

# SallyForth

Western District Newsletter

April/May 2020



## Diary of Events



**All April 2020 events have been cancelled because of the Covid-19 threat.**

**These are events planned for May but it is likely that they will be cancelled too so, before you attend, please check all events on the SCACR website**

### May 2020

|                           |  |                  |               |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|---------------|
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | <b>Basic 8 Bell Practice</b>   | Arundel          | 7.30pm        |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>Novices &amp; Improvers Practice -</b><br>Contact Christine first on 01903 872623   | Washington       | 9.30am        |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Codgers</b>   | <b>Cancelled</b> |               |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Association AGM</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> )<br>Open Ringing at 3pm, service at 4.30pm, tea at 5.00pm, AGM at 5.30pm<br>Names for tea to Steph at sec-north@scacr.org | Turner's Hill    | 3.00pm-6.30pm |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Ring/Picnic/ Games on the Rec next to the Church</b> Angmering<br>Bring a picnic – Everyone Welcome ( <b>See Advert page 8</b> ) ( <a href="#">link</a> )             |                  | 3.00pm-6.00pm |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Stedman and beyond 8 bell practice</b>  | Arundel          | 7.30pm        |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Surprise Minor Practice</b>   | Walberton        | 10.15am       |

### Looking Ahead

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11-13<sup>th</sup> June

South of England Show (See Advert page 5) ([link](#))

11<sup>th</sup> July

Handbells and Dewbys Bells at East Sussex Scouts County Weekend (See Adv. page 8) ([link](#))

You can find out about nation-wide ringing events by looking at [www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for](http://www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for)

*Many thanks to everyone who sent in items for the newsletter. Your input is greatly appreciated.*

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# Moya's Musings

Since Christmas we have had a very successful 'Get-Together' morning at Easebourne with scrumptious cakes and refreshments provided by the Easebourne ringers. Thank you to Rik for running this with Christine as Graham and I were unable to attend due to illness in the family.



Our Annual District Meeting held at Aldwick on the 8<sup>th</sup> February saw a lot of new members attend as well as other ringers; in total about 45. We managed to have a Service, but it was touch and go whether it could take place as Aldwick is between Vicars at the moment. Thankfully Charles Hadley, a retired vicar and husband of a ringer at Storrington, was able to oblige at the last minute and gave us a thoughtful and amusing address as he knows all the anxieties and problems of ringers in the bell tower. There were 17 new members listed in the Minutes, although over the whole year we added 27 new ringers to the West District (only 1 junior I'm afraid) but had to report 8 deaths.



Rob, the Association Master, was able to give out about half of the Certificates to the new members who had attended the ringing and meeting. A warm welcome to everyone and I look forward to meeting you at some of our events each month.

The actual meeting was over in 35 minutes and the grand sum of £100 was raised by the BRF raffle. The Michael Palmer Award was given this year to Vicky Chase from Billingshurst (see later in this issue).

Recently I attended the Recruitment and Retention workshop, run by the CCCBR in conjunction with the Association of Ringing Teachers at Hurstpierpoint, which I found very informative. About 15 of us attended and all the slides and information used is on the Central Council website ([www.cccbr.org](http://www.cccbr.org)) in a very clear format with posters, etc. that could be downloaded to use. The main advice I came away with, is that if you have an event in your church (or a Tower Open Day) which involves the public being able to see the bells or 'have a go' do advertise it. The radio is always looking for items and may even have a special hour for events taking place, the local papers love articles especially with pictures, advertise in the local magazine or church magazine and even put flyers through the letterboxes of local houses inviting them to come. Get one of your ringers who is able to do Social Media (Facebook, twitter, etc.) to advertise it. Once the event is over, don't forget to do a follow up article WITH PICTURES if possible, in the places you advertised it. Also, if you took details of people who attended, why not give them a phone call to remind them that they are very welcome to come to a practice night and have another go. Make sure you have someone on hand who can do this. If you can, team up with another local towers, for a whole morning for new learners on a simulator or tied bells as a whole morning of ringing brings them on tremendously if not right up to ringing 2 handed. Quite often it is the amount of time taken to learn to ring which puts people off as they sit on the side lines on a practice night unable to join in. I know all this is in a perfect world with lots of teachers to teach ringing with plenty of spare time to give other than at practice nights, but time taken at the beginning reaps great rewards as you see them grow. Don't be afraid to ask for help as quite often if the person you ask can't help, they can usually point you to someone or find some way to overcome your problem.



