

NORTHERN NEWS

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



District Events

August

Saturday 5th Bolney - 8 Bells 13-0-8 in F

10:30 - 14:00 **Ringling with walk to lunch**

Join for ringing at Bolney in the morning; followed by the Bolney Wine Estate for lunch, and a vineyard tour. Please book your own table for lunch, and a place on the tour.

Ringling with be from 10:30 - 12:30. Lunch will be approximately 1pm. All are welcome, and the ringling will be rounds onwards.

Parking for the church is next to the cricket field, accessed via Church Lane, off the A272.

Monday 14th Balcombe

19:30 - 21:00 **Advanced 8 Bell Practice**

This practice focuses on Surprise Major methods, concentrating on **Cambridge, Yorkshire and Cornwall** (other methods will be rung too). The idea is to try and improve the success rate and striking accuracy in these three methods and it would be very much appreciated if where possible attendees do a little extra homework in advance, to help ensure we perform our best on the night. **If you plan to attend, please let Ness know in advance (nessringing@icloud.com).**

September

Saturday 5th Balcombe - 8 Bells 9-0-10 in A

10:30 - 13:30 **Ringling with lunch**

Join us for ringing at [St Mary Balcombe](#) (ground floor, toilet available) - ringling will be rounds onwards, all welcome! Followed by lunch at [Balcombe Social Club](#) (5-10 minutes walk from the church). Please **book your place for lunch in advance [here](#)** (by Wed 30th Aug).

10.30-12.00 - ringling at Balcombe

12.30 - lunch at Balcombe Social Club (Stockcroft Road, RH17 6HP) - book your place [here](#)

Free parking is available in the two lay-bys in front of the church (one by the lych gate, one accessed just north of the junction with Redbridge Lane).

Association Events

For information on practices throughout the Association, go to the SCACR events calendar at <https://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar>. Updates can also be found on the [SCACR Facebook group](#)!

Please note that all under-16s must be accompanied by parent/guardian or other nominated adult, and have a completed “permission to ring church bells” form (available to download from the Safeguarding page on the SCACR website).



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[The Coronation Bell - Horsham](#)

On February 21st, the 4th at Horsham, St Mary the Virgin, cracked during a practice, after the stay wedged itself in the frame, bringing the bell to an abrupt stop. The bell cracked around the crown, leaving the rest of the bell balanced on the bottom on the wheel and crown staple.

Whites of Appleton were contacted and came to lower the bell into a safe position.

The initial idea was to get the bell welded. The only disadvantage with this is that it has around a 5 - 10 year guarantee in this state. Plan B was to get the bell recast by Whestleys, but due to cost, this was succeeded by Plan C to have a new bell cast by Taylors of Loughborough.

On June 7th, Whites came to take the bell away for scrap. Due to the tenor being hung above the trapdoor, it was winched at an angle, providing enough room for the 4th to pass around it. By quarter-past 3, the bell was out of the tower and in the van.



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On New Years Eve 1814, the Horsham ringers were down in The Anchor pub while a fearful storm raged over the town. On the way back to the church to ring for the 11 o'clock service, they found that lightning had struck the tower, ripping the seats from the walls and cracking two of the bells. These were the present 4th and 9th.

On June 7th, the churchwardens' accounts show that Thomas Mears were the contractors:

“Resolved, That Mr Thomas Mears of Whitechapel London Bell Founder be employed by the Churchwardens to recast the 2nd and 7th Bells and that the Vestry Clerk request him by Letter to send an Estimate of the Expence of the same and of taking down and replacing them including Carriage to and from London.”

The cost to have these two bells recast came to £65 13s 8d.

The bells are inscribed as follows:

- 4. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1815 [*Seven Leaves, See below*]
- 9. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1815 [*Band of loops, See below*]

The replacement bell is covered by the insurance as accidental damage (good maintenance records were essential for the claim!). The bell is being cast on August 17th this year. The new forth is expected to return later this year with a dedication to King Charles III. This would also be the first bell to not be cast at Whitechapel to be hung in the tower since 1752. Prior to this, there were 6 bells, one of them being a 32cwt tenor by Bryan II Eldridge.

In the meantime, the ringers continue to ring on bells 1,3,5,6,7,8,9,10.

WHITECHAPEL LEAVES & LOOPS



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Ringing for the Coronation:

Many towers across the northern district took part in ringing for the coronation of King Charles III, just like they did for our late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Not only towers with peals of bells, but many chimes also took part!

