



Canterbury District  
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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:

*Elham – by Adrian Hackford*

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

**Jane**

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## **Chairman's Message**

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Happy New year to you all out there in the Canterbury District, I do hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year celebrations

So now to the serious bit it would be good to see more of you at our District Meetings held every 2nd Sat, the new committee and I will working very hard to make our District the best again, but we cannot do this without your support

*Mike*

## **Secretary's Message**

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### **District Carol Service and Social**

This district is the only one which does more than just hold a carol service with mince pies and mulled wine to follow. Over the years we have been entertained with pantomimes, shows of local talent and barn dances with delicious hot food provided. All of this takes a lot of time and effort to put on and members have been very appreciative.

This year, however, the organisation was slow to get started and there was a disappointing response from the membership.

There were few who braved Canterbury on a Saturday afternoon just before Christmas but they all had the opportunity to ring at the Cathedral before most moved on to St Paul's for a rousing Carol Service in this lovely Church.

Some mulled wine and a few mince pies were then provided by the committee before everyone dispersed home.

# Ringing Master's News

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## District Practice Dates

25th January – Faversham, St. Mary of Charity – 1930-2100

27th February – St. Peter-in-Thamet, St. Peter – 1900-2030

25<sup>th</sup> March – ART Module 2F

27th March – Chilham, St. Mary – 1930-2100

25th April – St. Laurence-in-Thamet, St. Laurence – 1930-2100

29th May – Bekesbourne, St. Peter - 1930-2100

28th June, All Saints Whitstable

## Quarter Peal Week

District quarter peal week is coming!! We have decided that this year it will be held from 11th February, starting immediately after the ringing schools and will run to the 19th February. It would be lovely to see as many 'firsts' as possible. I have created an event on BellBoard. If you can please use the 'link your performance' feature, then I can collate the quarters and submit to the ringing world together.

## Training

With the Christmas period out of the way and the New Year fast approaching, it is time to think about the district ringing schools. These will be held this year on the 11th February 2017 from 1030-1430. I am changing the format slightly this year and have booked 3 different sessions.

They will be as follows:-

Basics, up to Rounds and Called Changes – St. Mary the Virgin, Dover

Methods, typically Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles – St. Mary of Charity, Faversham

Treble Bob – St. Stephen, Canterbury

The only requirement for entry to the courses is that you are already working towards the element of the course.

As well as students for each course, I also require helpers and one person to run each course. Application by email please to [training@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:training@kcacr.org.uk)

In the email, please mention the following:

Name

Contact details (including best contact phone number for the day)

Home tower

Which course you'd like to attend (and whether you are joining as a student or a helper)

Current standard (and which elements you struggle with, to help us best tailor the course for the students)

Look forward to hearing from you all

Tom Winter

## District News

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### All Saints' Birchington "Julie McDonnell" charity ringing, 19th November 2016

With the prospect of a dry crisp day ahead – and after scraping ice off the car windows - six of us met up at St Nicholas at Wade church just before 9.00 ready to start our marathon of ringing. 50 minutes later, we left the tower having successfully completed our first quarter peal of the day.

So on to familiar territory as we headed back to All Saints to meet our guest for the day – Julie McDonnell herself joined us to ring the next five quarters. Oh, and a BBC camera crew with reporter Lynda Hardy came along as well to record a piece for the local news. This quarter was rung "Half-Muffled" in memory of all those who died before they had the opportunity of getting a second Stem-Cell transplant and, because of this, received a pledge of £100,000.

On to Quex Park (for Julie to achieve the "Q" for the alphabetical challenge) and more filming and ringing. After interviewing both Julie and me, (which takes a lot more time than you would imagine) the BBC crew left us at this point to do their magic with the footage, which appeared on BBC1 just after Andy Murray eventually won his semi-final match later that day.

So we belatedly headed on the last tower before lunch, St Saviour in Westgate. We arrived to ring at just about the time we had planned to have lunch at David Sheekey's house\*, which did cause a bit of a knock-on effect. At 2.30, Sir Roger Gale, our local MP, had agreed to meet us at St John's church in Margate. However, after finishing ringing at ten past two, I had a very rushed main course, before heading to Margate to apologise. Sir Roger quickly agreed to join us all at David's and we spent about 20 minutes talking with him there, after which he drove back to

Margate to watch us ring. Julie conducted this quarter because every time she does so another pledge kicks in to donate over £1,000. (\*Many thanks to David for the main course and my wife Pam for the dessert.)

