

Northern News



The Northern District - December 2018

Dates for Your Diary

December

Saturday 1 st	Ringing with mine pies and mulled wine	Bolney	15:00 - 17:00
Monday 3 rd	Surprise Minor/Treble Bob methods	Worth	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 7 th	Codgers - check website calendar for details		
Monday 10 th	Advanced Practice	Crawley	19:39 - 21:00
Monday 17 th	10 Bell Methods Practice (simulator)	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00

January 2019

Saturday 5 th	Ringing (rounds onwards) with brunch	Coleman's Hatch	10:00 - 12:00
Monday 7 th	6 Bell Methods Practice	Slinfold	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 9 th	Codgers - check website calendar for details		
Monday 14 th	Advanced Practice (Stedman onwards)	Balcombe	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 21 st	10 Bell Methods Practice (simulator)	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 28 th	General 12 Bell Practice - rounds up	East Grinstead	19:30 - 21:00

February

Saturday 2 nd	Ringing, ADM, Quiz and Service	Horsham	15:30 - 20:30
Monday 4 th	Elementary Practice - Rounds & Changes	Ardingly	19:30 - 21:00
Wednesday 6 th	Codgers - check website calendar for details		
Monday 11 th	Improvers' Practice (Plain Hunt onwards)	Rusper	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 18 th	10 Bell Methods Practice (simulator)	Warnham	19:30 - 21:00
Monday 25 th	12 Bell Practice - Methods	East Grinstead	19:30 - 21:00

The programme is subject to change depending on availability of towers etc - keep an eye on the website calendar for full and latest details: www.scacr.org/calendar

Monday Evening Practices - New Look (by Elaine Farrow)

- We are trying something a little different next year to spread the Monday evening practices around to a few different towers this year.
- The **first** Monday in the month will be a six-bell practice and the **second** Monday an eight-bell practice. They will, as now, vary between elementary level and advanced methods.
- Jeremy Alford will continue to run the 10-bell methods practise using the Warnham simulator on the **third** Monday.
- There will be a few extra visits to East Grinstead on **fourth** Mondays but some of these will have a specified entry level to give the ambitious folk from all the districts a chance to practise their 12-bell method ringing. Some however will still be rounds upward, so keep your eye on the Facebook page, the website or contact [Steph](#) or [myself](#) to check which are suitable for you.
- We have booked Horsham for the three **fifth** Mondays and we will have a general practice, mainly on 9 or 10 bells.
- We have had a fantastic response to the Ringing Remembers campaign and look forward to welcoming newer ringers to the elementary level evenings. When you can handle a bell safely (without bumping the stay too often) and are ringing rounds and call changes at your home tower, come out and meet your fellow "improvers".

District Updates

Northern District Saturday Gathering, 1st December: 3 - 5pm at Bolney Ringing with Mince pies & Mulled Wine

All welcome! Ringing will be rounds onwards. Come along to experience ringing at a different tower, have a friendly chat, and enjoy some tasty refreshments. Why not come with a friend? If you're a new member, this is a great opportunity to get some extra practise in and to get to know some other people from around the District.

Handbell Ringers at St Mary's Horsham on Saturday 19th January at 7pm

Held by Horsham Music Circle a splendid array of musicians will come together to perform a varied programme as a contribution to **Horsham's Year of Culture** and to welcome the new year. Those taking part include St Mary's Church Choir, organist Edward Dean, sopranos Jill Elsworth and Valerie Lintott, the Handbell Ringers KIPHRA, and Will Duerdon, double bass, strings finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year. www.horsham-music-circle.org.uk

Saturday events programme for 2019 (subject to change - please keep an eye on the website calendar):

