

SallyForth

Western District Newsletter
March /April 2022



Diary of Events

March

Wednesday 2 nd	Codgers for towers and timing please see SCACR calendar		
Saturday 5 th	Morning Practice to Build Confidence (link) Contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am-12.00
Saturday 12 th	Monthly Get Together: Ringing (link) with Coffee/Tea & cake	Graffham	10.00am-12.30pm
Friday 18 th	Evening Novice Practice (link) Please note the late start – there is a service in the church Please register with Moya. Ring or text 07941 178474	Arundel	7.45pm-9.00pm
Saturday 19 th	On-line practice (link) Contact Jonathan jonathan.fr@nklin.myzen.co.uk for details	Zoom/Ringing Room	10.30am-12.00
Saturday 26 th	Surprise Minor Practice (link)	Walberton	10.15am-12.00
Saturday 26 th	ART Module 1 Course (link) To register please see the advertisement on page 8 . Further details from Moya at sec-west@scacr.org	Arundel	9.15am-5.00pm

April

Saturday 2 nd	Morning Practice to Build Confidence (link) Contact Christine first on 01903 872623	Washington	9.30am-12.00
Wednesday 6 th	Codgers for towers and timing please see SCACR calendar		
Saturday 9 th	On-line practice (link) Contact Jonathan jonathan.fr@nklin.myzen.co.uk for details	Zoom/Ringing Room	10.30am-12.00
Saturday 9 th	Evening Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper (link) For more information please see the advertisement at page 4 Names to Moya at graham.moya@gmail.com	Goring Church Hall	5.00pm -9.00pm
Friday 15 th	Good Friday so no Arundel 8 bell Novice Practice		
Saturday 16 th	Handbell Morning (link) See advertisement on page 8 for further details	Ringmer	9.45am-12.40pm
Saturday 23 rd	Surprise Minor Practice (link)	Walberton	10.15am-12.00

Looking Ahead

Saturday May 7th The monthly Get Together will be combined with the Morning Practice at Washington
Saturday May 14th SCACR AGM – Save the date!

You can find out about nation-wide ringing events by looking at www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for

Please send your contributions and events for the next SallyForth to news-west@scacr.org by 15th June 2022

Mutterings from Moya

Well, here we are again at the start of another year and writing following the West's Annual District Meeting. No one was found to take over the position of Secretary totally, but Janice Crawford from Angmering has agreed to take over the admin side of it and I will continue to arrange the ringing meetings. Thank you, Janice.

It was so nice to see many of you on the zoom meeting for the ADM (27 in total), and hopefully you don't mind me putting a screen shot of you all in this Sally Forth. At the meeting all the West District committee stayed the same as before, and the only new nomination for the SCACR Committee was Lee Smith, who was nominated as BRF Secretary. His name will be taken forward to the Annual General Meeting of the Association in May. If there are no other contenders, he will take over from Graham as the Bell Restoration Secretary from then.



There was also a discussion during the meeting about building up the funds in the Bell Restoration Fund. We know we have had the option to add £2 to our subs this year, but this will only go a small way to building it up again, so it was discussed how else we could raise funds. See Rik Clay's article in this SallyForth (page 5). We, in the West District, do raise a small amount each year with raffles and the donation bell, but any extra is very welcome and if it can be gift aided even more so.

At the meeting we also went through any Towers that may be struggling to get enough ringers to ring their bells. The Northwest of our District seems to be really struggling at the moment i.e. Milland, Stedham, Rogate/Trotton. Any help from that side of the county would be really appreciated, even just once a month, but always ring the Captain beforehand to check they are ringing that week. A lot of other Towers are also only managing to ring all their bells when helped by visitors from other Towers, due to a lack of local ringer. If you enjoy ringing, how about going out and helping at another Tower's practice night. If you are a learner, consider coming to our monthly Get-Together Practices, or novice practices, as this will be of great benefit to you as it enables you to ring with more experienced ringers and so learn to ring with rhythm and good striking. Even rounds/call changes struck well can sound mesmerising (listen to a UTube of West Country ringers ringing call changes).



So, all that said this will be my last mutterings for Sally Forth, but I hope to still see many of you at one of our Get Togethers, or Training evening/mornings to keep ringing carrying on into the future. What other pastime can give you a social group of friends, exercise your brain and body and not cost money to do it?

Ciao for now,
Moya

Thakeham Gathering 8th January 2022

With the ever-present worries about Omicron virus and the miserable weather forecast, it was not expected that more than a dozen people would come along to Thakeham for our 8th January get-together. Perhaps it was the need to have a look at the church improvements or the relief of getting past the Christmas festivities and New Year without becoming poorly, but a happy gathering of 23 of us surprised Roger and his helpers on Saturday afternoon by coming along to St. Mary's. We had all been asked to take a lateral flow test which gave us confidence.