Our final tower was St Laurence where we scored a clean sweep with the sixth successful quarter peal of the day.

We had contemplated another ring back at All Saints, but sore hands and the lure of the Powell Arms swayed us. With thanks to many of the businesses in Birchington plus individual donations, we were able to send Julie on her way with cheques totalling about £900. A huge thanks to all the ringers who took part and to the churches whose towers we invaded for an hour or so during the day.

Stats for the day:

Six Quarters, 8 ringers

Longest quarter @ 45 min & heaviest bells @ 19cwt\* (St Nicholas),

Shortest quarter @ 36.5 min & lightest bells @ 8-2 (All Saints)

Overall ringing time 4:01:30

Time with BBC, 3 hours, time on screen, 1m 23s

MP's met, 1

Most worrying quarter – All Saints (as we were pledged £100,000)

Best quarter – All Saints (as we were concentrating so hard)

4 different conductors, one ringer circled the variation, one half-muffled

Money raised (locally) approx. £900 / via pledges approx. £108k

\*St John's, Margate has a heavier tenor, but we rang the front 6.

Tim Attride

Secretary,

All Saints, Birchington, Ringers

## St Mary's, Dover

This is based on a press release from Alan Regin which has been edited for a non-ringing readership. It has also been tailored for my own church's parish magazine by including the paragraph relating to the four Dover ringers lost in WW1.

## Bells for St George's Memorial Church, Ypres.

St George's church in Ypres was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, designer of the Menin Gate. It was built to serve the British community that settled in Ypres after the First World War and is a focal point for any pilgrimage to Ypres. Chairs, windows, wall plaques and kneelers all commemorate individual soldiers, regiments, battalions, school old boys, and others. It's a place of poignancy, of countless stories.

The impressive church tower of solid construction may have been intended to house a ring of bells but that didn't happen at the time. Now, during these WW1 centenary years, a group of bell-ringers is aiming to have a peal of eight bells installed there. They will be the first bells hung for English change-ringing in Belgium and will honour the men who lie in the surrounding fields, in marked or unmarked graves. The aim is to raise £195,000 to cast and install the bells, improve the acoustics within and outside the tower, and fit a cctv system so that the bells and ringers may be seen in the church.

Anglican services are held at St George's every Sunday and the bells will be a sound of home for pilgrims and visitors to the cemeteries. The fund-raising group is a Registered Charity, spearheaded by London ringer Alan Regin. His interest was triggered by the bell ringers' Roll of Honour kept in a display cabinet in the north tower of St Paul's Cathedral. It contained 1,076 names and when Alan asked what was known about the men the answer was "It's just a list of names, isn't it?"

Not anymore. Over the past 25 years, Alan has spent thousands of hours visiting war cemeteries in search of the graves of young soldiers who were bell ringers and his research has uncovered over 200 more names. He has recorded well over a thousand stories, their occupations, their parents, home towns and villages, and the day each died. He is always reminding bell-ringers in Britain to honour individuals on the centenary of their deaths by ringing bells at churches where the men themselves rang.

For instance St Mary's Parish Church in Dover lost four ringers in the conflict and to date the Dover ringers have rung quarter peals for three of them. In August 2014 they remembered Percy Gibbs and this year they rang two quarters, in April for George Saunders and in May for Arthur Roberts. Walter Corteen was the fourth member of the Dover band so no doubt they'll be hearing again from Alan as his centenary approaches in 2018.

Alan Regin talks movingly on this subject and the project "Bells4StGeorge" is his most significant act of commemoration yet in that it embraces all soldiers who perished irrespective of whether they were bell ringers or not. The project's own website [www.bells4stgeorge.org](http://www.bells4stgeorge.org) has the history of the Memorial Church with some details of the project but there's a more detailed account at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/bells4stgeorgeypres>. Donations can be made through either of these sites, or by applying an email to Alan Regin [info@bells4stgeorge.org](mailto:info@bells4stgeorge.org) for the project's account details.

