

Look To!



The Eastern District Newsletter *March 2024*

Words from your editor

So we come to my final edition of *Look To!*

Unfortunately, I will be moving out of the area come the Autumn and will no longer be able to continue with *Look To!* – in addition, mounting A-level pressures have already caused me to not be able to work on the newsletter as much as I would like. Therefore, this next edition will be my last. I'd like to thank everyone for their support over my years of editorship.

Fortunately, a successor has been found for the role of editor. Thank you to Allen Crisp for agreeing to take on the role and I hope you will make him feel welcome.

Samuel Canning

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ASSOCIATION CLOTHING



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There are delivery costs involved so it might be a good idea to get an order together with other members of your tower/Association or you can collect from the company at 91a South Street, Lancing BN15 8AP (see opening hours on their website). VAT is added to orders.

So get ordering to spoil yourself and advertise your passion for ringing at the same time.

Any queries please contact Sue Gotham via clothing@scacr.org

Upcoming events – Check the website at <https://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar> for the latest info

23rd March – 10.30 a.m. @ Ashburnham, at midday some potential local ringers may be coming to see what's involved in ringing.

Please stay and help us introduce ringing to them.

26th March - Holy Week – Quiz @ Hailsham Civic Hall - Details have been sent out to Tower Correspondents.

27th April – 1.30 p.m. @ Dallington and 3.00 p.m. @ Brightling

18th May – Eastbourne, ringing at three towers, walking between them.

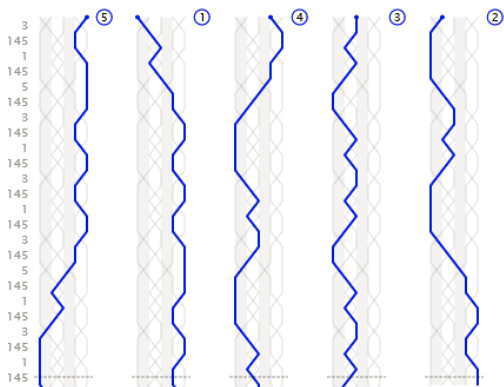
10.00 a.m. @ Christ Church, 11.30 a.m. @ St Mary's, lunch break, own arrangements. All Saints @ 2.30 p.m.

The Eastbourne ringing is to celebrate the 100th birthday of 'Walter' a ringer from All Saints.

Suggestion is a picnic at Bodiam Castle followed by 2.30 p.m. Northiam.

Welcome to the following ringers who have become members:

- Angela Pluess - St Mary's, Eastbourne
- Martyn Malling - All Saints, Iden
- Paul Philip - All Saints, Iden
- Julie Gurr - All Saints, Iden



A band at Hooe rang and named the new Doubles principle Ibycus Doubles on New Year's Day. Ibycus is similar to Orpheus, being a "stretched out" version of Stedman, and is thus named after the poet who first recorded the mythological figure. Like Stedman, it has quick and slow frontwork, but it has places instead of dodging in 4-5.

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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!

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Ringing in Memory of David Leworthy and others

On January 20th, several quarters were rung in the Eastbourne area to commemorate the lives of local ringers who have passed away recently.

Quarter	Tower	In Memory of
1399 Plain Bob Triples	All Saints	David Leworthy
1301 Grandsire Triples	Christ Church	Stella Shell
1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Westham	Angela Long and David Leworthy
1260 St Simon's Bob Triples	St Mary's	Ted, Les, and Alan Baldock and Harold and Ruth Reynolds

This was followed by general ringing, a short service, and tea at All Saints.

Book Review – The Core Seven and Beyond by Simon Linford

This book is designed to help the reader progress through Surprise major. It uses the proposed 'Project Pickled Egg' progression, rather than the more traditional progress through the Standard Eight – however, there is a fair bit of overlap and I think you can benefit from it either way.

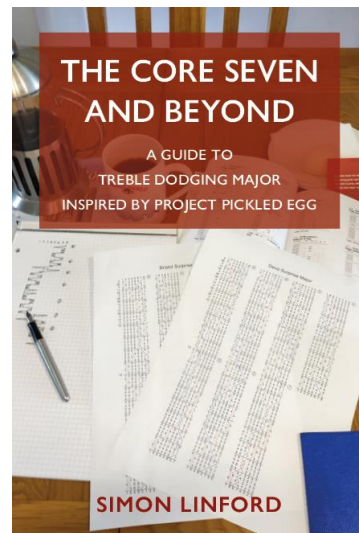
Mr. Linford has a conversational, highly readable style which assumes no more prior knowledge than would be expected of someone who can ring Cambridge Minor. I particularly found the chapters on conducting helpful, as unlike many ringing books, it thoroughly explains how to interpret composition notation. The book also contains interludes offering a range of perspectives on what makes methods 'good' or 'difficult.'

I would unquestionably recommend this book to anyone learning Surprise Major or hoping to improve their understanding of methods.