Below is a list of all ringing in the Northern District that was put up on bell board.

Gerald Sandwell, ringer from Worth, St Nicholas and past master of the Sussex County Association was interviewed on BBC Radio Sussex on Easter Monday morning. Not only did he ring for the King's coronation, but also Queen Elizabeth's too! In addition, he also rang for all her Jubilees. This year, we also celebrate his 75th anniversary as a ringer!!

ARDINGLY, ST PETER:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1622498>

7th May - 1260 Plain Bob Minor <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1622034>

COWFOLD, ST PETER:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1625039>

CRAWLEY, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST:

6th May - 1260 Grandsire Triples <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1619285>

7th May - 1280 Bluebell Doubles <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1627826>

CUCKFIELD, HOLY TRINITY:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1617715>

DANEHILL, ALL SAINTS:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1616911>

EAST GRINSTEAD, ST SWITHUN:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1617150>

FLETCHING, ST MARY & ST ANDREW:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1626894>

HAYWARDS HEATH, ST WILFRID:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1617496>

HORSHAM, ST MARY THE VIRGIN:

6th May - 1260 Grandsire Triples <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1620716>

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1622834>

ITCHINGFIELD, ST NICOLAS:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1623945>

LINDFIELD, ALL SAINTS:

6th May - 1260 Grandsire Triples <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1619107>

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LOWER BEEDING, HOLY TRINITY:

General Ringing - <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1617677>

RUSPER, ST MARY MAGDALENE:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1617242>

7th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1620331>

SLINFOLD, ST PETER:

6th May - 360 Plain Bob Doubles <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1619128>

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1619190>

WARNHAM, ST MARGARET:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1623946>

WEST HOATHLY, ST MARGARET:

6th May - General Ringing <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1625120>

7th May - 1260 Doubles <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1623467>

WITHYHAM, ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS:

6th May - Call Changes <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1621438>

WORTH, ST NICHOLAS:

6th May - 1260 Doubles <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1620676>

6th May - General Ringin <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1620727>

7th May - 1260 Doubles <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1620703>

GOD SAVE KING CHARLES III



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QUARTER PEALS

Since the last Northern News, we have had a few Quarter Peals rung in the Northern District. It seems appropriate to also add first Quarter Peals in the Association as well. In alphabetical order:

ARDINGLY, St Peter:

7 May 2023 - 1260 Plain Bob Minor [Link](#)

31 May 2023 - 1320 London S Minor [Link](#)

27 June 2023 - 1296 London S Minor [Link](#)

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Holy Trinity:

8 May 2023 - 1280 Lessness S Major [Link](#)

CRAWLEY, St John the Baptist:

9 April 2023 - 1280 Daffodil Doubles [Link](#)

6 May 2023 - 1260 Grandsire Triples [Link](#)

7 May 2023 - 1280 Bluebell Doubles [Link](#)

4 June 2023 - 1260 Plain Bob Minor [Link](#)

DANEHILL, All Saints:

27 June 2023 - 1320 Rossendale Surprise Minor [Link](#)

FAIRWARP, Christ Church:

22 April 2023 - 1250 Cambridge S Major [Link](#)

28 April 2023 - 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major [Link](#)

HORSHAM, St Mary the Virgin:

6 May 2023 - 1260 Grandsire Triples [Link](#)

25 June 2023 - 1280 Yorkshire Major [Link](#)

LINDFIELD, All Saints:

4 March 2023 - 1260 Doubles Triples [Link](#)

6 May 2023 - 1260 Grandsire Triples [Link](#)

24 May 2023 - 1344 Ealing S Major [Link](#)

3 June 2023 - 1260 Plain Bob Minor [Link](#)

SLAUGHAM, St Mary:

20 February 2023 - 1250 Spliced S Major (4 Methods) [Link](#)

WARNHAM, St Margaret:

23 April 2023 - 1280 Cambridge S Major [Link](#)

22 May 2023 - 1260 London S Major [Link](#)

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

PIDDINGHOE - FIRST QUARTER ON THE BELLS

Following the recent augmentation at Piddinghoe, the first quarter peal has been rung. A 1260 of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by David Kirkaldy, was rung on June 11th. These bells were restored through the generosity of Michael Royalton-Kisch. [Link](#)

More details on these bells will appear in a future newsletter.