- 🔔 5th January: 10.00-12.00: Ringing with brunch (bacon/veggie sarnies) - Coleman's Hatch
- 🔔 2nd February: ADM and Quiz - Horsham; 15:30-16:30 ringing, 16:30-16:50 short service, 17.00-18.00 refreshments and meeting, 18:00-20:30 (approx.) quiz and supper
- 🔔 2nd March: 15.00-17.00: New Members' Event
- 🔔 6th April: 14.30-16.30: Bring Your Youngsters - Ringing with Easter Egg Hunt
- 🔔 4th May: Training Course/Focused Practice
- 🔔 1st June: Outing thanks to Jeremy Alford for agreeing to organise
- 🔔 6th July: Training Course/Focused Practice
- 🔔 3rd August: 12.00-14.00: Ringing with Lunch
- 🔔 7th September: Stoolball match
- 🔔 5th October: Young Ringers' Outing
- 🔔 2nd November: 15.00-17.30: Ringing with Coffee, Cake and Meeting
- 🔔 7th December: 15.30-17.30: Ringing with mulled wine/juice & mince pies

All change at St Michael and All Angels Withyham

Sunday morning service ringing is on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 10:15 to 11:00.

Beginners practice takes place every Monday from 18:00 to 19:00. General practice takes place every 4 weeks on a Friday from 19:30 to 21:00. Next practice is Friday 30th November. All visitors are very welcome to any of our ringing.

Tower Captain: Julie Richardson (01892 652008)

Lindfield Ringing Suspended

The bells will be removed in the week commencing 26th November with building works planned for completion by December 20. It is hoped that church services will resume on Sunday January 26. It is now expected that the new bells will be ringing before Easter (21st April 2019).

Correction

We are very sorry to have incorrectly reported that Martin Donner, who died unexpectedly over the summer, had rung at West Hoathly. It was in fact Hartfield.

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A new brewery opens in Horsham - by Mike Cattell

A joint band from Horsham and Warnham rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at St Mary's Horsham on Wednesday 29th August to celebrate the opening of the new Brewhouse & Kitchen pub in East Street. After ringing we retired to the new establishment to sample several of the 70 ales on offer and were made welcome by the manager Matt who explained that the new pub is one of a chain of "Brewpubs" that incorporate a microbrewery. As well as having a new pub in the town we now have four breweries.



The ringers entered a competition to name the new brewery "The Henry Burstow" after the noted Horsham bellringer and folk singer. With some 250 suggested names we were pleased that our suggestion made it to the final four. Despite much canvassing the chosen winner was "The Yeast Street Brewery". Subsequently the head brewery promised to consider naming a special brew "Henry Burstow". This may need to be celebrated as well!

Warnham September Outing - by Ann Lloyd



"Not in the least, Mrs Venables. Nothing would please me more than to ring bells all day and all night. I am not tired at all. I really don't need rest. I would rather ring bells." So said Lord Peter Wimsey in Dorothy L Sayers novel, *The Nine Tailors*. He was just about to embark on a peal of 15,840 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in the fictional tower of Fenchurch St John in East Anglia.

On the last Sunday of September a team from St Margaret's arrived at the church of St Mary in the village of Bluntisham to practice their art of change ringing. This is in fact the tower that Fenchurch St John was based upon. Dorothy L Sayer's father had been Rector there from 1897-1917. She had grown up just across the road from the church and she had certainly investigated the mysteries of English change-ringing in order to complete this detective novel.

That weekend away took us to 14 different towers around the area of St Ives and Huntingdon. An overnight stop in St Ives meant that we were on hand to ring for two services with local bands. As with all our outings, there was great variety - quite a few rings of 6 and 8 bells, with a ring of only 4 at Covington. Jeremy Alford had organised the event superbly, making sure that the energetic days were broken up by adequate stops to sample local fare - although, unlike Lord Peter Wimsey, we were not offered hot, buttered muffins by any rector's wife!

Triumph for Sussex at Essex Trophy competition

On Saturday 8th September seven teams from around the South East of England gathered at St Mary's church Horsham to take part in the annual striking competition organised by the Essex Association of Change Ringers. The test piece was a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Royal taking about 20 minutes to complete. The team from SCACR won the competition with an outstanding score of 88% beating the team from Surrey into second place. The judges congratulated Sussex "on an excellent piece of ringing". Over 100 bellringers attended the event.



