



Canterbury District

# Newsletter

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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](http://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](mailto: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:

*Sturry – Hazel Basford*

If anybody has or can take a nice summer photo ready for the July Newsletter please forward to me by the middle of June at [cantdistrictnews@gmail.com](mailto:cantdistrictnews@gmail.com)

**Jane**

## **Chairman's Message**

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Hi Canterbury District Friends

Well, we are now heading into spring and summer so how are we doing?

I think meetings this year have gone well and the times seem ok, but if anyone wants to change them back you had better come along to April meeting where we will be talking about whether to do the same this Nov - March 2018. Again I encourage you all to come along to our meeting and join in.

In May we are going to Chislet for the annual Striking competition, it would be nice to see more teams enter this year, even if your band can only ring plain hunt, please do join in the FUN!

Well that's all from me see you soon at a meeting!

Best Wishes

Mike

## **Secretary's Message**

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2017 handbook

From emails I have received from tower secretaries it appears that they were expecting to receive a request for updated information for the new handbook.

I have received no correspondence regarding this from county level. On enquiring of the handbook editor I was told that details are taken from the membership database.

I have also been asked by the general secretary to update the membership category for Canterbury district members, ready for the issue of new membership cards for 2017.

Upon looking at the membership database and checking with various tower secretaries at the Newnham meeting it became clear that the database is neither complete nor accurate in some cases.

The new handbook will therefore not be as accurate as it could be.

I apologise that this has happened, but over the course of the rest of the year I will be asking members to help update my membership printout so that we can make the 2018 handbook as accurate as we can

## Ringing Master's News

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### **Tuesday 25th April – District Practice – St. Laurence-in-Thanel**

The District Practice for April will be held at St. Laurence-in-Thanel. The format will be basic handling from 1900 with methods from 1930-2100. Focus methods will be Bob Doubles, Bob Triples, Stedman doubles and Grandsire Triples

### **Friday 28th April – Surprise Major Practice – Venue TBC**

Following from the success of the surprise major practice that was held in January, there will be another District Surprise Major practice on Friday 28th April, from 1930-2100. Venue TBC. Focus methods will be the standard 8 surprise major, with an aim to splice them if there is time (and desire!) Particular emphasis will be placed on Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Bristol. Please make an effort to come, even if you're just a reliable treble ringer.

### **Monday 22nd May – District Practice – St. Peter, Bekesbourne**

The District Practice for May will be held at St. Peter, Bekesbourne from 1930-2100. Focus methods TBC. Please note change of date from earlier communication.

### **Wednesday 21st June – District Practice, All Saints, Whitstable**

The District Practice for June will be held at All Saints, Whitstable from 1930-2100. Whitstable have a really keen band of all abilities, so it would be lovely to offer them some support from the district.

### **Wednesday 28th June – Surprise Major Practice – St. Martin, Herne**

There will be a District Surprise Major practice on Wednesday 28th June, from 1930-2100 at St. Martin, Herne. Focus methods will be the standard 8 surprise major, with an aim to splice them if there is time (and desire!) Particular emphasis will be placed on Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Bristol. Please make an effort to come, even if you're just a reliable treble ringer.

I am still looking for host towers for the rest of the year, so please do get in touch if your band is in need of a little bit of extra help from the district. The tower captain even gets a night off!!

Please let me know if you plan to attend any of these events by sending an email to [training@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:training@kcacr.org.uk) or by letting me know via Facebook. Please print this email and put it on the noticeboard at your towers and publicise the events at your practice nights. The committee are determined to make the Canterbury district the best in the county again, but we need your support at these events to make it happen.

I am happy to come to towers to see you ring as a band and suggest different ways of teaching or learning to help you develop as a band. I have done this for a few towers in the last few months, and feedback has been positive. If you would like me to visit you, please let me know.

Tom Winter  
District Ringing Master, County Training Officer

## District News

### Ringling Schools

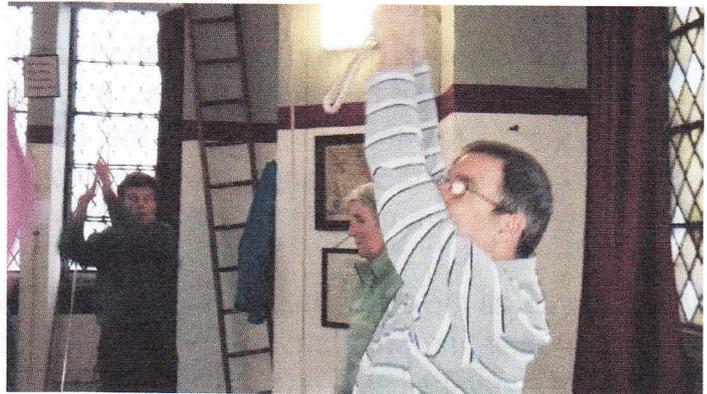
#### February at St Mary of Charity Faversham

The weather outside may have been cold and snowy, but inside St Mary of Charity in Faversham things were warming up nicely for the February Ringing School, with kindly local Peter starting to get the bells up and the first few students preparing for a demanding morning's work by tucking into refreshments in the church café.

