

# Look to



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR SPRING 2017

## Keep calm and carry on reading...

I think it is fair to say that I am as surprised as some of you to find I am the new Editor of Look to! In this edition you will see that I have kept with tradition and you'll find your usual favourites as well as a couple of new light-hearted ideas which I hope will make for an interesting read. This cover piece is an idea I had for a regular feature to get to know the newer faces to ringing in our district. I hope you enjoy this edition and welcome your feedback or ideas for future editions.

❖ *Steve Newlands*

## On the ropes with...

### Emma Tamkin SPELDHURST

#### What do you do outside bell ringing?

I am known as Emma the Foot Lady. I am a reflexologist and foot health practitioner. Looking after the feet, health and wellbeing of the people of Tunbridge Wells and surrounding areas.

#### How long have you been ringing?

2 years

#### What attracted you to ringing and who encouraged you to start?

Janice Byrne made it sound like a real laugh, and I suspected I'd meet lots of peculiar people, however they actually all turned out to be lovely and very helpful.

#### How did you come to ring at Speldhurst?

I was originally going to join Penshurst but as I live nearer to Speldhurst Janice suggested it would make more sense to ring there. Eric and Anthony promptly signed me without a transfer fee!

#### What was your perception of ringing before you took it up?

I hadn't given it any thought. It actually hadn't struck me that it was done by real people!

#### Who taught you how to handle a bell?

The one and only Eric Roughley

#### Which is your favourite ring of bells?

Speldhurst, with Withyham a close second.



#### What's your funniest ringing moment to date?

The constant bickering with Eric when he tries in vain to teach me.

#### What's been your scariest ringing moment?

In the middle of a wedding at Penshurst, the rope was too short and I lost the tail end completely.

#### Proudest ringing achievement so far?

Managing to walk out of a practice with everyone still speaking to me (or at least I think they are).

#### Do you have a ringing mentor or mentors?

Eric.

#### Do you have any sartorial tips for maximum comfort and avoidance of chafing during quarter peals?

Most women don't have a well fitting bra to start with. Get measured properly in Bravissimo, go for soft straps, and call it your ringing bra!



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## DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

THE FIRST DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2017 was held on Saturday 7th January at St Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst

### • PRESENT:

Mike Bullett (chairman), Hamilton Woods (Secretary) and 29 others

• The Chairman thanked the Rector Douglas Wren and the PCC of St Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst for hosting the Service and for the use of the bells. He thanked Karol Leeves for leading the Ringers' Service, Rebekah Leeves for her beautiful organ playing and also the Speldhurst ringers for their delicious tea.

• The minutes from the District Quarterly Meeting at Chiddingstone were signed and accepted as correct. There were no matters arising.

### • CO-OPTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Daniel Jarvis and Catherine Heathcote have been co-opted on to the District Committee. The Chairman asked that the membership agree this action. Both were elected to the District Committee by the Membership

### • APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY:

Catherine Heathcote, proposed by Mike Bullett and seconded by Louise Nightingale, was elected District Secretary by the Membership.

### • THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WERE ELECTED:

Lesley Ann Smith (Speldhurst), Roberta Weatherley (Penshurst) and Russell Edwards (Otford)

### • ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

It was agreed in April 2016 that accounts would not be presented at the Annual District Meeting. District Treasurer, Hamilton Woods, has produced a statement of accounts for the calendar year 2016 (and 2015 for comparison) for information only.

In talking through the accounts, Hamilton pointed out that a larger than normal donation has been made to the County Training Fund this year. Catherine Lewis explained that Brasted Tower had requested that half of their Spliced Fund contribution be donated to the County Training Fund. The Spliced Fund is a fund consisting of contributions made by District Towers of a proportion of their annual wedding fees. Historically this money has been donated to the County Bell Restoration Fund but the Chairman said that he saw no reason why all or part of that could not be donated to the Training Fund should any tower want all or any part of its Spliced Fund donation to be sent instead to

the Training Fund and invited other towers to consider this.

Hamilton concluded by stating that no money is held beneficially by the District, but rather on behalf of the county and was controlled by the KCACR Treasurer, Margaret Funnell.

### • TRIVIA EVENING:

Arrangements are slightly different this year as it was found that it was becoming increasingly difficult to find people to run and help in the kitchen, including preparing the meal and washing up afterwards. As a result those attending the Trivia evening are asked to bring plates, glasses, cutlery, serving spoons, etc for all members of their team. Food will be purchased from Cook and prepared and served during the evening.

Tickets may be obtained from Hamilton Woods. Catherine Lewis enquired whether the District still has its own cutlery. Hamilton Woods confirmed that he has the stored cutlery.

### • COUNTY AGM AT CRANBROOK 17 APRIL:

The Chairman reminded Members that each District hosts the KCACR AGM in rotation. It is the turn of the Tonbridge District in 2017. The AGM will take place at Cranbrook on Easter Monday 17th April 2017 and is being organised principally by David and Janet Beeken of Cranbrook, St Dunstan, assisted by District Members. (St Dunstan has a lovely 21cwt ring of 8).

Jen Thomas and Mike Worthington have drawn up a list of towers 'en route' to the AGM that will also be open for ringing on that day. Towers will be notified shortly. Towers will be requested to provide stewards/ringers to augment any visiting ringers to enable the bells to be rung.

Members will be notified shortly about how to obtain tickets for the meal prior to the AGM.

### • ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Jen Thomas reminded Members of the District Striking Competition (6th May, Lamberhurst). Members were urged to begin preparing a team. Anthony Leeves invited people to contribute to the bell-in-a-bottle BRF

Tessa Worthington congratulated Carol, a member of the Seal band, who received the OBE in the New Year's Honours List. She reminded members that ringing takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month from 10am to 10:30am at St Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. Ringers are invited to join the ringing as Ian Cochrane is now the only Tunbridge Wells ringer.

## CHAIRMAN'S REFLECTIONS

### The Last 6 months - and a bit beyond!

A lot has happened in the District in that period, most of which has been reported already in either this edition of Look To or the previous one. However I should like to remind you of a few things.

1. First the excellent work done by on the training front, primarily by Mike Worthington and his many helpers. If you are interested in training then do contact him for one of the sessions in the programme booklet or, if there's something you want that isn't in the programme, also ask as ad hoc special sessions can be arranged to suit particular needs.

2. We had a successful Carol Service at Tonbridge in December where we were joined by members of the East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers. The ringing went well, there was hearty singing and afterwards we enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine.

3. At the last quarterly meeting held at Speldhurst, the co-option of 2 committee members, Dan Jarvis from Hadlow and Catherine Heathcote from Lamberhurst, was confirmed. I am grateful that Catherine has taken on the District Secretary role which Hamilton Woods has held alongside his role as District Treasurer since Tony Cresswell resigned last year, and we welcome her.

