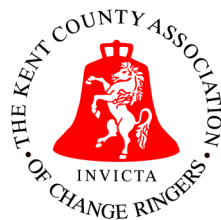


Look to



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR : SUMMER 2017

On the ropes with...

Richard Dyson Edenbridge

How long have you been ringing?

I learnt when I was about 15, although there was a big gap before I returned to ringing in 2004.

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

My eldest sister rang at our local church in Truro, and I knew some of the band, so was interested to take it up.

Who taught you to ring?

Tower captain at Kenwyn in Truro was Alan Carveth, very talented and always encouraging ringers to learn new skills, but with a very dry sense of humour too. Sadly Alan passed away a few years ago. I was also lucky enough to ring with Anthony Davidson at Kenwyn and Truro Cathedral, another delightful and talented ringer.

How did you come to ring at Edenbridge?

After moving to Edenbridge from London, I must have mentioned to someone that I was a lapsed ringer. It didn't take Brian Jeffrey very long to track me down!

What are the main challenges you find as a tower captain?

The main challenge is one I think common to all towers—sustaining the band's numbers, but also balancing individual development. I'm very fortunate to have a good band and lots of support from other local towers as well, so we have lots of fun.



Which is your favourite ring of bells?

Locally, Edenbridge of course! In Cornwall I always enjoyed ringing at the Cathedral.

What is your funniest ringing moment?

Watching Robin Rouse lower.

Any alarming or unusual ringing moments?

Watching Robin Rouse lower.

Do you have a ringing mentor or mentors?

I only knew him in his later years but Brian Jeffrey's passion for ringing and enthusiasm to share his knowledge and skill was very special.

What is your current ringing ambition or target method to master?

For now, probably Stedman triples. And to ring a peal—one day.

Do you have any key tips for beginners?

Talk to other ringers. Sometimes a different conversation helps you see what you might be struggling to work out.



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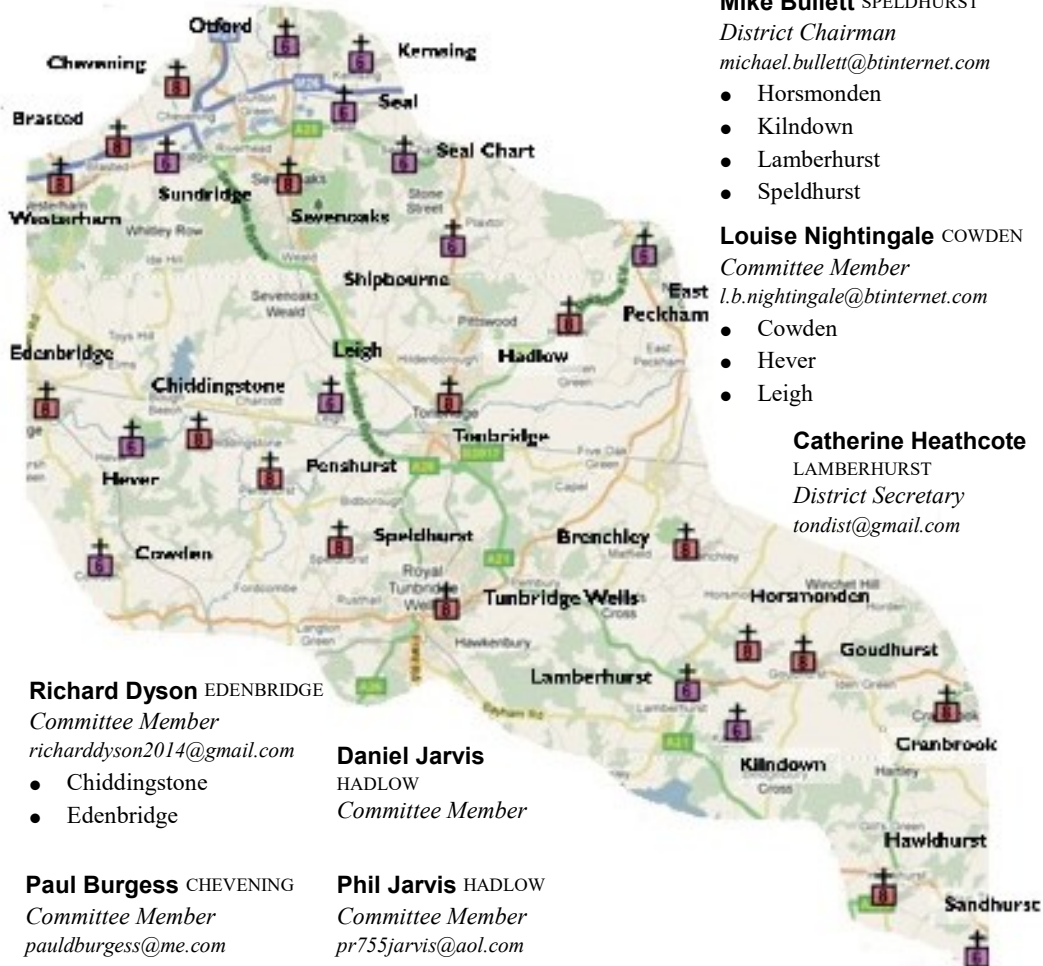
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DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SECOND DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2017 was held on Saturday 25th March at St Mary, Westerham