Once all had gathered – 14 students, 5 helpers and 1 District Ringing Master - it was time to find out who everyone was and what they were hoping to work on at the Ringing School. A majority were keen to improve their skills in Plain Bob Doubles and some others in Grandsire Doubles so it was decided to make use of the front six, in order not to wear ourselves out before lunch!



*Students and helpers grab a quick sit-down*



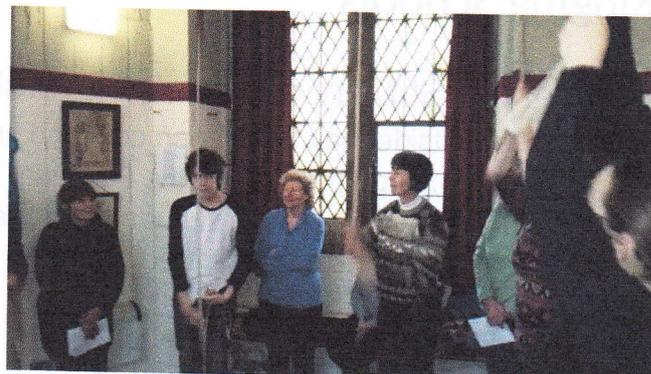
*Dodging practice*

There are many ways to learn and improve, of course, and some of the students studied their printed sheets or chose to write out their methods on a grid in between ringing. Whilst explanations were being given in corners, others were helping out their fellow students by standing in to hunt the treble or cover. The ringing chamber soon became a hive of activity.

Having stood behind to observe a more experienced ringer (usually with a running commentary), the next stage is to actually have a go, and so although some of the students were a little nervous, all were encouraged and supported as they stepped up to ring. For some, this involved extended dodging practice, whilst others managed plain courses and a few were able to launch into a touch.



*Psyching up to ring a touch...*



*...and getting it*

After all that hard work, it was time for a short break and some lunch, when the party split between the little café down the road and Tesco's. A few students were unable to stay but those who did further consolidated their progress in the afternoon. When the time was up, there was an atmosphere of satisfaction and general bonhomie and as a measure of success, at least one quarter peal was arranged for the following week.

Well done to all the students, who were very conscientious and eager to learn. Thanks to the helpers for their hard work and support and to Ringing Master, Ben, who directed operations and made sure everyone came away happy.



Isobel Legg

## February at St Mary's Dover

I am in the early stages of learning to ring and found this session and wonderful experience. Five of us from Westgate-on-Sea plus our Tower Captain, Dorothe went along. I was surprised by how many other people were there.

Peter Dale started with basic principles and then got us straight on the bell ropes. I find it both frightening and exhilarating to try out bells of a different weight. The bell tower was at capacity with learners and experienced ringers on hand to coach us. The schedule for the morning took us from basic bell handling to ringing rounds in groups of three - a learner sandwiched between two more capable ringers. It was awesome to hear "Three Blind Mice" within a very short space of time. After lunch break, people were introduced to change ringing, many of the learners now confident enough to have a go.

All the experienced ringers (as you know, everyone is a volunteer) were so generous in giving up their time and maintaining their patience and enthusiasm. The atmosphere was infectious! Peter led us with clear, calm assurance. I loved seeing people progress in confidence and skill before my very eyes. It was a joy to meet other bell ringers and find out what had attracted them to bell ringing and what they were wanting to improve on during the day. As I was leaving, I overheard someone say that even though they had been bell ringing a long time, they still learned things from being around other teachers, that day. I was relieved! Coaching a learner must be the most frustrating thing! Thank you to everyone for such an enjoyable day.

Alexandra Gilbert



## **February at St Stephen's Canterbury**

District newsletter tells me there will be a ringing school in February instead of the usual meeting. That's good! I have been to some of these before, ringing up and down in peal was a good one. I wonder what it will be this year.

I prep the band at practice night telling them a ringing school is coming up and it would be good to attend depending on what was on offer. Then surprise, surprise the district ringing master pulls a rabbit out of the hat with 3 sessions to attend, a basics one at St Mary, Dover, an intermediate one at St Mary of Charity at Faversham and an advanced one at St Stephen, Canterbury.