4. As reported elsewhere the Trivia evening went well. Again a large sum was raised, primarily for the County Bell Restoration Fund. It's a fun evening and people enjoyed it. We have already booked the hall for next year so do try to come along and have fun and help to raise money for this very worthy cause. While the tables are for 6, it isn't necessary to come with a complete team and we welcome those who come separately as we can almost certainly fit them in and make up a table. In the next quarter there is an event that I particularly urge you to support, the District 6 bell striking competition at Lamberhurst on Saturday morning 6th May where the draw will take place at 9.45. It is an enjoyable occasion and there are 2 competitions that run side by side, a method ringing one and a call changes one. This means that most towers are able to enter at least one of the sections, so do try to raise a team of 6. You can borrow people from other towers if your team is a bit short but there are limits.

Check the rules which can be downloaded from the website, or can be obtained from our District Secretary, Catherine.

As may well be apparent from the front page of this edition, our Look To editor Paul Burgess has unfortunately had to stand down but we are pleased to announce Steve Newlands from Cowden has agreed to take his place as editor. So in future, all contributions in electronic format please to Steve at [steve.newlands@orange.net](mailto:steve.newlands@orange.net) but this will change shortly as the orange email service is finishing at the end of May so watch out on the website for Steve's new address. Our thanks to Paul for his edition and also to Steve for taking this on going forward.

We are experimenting with the format of some of our meetings and the first one is the next quarterly meeting at Penshurst on 8 July where we shall start at 4.00 rather than 3.00, and we shall have a short service at the end of ringing at around 8.00 rather than before tea. Then the evening practice at Sandhurst on 22nd July will start at 5.30 and run for 2½ hours rather than the usual 2 hours, the intention being to have a short refreshment break in the middle. The Annual District Meeting, to be held this year between Sundridge and Brasted churches, will have the usual format but with slightly different timings, and instead of an afternoon or evening practice, on 4 November we are having a morning practice at 10.00 for 2 hours at Kemsing. However the next major experiment will be at the Quarterly meeting in March 2018 at Otford. It will be a morning meeting with coffee at 9.45 followed by the service at 10.00. Ringing will then be from around 10.20 to 12.15 when lunch will be served and the business meeting will be held: after that there will be more ringing until 2.00. Do let us know what you think of these changes and also if you have other ideas that we might look at.

Enjoy your ringing!

❖ *Mike Bullett, District Chairman*

## 120 CLUB RESULTS (JANUARY)

110 Sandhurst Ringers  
10 Carole Cresswell  
44 Vera Costain

## COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

### Points from the February meeting

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

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

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

⚡ The Handbook is on track bar a couple of outstanding items due before 12th March 2017

⚡ The meeting was reminded we all need to ensure we follow the good practice of there being more than 1 person in the tower when work is being done

⚡ The Kent Young Ringers are putting in their request enter the RWNVC in Birmingham this year, entry fee has been paid. Jen Thomas is also organising a band for the SE Youth Competition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⚡ The General Committee meetings for 2017 will be held on 22nd April, 26th August and 25th November

❖ *Doug Davis, General Secretary*

## TRIVIA EVENING 2017

The Trivia Evening was once again a riot of noise, enthusiasm and hope over expectation, as 18 teams fought it out to take the crown of Tonbridge District Trivia champions in the Hildenborough Village Hall. As teams battled to get past a very creative and well planned campaign from last year's champs, Chevening - including possibly the first ever round that tested taste and smell - there was constant ebb and flow between would be quiz kings and queens, with strategic choice of which round to play jokers an important feature. In the end, with a significant contribution from the joker rounds, a tremendous charge to the line saw Hadlow Hopfuls secure first place and the honour of preparing and delivering next year's quiz.

As ever, thanks go to the Quiz team from Chevening as well as Louise and the team that did a sterling job in the kitchen, bringing a new approach to the considerable task and delivering Cook! dishes with aplomb. Considerable thanks too go to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, as well as all those who bought lots of tickets, to produce a profit of £325. The Trivia evening is a key fund raising event for the District, and was again a major success this year, enabling us to send a total of £957 to the Bell Restoration Fund.

❖ *Richard Dyson Edenbridge*

### Stats from the Quiz Master

Many of those participants who groaned when the title was announced may be surprised to know that Round 1, "Science and Nature" was actually the easiest round. This round attracted 116 correct answers altogether and two questions (leukaemia is cancer of the blood; the number sequence) were correctly answered by all teams. Other questions that were well answered included Round 2, "Art and Books" (Miss Marple's first name is Jane); Round 3, "Food and Drink" (item 10 was a Macadamia nut); and Round 5, "History" (The Emperor Constantine founded Constantinople). By contrast, Round 4, "Sport" was marginally the hardest, resulting in only 76 correct answers out of 170 possible, with only one team, BELLES GALORE knowing that "The Big Loop" is the Tour de France (and they were also the only ones to know that, for the "History" round, the £1 note ceased to be legal tender in 1988).

One item that fooled many, to the surprise of the question setters, was the strawberry leaf, question 2 of "Food and Drink".



However the hardest of the lot was in Round 6: Robyn Fenty is not Robin Williams as many thought, nor even Liberace or Robin Cousins but Rihanna! Despite a universal “nul points” for this one, the widespread use of Jokers meant that “General Knowledge” was the second highest scoring round (137 points in total versus 180 for Round 1) even though there were only 77 correct answers. At the final reckoning the leading team had scored just over two thirds of the possible maximum points and the lowest placed team got one third.

As Carole had explained at the start that there was “only one correct answer to each question” there was little difficulty for the scorers in ensuring points were properly awarded in the marking of the right answers, but some interesting and creative wrong answers emerged. Was “The Life of Pi” written by Pythagoras? Was Napoleon crowned by one of the Kings Louis? And was Radio 1’s first female DJ called Emma Peel? Perhaps the best (and to our amusement one that we had actually predicted beforehand) was the suggestion that the rusty steel sculpture, The Angel of the North, had been painted by McAlpine!

SEVENFORD were early leaders and held on to top spot for the whole of the first half before fading in the second half. TOWER OF STRENGTH lay in second for the first two rounds but were driven off by well-played Jokers before rallying, briefly leading and finally nailing that coveted second place at the whistle.

Jokers were indeed responsible for some spectacular rides through the order: EDENBRIDGE ALLSORTS were lying 14th equal after Round 1 but then ascended 11 places to lie 3rd after Round 2; HADLOW HOPEFULS rose 11 places, from 13th after Round 2 to 2nd slot after Round 3 and, even more successfully, THE RHYTHM METHOD rocketed from last place at the end of Round 3 to 3rd after Round 4.

It is interesting to look further into the effect of the Jokers. On average each Joker netted an additional 6 points but KEN DODD’S DAD’S DOG’S DEAD made 14 extra points from their Jokers, HADLOW HOPEFULS 15 points and TOWER OF STRENGTH made best use of them, putting 16 more points on their final tally. However, if we strip out the effects of all the Jokers, the two teams at the bottom of the order would not have changed at all and, although in slightly different order, the same six teams would have been at the top of the leaderboard and the winners still at the front.