## CINQUE PORTS RINGING CENTRE - Future

The same management team has been operating the Centre since it began in 2003. It's only a small team yet for the last twelve years it has run weekly practices on Saturday mornings, open to everyone but intended primarily to offer help at the entry level. Each year it has appointed Peter Dale as Ringing Master, Barbara Dale as Secretary, and David Courtney as Treasurer. On a normal Saturday morning Peter has run the ringing and Barbara has carried out the administration but this is about to change.

From the beginning Barbara has recorded attendances, emptied the collecting box, and organised the refreshment breaks. She would now like someone else to take charge of these tasks and maybe spread them among others. Peter is prepared to continue in post for the coming year but would like to share the responsibility for running practices. He sees the need to spend more time in helping individuals, particularly those following the Association of Ringing Teachers scheme "Learning the Ropes".

Other committee members are Jean Easley, Bob Powell-Williams, and Lindsay Powell-Williams. Steve Popple, and latterly Wendy Rogers, give unstinting support. Apart from Lindsay, who oversees book sales, all of them are willing and able to run the occasional practice by default when necessary. Jean and Peter are the only two teachers qualified to register new learners on the "Learning the Ropes" scheme.

2017 needs to be a year of preparation for a hand-over next January 2018; those of us with an interest in the Centre are looking at options to create a different management structure. Involvement of the Association, or at least the Districts nearest to Dover, would go a long way to saving the Centre from extinction in 2018. The AGM was held on Saturday, 7th January, at St Mary's, Dover, and the outcome will be announced in due course.



## *The Cinque Ports Ringing Centre at Dover*

### **Report of activities during 2016**

Forty-eight Saturday morning practices were held during the year. The four closures were on 18th June for the Dover ringers' outing, 1st October for the Confederation of Cinque Ports Speaker's Day service, Christmas and New Year's Eve. Attendances ranged from nine on 23rd and 30th July to twenty-six on 12th November with an average of about fifteen, one more than last year. The overall total was 711, twelve more than last year's all time high of 699, but only twenty-one towers were represented which was seven down on last year.

The local mid-week Treble Bob Minor group continued to use the Centre's facilities on occasions. We opened to the public on one of the Heritage Open Days as usual but visitor numbers were down again for the third year running. We welcomed 34 non-ringing visitors to our Saturday practices, 17 from overseas. Facebook group membership has grown by 6 to 33, and a regular following of the old page has been building up steadily.

Practices always begin with exercises to improve bell control, raising and lowering, and addressing handling faults. There was also a demand for teaching new recruits from local towers where no tuition is available. This stretched our resources and we would have preferred to be training new teachers. Two young recruits for Dover were taught to handle the newly-acquired

Saxilby dumb bell; one has now transferred on to a tower bell and his younger brother is in the process of doing so.

Methods we use regularly include Bastow, Cloister, Penultimate, and Ashford Little Bob. There is invariably a demand for Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire, but more recently for Bob Minor.

## Two young learners at Dover

Janik Friend is probably one of the youngest ringers to embark upon the Learning the Ropes scheme. Now, recently turned nine, he has completed Level 1 and was presented with his certificate at the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre on 26 August. In his own words...

*“Hello my name is Janik (9 years). I was introduced to bell ringing by my brother Jonah (6 years). He started ringing last December and I joined in with his lessons straight away. I can now ring Bell Number 2 in St Mary’s (Dover) on my own and I have started to ring rounds. I enjoy ringing with other people and they are always friendly and patient. This has been a great experience for me, and my teacher Mr Dale taught me very well. In the future I am hoping to be ringing Bobs and other things, but I don’t know much about them yet.”*

Janik’s brother Jonah was only three years old when he first came to see the ringing at St Mary’s, but he had to wait two years before we purchased a Saxilby simulator and could start teaching him. In fact the two brothers were so eager to learn that we gave them their first few lessons while the simulator was still standing on the ringing gallery awaiting installation in the roof space. We let down the rope through the hole for the tolling rope and taught the boys in the church porch.

Being much taller than his brother, Janik graduated very quickly on to the trebles at Dover. If he is in fact the youngest ringer to earn an LtR certificate then he won’t have that distinction for much longer. Jonah is on the point of moving on to real bells but is continuing with the Saxilby which he can now raise and lower unaided. Using our laptop running Abel he rings simulated rounds and his striking analysis is quite impressive, but he prefers to ring by rhythm and is inclined to ignore the band of virtual ringers on the screen. He’ll be completing his Level 1 before much longer.