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Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild Open day

Come and enjoy a day out in the beautiful Hampshire countryside!

With 24 Towers situated in the South Downs National Park and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, ringing in the Alton & Petersfield District is a special treat!

- Recently augmented, restored and rarely available Towers!
- Refreshments (bacon rolls/lunches/afternoon tea) served throughout the day.
- All Towers manned with local ringers, so ringing can always take place on the full set of bells.

Share the day with non-ringing friends, who can enjoy shopping in the lovely market towns of Alton or Petersfield, visiting Jane Austen's house at Chawton or The Wakes Museum (Gilbert White's house) at Selborne.....or even a trip on the Watercress Line Steam Railway!

This Fundraising Open Day is being held to support the efforts to re-hang the bells at nearby Ropley, where a devastating fire destroyed the church and bell tower in 2014. Fundraising to re-hang the bells is still ongoing after nearly 10 years... So if you only support one Tower Open Day this year, make it this one!



Ropley had a beautiful peal of 6 bells, cast by Gillett & Johnston in 1927.

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Towers Available

09:00	Bentley	6 bells, 12-3-18 (GF)	R,T	
09:25	Froyle	6 bells, 10-2-18		
09:50	Binsted	6 bells, 12-3-18 (GF)		
10:15	Holybourne	8 bells, 6-3-16 (GF)	R,T	New peal of bells 2009
10:40	Alton, St Lawrence	8 bells, 18-1-20		
11:05	Alton, All Saints	6 bells, 6-0-4		New peal of bells 2006
11:30	Bentworth	6 bells, 7-0-27 (GF)		
11:55	Chawton	6 bells, 6-0-26	R, T	New peal of bells 2009
13:00	East Tisted	3 bells, 7cwt (GF)		Rare, subject to restoration July '23
13:20	Newton Valence	6 bells, 9-3-7 (GF)		Restored & augmented June 2022
13:45	Selborne	8 bells, 8-3-8 (GF)	R, T	Augmented 2007
14:10	Blackmoor	6 bells, 8-0-1		
14:35	Bramshott	6 bells, 11-1-20 (GF)		
15:00	Liss, St Mary	8 bells, 12-1-26	R, T	
15:25	Liss, St Peter	6 bells, 7-3-26 (GF)		Rarely available
15:50	Hawkley	8 bells, 8-1-25	R, T	Restored & new bells May 2023
16:15	Steep	6 bells, 6-0-13		
16:40	Froxfield	6 bells, 5-1-23		
17:05	Privett	8 bells, 12-0-15		
17:30	West Meon	8 bells, 12-2-2		Last ring before "unringable" classification
17:50	Warnford	6 bells, 12-2-10 (GF)		
18:15	East Meon	10 bells, 18-0-12	T	
18:45	Buriton	6 bells, 8-2-6		
19:00	Petersfield	8 bells, 15½ cwt	T	

All Towers open for one hour from the time shown, with timings strictly adhered to.

All Towers manned with local ringers to enable ringing on all the bells each time during the hour slot 😊

(GF = Ground Floor ringing room, T = toilets, R= refreshments)

*** EARLY BIRD DAY TICKETS ***

£18 in advance

Available from **Rachael Barber**, 07714 325 059, 24 Rushfield Road, Liss, Hants GU33 7LW.

Early Bird Day tickets provide access to all 24 open towers.

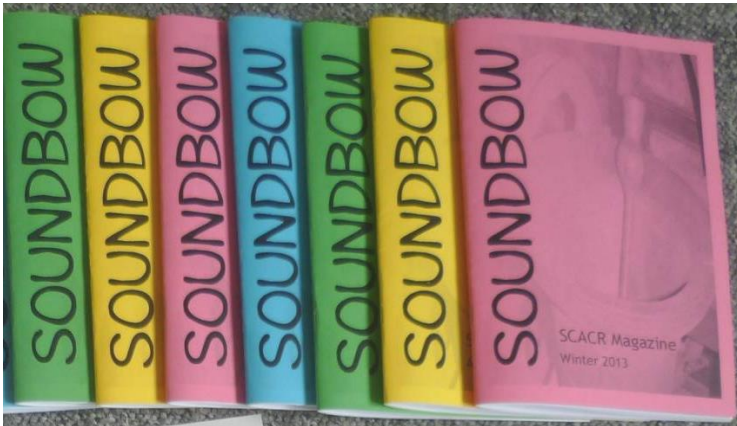
*** ON THE DAY TICKETS ***

£2 per tower, or day tickets from £20 at any tower.