Towards the end the strong contenders for the title all seemed to falter and one can’t help but speculate about the tactics being deployed which left HADLOW HOPEFULS to be declared the surprise winners and Quizmasters 2018. Congratulations to them and many thanks to all who took part in what we found a very enjoyable evening.

❖ *Chevening Band*

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## Reports on the two Plain Bob Triples & Major Practices - 18th February

### Brasted



On Saturday 18th February Steve Newlands, Steph Runting and I reported in at Brasted at 9:30 for a morning of Bob Triples / Bob Major training. The session was arranged by Mike Worthington with Catherine Lewis and Jen Thomas as our instructors, ably assisted by the other helpers.

Catherine started with some theory which I thought I knew and my mind accordingly began to wander but then she brought me back to Earth by explaining how one always can work out ones first dodge based on the bell one is ringing, something I found really useful. That'll teach me not to pay attention! Then we started ringing, first Bob Triples with Steph, then Steve and finally myself. I had rung a fair amount of Triples but found the extra practice useful. Catherine took the opportunity to stress the benefit of lengthening and shortening the rope as we went out and back whereas Jen was trying to stop me swivelling my head so much. This she found a challenge although I quite took on board the advantage of trying to adhere to this.

Then on to Bob Major which I found harder as I hadn't rung this as much and always find the rope sight harder. Phil Jarvis helped me here, stressing how helpful it is to identify ones course and after bells. We each had quite a few goes and I found it easier as we reached the end of the morning. We all enjoyed a much needed coffee and biscuits at half-time!

The morning came to an end and we all felt that we had gained a lot from it. These training sessions are so worthwhile. One pounds away at one thing only, gaining sometimes almost a year's practice in one morning. I know Steve and Steph join with me in saying a big thank you to Catherine, Jen, Fraser, Juliet, Phil, Louise, Ray, Alexander and Nick. Oh, by the way I forgot to say the session was great fun as well!

❖ *Robin Rouse Cowden*

### Speldhurst

Jill, Noel and Ken saw an opportunity to go on the Extra Training Day, February 18th, to gain competence to ring Plain Bob Triples and Major. We were very pleased that all three of us were chosen for the training day which turned out to be running just for the three of us from Horsmonden. It was a new experience for us to ring at Speldhurst and on a simulator. This was absolutely brilliant.



The morning started at 09.30 with a half hour theory session from Mike Worthington. It was really good and helpful to be ringing one at a time with seven experienced ringers and another standing

beside us all the time. We certainly gained a lot more experience ringing five sessions each of two courses of Plain Bob Triples and finishing with



a course each of Plain Bob Major. The course ended at 12.30. The course fee of £7.00 each was excellent value for money and we enjoyed the mid morning coffee break with cakes provided by Ken during which we were able to get to know our tutors.

Our thanks go to Mike Worthington for his organisation of and hard work directing us during the training day, to Anthony Leeves for tying the clappers and setting up the computer and to their team of experienced tutors, Catherine Heathcote, Janice Byrne, Tessa Worthington, Caroline Stockmann, David and Fran James and Hamilton Woods



❖ *Ken Bromley, Horsmonden*

## Rounds & Call Changes at Speldhurst, Saturday 4th March

“Is your brain switched on?”

Delivered close to my ear in a clear whisper could sound rather sinister – accompanied perhaps by the harsh lights of an interrogation room... But hey! This is no spy thriller or second rate film noir – it’s the belfry of St Mary’s in the tranquil village of Speldhurst. Beautiful Burne - Jones windows and a dramatic history which saw one set of bells melt in the heat of a fire in 1791 – running molten down Speldhurst Hill. Fully restored in 1890, St Mary’s bells are now sweet and melodious and I am being reminded to treat them with due respect.

“Yes, I think so...” I reply and we begin the business of understanding call changes, surrounded by saintly helpers who manage to smile and encourage even after several hours of exhausting ringing.

Gradually the patient guidance pays off and Carol and I show Catherine that given immense expertise, time and effort on her part and grit and determination on ours, we can actually make a decent fist of the mechanics of calling up and down, how to look around and see what’s going on, as well as brushing up on the techniques involved in rounds and how they should sound.

Our chests swell with pride as we reach the end of an intensive morning, punctuated by cake and coffee, with a real sense of achievement.

So All Hail to Catherine Lewis (Brasted), Anthony Leeves (Speldhurst), Caroline Stockmann (Sevenoaks), Ray Price (Leigh), Elaine Merrylees (Westerham), and Phil Jones (Speldhurst) We are not worthy – but will try not to let you down. Great stuff! Thanks !

❖ *Lynne Proudfoot, Westerham*

❖ *Carol Beadle, Hever*



## Quarterly Training Day - 3rd June 2017

As usual students may request training in any of our “**standard**” topics. These are:

- Rounds and call changes
- Plain hunt / Ropesight
- Plain Bob Doubles
- Grandsire Doubles

**Please remember to check the course requirements** (Getting the most from your training day) on the Tonbridge district training page on [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk) and get back to me if you have any queries or need help meeting the requirements

### ADDITIONAL TOPIC

I am again hoping to include at least one session entitled **Treble Bob Hunting**

**For:** *Individuals who can competently ring touches of Plain Bob and/or Grandsire inside and wish to practice treble bob hunting prior to moving on to treble bob or surprise methods*

or *Ringers who can plain hunt competently and wish to begin learning to ring inside. For these ringers treble bob will form a skill building step, learning to dodge accurately in all positions before starting to learn methods. It would be expected that students had already rung a quarter peal plain hunting the treble.*

**Aim:** To learn to dodge and strike dodges accurately in all dodging positions on 6 bells

Courses will be arranged subject to demand and availability of helpers. Please assist by making requests for places as soon as possible, as last minute requests are unlikely to be met.

**Places should be requested from Mike Worthington at [tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk)**



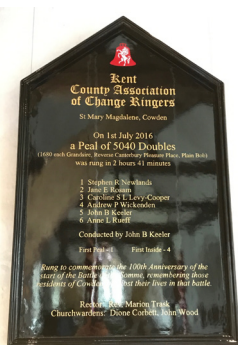
### A-PEAL-ing board at Cowden

Until January this year, the most recent (and only) peal board on display in Cowden church was dated 20th October 1928. Now, following a peal rung by members of the local band on 1st July 2016, there is another! It is hanging on the wall to the left of the West door. We rang our peal to commemorate the 100th anniversary of

the start of the Battle of the Somme and in remembrance of those Cowden residents who lost their lives in that battle. We felt that this was certainly a historical event worthy of a peal board and were extremely fortunate to be given not only one, but two very generous donations towards the cost of the board from two village organisations.