## St Dunstan and St Stephens Joint Outing

On Saturday 29th October the joint bands of St Stephen's and St Dunstan's went on a ringing outing to the Thanet area with an addition of Herne. We started at Westgate-on-Sea, in a church called St Saviour's. This church has six bells of weight 9-3-16. Here we rang some Plain Bob Doubles and other methods on six bells. Next, we went to St Lawrence-in-Thamet which has ten bells of weight 14-1-19. In order to get to the belfry we had to go up some stairs inside the church then onto the roof and through a hobbit hole, it was a tight squeeze but we managed to do some lovely ringing on ten bells. Now it was time for lunch! Both bands piled into the 'Belle Vue Tavern' in Ramsgate where we enjoyed a beautiful sea view whilst having some classic pub food.

After lunch we drove down to Birchington and rang at the Waterloo Tower in Quex Park. These bells are considered a 'strange twelve' amongst ringers and they are in almost every single way. They were built by Powell as toys and the tower is in the middle of a field! Still, all the same, they were good fun and a good experience. The combined bands then headed to Chislet, St Mary-the-Virgin. These are the heaviest six in Kent and weigh 15-3-9. This is a lovely church virtually in the middle of nowhere and does not have a set band so it relies on visiting bands, like us. After some more ringing here we all headed to our final tower of the day, Herne - St Martin's. These are eight bells of weight 12-2-5. We ended the day here with some eight bell methods. I am sure the ringers will agree that it was a very enjoyable day!

James Futcher (St Stephen's, Hackington)

## Thank you from Helen Audley

It is said that if you are a bell ringer you need never feel lonely. This is certainly true in the Canterbury District. My home tower is Roos in East Yorkshire but I have been a frequent visitor to Westgate on Sea in recent months as my mother was in the final stages of her illness. This has been a very difficult time, but ringing has been a great comfort. I have been warmly welcomed at every practice I have attended and I would especially like to thank the ringers at Westgate on Sea and Canterbury Cathedral for their friendship and support.

My mother Jean Chaplin of Westgate finally passed away on October 11th and when I tentatively suggested that my husband Gary I would like to ring a quarter there in her memory, Andrew Corby immediately stepped in and made all the arrangements.

The ringing was excellent. My brother and family friends listened outside and it meant such a lot to us.



St Saviour, Westgate on Sea, Kent on Friday 4 November 2016 in 42m (9-3-16)

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Brenda M Davies

2 Helen J Audley

3 Terence V Barnard

4 Len A Huckstep

5 Andrew J Corby

6 Gary J Audley (C)

In thanksgiving for the life of Jean Lilian Chaplin 29/11/1930-11/10/2016, mother of the 2nd ringer who lived in Westgate.

## St Mary's, Chartham

"Les Bennett died 13th November 2016 aged 91. He was the Tower Captain at Chartham in the 1950s/early 1960s. After the service of thanksgiving for Les's life, Roderick Glover remarked that it was 52 years and one day exactly since the achievement of very first quarter peal at Chartham by a Sunday service band. Les rang in that quarter, which was noteworthy in itself because he was by that time finding the climb to the ringing chamber a struggle. The thanksgiving service closed with the Bellringers' Hymn by special request of the family.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung before the service:-  
<http://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1039530>"

I attach a copy of a photo of Les with some of the Chartham band taken in the early 1950s.



# Minutes of Past Meetings

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## The KCACR Canterbury District

### Bye Meeting

Saturday 12th November 2016 at All Saints Whitstable.

Ringling began at 10.15pm under the guidance of the ringling masters. The service at 11.30pm was conducted by Rev. Simon Tillotson with Michael Cook playing the organ. Lunch was served in the church hall by the local ringers.

In the absence of the chairman Jo Horton opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to All Saints. Members were then asked to stand for a minutes silence in memory of Doug Saker of All Saints and Pat Hopkins of Thanington who had both died recently.

1. Apologies for absence were received from the St Laurence band, Adam Redgwell, Andrew Heatlie, The Hills family, Flavia Faedo, Ann Davies and Peter Dale and the Dover band
2. Election of new members.

Howard Barker and Denise Blaskett from All Saints Whitstable were proposed by Maureen Cooke, seconded by Peter Freeman and elected by the membership.

3. Presentation of Certificates.

A certificate for Miles Lemon from Teynham and Lynsted was handed over.