- The Chairman thanked the Rev Kevin Barnard, the Organist, Michael Barlow, the PCC of St Mary, Westerham and the Westerham ringers, led by Margaret Webb for the service, the use of the bells and the splendid tea.
- The minutes of the District Quarterly Meeting held at Speldhurst on the 7th January were signed and accepted.
- Matters arising from the minutes:
 - At the Speldhurst Meeting, Catherine Lewis had requested that a donation of money raised by Brasted Tower be split between the BRF and the County Training Fund. Hamilton Woods asked that donations arising from any activity should be donated either to the County Training Fund or the BRF and not split between the two funds.
 - Jen Thomas asked if ringers could apply to the County Training Fund for reimbursement of training expenses. The Chairman suggested that reimbursement should be made from student fees in the first instance and to contact Margaret Funnell (Association Treasurer) thereafter.
- THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WERE ELECTED:
Lena Naske (Cowden), Christina Cusick (Westerham), Amber Cusick (Westerham), Anna Walters (Westerham), Peter Fevyer (Westerham)
- COUNTY AGM at Cranbrook, 17th April: Members were reminded of the KCACR AGM to be held at Cranbrook, hosted by the Tonbridge District, on 17th April 2017. Information on the events surrounding the AGM may be found on the KCACR website (kcacr.org.uk), in the Ringing World and has been circulated to members. All members were warmly encouraged to support some or all of the day's events.
- District events from the last quarter reported in the Look to.
- All items will be reported in 'Look To' when it becomes available. Paul Burgess is now no longer able to continue in the role of 'Look To' editor however the role has been taken on by Steve Newlands of Cowden. Steve's email address will appear on the website in due course, in the meantime copy may be sent to Mike Bullett.

- District Quarterly Meeting 8th July, Penshurst (new timings): The timings of the Penshurst Quarterly Meeting have been changed. The meeting will begin with ringing at 4pm followed at 5:30 by tea and meeting followed by ringing until 8pm when there will be a short service to conclude the Quarterly Meeting.
- The membership was advised that the Quarterly Meeting at Otford in March 2018 is a morning meeting. Comments on the revised timings are welcomed by the Committee.
- In response to a question from Eric Roughley, the 2018 spring Quarterly Meeting will be held in March and not on the first Saturday in April as Easter Sunday falls on 2nd April 2018.
- KCACR General Committee meeting news will be reported in 'Look To' and the construction of a County mobile ring using bells donated by Rev.David Cawley will also be discussed at the KCACR AGM
- Membership database: The Chairman explained to the meeting that the Committee would like to compile a membership database consisting of email addresses of all District Members. The list would be held by the District Secretary and would be used to circulate District and County information to all members held in the data base. It is currently felt by the Committee that information is not reaching all members of the District and that a membership database would enable better communication with all District ringers. Any ringer wishing to circulate information to all District ringers would need to do this via the Secretary. The list of email addresses would not be available to District Members, and would not be on view to those receiving emails. Members giving their email address on their membership form would be assumed to have consented to the District Secretary holding their email address in the database unless otherwise stated.
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
The Spring edition of 'Look To' is delayed and will be circulated as soon as possible.

120 CLUB RESULTS (MARCH)

- 36 Stan Jenner, Hadlow
- 44 Vera Costain, Tunbridge Wells
- 79 Karol Leeves, Speldhurst

CHAIRMAN'S REFLECTIONS

The last quarter has seen a number of excellent events. It started with the County AGM at Cranbrook on Easter Monday which was organised this year by our district. Towers were open on 3 routes on the way to and from Cranbrook, and the service touch of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Dan Jarvis of Hadlow, one of our excellent band of youth ringers. About 50 sat down to a very good lunch which was prepared by David Liddiard of Hawkhurst and our most grateful thanks are due to him and David and Janet Beeken of Cranbrook and their band of helpers for doing all the organising and clearing up—they did a truly splendid job.

Then we had the District striking competition at Lamberhurst which was won by Hadlow who will go on to represent the District at the County competition on 23rd September—good luck Hadlow! There was also the County 8 bell striking competition on 24th June at which the method was Yorkshire Surprise Major. This was won by Lewisham District with Tonbridge coming a very creditable 3rd just behind Maidstone—well done Tonbridge Ringers.

Events in the next quarter include the joint outing with Lewisham District on 12th August which this year will be to London with 5 or 6 West End and City churches—look on the website for the details which are expected to be posted in the next week or so. Do come along—there will be ringing for all levels of ringers and these events are always enjoyable. We use public transport and the plan is to travel into Charing Cross and back from Cannon Street or London Bridge by train using buses or tube or walking between the towers.