All that said I hope to see you all around and about, maybe even at our afternoon of ringing with picnic and a game of rounders or stoolball (depending if I can find the equipment) on a sunny afternoon at Angmering!! You won't be forced to stay if you don't want to. I hope you all have a very Happy Easter.

**Moya Hills, Sec West**  
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# Michael Palmer Achievement Award – 2020



**Vicky Chase** being presented with the award by Rob Lane (SCACR Master) at West ADM in February.

Vicky was nominated by the Billingshurst ringers and enthusiastically endorsed by the committee.

*Sue Child wrote on behalf of the Billingshurst ringers:* Vicky joined Billingshurst ringers several years ago after moving to the village. She quickly became an established and loyal member of the Billingshurst band, always encouraging others who needed support.

When Kirdford band was struggling with loss of members, Vicky put herself forward to run the small group of Ringers. She became captain and set about recruiting and upskilling Bellringers so the bells could be heard again regularly in Kirdford. She goes to great lengths to help the ringers to grow in confidence and skill. Vicky ensures that Billingshurst ringers welcome the Kirdford

ringers and that links between the two bands are strong.

In the meantime, Vicky's own ringing has improved. Her dedication to her own and others' ringing is to be admired and she is an example to us all. The Billingshurst band nominate her wholeheartedly for the Michael Palmer award in recognition for all she does'.

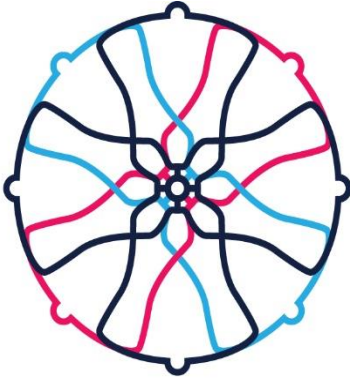
*PS: Vicky also arranged a bell maintenance course at Billingshurst*

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS West District

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

|                      |                                   |                     |                           |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Aldwick</b>       | Jane Seacombe<br>Kate Cameron     | <b>Angmering</b>    | Robert Cook               |
| <b>Billingshurst</b> | Sarah Miskimmin                   | <b>Bosham</b>       | Sally Nicholson           |
| <b>Chichester</b>    | Graham Firman<br>Katherine Firman | <b>Easebourne</b>   | Joanne Blackwell          |
| <b>Funtington</b>    | Paul Wren<br>Michael Sheldon      | <b>Heene</b>        | Sue Standing<br>Jane Monk |
| <b>Stedham</b>       | Darcey Morey de la Cruz (Junior)  | <b>Storrington</b>  | Nicholas Thorpe           |
| <b>South Harting</b> | Jennifer Scott                    | <b>West Tarring</b> | Esme Hayes                |
| <b>Thakeham</b>      | Philip Kerrey                     |                     |                           |



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH  
**BELL RINGERS**

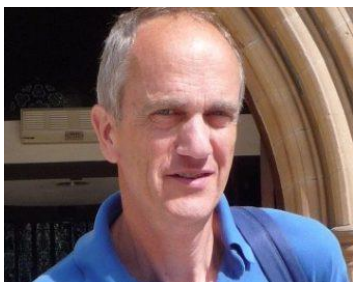
# CCCBR UPDATE

## MARCH 2020

**The 2020 Westley Award** has been launched and had a successful first year in 2019. Its purpose is to recognise effort and achievement in the maintenance or installation of bells. It is run by the Management and Stewardship group of the Central Council with support from the Westley Group which started casting tower bells following the closure of The Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Closing date for nominations is noon on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. Details of how to apply can be found on the CCCBR website. <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/workgroups/stewardship-and-management/westley-award-2020/>