4. The Collection amounted to £27.20 all of which will go to the BRF after All Saints declined to accept their share.
5. Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 10th December Carol Service and Social at St Pauls, Canterbury. Afternoon ringling at Canterbury Cathedral from 4.15pm. Carol service at St Pauls 5.30pm followed by Fish & Chip Supper and a festive quiz. Tickets £10 Adults £5 children must be ordered contact [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01227 720121.

Saturday 14th January Quarterly meeting at St Laurence-in-Thanet. Ringling at 10.15am, service at 11.30pm followed by lunch, meeting and further ringling. Names for lunch to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible. Special methods – Plain Hunt on Nine and Grandsire Caters.

Saturday 11th February Ringling School. The ringling masters asked members for their ideas. They need to know what people would like to learn so they can arrange for schools to take place where they are required. Improving striking was mentioned as a possibility.

Saturday 11th March      Bye meeting at Newnham. Ringing at 10.15am, Service at 11.30 followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. Names for lunch to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Isobel Legg announced a concert of music by Rossini performed by the Whitstable Choral Society to be held in the Colyer Ferguson Hall at 7.30pm tonight. Tickets were £18.

#### 6. 120 Club Draw

|     |     |        |                 |               |
|-----|-----|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1st | £35 | No. 10 | Keith Simpson   | Thanington    |
| 2nd | £25 | No. 67 | Malcolm Withers | Wickhambreaux |
| 3rd | £15 | No. 73 | Joan Atkins     | Bekesbourne   |

#### 7. Any Other Business.

The October newsletter had been sent out to those on the distribution list. Anyone who hadn't received a copy was asked to contact the editor.

This was the first of three meetings planned to be held in the morning during the winter months. Members were asked for their comments. It was felt that older people preferred the morning but 10.15 was maybe a little early to start. It was suggested starting at 11am with the service at 12.30 and lunch at 1pm. This would still give time for more ringing before it gets dark. The committee will collate views in the spring and offer their thoughts to the membership next summer.

Derek Chatfield was welcomed to the meeting following his illness earlier in the year. Members were pleased to see him.

Ruth plugged her bookstall and explained that profits went back into the Association.

The bell bucket was near the door ready to receive people's small change.

#### 8. Vote of Thanks.

Pauline Murrell gave the vote of thanks to Rev Simon Tillotson for use of the church, church hall and bells and for taking the service, Michael Cook for playing the organ and the All Saints ringers for a splendid lunch. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

Ringing continued for a while after the meeting.

## Interim Balance Sheet

Brought  
Forward **£42.03**

### Subscription Account

|                           |           |                              |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 143 Full members @ £10.00 | £1,430.00 | Banked Subscription Account  | £1,964.00 |
| 2 Full members @ £9.00    | £18.00    | Banked Bell Restoration Fund | £429.47   |
| 9 Junior members @ £5.00  | £45.00    |                              |           |
| 6 Student members @ £5.00 | £30.00    | Banked by Hon Treasurer      |           |
| 96 OAP members @ £5.00    | £480.00   | into main training fund      | £31.00    |
| 1 Associates @ £5.00      | £5.00     |                              |           |
| 3 Associates @ £1.00      | £1.00     |                              |           |

£2,051.03

### General Fund

Monies from Main KCACR A/C £30.00

### Training Fund

Raffle - Dover £31.00

£2,112.03

### Bell Restoration Fund

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Donations             | £10.00  |
| '                     | £5.00   |
| Wingham Weddings      | £80.00  |
| Preston Weddings      | £90.00  |
| Quex BBQ              | £64.00  |
| Raffle                | £31.00  |
| Collections (1/2 * 5) | £117.47 |
| Bell bucket (so far)  | £32.00  |

