

**Sussex County Association of Change Ringers.  
Eastern District.  
ADM St Clements Hastings  
24th February 2018**

The master Graham Hills took the chair, opened the meeting at 5.25 p.m. and asked if we could all stand in memory of Roy Tappenden, (Burwash), Mavis Clack (Eastbourne), Thelma Hayes (Hailsham) and Dave Threlfall (Battle)

**Apologies for Absence.**

Sandra Alford, Peter and Frances Bradford, Tim Waterman, Margaret Bennett, John Day and Sue Gadd.

**Minutes of last meeting held on 25th February 2017.**

**Matters arising from the minutes.**

Secretary's report agreed by Frances Bradford not Frances Bradbury.  
David proposed and seconded by Christine Baldock.  
Moria took the minutes as Marion was away and was thanked for standing in.

**Reports by Officers.** (See below)

- Secretary.
- "Look To" Editor
- BRF Report. No meeting of Committee since sept 2016, A few things coming through so a meeting to be held soon. Plp is happy to help wherever people would like him to look at their bells
- Education Report.

**Programme for 2018.**

March 17th or 24th Southover TBC  
April 17th Quiz at Hailsham Community Hall  
May 5th to 8th Outing to Norfolk  
June 23rd Walk  
July 28th Bodiam and Northiam TBC  
August no meeting  
September 22nd Ashburnham TBC  
October 20th  
November 24th Chelmsford area  
December No meeting  
January 26th. St Saviours TBC  
February 23rd. TBC

### **Election of District Officers and Committee Members.**

- Ringing Master. No Nomination
- Secretary. Marion Hollands. Proposed Diana Day, Seconded Alan Baldock
- “Look To” Editor. Nick Rees. Proposed Nick Cant Seconded Ann Wright
- Education Officer. Nick Cant Proposed Nick Rees. Seconded Janet Wilson
- BRF Representative. Pip Pawley. Proposed Roy Cox. Seconded Tony. Mottram
- Central Council Representative. Alison Everett. Proposed Stephen Beckingham Seconded Ann Wright
- Committee Members (3) Mary Burr, Hazel Mottram, Frances Bradford

Election of Representatives to attend General Committee Meetings (Max. 2)  
David Hollands

Nominations (if any) of General Officers.

- Master.
- General Secretary.
- Treasurer. Sue Gadd Nominated by Pip
- BRF Secretary. Graham Hills Nominated by Pip
- Trustees. Margaret Sherwood from Pagham has volunteered
- Safeguarding Officer. Pat Aylward will stand for one more year

Appointment of Representatives (max. 3 per team) to

- Training and Recruitment Team
- Communication and Events Team
- Bell Maintenance and Restoration Team - Pip Pawley
- Administration, Records and Library

### **Welcome to New Members.**

Hooe – Simon Pattisson, Burwash – Mary Hearn, Bexhill – On-Sea - Martyn Osborne, Sue Neighbour, Jane Legge, Wendy Beaden, Neil Davis. Waldron – Deborah Hinman, Christopher Hinman, Hilary Brown. Pevensey – Robert Miles. Christ Church Eastbourne – James Barton, Angela Elliott, Karin Toepperwien. Northiam – Henry Heard. All Saints, Eastbourne – Caroline Rudd, Lucy Anstey. Hellingly – Jude Hesselgrave, James Young. Warbleton – Drummond Watson. East Hoathly – Sally Clark.

Re-elected – Christ Church, Eastbourne – Marian Bell, Kevin Allaway Hastings – Rosemary Pronger Rotherfield – Deborah Shaw, Jessica Hardy.

Certificates were presented to Neil and Jane

Monty Gilbert from St Leonard’s was proposed by Louise Pink. Seconded Jenny Parker

## **Any Other Business.**

Thanks for all those who helped with the tea, Fr. Shawn from Christ Church St Leonard's for taking the service and Organist Julius Weekes

Association clothing was shown to us.

South of England Show. 7, 8, and 9 June. We are having Dewbys Bells, volunteers needed to help for half a day also passes

AGM 12th May at Ditchling 10.30 Ringing BBQ lunch meeting at 2.00 p.m.

Ringing Remembers campaign Poster was shown, funded by the government as they are aware there is a shortage of ringers Alan Regin 1400 ringers lost their lives in the First World War Bellringers link on the Sussex website

Outing to Norwich four day event

Raffle raised £41.00

Where is the association in line with the new Data Protection?