Any changes will be listed/notified on the Guild Website (<https://www.wpbells.org/>)

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Soundbow



Soundbow is the Association magazine. Single copies are £1.20, or make life easier and take out a subscription for just £8 per year. This will guarantee four editions of *Soundbow* delivered straight to your door as soon as they are printed. No more waiting for someone to come along with some for sale - they may

never come and then you have missed out!

Soundbow reports on Association events, contains ringing themed articles and gives an insight into what is happening right across the county. Hopefully something of interest for everyone to enjoy!

To take out a subscription contact Kathy Howard at soundbow99@gmail.com, or phone 01903 813653. There is also an application form on the SCACR website for you to download.

WHAT'S UP THERE?

Edburton, St Andrew



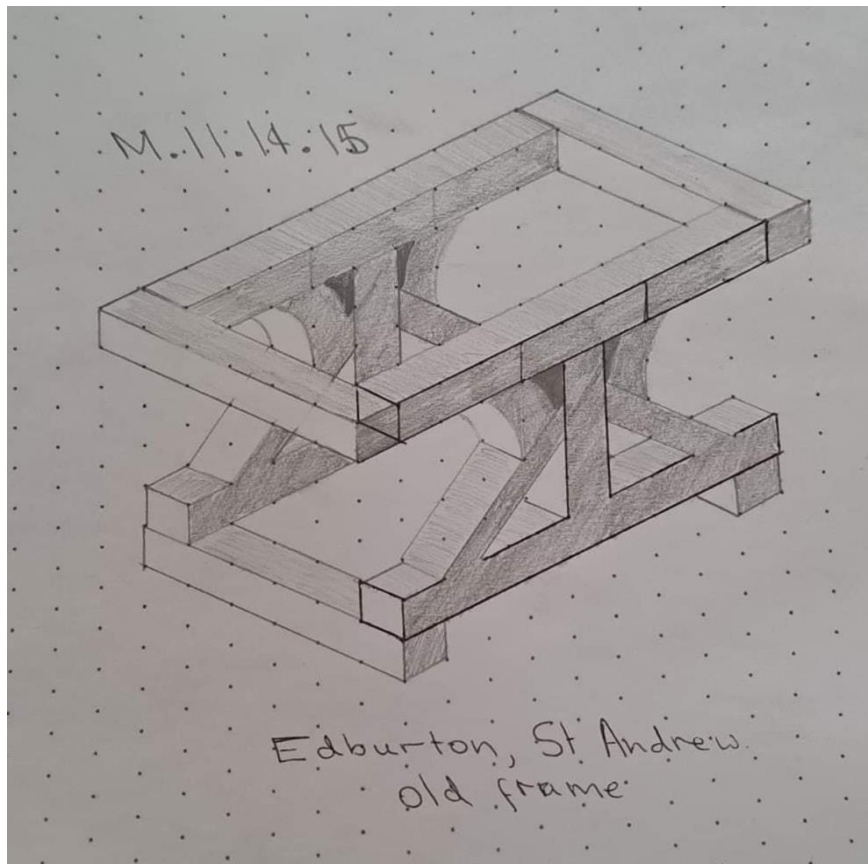
Edburton is part of the 5 downland church group containing Pyecombe, Newtimber, Poynings, Fulking and of course Edburton. The bells in these churches are all completely different in their own way and so is the access to their belfries!

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Edbuton has three bells hung in a west facing tower dating to around the 14th century. They were once rung by ropes and it would appear they swung east to west judging by the position of the rope holes.

George Elphick visited in February 1948, 2 years before the bells were overhauled by Mears & Stainbank to be hung dead and chimed by Ellacombe.

Elphick tells us that they were once hung for ringing in a M.11.14.15 frame. To break this down, M is one of the standard timber trusses used (M is a 5.D truss in the Pickford Scheme); the 11 refers to the struts which go from the braces to the frame heads. In this case, the 11 means they extend outwards; The 14 refers to the end frame heads being in line with the long heads and the 15 refers to the frame place being below the sills.



Today, they are fixed between two parallel wooden Beams. 1.A in the Pickford scheme.