£429.47

Carried Forward

£117.03

£2,541.50

£2,541.50

# District Quarter Peals

Quarter peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 are as follows:

| Date       | Tower  | Changes | Method                        | Conductor            |
|------------|--|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 01/10/2016 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                               | 1260    | Grandsire Triples             | Adrian Hackford      |
| 02/10/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260    | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles   | Michael Little       |
| 02/10/2016 | Petham (All Saints), Kent                                      | 1260    | Doubles (5mp)                 | Cathryn M Hills      |
| 02/10/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260    | Doubles (1p/3m)               | Tony Martin          |
| 05/10/2016 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                               | 1260    | Grandsire Triples             | Stephen J Davis      |
| 09/10/2016 | St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent                      | 1260    | Mixed Doubles                 | Thomas A Winter      |
| 09/10/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1280    | Doubles (3m)                  | Tony Martin          |
| 09/10/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1282    | Cambridge Surprise Royal      | Andrew M Hills       |
| 15/10/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1696    | Lincolnshire Surprise Major   | Andrew M Hills       |
| 16/10/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260    | Julie McDonnell Doubles       | Michael Little       |
| 16/10/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1270    | Doubles (2m)                  | Tony Martin          |
| 16/10/2016 | Canterbury (St Stephen), Kent                                  | 1344    | Plain Bob Triples             | Philip O Elderton    |
| 19/10/2016 | Westgate-on-Sea (St Saviour), Kent                             | 1260    | Plain Bob Doubles             | Dorothe Steidinger   |
| 23/10/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260    | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles   | Michael Little       |
| 29/10/2016 | Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent                             | 1260    | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles   | Michael Little       |
| 30/10/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260    | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles   | Michael Little       |
| 30/10/2016 | St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent                      | 1260    | Plain Bob Doubles             | Freda Parker         |
| 30/10/2016 | Ashford (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                             | 1280    | Spliced Treble Bob Major (2m) | Mark Chittenden-Pile |
| 30/10/2016 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent                      | 1344    | Rutland Surprise Major        | Adrian Hackford      |
| 01/11/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260    | All Saints Place Doubles      | Tony Martin          |
| 04/11/2016 | Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent                             | 1320    | Cambridge Surprise Minor      | Gary J Audley        |
| 05/11/2016 | Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent                                  | 1260    | Doubles (3m)                  | Len Huckstep         |
| 06/11/2016 | St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent                      | 1260    | Stedman Doubles               | Paul A Barton        |
| 06/11/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260    | Grandsire Doubles             | Tony Martin          |
| 11/11/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260    | Grandsire Doubles             | Tony Martin          |
| 13/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260    | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles   | Tim Attride          |
| 13/11/2016 | Sturry (St Nicholas), Kent                                     | 1260    | Doubles (4 M P)               | Andrew M Hills       |
| 13/11/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260    | Doubles (1p/3m)               | Tony Martin          |
| 13/11/2016 | Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent                                  | 1380    | Stedman Doubles               | Andrew M Hills       |
| 16/11/2016 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                               | 1260    | Bluebells Over Bob Triples    | Andrew J Corby       |

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|------------|--|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 19/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Tim Attride            |
| 19/11/2016 | Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent                  | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 19/11/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1260 | Stedman Triples             | Andrew M Hills         |
| 19/11/2016 | Margate (St John the Baptist), Kent                            | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Julie McDonnell        |
| 19/11/2016 | St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent                      | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Douglas Neve           |
| 19/11/2016 | St Nicholas at Wade (St Nicholas), Kent                        | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 19/11/2016 | Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent                             | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 20/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 25/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Doubles     | Tim Attride            |
| 25/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Doubles     | Tim Attride            |
| 25/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Tim Attride            |
| 25/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Nicholas Wilkins       |
| 25/11/2016 | Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent                             | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Doubles     | Tim Attride            |
| 27/11/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 27/11/2016 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent                      | 1260 | Mixed Doubles               | Jane E Huxley          |
| 28/11/2016 | Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent                             | 1260 | St Simon's Bob Doubles      | Leonard A Huckstep     |
| 30/11/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1260 | Grandsire Triples           | Stephen J Davis        |
| 03/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 03/12/2016 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                               | 1260 | Plain Bob Doubles           | Peter T Dale           |
| 03/12/2016 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                               | 1260 | Grandsire Triples           | Stephen J Davis        |
| 04/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 04/12/2016 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent                      | 1260 | Grandsire Triples           | Adrian Hackford        |
| 05/12/2016 | Chilham (St Mary), Kent  | 1300 | Doubles                     | Philip Bedford         |
| 06/12/2016 | Chartham (St Mary), Kent                                       | 1260 | Grandsire Doubles           | Clare Bellis           |
| 07/12/2016 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                               | 1250 | Fordcombe Surprise Major    | Stephen J Davis        |
| 10/12/2016 | Lyminge (SS Mary and Ethelburga), Kent                         | 1260 | St Nicholas Bob Triples     | Adrian Hackford        |
| 11/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Michael Little         |
| 11/12/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1260 | Grandsire Caters            | Christopher J Robinson |
| 12/12/2016 | Chilham (St Mary), Kent  | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles | Philip Bedford         |

