



Look To!

SCACR Eastern Division Newsletter April 2017

Welcome to your Spring 2017 Edition of Look To! Thank to everyone who has submitted articles for inclusion in this edition. Remember we are always delighted to receive articles for inclusion in Look To! We love hearing about your ringing and sharing your news. So, whether you have just started ringing or can count places in your sleep, please tell us about your ringing experiences. We aim to publish 4 editions of Look To! Each year. Articles can be emailed to the Look To! Editor, news-east@scacr.org. Please submit articles in Word Docx format if possible

Proposed dates for practice

(Please check website or SCACR Facebook page for the latest information)

Surprise Major (joint with Southern District)

(All Practices will run from 7.30 pm to 9.00pm)

Thurs 4 May at	Seaford,
Mon 3 July at	Southern District tower t.b.a.,
Wed 2 Aug at	Eastern District tower t.b.a.,
Thurs 7 Sept at	Southern District tower t.b.a.,
Wed 4 Oct at	Eastern District tower t.b.a.

These practices are suitable for all wishing to ring treble bob on 8 and progress through the Standard Eight. Recent practices have seen us ring Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland and London.

Progressing minor practices

All at Alfriston and will run from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

All on Wednesdays, 26 Apr, 31 May, 28 June, 26 July, 30 Aug.

There will be a nominated method each month, which may be plain, treble bob or surprise. We will stick to the nominated method, but ringers are welcome to practice plain hunting or treble bobbing on 6 as appropriate.

Saturday Meetings

Saturday 6th May Ring and Walk Event

This has been organised by **Northern District**, but all are welcome. Outline plans at present are for ringing at Fairwarp and possibly Maresfield, a walk in the Ashdown Forest area between the towers (out and back) with a possible pub lunch (optional, of course!).

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Eastern District's Walk is planned for Sat 15 July.

Proposed ringing at 2 or 3 towers, walking between the towers, with a pub lunch if wanted.

Probably in the eastern end of our area. Details to come.

York Outing May 2017

We have our annual outing to York soon. It will take place from Saturday May 20th to Wednesday May 25th, anyone is welcome to come and join us, so please consider coming along. It would be nice to see some new faces. Our regular outing in 2017 will be To York. There will be two full days of ringing and two half days around York; this is to enable people to do some sightseeing as well.

The cost for the towers will be £1.50 per tower, or £20.00 for the four days. Please make own accommodation arrangements and look at the website for up to date information or contact Marion Holland for a list of towers

Saturday, 20th May

9.30 a.m.	Stockton on the Forest	6 bells.	5-1-5 in D	YO32 9WA
11.00 a.m.	Norton	8 bells	14-2-20 in F	YO17 9AW
12.15 p.m.	Hovingham	6 bells	11-1-0 in G	YO62 4LU
3.30 p.m.	All Saints, Kirkbymoorside		8-3-3 in A.	YO62 6QA
4.45 p.m.	St Andrew Middleton	6 bells	5-3-20 in B.	YO18 8PB

Sunday, 21st May

1.30	St Michaels, Spurriergate	6 bells	8-2-14 in A.	YO19 QR
4.00 p.m.	Evensong at the Minster			

Monday, 22nd May

9.45 a.m.	St Olive, York	6 bells	9-0 14 in G#	YO30 7WH
11.15 a.m.	St Wilfred's.	10 bells	18-1-21 in F.	YO1 7HE
1.30 p.m.	St Lawrence	8 bells	7-3-24 in A.	YO10 3BN
2.45 p.m.	All Saints, North Street	8 bells	7-2-2 in A	YO1 6 JD
4.00 p.m.	St Martin le Grand	8 bells	10-1-23 in G#	YO1 8DA

Tuesday, 23rd May

9.30 a.m.	Strensall	6 bells	3-3-20 in D.	YO32 5XU
10.45 a.m.	Easingwold	8 bells	9-3-5 in B flat.	YO61 3JT
12.00 p.m.	Brafferton	6 bells	12-2-0 in F#	YO61 2NW
2.15 p.m.	Kirby Hill	6 bells	8-0-14 in B flat.	YO51 9DT
3.30 p.m.	Boroughbridge	6 bells	12-3-22 in F#	YO51 9NZ
4.30 p.m.	Aldbrough.	6 bells	11-1-0 in G#	YO51 9ER
5.45 p.m.	Whixley???			