It was wonderful to see old friends again. The church had been closed for 2 years for building work and vigorous fund raising by The Reverend Sara-Jane Stevens and locals had allowed for some well needed facilities. It was tricky to identify faces behind masks and the misting up of glasses in the warmth of the interior. With talk of one in 15 now having the virus, we wondered how many of the ringers should be avoided!



What a splendid job has been made of the sloping pathway up from the road, handrailing and fully glazed south entrance doors. This work had been a little contentious as some had become fond of the slippery approach but it is so much better for weddings and safer for the elderly. Inside, there is now a north side extension with toilets and storage so nobody needs to struggle across the road to the car park for inconveniences!

David Kirkcaldy took charge of the ringing and there were call changes, touches of Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. A general buzz of conversation helped to relax everyone and all who needed a ring had the chance to step forward to try this ground floor ring of 6 bells. I stood outside the south door when the rain had stopped and admired the view of ancient farm buildings, cottages and the distant view of the Downs. Once again I felt privileged to have the chance to meet old friends and ring bells in such a beautiful setting.

The local ladies who provided us with tea, coffee and cake were thanked then Moya announced that the AGM next month would be another Zoom event and hoped that we had all enjoyed ourselves. It was good to be back!



Coming next for Sussex Young Ringers!



We would love to hear from all young ringers in the county to become part of this group - meetings are about to be scheduled so please contact Marisa to ensure you are on the list for more information.

If you have a young ringer in your tower, why not invite us to ring with you so that we can meet them!

Please contact me - Marisa - Mobile: 07796 145464 Email: Marisa@happymouflon.com. Also see link below for a Google Form for young people and their families to complete to ensure we have the correct information and we can keep in touch.

<https://forms.gle/aGY9nUXpwzL7y1BT8>

QUIZ NIGHT

in St. Mary's Church Hall
Ilex Way, Goring-by-Sea BN12 4UZ

Saturday 9th April, 2022



Ringling from 4.30 – 5.30pm at St Mary's, Goring
(restricted number in ringing room, masks advised)

6pm Fish & Chip Supper (or usual fish shop menu)
followed by Quiz starting approx. 6.30pm

BRF Raffle during interval

Bring your own drink/glasses/cutlery

Cost £8 per person (to include supper)
(Quiz only £3pp)



All welcome, form a team with friends/family

Name & order to Moya by **Sunday, 3rd April please** –
Tel: 01903-266980 or e-mail: moya.graham@gmail.com

How can towers raise money for the BRF?

The Sussex Churches Bell Restoration Fund exists to help financially support towers with the cost of repairs to bells and frames. Over the years it has helped numerous churches – it is quite possible that you ring at a tower that has benefitted from a BRF grant. At the moment, the BRF funds are very low and the Association needs a big fund-raising effort to help build up the amount of money in the fund. So, what can individual towers do?



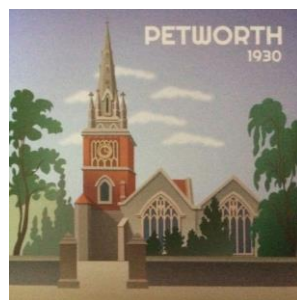
Here are a few ideas (by no means exhaustive and if you have other ideas, please do share them).

- Does your church have a regular coffee morning? Could one or two coffee mornings a year have the proceeds given to the BRF? If your church does not have a coffee morning, how about holding one?
- Could you have a stall at a local car boot sale?
- Could you have a stall at your church's summer or winter fayre?
- Donate a wedding fee
- Do any of you play musical instruments? Could you host a concert in your church?
- Do you have a tower sub? If you do, could a proportion of it go to the BRF?
- Could you host a BBQ in the summer?
- Could you offer your bells for a peal with the rope fee going to the BRF?
- Would individuals in your tower consider making a regular donation to the BRF each year (or occasionally use the "donate now" button on the SCASR website)?

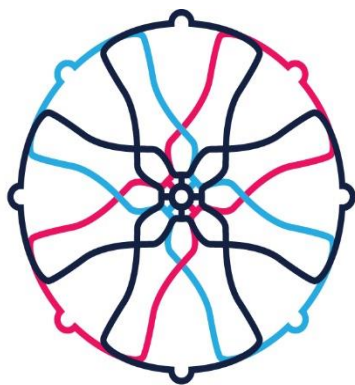
Whatever you do – have fun doing it. Let's all have a concerted effort to help build up the size of the BRF fund – you never know when you might need to approach it for a grant.

Rik Clay
West BFR Rep

Greeting Cards featuring Petworth Church in 1930 Designed by Chris Fynes to raise money for The Sussex Church Bell Restoration Fund



The cards are 5ins square, plain inside and supplied with an envelope. They are 80p each. Please contact Graham Hills for more information at brf@scacr.org or 01903-266980



CCCBR UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2022

There have been recent updates to both Covid guidance and Safeguarding, however by the time that you read this the Covid guidance may have changed again. A new Sussex County Association safeguarding policy has been agreed, this is now available on the website; it is based on the Central Council advice. <https://www.scacr.org/safeguarding>

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH

BELL RINGERS

Progress is continuing on plans to develop a national ringing centre, this is to be based round the Old Black Lion pub and adjacent redundant Church of St Peter in Northampton. This is being carried out in conjunction with the Churches Conservation Trust who are keen to have bells as part of the project. The new mobile ring of bells is also underway, this time with John Taylor's bellfoundry as a partner. The new ring of bells will have a tenor weighing about 2cwt and unlike current mobile belfries it should be easier and quicker to assemble; donations and financial support is still needed to complete this work.

