SallyForth

Western District Newsletter October/November/December 2021



Diary of Events

October

Saturday 23rd Shutler Memorial weekend at Westbourne

& Sunday 24th Ringing at 1.15pm Saturday before Thanksgiving Service. See **page 5** for details

Saturday 30th Young Ringers Barcombe 2.00pm-4.00pm

Please register with Marisa on 077960145464 or Marisa@happymouflon.com see Page 3

November

Wednesday 3rd Codgers – Please see the calendar for details (<u>link</u>)

Contact codgers@scacr.org

Saturday 6th Morning Practice to Build Confidence Washington 9.30am-12.00

Please register with Christine Butterfield on 01903 872623 as numbers are restricted

Saturday 13th Get Together Ringing, Service and Tea (<u>link</u>) West Tarring 2.00pm-3.00pm

Heene 3.30pm-4.30pm

Followed by a short service for remembrance weekend and tea

Contact Moya (sec-west@scacr.org or 01903-266980)

Friday 19th Evening Novice Practice Arundel 7.00pm-9.00pm

Please register with Moya (sec-west@scacr.org or 01903-266980)

Saturday 27th Surprise Minor Practice Walberton 10.15am-12.00

December

Wednesday 1st Codgers – Please see the calendar for details (link)

Contact codgers@scacr.org

Saturday 4th Morning Practice to Build Confidence Washington 9.30am-12.00

Please register with Christine Butterfield on 01903 872623 as numbers are restricted

Saturday 11th Ringing and Carol Service (tbc) Funtington 2.30pm-3.45pm

This will be followed at 4.00pm by a carol service

Contact Moya (<u>sec-west@scacr.org</u> or 01903-266980)

Friday 17th **Evening Novice Practice** Arundel 7.00pm-9.00pm

Please register with Moya (sec-west@scacr.org or 01903-266980)

You can find out about nation-wide ringing events by looking at www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for

Please send your contributions and events for the next SallyForth to news-west@scacr.org by 15th February 2022

A few words from Moya

Doesn't seem possible three months have gone since our last Sally Forth. During that time we have had three Get Togethers. One at Pagham (with Picnic). Thankfully a lovely sunny afternoon so we were able to sit out in the courtyard for our Picnic, supplied with cups of tea by the Pagham ringers. September saw us at Wisborough Green with ringing followed by super cakes and tea, supplied by Valerie and the churchwarden. Then earlier this month (October) several of us rang on Storrington's new simulator, which they installed during the lockdown. Whilst most ringing was general ringing with the computer sounding our bells (so no sound outside), a couple of us tried ringing a method, with our bell fitting in with the computer which was ringing the other bells. Some were more successful than others but quite fun. Don't forget, that if you wish to install a simulator in your Tower the Association has a fund especially for helping with the cost. Most people have an old computer which can be used, so the cost is just for the electronics and then find some willing volunteers with time to set up the sensors on the wheels of the bells. It also does help if you have easily accessible bells.

November sees us at West Tarring and Heene in Worthing. It will be Remembrance weekend so the bells will be half muffled, and we are having a short service after ringing at Heene in the church. December has not been finalised yet but hopefully we will have ringing and tea, and a short service of Carols and Lessons for Christmas. Do come along to either event, you are most welcome.

The New Year will see our Annual District Meeting when I am hoping to step down as District Secretary. Have you ever thought of getting more involved with the Association and helping other people enjoy their ringing even more by going out and about in our District. It is a great way to get to know other ringers and there is no need for you to be an expert ringer, just good at getting things organised in advance. On the day the ringers at that Tower get everything ready and David Kirkcaldy has kindly volunteered to act as our Ringing Master and

so organises the ringing for you. Even if you are tentatively thinking of taking this task on do give me a ring and I can tell you more.

All that remains is for Graham and me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we hope to see you ringing at one of our events in the not too distant future.

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

Greeting Cards featuring Petworth Church in 1930 Designed by Chris Fynes to raise money for The Sussex Church Bell Restoration Fund



The cards are 5ins square, plain inside and supplied with an envelope. They are 80p each. Please contact Graham Hills for more information at brf@scacr.org or 01903-266980

Coming next for Sussex Young Ringers!



After representing the county at RWNYC Worcester and placing second to Oxford DG, the Young Ringers are seeking to expand their membership! Our next open event is **Saturday**30 October, 2-4 pm at Barcombe (6), where we also hope to give demonstrations to potential recruits. Come along anytime, just let Marisa know if you plan to attend.

If you have a young ringer in your tower, why not invite us to ring with you so that we can meet them! Email:

Marisa@happymouflon.com

Please contact me - Marisa - for more details on any of these opportunities to ring together (07796 145464). Also see link below for a Google Form for young people and their families to complete to ensure we have the correct information and we can keep in touch. https://forms.gle/aGY9nUXpwzL7y1BT8

Association online practices to restart!



From intro to Plain Hunt to Surprise Minor, these monthly Ringing Room practices will cater for a wide range of abilities. Feedback from learners is that this is a very valuable way to learn the theory and structure of a method before trying it in the tower.