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| 13/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Tim Attride            |
| 13/12/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260 | Plain Bob Doubles               | Tony Martin            |
| 14/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples | Andrew J Corby         |
| 17/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Michael Little         |
| 18/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Michael Little         |
| 18/12/2016 | Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent                                  | 1260 | Doubles (3m)                    | Cathryn M Hills        |
| 18/12/2016 | Goodnestone (Holy Cross), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie Mcdonell Doubles          | Andrew M Hills         |
| 18/12/2016 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Doubles         | Andrew Hills           |
| 19/12/2016 | Chilham (St Mary), Kent  | 1260 | Grandsire Doubles               | Philip Bedford         |
| 20/12/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1260 | Grandsire Caters                | Christopher J Robinson |
| 20/12/2016 | Deal (St Leonard, Upper Deal), Kent                            | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Michael Little         |
| 23/12/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 1259 | Grandsire Caters                | Mark Chittenden-Pile   |
| 24/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Michael Little         |
| 24/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Michael Little         |
| 24/12/2016 | Petham (All Saints), Kent                                      | 1260 | Plain Bob Minor                 | Andrew M Hills         |
| 25/12/2016 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent                                 | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles     | Michael Little         |
| 25/12/2016 | Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent                                  | 1260 | Julie McDonnell Doubles         | Andrew M Hills         |
| 26/12/2016 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent                      | 1260 | Plain Bob Minor                 | Adrian Hackford        |

## District Peals

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Peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 are as follows: [date] to [date] are as follows:

| Date       | Tower  | Changes | Method          | Conductor            |
|------------|--|---------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 20/12/2016 | Chislet (St Mary the Virgin), Kent                             | 5040    | Minor           | Stephen G Jakeman    |
| 29/12/2016 | Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent | 5001    | Stedman Cinques | Andrew M Hills       |
| 29/12/2016 | Hernhill (St Michael), Kent                                    | 5040    | Stedman Triples | Philip A B Saddleton |

# Special Methods

All diagrams from [www.rsw.me.uk/blueline](http://www.rsw.me.uk/blueline)

Saturday 14 January

Quarterly District Meeting - St Laurence-In-Thanelt

Plain Hunt on 9

Grandsire Caters

**Grandsire Caters**

Details Line Grid ⚙

Diagram 3: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 4: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 5: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 6: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 7: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 8: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 9: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Diagram 10: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Bob: 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Single: 3 4 5 6 7 8



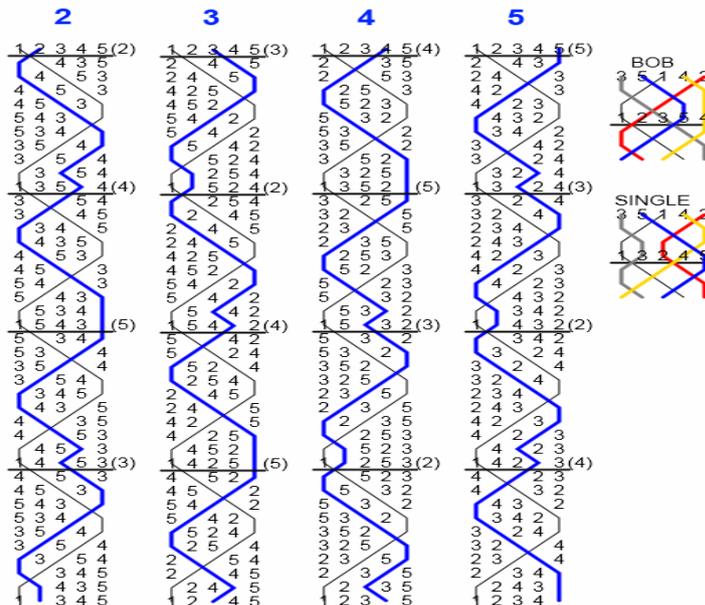
Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/>

