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From the Editor

The Newsletter is distributed by email every three months, and is also available to view on the Association website (www.kcacr.org.uk), in the **Canterbury District** section.

If you have any ringing-related news from your tower that you would like to feature in the newsletter, please send them to me at cantdistrictnews@gmail.com, or have a word with me if you see me at a meeting. It would be appreciated if all items could be with me no more than a week before the next Quarterly Meeting

Jane

Cover Image:

St Stephen's, Hackington by Adrian Hackford

Chairman's Message

Hi Folks!

Well this year is flying past and we are now into our summer meetings.

I hope you have enjoyed our meetings so far as we now look to forward to the call change competition and here I would encourage all teams to enter into the FUN of this, you never know you might enjoy it.

Also you need to think about our ADM in October where you can elect a new committee member and have your say on how things have gone in 2017.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best Wishes.

Mike

Secretary's Message

I am a little concerned that in the last three months I have received two requests for ringers for weddings.

These have come from the county secretary as a result of brides going on line, finding the county website, and asking if it is possible for bells to be rung for their forthcoming weddings. It appears that they have been told that there are insufficient ringers available so they cannot have bells.

Can I make a plea for members to contact one of the district committee (details elsewhere in this newsletter) who will then arrange for ringing to take place as requested.

Thank you.

Tony

Ringing Master's Message

District practices are going from strength to strength. Bekesbourne and All Saints Whitstable are of particular note, with some really visible progress being made during our time there.

These practices were only successful because of the willingness of the band to receive help to develop and because of the amount of support I received from other members of the district.

There are no practices during July and August due to holidays etc, and I am still looking for towers to host practices for October and November.

If you would like to develop your band by hosting a district practice, please get in touch with me either by using the phone number in the officers details section or by emailing training@kcacr.org.uk

Tom

District News

ST PETER-IN-THANET

The White Ensign flying from the summit of its 81-foot high tower shows how much this impressive building, adorning an equally impressive church, has meant over the centuries. To those who had to use landmarks to see them safely as they navigated the waters between the coast and the Goodwin sands, or who sought shelter in rough weather in Broadstairs "quaint old harbour" as Dickens called it, this great 15th-century tower, visible for miles, has been in every sense a Godsend. Long shown on Admiralty charts as a signalling station, it was in 1803 fitted up with a Telegraph during the Napoleonic scares; the remains of this were replaced by a flagpole in 1859. The White Ensign has flown ever since. The story goes that Canon Tom Pritchard (a good friend to ringers, Vicar 1954-68) received a letter from the Admiralty informing him *"Having escaped so far, you may prefer to take the risk and continue what has become a tradition."* His successors have continued flying the flag. Spare a thought for the person who climbs the 99 *steep* steps each week to do so.

There appear to be scant records of the Bells as they were before the mid-18th century, when the Revd John Lewis in his *History of the Isle of Thanet* (1736) records St Peter's as having *"anciently five Bells: a few years ago these five were increased to six, the Great Bell being made two."* It is not unlikely that the old five were in weight similar to the present ring at the mother church at Minster. A similar situation prevailed at Margate (St John's) until 1787. The resulting ring – whose founders remain unknown to us - may not have been altogether satisfactory as a decision was made in 1746 to recast the whole ring. The work was entrusted to Robert Catlin of Holborn, a prolific founder, well represented by about 50 bells in Kent including the original 5 at Lympne, Teynham (4 surviving out of 6), Faversham (4 out of 8) and St Stephen's (4 out of the original 6-bell ring). With a tenor of 15-cwt, the St Peter's ring was his only work in the Isle of Thanet. Catlin had inherited his foundry from Samuel Knight, and was previously his bell-hanger (Catlin's frames include Herne and Wickhambreaux) and it is not unlikely that he provided a new frame as well as the fittings for St Peter's new ring. Of that ring, only the 2nd (present 4th) survives to-day.

Clearly the Bells were used a great deal – whether "well used" would be appropriate is in some doubt as within thirty years two of them, the then treble (present 3rd) and 4th became cracked and in 1777 had to be recast. The founder at Holborn was now Thomas Swain, as sparsely represented in Kent as Robert Catlin was prolific, and of the four bells he cast for Kent churches, only the 3rd at St Peter's survives. The Bells were paid for separately, the 4th in February (£22..4s..6d = £22..22½p)) and the treble in May (£14..5s = £14.25p), so one can only guess at what happened. Sixteen years later *"the third bell* [present 5th] *broke off in her cannons and fell down being afterwards strapped up with iron cannons"* whilst the tenor, *"having laid for some years useless,"* was finally recast in 1800, travelling by boat to the Whitechapel Foundry of Thomas Mears, who charged for his work £32..15s..9d (£32..4p). Shortly afterwards a subscription list was opened to provide a clock, which was made by Vale in 1804. Curiously, the Tenor was hung up above the others, so that its strike would be better heard. Then in 1822, Thomas Swain's 4th was found to be cracked again and was recast at Whitechapel by Thomas Mears.
Ringing would seem to have lapsed by the 1880's; Stahlschmidt in his *Church Bells of Kent* [1887] states *"Bells generally in bad order and some cracked; consequently no ringing, only chiming for services"*. At this time, the tower was itself in a very bad condition, having last been restored when the Bells were recast in 1746. The tower had been affected by settlement of the chalk foundations and by the long-standing after-effects of a 5.5 Richter scale earthquake which caused major cracking on the west and south sides: the repair work is clearly visible to-day.