Lastly the Annual District Meeting will be held on 7th October, first at Sundridge, before moving on to Brasted for more ringing, a short service, tea, the meeting itself, and more ringing. Included with this edition, and on the website you will find nomination forms for the District Officers and Committee. Don't be shy, do put your name forward as new blood is always welcome. Have a word with me by email or on 01892 740020 if you are thinking about this and would like to know more on what is involved.

❖ *Mike Bullett, District Chairman*

Quarterly Training Day - 2nd September 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 <http://kcacr.org.uk/getting-the-most-from-your-training-day/> 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

COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

Points from the General Committee Meeting held on 22nd April 2017

✂ A couple of figures were incorrect on the 2016 accounts in the handbook, but these don't affect the totals which are correct. The accounts are now with the auditor, Aaron Jacobs. The Treasurer is also going to consider whether it is worth moving to CAF Bank instead of Natwest.

✂ A plan around a recruitment campaign for Armistice Day 2017 will start being worked on by PR & Training with additional help.

✂ The 2017 Handbook can now be purchased via the website, and existing members with their own hard copy can access an online version using the code printed inside the front cover.

✂ Kent Young Ringers continue to be active, and all information about the RWNKY has now been received.

✂ As we currently don't have a Handbook Editor, it was decided that we will look to move away from automatically printing a copy for every member and make most of the information available online for members. A printed copy will be provided for every tower, and anyone wanting a printed copy will be able to place an order to be collected at the AGM as normal. The Secretary is investigating what the minimum print run would be and how much this would cost.

✂ The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2017 will be held on Saturday 24th June, 9.45am draw, at Shoreham 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 26th August and 25th November.

❖ *Doug Davis, General Secretary*

TRAINING MATTERS

Plain Hunt & Ropesight at Otford—3rd June

We had a great day at Otford learning and improving ropesight and plain hunt under the excellent direction of Catherine Lewis.

Three students; Christine Fox and Matthew Heaseman from Maidstone and myself, Lynne Proudfoot from Westerham were provided with a short but very useful theory session followed by two sessions of ringing interspersed with the traditional coffee and cake break courtesy of Bobbie Fairclough and her able assistants.

All praise to our magnificent helpers Richard Dyson (Edenbridge), Louise Nightingale (Cowden), Kath White (Maidstone), Emma Tamkin (Speldhurst), Caroline Levy-Cooper (Cowden) and the above mentioned Bobbie Fairclough for their kind assistance and constructive advice.

Plain Hunt seems simple and logical in theory, but doing it in practice is very different for us beginners (I speak for myself here!) However with Catherine's expertise I believe we will all be able to take what we have learnt and move forwards to better ringing.

❖ *Lynne Proudfoot, Westerham*

Rounds & Call Changes at Hever — 3rd June

On Saturday the 3rd of June I went to Hever for the Training day. First of all we started off with a theory session by doing a quiz as well as answering questions. In addition to that we already practiced call changes through moving little bells made out of paper, which made things easier for the "real" call changes that were expecting us.

Afterwards we started with ringing, where the experienced ringers took their time supporting every single student individually. All of the students had their own turn and received great tips to improve skills and technique. Whilst waiting for having your turn again, you could stand with someone and work out yourself who is following whom or ask any questions. We started with rounds and worked our way to the call changes that got more and more difficult after a certain amount of time. At the end we students also rang at the same time.

The constant feedback from various people was very helpful for all of us and made ringing the bells much easier, so we felt more comfortable. All in all the training session was a lovely experience. I tried out new bells, met new bellringers and improved my skills a little bit. Thank you for everyone who was involved in this event.

❖ *Lena Naske, Cowden*

Plain Bob Doubles at Speldhurst—3rd June

On 3rd June three student ringers, Cherele Bradley (Penshurst), Jan Verral (Otford) and myself were fortunate to be accepted for a morning of training on Plain Bob Doubles at St Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst. What an amazing opportunity!

Our trainer was Anthony Leeves (Speldhurst) who had emailed some very useful explanatory notes to us beforehand. The morning began with a theory session in which Anthony ran through his notes and the theory behind Plain Bob Doubles in an extremely clear manner, easily understandable by those of us relatively new to the arcane world of bell ringing. He made us feel proud that we had got to this stage in our learning and acknowledged the difficulties that we adult learners face.

Six further ringers joined us: Ray Price (Leigh), Robin Rouse (Cowden), Nick Chard (Sevenoaks), Mike Bullett (Speldhurst), Fraser Clift (Kemsing) and Eric Roughley (Speldhurst). Then began what one of the helpers described as the equivalent of a year's practice in one morning. Cherele, Jan and I took turns to ring second bell to Plain Bob Doubles with an expert band; a great privilege and unique experience for learning and consolidating that learning. We were able to ring several plain courses each and then progress to touches as appropriate.

