

# Southern News



*The Southern District Newsletter*  
*May and June 2018*

## The **SCACR AGM Day** 2018

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Ditchling and Westmeston

DITCHLING



The **Southern District** Team would like to welcome you to a day for all SCACR ringers, at Ditchling and neighbouring Westmeston, at the foot of the South Downs.

### Morning Ringing... Come along!

- 10:00 – 10:45 am: Open Ringing at St. Cosmas and St. Damian, **Keymer** tbc.
- 10:30 – 11:30: Open Ringing at St. Margaret's, Ditchling.

*Open Ringing is for everyone. Keymer are an easy ring of 6 (on street parking is down Church Mead) and Ditchling are a light ring of 8. This is a great opportunity to have a go on some new bells, if you haven't rung here before.*



- 11:30 – Ringer's **Service** at Ditchling.

### Social afternoon and AGM at Westmeston Village Hall...

*Westmeston is a 5 minute drive east of Ditchling. The church hall is past the church (B2116) on the left. There is parking directly in front.*

- 12:15 – 13:30: **SCACR Barbecue** in the sun (hopefully!). *Sausages or burgers (vegetarian included) in rolls with assorted salads. Bring your own drinks!*

There will also be Hand Bell Ringing sessions and a mini picture related quiz / treasure hunt to keep you busy.

- 14:00 – 15:15: **AGM** in the hall. *It's all happening: electing officers, events for the year ahead, new publicity and recruitment drives, SCACR finance report and more. Never been? Come along and find out more about what your association can do for you!*

## Words from your editor

Hello!

Looking for a good way to spend a beautiful May day? Come along to the **SCACR AGM Day** at Ditchling and Westmeston on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Despite being two days before my first GCSE, I will be there, so I hope you will be too!

I promise you a fun day of ringing, socialising, more ringing, a chance to try your hand at handbells, complete the Westmeston treasure hunt, enjoy a wonderful BBQ in the South Downs sun and come together as SCACR ringers for our annual general meeting. I'll need someone to talk to, so please come along!

Thanks to everyone who came along to our most recent third Saturday practice at Burgess Hill. One ringer who was at her first district practice said to me: "It's brilliant, new bells and more practice. I'll be back!" – You made my day, thank you!

Save the date for our next practice on Saturday 16th June at Hurstpierpoint.

If you'd like some help at your tower, give a member of District Committee a shout – we are here to help you!

Josh



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## Upcoming Events

[www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar](http://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar)

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May – SCACR AGM

**Day** – Ditchling and Westmeston.

(Details on front page)

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Ring & Ride –

#### Mini outing along the Downs Link.

Join us for a gentle, almost flat, bike ride along the Downs Link with ringing at a few nearby tower (or travel by car!) 9.30-10.30 am - Slinfold, ringing with tea/coffee/juice/cake. 11.30-12.30 - ringing at Henfield. 12.30-13.40 - lunch in Henfield. 14.15-15.30 - Upper Beeding, ringing followed by tea/coffee/juice/cake in the hall. 16.00-16.45 - ringing at Steyning. Contact: [sec-north@scacr.org](mailto:sec-north@scacr.org)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

#### June – South of England Show –

**Ardingly.** Full details on Page 4.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Southern

#### District open Practice at

**Hurstpierpoint 10:30 – 12:30.** Come along for ringing on 8 and 10 bells. Learners welcome and encouraged! Ringing will be from Call Changes to Surprise Royal (Cambridge has been requested).

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – 10/12 Bell

**Practice at East Grinstead. 19:30 – 21:00.**

## Looking Ahead...

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October – SCACR

#### Handbell Day at Hurstpierpoint

**Prep School.** Contact Hamish:

[Hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk](mailto:Hamish@wandleys.demon.co.uk)

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## Words from Mary – Your district secretary

Once again I can't believe it is time for another newsletter but apparently it is so!

The **SCACR AGM Day** is looming large in my thoughts at the moment as it is the Southern District's turn to organise it, so David Cragg., tower captain of Ditchling and I have been busy planning and organising, wondering how many will turn up and will we have enough burgers!