Well this has upped my game, ringers of all abilities are chivvied into attending a session which will help them progress with their ringing. For me it's Kent Triple Bob Minor at St Stephen's. So I booked my place, and start to look at my ringing circles book, hmmm! Places up and places down and dodging everywhere else. I try hard to remember the circle of work, in my head it appears clear, and looking at the line I think I have it.

Saturday 11th February arrives and so does the first snow of the winter! Oh well dress up warm towers are usually cold and draughty when sitting out.

Arriving at St Stephen's I am pleased to find there is a good mix of people who wish to learn Kent and treble bob hunting along with some very experienced ringers and enough people to stand by us as well.

We started with treble bob hunting which I felt was a good way to warm up, and then moved on to Kent. Everyone who wished to have a go as a learner was given so much rope time by the end of the morning I was happy I could ring a reasonable plain course.

However before we got to the lunch break it was suggested we had a go at Writtle, apparently it's Kent without the thinking. What? I have spent several weeks thinking, eating and sleeping Kent and consequently found Writtle extremely difficult. Maybe with a bit more practice on Kent and in a few months' time I might be able to get Writtle.

Lunch was bring your own sandwiches and held in the church hall where we all chatted about how the course was going.

After lunch it was more Kent along with some Cambridge, Norwich and Plain and Cambridge spliced and of course the treble bob hunting.

I came away feeling I had really achieved something, feeling confident that I could catch hold for Kent now. And as for the rest of the band who went elsewhere they came back rearing to go with doubles galore.

From all St Laurence in Thanet thank you to everyone who made this morning such a success

Freda Parker

## **Chilham ringer conducts first Quarter Peal**

A little over 3 years ago we recruited two newcomers in Chilham as novice ringers; Charles Blummers and his mother Jane. The latter proves her worth hunting the treble or covering on our weighty tenor, leaving Charles to get on with the clever stuff like touches of Cambridge Minor. His 18th birthday in January had to be marked appropriately by calling his first quarter peal, but it was 27th February before we could fix a home tower band.

Having warned that other ringers should not arrive for our normal Monday practice night before 8.30pm the band caught hold at 7.40pm as follows:-

Treble	Chris Godfrey	4th	Philip Bedford
2nd	Clare Bellis	5th	Charles Blummers ( c )
3rd	Bill Evans	6th	Mark Harding

The method was Grandsire Doubles with the 6th cover, the steady pace coming round at 8.25pm. He made his calls clearly & confidently and is to be congratulated for his first attempt as a quarter peal conductor. But it has brought home to us that it won't be long before we lose him to a university society (as yet undecided).

## **Chilham's Bells Feature In Primetime BBC TV Drama Production**

Last year the Kent Count Association of Change Ringers' Bell Restoration Officer, Brian Butcher was contacted by the BBC who were looking for a tower with a cracked bell to use in a TV drama they were producing about the Brontë family. Brian referred them to us at Chilham, and a chap with a lot of complicated recording equipment subsequently came to one of our practice nights.

First he asked me to ring our cracked tenor by itself very slowly for a couple of minutes, then the next heaviest bell a little faster. "What bells would you ring if you didn't want to include your cracked bell" he asked, so we rang the lightest six of the octave, then he requested the middle six. He emailed me on Christmas Eve to say that "To Walk Invisible", was being broadcast at 9.00pm on BB1 on 29th December 2016.

It was a full two hour programme and very well worth watching - & not just for our bells! Our ringing featured throughout, adding atmosphere to the story – during the opening credits with no music except our cracked tenor, and much later with a single lighter bell heard when visiting their publisher in London. Also scenes walking up the street and much quieter inside the parsonage you heard Clare, Bill, Alasdair, Elliot, Chris & me ring call changes on the lightest six, then later ringing Grandsire Doubles on the middle six (in a sort of mournful Dorian Mode). There was also a shot where two bells (not real) on a cart were taken to the church; apparently

their cracked ball was recast at the time. So our heaviest bell (which eventually will need similar action) fitted perfectly into the story.

There were some interesting comments on Facebook with ringers around the country wondering which towers were used for the recording (clearly there was more than one they said!). Why weren't the Haworth bells ringing, and why were the bells used so out of tune etc? Actually all the bell ringing featured was from a normal Chilham practice night. We were chosen because Sally Wainwright who wrote & directed it wanted a cracked bell to set the scene, without making it a feature in the plot. The chap spent 1½ hours recording from various locations before he joined us for a chat over a drink in the White Horse.