Personally I found it particularly valuable to move slowly into ringing a touch, taking it step by step to reduce panic levels! I am sure that Cherele and Jan will join me in thanking Anthony for his sympathetic teaching and feedback and all the ringers for giving up their Saturday morning and for ringing what must have seemed like endless repeats of Bob Doubles for our benefit. It was much appreciated.

Finally, from me, thank you to Tonbridge District Training for allowing an interloper from Maidstone to take advantage of a spare place on this day.

❖ *Michele Clement, Wrotham*

10 bell training day at Staplehurst—17th June

Thanks to Jen Thomas and the other 10 “experts” who gathered on Saturday morning to help three “newbies” learn a little about 10-bell ringing: Emma Tankin, Michael Stuttard and myself.

From rounds, to call changes, to places – and then onwards and upwards to plain courses of Grandsire Caters and eventually some touches of Grandsire. It never ceases to amaze me how just two extra ropes, make it seem so much more difficult, but by the end of the 3 hour session the three of us were much more confident about ringing on 10 bells.

Thank you to everyone for your tuition, experience and patience.

At the coffee break time – I offered some homemade “Gunge” – an old family recipe still written in old fashioned lbs and ozs! Several asked for the recipe – so here it is.

- ◆ Melt 8oz of butter in a large saucepan with 6oz of demerara sugar.
- ◆ When melted, add 6oz of SR flour, 8oz of mixed dried fruit and 2oz of oats.
- ◆ Remove melted butter from heat, stir in the dry ingredients, add one beaten egg and tip into a 12” square baking tin.
- ◆ Bake in oven for 30 minutes, cool, and cut into small squares, and job done!

❖ *Liz Ruth, Speldhurst*

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Kent Young Ringers

The Kent Young Ringers with Dan Jarvis and Jamie Austin from the Tonbridge District entered the 2nd Annual South East England Youth Striking Contest on 1st April at Kings Langley.



Breakfast at the local Toby Carvery was the first port of call on a lovely sunny day. We had a great turnout abounding in friendly rivalry this year with teams from Sussex (x2), Herts, Essex and Guildford providing the competition. There was very creditable ringing from all teams with Kent being placed 4th overall with 66%. Open ringing afterwards included 5 from our county ringing in a Bob course of Kent T B Major. Very well done to all who took part. Unfortunately the Jones family from Rochester had to spend the rest of the day and night in A&E after Ellen broke her wrist after slipping on the grass after ringing. Sam Chard from Sevenoaks will be joining the squad for the trip to Birmingham for the Ringing World National Youth Contest on 1st July. We have been fitting practices in amongst GCSE and A level exams.

❖ *Jen Thomas*

Striking Competition Lamberhurst 6th May

Judges: Elizabeth Barnes & Terry Barnard from Maidstone District.

According to the calendar, the birdsong, and the lovely uncut Lamberhurst churchyard, it was spring – but not according to the overcast sky and the north-east wind. At 9.30am the bells were being raised and the delicious spread of cakes laid out on the table beneath the wonderful John Piper window.

The draw for order of ringing was made and shortly afterwards the competition was underway. Hadlow won the Method with a resounding score of 93%, *“Thoroughly enjoyable and a pleasure to listen to.”* Speldhurst followed with an impressive 84.5%. Sevenoaks won the call changes with a respectable 66% *“Very nice ringing, Queens came up very nicely.”* and were closely followed by Chevening’s 60%.

There was further general ringing whilst judges Liz Barnes and Terry Barnard finalised their marking.



Method winners—Hadlow

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

between now and the next edition of
Look to

22nd July **Evening Practice** Sandhurst, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

12th August **Joint outing with Lewisham District** London (see website)

2nd September **District Training Day** locations tbc

23rd September **County 6-bell Striking Competition** Maidstone District

The judges then gave their feedback and the trophies presented. Mike Bullett thanked Liz and Terry and, to hearty applause, presented them each with a bottle of wine.

Position	Tower	%	rang
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Call changes

1st	Sevenoaks	66%	4th
2nd	Chevening	60%	1st
3rd	Edenbridge	47%	3rd

Method

1st	Hadlow	93%	5th
2nd	Speldhurst	84.5%	7th
3rd	Cowden	67%	6th
4th	Tonbridge	62%	2nd

❖ Phil Jones



Call change winners—Sevenoaks

MISCELLANY

I recently rang at Horsell in Surrey whilst staying in Woking. This is a light ring of six where the Sunday morning ringers made me extremely welcome. Ringing the treble or the two is far from easy as both ropes fall tight against the wall, which necessitates turning sideways to ring. I enquired if they have many weddings to ring for and how they know when the bride comes out of the church. They told me that in order to gauge when to start ringing, someone has to lie down on the floor and peer through a hole to see into the church. The lucky ringer then stands up to take their rope!