### Recruitment and Retention

On Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February the Central Council in conjunction with the Association of Ringing Teachers held a trial recruitment and retention seminar at Hurstpierpoint. The arrangements were made by Steph Pendlebury, from Horsham, and a member of the Central Council's Volunteer and Leadership group. The afternoon was led by Matt Lawrence from Shropshire. There was a good number of ringers from across Sussex and beyond including some from the Western District. Three newer recruits were present and gave their experience of learning to ring; Geoff Goodman from Steyning was one.



Work has commenced on arrangements for the Central Council 2020 weekend, this is to be held at the Jubilee Campus of Nottingham University from Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. After the success of last year's weekend the Sunday will be devoted to seminars and exhibitions covering many different aspects of ringing.

**David Kirkcaldy**  
Deputy President , Central Council.  
**and our Central Council Rep!**



# Ringling Out for Peace

7pm Friday 8th May 2020 (Bank Holiday)

During the second world war the bells of Britain were silenced, only to be used to give warning of air raids or invasion. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 the news the nation had been waiting for arrived – the war in Europe was over – and bells across the country pealed in celebration.

At 7pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020, bells are invited to ring again to mark this important 75 year anniversary. To register go to the Ringing Out for Peace page of the VE Day 75 website [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org) and register your involvement as soon as possible.

CCCBR is encouraging all ringers to respond as they see fit taking into account the wide variety of local circumstances. Ringing open at 7pm (local time wherever you are in the world) is the ideal and recommended option but any time that afternoon/evening and indeed throughout the weekend of events is supported.

Bellboard has an event link <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=11043> for you to record your ringing on the day so that it can be collated for print in The Ringing World.



## Updated Safeguarding guidance

Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) - is an important issue for all towers - even if you don't have any young ringers at the moment, you never know when you might get visitors to your tower, or youngsters wanting to learn to ring. There is updated helpful safeguarding guidance available from the Central Council to make sure that your tower provides a safe environment. More info here: <https://cccb.org.uk/2019/10/24/safeguarding-guidance-june-2019-update/>

For advice from SCACR please contact Sue Child (SCACR Safeguarding Officer) at [safeguarding@scacr.org](mailto:safeguarding@scacr.org)

## **SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW** **11,12,13 June 2020**

**SCACR has been invited to join the Diocese of Chichester  
at the South of England Show 2020**

**Thanks to Alan Collings we shall be taking Dewby's Bells mini-ring**

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are very welcome – enthusiasm for bell ringing is all that's needed! FREE admission tickets are available for all who volunteer – we try to allow time "on duty" as well as time to visit the rest of the show. It's great fun and a chance to meet other Sussex ringers as well as visitors to the show to share your love of bell ringing. Anyone can ring these bells and it is a real joy to teach on them.

If you are available for any of the show dates Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 June and would like to take part or find out more, then please contact Marisa Hayes: 07796 145464 [marisa@happymouflon.com](mailto:marisa@happymouflon.com)

# Findon Bells Update



We are delighted to report that the refurbishment of the bells at St John the Baptist, Findon has been completed. The top-heavy head-stocks on the 3 and 5 have been replaced and both have new clapper assemblies. The other bells have had their clappers re-fitted, the tenor also re-bushed and all main bearings adjusted. We have new running boards, pivots and sliders throughout and the pulley units have been cleaned and re-greased. The bells are now going better than ever, our two difficult bells have become a pleasure to ring up and the 3 is no longer the challenge it once was!

Come and try them - visitors are welcome to our practices here on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7.45 - 9.15pm. The tower captain Barbara Harbut may be contacted on 01903 741207.

