

# NORTHERN NEWS

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## District Events

### February

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** Lindfield, All Saints - 8 Bells 9-2-15 in G#

15:00 - 19:30 **Ringling, ADM, Tea, Quiz**

Join us at Lindfield church and the Tiger next door for a relaxed and fun afternoon of ringing, tea and a quiz with the Northern Annual District Meeting (to welcome new members, elect the District committee and propose Association officers). Ringing will be rounds onwards on these lovely new Westley bells - all welcome!

- **Ringling** - 15:00-16:30
- **Coffee then ADM in the Tiger** - from 16:15
- **Ringers' tea (buffet)** - 17:30
- **Quiz** - 18:00 - 19:30

Names for tea by 29th January via [this form](#), please

There will be a charge for the refreshments and for the quiz, to cover costs, and also a request for a small tower donation, so please bring some cash with you. Note that printed copies of the meeting papers will *not* be provided at the meeting; the papers are available to read online [here](#).

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** Coleman's Hatch, Holy Trinity - 8 Bells

19:30 - 21:00 **Advanced 8 Bell Practice**

This practice will include Stedman Triples / Surprise & Delight Major methods; **methods of the month are Yorkshire and Cornwall Surprise Major** (other methods will be rung too). The minimum competency is to be able to ring touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Triples without assistance.

This lovely Gillett Octave was restored by Blyth & Co in 2021.

## Association Events

For information on practices throughout the Association, go to the SCACR events calendar at <https://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar>. Updates can also be found on the [SCACR Facebook group](#)!

**Please note that all under-16s must be accompanied by parent/guardian or other nominated adult, and have a completed "permission to ring church bells" form (available to download from the Safeguarding page on the SCACR website).**



# THE NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

## East Grinstead 12 Bell Novice Practices

The first 12 Bell Novice practice was held at East Grinstead, St Swithun on November 5th. Many thanks are given to Vicky Chase (Team Leader of the Communication and Events Team) for arranging this!! Around 30 ringers attended including a few young ringers too! This practice included: Rounds & Call Changes on 8, 10 & 12; Plain Hunt on 7 & 9; Grandsire & Plain Bob Triples and bob courses of Grandsire Cinques. There was a break halfway through in the church hall for tea and cake, then ringing continued afterwards.



How does the future look in regards to 12 Bell Novice Practices?

It has been arranged for these practices to be quarterly. The proposed dates for 2023 are:

**21st January**

**29th April**

**29th July**

**30th September**

**30th December**

These practices will provide an opportunity for novice ringers to gain experience at ringing on 12 bells. Rounds & Call Changes onwards.

There will of course be breaks for tea and cake. Helpers are needed to form a steady band around ringers who have little or no experience with ringing on 12. If you can help, please contact Vicky on [training@scacr.org](mailto:training@scacr.org).

**Learners' spaces are limited so please also contact Vicky in advance to register your interest.**

**Address: Church Ln, East Grinstead, RH19 3BA**

## East Grinstead Bells Celebration

On 6th November 2022 we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of St Swithun's Bells. It was in 1982 that 10 bells of the current ring of 12 + 2# were hung in the tower. The original eight bells were installed in 1813 by Thomas Mears of London but necessary restoration work in the late 1970s and early 1980s resulted in the opportunity being taken to augment them to ten bells. This normally expensive exercise was made possible by fundraising, covenanting and grants. In 1981

the bells were ordered from the Royal Eijsbouts Foundry in the Netherlands, with fittings from Eayres and Smith. The local ringers removed the old bells, frame and grillage and did much of the hard work to enable the work to be completed at the minimum cost. The further three bells were added in 1985 again with much of the hard work to install them being done by the ringers themselves.

LYNDA JOHNSON



### **Celebrating 50 years of ringing at East Grinstead!!**

The Vicar, Andrew Hawken, presented Jackie Hunter with flowers to celebrate her 50 years of ringing at St. Swithun's. This is a truly amazing achievement and Jackie was thanked for her

constancy and loyalty throughout her time at East Grinstead. Well done! Jackie has been ringing for 70 years – having learnt to ring in the Arundel area.



*Jackie Hunter and Andrew Hawking, Vicar*

# New SCACR Membership System!

A few members have been asking about renewing their membership for 2023. We're very excited to announce that a brand new, modern membership system is about to be launched. From January 2023, SCACR will be using a new system to manage memberships, including proposing new members and renewal of existing members. This system will automate many processes that were previously done manually, which took up a lot of our volunteers' valuable time. Additionally, the old email system was rapidly approaching end-of-life, so urgently needed replacing. [Read more...](#)

## How to renew your membership

Every member must complete their *own* individual renewal form. "Yellow forms" for membership renewals will *not* be sent to tower correspondents. (Tower information (e.g. practice and service ringing times) will be requested separately.)