At the same time, the Whitechapel Foundry, now Mears & Stainbank, reported that two more of Catlin's Bells – the 3rd and 5th as they then were, together with the Tenor (again) were cracked and the frame and fittings required complete renewal. To celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, the three cracked Bells took the well-worn path to Whitechapel to be recast, whilst the remainder were rehung in new fittings and oak frame by Samuel Snelling of Sittingbourne, the well-known and last Kent bell-hanger. The recast Tenor weighed 14cwt 3qr 9lb. A new clock, by Gillett & Co of Croydon, replaced Vale's mechanism. The work to the tower cost £1110, the Bells £260 and the clock £157. It cost rather more in 2015/16. The new frame was made for eight, and with an eye to the future a fine set of 8 handbells was purchased for the enormous sum of £3..18s..0d [£3.90p]. The two vacant pits did not go untenanted long. In 1892 the trebles were cast at Whitechapel and hung by Samuel Snelling, and it was not long before the first peal was rung in the tower. Apart from rehanging the tenor on ball bearings – one of the first in Kent - in 1922, the Bells were to go for over 80 years without any major work being done.

By 1970, the frame was "giving notice" of its age, as also were the fittings especially the main bearings and pulleys. A visit from Whitechapel stated that the frame was rather tall and slight in its constructional details; additionally it merely sat on the bell chamber floor without being physically fastened to it. The amount of movement when the Bells were rung was considerable, whilst the "go" of the ring was less than satisfactory. Despite all this, the ringers flourished and at one time, during the period that Mrs Nellie Bridges was Captain, it boasted the largest number of learners and the largest overall band in the District. To help matters, the pulleys were renewed in 1970 which no doubt improved the "go" of the Bells.

Matters came to a head in 1975, following a KCACR report and an up-dated one from Whitechapel. Not least of their criticisms (along with the aforementioned defects in the frame and fittings) was the observation that the Bells – one each from 1746, 1777 and 1822, three from 1887 and two from 1892 had never been tuned together and the musical result was capable of improvement, the Bells being cast on a thick scale. The PCC and ringers took the brave decision to implement all the recommendations of the Bell Founders. Thus it was that in November 1975 all eight Bells took the "well-trodden path" to Whitechapel. The old fittings were removed, and during the absence of the Bells (having their canons and cast-in crown-staples removed, and being tuned and being provided with all new fittings) the frame was strengthened with a complete set of tie-rods, many of which pass through the frame heads, braces, sills, and secure the frame to the floor and beams below. On their return the Bells were rehung and rededicated by the Revd Peter Gausden (now of Monkton). Much of the tower work was done by KCACR BRF members. Apart from improved running order, the tone of the Bells after tuning was appreciated by all – in the process some 6-cwt of metal was machined out, giving a new 'slim - line' ring. St Peter's ringers under the successive captaincies of Nellie Bridges, Reg Foreman, Sonia Stockwell (all now sadly missed) and more recently Sarat White and Mary Bridges, was about to enter the "Golden Years" as the array of peal boards testifies.

To bring things up-to-date, after nearly 40 years' constant service, the Bells were in need of a maintenance overhaul. It was at this time that major structural issues affecting the tower were identified and it was with regret that in 2015 all ringing at St Peter's stopped for safety reasons. The ringers carried on, largely at St John's and at St Saviour's, Westgate; the kindness of their ringers was much appreciated. In addition, they were able to augment the Sunday service band at St John's, and elsewhere as required for the duration. Back at St Peter's, the ringing chamber was stripped of its ringing paraphernalia to allow the builders to undertake their work to the tower. At the same time, following visits from Whitechapel and Taylors, it was proposed not only to carry out the essential maintenance work but also to replace the unsightly rope guide (positioned too high to be of much benefit). Both foundries recommended that in view of the great height of the ringing chamber (30 feet) that *two* sets of guides should be fixed to steady the ropes. This design also allowed the 1970 pulleys to be done away with and correct

new ones fixed so that the ropes fall in a circle rather than the two ill-spaced crescents which had served for the previous 110 years. The two smallest bells were rehung in each other's pit to achieve this. The foundry work was carried out with skill and devotion to detail by John Taylor & Co of Loughborough, and the KCACR "heavy brigade" again assisted with the tower work and a most generous grant of £10,000. The restored tower was dedicated by the Bishop of Dover in January 2017 At long last St Peter's has a ring of Bells worthy of its magnificent tower. We hope you like them. And as you leave, do admire the tower screen, designed and engraved by the late Jack Peppiatt DFC, a popular ringer in the Canterbury District, and a member here 1985-2000.

