

## SOUTHERN NEWS

The Southern District Newsletter

February 2022



### 60th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Joyce Robinson (nee Walsh) on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 3rd March 2022.

Joyce and David met through Bellringing, when Joyce moved from Hertfordshire to Sussex. Joyce learnt to ring at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, aged 10, where her Father, Arthur Walsh, was also a ringer. David started ringing, aged 14, at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, where they met. Joyce occasionally still rings at Hurstpierpoint Church.



## Message for Richard Neal your Secretary

Since the last edition of Southern News in November 2021 there has been one District meeting.

This took place at Brighton St Nic's. Approx 20 ringers attended and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge SM and Grandsire Caters. Time was taken to remember the life of Alan Baldock.



Ringers at St Nic's Brighton, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The quiz scheduled for January was cancelled due to concerns about gathering together with high levels of Omicron Covid circulating at the time.

The next event is the **Annual District Meeting at Keymer, St Cosmos and St Damian, Keymer Road, Keymer, West Sussex BN6 8QL on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

The programme for the afternoon is;

- 14.00-15.00 - open ringing (rounds onwards)
- 15.00-15.30 - refreshments
- 15.30 - Annual District Meeting
- Finish 5.00 at the latest

Keymer is a ground floor ring with good ventilation. Parking is available in the roads just north of the church.

It would be great to welcome new committee members - the committee is a small friendly group and we don't have too many meetings! These have taken place via Zoom in the last couple of years. If you think you might be interested, please get in touch with me ( [Sec-south@scacr.org](mailto:Sec-south@scacr.org) ).

The meeting is an opportunity to discuss how the District can best support its members. The committee is aware that District Meetings have not been very regular in the last few years. We could really do with a larger number of volunteers to take ownership and organise events either as members of the District Committee or independently.

Meeting documents;

- Agenda
- Minutes of the 2021 ADM
- Secretary's Report
- BRF Rep's report

The Agenda, minutes from 2021 and the Secretary's Report are copied below.

The following District and Association Officers will stand again;

Southern District

- (a) Southern District Secretary – Richard Neal
- (b) Southern District BRF Rep – Nick Cullen (reluctantly)
- (c) Central Council Rep – Rob Lane
- (d) Southern District Committee members - Anne Franklin, Penny Neal
- (e) Southern News editor – to be nominated

Sussex County Association

- (a) SCACR Master - to be nominated
- (b) SCACR Secretary - Hamish McNaughton
- (c) SCACR Treasurer - Sue Gadd
- (c) SCACR Trustee - Jonathan Franklin
- (d) SCACR BRF Secretary - to be nominated
- (f) SCACR Safeguarding Officer - Val Clay

We will also have the opportunity to discuss future District events.

For other events within the SCACR refer to the website <https://www.scacr.org/news-events/events-calendar>

Hope to see you at the ADM

Richard Neal ( [Sec-south@scacr.org](mailto:Sec-south@scacr.org) )  
Southern District Secretary



## Ringling Forums

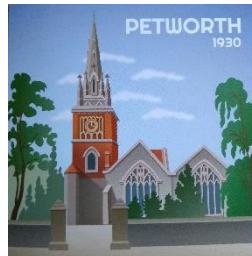
Ringling Forums is a recent way of sharing and communicating that has produced some interesting topics for discussion, including the CC President's blogs. Ringling Forums is particularly suitable for those who dislike Facebook, Twitter and other forms of chat.

It is owned and provided by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to help anyone with an interest in bells and bell ringing to communicate with one another. The more who 'join in', so DO take a look and the more beneficial it becomes ...

See: <https://www.ringingforums.org/categories/all>

Stella Bianco  
SCA Librarian

## **PETWORTH CHURCH IN 1930 WHEN IT HAD A SPIRE DESIGNED BY CHRIS FYNES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SUSSEX CHURCHES BELL RESTORATION FUND**



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## SOUTHERN DISTRICT BELL BOARD PERFORMANCES

**Brighton**, East Sussex, St Nicholas, Sunday, 19 December 2021 in 47m (18–0–20 in E)

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Linda J Etherington
- 2 Penny J Neal
- 3 Gavin D Bennett
- 4 Caroline C House
- 5 William G Wilson
- 6 Richard C G Neal
- 7 David E House
- 8 Robert J Lane (C)

For the service of Lessons and Carols. Remembering Alan Baldock; Past Master, Vice President and Life Member of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, who passed away earlier this week.