The next step was to decide on the shape, colour, design, style of lettering etc. Frank, our steeple-keeper, made the board and arranged for it to be spray painted by Geoff Coker (Alfred Coker & Sons of Edenbridge). Frank also came up with a clever system for hanging the board so that we did not need to apply for a faculty. It hangs against the wall from two vertical wire cables which are attached to the back of one of the huge oak beams in the ringing area. The sign-writing was done by a sign-writer contact of mine who paints among other things, names onto canal boats. She was very excited to be painting her first peal board and I believe she might have an advertisement in the next Handbook - but just in case she doesn't, her website is [www.signwriting-byhannah.com](http://www.signwriting-byhannah.com)

During our outings we enjoy spotting the names of ringers who we know on peal boards in churches other than their home tower.



Ernest Ladd, who features on the Cowden peal board of 1928, is a name that crops up on peal boards all around the district, including on three different boards in Edenbridge church. He was born in Cowden in 1906, but became a member of the Tunbridge Wells band. During his life he rang 680 peals - so certainly fits into the category of people who just love ringing peals!

❖ *Caroline Levy-Cooper, Cowden*

### Evening Practice, Seal - 4th February

There was a very good turn out of 26 ringers. Four kind locals were there spectating and hosting tea, coffee and cakes which was very nice of them. It was a convivial evening with a wide range of ringing.

❖ *Jen Thomas, District Ringing Master*

### Surprise Practice, Edenbridge - 18th March

The practice was well attended by both experienced and less experienced ringers. Feedback from those who attended was generally positive with some reporting it gave opportunity to practice methods they wouldn't usually be able to. The Ringing Masters are exploring what can be done in the future to ensure all ringers get the most out of these sessions.

❖ *Jen Thomas, District Ringing Master*



## The Charmborough Ring

Thinking of an event to attract the public?

- Recruiting drives
- Training courses
- Public demonstrations

The Charmborough Ring is available for hire by ringers who want to promote ringing among the wider public and attract new recruits. It always draws enthusiastic observers and participants.

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## Julie McDonnell and Mike Wigney meet in Kent

Two of the bravest ringers I have ever met decided to join forces for an outing in Kent on March 11th. Both coincidentally have had articles featured in the Telegraph this year, which you may have seen. Mike was featured telling how he got back to ringing after a mountaineering accident which left him paralysed, and Julie was featured in a piece which talks of how, whilst suffering from a number of cancers, she's been ringing and raising awareness of blood cancers and has raised £7m in six months for Strike Back Against Blood Cancer (SBABC). Many of you will have read previous reports about 'Julie' activity in Kent, and lots of you have been involved. Kent has really taken the campaign seriously – our President, Daniel Brady, as well as Tim Attride from Birchington, have written special Julie methods or variations. All six-bell towers in our District have been 'Julie-ed', thanks to the efforts of Louise Nightingale and friends, and we're working on the 8-bell ones!

In January I introduced Julie to Mike at Sunbury-on-Thames, where we rang with Dennis Brock, the oldest active ringer, at 98 years of age. I'd had the pleasure and fortune of ringing with Dennis for his 98th birthday in November so it seemed a good idea to bring all three together. Julie and Mike then hatched a plan to meet in Kent. Mike could only make the afternoon, but we decided to make a full day of it to clock up some more QPs (Julie, myself and a circle of ringing friends, are challenged to ring 2017 QPs this year!) as well as add to the numbers of people who are ringing 'JMD' for the first time.



Julie, Alan and Louise Pink, and myself formed a core team for the day. We started in Chevening, where Tony Cresswell was our 'new ringer' – and did a fine job too! Then we moved on to Sevenoaks where Louise Nightingale joined us (an old hand and great supporter of Julie), as well as David Grimwood – another first ringer with Julie.



My husband Michael Stuttard rang in both – another old hand, who even rang on his birthday, Dec 31st, when Julie called us as she was in too much pain to sit or lie so could we please come to Brede and ring a couple of quarters with her!

Tom and Jacqui Barlow were also stalwarts of the day, Jacqui ringing in 4 of our 5 QPs, and Tom in 2. After lunch at our place, we set off for Shoreham where we were joined by Mike Wigney and Linda Foddering (who first introduced me to Mike, and is a wonderful ringer and person).

Then on to anti-clockwise Brasted, where my lovely husband joined us to help get Mike up the stairs (Mike needs to be carried into the tower, and we take apart his wheelchair to bring it up so he can ring from it). As I could not secure 5 light-weight ground floor rings (Julie's treatment means she can't "go heavy" – though I really appreciated Elaine's back-up offer of Westerham, if needed!)

this all added to the feeling of teamwork, and we completed our 4th Julie McDonnell new bob triples of the day! Fraser Clift rang with us at Shoreham (his first of triples, but already a JMD ringer), and later



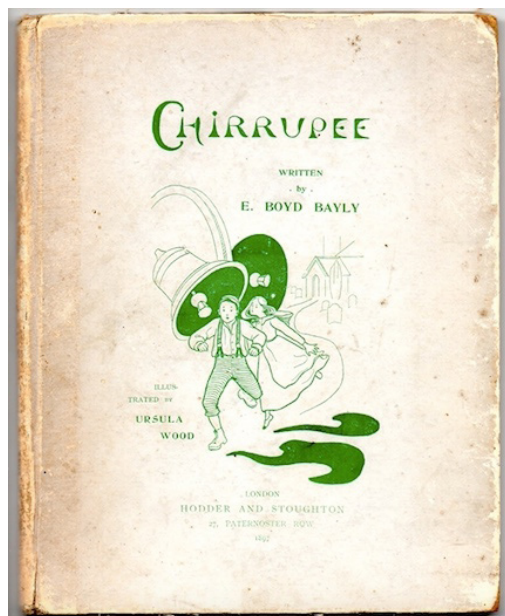
opened up Kemsing for a final doubles QP. So, 5 out of 5, all contributing to SBABC, and an honour for those of us involved to ring with these courageous people!

We tried to get 'new' people involved, but inevitably some of those asked could not make the day. If you want to join the cause and ring in a JMD, please let me know – Julie is always keen to involve new people, and get the message even further out there. She is also happy to ring with you when she can, and I know you would all enjoy meeting her. Watch for her on Songs of Praise on Easter Sunday!

❖ *Caroline Stockmann, Sevenoaks*

### 'CHIRRUPEE'

Amongst my bell and ringing books lurk a few works of fiction. The most notable is, without doubt, 'The Nine Tailors' by Dorothy L. Sayers ('Look to', Spring 2014). My favourite, however, is a slender volume titled 'Chirrupee'. It was written by E(lizabeth) Boyd Bayly, and published by Hodder and Stoughton of 27 Paternoster Row, in 1897. The delightful illustrations are by Ursula Wood.