Saturday 11th March

Bye Meeting - Newnham

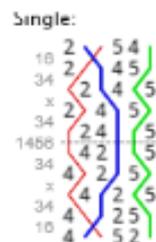
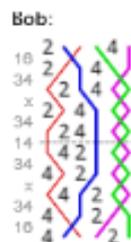
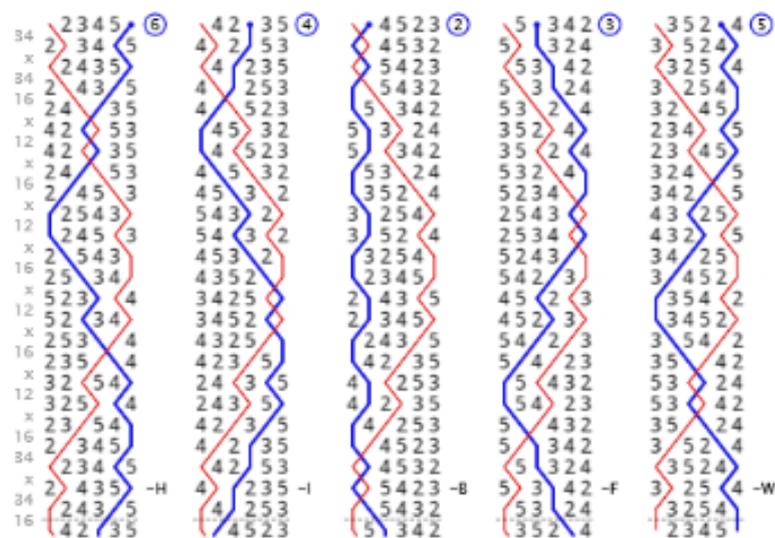
Plain Bob Doubles

The Blue Lines for each Working Bell



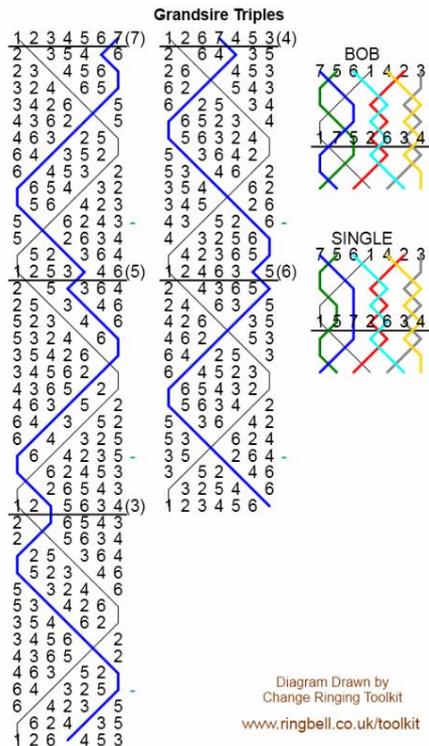
Kent Treble Bob Minor

Details Line Grid



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Quarterly Meeting – Eastry



### St Clement's College Bob Major

Details Line Grid

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# Canterbury District Officers

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

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|--|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| <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>Ringling Masters</b>                  | Ben Legg              | 01227 264203 | <a href="mailto:ben@leggsathome.wanadoo.co.uk">ben@leggsathome.wanadoo.co.uk</a>       |
|  | Tom Winter            | 07791 945217 | <a href="mailto:thomas.winter@outlook.com">thomas.winter@outlook.com</a>               |
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|  | Jo Horton             | 01227 711138 | <a href="mailto:jo.horton@which.net">jo.horton@which.net</a>                           |
| <b>Newsletter Editor &amp; Press Rep</b> | Jane Huxley           |              | <a href="mailto:cantdistrictnews@gmail.com">cantdistrictnews@gmail.com</a>             |
| <b>120 Club Promoter</b>                 | Phil Elderton         |              | <a href="mailto:cantdist120@gmail.com">cantdist120@gmail.com</a>                       |
| <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>                     |

# Forthcoming Events

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## Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 14th January 2017 at St Laurence in Thanet. Ringing at 10.15am, Service at 11.30am followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Plain Hunt on Nine and Grandsire Caters

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## Ringling School

Saturday 11th February

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## Bye Meeting

Saturday 11th March at Newnham. Ringing at 10.15am, Service at 11.30am followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Plain Bob Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor

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## Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 8th April at Eastry. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30 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: tba

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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