of the focus groups you would like to join and whether you would like to take advantage of the familiarisation session. Information regarding logging into Zoom and the Ringing Rooms will be supplied to those wishing to attend.



# BELL RINGERS

# CCCBR UPDATE JANUARY 2021

## COULD YOU BE A CHAMPION?

The main focus for the Central Council at the present time is a project in partnership with the Association of Ringing Teachers. This is to try and help towers survive the current period of restrictions and then build ringing back better when some sense of normality returns.

At the present time the search is on across all Associations and Guilds to find ringers who are willing to get involved as a CHAMPION. In Sussex it would be good to have at least one in each district, you don't have to be an experienced ringer just someone who is keen and enthusiastic to get involved and help support others.

It is hoped that the CHAMPION will liaise with individual tower captains to find out what good ideas are circulating and suggest ways, that if not already being done, to keep existing ringers interested and involved; is this you?



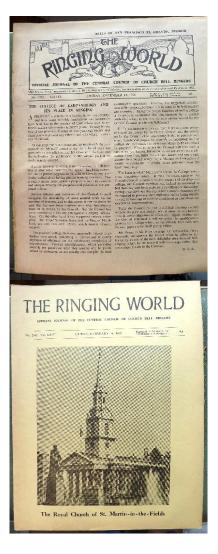
If you would like to find out more then email Hamish at <u>secretary@scacr.org</u> for more details.

**David Kirkcaldy** Deputy President, Central Council. and our Central Council Rep!

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

The ART website has interesting, useful and entertaining bellringing stuff. Don't be put off by the name - there are things for all ringers at all levels; go to <u>https://ringingteachers.org/</u> There are newsletters, videos, help with virtual ringing, on-line courses and more.

# **SMALL ADS**

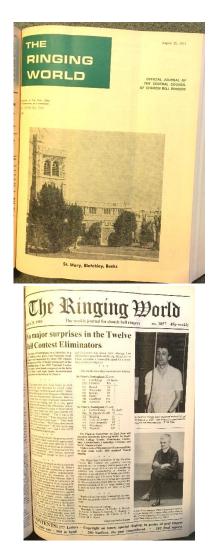


## **FREE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS THEM!**

Ringing Worlds from mid 1956 to the end of the 1988 are going for free!

If anyone is interested in having some or all of them please telephone 01903 813653, or email Soundbow99@gmail.com

Otherwise they will be recycled.



SCACR CLOTHING – Winter 2020/21

check out <u>www.scacr.org/resources/clothing</u> for all your winter adventure layers, from t-shirts to fleeces to outdoor gilets - we have you covered.

a full range of colours at reasonable prices available. email sandra at <u>clothing@scacr.org</u> for further details

#### WESTERN DISTRICT CONTACTS

Secretary	Moya Hills 311 South Farm Road, Worthing	01903 266980 g BN14 7TL	sec-west@scacr.org
Education Officer	Christine Butterfield	01903 872623	ed-west@scacr.org
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Central Council Rep	David Kirkcaldy		
Committee Members	Janice Crawford Sue Gadd Geoff Goodman		

#### 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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ) & Lyminster (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham,			
Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton			
Tuesday: Aldwick, Findon (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ), Fittleworth, Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )			
Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham,			
Tillington (7.45pm - 1 <sup>st</sup> only), Wisborough Green (7.30pm)			
Thursday: Angmering (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> ), Bosham, Easebourne (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Findon (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Midhurst (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ), Milland, Petworth,			
Steyning & Walberton			
Friday: Amberley, Rogate & Storrington Upper Beeding (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )			
Other Towers: Fernhurst (3), Lodsworth & Trotton (4)			

#### NB: At the time of going to print all practices are still suspended

### **Regular Practices**

Beginners & Improvers Practice - contact Christine first	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month	Christine Butterfield	01903 872623
Basic 8 Bell Practice	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
Stedman&Beyond 8 Bell Practice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month	Colin Spencer	01243 824952
Surprise Minor Practice	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month	Graham Hills	01903 266980
Codgers Practice	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month	Mike Foster <u>codgers@scacr.org</u>	01903 741664

### Ways to keep in touch with what the Sussex Association of Change Ringers is doing

Take a look at the SCACR calendar at www.scacr.org/calendar Subscribe to Soundbow. SCACR quarterly magazine. £1 each or £6 pa for a postal subscription. Contact Soundbow Editor Kathy Howard 01903 813653 You can register and keep in touch via Facebook – just search for SCACR If you use Twitter then look for @scacr and @sussexbells If you need to know more about social media please email Alison Everett, our Communications and Events Team leader,

at publicity@scacr.org

### Membership - changes to your details

View and update your own record in the membership database using the following link: <u>https://membership.scacr.org/edit-your-details</u> or write to The Membership Secretary at 44 Paddockhall Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1HW

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 <u>news-west@scacr.org</u> by **15**<sup>th</sup> **February 2021.**