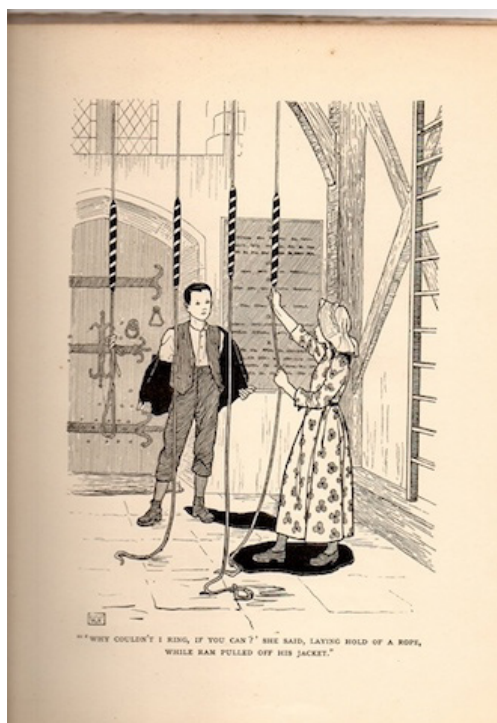


In brief, or in other words to make a short story of only 31 script pages even shorter, it tells the tale of a ringing family (men only, I'm afraid) in a village called Lammergett. The head of the family is Amram Long, and two of his great grandchildren are Amram aged 14 (known as Ram), and his younger sister, Polly.

The pride of Lammergett is its peal of eight bells, no other church within hearing distance having more than four.

Ram had been allowed occasionally to try his hand at ringing after tied practices, but Polly was not even asked if she would like a go.

After one practice, the men left, and Ram and Polly were alone in the church, with the bells still lashed. Here was Polly's chance, and Ram showed her the ropes! This happened quite a few times, but on one occasion they crept into the church after the practice to ring, only to find, on pulling the ropes, that the bells were still up! They fled the church so quickly that no one could discover who had rung the bells. There was much conjecture in the village, but eventually the truth came out, and Polly was allowed to learn to ring.



The tale finishes with the death of Polly's beloved great grandfather, and she rings at his funeral. Following the service "They rang a few changes after the octaves. When the full peal should have come in again, the first note was waited for - the ringer stood sobbing by her rope. The men's hearts failed them: they let go too". "That be 'nough," said Samuel, the children's granddad. "It be ahl Chirrupee now fur he; the tolling's done."



As for ‘Chirrupee’, the four bells of the local churches could only say “Come ye people! come, ye people! come, ye people!” with the single bell to follow, saying “Come, come, come!”

But Lammergett’s bells could ring out the words that Amram’s father set to them a hundred years ago, “Cheer up ye, ahl in the mornin’ “.

In the latter half of the 19th Century there were very few lady ringers - bell ringing was generally not considered a suitable pastime for ladies. More significant though was the ‘heavy going’ of bells with plain bearings and cumbersome fittings, and, in many towers, the poor behaviour of the male ringers! (‘Look to’, 2012 3rd Quarter). The first tower peal with a lady ringing in it was in 1896 at Basingstoke (Miss Alice White). Perhaps this peal inspired Boyd Bayly to write ‘Chirrupee’, and the book in turn encouraged many more ladies to take up the art of bell ringing.

❖ *Fraser Clift*

*Apologies for the omission in the last piece: ‘century’ is missing from the last line of the fourth paragraph (top of second column)*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

between now and the next edition of *Look to*

17th April **KCACR AGM** Cranbrook - see KCACR website for details

6th May **District 6-bell striking competition** 9:45am draw Lamberhurst

24th June **County 8-bell striking competition** Lewisham district

1st July Ringing World National Youth Contest Birmingham

8th July **Quarterly District Meeting** 4pm Penshurst

# Look to

**always needs your articles to fill its pages!**

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- \* a write up of your tower outing (+ photos)
- \* ringing tips & hints (anything from learning bell handling to spliced surprise)
  - \* questions you might have
- \* historical snippets      \* anecdotes from a tower visit      \* announcements

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The deadline for copy for the next edition is Saturday 10th June 2017



## RINGING DURING THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2017

### PEALS

**Sevenoaks** Friday 6th January

**5056 Cambridge Surprise Major**

*Composed by C Middleton (Johnsons variation)*

Elizabeth Barnes 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Phillip Barnes (C) 3, Stephen Davis 4, Tiffany Lynch 5, Nicholas Wilkins 6, Dickon Love 7, David Grimwood 8.

*First Peal of Surprise : 2*

*50th Peal : 5*

*Rung as a warm welcome to Fr David Gibbons as the new RC Priest of Sevenoaks*

**Hadlow** Friday 17th February

**5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**

*Arranged by S Jenner*

Emma Jarvis 1, Raymond Taylor 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Thomas Barlow 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Daniel Jarvis (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8.

*First Peal as conductor : 7*

**Chiddingstone** Saturday 18th March

**5040 Julie McDonnell Bob Major**

*Composed by S J Beckingham*

Julie McDonnell 1, Judith Rogers 2, Anne Rueff 3, Alexander Britton 4, Andrew Corby 5, Stephen Davis 6, Stephen Beckingham (C) 7, Richard Edwards 8.

*First Peal in the method.*

*In memory of the Revd John Lee who died in 2016 and was Rector of Chiddingstone 1984 – 1998.*

*John was mentor to Julie McDonnell and supported the founding of Strike Back Against Blood Cancer, a charity which has raised substantial sums of money in support of research for curing blood cancers and funding second stem cell transplants for leukaemia sufferers.*

*First peal of major : 1*

*750th peal : 5*

### QUARTER PEALS

**Sevenoaks** Thursday 29th December

**1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Julie McDonnell (C) 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Alex Britton 3, Lesley Barclay 4, Nicholas Wilkins 5, Michael Stuttard 6.

*“Ho! Now you strike like the blind man”*

**Cowden** Friday 30th December

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Steve Newlands 1, Robin Rouse 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Andy Wickenden 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Anthony Leeves 6.

*Rung to celebrate the birth of James Robert Baxter, born 9th December 2016. Grandson of 2.*

*First quarter of minor as conductor : 5*

**Hadlow** Sunday 1st January

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Emma Jarvis 1, Ann Jenner 2, Howard Rogers 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, James Evans 5, Daniel Jarvis 6, Philip Jarvis (C) 7, Ray Taylor 8.

**Speldhurst** Sunday 1st January

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Penny Gerrard 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Michael Bullett 3, Janice Byrne 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7,

Crispin Saunders 8.

*For evensong*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 8th January

**1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major**

*Composed by Donald F Morrison (2308)*

Janice Byrne 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, Jack Velvick 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Pam Thomas 5, Philip Jarvis 6, Stephen Coaker 7, Adam Brady (C) 8.

*First in method : 3*

**Cowden** Wednesday 11th January

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Angela Clark 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Andy Wickenden 4, Steve Newlands 5, Janice Byrne 6.

*Rung in memory of John Wood, Churchwarden.*

**Hadlow** Monday 16th January

**1344 Ipswich Surprise Major**

Fraser Clift 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Janice Byrne 4, Ray Taylor 5, Thomas Barlow 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8.

**Speldhurst** Monday 16th January

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Emma Tamkin 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Janice Byrne (C) 4, Steve Newlands 5, Gordon Hill 6.

**Seal Chart** Wednesday 18th January

**1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Lesley Barclay 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Thomas Barlow 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6.