THE BELLS

Treble 27 1/6" diameter, weight 4-cwt 1-qr 27lb, note F, and 2nd, 27 7/8", 4-1-12, E. Both inscribed MEARS & STAINBANK, WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY, LONDON. / ALFRED WHITEHEAD, VICAR. / THOMAS BARWICK, / EDWARD S.GOODSON, CHURCHWARDENS. / 1892.

3rd, 30½ , 5-2-18, D. THOs SWAIN () MADE : MEE : IN J777 () () () *[The () mark represents Thomas Swain's unique foundry mark – the 3-bell design like Whitechapel with* THos Swain Fecit *below.*

4th 30 7/8", 5-2-3, C. ROBERT CATLIN FECIT J746 *(5 ornaments)*

5th, 33 ¼", 6-1-27, Bb. MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON. / THIS BELL WITH THE FIFTH AND TENOR / WAS RECAST BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION / IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN VICTORIA / 1887

6th, 36¾", 8-0-22, A. T MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. *(ornament)* ROBERT BARFIELD HENRY SHIVENS CHURCH WARDENS 1822

7th, 38 3/8", 9-2-6, G. MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON. / GOD SAVE THE QUEEN / 1887. / ALFRED WHITEHEAD, M.A. / VICAR / THOMAS BARWICK / EDWARD S. GOODSON CHURCHWARDENS.

Tenor 43 ¾" , 13-2-22, F. *[Inscription as on the Tenor].*

The weight of the 1746 Tenor was given as 15-cwt; the 1800 Tenor was given as 15-0-0; and the present Tenor weighed 14-3-9 before removal of canons and tuning. Note that the 2nd is 15 lb lighter than the Treble, and the 4th is 15 lb lighter than the 3rd.

DAVID CAWLEY

ST STEPHEN'S, HACKINGTON and ST NICHOLAS, THANINGTON

ROMNEY MARSH TRIP – SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2017

Early one fine June morning a diverse group of ringers from St Nicholas Thanington and St Stephens set off in cars to New Romney and thence to Appledore via New Romney, Lydd, Brookland and Fairfield. Most of them found their way and all of them enjoyed the day.

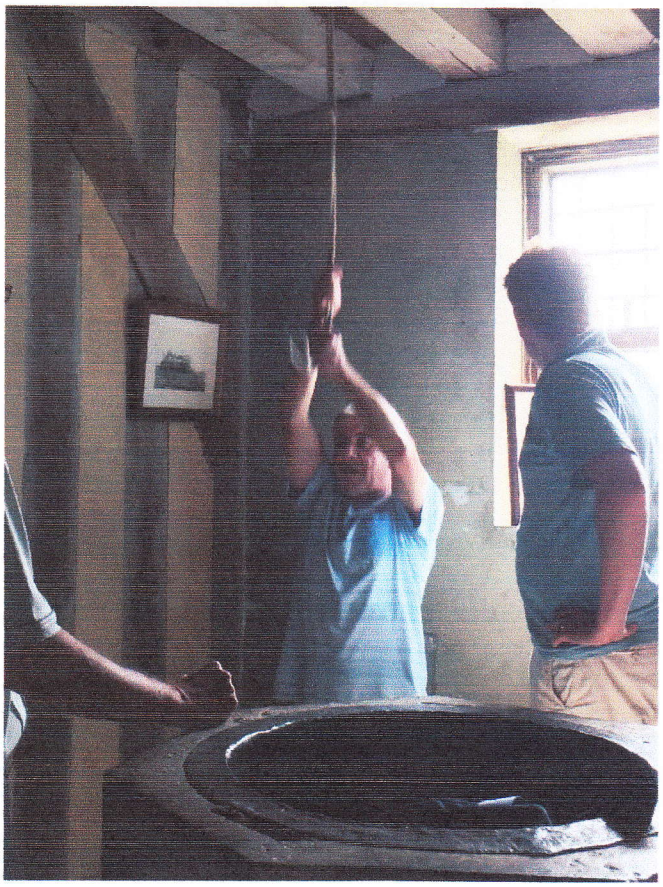
Two found the morning ringing so exhausting that they simply had to have a siesta after lunch while other ringers enjoyed sitting in the pub garden at Brookland drinking coffee and nursing blistered fingers before gradually drifting the long distance from the pub to the "tower" and interrupting after lunch snoozes.

Then onwards to Fairfield negotiating the sheep and their droppings, needless to say one ringer managed to find a nice soft one, luckily wet wipes were at hand for cleaning toes. Fairfield and its three light bells meant laughter and various opinions as how to ring them.

Appledore in sight meant a rush to get tea and cake before the cafe closed and the last tower was tackled. As at Brookland the sound of bells being rung encouraged visitors to come and watch, a French couple were especially interested because they were fans of Midsomer Murders!

Many thanks to Brenda for organising the towers and making sure everyone had a very good outing with plenty of ringing, good food and weather.

Jane Chaloner – Thanington



Ron Allcock (Thanington)
Ringing 'the tenor' at Fairfield

With thanks....

Jo, Briony and Amanda would like to thank you for all for your kind thoughts, prayers, condolences and commiserative ringing.

Although Tony was not a bellringer he was very interested and made many recordings and he is missed very much.