The BBC have produced an excellent, no holds barred picture of the Brontë family, and have woven our rather average bell ringing into & throughout the story. I had no idea that bell ringing could be used so effectively to evoke emotions. We will never listen to our cracked tenor or our lumpy call changes in the same way again, and it's the first time that any of us have ever performed in a major BBC drama!

Philip Bedford

## **All Saints Birchington Guild.**

Julie McDonnell Peal, 1st April

Despite what a number of people thought, this was not an elaborate hoax.

After ringing the original JM Doubles for the first time last year purely as a "Thank you" to Julie, we were rather surprised, to say the least, with where it went from there. Never did we think that, by the end of the year, the various JM methods & variations would have been rung nearly 500 times across the country and abroad, through which over £7m would be raised.

So, how could we take this to the next level? Well, being primarily a doubles-ringing band, the logical step for something daft to do would be to ring it "Silent & Unconducted". This was achieved last November, but the madness did not stop. Unbeknown to Julie, we contacted Alan Pink, who has rung over 120 quarters of JMD in his time, to ask him to join us in the ultimate challenge (so far!) – to ring a Silent & Unconducted Peal. He quickly agreed to this & agreed on the most appropriate date – April the First! We then advised Julie what we were planning &, needless to say, she thought we were absolutely bonkers, but was delighted that we would have a go. She also said that she had been given a significant pledge, which she hoped to link to something noteworthy.

Well, after a few further S&U practice quarters during March, and a number of Facebook posts & visits to local churches to spread the word, we ended up welcoming Alan to Birchington last Saturday. At the appointed time of 10.00, we set off without a word. A rather larger than usual group of visitors to the "Open Church" watched us via the TV screen in the chapel as we slowly worked our way through the 42 extents with, to be honest, barely a ruffle in the ringing. As long as a momentary look of horror could not be construed as "conducting", we achieved the peal 2hrs 23m later.

Due to the local advertising, a total of just over £240 was raised. We were, obviously, pleased with this. However, we were even more pleased that the significant pledge mentioned above, to be linked to our efforts, turned out to be £1million. What was also heart-warming was the number of comments on Facebook, all of which were very positive – people sitting out in the garden just to listen to the bells etc. We may even get a former ringer back.

What next? Don't even ask!

Tim Attride, Secretary

**All Saints, Birchington, Kent - Saturday, 1 April 2017 in 2h23m (8–2–17 in A)**

5040 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles

- 1 David C Sheekey
- 2 Timothy Attride
- 3 Alan D Pink
- 4 Douglas Neve
- 5 Michael J Little
- 6 Stuart D Willmott

Rung silent and unconduted in support of the Bellringers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer (SBABC) charity. Emma Tapsell acted as witness and umpire to this peal.

Dedicated to the memory of Tony Horton, who died earlier this week.

# Statement of Accounts 2016

Brought Forward	£42.03		
Subscription Account			
143 Full members @ £10.00	£1,430.00	Banked Bell Restoration	
2 Full members @ £9.00	£18.00	Fund	£529.35
9 Junior members @ £5.00	£45.00	Banked Subscription Account	£2,089.00
6 Student members @ £5.00	£30.00		
96 OAP members @ £5.00	£480.00	Banked by Hon County	
1 Associates @ £5.00	£5.00	Treasurer into county training	
3 Associates @ £1.00	£1.00	fund.	£31.00
		Engraving of County eight	
Arrears: 6 Full at £10.00	£60.00	bell	
4 OAPs at £5.00	£20.00	trophy	£10.00
		Secretary's expenses	£45.00
		Treasurer's expenses	£15.00
General Fund	£2,131.03		
Monies from Main KCACR A/C	£30.00		
Training Fund			
Raffle - Dover	£31.00		
Bell Restoration Fund	£2,192.03		
Donations	£10.00		
	£5.00		
	£20.00		
Wingham Weddings	£80.00		
Preston Weddings	£90.00		
Bell bucket	£46.36		
Collections (1/2 * 7)	£159.99		
Raffle (part * 2)	£54.00		
Quex BBQ	£64.00		
			£529.35
		Carried Forward	£2.03
	<u>£2,721.38</u>		<u>£2,721.38</u>

## Minutes of Past Meetings

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### The KCACR Canterbury District

### Quarterly Meeting

### Saturday 14th January 2017 at St Laurence-in-Thanel

Ringling began at 10.15am under the guidance of the ringing masters. The Service at 11.30am was conducted by Andrew Jacobsen with Paul Johnson playing the organ. Lunch was served in the Church by the St Laurence ringers.