**Cowden** Sunday 22nd January

**1320 Doubles**

*360 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob*

Steph Rueff 1, Richard Barclay 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Steve Newlands 4, Andy Wickenden 5, Robin Rouse 6.

*First conducting two methods : 3*

*In memory of Keith Clarkson, 15th October 1958 to 25th November 2016, only brother to Hilary Clarkson, a Cowden resident and member of the Cowden Parish Church. A much loved husband, son and friend to many, who loved life and had a passion for all things related to the countryside.*

**Brasted** Thursday 26th January

**1280 Superlative Surprise Major**

Anthony Leeves 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Thomas Barlow 4, Ray Taylor 5, Ronald Diserens 6, David Smith 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

**Chevening** Thursday 26th January

**1312 Ealing Surprise Major**

Ann Jenner 1, Ronald Diserens 2, Ray Taylor 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, Thomas Barlow 5, Anthony Leeves 6, David Smith 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

**Cowden** Saturday 28th January

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Robin Rouse 1, Oliver Thompson 2, Louise Nightingale 3, Hugo Tracey 4, Alan Turner 5, Carl Nightingale 6.

*Silent and non-conducted. A first for all the band. Commemorating the death of King Henry VIII on this day in 1547 and to celebrate Hugo starting his second season at Hever Castle.*

**Sandhurst** Saturday 28th January

**1260 Minor**

*720 Double Oxford, 540 St Clements*

Pauline Kennard 1, Frances Bradford 2, Jennifer Dearie 3, Sandra Titherly 4, Philip Wild 5, Peter Bradford (C) 6.

**Hadlow** Sunday 5th February

**1280 Superlative Surprise Major**

Terence Barnard 1, Ann Jenner 2, David James 3, Frances James 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Daniel Jarvis 6, Ray Taylor 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

**Speldhurst** Sunday 5th February

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Emma Tamkin 1, Peter Ruch 2, Elizabeth Ruch 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Carl Nightingale 8.

*For evensong and in celebration of the life of Margaret Large, Secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bell Ringers 1962 to 1987, Vice President 1987 to 2011, President form 2011, who died yesterday.*

**Kemsing** Tuesday 7th February

**1260 Doubles**

*300 Grandsire, 480 St Simon's, 480 Plain Bob*

Rebecca Giddings 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Ralph Harding 6.

*Rung in memory of William Owen Jarvis Winter, the fifth of twenty Kemsing men to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.*

**Edenbridge** Wednesday 8th February

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Steve Newlands 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Janice Byrne 4, Eric Roughley 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6, Lesley Barclay 7, Anthony Leeves 8.

*First Bob Triples inside : 2*

*To celebrate the Sapphire Anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the birth, on 7th February, of Raven Louise Thomas, granddaughter of the 3rd.*

**Otford** Wednesday 8th February

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Frank Rogers 1, Martin Whitehead 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Tony Cresswell 6.

*First inside : 2*

**Kemsing** Friday 10th February

**1260 Doubles**

60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 480 St Simon's, 480 Plain Bob

Jenny Williamson 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 3, Lesley Barclay 4, Michael Williamson 5, Ralph Harding 6.

*Rung in memory of William Thomas Read, the sixth of twenty Kemsing men to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 12th February

**1260 Stedman Doubles**

Stephen Coaker (C) 1, Angela Clark 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3, Pam Thomas 4, Michael Clements 5, Hamilton Woods 6.

**Speldhurst** Monday 13th February

**1280 Gladiator Delight Major**

Kate Flavell 1, Sheila Cheesman 2, Gillian Leale 3, Robin Leale 4, Paul Flavell 5, Jeremy Cheesman 6, Linda Foddering 7, Martin Turner (C) 8.

*Continuing the Delight Major alphabet.*

**Brasted** Sunday 19th February

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Steve Newlands 1, Jamie Austin 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Janice Byrne 4, Juliet Austin 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Alexander Runting 7, Catherine Heathcote 8.

*First in method : 2*

**Otford** Monday 20th February

**1260 Doubles**

420 Grandsire, 840 Plain Bob

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Anthony Leeves 3, Fraser Clift 4, Janice Byrne (C) 5, Steve Newlands 6.

*First 2m inside : 2*

*First 2m as conductor*

**Hadlow** Saturday 25th February

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Jacqui Fletcher 1, Robin Rouse 2, Daniel Jarvis 3, Ray Taylor 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Howard Rogers 6, Philip Jarvis (C) 7, Carl Nightingale 8.

*First QP of triples on an inside bell : 2*

**Cowden** Sunday 26th February

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Jane Wroe 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Steve Newlands 3, Louise Nightingale (C) 4, Carl Nightingale 5, Robin Rouse 6.

*Rung for Steve Ryan, colleague and friend of 4, to wish him all the very best for the future as he starts a new chapter in life.*

**Brenchley** Monday 27th February

**1280 Beverley Surprise Major**

Ian Oram (C) 1, Jenny Dobson 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Margaret Oram 4, Martin Turner 5, Ian Wiltshire 6, Neil Dobson 7, Jeremy Cheesman 8.

*To welcome Posy Orianna Davison, born 16 February 2017 to Warren Davison and Sally Cheesman, daughter of Sheila and Jeremy and god daughter of Jenny.*

**Speldhurst** Sunday 5th March

**1280 Plain Bob Major**

*Composed by Peter Bellamy-Knights*

Emma Tamkin 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Michael Worthington 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Janice Byrne 6, Catherine Heathcote 7, Anthony Leeves (C) 8.

*For evensong. First of major : 1.*

**Edenbridge** Monday 6th March

**1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**

Anthony Leeves 1, Howard Rogers 2, Peter Richardson 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Janice Byrne 6, Pam Thomas 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8.

*First in the method : 4 and 5*

**Otford** Tuesday 7th March

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Eric Roughley 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Janice Byrne 4, Fraser Clift 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6.

*First minor inside : 2*

**Brasted** Saturday 11th March

**1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples**

Julie McDonnell 1, Mike Wigney 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Louise Pink 4, Caroline Stockmann 5, Alan Pink (C) 6, Linda Foddering 7, Thomas Barlow 8.

*"Give me your hand, And let me all your fortunes understand"*

**Chevening** Saturday 11th March

**1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples**

Michael Stuttard 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise Pink 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, Thomas Barlow 5, Caroline Stockmann 6, Alan Pink (C) 7, Tony Cresswell 8.

*First involvement in a Julie McDonnell SBABC QP : 8*

*“And when love speaks, the voice of all the gods makes heaven drowsy with the harmony”*

**Kemsing** Saturday 11th March

**1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Julie McDonnell 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Caroline Stockmann 3, Alan Pink 4, Louise Pink 5, Linda Foddering 6.

*“Soft stillness, and the night, Become the touches of sweet harmony”*

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 11th March

**1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples**

Michael Stuttard 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Louise Pink 4, Caroline Stockmann 5, Louise Nightingale 6, Alan Pink (C) 7, David Grimwood 8.