Jo Horton, Sturry

120 CLUB WINNERS – So far...

April (at Eastry)

1st - 123 - Allan Chandler - ASB
2nd - 12 - John Paramor - SLIT
3rd - 84 - Chris Godfrey - Chilham

May (at Chislet)

1st - 43 - Jo Horton - Sturry
2nd - 25 - Robyn D'Albertanson - Chartham
3rd - 104 - Leo Basford - (via Cathedral)

June (Lynsted)

1st - 44 - Jane Chaloner - Thanington
2nd - 105 - Liz Shearman - Lyminge
3rd - 14 - Freda Parker - SLIT

120 CLUB – NUMBER ALLOCATIONS

No	First Name	Surname	Tower
1	Jill	Elderton	St. Dunstans
2	Timothy	Attride	ASB
3	Brian	Pollett	Wickhambreaux
4	Christna	Walker	SNAW
5	Timothy	Attride	ASB
6	John	Haimes	Sturry
7	Simon	Friend	Margate
8	Wingham	Tower Fund	Wingham
9	Tony	Martin	Thanington
10	Sarat	White	SPIT
11	Lionel	Carpenter	ASB
12	John	Paramor	SLIT
13	Mike	Little	ASB
14	Freda	Parker	SLIT
15	Len	Huckstep	St. Dunstans
16	Jim	Phillips	Cathedral
17	Marilyn	Barden	Sandwich
18	David	Claringbold	Wickhambreaux
19	Jane	Huxley	St. Stephens
20	Anthony	Bridges	SPIT
21	Hazel	Basford	Cathedral
22	Jane	Duckworth	St. Dunstans
23	Sarah	Smith	Cathedral
24	Jim	Mitchell	Wickhambreaux
25	Robyn	D'Albertanson	Chartham
26	Len	Huckstep	St. Dunstans
27	Gary	Styles	Wickhambreaux
28	Emily	Smith	Cathedral
29	Christine	Le June	Wickhambreaux
30	Jane	Millyard	Bekesbourne
31	Denise	Copeman	ASB
32	Catherine	Davis	St. Dunstans
33	Peter	Freeman	All Saints Whitstable
34	Waltham	Tower Fund	Watlham
35	Christine	Atkins	Petham

No	First Name	Surname	Tower
36	Janet	Godfrey	Chilham
37	Michael	Keeler-Walker	Wickhambreaux
38	Annette	Garner	Boughton
39	Douglas	Neve	ASB
40	Judy	Young	Dover
41	Jane	Chaloner	Thanington
42	x		
43	Jo	Horton	Sturry
44	Jane	Chaloner	Thanington
45	Herne	Tower Fund	Herne
46	Stuart	Wilmott	ASB
47	Malcolm	Smith	Cathedral
48	Hazel	Basford	Cathedral
49	Brenda	Davies	St. Stephens
50	David	Cawley	Margate
51	Pauline	Murrell	Thanington
52	Romany	Cowans	Bekesbourne
53	Zoe	Story	SLIT
54	Jim	Phillips	Cathedral
55	Eastry	Tower Fund	Eastry
56	Eastry	Tower Fund	Eastry
57	Steve	Marsh	Sturry
58	Angela	Le Beton	Wickhambreaux
59	Tina	Bouldin	Sturry
60	Bekesbourne	Tower Fund	Bekesbourne
61	David	Burton	Wickhambreaux
62	Jill	Elderton	St. Dunstans
63	Bill	Evans	Chartham
64	Kim	Curtiss	Watlham
65	Paul	Curtiss	Watlham
66	Tom	Davis	Sturry
67	Malcolm	Withers	Wickhambreaux
68	x		
69	Gill	Moon	Bekesbourne
70	Sturry	Tower Fund	Sturry

No	First Name	Surname	Tower
71	Samuel	Keeler-Walker	Wickhambreaux
72	Ann	Davies	Sturry
73	Jacqui	Webber	St. Dunstans
74			
75	John	Sim	Hernhill
76	Clare	Bellis	Chartham
77	Len	Dumper	Wingham
78	Zoe	Story	SLIT
79	Mike	Little	ASB
80			
81			
82	Mary	Mannings	St. Dunstans
83	Bonnie	Basford	Cathedral
84	Chris	Godfrey	Chilham
85			
86	Enid	Brice	Wingham
87			
88	St. Dunstans	Tower Fund	St. Dunstans
89			
90			
91			
92	Petham	Tower Fund	Petham
93	Peter	Freeman	All Saints Whitstable
94	Ben	Paterson	via Hazel
95	Luke	Paterson	via Hazel
96	Charlie	Paterson	via Hazel
97	Ollie	Paterson	via Hazel
98			
99	Ian	White	SPIT
100	Wickhambreaux	Beer Fund	Wickhambreaux
101	Andy	Brett	St. Dunstans
102	Len	Dumper	Wingham
103	Suki	Basford	via Hazel
104	Leo	Basford	via Hazel
105	Liz	Shearman	Lyminge

No	First Name	Surname	Tower
106	Mary	Bridges	SPIT
107	Douglas	Beake	SNAW
108	Tony	Goodman	Minster
109	Eastry	Tower Fund	Eastry
110	Tessa	Van Der Vliet	Dover
111	Felicity	Lewis	SPIT
112	Stuart	Wilmott	ASB
113			
114			
115			
116			
117	Len	Huckstep	St. Dunstans
118			
119			
120	Ann	Martin	Thanington
121			
122	Harry	Smith	Cathedral
123	Allan	Chandler	ASB
124	Allan	Chandler	ASB
125	Lyminge	Tower Fund	Lyminge

Minutes of Past Meetings

The KCACR Canterbury District Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 8th April 2017 at St Mary the Virgin, Eastry.