Wednesday 24th May

10.00 a.m.	All Saints, Huntington	8 bells	5-0-17 in b flat	YO32 9GN
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Eastern District Divisional Practice at Benenden

On Saturday the 18th March a district practice was held at Benenden. This was a rare opportunity to ring at a 12-bell tower where practice is usually reserved for established 12-bell ringers and was enthusiastically taken up by a number of ringers from across the district.

Fifteen people attended from towers including Eastbourne, Wadhurst, Ticehurst and Salehurst. Even though we were short of 12-bell experts we still rang methods up to Caters to a good standard.

With Alastair MacFadyen in charge we warmed up with a touch of Bob Minor whilst waiting for others to arrive and then rang rounds on ten and twelve. Although this was a new experience for most of us, even the relatively new ringers quickly settled into ringing on higher numbers of bells. On twelve, the bells ring incredibly close together which makes correct striking a real challenge but when it is achieved and you can hear every bell in the round it sounds incredible. The other problem is the sheer amount of time it takes for the round to get back to you after ringing your bell – on the

lighter bells you practically have to stand your bell after each stroke and wait. This took some getting used to but everyone managed it with a bit of practice.

One consequence of having relatively few ringers was that you got to do a lot of ringing. Grandsire Triples was called next, followed by Grandsire Caters. That sounded too advanced for me so I took the Tenor – my first time covering to ten bells. Not too bad, I could see which one was at the back o.k. – except Alastair kept telling me to close up. Apparently, I was leaving too big a gap and should cover by listening rather than looking – something to take on board.

Next, we rang Stedman Triples. This is something I can do or so I thought, so I took the five. Well, I thought I could ring it but I started by going in instead of out. On the re-start it was going well until Alastair called “Bob”. Oh no, I thought, I’ve only ever rung a plain course before, perhaps I should have said. So, trying to recall the table of Bobs that I’d looked at, I made 5ths – but then what? Then Alastair was telling me to double dodge down and go in quick – thank goodness, he’s an expert.

After that I went back to covering, which seemed safer. We then rang some more rounds on ten and twelve and finished by plain hunting on ten, which was a new experience for many of us, and then it was time to go home.

It was an enjoyable practice. Many thanks to Alastair for conducting the session and to the Lebons for the use of their tower. Benenden is a delightful tower to ring at and I hope they restart open practices there soon.

John Harding
Salehurst Ringer

Dallington Ringers Outing to Kent

Well it was certainly a beautiful sunny day for our Outing. Travelling in 3 cars we all arrived in good time for our first tower, which was St Michael, Kingsnorth (6) 8-1-6. They are rung from a gallery, just a few steps up into the tower. Here we rang, Grandsire, Rounds and call changes, Bastow Doubles and Stedman Doubles methods. They are much lighter in weight than our ring at Dallington so we had some adjusting to do in our brains, but everyone seemed to manage it. There is no ringing band here at present and has been so for a number of years. The church has recently been updated with the pews removed and new ones installed. You might have seen this as an item on the local news on the television last week.



Off then to Warehorne, (6) 9-2-8 a very pretty spot, some wanted to return here even before we had rung, might have been the very inviting Woolpack pub opposite the church. A ground floor ring, rustic flooring permitting. Our methods rung again with some success, but here the bells are on plain bearings, so require more pulling.

They had been very recently oiled for us, we really appreciated that.

Lastly, we rang at High Halden (6) 13cwt Another ground floor ring. These were significantly heavier than ours, especially the back bells, should have had Weetabix X3 for breakfast. We rang our repertoire and an additional Plain Bob Doubles touch.

Photo taken afterwards before we dispersed, some of us had lunch together in Tenterden before making our way home.

Diana Day

Note from the Committee

Following the ADM at Hailsham in February, when there was very limited interest from members to join the District Committee it was decided to hold a meeting a further meeting to see if any other members would come forward to help on the committee. After advertising the meeting, it was held on Tuesday 7th March. The result of this meeting was one new member was elected to the committee. We are still looking for further committee members to help organise the events around the District in the coming year. Please see below a copy of the minutes of the informal meeting to update members on what was decided. If anyone else would like to come and help or give us some ideas as to what you would like to see happen in the East please speak with a committee member.

