

Southern News



The Southern District Newsletter *January and February 2018*

Words from your editor

Happy New Year! I hope you had a pleasant Christmas time.

Here is your first 2018 issue of Southern News. You'll find all the upcoming Southern District dates and Events, news from the last two months, and a few ideas for you to ponder on.

Coming up soon is our Southern District Annual District Meeting on Saturday 17th February. While things are being organised all year round in your district, the ADM provides an opportunity to discuss as a group the future of ringing in this part of Sussex. I'm sure, like me, you wish for it to continue. So get yourself along! No one is a stranger. You won't be grabbed on arrival and given a job; your voice is simply one of the most important things we need! Get your voice heard.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our January event, the Southern District Quiz, at Southover. Read on for more details.

Enjoy your ringing.
I'll see you
somewhere on my
travels!

Josh



Upcoming Events

www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar

Tuesday 2nd January – 8/10 Bell Practice at Eastbourne, St. Saviour.
Contact nickcantbells@outlook.com

Saturday 20th January – The Southern District Quiz at Southover (Lewes). Full details on Page 3. Contact maryburr18@yahoo.co.uk to enter a team.

Monday 22nd January – 10/12 Bell Practice at East Grinstead. Contact practice-north@scacr.org

Saturday 27th January - Teaching from Rounds to Plain Hunt – Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) Training Scheme - Module 2F at Southover. More details inside.
Contact mrj@tullydeath.com

Saturday 17th February – Southern District ADM at Barcombe.

Ringling, All welcome 2:00 – 3:00pm,
Tea 3:30 – 4:00pm, Meeting 4:00 – 4:45pm.

Words from Mary – Your district secretary

As I write this on the penultimate day of 2017 I find myself reflecting on the past twelve months! Personally I was pleased to begin to get to grips with Cambridge Surprise Major at the ringing course in October and am looking forward to ringing a quarter peal in the not too distant future. I also felt proud of managing to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples inside in my home tower recently (though I could hardly go wrong with the band I had round me!) I didn't manage to complete my challenge of visiting the practice nights of every tower in the Southern District so that has now become a two year challenge!

What I have learnt from the towers I have visited is that there are a lot of dedicated ringers out there. Recently Richard and Penny Neal have joined me and I have enjoyed their company on the visits. I have always been made to feel very welcome and nearly every time someone will say that it has enabled them to ring something they couldn't normally ring.



Mary and Richard Neal at Keymer practice

Our committee is getting stronger as we gain experience and more people support us. Josh and William, the two young ringers on the committee, have been invaluable, not least for all the fresh ideas they bring! Without their enthusiasm and hard work there would have been far less opportunities for Southern District ringers.

We have lots of ideas for next year. We hope you will join us for the quiz on 20th January which will be held at Southover in Lewes and on February 17th for the ADM which will be at Barcombe. Further ahead, the Southern District is hosting the SCACR AGM on May 12th at Ditchling. We are planning to have a barbecue and other ringing related activities as well as the usual church service and annual meeting so please put the date in your diaries. *(If anyone has a transportable gas barbecue that we could borrow for the day, please let me know!)*

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year and lots of enjoyable ringing in 2018. Please let us know if we can do anything to help in any way.

Mary Burr

The Southern District Quiz 2018 at Southover (Lewes)

Saturday 20th January 2018

Back again by popular demand. This year's Southern District Quiz is being held at Southover (Lewes). Come along for an evening of ringing, quiz rounds, fish and chips and competition.



To sign yourself or your team up, Contact Mary Burr
at maryburr18@yahoo.co.uk

Location: Trinity Church Southover (Lewes) Southover High St, Lewes. BN7 1JH

- 16:00 - 17:00 - Ringing on the 10 at Southover. Please do come ringing. Never rung at Southover? Don't worry! They are very easy bells and ringing will be rounds onwards.
- 17:30 In Trinity Church Hall - Fish and Chip supper. Please order in advance to the above contact. **FISH AND CHIPS: £6.**
- 18:00 onwards - Quiz! Be ready for an evening of several Quiz rounds and styles. From Geography to Geometry, there will be questions for all ages.

Details

- Don't have a team? No problem. Sign yourself up, teams can be assembled on the night.
- Bring your own drinks, glasses, cups, cutlery, deserts and pens.
- There is restricted parking in front of the church on the high street. More parking can be found down Cockshut Road, opposite Southdown Sports club.

What has been going on in the Southern District?

Our November Saturday Event saw us working on our listening skills at Hurstpierpoint. With a good tea and cake supply all morning!



Some of the Hurstpierpoint Young Ringers celebrated Bonfire Night at the annual Hurst Ringer's Bonfire and Fireworks night after practice. Don't worry, the fireworks were outside.



December took the Southern District to Ringmer to celebrate Christmas. We enjoyed festive ringing from Call Changes, to Grandsire, to Cambridge to Single Oxford, and Mulled Wine with homemade Mince Pies.



- *The Treats for our break at Ringmer!*



Burgess Hill ringers were treated to festive treats after a hard evening of Triples focus on their last practice before Christmas. They were soon off to the pub afterwards!

Picture shows James and one of Burgess Hill's newest recruits: Wendy, who is now confidently and consistently ringing rounds unaided. Wendy is learning together with her close friend Claire. They are both enjoying ringing and progressing fast.

Keymer ringers finished their practice before Christmas with Drinks and Nibbles. It has been a promising year for Keymer. Practice is always busy and they have also been joined by 14 year old Dylan, who is improving fast!



By popular demand ... Sussex clothing is back!