**Michael Nott**

*The bells ready to be returned to the belfry - the 5th on the left, and the 3rd,.*



From the left, Ken Black, James (from White's), Ray Bivand, James (also from White's), Michael Nott and Mike Chapman

# Skittles at Slindon 14th March 2020

Our March event this year was a ring and “sling” event at Slindon taking place under the threat of Coronavirus which made a few of us a bit nervous about social events. However, where we started with 60 minutes of ringing at St Mary’s, Slindon. About 15 or so of us gathered to enjoy their little ring of 4 bells as the evening light started to throw long shadows across the churchyard. What a delightful village, where most of the properties are controlled by The National Trust and have been little altered for 200 years. The church dates back to C11 and has probably the only wooden effigy in Sussex of a 16C knight in armour, laying on his back, all painted black and kept in an iron cage. The ground floor ring of bells was greatly improved 2 years ago and all found them easy once they got their bearings. Rounds, changes, Bob Minimus, Stedman Minimus and other minimus methods kept us busy, with Graham organising everyone so that we all could have a try.

At 6.00pm it was over to “The Spur” public house about ½ mile to the east, where drinks were soon served and 22 of us crossed the little courtyard to the skittle alley. An old stable block had been converted with a little vestibule, toilet and a long room, along one side of which ran the skittle alley. The chairs were quickly filled, team sheets for scoring were produced and the big blackboard at one end drawn up with a progress chart by Moya. To keep us amused between bursts of activity, Moya also handed out 3 quiz sheets on “true or false” Guinness Records, road signs and computer acronyms!



Each person had a try to knock down 9 wooden pins with 3 rubber balls about the size of a grapefruit. A variety of styles of attack emerged as the evening progressed and showed that force was not always the key to success. A slow roll, as long as it reached the pins, was often as effective as a thunderbolt of a firing down the wooden boards. The side to side method was just as good as the “Barnes Wallace” bouncing bomb technique and the noise levels went up with the enthusiasm as the pins went down.



Setting up the heavy, oak pins and gathering the balls after each try, was backbreaking and at times, hazardous work. We took it in turns to sort this out and will have produced a few sore backs for the next morning. Sport Relief, you know nothing!

The buffet was brought over about half way through and was excellent. Sandwiches and samosas, cucumber, sweet pepper strips and sausages, small onion tarts and chicken legs were gratefully self-served and we brought out our alcohol gels and wet wipes to be safe.

The standard of bowling dipped a bit after the buffet but soon it was time to tote up the scores. It was all very close, showing what a good leveler bowling can be, but team “D” came out on top by one pin and were awarded a packet of “Heroes”. The quiz results were read out to lots of groans and cheers and then it was time to say goodbye and to thank Geoff Goodman, Graham and Moya for all their work to make a success of the evening. Moya enjoyed it so much, she found it hard to leave the bowling and was still rolling those heavy balls down the alley as we were leaving!

David Hall

## Quarter Peals

*If requested, SallyForth is pleased to report Peals and Quarter Peals rung in memory of ringers or national figures, or rung to celebrate events which are of general public interest or of specific interest to bellringers, or which include "firsts" for one or more members of the band.*

*Please ensure that all members of the band are happy to have their names printed in SallyForth before sending your request.*

### St John the Baptist Church, Findon

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### 1260 Mixed Doubles: Rev

#### Canterbury, Grandsire & Plain Bob

- 1 Erica Pritchard
- 2 Barbara Harbut
- 3 Harry Bickers
- 4 Caroline Jones
- 5 Alan J Taylor (C)
- 6 Ken Black

Rung to celebrate the return to ringing after extensive maintenance to the bells.

### St John the Baptist Church, Findon

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### 1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Janice Crawford
- 2 Erica Pritchard
- 3 Barbara Harbut
- 4 Harry Bickers
- 5 Caroline Jones
- 6 Alan J Taylor (C)

Rung to celebrate the life of Gloria Barbara Farmer 1944 - 2019.

### Chichester Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Peter Watson
- 2 Mike Wake
- 3 Nick Deadman
- 4 Gill Roberts
- 5 Ian Hunt
- 6 Colin Spencer (C)
- 7 Mike Smith
- 8 David Roberts

## Ring and Fun Afternoon

### Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 Angmering Church & Rec

Ring between 3 & 4 pm

Followed by Picnic (bring your own) and Game of rounders/stoolball on recreation ground beside church

If wet, picnic only, inside church.