❖ Angela Clark



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Edenbridge's Grand Day Out

A small and very intrepid group took to the roads of north Kent, heading north from Edenbridge and surrounding areas into Rochester District, for an exciting and slightly nerve-racking day of adventure. First stop: Meopham. Confident that we had mastered the pronunciation properly, we were sure that we could also handle the 8 bells of St John the Baptist (12-1-10 in F#) without too much trouble. We had a warm welcome from the curate (who wasn't expecting visiting ringers, and had been planning a quiet morning in the church hall) before we headed up the tower and rattled through a reasonable repertoire that included Plain Bob Triples. We gathered some useful intelligence on parking in Rochester for later on, before heading east, to find All Saints, Frindsbury (8, 15-2-4 in F). From its position on the north side of the Medway, we had a splendid view across the Rochester castle and the cathedral. Clearly the good people of Frindsbury had heard great things about our band, because they had hung out the bunting and there were people milling around with cakes and a general air of expectation. In fact, we were just the warm up act for the parish's Summer Fayre later in the day, which was to include teaching sessions on the bells.

And now time for lunch. I would recommend the Cooper's Arms on St Margaret's Street and only a couple of minutes from the Cathedral – a good

range of choice, for the hungry and just a little peckish alike, as well as local and guest ales. The first afternoon tower was Rochester Cathedral (10, 30-0-14 in D), and we were ringing for the Friends' Evensong, at 3.15pm – so an hour and a quarter to fill, and very conscious that we had to find our best striking of the day. The access is a little unconventional – spiral stairs, across the roof, through the roof space and ducking under beams; and on a very hot afternoon, the ringing chamber like an oven. We raised the front 6; then the back 4 in pairs, with Andy Wickenden working in tandem with our host, Neil Jones, on the tenor. Despite our nerves, the



session was enormous fun. The bells sounded beautiful and went well as we rang rounds and plain hunted on the 10, mixed with Plain Bob Triples, to allow a few ringers a little rest.

Then off to Cuxton, on the outskirts of Chatham. St Michael and All Angels (6, 7-1-21 in A) was quite a contrast to the Cathedral, and as we were flagging, having only 6 bells to ring was helpful. However, there was no let-up in terms of the ringing, with a couple of touches of Grandsire Doubles and plain courses of Stedman to finish off the outing. We climbed back into our cars, rather weary but content that we had had a very successful day, with several new towers bagged for all of us. Many thanks to Jane Wroe for excellent planning and coordination, and to everyone else for joining in with great enthusiasm and commitment.

◆ *Richard Dyson*

Look to

Always needs your articles and contributions to fill its pages!

- 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

Please feel free to send a photo with your article to: steve.newlands4468@gmail.com

The deadline for copy for the next edition is Monday 11th September 2017.

Ladies - Full Circle!

In the last issue of 'Look to' I told about the fictional story of a girl called Polly who learnt to ring in the late 19th century, and suggested that that the book 'Chirrupee', in which she appeared, could have been the inspiration for more lady ringers.



In the late 1800s, and well into last century, bells and ringers and ringing were often featured on postcards, generally produced locally and in small numbers. The first card illustrated has handwritten on the reverse "Miss Hilda Willson of Leicester. The youngest girl ringer on record. She has just rung a 5 cwt church bell through a peal lasting 3 hours!". The date was Saturday, 12th October, 1912. The Ringing World of 18th October 1912 states that she was 13 years old, and she rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Quornndon in Leicestershire (8, 14-2-18 in F sharp).

Quornndon is the ancient name for the village, but Quorn has also been used for hundreds of years. When postal deliveries became commonplace, it

was often confused with Quarndon in neighbouring Derbyshire. To solve the problem it was decided in 1889, with the Postmaster General's agreement, to use only the name Quorn. However, both versions have survived to this day. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' listed it as Quorn or (incorrectly) Quornden up to the fifth (1976) edition. Both correct names were used in subsequent editions, until the 9th (2000) edition, when only Quorn was used.



The second illustration shows a couple who, judging by the peal board on the left, are Mr and Mrs Robert Whittington. They rang at Cranleigh in Surrey (8, 16-2-22), and the board records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on 29th February, 1912. The footnote tells us that this was the "First peal by a lady Resident in the Guildford District. It is also the first peal ever rung on tower bells in which both husband & wife have taken part".

The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers was founded in 1912, and Janet Stevenson produced and published two fine volumes about the Guild.

The first tells its history from 1912 to 2000 (A5, published in 1999), and the second covers the

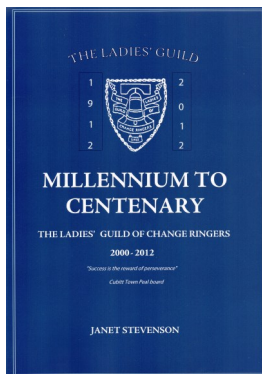
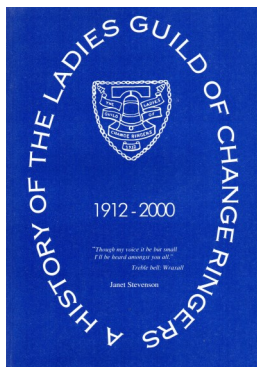
period from 2000 to the 2012 Centenary (A4, published in 2013).