Ringing began at 3pm under the guidance of the ringing masters. The Service at 4.30 was conducted by Rev. David Ridley with Maureen Norman playing the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall by the Eastry ringers.

1. Welcome. The chairman, Mike Little, welcomed everyone to Eastry.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Stanley Evans, Andrew Hills, Jo Horton and Freda Parker.

3. Minutes of the last two meetings as printed in the newsletter were taken as read on a proposal from Allan Chandler seconded by Jane Huxley with an amendment that the minutes for January recorded a welcome to Newnham which should have been St Laurence.

4. Matters Arising. The ART module in March was held at Lyminge.

5. The Collection amounted to £41.93 plus two local gift aid envelopes. £21.93 was given for the BRF with Eastry keeping the remaining £20 plus the gift aid envelopes.

6. Election of New Members

Ella-Bea Russell from St Laurence was proposed by Rebecca Denne and seconded by Tom Winter.
Joanne Pannell and Adrian Holland, both from Eastry, were proposed by Mick Johnson and seconded by Joyce Cryer.
All three were elected by the members present.

7. Presentation of Certificates.

A certificate was presented to Ella-Bea Russell.

8. Report from the County Committee Meeting on 25th February.

Brenda Davies read out the main points from the meeting as follows:

The 2016 accounts have been completed and now just need to be audited. An auditor is being sought to be appointed at the AGM.

All ringers in the Association using social media should be asked to be mindful what they post online, as even private comments could be taken & picked up by the media.

The new website is being actively updated by some of the Districts, and the membership database is also being well used.

The Handbook is on track all bar a couple of outstanding items which are due to be with the Editor before 12th March 2017.

The meeting was reminded that we all need to ensure we follow the good practice of there being more than 1 person in the tower when work is being done.
The Kent Young Ringers are putting in their request to enter the RWNYC in Birmingham this year, entry fee has been paid. Jen Thomas is also organising a band for the SE Youth Competition later in the year.

All plans are in hand for the AGM at Cranbrook on Easter Monday, and the details are now on the website. The Handbook Editor is not seeking re-election.

33 responses were received from the Mobile Ring survey. In general, those who responded felt it was a good idea to have a mobile ring. Following some discussion, it was decided that the project will go ahead and further details will be presented at the AGM.

Following a request for consideration, it was decided that the Association would not contribute towards the St. Paul's Cathedral fundraising effort.

Following a request for consideration, it was decided that the Association would not send an annual donation to the Ringing World at this time.

The Committee agreed that the Association would support the Central Council PR Committee's Armistice Day 2018 initiative, including a planned recruitment campaign using dedicated ringing schools across the County.

The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 24th June, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Touch is a plain course of Yorkshire S Major.

The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 23rd September, 9.45am draw, in the Maidstone District.

9. Forthcoming Events:

Monday 17th April:	County Annual General Meeting at Cranbrook. Details are on the county website.
Tuesday 25th April:	District Practice at St Laurence-in-Thanet from 7.30 to 9pm.
Friday 28th April:	District Surprise Major Practice - venue tba.
Saturday 13th May:	Striking Competition at Chislet. Draw at 2.45pm. Competition ringing at 3pm, Service at 5pm followed by a short meeting, at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available during the competition. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

An entry form will be in the April newsletter. Bands were urged to enter and can ring plain hunt and call changes if not able to ring a method.

Monday 22nd May:	District Practice at Bekesbourne from 7.30pm. Please note this is a change of date.
Saturday 11th June:	Bye Meeting at Lynsted. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please. Special methods: St Pauls Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor.
Wednesday 21st June:	District Practice at All Saints Whitstable from 7.30 to 9pm.

Wednesday 28th June: District Surprise Major Practice at Herne from 7.30 to 9pm.

10. Time of meetings for next winter.

Michael Keeler-Walker explained that the committee last year had decided to try holding meetings in the morning during the winter months. The November 2016 and January and March meetings in 2017 had started at 10.15 with the service at 11.30 and lunch at 12noon. Feedback had suggested that this was too early and that 11am would be better with the service at 12.30 and lunch at 1pm. Members were asked for their thoughts and agreed to the later timing for winter 2017/2018.

11. Christmas Social

There were two proposals for the social this year. Lyminge had offered to host a morning/midday afternoon gathering whilst St Stephens, Canterbury were willing to put on the usual afternoon/evening service and social. Following a short discussion, members voted to accept the St Stephens option. Lyminge were thanked for their offer.