**ALL WELCOME!**

## Handbells and Dewbys Bells at East Sussex Scouts County Weekend

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

10.00am to 4.00pm

**Broadstone Warren Scout Site & Activity Centre**  
**RH18 5JS**

Vicki Clare invites the Sussex Bell Ringing Association to participate in the East Sussex Scouts County Weekend at Broadstone Warren, East Sussex County Scout Centre and Campsite.

The event is for all adults who work in Scouting (over 18's). She writes 'The main purpose for the weekend is to introduce new ideas, skills and experiences for the adults who deliver the weekly programmes to our young people'. There will be stands, stalls and activities from 10.00am – 5.00pm

They would like us to demonstrate church bellringing (Dewbys Bells) and also handbell ringing

If you would like to help out please contact [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org) and put 'Scouts Weekend' as the email header.



# New tower photographs for 2020?

The SCA Library holds four volumes of photographs of our ringers following the “Ring in 2000” recruitment campaign. Looking back at them now, prompts me to suggest it is time another photograph is taken **and printed** of your band for the new decade.

Sadly we don't have the resources to create new albums for the library but it would still be fun to have them in your tower.

[Stella Bianco](#)

*A selection from the 2000 archive – walk down Memory Lane!*



Pulborough



Chichester



## WESTERN DISTRICT CONTACTS

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| <b>Central Council Rep</b> | David Kirkcaldy                                      |                              |  |
| <b>Committee Members</b>   | Janice Crawford<br>Sue Gadd<br>Geoff Goodman         |                              |  |

### WESTERN DISTRICT PRACTICE NIGHTS

You'll always be welcome on practice nights at other towers in the division, but it might be an idea to check before you get there!

**Monday:** Aldingbourne, Arundel (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) & Lyminster (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

**Tuesday:** Aldwick, Findon (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), Fittleworth, Funtington, Goring-by-Sea, Graffham, South Harting, Washington (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Wednesday:** Billingshurst, Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Kirdford (7.45pm), Shipley, Stoughton, Thakeham, Tillington (7.45pm - 1<sup>st</sup> only), Wisborough Green (7.30pm)

**Thursday:** Angmering (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>), Bosham, Easebourne (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), Findon (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), Midhurst (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), Milland, Petworth, Steyning & Walberton

**Friday:** Amberley, Rogate & Storrington Upper Beeding (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Other Towers:** Fernhurst (3), Lodsworth & Trotton (4)

**NB: At the time of going to print all practices have been suspended**

### Regular Practices

|   |  |  |              |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| Beginners & Improvers Practice<br>- contact Christine first | 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month  | Christine Butterfield  | 01903 872623 |
| Basic 8 Bell Practice                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of every month    | Colin Spencer  | 01243 824952 |
| Stedman&Beyond 8 Bell Practice                              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month    | Colin Spencer  | 01243 824952 |
| Surprise Minor Practice                                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month  | Graham Hills   | 01903 266980 |
| Codgers Practice  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month | Mike Foster <a href="mailto:codgers@scacr.org">codgers@scacr.org</a> | 01903 741664 |

### Ways to keep in touch with what the Sussex Association of Change Ringers is doing

Take a look at the SCACR calendar at [www.scacr.org/calendar](http://www.scacr.org/calendar)

Subscribe to Soundbow. SCACR quarterly magazine. £1 each or £6 pa for a postal subscription. Contact Soundbow

Editor Kathy Howard 01903 813653

You can register and keep in touch via Facebook – just search for SCACR

If you use Twitter then look for @scacr and @sussexbells

If you need to know more about social media please email Alison Everett, our Communications and Events Team leader, at [publicity@scacr.org](mailto:publicity@scacr.org)

### Membership - changes to your details

View and update your own record in the membership database using the following link: <https://membership.scacr.org/edit-your-details>

or write to The Membership Secretary at 44 Paddockhall Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1HW

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