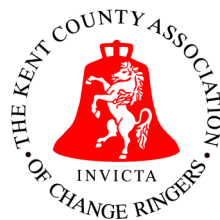


Look to



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR : WINTER 2018

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On the ropes with...

Carol Eglise Kilndown

What has been your line of work outside bell ringing?

I worked in the computer department, on a mainframe computer, for a large motor company in their Research and Development Centre in Essex. I was given the opportunity to learn to write programmes in Cobol and Fortran which I thoroughly enjoyed. It was very exciting times in the 1960's and 70's in computer development.

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

A flyer was put through my door asking if I would be interested in becoming part of a band to ring in the Millennium. At this time there was not a band in Kilndown and I became one of 6 potential ringers.

Did you have any particular perception of ringing before you took it up?

I had no perception of ringing before this. Certainly I did not realise I needed to learn methods. I thought you just pulled the ropes!

Who have been your ringing influences?

Rosemary Southon taught the 6 of us together and I now realise what a feat that must have been.

Do you have a favourite ring of bells?

My favourite ring of bells is Goudhurst. When all 8 bells are rung there is no better sound. I did ring the Jubilee Bells in St James' Garlickhythe and must admit they do come a close second.



Do you have a current ringing ambition?

My ringing ambition is to ring a Quarter Peal. I think I may have the stamina for that.

What has been your funniest or most memorable ringing moment to date?

The funniest ringing moment is something that happened at Kilndown tower a few years ago. I was ringing opposite a gentleman who had the misfortune to have his braces attached by clips rather than buttons. Halfway through a particularly good piece of ringing I noticed his braces had become unclipped and his trousers were gradually travelling southwards. The tower captain at the time noticed my giggling and called stand just in time to save the gentleman's blushes.



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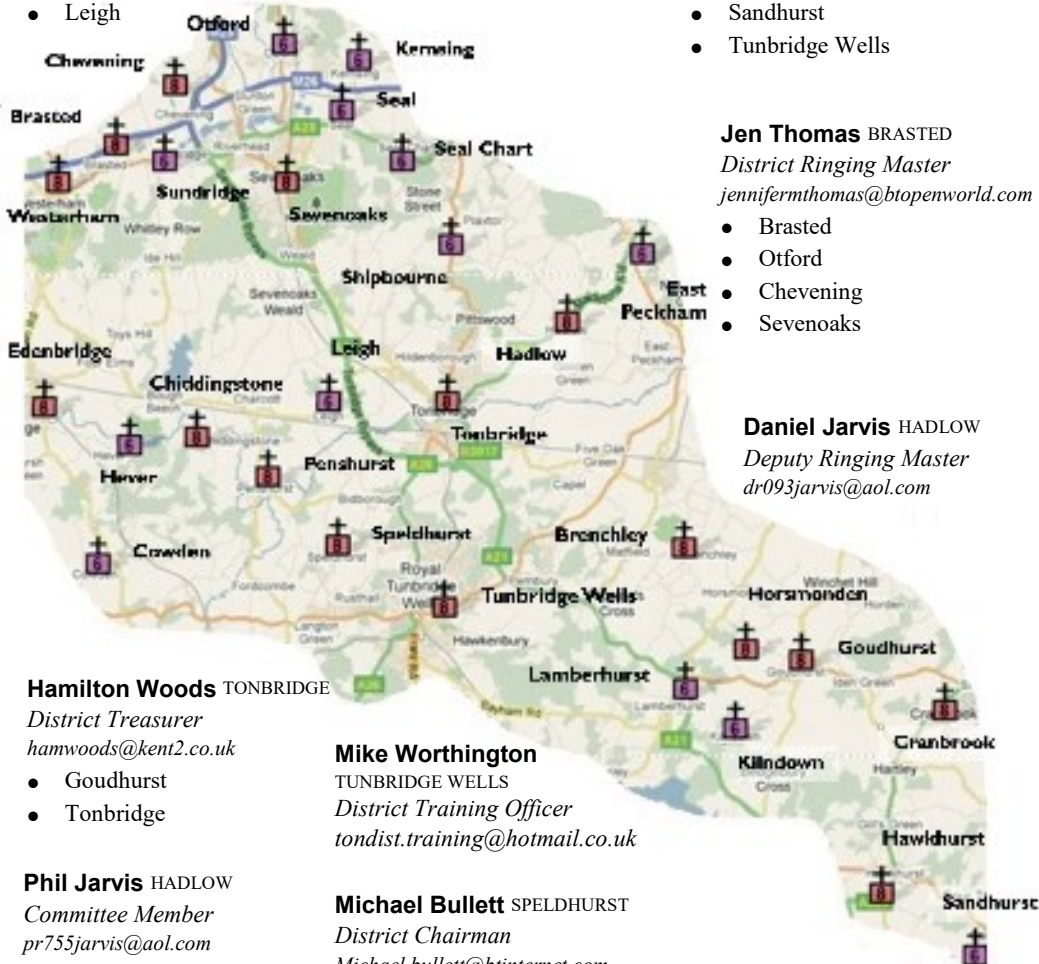
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On the ropes with.....