Members with an email address will receive a link to the secure online membership system (Membermojo), through which they must review their personal details, select communications options (e.g. news and updates by District), and pay their subscription. Members can make secure payments with their credit / debit card, or Apple Pay or Google Pay from a phone.

For members who don't have email or access to a computer or smartphone with internet access, the Membership Secretary will post a paper renewal form to their home address, and update the records on their behalf. Tower Correspondents will continue to have a duty to cascade District / Association communications to these members.

## How to propose a new member of the Association

New members can join at *any* time during the year (not at a meeting). New members should apply for membership via the online system, and provide contact details of their proposer and seconder. For the few people who do not have access to a computer or smartphone, a [paper membership form](#) can be completed and posted to the Membership Secretary.

As previously, new members must be proposed and seconded by current, adult ringing members of the Association,

More details about membership and joining the Association can be found [here](#).

Still got questions? [Read the FAQs.](#)





## QUARTER PEALS

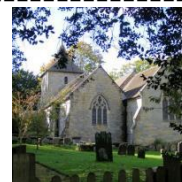
Since the last Northern News, we have had a few Quarter Peals rung in the Northern district. It seems appropriate to also add first Quarter Pealers in the association as well. In alphabetical order:

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BALCOMBE, St Mary:

**5 November 2022 - 1260 Grandsire Doubles**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1558150>



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CRAWLEY, St John the Baptist:

**26 October 2022 - 1260 Plain bob Doubles**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1556189>



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HARTFIELD, St Mary:

**20 December 2022 - 1260 Carlisle Surprise Minor**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1570974>



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HORSHAM, St Mary the Virgin:

**13 November 2022 - 1260 Grandsire Triples**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1559990>

**8 January 2023 - 1260 Grandsire Triples**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1579829>



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WARNHAM, St Margaret:

**4 December 2022 - 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1565730>

**19 December 2022 - 1259 Grandsire Caters**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1571129>



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WORTH, St Nicholas:

**6 November 2022 - 1260 Doubles (7m)**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1558291>

**21 November 2022 - 1296 Surfleet Surprise Minor**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1562094>

**27 November 2022 - 1260 Doubles (7m)**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1563972>

*WORTH, St Nicholas continued*

**31 December 2022 - 1260 Doubles (8m)**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1577066>



# PEALS

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Holy Trinity:

**19 November 2022** - 5040 Yorkshire Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1561646>



FAIRWARP, Christ Church:

**3 January 2023** - 5040 Stedman Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1578428>



HORSHAM, St Mary

**26 November 2022** - 5092 Stedman Caters

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1563417>



WARNHAM, St Margaret:

**18 November 2022** - 5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1561757>



## FIRST QUARTER ON THE BELLS

Kingston-near-Lewes, an ancient ring of 3 that has recently been restored by Blyth & Co has had the first quarter peal rung on it to our knowledge. 1260 of Reverse Bob Singles was rung on Saturday 19th November by John Greenhough - *Treble*; Michael Royalton-Kisch - *Second* and Matthew Smith - *Tenor*.

The bells are rung from the ground floor in a straight line, similar to the nearby church in Iford.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1561749>

## FIRST QUARTER PEAL

A big congratulations goes to Moses, a member of the Sussex Young Ringers for his first quarter peal! This was a 1260 consisting of 5 methods rung at Arundel on January 7th.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1579538>



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Twineham, St Peter

I'm sure many of you know Twineham, the ring of 5 in a brick tower, but have you ever considered them to be a ring of 6?

Plans for Twineham have been put in place for an augmentation by adopting a bell from the Keltek Trust to add a new treble. The work is being carried out by Whites of Appleton who have just restored the bells for Alfriston, St Andrew. Whites have already done a survey of the belfry to see what they're working with. The new treble will need to be installed above the rest on another level as the current bells almost fill the belfry with a small space in the North corner.



A quarter peal of Twineham Bob Doubles was rung there on October 24th by 4 members of The Sussex Youngers (including me) and Jo Worsely. This is suspected to be the last quarter peal rung on them as a 5.



Let's give a brief bit of history on the bells so far.

Prior to the 16th century, Twineham had a small wooden church that contained a single bell dating to the 13th century. In the 16th century, the church was demolished and on the same site, a church made of brick was erected, making it the first church to be constructed of brick in Sussex!

At the time, 2 bells were hung in the church with one dating c1522 and the other c1544. Pictures of them are above. Both of these are cast by John Tonne who also cast the bell at Sullington in the What's Up There? All of Tonne's bells have a very recognisable tone and have many features that suggest he learnt bell founding from abroad:



The profile, canon structure and also his choice of ornaments.