I failed to find Hilda Willson in the first volume, but there is a Lilian Willson of Leicester recorded, who was a founder member of the Guild, as was Mrs Whittington. Further reading

shows that Hilda was

Lilian's younger sister, and she married to become the Hilda Jacques recorded in the book.

Lilian rang in the first all ladies peal at Christ Church, Cubitt Town (8, 12-1-4) - listed in all Dove editions under Poplar - on 20th July 1912 . These bells had become unringable by 1986, and were retuned and rehung in 1991 by Whitechapel (8, 10-3-7). The Ringing World of 26th July 1912 tells us that in the last half hour or so of the peal "one or two of the back bells began to clip one another ... and (this) told us that the oil had gone (plain bearings) or that the girls' arms and hands were beginning to tell their tale". The peal attempt had started in the morning, but failed after various trips and restarts. Following lunch, they tried again, and the peal came round in the late afternoon - and after some five hours of ringing on the day! Janet Stevenson writes "I wonder how many women to-day would be able to perform such a feat on a hot day, especially dressed in full length skirts and high-necked blouses with long sleeves". The two cards vividly show the problem!



But enough of you ladies! I turn now to a grand old fellow, who is still ringing at the age of 98. He is Dennis Brock, and he rings at St Mary's, Sunbury-on Thames. He came to my attention in a short piece in The Daily Telegraph on 14th May this year captioned 'Oldest bell-ringer seeks war hero who saved his legs'. The article was about his search for the Italian who saved his life in World War II. Dennis 'reappeared' the following weekend in an interview, on BBC Radio 4's 'Sunday' programme, about his bellringing life. In it, he modestly said that he knows older, but now retired, ringers, and that he knows he is the oldest active bellringer in the London Diocese.

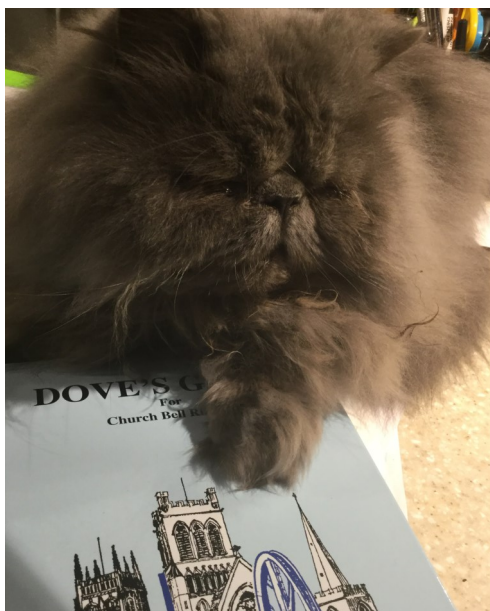
When asked what's changed in the bell world over his 80 odd years of ringing he said "Well, one thing, there are many more ladies ringing. If it weren't for the ladies we wouldn't be able to ring here, and lots of towers are the same. When I started ringing here there was just one lady, and she was the wife of the man in charge".

So there we are - full circle!

❖ *Fraser Clift*

For Hire—Tower Outing Planner

For those of you planning your outings, William Levy-Cooper can be called upon for assistance and tower recommendations!



RINGING DURING THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2017

PEALS

Chevening Sunday 11th June

5024 Kent Treble Bob Major

Composed by Arthur Knights

Tiffany Lynch 1, David Finch 2, Ronald Diserens 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, Stephen Davis 5, Ian Mills 6, Mark Chittenden–Pile (C) 7, Stephen Pocock 8.

Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival and other anniversaries.

QUARTER PEALS

Hadlow Sunday 2nd April

1260 Stedman Doubles

Janice Massy 1, Ann Jenner 2, Stanley Jenner 3, Phil Jarvis 4, Daniel Jarvis (C) 5, Ray Taylor 6.

First quarter of Stedman Doubles : 1

Otford Monday 3rd April

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

First of Minor : 1

Sandhurst Tuesday 4th April

1260 Naomi and Fred Doubles

Jennifer Dearie 1, Sandra Titherly 2, Roy Cox 3, Richard Kennard 4, Pauline Kennard (C) 5, Roger Brown 6.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the wedding of Naomi Hobden to Fred Turley, grandparents of 4 and 5. They were married at Sandhurst on 14th February 1917.

Otford Wednesday 5th April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Michael Worthington 2, Fraser Clift 3, Alexander Runting (C) 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Alexander Fishburn 6.

First quarter peal as conductor : 4

Hadlow - Hunters Lodge Friday 7th April

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Ann Jenner 1-2, Ray Taylor 3-4, Stanley Jenner 5-6 (C)

Tonbridge Sunday 9th April

1293 Stedman Triples

Composed by David E House

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

Lamberhurst Monday 10th April

1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles

Sandra Titherly 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise Pink 3, Pauline Kennard 4, Anthony Cotton (C) 5, Helen Green 6.