**Informal meeting of the Eastern District Committee
Tuesday 7th March 2017**

Present.

Peter Bradford, Frances Bradford, Hazel Mottram, Peter Bradford, Nick Cant, Nick Rees, Mary Hallett, Marion Hollands, Janet Wilson

Jobs:-

Ringling Coordinator	Nick Cant - Proposed Hazel Mottram seconded Nick Rees
Secretary	The job to be divided up
Name in Report -	Marion
Minutes of Committee Meetings -	Marion
Minutes of ADM -	Marion
Programme and Saturday Meetings -	Frances Bradford and Mary Hallett
Annual Outing -	Marion
Website updates -	Possibly Nick Cant as he does the Surprise Minor and Major
Sending Emails to Tower Correspondents -	?
Annual Quiz -	to be sorted when next year's programme is arranged
Publicity - Look To.	Nick Rees
Printing and Posting -	Sandra Titherly / Mary Hallett
Posters for events -	Hazel Mottram and Darren Davis
Mid - Week practices	Nick Cant
BRF.	Pip Pawley
Team Meeting Reps	
General Committee -	David Hollands
Training and Recruitment- Communication / Publicity -	Nick Cant and Frances Bradford

AOB

4th Saturday of the month practices - Over the last year or so, it has been necessary to have our meetings on a different Saturday at times to make sure we have enough people attend. As previously we have had meetings where there were not enough ringers to ring; so we made sure there would be at least six ringers there
Committee Members - Mary Hallett, Peter Bradford, Marion Hollands Proposed Nick Cant, Seconded Hazel Mottram

Nick Cant wants to make the committee meetings open to anyone in the district, this was not supported by everyone. We will try and hold a few more Committee meetings in the coming year

Meeting Closed 7.33 p.m.

The Eastern District Annual Quiz and Supper

This year the quiz returned to its traditional date during Holy Week. Over 100 people made up 14 teams to answer question written by the ringers from Heathfield. The question master from Heathfield was Allen Crisp who presented a wide range of questions.

Playing your joker to maximise the best score proved difficult with the various rounds all have cryptic titles. However, many teams did manage to choose their best topic and there were some very high scores overall.



The winners this year was a team from St. Mary Eastbourne with a very good score of 85 meaning they only dropped 13 points from scoring the maximum. They were closely followed by a team of Hastings ringers with a score of 83 and just a further two behind with 81 was a team from Hailsham.

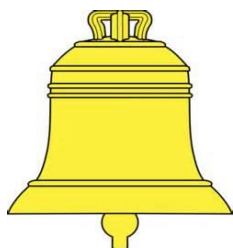
The raffle this year was in aid of the BRF where £243 was raised. We would like to thank those attending for their support and for raising this sum We would also like to thank the Heathfield ringers for their help in making this another successful evening.

Muffle Menders

Are your bells' muffles in need of attention or repair? We have been advised of an excellent cobbler in Battle. It is called:

The Shoe Menders,
High Street,
Battle.
TN33 0AH,

We are told his prices are very reasonable; he is located on the corner of High Street and Old Ladies Court



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THE STRIKE BACK EXPRESS

Hastings to Bath and return Saturday 29th July 2017

Join us for a heritage train ride over the mainline in a unique preserved train, to the beautiful city of Bath, and help us raise money to fight blood cancer at the same time!

Just over a year on from our Bell Ringers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer sponsored walk and ring to Canterbury Cathedral, bell ringing, travelling and fundraising are being combined again. Hastings Diesels Limited, whose motto is Preservation in Action, are kindly allowing us to charter their train at favourable rates and are also manning the train with volunteers. The train will even be being driven by a ringer, Rob Lane of GB Railfreight! All profits will go to SBABC (Strike Back Against Blood Cancer).

When we get to Bath, ringing is organized in the city: details to follow. But there's also time to relax and enjoy this UNESCO World Heritage site, with its Roman Baths, Abbey, Royal Crescent and Georgian streets and squares.