12. Members achievements.

Birchington were congratulated on their silent and unconducted peal of Julie McDonnell Doubles.
The Kent Young Ringers had entered the South East Youth Striking Competition on 1st April and came 4th with two members of the band coming from the Canterbury District.

13. The 120 Club.

There were now 100 members and others were welcome to join. There will be three prizes each month of £35, £20 and £10.

Results of the draw were:

1st	£35	123	Allan Chandler	Birchington
2nd	£20	12	John Paramor	St Laurence
3rd	£10	84	Chris Godfrey	Chilham

14. Any Other Business.

The bells of St Dunstans will be out of action for about six weeks after Easter whilst repairs are carried out.

15. Vote of Thanks

Rev. David Cawley gave the vote of thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the meeting.
Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

The KCACR Canterbury District Striking Competition

Saturday 13th May 2017 at St Mary the Virgin, Chislet.

The draw for the competition took place at 2.55pm. Ringing began just after 3pm followed by the Service conducted by Sally Willins with Sam Keeler-Walker playing the organ. Tea was served in the Church by the Chislet ringers throughout the duration of the competition.

The Chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Chislet.

1. Presentation of Certificates

A certificate commemorating the silent and unconducted peal of Julie McDonnell Doubles rung at Birchington was presented to Jo Horton in memory of her husband who died during the same week as the peal was rung.

2. The Collection amounted to £46.72 with £23.72 given to Chislet and £23.00 for the BRF.

3. Forthcoming Events

Monday 22th May: District Practice at Bekesbourne at 7.30pm

Saturday 10th June: Bye meeting at Lynsted. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please
Special methods: St Paul's Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Wednesday 21st June: District Practice at All Saints Whitstable at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 28th June: District Surprise Major Practice at Herne from 7.30 to 9pm

Saturday 12th July: Quarterly meeting at St Peter-in-Thanet Ringing at 3pm Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.
Special methods: Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Advance notice

Saturday 9th Sept: Call Change Competition at Great Mongeham.

4. 120 Club Draw

1st	£35	No 43	Jo Horton	Sturry
2nd	£20	No 25	Robyn D'Albertanson	Chartham
3rd	£10	No 104	Leo Basford	

5. Any Other Business

There was to be a holiday practice at St Stephens on Wednesday 31st May from 10.30am.

Throwley ringers had reformed their band and were to have a stall at the Throwley Fete on Saturday 3rd June from 12noon until 4pm at Throwley Forstal. Any help would be appreciated.

Philip Barnes spoke about the group who had been asked to look at the Central Council and suggest ways to encourage the grass roots of ringing in recruitment and looking to the future. Radical change was needed and had been proposed. More details were on the county website under CRAG.

6. Results of the Competition

The chairman introduced the judges, Elizabeth and Philip Barnes who suggested that the bells were challenging and tough but rewarding. Bands needed a steady tenor, a good rhythm and good leading to succeed.

The results were as follows:

1st	Sturry	rang	3rd	q/p speed 45min	90%
2nd	Canterbury, St Dunstan	rang	4th	q/p speed 45min	86%
3rd=	All Saints, Birchington	rang	6th	q/p speed 43min	84%
3rd=	Canterbury, St Stephen	rang	2nd	q/p speed 45min	84%
5th	St Laurence-in-Thanet	rang	1st	q/p speed 47min	80%
6th	Thanington	rang	5th	q/p speed 42min	73%

7. Vote of Thanks

The Chairman and Secretary proposed the vote of thanks to all those involved in organising the competition and the two judges Elizabeth and Philip. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

The KCACR Canterbury District Bye Meeting

Saturday 10th June 2017 at SS Peter & Paul, Lynsted

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Lynsted.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Chris and Janet Godfrey, Felicity Lewis, Steve and Shirley Goodsell, the St Laurence band, Rev Stanley and Marie Evans, Peter Dale, Tony Martin, Flavia Faedo, Brenda Davies, Susan Hills, Ann Davies, Stephen Marsh, John Haimes, Jim Phillips and Tom Winter.

2. Election of new members.

No members were proposed for election.

3. Presentation of Certificates.

There were no certificates for presentation.

4. The Collection from the service was £36.40 which was split equally between SS Peter & Paul, Lynsted and The KCACR bell restoration Fund.

5. Forthcoming Events.

Wednesday 21st June: District Practice at All Saints Whitstable from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Wednesday 28th June: District Surprise Major Practice at Herne from 7.30pm until 9pm but a query was raised regarding this and it would be followed up with the ringing masters who would publicise via Facebook.

Saturday 8th July: Quarterly meeting at St Peter-in-Thanet. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.
Special methods Stedman Triples & Plain Bob Major.

Saturday 12th August: Meeting to be held at Quex. The chairman sent his apologies in advance for this meeting and invited volunteers to speak to him about running this event.

Saturday 9th Sept: Call Change Competition at Great Mongeham. Draw at 2.45pm, ringing at 3pm Service at 5pm followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available throughout the competition.
Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

An application form will be in the July newsletter.

6. 120 club.