St John the Baptist, Southover, Saturday, 15 January 2022 in 47m (17–1–20 in E)

1259 Grandsire Caters

- 1 Rebecca A Cullen
- 2 Benjamin Wigmore
- 3 Lorna Wigmore
- 4 Tom Reeves
- 5 Phil Nancarrow
- 6 Marisa Hayes
- 7 Richard C G Neal (C)
- 8 John S Ashcroft
- 9 Tom Neal
- 10 Penny Neal

Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard C G Neal on his 60th birthday.



St Peter **Rodmell**, East Sussex, Sunday, 16 January 2022 in 41m (5–2–24 in Bb)

1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor

1 Jonathan Franklin

2 Sandra Titherly

3 Michael Royalton-Kisch

4 Ollie Watson

5 Pauline Kennard

6 Anne Franklin (C)

St Peter

**Rodmell**, East Sussex, Sunday, 30 January 2022 (5–2–24 in Bb)

1260 Doubles (2m)

720 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire

1 Penny Neal

2 Pauline Kennard

3 Michael Royalton-Kisch

4 Jenny Dearie

5 Richard C G Neal (C)

6 Pat Aylward

Rung for the afternoon service taken by the Bishop of Lewes (Bishop Will).

St Peter **Chailey**, East Sussex, Sunday, 30 January 2022 in 40m (7–1–13 in Ab)

1260 Doubles (5m)

240 Grandsire, 240 St Simon's Bob, 240 St Martin's Bob, 240 Eynesbury Bob, 300 Plain Bob

1 Alan E Turner

2 Marisa Hayes

3 Louise G Pink

4 Ollie E P Watson

5 Anne Franklin (C)

6 Jonathan Franklin

## Contact us;

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## SCACR Southern District

Annual Meeting:

Agenda

15:30 Saturday 19th February 2022.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Deaths of members
3. Minutes of ADM on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021 held using Zoom
4. Welcoming of new members
5. Secretary's report – Richard Neal
6. BRF report – Nick Cullen
7. Election/Appointment of Southern District Officers:
  - (a) Southern District Secretary – Richard Neal
  - (b) Southern District BRF Rep – Nick Cullen
  - (c) Central Council Rep – Rob Lane
  - (d) Southern District Committee members - Anne Franklin, Penny Neal
  - (e) Southern News editor – to be nominated
8. Nominations for Association Officers:
  - (a) SCACR Master - to be nominated
  - (b) SCACR Secretary - Hamish McNaughton
  - (c) SCACR Treasurer - Sue Gadd
  - (d) SCACR Trustee - Jonathan Franklin
  - (e) SCACR BRF Secretary - to be nominated
  - (f) SCACR Safeguarding Officer - Val Clay



## 9. District and Association Events and Practices - Discussion

## 10. AOB

### **SCACR Southern District**

Minutes of the Annual District meeting held via Zoom on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The meeting was opened at 4.05 pm by the SCACR Master Rob Lane who thanked everyone for attending the meeting

1. Apologies for absence were received from;  
Greta Harvey  
Ian Hodge  
Clare Cullen
  
2. Deaths  
A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Russell Gotham (Brighton Good Shepherd).
  
3. Minutes of the last meeting held at Henfield 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were agreed.  
There were no matters arising from the minutes.
  
4. Four District members joined during the year.  
Rachel Bridgeman Aldrington  
Royston Haines Keymer  
Paul and Yvonne Raab Unattached living in Germany
  
5. The secretary's report was read and there were no matters arising. It was proposed by Jonathan Franklin and was accepted by the meeting.
  
6. BRF Report was given verbally by Nick Cullen. In summary there had been very little activity during the year due to the pandemic. The exception was activity instigated by Michael Royalton-Kisch at Robmell where the bells have been tuned and rehung after a long period of silence.  
  
Graham Hill added that the BRF had received applications from the same source for funding of works at Piddinghoe & Iford.

Newick had requested an inspection of their bells before they return to ringing. Nick agreed to carry out the inspection and suggested that inspections will be needed in all towers before ringing resumes.