1. Welcome. The chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Newnham.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Dennis Brandrick, Peter and Barbara Dale, Brenda Davies, Marion Divers, Cathryn and Philip Hills, Jane Huxley, Samuel Keeler-Walker, Rosemary Kirk, Felicity Lewis, Malcolm Story and Zoe Story.
3. Minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter were taken as read on a proposal from Michael Keeler-Walker seconded by Ann Davies.
4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.
5. The Collection amounted to £58.12 split £29.06 to St Laurence and £29.06 to the BRF.
6. Election of New Members

Joseph Russell from St Laurence was re-elected on a proposal from Tom Winter seconded by Dennis Brandrick.

Terri Horton was welcomed to the district having moved from Meopham to Birchington.

#### 7. Presentation of Certificates.

Certificates were presented to Ron Allcock from Thanington and Howard Barker from All Saints, Whitstable. A certificate for Denise Blaskett of All Saints Whitstable was also given out.

#### 8. Treasurer's Report 2016.

In her absence Cathryn Hills had sent copies of the balance sheet. The BRF figure was smaller than usual because no monies had been received from the 120 club. See item 12.

A copy of the balance sheet is attached to these minutes.

9. Report from the County Committee Meeting on 26th November.

Neither of the district reps had attended the meeting but the secretary had received bullet points from the general secretary.

Items relevant to the district were as follows:

Monkton had received a grant of £6,000 from the BRF for new framework for two bells to augment from four to six.

The county 8 bell competition was to be held in the Lewisham District on Saturday 24th June.

The county 6 bell competition was to be held in the Maidstone District on Saturday 23rd September.

Feedback from the districts on the proposed rule change had been mixed. Rev. David Grimwood was prepared to talk to members about this but had not attended the meeting. The change will be voted on at the AGM on Easter Monday, April 17th at Cranbrook.

10. Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday 25th January: District Practice at Faversham from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Saturday 11th February: District Ringing Schools.

There were to be three venues running from 10.30am until 2.30pm.

At Dover Peter Dale would cover basics up to plain hunt.

At Faversham Ben Legg was to lead on methods such as Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles plus Plain Bob Minor.

At St Stephens Tom Winter would be training on Treble Bob.

There were still places for students and helpers. Contact the ringing masters if interested.

Monday 27th February: District Practice at St Peter-in-Thamet from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Saturday 11th March: Bye meeting at Newnham. Ringing at 10.15am. Service at 11.30am followed by lunch and meeting. Names for tea to

namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk. as soon as possible.

Special methods Plain Bob Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Monday 27th March: District Practice at Chilham from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Saturday 8th April: Quarterly meeting at Eastry. Ringing at 3pm Service at 4.30pm followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to

namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible.

Special methods Grandsire Triples and St Clements Major.

Easter Monday 17th April: County Annual General Meeting at Cranbrook. Details will follow later.

Saturday 13th May: Striking competition at Chislet. Draw at 3.45pm. Service at 4pm followed by ringing. Tea will be served during the competition.

An entry form will be in the April newsletter.

#### 11. Members achievements.

Susan Hills had rung her first peal, Stedman Cinques inside on 29th December.

Douglas Neve had called his first peal of 21 doubles methods and variations at Birchington in May.

Ron Allcock had rung his first quarter peal at Thanington.

Becky Denne had rung her first quarter of Treble Bob Major.

The chairman wished to congratulate all those who had rung one of the Julie McDonnell methods/variation. Each had added to the total money raised for the 'Strike back against blood cancer appeal'.

#### 12. 120 Club.

Philip Elderton had taken over from Simon Lockwood at the ADM. He is usually out of the country in the autumn, making the collection of renewals difficult, so he was proposing to move the year to run from April to March. Once he had everything in place anyone owed money from 2016 would be paid. The club was to be re-launched with an explanatory letter and renewal forms going out to all towers shortly. These would also be in the January newsletter.

#### 13. Any Other Business.

The bells of St Peter-in-Thamet are ready to be rung after completion of the building work. The first practice will be on Monday 16th January. Members were invited to go across to St Peters at 2.30pm.

Anyone not on the circulation list for the quarterly newsletter who would like a copy was asked to contact the editor and arrange to be added to the mailing list.

Ruth had brought some of the bookstall with her. She pointed out that books could be purchased cheaper than the published cost with a small donation going to county funds.

#### 14. Vote of Thanks

Jo Horton 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 Bye Meeting Saturday 11th March 2017 at SS Peter & Paul Newnham**

Ringling began at 10.15pm under the guidance of ringing master Ben Legg. The service at 11.30pm was conducted by Rev. Richard Birch with Margaret Woodall playing the organ. Lunch was to be served in the village hall by the local ringers after the meeting,

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Newnham.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Allan Chandler, Philip Elderton, the Hills family, Jo Horton, Adam Redgwell, the St Laurence band and Bryan Tumber.