I have been having a very enjoyable time away on a couple of bellringing outings and it made me appreciate once again how lucky we are and what a privilege it is as bellringers to be able to go into so many interesting and beautiful old churches. Places that most people would never get the opportunity to go. As usual certain moments stand out in the memory; standing in a misty but eerily beautiful, Bedfordshire graveyard waiting for someone to unlock the tower or taking part in a highly enjoyable quarter peal in the village in Milton Keynes where my parents ashes are buried.

On Saturday I was asked to ring in a quarter peal in Lewes on the anniversary of the death of a bellringer who died in the First World War and found it far more poignant than I had expected. If you have the opportunity to ring for a casualty of the First World War do take part.

We will hope to see you all at the AGM on 12th May!

*Mary Burr*



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- Want to ring a Quarter Peal?
  - Looking for more help at practice night?
  - Want advice on moving a band forward?

**Contact Mary, your district secretary, or any member of the Southern District Committee. We are here to help!**

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Come and ring the bells at the South of England Show 2018!



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**SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW**



Thursday-Friday-Saturday  
7-9 June at  
Ardingly Showground



Spaces are still available for ringers of all abilities to ring and talk about ringing at Dewbys Bells mini-ring as part of the SCACR representation alongside the Diocese of Chichester this year.

No prior experience necessary – just an enthusiasm for bell ringing and ability to chat!

Free admission is available to anyone who can help – a few of hours ringing (10-1 and 1-4) and the rest of the time available to visit the show. Under 16s gain free admission with an accompanying adult so we are pleased to provide admission for families able to bring their young ringers on the Saturday.

Find out more from Marisa via [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org) (please state that you are happy to be contacted via email / telephone regarding the Show (Tel: 07796 145464).

@sussexbells @chichesterDio and @seas\_org - use hashtags #southofenglandshow or #bellringing

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## Sussex Young Ringers News

### *We are champions of the South East... Again!*

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of April, teams from across the South East of England came to Warnham to compete to be crowned the 2018 South East Youth striking champions. This year there were teams from Kent, Essex, Guildford, Hertfordshire and (of course) Sussex.



Team Sussex (L-R): Molly (3), William (7), Rachel (2-C) Harry (5), Josh (Treble), Andrew (6), Mahala (Tenor) and Lysbeth (4).

The day started with an introduction from organiser Anne Franklin and we were soon on our feet, fuelled by a ridiculous amount of cake, handbell ringing and open ringing on the 'Bell Meadow' mini-ring hosted by George Francis. There was a lot to do!

Sussex was drawn to ring last, but this didn't deter us. When our time came we ascended the tower steps, had a practice run and then started our test ringing. We produced 160 rows of immaculate call changes which we learned, when the judges passed their comments, were "the best speed of the day" and "very pleasing to listen to".

After the contest ringing was over, we descended on the primary school for a Fish and Chip lunch followed by the announcement of the results. Team Sussex was thrilled to win for the third year running, closely followed by Kent in second place.

The day was not yet over. We went onwards to Ruser and Horsham for more ringing with young ringers from across the south.

Our thanks go to Anne for organising a brilliant day. Our next competition is the Ringing World National Youth Contest in July, this year being hosted by Southwark Cathedral in London. We look forward to it!

Next young ringers practice dates to arrive soon! All young ringers are warmly welcome. It's really good fun!



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## SUSSEX CLOTHING IS BACK

Loose polo shirts, fitted t-shirts, hoodies, rugby tops, fleeces – all embroidered with the Sussex logo.

Many colours, styles and sizes (including children) to suit all.



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

Any questions, please get in touch with Sandra Alford at [clothing@scacr.org](mailto:clothing@scacr.org)

### FEEDBACK SO FAR

I am really pleased with my rugby shirt – it is a great length for ringing!

I love my polo shirt, it's a really nice fit and colour.

Fleece and rugby shirt are lovely and fit very well, thank you!

I shall wear my t-shirt with pride!

Good price, good quality and good fit – thank you.

Love curling up in my hoodie!

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## Important Safeguarding Information

So... have you thought about doing the Diocese of Chichester on line safeguarding training yet? Everyone involved with the church, in any way, should be aware of safeguarding and child protection issues.

Tower Captains and anyone involved with the training of young people or transporting young people must still complete the C1 and C2 training every 3 years. You can book yourself onto training Diocese of Chichester training courses. Or your parish safeguarding officer can arrange it for you.