7. Election of Southern District Committee Members.

- i) Richard Neal was proposed as District Secretary
- ii) Rob Lane and Anne Franklin agreed to continue in their roles as committee members. Penny Neal agreed to be a new committee member.
- iii) Nick Cullen agreed to continue as BRF representative.
- iv) Southern News editor- none

An electronic vote via Zoom confirmed the election of the above.

8. Nomination of General Officers

- i) Master – Rob Lane nominated by Richard Neal
- ii) General Secretary – Hamish McNaughton nominated by Jonathan Franklin
- iii) Treasurer – Sue Gadd nominated by Richard Neal
- iv) BRF Secretary – Graham Hills nominated by Richard Neal
- v) Trustee – Margaret Sherwood nominated by Jonathon Franklin
- vi) Safeguarding – none

These nominations will be put forward at the AGM in May

9. District Events

It was reported that there had not been any organised Southern District events during the year as it had been hoped that things would return to normal during the year, but this did not happen due to the pandemic.

A discussion took place about the amount of virtual ringing taking place in the District and most thought there was enough available via local tower practices and regular Association Saturday events. Richard Neal agreed to organise a committee meeting and the need for online District events would be discussed.

10 Any Other Business:

Kat Matthews raised concerns about new members from 2020 who had not received any information. This to be investigated.

There was a discussion about Ringing Recovery Champions and the ART tool kit that can be used to support towers when ringing recommences. Also, whether there could be support given to groups of towers in the District. The recovery plan for the District to be discussed at the District Committee meeting.

The meeting was closed at 4:45pm.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

## **Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, Southern District**

### **Secretary's Report (2021) – Richard Neal (Draft)**

This is my second year acting as the Secretary for the Southern District of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers (SCACR) . It has been a year in which the District has continued to grapple with the effects of the Covid pandemic. There are now in Feb 2022 signs that ringing is returning to normal. Let's hope for a complete recovery in 2022.

The first event of 2021 was the Annual District Meeting held by Zoom on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Minutes of the meeting have been supplied separately.

The other events organised in 2021 were;

April; an online practice was well attended particularly by younger members of the Association.

August; the first in person meeting took place at Buxted. Approximately 25 ringers attended and the range of ringing extended from rounds to Cambridge Major.

October; a practice was held on the newly restored ring of 6 at Rodmell. Approximately, 25 ringers attended and a wide range of ringing took place from rounds to complicated surprise.

November; a plain bob practice took place at Henfield mainly for Henfield ringers. It is hoped following this practice that Henfield tower will be able to ring PB Triples more competently.

December; a general practice took place at St Nic's Brighton despite concerns about the Omicron variant of Covid. Approx 20 ringers attended.

It is encouraging that ringers have attended these meetings from a variety towers and that all the meetings have been well attended.

The Southern District, in reality, has been quiet for several years. It has not been possible to hold ringing meetings every month. This in part has been due to the commitments of committee members who are unavailable to run the meetings. If the District wants to have more events there is a need for larger numbers of volunteers to take ownership and organise events either as members of the District Committee or independently.

Since Josh Hutchinson gave up producing Southern News the District newsletter it has not been regularly produced. It would be great to recruit a Newsletter editor.

I have since freedom day, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and despite further Covid variants and a fuel shortage, visited approximately 10 different practices around the District. This isn't really as many as I intended in August.

Your District committee (Anne Franklin, Nick Cullen, Rob Lane, Penny Neal and I) have been meeting by Zoom during the year primarily to formulate a calendar of future events. Nick Cullen has continued with his work of inspections etc. as the Bell Restoration Representative and will report to the ADM separately

The Association's General Committee has been busier than usual, meeting regularly by Zoom. The main area of discussion has been the effect on ringing of the pandemic. Other issues have been the updating of the Safe Guarding guidance, obtaining suitable insurance, SCACR finances and whether there is a need to raise the annual subscription. It has been a successful year for the Bell Restoration Fund allocating resources to several towers but this means there is a need to fund raise for the BRF.

The SCACR cross the county there have been meetings, hand bell sessions, quizzes and ringing room practices that any member of the SCACR can attend.

It is hard for the Committee to gauge what events the membership would like organised. It is hoped that members attending the ADM will provide ideas.

**Richard Neal**

Southern District Secretary