Carol Eglise.....continued

What would be your number one selling point or idea to encourage new ringers to take it up?

I think the number one selling point would be to try it and see. It seems the general consensus of opinion from those who don't know us is that they think we are a bit odd. Far from it I have met some lovely people and to come away from a practice night or ringing for a wedding when the ringing has gone particularly well – I think there is no better feeling.

Any unusual ringing experiences?

I haven't had any unusual ringing experiences, just each practice night seems to bring something that might be regarded as such.

And finally—if you had to choose, would you rather ring a 3 hour peal, run a marathon, or have a 3 hour long dinner with Jacob Rees-Mogg?

Rees-Mogg of course – don't think I have the stamina for a 3 hour peal or to run a marathon, whereas I do have the stamina to challenge him on a few of his political views.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING OF 2017 was held on Saturday 7th October at St Martin, Brasted at 6.15pm.

- The Chairman, Mike Bullett, welcomed District Members and Dr Phillip Barnes, representing the General Committee of the KCACR, to St Martin's church, Brasted for the Annual General Meeting of the Tonbridge District.
- Apologies were received from Louise Nightingale.
- The Chairman thanked the Rector, the Reverend Linda Green for conducting the service, the PCC of St Martin's Brasted for welcoming Tonbridge District Ringers, the use of the bells and hosting the Meeting. He also thanked Alex Fishburn for his wonderful organ playing and Catherine Lewis and the Brasted Ringers for the sumptuous tea.

The Chairman then proceeded to deliver his annual report to members as follows:

Chairman's comments on the year to October 2017

Generally this has been a good year in which the membership has gently increased and also in which there have been some notable successes.

Following last year's ADM the next major event was the carol service which was held at Tonbridge. This is an event that not only celebrates Christmas, but also is fun. We have ringing beforehand and then after the service mince pies and mulled wine are served.

Unfortunately it was not as well attended as we had hoped but I hope that this year's service, which is at Hadlow, will be better attended. There will be a survey of the membership over the next quarter to try to find out what the members want, and one of the items on that will be the Carol service. This was followed in January with the Quiz Night which was successful and which again raised around £1,000 for the BRF, but here attendances were also less than in the previous year and continued the slight downward trend of recent years. It does still raise a very good sum for the BRF and so we'd like to continue it and this will be another item in the survey. If this is abandoned then we shall need another event to replace it as the BRF needs the funds that it generates.

In April it was the turn of Tonbridge District to organise the Association AGM which was held at Cranbrook. The Cranbrook ringers were very welcoming and the service, lunch and the meeting were superbly organised. While thanks are due to all involved, I will pick out David Beeken and David Lyddiatt for special mention as a very large load fell on their shoulders. We have received thanks from the County people for the way it all went. The only area where things might have been better was the selection of the towers that were open on the way in and the way out, where some were a bit far apart.