Never have the right top to go ringing in? We have the answer – brighten up your wardrobe with our new range of t-shirts, hoodies, rugby tops and more, all available now. A whole range of colours on offer with the iconic Sussex logo embroidered on the left hand chest.

Visit the Clothing page (can be found under Resources) on the SCACR website for full details and instructions on how to order. Orders will be placed on the last day of the month, delivery time is approx. 4 weeks from the order being placed with supplier.

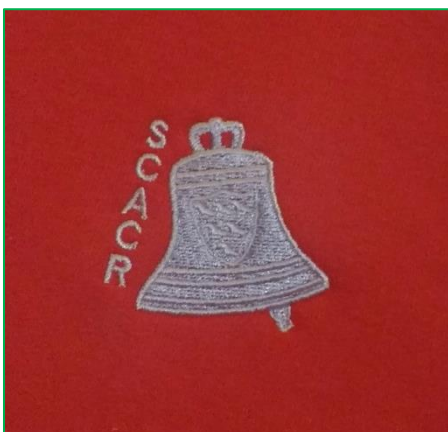
Any questions, please get in touch with Sandra at clothing@scacr.org



Sandra Alford in her Purple SCACR Rugby Top



Rob Lane in his Light Blue SCACR t-shirt



Brighton St. Nicholas Support BBC Children in Need by Ringing a Quarter Peal for Pudsey.

To support Children in Need we rang a quarter peal of Pudsey Surprise Major at St Nicholas in Brighton on Sunday evening 29th October.

This was a first quarter of Pudsey for William and Steve, and also first blows in the method for William.

We were not able to persuade David to wear the Pudsey ears for the quarter peal itself, (some excuse about having to conduct), but he did wear them for the photo.



Sussex County Association
Brighton, East Sussex
St Nicholas
Sunday, 29 October 2017 in 48 min (18–0–20 in E)
1250 Pudsey Surprise
Major

- 1 Caroline C House
- 2 Paul J Wells
- 3 William Stafford
- 4 Gavin D Bennett
- 5 Adrial R Walton
- 6 Steve Lucas
- 7 David E House (C)
- 8 Hugh F Pettifer

First of Pudsey - 3 and 6
A Quarter Peal for
Pudsey to support
Children in Need raising
£100



A Message from your association master, Graham

I mentioned in my last Master's Mutterings for Soundbow and the website, about the forthcoming Annual District Meetings in February next year, but I would like to clarify how important these meetings are.

It is at these 4 District meetings that people are asked to join their relevant committee to help run that District. It has now been some time since any of the Districts had a Ringing Master, to help run the ringing at any practices that may be arranged. I know a couple of the Districts have indicated to me that they hope to elect a Ringing Master and thereby lighten the secretary's work load.

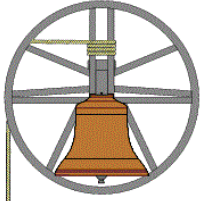
At the same ADM, there will be nominations for posts on the General Committee. I for one will be stepping down as Master at the AGM in May, because I will have completed my 3 years in office by then. The role of Association Master is to "chair" the various meetings, and try to keep order (a gavel comes with the job), get around to as many different events and practices as possible, and to keep up good communication with the Secretary. You don't have to be the best ringer out there, just keen, and have a desire to see OUR Association succeed.

There are several posts that must be filled in February. As well as myself, David Kirkcaldy is stepping down as BRF secretary, and Stella Bianco will be stepping down as the Eastern District Central Council Rep. Stella only took this on last year and said at the time that she would help out the East for one year only.

So, please don't all sit there and say "I/we don't do that", or "I/we don't go to that". If you want your individual District and the Association to continue we all need to all pull together, and think about what role within the Association that you may be able to take on, with the aim of helping everyone.

Graham Hills
Association Master





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Southern District Tower Practice Nights

These are always available at www.scacr.org/towers and in the SCACR handbook. Visiting local practice nights is a great way to improve your ringing and meet new people. You may also be surprised by how many ringers will return the favour and give your home tower a visit too

Monday: Burgess Hill 7:45, Brighton; St Nicholas (2nd and 4th), St Peter (1st, 3rd and 5th) both 7:45, Chailey 8:00, Maresfield 8:00 (infrequent – please check), Newick 7:00 (*note new day and time*).

Tuesday: Aldrington 7:45, Brighton; Good Shepherd 7:00, Ditching 7:30, Southover (Lewes) 7:30, Little Horsted 7:30 (please check), Seaford 7:30, Shoreham-by-sea 7:45, Uckfield 7:30.

Wednesday: Buxted 8:00 (please check), Henfield 7:45, Keymer 7:30, Ringmer 7:30.

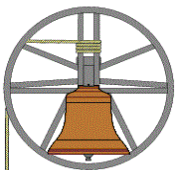
Thursday: Barcombe 7:30 (infrequent – please check), Brighton, St Mark 7:15 (best to check before travel), Hurstpierpoint 7:00, Wivelsfield 8:00.

Friday: Twineham 7:30 (1st, 3rd and 5th).

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Visit www.scacr.org

- Don't have a 'Soundbow' subscription? Contact Kathy Howard at Soundbow99@gmail.com, 01903 813653. Yearly subscription for post is just £6! Why not make a tower subscription if you don't have one already...
- Find SCACR on Facebook. Search 'SCACR'.
- Find SCACR on Twitter. Use @scacr and @susex bells.
- Contact Alison Everett, your Communications and Events Team leader, at publicity@scacr.org if you want to know more about social media.



The next edition of Southern News is for

March and April 2018

The deadline for write up's, events and relevant material is

Sunday 18th February

Send it all to news-south@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

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