*First in method : 6*

*Rung in Sevenoaks for Stephen Noakes, Group Customer Service Director, Lloyds Bank.*

*“I never did repent for doing good, Nor shall not now”*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 12th March

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Gordon Hill 1, Stephen Coaker (C) 2, Angela Clark 3, Darren Elphick 4, Janice Byrne 5, Jacqui Fletcher 6, Pam Thomas 7, Steve Newlands 8.

*First triples on treble : 1*

**Cowden** Monday 13th March

**1260 Doubles**

*600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob*

Robin Rouse 1, Louise Nightingale 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Steve Newlands 4, Andy Wickenden 5, Carl Nightingale 6.

**Oxford** Thursday 16th March

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Jan Verrall 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Janice Byrne 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Steve Newlands 6.

*First quarter : 1*

**Brasted** Sunday 19th March

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

Steve Newlands 1, James Austin 2, Fraser Clift 3, Juliet Austin 4, Alexander Fishburn 5, Alexander Runting 6, Catherine Lewis (C) 7, Catherine Heathcote 8.

*First Bob major : 2*

**Chiddingstone** Wednesday 22nd March

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Dee Clift 1, Pam Thomas 2, Ray Price 3, Janice Byrne 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Fraser Clift 6, Stella Wooldridge 7, Emma Tamkin 8.

*First Cover to triples : 8*

*Remembering Private Reginald John Medhurst, a Chiddingstone ringer who was wounded in action on 25th February 1917 and died in hospital in Rouen on 21st March 1917.*

**Hadlow** Saturday 25th March

**1260 Doubles**

*300 Grandsire, 480 St Simon's, 480 Plain Bob*

Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, Steve Newlands 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Tiffy Lynch 5, Pam Thomas 6.

*First St Simon's in a quarter : 3*

*To mark the 70th Birthday of Colin Clark today.*

**NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED FROM THE LAST QUARTER OF 2016**

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**PEALS**

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**Penshurst** Saturday 19th November

**5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

*Composed by DF Morrison*

Simon Davies 1, Diana Wraight 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Alan Baldock 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, Nicholas Wilkins 6, Benjamin Kipling 7, Ian Mills 8.

*Remembering the many fallen from this parish in various conflicts throughout the world.*

**Kemsing** Wednesday 30th November

**5040 Spliced Surprise Minor**

**12 methods : Bourne, Cambridge, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Berwick, Carlisle, London, Netherseale, Durham, Norwich**

Ronald Diserens 1, Peter Blight 2, Anne Rueff 3, Shirley McGill 4, Alan Regin 5, John Hawes (C) 6.



## QUARTER PEALS

**Chiddingstone** Wednesday 14th September

### **1260 Grandsire Triples**

Emma Tamkin 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, Ray Price 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Stella Wooldridge 6, John Palmer 7, Steve Newlands 8.

*Rung in memory of Sapper George Albert Cooper to mark the centenary of his death.*

**Hever** Friday 16th September

### **1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Carl Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2, Tiffy Lynch 3, Louise Nightingale (C) 4, Richard Barclay 5, Steve Newlands 6

*First in the variation for all.*

*Rung to support Julie with her tremendous fundraising efforts and raising awareness of blood cancer.*

**Chiddingstone** Tuesday 20th September

### **1287 Grandsire Triples**

Eric Roughley 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Helen Webb 3, Isabel Pearce 4, Andrew Corby 5, Stephen Davis 6, Alan Pink (C) 7, Anthony Leeves 8.

*Rung in memory of Giles Corby on his birthday and with best wishes to John Lee, former rector of Chiddingstone, who is unwell.*

**Kemsing** Thursday 22nd September

### **1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Louise Pink 1, Fraser Clift 2, Julie McDonnell 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Alan Pink (C) 5, Michael Stuttard 6

*First in the variation : 2*

*"My salad days, when I was green and tender"*

**Kemsing** Thursday 22nd September

### **1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Fraser Clift 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Brian Butcher 4, Nicholas Wilkins 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6

*Rung on the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of the bells. A quarter was rung on this day in 1991, and two of that band (Catherine and Brian) rang in this one – same method, calling and conductor. Three of the band (Frank Lewis, Peter Romney, Margaret Macey) have sadly departed us, and are fondly remembered. The sixth, Michael Williamson, was unable to ring due to a holiday.*

**Offord** Friday 23rd September

### **1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Eric Roughley 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Emma Tamkin 3, Fraser Clift 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Janice Byrne 6.

**Brasted** Sunday 25th September

### **1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Jacqui Fletcher 1, James Austin 2, Michael Worthington 3, Alexander Runting 4, Jennifer Thomas 5, Eric Roughley 6, Catherine Lewis (C) 7, Juliet Austin 8.

*First of triples inside : 2 and 4*

*Rung with best wishes to Richard Wolfgang and Sue Rainsbury, recently married at Llanbadarn Fawr.*

**Hadlow** Monday 26th September

### **1280 Derby Surprise Major**

Eric Roughley 1, Ann Jenner 2, Janice Byrne 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, Ray Taylor 5, Thomas Barlow 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8.

*To welcome Eden Sophia Taylor-Bartlett, born 5th September 2016, first grandchild of Ray and Julie Taylor.*

**Brasted** Wednesday 28th September

### **1344 Plain Bob Major**

Eric Roughley 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Michael Worthington 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Fraser Clift 5, Astrid Fairclough (C) 6, Catherine Lewis 7, Anthony Leeves 8.

*Rung by his widow and his friends on what would have been Frank Lewis' 80th birthday. We raised a glass with happy memories.*

**Leigh** Sunday 2nd October

### **1260 St Martin's Bob Doubles**

Ray Price 1, Frances James (C) 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Bob Philpotts 4, David James 5, Arthur Lewis 6.

*First in method : 4*

*Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Ann and Bob Philpotts on 17 September, married at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Finham, Coventry. Also to encourage participants in today's Tonbridge Half- Marathon.*

**Chiddingstone** Friday 7th October

**1287 Grandsire Triples**

Louise Pink 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Caroline Stockmann 3, Isabel Pearce 4, Helen Webb 5, Andrew Corby 6, Alan Pink (C) 7, Jennifer Thomas 8  
*Half muffled after the funeral of John Lee, former rector of Chiddingstone.*

**Sevenoaks** Monday 24th October

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Nicholas Wilkins (C) 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Michael Worthington 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Jennifer Thomas 5, Michael Stuttard 6, Catherine Lewis 7, Lesley Barclay 8.  
*First in method : 6*  
*For KCACR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal Week.*

**Speldhurst** Monday 24th October

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Penny Gerrard 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Ray Price 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Steve Newlands 8.  
*First on 8 inside : 2*  
*With best wishes to Alan and Laura King on their move to Chile. For KCACR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal week.*

**East Peckham** Wednesday 26th October

**1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Fraser Clift 1, Ray Taylor 2, Howard Rogers 3, Daniel Jarvis 4, Philip Jarvis (C) 5, Stanley Jenner 6.  
*For KCACR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal week*

**Leigh** Wednesday 26th October

**1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Anthony Leeves 1, Peter Richardson 2, Ray Price 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, David James 5, Frances James (C) 6.  
*First quarter of treble bob inside : 3*  
*Rung to celebrate the wedding of Leigh Primary School Headteacher Daniel Eaton to Clare Parry. Also for Tonbridge District QP week.*

**Sevenoaks** Sunday 30th October

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Nicholas Chard 1, Isabel Pearce 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Michael Worthington 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Sam Chard 6.  
*First quarter : 6*  
*For KCACR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal week.*

**Offord** Saturday 5th November

**1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Isabel Pearce 1, Elizabeth Shearman 2, Clare Bellis (C) 3, Helen Webb 4, Dorothe Steidinger 5, Caroline Stockmann 6.