Moving on, the District band did well in the county 8 bell competition where they came 3rd out of 5. However the results in the middle were very close, 67%, 65% and 63% for 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

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In the 6 bell competition, the District were represented by Hadlow who had done very well in the district competition. They repeated this performance in the County competition where they won and our congratulations are due to them – it is a while since this was won by the District.

There were a number of successful ringing sessions, including afternoon and evening meetings for general ringing where ringers of all standards and abilities are catered for so do come along – experts are needed, but they are not just for experts, far from it. The last 10 bell practice was in June 2016 and the next one is in 2 weeks at Bletchingly which is a very nice ground floor ring – there will be ringing for all abilities and it's good to try something different from time to time. I will just mention the joint outing with Lewisham District to the City of London in August which was very successful. It was well attended by over 30 ringers from both districts and Tonbridge contributed more than half of those. A section on ringing cannot pass without mention of Mike Worthington who has again organised a number of training days, including some special ones, and demand for these is always high. Thanks are due to him and also to the large band of very necessary helpers who come along to support these events as without them they would not be possible.

I said at the beginning that our numbers have steadily increased a little, but unfortunately so has the average age of the District's ringers. If ringing is to survive in the long term then more younger ringers have to be brought into it. Some towers are already finding it difficult to fulfil our mission of providing Sunday service ringing and this struggle will get worse unless numbers rise. I must at this point pay tribute to Jen Thomas who, as well as being our ringing master, also runs the Association youth programme which is very successful and thanks to her.

Finally I should like to thank all of the committee for their support throughout the year – this is very necessary for me.

• Minutes of the DQM held at Penshurst on 8th July.

There being no matters arising, the meeting accepted the minutes as being a true and accurate record of the Penshurst Meeting.

• Proposed new members

Douglas James was elected to the Tonbridge District of the KCACR.

• Proposed KCACR rule changes

Dr Phillip Barnes came to address the meeting on behalf of Daniel Brady, KCACR Chairman and Douglas Davis, KCACR Honorary Secretary. He came to speak on the two rule changes proposed by Daniel and Doug, to be presented to the 2018 AGM of The KCACR.

Dr Barnes spoke to outline each proposal as follows:

Dr Barnes explained that following the 2017 KCACR AGM questions arose amongst the General Committee as to how The Association was dealing with its objectives, principally that of ringing. It became apparent that The Association had no appointed officer with specific responsibility for the 'health of ringing.' It is fifty years since the KCACR first elected a Chairman. Other associations and guilds have a 'Master,' for example the neighbouring Sussex Association, whose principal responsibility is that of ringing. The six Districts of the KCACR currently enjoy mixed fortunes, with the Ashford District in particularly poor health at present, having no Ringing Master, Training Officer or Youth Officer. Dr Barnes cited the Ashford District as an example of 'where things were going wrong in The KCACR.'

Dr Barnes acknowledged that the role of District 'Master' may initially be viewed with apprehension amongst ringers. The Maidstone District had already begun to work with this model, currently having a 'Master' and two 'Assistant Masters.'

As regards the second proposal, when the General Committee of The KCACR sits in full, there are potentially in excess of forty members. This number is considered unwieldy and therefore the proposal is to reduce the size of the committee drastically. It is proposed that each District send a single representative to the Committee, ideally the District Master.

Dr Barnes then took questions from members.

Several members expressed concern that the role of 'Master' seemed to be a large and onerous role, particularly as it was a voluntary role. It was suggested that one person may not possess the necessary qualities for both Chairman and

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Master, rather being more suited to one or other role. The Master would take on the role as leader of ringing.

Dr Barnes responded by reminding members that currently each District was only required to appoint a Secretary and two District Representatives. Each District has the discretion to run its District Committee as it sees fit. A District Master could delegate required roles to other members of the District, for example, by appointing a member to chair a District Meeting or attend a General Committee Meeting on behalf of the District.

Eric Roughley welcomed the proposals but expressed some reservations as to whether these proposals would work at District level, greater clarity and detail was required. He stated that currently four Districts had two Ringing Masters each, suggesting a work load and responsibility too great for just one person. Adding the responsibilities of District Chairman to those of the Ringing Master must be questioned. With regard to reducing the numbers on the General Committee Eric suggested that in today's climate a Safeguarding Officer should be a permanent member of the Committee and questioned why five Central Council representatives were needed on the committee.