2. Election of new members.

James Fatcher from Canterbury St Stephens was proposed by his grandfather, Philip Simmonds, and seconded by Jim Phillips.

Merrick Jardine from Newnham was proposed by Derek Gransden and seconded by Richard Birch.

Both were elected by the membership.

3. Presentation of Certificates.

Certificates were presented to James and Merrick.

4. The Collection amounted to £33.40 divided up as £16.70 to Newnham and £16.70 to the BRF.

5. Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 25th March                      ART Module 2F – the venue was to be confirmed

This module provides you with the skills and techniques necessary to build really good foundation ringing skills in your ringers.

Monday 27th March.                      District Practice at Chilham from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Saturday 8th April.                      Quarterly meeting at Eastry. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.  
Special methods Grandsire Triples & St Clements Major.

Easter Monday 17th April. County AGM at Cranbrook. Details are on the county website.

Tuesday 25th April. District Practice at St Laurence-in-Thamet.

Saturday 13th May. Striking Competition at Chislet. Draw at 3.45pm Service at 4pm followed by competition ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

An application form will be in the April newsletter.

Monday 29th May. District Practice at Bekesbourne.

It was announced that both Petham and Canterbury St Dunstons may be out of action from mid-April for a period of approximately six weeks. Petham for work on the tower and St Dunstons for work on the bells.

6. 120 club.

Promoter Philip Elderton is usually out of the country in the autumn, making the collection of renewals difficult, so he was proposing to move the year to run from April to March. The club will be re-launched in April with an explanatory letter and renewal form in the next newsletter.

7. Any Other Business.

This being the last of the morning meetings during the winter months members were asked to comment on the change. At the November meeting at Whitstable it had been suggested that the start time be moved back a little to 11am but no other ideas had been put forward since. The committee were to discuss the matter at their next meeting in early April. However the secretary had been asked to supply details of future meetings for the 2017 handbook and had given 11am as the time for next winter's meetings. All meetings will be announced in advance and published on the county website so changes can be made.

The chairman announced that for the Christmas Carol Service and Social in December 2017 Lyminge had suggested a morning/lunch/afternoon event, whilst Canterbury St Stephens were willing to host the usual afternoon/evening format. Members were asked to think about the two alternatives, discuss them in their towers and it will be debated at the April quarterly meeting at Eastry.

8. Vote of Thanks.

Brenda Davies gave the vote of thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

Ringing continued for a while after the meeting.

## District Quarter Peals

Quarter peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 are as follows:

Date	Tower	Changes	Method	Conductor
01/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	and Now For Something Completely Different Doubles	Tim Attride
01/01/2017	Lyminge (SS Mary and Ethelburga), Kent	1260	1260 St Simon's Bob Triples	Adrian Hackford
06/01/2017	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260	Doubles (1p/3m)	Tony Martin
07/01/2017	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1440	Grandsire Minor	Thomas A Winter
07/01/2017	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1280	Cambridge Surprise Major	Neil W Jones
07/01/2017	Godmersham (St Laurence the Martyr), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Clare Bellis
07/01/2017	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Thomas A Winter
08/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Boar's Head Doubles	Michael Little
08/01/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1253	Grandsire Cinques	Mark Chittenden-Pile
10/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Cluedo Doubles	Michael Little
11/01/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1320	Kent Treble Bob Minor	Clare Bellis
15/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Capability Brown Doubles	Michael Little
15/01/2017	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260	Canterbury Pleasure Bob Triples	Adrian Hackford
15/01/2017	St Peter-in-Thanet, Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Mike Little
18/01/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260	Spliced Bluebells Over Dover White Cliffs Bob Triples	Stephen J Davis
19/01/2017	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Mike Little
22/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Wells House Doubles	Michael Little
22/01/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1296	Spliced Plain Royal (2m)	Andrew M Hills
24/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Revd Fred Smale Doubles	Michael Little
24/01/2017	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1270	Doubles (2m)	Tony Martin
29/01/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Nettlestead Doubles	Michael Little
05/02/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	St Vedast Bob Doubles	Tim Attride & Emma Tapsell & Douglas Neve
05/02/2017	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260	Doubles (1p/5m)	Cathryn Hills
06/02/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1265	Stedman Caters	Andrew M Hills
08/02/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1320	London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob Minor	William N Evans
11/02/2017	Boughton under Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1280	Cambridge Surprise Major	Andrew J Corby
12/02/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	New Bob Doubles	Michael Little
12/02/2017	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1440	Grandsire Minor	Thomas A Winter
12/02/2017	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1360	Plain Bob Major	Thomas A Winter
15/02/2017	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Clare Bellis
15/02/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260	Alfreton Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
15/02/2017	Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Clare Bellis

