

Look To!



The Eastern District Newsletter December 2018 to March 2019

Midweek Practice Dates.

Practices at Alfriston are:

- **Doubles** ; Wednesdays January 9th, Feb 6th, March 6th (From Plain bob onwards - theory with Pauline at 7.00, ringing 7.30).
- **Minor**: Jan 23rd, Feb 20th, March 27th (methods to be advised but there should be opportunities to plain hunt or treble bob).

Saturday Meetings.

Library Visit and ringing: 26th January 2019

We have arranged for a visit to see the library on Saturday 26th January. The library is housed at Stella Bianco's house (near Billingshurst RH14 – contact Stella for directions (scb@biancoteam.com)). We are welcome there from 10.30 a.m. for Coffee and Biscuits. If there is anything in particular you would like to see please let Stella know in advance.

We have also arranged some **ringing in the afternoon** - please see details below.

10.30 Library Visit

Lunch

1.45 p.m Shipley

3.00 p.m Cowfold

4.30 p.m Bolney

23rd February – ADM at Battle.

2.30 Ringing

4.00 p.m. Tea followed by meeting. Names for tea to Angela Dawes 07799 348046

23rd March - Surprise Major at Chiddingly

Ringling 10.00 – 12:00 followed by lunch at the Six Bells, Chiddingly.

Words from Marion – Your District Secretary

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year. In a busy 2018 we had a number of very successful and well supported events including our supper and quiz at Easter the weekend outing to Norwich, the walk between towers, our Chelmsford outing in November and the Ringing Remembers campaign. We also had our regular practices, both midweek and Saturdays.

We are looking forward to this year where we have many things lined up for you including some familiar favourites- please see the program listed in this edition of Look To.

Our first two main events are the visit to the library later this month and our ADM at Battle. It would be nice to see you there. Please think about coming onto the committee to offer some support. Additional support and new ideas are always needed.

Marion Hollands Secretary

Eastern District Autumn Outing – 24th November 2018

26 ringers arrived at Chelmsford Cathedral on a crisp Saturday morning. The biggest problem was the parking but with this sorted we went on to enjoy a very pleasant hour of ringing. Most of us don't get an opportunity to ring on twelve so we rung rounds to get used to the bells which was followed by Grandsire Cinques, call changes and Stedman Cinques. These bells were very easy going, the best of the day and enjoyed by all of us. A point of interest being that these bells are the only Warner's ring of twelve.

We had in our party not only Ringers from the Eastern District but also the other SCACR Districts. Following an advertisement on Facebook we also attracted Ringers from Hampshire and Surrey

All Saints Springfield followed, these were a challenging ring of 6, although they were only a 10cwt - the two was especially difficult, but we managed to ring a variety of methods. Then to lunch. We all made our own arrangements although the local 'Harvester' did a roaring trade. Feeling refreshed we went on to Boreham, a 13 Cwt. eight where we rung Stedman Triples, Yorkshire Major, Grandsire Triples, Norwich Major rounds and call changes. St. Andrew, Sandon. a 10.3 Cwt. six followed, this was 'wobbly' tower where we rung St Clements Cambridge St. Martin, Bourne to name a few. The movement was a bit much for a few who went and waited in a nice warm lounge.

To round the day of the last tower was St. Michael, Galleywood, a 13 Cwt. eight. A pleasant ring at the end of a pleasant day.

I would like to thank the different ringing masters at each of the towers for their help and encouragement to ensure all the ringer both experienced and those less experienced had the chance to have a go at what they wanted to ring.

BBC Countryfile filming for Remembrance at Rotherfield.



The BBC have been to Rotherfield to record an article for 'Countryfile', which was broadcast on BBC1, Sunday 11th November.

The filming included a new War Memorial which has been erected on the village green behind the church. Particular reference was made to Owen Holmwood who was a bell ringer and killed in action 21st October 1916.

The programme included ringing by the Rotherfield band: half muffled ringing at the beginning and with John Craven looking up at the Tower; open ringing to finish.

The photo shows the new memorial.

Sussex Young Bell Ringers – November 2018 practice

On a cold and wet Saturday afternoon in November. I was invited to the Sussex Young Bell Ringers group. We met at St John the Evangelist's in Burgess Hill. Once I had found my way up to the ringing Chamber, I was greeted by some very friendly and welcoming young people who were happy to have new members in their group.

The bells were rung up, then we began with some rounds and call changes which I took part in. After that some of the others attempted a method or two. During these, I found a small nook to squeeze myself into. The ringing chamber was surprisingly small especially as there were about 15 of us up there! Soon after that, it was time for a slice or two of delicious rainbow cake. After enjoying the cake, we returned to the ringing chamber where we rang some more rounds and call changes. I'm looking forward to the next meeting later in December.



Tomas B. (Sussex young ringer, East district)

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

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!

Programme 2019 - 2020.

26th January - library visit.

23rd February - ADM Battle

23rd March - Surprise Major at Chiddingly from 10.00 a.m. to midday followed by lunch in six bells Chiddingly.

16th April – Quiz at the Civic Community Hall.

11th May - AGM in Eastbourne.

16th to 19th May - Weekend away to The Manor House Hotel, Okehampton.

8th June - Walk around Bewl Water.

27th July - Practice meeting at Dallington and Brightling. TBC

28th September - Brighton Towers TBC

19th October - Doubles Training, Tower TBD

23rd November - Outing to Maidstone area

25th January 2020 - Laughton and Ripe TBC

22nd February 2020 - ADM Ticehurst TBC

Eastern District Committee

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Eastern 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! *Perhaps it's time you got back into going to practice nights...* Always phone to confirm there have been no changes on the night you plan to attend.

Monday: Brede, Dallington, All Saints Eastbourne, Hailsham, Rotherfield, St. Leonards-On-Sea, Ticehurst, Waldron, Warbleton (Join the practice at Dallington).

Tuesday: Alfriston, Battle, Bexhill, Burwash, Christ Church Eastbourne, St Marys Eastbourne, Frant, Mayfield, Northiam.

Wednesday: Beckley, Beckley, Heathfield, Hellingly, Salehurst, Sedlescombe, Wadhurst, Westham.

Thursday: Ashburnham, Bodiam, Brightling, Ewhurst Green, Laughton, Rye, Willingdon.

Friday: Blacklands Hastings.

Saturday: All Saints Hastings, St. Clements Hastings, Hooe, Pevensey.

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- Find SCACR on Facebook - search for 'SCACR' – the Association has a page and our members have a secure closed group for their posts about ringing in Sussex.
- Find SCACR on Twitter. Use [@scacr_bells](https://twitter.com/scacr_bells) and [@sussexbells](https://twitter.com/sussexbells)
- Contact Alison Everett, your Communications and Events Team leader, at publicity@scacr.org if you want to know more about publicity or social media



The next edition of *Look To!* is for March to May

The deadline for write ups, events and relevant material is

28th February 2019

Send it all to news-east@scacr.org Many thanks to everyone who contributed