Rung after the funeral service of Rev John S Harris, of this parish.

East Peckham Tuesday 11th April

1260 Doubles

60 Grandsire, one extent each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and two extents each of St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund and Eynesbury.

Emma Jarvis 1, Fraser Clift 2, Phil Jarvis 3, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 4, Daniel Jarvis 5, Michael Stuttard 6.

Birthday compliment today to Lesley Barclay and celebrating the life of Lesley's mother in law, Joy Barclay, whose funeral was held yesterday at Paul, Cornwall.

Goudhurst Monday 17th April

1280 Superlative Surprise Major

Alan Turner 1, Cathryn Hills 2, Hugo Tracey 3, Barry Roberts 4, Benjamin Kipling 5, Roderic Bickerton 6, Andrew Hills 7, Christopher Cooper (C) 8.

On the occasion of the 137th Annual General Meeting of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers (founded 1880) held in the Tonbridge District.

Sevenoaks Wednesday 19th April

1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Frances Bradford 1, Pamela Manger 2, Janice Byrne 3, Maureen Poole 4, Catherine Lewis 5, David Manger (C) 6, Peter Bradford 7, Nicholas Wilkins 8.

Edenbridge Friday 21st April

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

Peter Richardson 1, Julie Richardson 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Janice Byrne 5, Pam Thomas 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8.

First of Rutland : 4

Oxford Monday 24th April

1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles

Eric Roughley 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Steve Newlands 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Janice Byrne 6.

First of St Simon's : 4

Speldhurst Wednesday 26th April

1280 Plain Bob Major

Jennifer Thomas 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Michael Worthington 3, Ray Taylor 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Janice Byrne 6, Eric Roughley 7, Anthony Leeves (C) 8.

First of major inside : 2

Edenbridge Sunday 30th April

1260 Doubles

60 Stedman, 1200 Plain Bob.

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

Kemsing Sunday 30th April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jenny Williamson 1, Emma Jarvis 2, Phil Jarvis 3, Michael Williamson 4, Daniel Jarvis (C) 5, Ralph Harding 6.

Rung in memory of Thomas Boakes MM, the seventh of twenty Kemsing men to die in WW1, who dies on this day 100 years ago.

Cowden Monday 1st May

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Morris' 240, 8 different extents plus 60

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

Rung in celebration of the upcoming marriage of Craig Nightingale and Nicola Lord on 6th May 2017, brother of 6.

Hadlow Sunday 7th May

1344 Spliced Surprise Major

Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire
Emma Jarvis 1, Ann Jenner 2, Daniel Jarvis 3, Frances James 4, Ray Taylor 5, Philip Jarvis 6, David James 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

Speldhurst Saturday 13th May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Indiana Winter 1, Anthony Leeves 2, Emma Tamkin 3, Eric Roughley (C) 4, Michael Fradd 5, Janice Byrne 6.

1st QP at first attempt (age 12) : 1

Edenbridge Sunday 14th May

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Eric Roughley 1, Lizzie Longhurst 2, Jane Wroe 3, Emma Tamkin 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Richard Dyson 6.

For Evensong and to celebrate Father Stephen's 30 years in the Parish.

First in method : 2 and 4

Sevenoaks Sunday 14th May

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Michael Stuttard 1, Isabel Pearce 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Astrid Fairclough 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Nicholas Chard 8.

Rung with warmest wishes from the ringers and all of the Sevenoaks band to the Worthington family following their move to Tunbridge Wells.

Tonbridge Sunday 14th May

1264 Original Major

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

Edenbridge Monday 15th May

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

416 Cambridge, 448 Lincolnshire, 416 Yorkshire, 29 com

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

First 3 spliced : 3

Chevening Wednesday 17th May

1280 Kent Treble Bob Major

Tony Cresswell 1, Anthony Leeves 2, Ann Jenner 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Ray Taylor 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

First even bell quarter : 1

Kemsing Friday 19th May

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

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

First treble bob : 1

Speldhurst Monday 22nd May

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

800 Rutland, 160 Yorkshire, 160 Cambridge, and 160 Lincolnshire

Nicholas Wilkins (C) 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Janice Byrne 4, Eric Roughley 5, Anthony Leeves 6, Pam Thomas 7, Thomas Barlow 8.

First four spliced : 4

Edenbridge Sunday 28th May

1260 Grandsire Triples

Lizzie Longhurst 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Jane Wroe 3, Emma Tamkin 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Eric Roughley 6, Andy Wickenden 7, Clive Lumsden 8.

First quarter peal in method as conductor : 5

First treble to method : 1

Rung for Evensong and Ascension

Cowden Monday 29th May

1260 Doubles

600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob

Helen Goldstraw 1, Robin Rouse 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Steve Newlands 4, Oliver Engleback 5, Andy Wickenden 6.

Rung as a birthday compliment for Oliver Engleback.