Once again in response Dr Barnes reminded members that their District Committee had the power to delegate roles. The current arrangements in the Maidstone District allowed the Committee to focus on ringing in the District. He also acknowledged the importance of safeguarding.

In response to a suggestion that the General Committee was simply renaming job-roles at District level, Dr Barnes reminded members that ultimately their membership was of the KCACR and not an autonomous District. He urged District members to interact, combine and ring together with other Districts (giving the example of the Tonbridge District's 10-bell practices which take place outside the Tonbridge District as the District has no rings of 10). Dr Barnes confirmed that there was currently no time limit for the holder of the post of The KCACR Chairman. Traditionally the holder has been in post for a maximum of three years and there was no proposal to change this tradition.

Dr Barnes closed by assuring members that the proposals were put forward principally to enable the KCACR to maintain their central focus : on ringing and Sunday Service ringing.

• District events from the last quarter to be reported in Look To

The following District events will be reported in the forthcoming issue of the Look To, available shortly:

- Early evening practice 22nd July, St Nicholas, Sandhurst, 5:30 – 8pm
- Joint Lewisham/Tonbridge London Outing 12th August
- Tonbridge District Training Day, Saturday 2nd September
- County 6 Bell Striking Competition, Saturday 23rd September

• Forthcoming events

- The additional Training Day on Saturday 18th November will not now take place.
- A flyer advertising ringing for Children in Need and advising District members how to take part was distributed to all tower representatives present at the Meeting. Additional copies will be posted to those towers not present at the Meeting.
- Jen Thomas reminded members of the forthcoming quarter peal week, which actually includes half term and three weekends. Members were encouraged to take part and to contact the Ringing Masters if they require any help or support to ring quarter peals during this event. Members were also reminded that quarter peals rung during this time could also be linked to the Children in Need event.

• KCACR General Committee Meeting News

- A report will appear in the forthcoming Look to.

• Election of Officers to Tonbridge District Committee

The following were elected unopposed by the membership at the meeting to the positions given below :

- District Chairman : Mike Bullett
- District Secretary : Catherine Heathcote
- District Treasurer : Hamilton Woods
- Ringing Master : Jen Thomas
- Assistant Ringing Master : Daniel Jarvis
- District Rep : Richard Dyson
- District Rep : Louise Nightingale
- Committee Member : Phil Jarvis

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• ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Angela Clark stated that she felt Tonbridge was a 'great District' and thanked all members of the District Committee on behalf of the membership.

Following his retirement from the District Committee, the Chairman, Mike Bullett, lead a vote of thanks for Mike Worthington for his many years of service on the District Committee both as a committee member and as Ringing Master. He was thanked by the membership and presented with a bottle of wine in gratitude for his dedication and hard work. Mike Worthington continues to organise the District Training Days with the assistance of Louise Nightingale.

Catherine Lewis asked that, in future, District members be made explicitly aware when a member of the District Committee was preparing to resign and not stand for re-election. Phil Jarvis pointed out that every post on the District Committee is up for re-election every year. Catherine, nevertheless felt that more publicity of Committee vacancies might be beneficial in future. Tony Cresswell requested committee positions be circulated earlier in advance.

Jen Thomas highlighted her County Youth report appearing in the forthcoming issue of Look To. Jen also asked members to provide feedback on the various new timings of District Meetings on this year's programme. She mentioned that the service of Compline at Penshurst had been well received. She also commented that she had had a request for a District Meeting with no service.

Ray Taylor thanked members for their support of the 120 club. 131 shares were renewed this year with a total of 91 share holders. Ray particularly thanked those supporters who hold 3, 4 or 5 shares each.