Date	Tower	Changes	Method	Conductor
16/02/2017	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1260	1260 Grandsire Doubles	Clare Bellis
18/02/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1325	Stedman Cinques	Andrew M Hills
18/02/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Mark Chittenden-Pile
18/02/2017	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1272	Oxford Treble Bob Minor	Mark Chittenden-Pile
19/02/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Huntspill Bob Doubles	Michael Little
19/02/2017	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260	Doubles (7m/V)	Thomas A Winter
26/02/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Blaisdon Bob Doubles	Michael Little
26/02/2017	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Thomas A Winter
27/02/2017	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Charles F C Blümmers
05/03/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles	Tim Attride
06/03/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Susan E Record
12/03/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1260	Grandsire Caters	Andrew M Hills
15/03/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260	Temple Ewell Place Triples	Andrew J Corby
18/03/2017	Boughton under Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1280	Sheppey Surprise Major	Neil Jones
18/03/2017	Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1280	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Neil Jones
18/03/2017	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1250	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	Neil Jones
18/03/2017	Throwley (St Michael and All Angels), Kent	1252	Rutland Surprise Major	Neil Jones
19/03/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles	Tim Attride
19/03/2017	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Freda Parker
25/03/2017	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1331	Grandsire Caters	Andrew M Hills
28/03/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260	Grandsire Triples	Michael Little
29/03/2017	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1320	Bourne Surprise Minor	Clare Bellis
31/03/2017	Newnham (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Alex Britton

## District Peals

Peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 are as follows:

Date	Tower	Changes	Method	Conductor
12/01/2017	Boughton under Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	5152	Spliced Surprise Major	John B Keeler
02/03/2017	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	5088	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Nicholas Wilkins





## Canterbury District Officers

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

<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Little	01843 843065	<a href="mailto:m_little3@sky.com">m_little3@sky.com</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Tony Martin	01227 769686	<a href="mailto:canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk">canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cathryn Hills	01795 533809	<b>(No calls after 8pm please)</b>
<b>Competition Secretary</b>	Andrew Hills	01795 533809	<a href="mailto:amhills@hotmail.co.uk">amhills@hotmail.co.uk</a>
<b>Ringing Masters</b>	Ben Legg	01227 264203	<a href="mailto:ben@leggsathome.wanadoo.co.uk">ben@leggsathome.wanadoo.co.uk</a>
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<b>Committee Members</b>	Len Huckstep	01227 362733	<a href="mailto:lenhuckstep@gmail.com">lenhuckstep@gmail.com</a>
	Michael Keeler-Walker	01227 720121	<a href="mailto:mckeeler@hotmail.co.uk">mckeeler@hotmail.co.uk</a>



Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/>

## Forthcoming Events

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### Quarterly Meeting – Saturday 8 April at Eastry

Ringling at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Grandsire Triples and St Clements Major.

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### KCACR Annual General Meeting – Monday 17 April

Cranbrook – see county website for more detail.

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### District Practice – Tuesday 25 April at St-Lawrence-in-Thamet

Contact the ringing masters for more information

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### Striking Competition – Saturday 13 May 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. Teas will be available during the competition. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

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### District Practice – Monday 22 May at Bekesbourne - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Contact the ringing masters for more information

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### Bye Meeting – Saturday 10 June at Lynsted

Ringling at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Special methods: St Pauls Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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District Practice – Wednesday 21 June at All Saints Whitstable

Contact the ringing masters for more information

District Surprise Major Practice – Wednesday 28 June at Herne

Contact the ringing masters for more information

Quarterly Meeting – Saturday 08 July at St Peters-in-Thamet.

Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

St Dunstans, Canterbury

Due to work taking place on the bells there will be NO RINGING from Sunday 9 April for approximately 7 weeks.

NB There WILL be practices held at Holy Cross Goodnestone taking place from Friday 21 April during the period of work instead.