Access to the belfry is by a tight spiral staircase which first leads to an intermediate chamber. From here a 12 rung ladder takes you up to the belfry.

The belfry contains three bells strapped to wooden headstocks by a conventional canon. The weights and diameters are as follows:

1. 6-3-0, 32.75"
2. 7-2-0, 34.25"
3. 8-3-0, 36.63"

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Taking a look at the notes of the bells C Bb A, this is equivalent to bells 1-3 of a ring of 5 or 4-6 of a ring of 8. The 2nd is rather interesting because the partials produced are very similar to that of a Simpson tuned bell.

Each bell is cast by a different founder. The trebles was cast by a William Chamberlain and can be identified by the three shields inscribed on the bell. The bell is inscribed using gothic blackletters on wax grounds. Like most of Chamberlain's bells, he uses the commonly found phase "Sancta ... Ora Pro Nobis." The ... being the name of a saint. In this case it is Katerina. Like the rest, it has a normal clapper with a rope tied around the flight.

The 2nd was cast by Bryan Eldridge Jnr* from Chertsey. There is one way we can distinguish the difference between him and his fathers bells. Bryan the Elder used a heart shaped stop between each word whereas his son used a fleur de lis stop. This bell contains the fleur de lis with his GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS inscription. This is followed by the date 1639 and his initials B E separated with another stop.

The tenor is found on the west side of the belfry and was cast by Thomas Bullisdon around 1510. We can assign this to be his work by the shield featuring his initials. The rest of the inscription is the same as the treble except the font and the saint is different. Anna is the saint on this bell.



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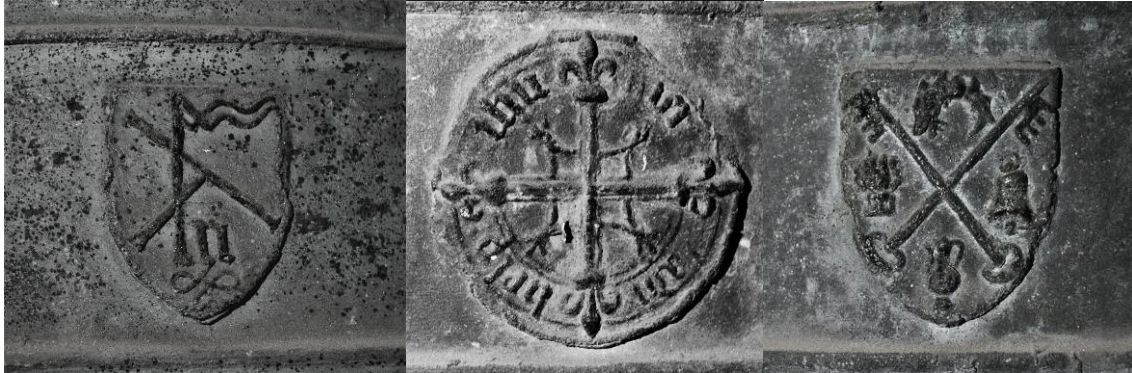
Each bell as mentioned above is inscribed in Latin. In English, these translate as:

1. Sancta Katerina Ora Pro Nobis - St Kathrine Pray before us.
2. GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS - Glory to God in the highest.
3. Santa Anna Ora Pro Nobis - St Anna Pray before us.

THE CHAMBERLAIN SHIELDS

The three shields can be described as the chamberlain flag shield, the mercy shield and the crosskeys shield and are typically found in this order on his bells.

The mercy shield features the phrase “ihu merci ladi help.” between each word is a fleur de lis connected to the end of a cross. The crosskeys shield has a laver, a wheat sheaf, a dolphin and a bell between the spaces of the two keys. It is very rare that these ornaments are not found together. A bell and Woodmancote has no other inscription except these three shields.



Visited: 17/2/2022

For more information on Edburton, go to:

<https://thebellsofsussex.weebly.com/edburton-st-andrew.html>

In the next edition: Chelwood Gate, Chapel of Ease

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SCACR NEWSLETTERS

East

Look To! July 2023

The latest addition of Look To! can be accessed here: <https://www.scacr.org/news-events/newsletters/look-to/531-look-to-july-2023>
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West

Sally Forth July 2023

The latest addition of Sally Forth! can be viewed here:
<https://www.scacr.org/news-events/newsletters/sally-forth/529-sally-forth-july-2023>
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