Gdpr. It needs rewriting for the association, the wording employees can be volunteers

Central Council have done a lot of work on it as to how it's going to affect Ringers, it may be looked at annually.

Jo Woodliffe wanted to thank Cathy for her excellent job, it's a worthwhile publication.

Meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

Date of next ADM. 23rd February 2019, venue TBA

## **Eastern District Secretary's Report for 2017.**

Our ADM was held at Hailsham this year, I had said I would stand down but when no-one came forward to take on the role of secretary I have carried on, but Frances and Mary have taken on the role of arranging the Saturday meetings and I will arrange the outings, also being contact for the report. There is now a county membership secretary so any membership queries now go to him.

We had a 12-bell practice at Benenden arranged by Alastair MacFadyen, it was a good afternoon and a worthwhile practice as the members generally do not ring on 12 Bells.

The quiz held at the community hall in Hailsham was well supported with the questions provided by the ringers of Heathfield, the winners were St Mary's Eastbourne. The profit from the quiz and raffle were donated to the BRF fund.

Our main outing this year was to York, in the middle of May. We stayed five nights also enjoying time looking around York, with plenty of ringing at 18 towers

For our walk, we met at Northiam, walked to Beckley, where we rung, some of us had a picnic in the church grounds and some went off to the pub. After lunch, we walked across to Peasmarsh, where after ringing some carried on walking to Rye and some walked back to Northiam.

A few eastern members went on the strike back Express from Hastings to Bath for an

enjoyable day and we had the opportunity to ring at three towers during our time there. A practice meeting was held at Wadhurst, then ringers went on to Ticehurst, with a lovely tea provided. We had a day outing to Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Limpsfield, Westerham, Brasted and Hever, this was supported by all districts.

Our surprise Minor and Major practices were held most months, although we could do with more support at these events. These practice evenings were usually joint with the Southern District.

I would like to thank all those on the committee who have helped me this year, the ringers who attend our events, the incumbents who allow us to ring in the churches and anyone else who has helped me.

Marion Hollands.

Eastern District Secretary.

### **Look To!**

#### **Editor's Report**

First of all I want to thank everyone who has submitted articles and photos for inclusion in the various editions that we have produced this year. But we still need more articles and photos.

At last year's ADM I gave notice that I wanted to relinquish the duty of editing Look To! Unsurprisingly no other volunteers came forward. So I agreed to continue for another year. We are now at the 2018 and the position remains the same. It would great to have someone or even a couple of ringers that could bring fresh ideas and an editorial boost to the publication.

I will continue into next year

Once again thank you to all those who have submitted articles during the past year

Nick Rees

#### **Education Report from Nick Cant.**

We have continued to run, when possible, Surprise Major Practices jointly with Southern District, generally alternate months in each district. Of necessity, the venues in our district have been at the western end of the district to minimise the travel required for those from the South. Unfortunately, despite encouragement to continue these practices, the turnout on a number of occasions has been disappointing, and on at least 2 occasions, insufficient to actually ring on 8 bells. Having sent out to a number of regular attenders, whose responses were positive, I am still hopeful that Surprise practices can continue in some form.

Progressing in minor practices have been established, usually at Alfriston, where we concentrate each session on a special method each month – alternating between plain methods and treble bob or surprise minor. This gives ringers the opportunity to commit time to mastering a particular method, and also gives the chance of plain hunting or treble bobbing to those whose progression has reached that stage.

Otherwise, organised practices have tended to become more localised. The Eastbourne towers regularly meet for joint practices on up to 8 bells at St Mary's and Christ Church on 2 Tuesdays each month, while maintaining individual practices on the remaining weeks. This has enabled ringers to practice more advanced methods (up to Surprise Major) than each tower could manage individually, and ringers from other District towers are more than welcome to join these practices. Similarly, once every 3 months there is an Eastbourne practice (again on a Tuesday) at St Saviour's on up to 10 bells, and these have been well-attended, with ringers from many towers attending.

The more basic handling and method learning continues mostly within individual towers. It is difficult to put on District practices for this that many people are able or willing to attend. However, if any particular tower, or individual ringers, would like help in progressing from some more-experienced ringers, then please do contact me or any Committee member, and we can discuss what assistance can be arranged. Similarly, if any towers feel they could progress by combining their practices, then we would be glad to assist arranging this.

Any suggestions for advancing co-operation between towers, or arranging for local or District-wide practices would always be welcome, and we would love to see more ringers involved in these.