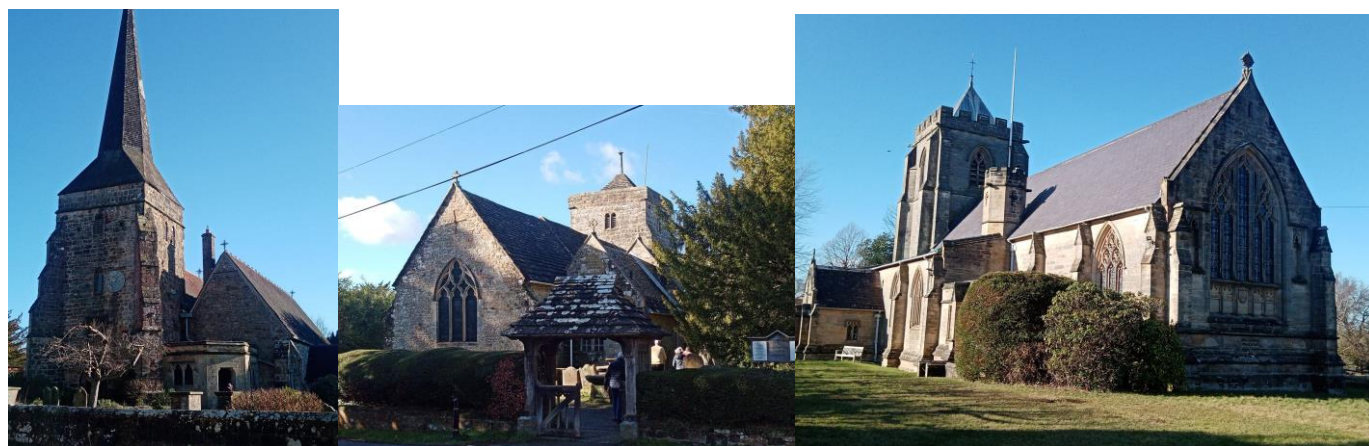
The book can be bought at

<https://www.ringingworld.co.uk/purchase/shop/the-core-seven-and-beyond.html> for £12.50.

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Outing



Above, left to right: West Hoathly, Ardingly, Danehill

Alfriston ringers plus several regular visitors and friends had an outing into the northern parts of Sussex on Monday 12th February.

We started at West Hoathly, moved on to Ardingly, lunched at Horsted Keynes and then rang at Danehill in the afternoon.

All three towers had 6 bells, but quite different in tone and “behaviour!”. The first tower were the heaviest (although not enormous - 11cwt. tenor – Alfriston are only used to “single-figure” weights!). One of these bells dated back to c1375; they were last augmented (from 5 to 6) in 1937.

Ardingly were lighter at 7cwt. they were last augmented (from 4 to 6) in 1911. To my ears the most musical were Danehill, another 7cwt. 6 – these were all Taylor’s bells, 4 from 1897 and the two trebles from 1958.

At each of the towers, there were opportunities to ring Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunt on 5 and Grandsire or Plain Bob doubles, and the more experienced ringers rang Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor.

Many thanks were due to Mary for organising towers and a good pub lunch – and arranging for a beautiful day in among the February Fill Dyke weather! A group photo at the end was blessed with beautiful sunshine, as was the whole day.



Above: The Alfriston Ringers

Oddstruckness Meter Available to Borrow

The Association owns an oddstruckness meter, which can be used to measure and quantify how oddstruck bells are. This is very useful for adjusting bells to minimise oddstruckness. The meter can be borrowed for a donation to the Bell Restoration Fund (£5 suggested donation); please email Graham Hills via

brf@scacr.org. More information here:

<http://www.bagleybells.co.uk/osm/osm.htm>

ADM at Bexhill

The Eastern District's annual meeting was held at Bexhill on February 24th. Ringing took place in the morning, including Call Changes, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. This allowed many people to try something new with the ten bells.

After the service touch, Bob Royal, a short service was held. The Reverend Stephen Need preached from 1 Corinthians 12 and The Ringers' Hymn was heartily sung.

Next was lunch and meeting in the hall. Notably, this included welcoming new members. Welcome to the following:

Julie Gurr, Paul Philip, Martyn Walling from Iden, Angela Pluess from St Mary's Eastbourne, Thomas Travers, Lorraine Paton, Trudi Garwood, from Burwash, Diana Birchall from Salehurst, Tracey Humphreys, Kelvin Lawrence from Westham, Ian Redstone from Northiam, Rick Parker, Louisa Ward from Bexhill-on-Sea, Adrian Harris from Alfriston, Rosemary Scott from Chiddingly. Certificates were presented to the members that were at the meeting by

master Gareth Higgs (see below). David Kirkaldy then produced several 'suggestion sheets' for the association. The minutes can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZI-7qr1uBh_c9Sg3AM_tcqGjCuXzPlmeMuCMFKAXCOA/edit



BELLS OF SUSSEX

Sussex ringer Kye Leaver is working on a database featuring all of Sussex's bells – data on weights, diameters, and inscriptions with sound recordings and photographs. This is a fast-growing resource and can be found here:

<https://thebellsofsussex.weebly.com/>

No serial this time... but be assured The Island will return!

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Contact Vicky Chase, your Communication and Events Team Leader, at publicity@scacr.org if you want to know more about publicity or social media.



The next edition of Look To! will be May 2024.

The deadline for write ups, events and relevant material is the end of
January.

Send it all to Allen Crisp at news-east@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who contributed