## **KCACR Canterbury District**

### **District Striking Competition Rules**

(Adopted at the ADM in October, 1990, amended at the ADM in October 1999  
and further amended in October 2006)

1. The competition shall be held annually within the District at a location and on a date to be decided by the District Committee and shall be subject to the following rules.
2. The Competition shall be organised by the Assistant District Secretary in consultation with the District committee.
3. The object of the competition is to improve the standard of striking through friendly competition between bands representing towers in the District in union with the Kent County Association of Change Ringers.
4. All members taking part shall be members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers and regular Sunday service ringers at the tower they represent.
5. Bands shall be named on the entry form provided by the Assistant District Secretary, although not necessarily in the order of ringing in the test piece.
6. No ringer may ring more than once or represent more than one tower in the same competition.
7. A draw for the order of the bands competing shall be made by the leaders of each band before the competition, bands to be known by numbers only not by name. No two bands shall be in the ringing chamber at the same time. A steward shall be in the tower for the better observance of these rules and shall see that the bells are raised and rung beforehand.
8. Each band shall be allowed one continuous period of two minutes for a trial round of changes at the end of which the bells shall be set. A whole pull is to be rung on the treble to indicate to the judge(s) that the band is ready and the test piece will then commence and continue to its end without break.
9. Subject to any alteration arising from the application of rule 10 the test piece shall consist of either 240 changes of doubles on five or six bells or 240 changes of minor or, if the band entered is incapable of ringing changes (to a reasonable standard to be determined by the District Committee), the equivalent length of call changes, in which case there must be at least 24 different changes at regular intervals with at least five working bells.
10. The competition organiser may halve the length of the test piece stated in rule 9 if a) More than 8 teams have entered the competition or 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 120 changes of their test piece and any marked rounds. Any band ringing call changes shall only be required to have 12 different changes at regular intervals with at least five working bells.

11. The first 10 whole pulls of rounds in the test piece shall not be marked. All faults in subsequent rounds and changes shall be penalised and the competition judged on the total number of faults recorded subject to any adjustment allowed under rule 10.
12. Any band failing to complete the test piece shall be disqualified.
13. There shall be one or two judges, preferably independent of the District, who shall know only the numbers of the bands competing. Their decision shall be final, subject to the observance of these rules, and the judge(s) shall give the results and comments at the meeting following the competition.
14. The Frank Knight Cup will be awarded, with a certificate, to the winning tower, who will be responsible for its safe keeping. It shall be returned in a clean condition to the Honorary District Secretary before the next competition or after a period of one year if no competition is held within that period.
15. The decision of the District Committee as to the interpretation and observance of these rules shall be final and binding on all parties. Such decisions shall be by a simple majority of the Committee present and voting.

Kent County Association of Change Ringers

# Canterbury District Striking Competition

The 2017 Striking Competition will be held on  
 Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May  
 at  
 Chislet

The draw for 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, 6th May and any team that is unable to attend for the whole competition should inform the Competition Organiser as soon as possible.

Full copies of the rules are available from the Competition Organiser on request. The main points are:

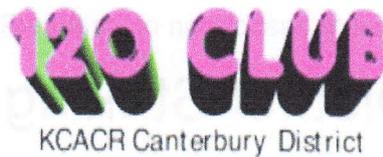
- 1) Ringers must be practicing members of the Canterbury District of the KCACR and ring regularly at the tower they are representing.
- 2) 240 Changes of Doubles or Minor must be rung (subject to Rule 10).

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.

<u>KCACR Canterbury District Striking Competition 2017</u>	
<u>Entry Form</u>	
Tower	
Team Organiser	Telephone: <hr/>
E-mail	
Team Members	

All entry forms **must** be returned to the competition organiser by Saturday, 6th May, 2017.



Dear All,

At the ADM in October I took over the running of the 120 club again. Last time I ran the club, I admit there were some issues regarding the draws, getting winnings to people and renewals, to which I can only apologise.

I have in discussion with (and the assistance of) the rest of the committee put some procedures in place to ensure the draws take place at each meeting when they are due to take place, and also winnings will be available immediately in cash at the meeting. If the winner is not there then by having address a cheque can be posted without delay.

Due to members leaving the area (or sadly no longer with us), there are lots of gaps in the numbers. Also to ensure I have members full up to date details so winnings can be posted if necessary, we have decided to do a **COMPLETE RELAUNCH OF THE CLUB** as if starting from scratch in April. So the membership year will now run from April to March. I am not usually in the country in October / November when the renewals would usually be done, so moving the year so renewals in Feb / March will be better for me, and also not another Christmas time expense for you!!

So if you wish to join the **NEW** 120 club, please fill in the application form attached. Can be individual or as some towers have done have a tower fund entry. It is still only £10 a year per number for the 9 draws. This year the Christmas Draw jackpot of £100 was won by Herne Tower fund and the second prize by Petham Tower fund.

If you have a request for a specific number please put in the space provided.

If you would prefer to send payment electronically please email me and I will provide the account details (it is a new account so the old HSBC account no longer works).

If you have any questions please contact me. I have setup a new email address which is [120clubcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:120clubcanterbury@gmail.com)

Please support this club as all profits (which is subs minus prizes (I don't take any admin expenses)) goes straight to the BRF.

Many thanks,

Phil Elderton