His bells at Twineham are highly decorated featuring crosses, a medallion of King Henry VII and fleur de lis stops. He used gothic blackletter text with each letter cast from wax on grounds. The inscription on the 4th is interesting, translating to “here I come again rechristened Peter”, an inscription like this would suggest it is the recast of the old bell.


In 1635, Bryan I Eldridge added a tenor to make a chime of 3.

1912 saw the biggest change to the bells as Mears & Stainbank rehung them in a new frame and augmented them to five. The tenor was also recast suggesting it cracked. Each bell contains a latin inscription too! The bells are hung in a timber frame in the standard 5 bell layout. Access to the belfry is by a hatch which is directly under bell 3.

2 bells in 1544; 3 bells in 1724; 5 in 1912 and soon to be a 6 in the next year or two.



Inscriptions of the bells from April 2022 are below:

1	<p><u>MEARS &amp; STAINBANK, FOUNDERS LONDON</u>  VENITE ADOREMUS, ET PROCIDAMUS:  ET PLOREMUS ANTE DOMINUM, QUI FECIT NOS 1912  ©</p>
2	<p><u>MEARS &amp; STAINBANK, FOUNDERS LONDON 1912</u>  LAUDATE EUM IN CAMPANIS BENE SONANTIBUS  LAUDATE EUM IN CAMPANIS JUBILATIONS</p>
3	<p>☒ <u>In ♣ multis ♠ annis ♣ nomen ♠ baptiste ♣ iohannis</u>  †</p>
4	<p>☒ <u>hoc ♣ michi ♣ iam ♠ retro ♣ nomen ♠ de ♣ simone ♠ petro</u>  † ●</p>
5	<p><u>GLORIA ♡ DEO ♡ IN ♡ EXCELSIS 1635 B  E</u>  RECAST 1912  R.W.Mc.KERGOW  J. LESLIE SMITH  }CHURCHWARDENS  MEARS &amp; STAINBANK LONDON  ©</p>

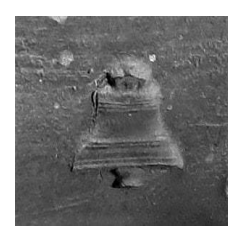
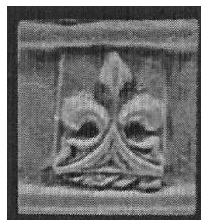
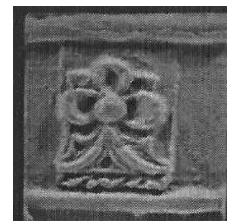


- ⊙ = Fig. 1
- ◊ = Fig. 2
- ♣ = Fig. 3
- ♠ = Fig. 4
- ⊞ = Fig. 5
- † = Fig. 6
- = Fig. 7
- ♥ = Fig. 8
- 🔔 = Fig. 9

1 2 3

4 5 ->

6 7 8 9



## Alfriston, St Andrew

Since the previous issue, the newly restored bells of Alfriston have been hung back up in the tower and are ready to be rung.

On 02/01/2023, I carried out an inspection after some marvellous ringing on the bells.

A correction to the previous issue of Northern News, the service bell was the old 4. This bell was shown as being cast by an unidentified founder. This bell has a Diamond stop between each word identical to the one on the 2nd at Poynings. The number 5 on this bell is identical to it too.



However, the Poynings

bell was cast by Edmund Giles. 1587 is too early for Giles, therefore the service bell must have been cast by his predecessor John Cole.

## Updates to Sussex Bells and Belfries

From my inspections between November 2022 - 2023

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### CHICHESTER, Market Cross:

This Richard Phelps bell from the old Market Cross was in the city Library of Chichester on the landing when George Elphick visited in 1937. It is now on the first floor in The Novium museum. *Visited 27/10/2022*

Inscription:

CIVITAS CICESTRÆ GEORGIO HARRIS MAIORE 1723 ■■■
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■ = Fig.1

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### RUSPER, St Mary Magdalene:

In 2007, Rusper was overhauled by Nicholson Engineering. During this, the treble was tuned down to become the 2nd; a new treble was cast by Whitechapel; the timber frame was raised up and new trusses for bells 2,3 and 5 were installed. *Visited 19/12/2022*

The inscription on the 2007 treble reads as follows:

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1
NICHOLAS FLINT - RECTOR
PEGGY O'BRYNE }
FIONA LEAR } CHURCHWARDENS
20 ● 07
WHITECHAPEL
AT THIS SOUND
THE MULTITUDE CAME TOGETHER

≡ = Fig.2    ● = Fig.3

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### EAST GULDEFORD, St Mary:

The bell that was reported on the floor of the church has been transferred to Watch Bell Street in Rye. It now sits on a brick pedestal. All 6 canons have broken off leaving just the Argent. It is also badly cracked in the crown. *Visited 26/11/2022.*