First in two methods : 5

Penshurst Monday 29th May

1260 Grandsire Triples

Janice Byrne 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Nick Byrne 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Cory Fernmoor 8.

A farewell quarter with best wishes to Cory, Ben, and Daniel, who are moving to Suffolk.

Kemsing Wednesday 31st May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jenny Williamson 1, Dee Clift 2, Michael Williamson 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Tony Cresswell 5, Ralph Harding 6.

Rung in memory of Herbert George Skinner, the eighth Kemsing man to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.

Otford Wednesday 31st May

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Ali Ducker 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Emma Jarvis 3, Dan Jarvis 4, Alexander Runting 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6.

First treble bob : 1

First surprise : 5

Cowden Saturday 3rd June

1260 St Mary's Doubles

Hazel Mottram 1, Jennifer Dearie 2, Sandra Titherly 3, Pauline Kennard (C) 4, Philip Wild 5, Anthony Mottram 6.

Hever Saturday 3rd June

1260 Doubles

720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 540 Plain Bob

Mary Burr 1, Hazel Mottram 2, Jennifer Dearie 3, Pauline Kennard (C) 4, Philip Wild 5, Anthony Mottram 6.

Kilndown Saturday 3rd June

1260 Doubles

240 each St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund, Huntley Place, 300 Plain Bob

Nicholas Cant 1, Mary Burr 2, Jennifer Dearie 3, Pauline Kennard (C) 4, Philip Wild 5, Sandra Titherly 6.

Lamberhurst Saturday 3rd June

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Pauline Kennard 1, Mary Burr 2, Sandra Titherly 3, Jennifer Dearie 4, Philip Wild 5, Alan Turner (C) 6.

Leigh Saturday 3rd June

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Mary Burr 1, Philip Wild 2, Sandra Titherly 3, Anthony Mottram 4, Pauline Kennard (C) 5, Jennifer Dearie 6.

Cowden Sunday 4th June

1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles

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

First in method : 4

Rung for Pentecost

Speldhurst Sunday 4th June

1280 Plain Bob Major

Emma Tamkin 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Fraser Clift 3, Janice Byrne 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Eric Roughley 6, Catherine Heathcote 7, Anthony Leeves (C) 8.

For Pentecost Evensong

First of major : 5

Seal Chart Friday 16th June

1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor

Kay Lucas 1, Lyn Clackson 2, Jackie Latham 3, David Steed 4, Stephen Dawson 5, Lesley Steed (C) 6.

Shipbourne Friday 16th June

1296 St Clement's College Bob Minor

Lesley Steed 1, Jackie Latham 2, Wendy Godden 3, Andrea Alderton 4, David Steed 5, Stephen Dawson (C) 6.

600th quarter : 4

Otford Saturday 17th June

1260 Doubles

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

Astrid Fairclough 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Nicholas Wilkins 5, John Harrison 6.

For the St Bartholomew's Church Fair, and the Queen's official birthday.

Hever Tuesday 20th June

1320 Elston Delight Minor

Lyn Clackson 1, Lesley Steed 2, Jackie Latham (C) 3, Andrea Alderton 4, David Steed 5, Stephen Dawson 6.

First blows in method for all.

Kilndown Wednesday 21st June

1440 Buxhall Surprise Minor

Ann M-Webb 1, Lesley Steed 2, Andrea Alderton 3, David Steed 4, David Webb 5, Stephen Dawson (C) 6.

For Suffolk Day.

Lamberhurst Wednesday 21st June

1260 Buxton Bob Minor

Lyn Clackson 1, Wendy Godden 2, Jackie Latham (C) 3, Stephen Dawson 4, David Steed 5, David Webb 6.

Speldhurst Wednesday 21st June

1260 Doubles

780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob

Emma Tamkin 1, Steve Newlands 2, Janice Byrne (C) 3, Eric Roughley 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Mike Fradd 6.

Rung on the back 6.

Cowden Friday 23rd June

1260 Doubles

540 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 240 St Simon's, 240 Plain Bob

Eric Roughley 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Louise Nightingale 3, Mike Bullett 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Steve Newlands 6.

MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Janice Byrne

First three spliced

First four spliced

Laura Byrne

First of Minor

Ali Ducker

First treble bob

Oliver Engleback

First in two methods

Lizzie Longhurst

First of Grandsire Doubles

First treble to Grandsire triples

Janice Massy

First of Stedman Doubles

Steve Newlands

First of St Simon's Bob Doubles

First of Reverse Canterbury

Louise Nightingale

First QP of Grandsire Triples as conductor

First of major

Alexander Runting

First quarter peal as conductor

First surprise

Emma Tamkin

First of major inside

First treble bob

First of Grandsire Doubles

Jennifer Thomas

First of Rutland

Indiana Winter

First quarter peal (age 12)

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T-shirt (R180M) £18

XS: As below, but not Convo grey

S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Azure blue, Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convo 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

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New Hoodie straight no zip (575M) £28

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New Hoodie shaped no zip (265M) £25

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

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