And for everyone else there is the C0 on line training. It takes about an hour to complete.

Here's what to do... Go to

<https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org>

Click on 'training event'

On the left side of the page you will find E learning, which is what you need. At the bottom of the page is the safeguarding portal, which will take you to the on line courses. *(continues on next page)*

At this stage you will need to create a new account.  
The course is 1 hour long. You are able to stop and start, go back over bits.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Currently, there is a lot of media coverage about historic abuse by church members, and particularly the response by the Diocese of Chichester to allegations that were made. Always, always believe what a young person may tell you and report what has been said to your parish safeguarding officer, to me, to the police. Keeping children safe is the responsibility of everyone.

**Pat Aylward** – SCACR Safeguarding Officer: [safeguarding@scacr.org](mailto:safeguarding@scacr.org)



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**Have a Tower Summer Outing coming up?**

*If so, please send Josh a group picture or similar. They look great in newsletters.*

[news-south@scacr.org](mailto:news-south@scacr.org)

Thanks!

### SECON 2018 (South East of England Contest)

The South East of England Contest, now in its third year, is a striking competition for young ringers. This year five teams took part.

The competition was held at Warnham on Saturday, 14th April. The weather was absolutely perfect for a competition, warm and sunny, which meant ringers could play around, socialise and catch up with old friends from other societies. Tea, coffee, and most importantly lots and lots of cakes, were provided throughout the whole day, making sure all ringers had plenty of energy. During the competition ringing, handbell workshops were run inside and outside the church, along with a handbell quarter peal rung by the Society of Kent Young Ringers. Along the road from the church was a mini-ring called The Bell Meadow Peal which the competitors were all invited to visit. Thank you to George Francis for the use of his mini-ring.

During the lunch break, another handbell quarter was rung. I am led to believe we emptied the fish and chip shop, with everyone having chips and possibly something else. Once all the food was eaten, the judges (Tom Neal and Becca Cullen) came to deliver the results: Young@Herts were 5th, GDGYR (Guildford) 4th, Essex Young Eagles 3rd, Kent Young Ringers 2nd and Sussex Young Ringers 1st, for the third year running. The judges had said they had to re-listen to the recordings to choose 1st and 2nd, so good going Kent and Sussex.

After the results, two other towers, Ruser and Horsham, were open for the ringers to visit on their way back home. Finally it was time for 'thank yous', 'well dones' and 'good byes'. It was an excellent day for all young and old ringers.

A big thank you to Anne Franklin and Sandra Alford for all the hard work put into organising this event.

ELLEN  
Kent Young Ringers

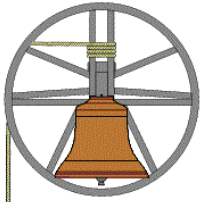


The competing teams (top to bottom): Kent Young Ringers (1st), Sussex Young Ringers (2nd), Essex Young Eagles (3rd), GDGYR (4th) and Young@Herts (5th)



The judges, Tom Neal and Becca Cullen





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### Southern District Tower Practice Nights

These are always available at [www.scacr.org/towers](http://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! *Perhaps it's time you got back into going to practice nights...*

**Monday:** Burgess Hill 7:45, Brighton; St Nicholas 7:45, (*There is no ringing at Brighton St Peter until September 2018. All practices are being held at Brighton; St Nicholas, instead*), Chailey 8:00, Maresfield 8:00 (infrequent – please check), Newick 7:00.

**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.

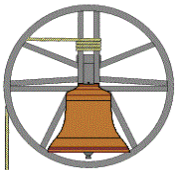
**Thursday:** Barcombe 7:30 (infrequent – please check), Brighton, St Mark 7:15 (best to check before travel), Hurstpierpoint 7:00, Wivelsfield 8:00.

**Friday:** Twineham 7:30 (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>).

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- Don't have a 'Soundbow' subscription? Contact Kathy Howard at [Soundbow99@gmail.com](mailto: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 @sussex bells.
- Contact Alison Everett, your Communications and Events Team leader, at [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org) if you want to know more about social media.



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The next edition of Southern News is for **July and August 2018**

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

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Send it all to [news-south@scacr.org](mailto:news-south@scacr.org)

*Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.*

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