Results of the draw were:

1st	£35	44	Jane Chaloner	Thanington
2nd	£20	105	Liz Shearman	Lyminge
3rd	£10	14	Freda Parker	St Laurence

7. Any Other Business.

Brian Law publicised a flower festival to be held at Waltham, St. Bartholomew on 24th and 25th June. The tower would be open and welcoming ringers. Those interested should speak to him,

Congratulations were sent to MRFS in his absence for his 1st Quarter Peal of Grandsire Caters at Staplehurst, All Saints.

Certificates for striking competitions hadn't been given out to all bands taking part for a number of years. A proposal came from the floor that this should be reintroduced and was unanimously agreed.

8. Vote of Thanks.

Michael Keeler-Walker called upon the meeting to give thanks to: Mike Little for taking the service; The Rector and Churchwardens for use of the church and bells; Margaret Woodall for playing the organ and the bell ringers of the Teynham and Lynsted band for their welcome and delicious tea.

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Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at

https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/

District Quarter Peals

Quarter Peals rung from 1st April to 30 June 2017 are as follows:

02/04/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Lynstead Doubles	Michael Little
09/04/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1290	Frinstead Doubles	Michael Little
14/04/2017	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Michael J Little
15/04/2017	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1260	Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples	Neil Jones
15/04/2017	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1260	Julie Mcdonnell Little Alliance Major	Neil Jones
15/04/2017	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1296	Julie McDonnell New Bob Caters	Neil Jones
15/04/2017	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1259	Grandsire Caters	Neil Jones
15/04/2017	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1296	Julie McDonnell New Bob Caters	Alan Pink
16/04/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles	Michael Little
16/04/2017	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260	Doubles (11 Mvp)	Cathryn M Hills
16/04/2017	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260	Mixed Doubles	Tony Martin
16/04/2017	Goodnestone (Holy Cross), Kent	1260	Doubles (4 Mv)	Andrew M Hills
19/04/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260	Nolan Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
23/04/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Stockbury Doubles	Michael Little
23/04/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1259	Grandsire Caters	Mark Chittenden-Pile
30/04/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	St Buriana Doubles	Michael Little
30/04/2017	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1344	Lincolnshire Surprise Major	Adrian Hackford
01/05/2017	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1260	Doubles (11m/p)	Clare J Larter
02/05/2017	Sturry (St Nicholas), Kent	1260	Doubles	Stephen A Wheeler
06/05/2017	Goodnestone (Holy Cross), Kent	1260	Doubles (3m)	Andrew M Hills
07/05/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Camelion Doubles	Tim Attride
07/05/2017	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Adam Redgwell
08/05/2017	Lyminge (SS Mary and Ethelburga), Kent	1260	Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 Cover)	Mark Chittenden-Pile
14/05/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Camelion Doubles	Michael Little
14/05/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1253	Grandsire Cinques	Mark Chittenden-Pile
17/05/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1260	Stedman Triples	Andrew J Corby
21/05/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Culpho Doubles	Michael Little
22/05/2017	Boughton-under-Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Philip H Larter
23/05/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Titchfileld Doubles	Michael Little
25/05/2017	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260	Doubles (3m)	Tony Martin
26/05/2017	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1440	Norwich Surprise Minor	Clare Bellis
27/05/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
27/05/2017	Wickhambreaux (St Andrew), Kent	1260	Doubles (3m)	Tony Martin
28/05/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Little Dilwyn Doubles	Michael Little
28/05/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1287	Stedman Caters	Andrew J Corby
02/06/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1344	Stedman Triples	Andrew J Corby
04/06/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Michael Little
04/06/2017	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1344	Hunslet Bob Triples	Thomas A Winter
04/06/2017	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Tony Martin
10/06/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Julie McDonnell Doubles	Michael Little

11/06/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Dilwyn Doubles	Michael Little
11/06/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1296	Grandsire Caters	Andrew J Corby
13/06/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Fiftieth Birthday Doubles	Michael Little
14/06/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1320	Oxford Treble Bob Minor	William N Evans
15/06/2017	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260	Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles	Mike Little
18/06/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles	Michael Little
21/06/2017	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	240	Chilham Treble Place Doubles	Philip Bedford
21/06/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1288	Quadruple Double Extreme Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
22/06/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
25/06/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Leslie Andrews Doubles	Michael Little
25/06/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1290	Stedman Caters	Andrew M Hills
01/07/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ), Kent	1287	Stedman Caters	Andrew J Corby
01/07/2017	St Peter in Thanet, Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Mike Little
01/07/2017	Waltham (St Bartholomew), Kent	1290	Grandsire Doubles	Andrew M Hills
02/07/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Thurstaston Doubles	Michael Little

District Peals

Peals rung from 1st April to 30 June 2017 are as follows:

08/04/2017	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	5024	Bristol Surprise Major	Stephen A Wheeler
01/07/2017	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	5024	Oxford Treble Bob Major	Mark Chittenden-Pile