The group practices will be monthly; individual/bespoke practices can also be arranged – we have friendly helpers willing to support you!

For more info, contact Jonathan: jonathan.fr@nklin.myzen.co.uk





BELL RINGERS

CCCBR UPDATE OCTOBER 2021

The Central Council, like many others, is now attempting to move back to the real world from a virtual one as ringing resumes. In conjunction with the Association of Ringing Teachers the Survival & Recovery initiative is now looking at support that may be needed in the future as hopefully ringing gets back to a more normal feel. One big question that has been posed is should there be a major recruitment campaign next year? In some areas it would appear that a number of new recruits have come forward with no such campaign and the main problem is enough teachers and time to train them all!

Our annual meeting was again held via video conferencing this year although we are planning for an in-person meeting next September, hopefully to be held at Nottingham Trent University. There was nothing other than routine business discussed this year, some of us had hoped that further reforms could have been discussed, however; this was blocked from within and also by some outside forces. A number members didn't think a proper discussion could be held unless it was in-person whilst some Guilds and Association leaders did not think they had been given long enough to consider any proposals for change, even though this latest consultation commenced in November 2020.

One major project that has been launched since our annual meeting, at the beginning of September, is a series of ringing forums. These are open to anyone who has an interest in a specific subject; there will also be others, such as safeguarding, which will be restricted to those who advise in one area of work. Follow the link at https://cccbr.org.uk/2021/10/04/ringingforumstopic-specific-networks/ for more details.

The impact of covid on the Church of England is now being assessed, probably of special interest to ringers is the subject of church closures and redundancy. The General Synod has been working on this thorny issue under the title of GS2222, the Central Council has been consulted with regards to the view of the ringing

community. Running alongside this is a campaign titled 'Save the Parish' which has gained much exposure in the media.



David KirkcaldyDeputy President, CCCBR.

and our Central Council Rep!

Christmas present?



The right top to go ringing in!

We have everything – t-shirts, hoodies, rugby tops and more! All are embroidered on left chest with the iconic Sussex bell logo.

Go to SCACR website, choose Resources then Clothing and follow the links for details of garments including sizing and prices, then fill in a Clothing Order Form and send to clothing@scacr.org.

Shutler Memorial Weekend Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October 2021

Westbourne is having a Shutler Memorial Weekend to remember Jane and Cyril Shutler, and all they did for the parish - and, importantly, for ringing. They were both long serving members of the band and Cyril was tower secretary for many years. He also made Westbourne's peal boards.

Cyril was an accomplished artist and there's to be an exhibition and sale of his pictures, mostly in water colour, at the Church Hall on the Saturday from 10am to 5pm, and on the Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Proceeds will go to the Westbourne Church Restoration Trust.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service at 2pm on Saturday 23rd October at Westbourne Church, with ringing beforehand from 1.15pm.

Westbourne ringers welcome any ringing visitors to ring for the service and see the exhibition.





Ring Out for COP26

United Nations Climate Change Conference

Saturday 30th October 2021 6.00 to 6.30pm

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

Vicki Chapman CCCBR Public Relations Officer:

You may have seen calls to ring at 6pm (UK) on 30th October before Cop26 United Nations Climate Change Conference, which takes place in Glasgow from 1-12 November. We are often asked to ring for specific events or causes and CCCBR's policy is not to get involved with anything directly politically motivated. There are arguments either way as to whether or not COP26 is a political event, and there is of course politics involved with any intergovernmental talks. Ringing has various functions: it can, amongst other things, signal an event or issue, celebrate an event or issue and raise awareness of an event or issue. If individuals or groups of ringers wish to take part it should be done with agreement from the clergy or equivalent authority. There is a BellBoard event to link performances to if desired at https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=13905

Graham Usher, Lead Bishop for the Environment:

I am happy to endorse a nationwide 'ring out for climate' on the eve of the COP26 as a symbol of warning, but also of hope.

More background information:

https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/ring-out-for-climate-change-cop26/https://clangforclimate.org/about-clang-for-climate/

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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, Amberley (7pm), Arundel (2nd & 4th) & Lyminster (1st & 3rd), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

Tuesday: Aldwick, Findon (2nd & 4th), Fittleworth, Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington

Wednesday: Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham,

Tillington (7.45pm - 1st only), Wisborough Green (7.30pm)

Thursday: Angmering (2nd, 4th & 5th), Bosham, Easebourne (1st & 3rd), Findon (1st & 3rd), Midhurst (2nd & 4th), Milland, Petworth,

Steyning & Walberton

Friday: Rogate & Storrington Upper Beeding (2nd & 4th) **Other Towers:** Fernhurst (3), Lodsworth & Trotton (4)

NB: As practices begin to start up again it is essential to check with the tower first before making a visit

Regular District Practices

While ringing is being re-established please check the Diary and the Calendar

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: https://membership.scacr.org/edit-your-details 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 news-west@scacr.org by **15**th **February 2022**.