

Northern News



Northern District - October 2021

Dates for Your Diary

October

Monday 18 th	Minor Methods (Plain & Surprise)	Ardingly	19:30-21:00
Saturday 23 rd	Change Ringing Handbell Morning	Barcombe	09:45 -12:40
Monday 25 th	Rounds-onwards 10-Bell	Horsham	19:30-21:00
Saturday 30 th	Young Ringers	Barcombe	14:00-16:00

November

Saturday 6 th	"Breaking Bad Habits" open ringing	Cowfold	15:00-17:00
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Full details plus other Districts' events on the website calendar: scacr.org/calendar

Call for Suggestions

Do you have ideas, suggestions or requests for District practices and events? Perhaps you've come back to ringing after lockdown and discovered that you can't remember Plain Bob Doubles very well, or perhaps you're keen to learn some new methods, or perhaps you'd like to go to some in-person handbell practices. The Northern District committee is starting to plan for the return of regular weekday District practices and Saturday events (usually with a social element) - and we want to know what **you** would like!

[Please take a couple of minutes to fill in this short survey](#)

Young Ringers Events

After representing the county at RWNYS Worcester and placing second to Oxford DG, the Young Ringers are seeking to expand their membership! Our next open event is **Saturday 30 October, 2-4 pm at Barcombe (6)**, where we also hope to give demonstrations to potential recruits. Come along anytime, just let Marisa know if you plan to attend. If you have a young ringer in your tower, why not invite us to ring with you so that we can meet them!

Email: Marisa@happymouflon.com

Covid guidance, England from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

On 19 July, the ringing guidance changed to such a degree that ringing went back to as close to normal as have been since the start of the pandemic. That guidance, agreed with the House of Bishops Recovery Group, can be found [here](#). Whilst the restrictions have largely been released, the Government is stressing personal responsibility, and their guidance contains some very specific considerations around the use of facemasks and the importance of ventilation in towers. There are no longer restrictions on how long you ring for, or with how many other people.

News from around the Northern District

Sunday 25th July - ringing and refreshments at Slaugham

Rain cancelled the walk but didn't stop the ringing at Slaugham at the first district outing of the year. Ringing was ably led by Ian Oram and delicious cakes provided by Rosie and others (many thanks!). I enjoyed it anyway!



Saturday 21st August - walk, ringing and refreshments, Cowfold and West Grinstead

Our second post-pandemic District outing was much enjoyed by those who attended. With chances to ring at both Cowfold and West Grinstead, an optional walk, followed by delicious cakes and tea - what's not to like?

About 17 ringers joined the walk and ring event on 21 August from West Grinstead to Cowfold and back (two well ventilated ground-floor towers).

It was a nice cool day and some enjoyed their picnics before ringing at Cowfold, which included a course of Cambridge and lots of Rounds and Call Changes, plus the distraction of joining the



church tea party in the churchyard. However, a different route was taken on the return to West Grinstead where there was an even better Ringers' Tea! As a newer ringer, I found the bells at West Grinstead quite different from Cowfold, as the draught is so much longer. Thanks to Anne Ekins for leading and organising the walk, and Susie Jacobsen and the WG ringers for providing such a splendid tea, including Sheila Verrall's notorious warm bread pudding.

By Dan and Stella, Cowfold (thanks to Nigel Friswell for photos)



Coming up near you!

Change Ringing Handbell Morning - Saturday 23rd October 2021, 09:45-12:40

Location: St Mary the Virgin, Barcombe

Following-on from the previously successful Handbell mornings, an in-person event will be held on 23rd October 2021. This event is open to all, especially:

- Handbell groups in Sussex and near by
- Those who enjoy change ringing on handbells but do not have a regular practice
- Those who want to have a go

On the day, there will be three focus groups:

- Plain Hunting to Plain Bob
- Plain Bob to Treble Bob
- Beyond Treble Bob

If you are not used to the technology, please contact Hamish and he will arrange a familiarisation session.

Coffee/tea and biscuits/cake will be provided and there will be an optional visit to the pub afterwards! We will be asking for a small donation to cover the cost of refreshments and to leave a donation for the church.

Registration in advance required - please email Hamish McNaughton at hamish@wandleys.uk stating which of the focus groups you would like to join.

Young Ringers - 2-4 pm, Saturday 30th October, Barcombe

Come along and join us for open ringing for all young ringers and their families as part of an open afternoon at Barcombe tower. Handbells too! From rounds to Surprise Minor - demonstration ringing.

Contact Marisa for more information (07796 145464; Marisa@happymouflon.com)



Association online practices to restart!

From intro to Plain Hunt to Surprise Minor, these monthly Ringing Room practices will cater for a wide range of abilities. Feedback from learners is that this is a very valuable way to learn the theory and structure of a method before trying it in the tower. The group practices will be monthly; individual/bespoke practices can also be arranged - we have friendly helpers willing to support you! For more info, contact Jonathan:

jonathan.fr@nklin.myzen.co.uk



News and updates from the wider world of ringing...

Fundraising for Sussex Bell Restoration Fund

Several Sussex towers have been awarded BRF grants recently - but this means that the funds are running low! Could you help with fundraising? Perhaps you could organise a raffle, or a cake sale, or some sponsored quarter peals? Contact Graham (brf@scacr.org) for more information.

New Ringing Forums - for all ringers, everywhere

While many ringers have been using Facebook forums to raise questions and discuss ringing topics for some years, there are many others that do not like many aspects of the mainstream social media - it can also be very difficult to find information later. The new [Ringing Forums](http://ringingforums.org) (ringingforums.org) have separate, searchable threads for different topics. Experts monitor relevant forums and answer questions raised. A single login allows ringers to comment on the forums, and any of the public forums can be browsed without logging in at all.

Please send any news, photos, jokes or updates from your tower for the next edition of Northern News to the Editor, Katherine Potter: news-north@scacr.org.

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