The prize-winning team from left to right: David Perkins, Stephen Beckingham, Caroline House, David House, Sandra Alford, Jonathan Spencer, Simon Alford, Alan Pink, Jeremy Alford, Simon Meyer.

Jeremy Quin MP for Horsham presented the trophy, with Rob Lane Master of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers.

Northern District Outing to Central Hampshire - by Lynda Johnson (East Grinstead)

I nearly missed the Northern District Outing to central Hampshire as my husband (my car driver) fell off a ladder whilst pruning a tree the day before!

Jeremy offered me a space in his car and he organised a great outing. We visited 5 interesting towers comprising of 5 and 6 bell rings, ending with a great 6 bell ring at Winchester College. One of the College students, Harry, who also rings at East Grinstead, and his ringing captain at the college joined us and then took us on a tour of the college.

Food and company were great.



And finally... Pole dancing surprise at Horsham

You might think that Horsham had come up with a new method but Ian Smith, our ever-industrious steeple keeper, has introduced us to something much more exciting. Mega grip liquid chalk as used by pole dancers for hot and humid conditions - 100% buyer satisfaction! We are not certain how he came to know about this "cheapest on offer" product, but are not keen to see him use it anywhere other than his hands.

Ringling Out for Peace

1918 - 2018



Many Northern District towers marked the Armistice Centenary over the weekend of 10-11th November 2018. Those who posted their half-muffled and open Service ringing on Bellboard are shown below. It is wonderful to see many new Ringling Remember Recruits took part - congratulations to them all.

Balcombe

Bolney

Cowfold (including their Ringling Remembers Recruit, **Jeremy**)

East Grinstead

Fairwarp (including their Ringling Remembers Recruit, **Alex**)

Horsham (including their Ringling Remembers Recruits, **Denise, Mike & Steph**)

Itchingfield

Lower Beeding (including their Ringling Remembers Recruit, **Karen**)

Rusper (including their Ringling Remembers Recruits, **Janet, Mark, Adrian, Ashleigh, Annie & Nick**)

Slinfold

Warnham

West Hoathly

Withyham (including their Ringling Remembers Recruits, **Tilly, Cecily & Betsy**)

Worth (including their Ringling Remembers Recruits, **Ross, Elliott, Linda, Carolyn and Graham**. Their other RR Recruit, **Chris**, rang in Australia whilst on holiday.

Quarter peals were also rung at

Fairwarp, Horsham, Slinfold, and Bell Meadow (Warnham)

A peal was also rung at

Warnham



Ringling Remembers at St Michael and All Angels, Withyham



We were very pleased and honoured to 'ring for peace' on Remembrance Sunday at 12:30 and 19:05. Our new recruits Tilly, Cecily and Betsy (complete with Armistice 100 badges) rang so well - such an achievement for them to ring together in rounds and call changes. At 19:05 Tilly was joined by Kate, Tess and Anna (new recruits at a neighbouring tower, who join us for our Monday beginners practices). Another excellent achievement by them all. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate 'The Battle is over' with so many other bellringers across the county (and country).

Thanks to Julie Richardson

Armistice Day Ringing at Rusper

L-R: Ringing Remember recruits Adrian Foulser, Annie Simms, Janet Cullen, Mark Cullen and Nick Smith in the stripes with Christine Kirkwood, Elaine Farrow, Alan Harrin.



Ringling Remembers Recruits at Horsham - by Denise Herrington

I have always loved listening to the bells at St Mary's but it never occurred to me that I could do it too! I was inspired to "give it a go" after hearing about the Ringing Remembers campaign in Church and I am absolutely hooked! It is in equal measure challenging, frustrating (when the basics go wrong) and thrilling (when it all goes well). I have moved on from the feeling of blind panic in the early days when nothing went well and no longer have sore hands or blisters!