Inscription:

THO: LESTER MADE ME J724 (four coins)
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Fig. 1 Chichester Market Cross

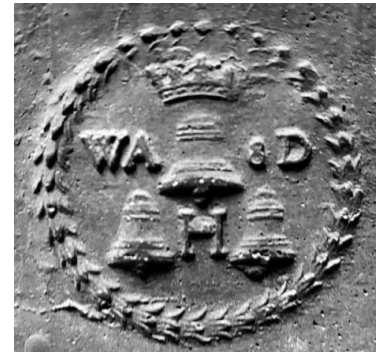


Fig. 2&3 Rusper, St Mary Magdalene

## WHAT'S UP THERE?

### Sullington, St Mary



Sullington, St Mary's has a single bell hung in a tower dating from around 1050 containing Norman windows bricked up on each wall. It is likely a single long waisted bell like the one at Hardham and Warminghurst was present when the church was first built. In the 16th century, John Tonne cast three bells but only the tenor remains today. In 1724, it was recorded that 3 bells were in the church, one was sold off because it was cracked and the other is believed to





have been stolen! By the time A. Daniel Tyssen's Father (George Elphick's predecessor) inspected Sullington, there was just a singular bell.



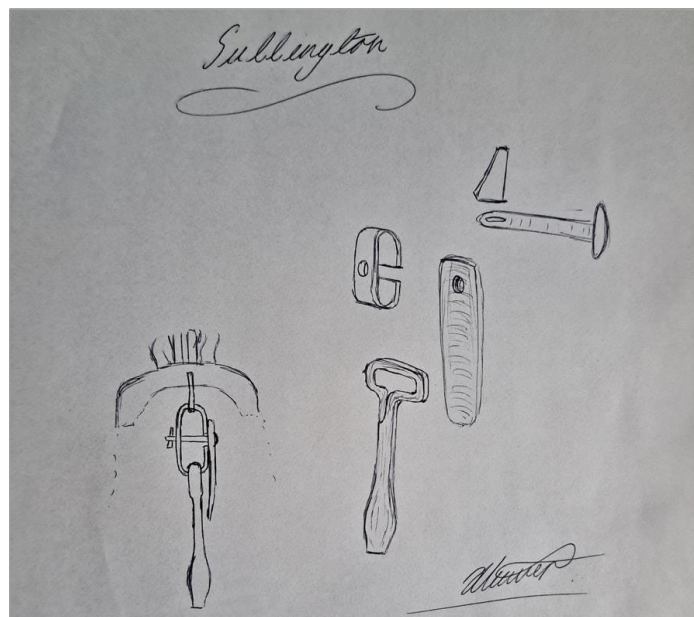
*m\*cccc\* : xxix\**

The date that Tyssen gives this bell is false, Tyssen gives 1522

(m\*cccc\* xxij\*) but Elphick and myself confirm it to be 1529 (m\*cccc\* xxix\*)

The bell is rung from the ground floor and originally was a ring of 3 in a straight line. The treble was hung in the East pit; the 2nd in the middle and the tenor in the West pit. A 20 rung ladder is required to access the belfry. The bell today is still hung in the timber frame made of an curved braces, similar to that at Botolph. The clapper is of mediaeval shape and is practically identical to Warminghurst's.

The inscription is very nice! Above the inscription band is an ornamental ring also found on the bells at Twineham. Each letter was cast from wax and made on grounds.



Underneath the inscription band at the top of the waist is a medallion which appears to feature the annunciation.

This bell measures 24.88" in diameter and weighs around 3cwt.

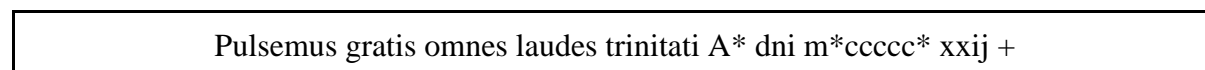
**Visited: 4/10/2022**



The inscription reads as follows:



Tyssen gives below:



⊕ = Fig.1

† = Fig.2

⊕ = Fig.3



Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3

**In the next edition:** Edburton, St Andrew

## SCACR NEWSLETTERS

### East

**Look To!** December 2022

The latest addition of Look To! can be accessed here:

[https://www.scacr.org/newsletters/2022-12\\_look\\_to.pdf](https://www.scacr.org/newsletters/2022-12_look_to.pdf)

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### West

**Sally Forth** November 2022

The latest addition of Sally Forth! can be viewed here:

[https://www.scacr.org/newsletters/2022-11\\_sally\\_forth.pdf](https://www.scacr.org/newsletters/2022-11_sally_forth.pdf)

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### South

This position is currently vacant and no Newsletters are currently available

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