There will be a well stocked buffet car serving a selection of drinks and hot and cold food throughout the day. Estimated timings are given overleaf, and a booking form is below. Please complete and post this to us. In the event of queries, please call our dedicated booking number 07501 478676, or email bookings@hastingsdiesels.co.uk.



TO: Hastings Diesels Ltd (Tours), Bridgeway, St Leonards on Sea TN38 8AP. FROM: Name Address

Telephone Special Requirements Email

Please enter seat requirements overleaf. SBABC

Hastings	St Leonards (WS)	Battle	Etchingham	Tunbridge Wells	Tonbridge	Bromley South	Clapham Junction	Bath Spa
depart	depart	depart	depart	depart	depart	depart	depart	arrive
07.37	07.41	07.54	08.05	08.23	08.34	08.57	09.28	12.00
Bath Spa	Clapham Junction	Bromley South	Tonbridge	Tunbridge Wells	Etchingham	Battle	St Leonards (WS)	Hastings
depart	arrive	arrive	arrive	arrive	arrive	arrive	arrive	arrive
17.00	19.32	20.03	20.26	20.37	20.55	21.06	21.19	21.23

THE STRIKE BACK EXPRESS

Provisional Timings: to be finalised shortly before the date Saturday 29 July 2017

□..... Number of seats required:

Return Fares

Standard Class: Seat in trailer coach £65; seat in motor coach (coach E) £70; bay of four seats in trailer coach £240 Do feel free to add a donation to the cause if you wish!

Notes

Tickets are sold subject to the HDL Code of Conduct, and smoking is not permitted at any time on this service. We regret bicycles (except some folding bicycles – see the Hastings Diesels Limited website) cannot be carried. If you wish to bring a wheelchair or mobility scooter you must inform us on booking, giving its dimensions. Please give the names of all passengers for whom you are booking, continuing on a separate sheet if necessary. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Tickets will be sent out a few days before the trip.

Passenger	Boarding at:		
Passenger Name (1)	Boarding at:		
Passenger Name (2)	Boarding at:		
Passenger Name (3)	Boarding at:		
Passenger Name (4)	Boarding at:		

Cheque for £ enclosed, (including a donation of £) made payable to Hastings Diesels Limited, together with SAE for the tickets, and a second SAE if you wish to receive postal, rather than email, acknowledgement of receipt of this form. **SBABC**

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New Association Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined the association this year

Bexhill-on-Sea	Roger Brown and John Carey
Eastbourne SMV	Donna Southern,
Heathfield	Hazel Anderson,
Hellingly	Vanessa Tourle and Montague Tourle (Junior),
Salehurst	Martine Blaser-Smart and Celia Bonnett,
St Leonards-on-Sea	Susan Wells and Helen Green,
Ticehurst	Richard Reisz,
Willingdon	Dominic Simes (Junior),
Hailsham	Tania and Keeley Taylor,
Waldron	Heidi Alexander and Andy Delves,
Warbleton	Rowena Toop,

Association AGM: Billingshurst, Saturday 13th May 2017

10:30am-12:00pm	ringing at St Mary's church, Billingshurst
12:00pm-12:30pm	short ringers service at St Mary's
12:30pm-12:45pm	walk to St Gabriel's Hall, Catholic Church
12:45pm-1:30pm	ploughman's lunch
1:30pm-3:00pm	AGM

Please send names for Lunch to secretary@scacr.org by Wednesday 10th May

Eastern District Committee Members

Position	Member	Email Address
Secretary	Marion Hollands.	sec-east@scacr.org
Ringling Co-ordinator	Nick Cant	nickcantbells@outlook.com
Look To! Editor	Nick Rees	news-east@scacr.org
BRF Rep	Pip Pawley	brf-east@scacr.org
Saturday practice coordinator	Frances Bradford	francesbradford@scacr.org
Committee Member.	Peter Bradford	francesbradford@scacr.org
Committee Member.	Mary Hallett	mary.hallett@scacr.org

Finally, remember there is a lot of very useful information on the dedicated SCACR Facebook page. Also, it is worth checking the <http://scacr.org> website for up-to-date news and a calendar of what is happening with Change Ringing in Sussex.

The copy deadline for the next **Look To!** will be 30th June