The pinnacle thus far has been deemed to be good enough to ring on Remembrance Sunday. A very special thing to do and but for the patience, perseverance and encouragement from everyone in our Tower I wouldn't have made it. There remains still a long way to go for me and I am enjoying every step of the way.



Ringling Remembers Recruit at Lower Beeding



Congratulations to Karen Hartley, a new Ringing Remembers recruit at Lower Beeding, pictured in the middle, ringing on Armistice day with L-R: Ian Smith, Stephen Pocock, Margaret Dancy, Graham Burling, Richard Tilley and Nigel Friswell.

HOT FOOTNOTES ON BELLBOARD FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT

1st September - 15th November



Firsts (in Quarter peals) - Congratulations to:

Sharon Gent for her **FIRST** ever quarter peal - rung at Warnham

Emily Higgs for her **FIRST** ever quarter peal - rung at Slinfold

Lynn Wilson for his first of Cambridge S Minor, rung at Ardingly. This and another quarter peal at Bell Meadow, Warnham were rung with Get Well wishes to Gerald Sandwell

Jeremy Alford, Sandra Alford & Ian Wiltshire for their first Spliced S Maximus, rung at East Grinstead

Abigail Fairhurst for her first Stedman Cinques, rung at East Grinstead

Michael Shaw for his first of Triples inside, rung at Fairwarp. Coincidentally, this was rung on the 10th anniversary of Chris Shaw's first quarter peal

Richard Hutchings for his first of Deva S Major, rung at Fairwarp

Julie Quinn for her first inside - Plain Bob Doubles, rung at Lower Beeding

Andrew Alford & Richard Pendlebury for their firsts of Cornwall S Major, rung at Rusper

Kate Nye for her first as Conductor on 8 bells - rung at Rusper

Tom White for his first Minor as Conductor - rung at Slinfold

Andrew Alford for his first of Pudsey S Major, rung at Bell Meadow, Warnham

First peal congratulations to:

Steph Pendlebury!! This was rung at Dordrecht in the Netherlands and was of Yorkshire S Major.

Quarter peals rung to mark special events:

Ardingly - to celebrate the wedding of Jill Clark and Mike Veasey, and also the birthday of Lynda Johnson

Fairwarp - rung in celebration of the birth of James Ascot Spry (b: 17/09/2018), son to Jenny and Karl

Horsham - rung to mark the departure of The Rev Guy & Mrs Jebbs Bridgwater as he takes up his new post of Rector at Bath Abbey.

Rusper - a birthday compliment to Christine Kirkwood, local ringer

Warnham - an engagement compliment to Charlotte Alford & James Molloy

The following towers joined in with Sussex Quarter Peal Week:

Crawley - rang Newington Doubles, called by Roger Clarke (outside the circle). First in the variation by all the band at the first attempt.

Horsham, Itchingfield, Lower Beeding, Slinfold, Warnham, Bell Meadow Warnham, & Withyham

In memory of:

Peter Hurcombe, past Master and Honorary Life Member of SCACR

East Grinstead - a quarter peal of Bristol S Maximus

Warnham Parish Room (handbells) - a peal of Cambridge S Major

Fairwarp - a quarter peal dedicated to the memory of Jeremy Scott, eldest brother of their Armistice 1400 ringer Alex, and remembering all those who served especially those from Fairwarp

Slinfold - separate quarter peals in memory of Pte. Albert Morgan and Pte. Albert William Farley. These were rung on the centenaries of their deaths.

West Hoathly - a quarter peal in thanksgiving for the life of **Roger B James**, a faithful member of the band, on the day of his funeral and burial in the churchyard.

Worth - separate quarter peals remembering Percy Moore Abbott (d. 26/10/1918), and George William Jupp (d. 18/9/1918) & other casualties of WW1 commemorated on the memorial who died in 1918.



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