**Brasted** Monday 7th November

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

Steve Newlands 1, Fraser Clift 2, Janice Byrne 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 5, Eric Roughley 6, Catherine Lewis 7, Anthony Leeves 8.  
*First major : 1*

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 19th November

**1280 Bristol Surprise Major**

Catherine Lewis 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Ben Kipling 3, Mike Wigney 4, Roderic Bickerton 5, Gill Tomlinson 6, Tony Nunn 7, Linda Foddering (C) 8.  
*First in method as conductor.*

**Offord** Monday 5th December

**1260 Doubles**

*240 each of St Martin's Bob, St Simons Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, Grandsire, and 300 of Plain Bob.*  
Janice Byrne 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Fraser Clift 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Emma Tamkin 6.  
*First in 5m : 2 First as cover : 6*  
*With the band's best wishes to Eric Roughley who was unfortunately unable to ring in this QP.*

**Lamberhurst** Monday 12th December

**1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Jane Rosam 2, Louise Nightingale (C) 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Tiffy Lynch 5, Catherine Heathcote 6.  
*Rung as part of the Tonbridge district challenge to ring the method on all six bell towers.*

**Offord** Monday 12th December

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Cherele Bradley 1, Janice Byrne 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Fraser Clift 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6.  
*First of minor : 1*  
*Birthday compliment to Karol Leeves.*

**Penshurst** Friday 16th December

**1280 Ecuador Delight Major**

*Composed by Becks Best 1280*

Kate Flavell 1, Gillian Leale 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Jeremy Cheesman 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, Linda Foddering 6, Robin Leale 7, Martin Turner 8.

*Birthday compliment to Kate Flavell.*

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**MILESTONES**  
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Jamie Austin**

First Triples Inside  
First Grandsire Triples  
First Plain Bob Major

**James Baldock**

First quarter peal

**Richard Barclay**

First Julie McDonnell Doubles

**Cherele Bradley**

First minor

**Janice Byrne**

First conducting 2 methods

**Sam Chard**

First quarter peal

**Fraser Clift**

First Julie McDonnell Doubles

**Andrew Corby**

750th peal

**Tony Cresswell**

First Julie McDonnell Quarter Peal

**Richard Dyson**

First quarter peal as conductor

**Alexander Fishburn**

First major

**Linda Foddering**

First Bristol Surprise Major as conductor

**Gordon Hill**

First Triples on treble

**Daniel Jarvis**

First peal as conductor

**Caroline Levy-Cooper**

First conducting 2 methods  
First of 5m

**Clive Lumsden**

First Reverse Canterbury

**Tiffany Lynch**

50th peal  
First Julie McDonnell Doubles

**Steve Newlands**

First Plain Bob Triples inside  
First of major  
50th quarter

First peal inside

First St Simon's in a quarter peal

**Carl Nightingale**

First silent and non-conducted quarter peal

**Louise Nightingale**

First quarter peal of minor as conductor

First silent and non-conducted quarter peal

First Julie McDonnell Doubles

First Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples

First tenor behind

**Bob Philpotts**

First St Martin's Bob Doubles

**Ray Price**

First Treble Bob Inside

**Jane Rosam**

First Julie McDonnell Doubles

**Robin Rouse**

First silent and non-conducted quarter peal

First quarter peal of triples inside

**Alexander Runting**

First major

First Triples inside

**John Scott**

First on Treble

**Caroline Stockmann**

First peal of surprise

**Michael Stuttard**

First Peal

First Grandsire Triples inside

**Emma Tamkin**

First of 2m Inside

First of Major

First Minor Inside

First on 8 Inside

First cover to Triples

First cover to Doubles

**Jennifer Thomas**

First Lincolnshire Surprise Major

**Oliver Thompson**

First silent and non-conducted quarter peal

**Hugo Tracey**

First silent and non-conducted quarter peal

**Alan Turner**

First silent and non-conducted quarter peal

**Jack Velvick**

First Double Norwich Court Bob Major

**Jan Verrall**

First quarter peal

**Martin Whitehead**

First quarter peal inside

**Stella Wooldridge**

First Lincolnshire Surprise Major

# Embroidered KCACR clothing



## Colours, sizes and prices

### **T-shirt (R180M) £18**

**XS:** As below, but not Convoy grey

**S, M, L, XL, 2XL:** Azure blue, Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convoy grey, French navy, Light oxford, Pure gold, Purple, Sky, White, Winter emerald, Yellow

**3XL and 4XL:** Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, French navy, White

### **Short sleeve polo shirt (539M) £18**

**XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL:** Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, French navy, Light oxford, Pure gold, Purple, Sky, White, Winter emerald, Yellow

**3XL, 4XL:** Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Light oxford, White

**5XL, 6XL:** Bright royal, French navy, White

### **Classic sweatshirt (762M) £21**

**XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL:** Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, French navy, Light oxford, Purple, Sky, Winter emerald

**3XL, 4XL:** Bottle green, Bright royal, French navy

### **Full/Quarter zip fleece (870M/874M) £29/£28.50**

**XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL (and 3XL, 4XL in full zip only):** Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convoy grey, French navy

### **New Hoodie straight no zip (575M) £28**

**XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL:** Apple, Black, Bottle green, Candy Pink, Classic red, Light oxford, Lime, Orange, French navy, Fuchsia, Purple, Bright royal, Sky, Turquoise, White, Yellow

### **New Hoodie shaped no zip (265M) £25**

**XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL:** Apple, Black, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Fuchsia, Purple, Sky, White

### **New Hoodie shaped full zip (266M) £27**

**XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL:** Black, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Fuchsia, Light oxford

**Note on reds:** Bright red is more orange and Classic red is more "blue".

**Other items:** Children's sizes, women's sizes (more fitted and usually less suitable for ringing) and other items are in the catalogue, which is available at District Quarterlies.

**Ordering:** An order is usually sent after each quarterly providing there are enough items otherwise there may be delay. Orders always welcome.

Payment with order, can be by cheque/cash to me,

27 Main Road,

Sundridge,

Sevenoaks

TN14 6EF

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