<https://mobilebelfry.cccbr.org.uk/>

We are working on new titles to enhance the selection of printed material available via our online shop. A new venture launched recently was an online resource for budding conductors, this is free to use and has been developed by one of the team behind RingingRoom.

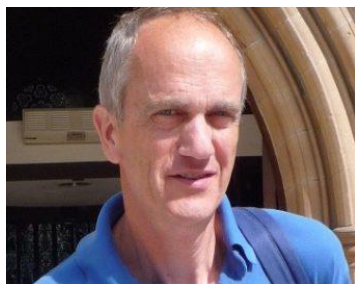
<https://callingitround.cccbr.org.uk/>

Ringing Forums were launched last year by CCCBR to provide a safe online place for anyone with an interest in bells and bellringing to communicate with one another. It is aimed at those who, for whatever reason, do not like Facebook. The Forums are producing some interesting topics for discussion so please take a look and maybe join in. <https://www.ringingforums.org/>

Also a monthly photograph competition has been running with a prize for those judged best in category. This will form the basis of a collection of ringing related pictures for people to use in the future.

Work is continuing with the Association of Ringing Teachers to support the recovery of ringing after the pandemic, again a number of ideas are in the pipeline; in addition members of the Volunteer and Leadership workgroup are looking at how resources can be delivered in different ways.

<http://ringingteachers.org/>



We have also commenced our planning for the 2022 weekend, this includes our Annual Meeting along with a Roadshow element on Sunday and some training sessions on Friday. It is to be held during the weekend 2nd - 4th September based at the Clifton Campus of Nottingham Trent University. I know this is a distance from Sussex but should be an enjoyable and sociable gathering, on the Saturday there is also due to be a meeting of the Young Change Ringers Association in Nottingham

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

Michael Palmer Award 2022

James, a Junior member of St. Botolphs' Ringing Team at Heene, in Worthing was awarded the Michael Palmer Award for 2022, having been nominated by Rik and Val Clay.

James learnt to handle a bell fully on his own just before lockdown. During lockdown, he took part in Zoom / Ringing Room sessions, mastering several methods during that time. Since returning to the tower, James has been a very keen ringer. He has a good ringing style and rings call changes with a good rhythm and accurate striking. He attends two local practice nights weekly and rings for Sunday service, regularly and gets to ringing via bicycle, whatever the weather! He has also set up his own YouTube ringing channel.

Hopefully we will have a photo of him receiving the Trophy in the next Sally Forth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS West District

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Chichester	Andrew McNaughton	Pulborough	Robert Black Charlotte Cargill
Felpham	Janet Hutchinson	Shipley	Annabel Jordan
South Harting	Glen Robinson	Steyning	Sue Gotham
Stoughton	Fiona Mullett		

ART Module 1 Course

**Train the Trainer Course
Arundel Parish Church BN18 9AT
Saturday 26 March 2022, 09:15 - 17:00**

You will need to sign up for the course on the CCCBR website, under the ART events, link below:
<https://events.bellringing.org/events/courses/teaching-course-module-1-arundel-west-sussex>

Anyone new to the events site will need to register for an account the first time they use the site, then they can navigate to the course. When asked for the Early booking password this is 'Arun' (like the river) in order to give Sussex Association members priority to register for this course earlier than other people, after which the course will be open for general bookings, but it gives your local ringers 14 days priority booking.

Book early as there are only 12 places. Cost is £20 paid on the website in advance then £5 to cover refreshments (Tea/Coffee, biscuits/cake) and a donation to the church, payable on the day.

Change Ringing Handbell Morning

9.45am to 12.40pm Saturday 16th April 2022

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer BN8 5JX

There is a small car park opposite the church and free parking on street and nearby.

Covid: We will be following the guidance which is current at the time of the event.

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

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.

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

WESTERN DISTRICT CONTACTS

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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, Amberley (7pm), Arundel (2nd & 4th) & Lyminster (1st & 3rd), Northchapel, Pagham, Pulborough, Slindon, Stedham, Westbourne, West Tarring & Yapton

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

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

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

Friday: Rogate & Storrington Upper Beeding (2nd & 4th)

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

NB: As practices begin to start up again it is essential to check with the tower first before making a visit

Regular District Practices

While ringing is being re-established please check the Diary and the Calendar

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

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

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

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

*Please send your contributions for the next edition of **SallyForth** to news-west@scacr.org by **15th June 2022**.*