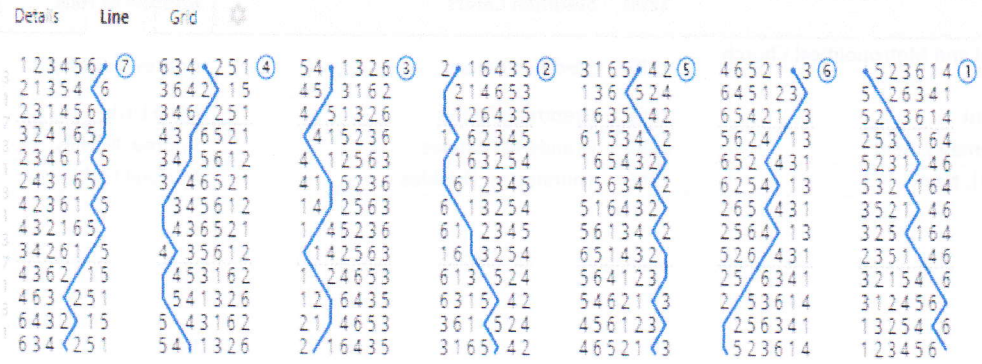
Special Methods

All diagrams from www. rsw.me.uk/blueline

Saturday 8th July – Quarterly Meeting at St-Peters-in-Thanet

Stedman Triples & Plain Bob Major.

Stedman Triples



Plain Bob Major

Canterbury District Officers

As of the 2016 Annual District Meeting, the officers of the Canterbury District currently stand as follows:

Chairman	Mike Little	01843 843065	m_little3@sky.com
Secretary	Tony Martin	01227 769686	canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk
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Ringing Masters	Ben Legg	01227 264203	ben@leggsathome.wanadoo.co.uk
	Tom Winter	07791 945217	thomas.winter@outlook.com
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Forthcoming Events

Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 12th July at St Peter-in-Thanet. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Call Change Competition

Saturday 9th September at Great Mongeham. Same day as Ride & Stride. Draw at 2.45pm. Competition from 3pm. Service at 5pm followed by tea and a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Further ringing by arrangement.

Rules and an entry form are included in this newsletter.

Annual District Meeting

Saturday 14th October at Canterbury St Dunstans. Ringing from 3pm, service at 4.15pm followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

A nomination form for next year's committee will be included in the October newsletter.

Bye Meeting

Saturday 11th November at Sheldwich. Ringing from 11am, service at 12.30pm followed by lunch and meeting. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

NOTE: This is the first morning meeting for winter 2017/2018.

Holiday Practices

Holiday Practices will be held at St Stephens, Canterbury on Wednesdays during the school holidays between 10-45am and 12-30pm on 26th July and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August.

All levels catered for and all welcome.

St Dunstans

Len will be collecting the part on Monday 10 July – all being well practices will resume on Friday 14 July as normal.

KCACR Canterbury District

District Call Change Competition Rules

(Adopted at the ADM in October 1990, amended at the ADM in October 1998, further amended at the ADM in October 2006 and further amended at the ADM in October 2104).

1. Each competing band shall comprise of six persons who ring regularly at a tower in the Canterbury District of the KCACR.

No more than three ringers in any entry may have rung a peal.

3. No person may ring for more than one entry.

4. If necessary up to two ringers may be from another tower in the District.

5. The changes may be called by a person other than those who are ringing.

6. Two minutes trial rounds and changes will be allowed before the test piece at the end of which the bells shall be set. A whole pull is to be rung on the treble to indicate to the judges that the band is ready.

7. A set piece of at least 20 changes will be provided in advance and this must be rung by all entries.

8. The competition organiser may halve the length of the test piece stated in rule 7 if
a) More than 12 teams have entered the competition
b) The competition is unduly delayed.
In event that the test piece length is altered due to a delay after the competition has started then the bands that have rung the full length shall only be judged on the first half of their test piece and any marked rounds.

9. There shall be at least four whole pulls between each change and after the final change before stand is called.

10. A band may ring up to ten whole pulls of rounds, which will not be marked, before starting the test piece.

11. Judging will begin at the first change of the test piece or after 10 whole pulls of rounds. All subsequent rows will be marked.

12. Bells failing to stand at the end of the test piece will not incur faults.

There shall be two judges whose decision in the case of doubt will be final.

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Canterbury District Call Change Competition

The 2017 Call Change Striking Competition will be held on Saturday 9th September at Great Mongeham.

The draw for the order of ringing will take place at 2.45pm. Competition ringing to start at 3pm with the service at 5pm followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available during the competition.

The Competition Organiser must be notified of teams wishing to take part by Saturday, 2nd September and any team that is unable to attend for the whole competition should inform the Competition Organiser as soon as possible.

The test piece for this year will be as shown to the right.
Full copies of the rules are available from the Competition Secretary on request and in the newsletter.

Please complete the entry form and return it to the Competition Organiser, Andrew Hills,
58, Bramley Avenue, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8LP amhills@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01795 533809

Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01227 720121 as soon as possible please.

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KCACR Canterbury District Call Change Competition 2017 Entry Form	
Tower	
Team Organiser	Telephone: E-mail
Team Members	

All entry forms **must** be returned to the competition organiser by Saturday, 2nd September, 2017.