The meeting closed at 19:20

120 CLUB RESULTS (OCTOBER)

63 Martin Whitehead, Otford
1 Mike Worthington
28 Graham Scrine, Chevening
Bonus Ball
64 Karol Leeves, Speldhurst

A SUNDAY AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS



A whirling Ian Cochrane plays Trumpton's Mr Platt the clockmaker. "Clocks are like people, clocks are like you and me, each has it's own personality!"
(With gratitude to the late Gordon Murray)

CARRY ON CLANGING!

Thanks to our two spotters this issue for the following contributions : -

Overheard at Tonbridge before Christmas was some fevered excitement at the prospect of fruit cake at the next DQM at Sevenoaks. "I hope it's fat and moist!" was the ardent wish of the tower's well known Grande dame.

At a Penshurst practice the ringing master stood by and advised the lady ringer of the 2, who was fairly new to plain hunt triples. "Go nice and high up over the 7, as he's got a big one."

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COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

Points from the General Committee Meeting held on 25th November 2017

✂ The Treasurer advised that monies available in the General Fund are low. It is likely that a recommendation will be made to the AGM that all subscriptions go into the General Fund. Consideration is also being given to an increase in subscriptions and to start requiring subscriptions (not full) from members over 65 years old.

✂ There are 2 ART Module 1 courses scheduled in Kent during the first quarter of 2018. Another bell maintenance course is also being considered for the New Year.

✂ Diocesan Safeguarding Training is now being delivered in the Canterbury Diocese, Rochester will follow soon. The KCACR still needs to focus on following best practice guidance already available.

✂ The trailer has been delivered for the mobile ring, however storage is now required for this and the other KCACR trailer before work can commence. An offer is on the table and being investigated.

✂ The Kent Young Ringers are flourishing, meeting regularly and making steady progress including ringing quarter peals. Next year the Youth Competition is due to be in the Canterbury District.

✂ The KCACR Census has been ongoing since the beginning of November, and when the information comes back in December the information will be collated by the Chairman, Secretary, Peal Secretary & David Grimwood.

✂ The Handbook update process is underway with people using the website to update their tower details as requested. Mixed feedback had been received about the decision to stop providing the paper handbook for free to members, however the General Committee are standing by this decision and will proceed as planned.

✂ Following feedback on the proposed rule changes at the ADMs in October, some minor drafting amendments will be made ready for the AGM in 2018 to make them clearer.

✂ The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2018 will be held on Saturday 30th June 9.45am draw in the Maidstone District and the method will be Erin Triples.

✂ The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2018 will be held on 22nd September 9.45am draw in the Rochester District.

✂ The date of the Youth Competition will be considered by the Youth Officer.

✂ The General Committee will meet in 2018 on 24th February, 28th April, 28th July and 24th November.

❖ *Doug Davis, General Secretary*

TRAINING MATTERS

2017 Training Summary

6 Training days were held last year during which a total of 14 training sessions were held as follows : -

5 rounds and call changes

3 plain hunt

1 plain bob doubles

1 Grandsire doubles

1 Treble bob hunt

2 plain bob triples and major

1 Step up to 10

The “Step up to 10” was something new for the District and generated the impetus to attempt three quarter peals of caters, two of which were successful..

41 student places were utilised ably assisted by a total of 106 helpers. These 106 helper sessions were provided by 46 different individuals—the greatest number of individual helpers in the last 3 years. Particular thanks are due to helpers without whose contribution events could not take place.

In 2018 we have scheduled the usual quarterly events and topics. Please let me know if you have any particular requests in addition to this and I will see what can be arranged.

❖ *Mike Worthington*

MYSTERY RINGER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Penny Gerrard for correctly identifying Anthony Leeves as the ringer in the photo from the Autumn 2017 issue.

Penny wins a £10 share for the 120 Club.

ART CONFERENCE : MARCH 2018

The Association of Ringing Teachers is holding its annual conference on the weekend of 3rd/4th March 2018 at Royston, Herts. You don't have to be a teacher or tower captain to attend and find this interesting.

I have been to two of these conferences and can thoroughly recommend them. Speakers are chosen for their subject expertise and presentation style and you are guaranteed to find plenty of interest among the topics on offer. In addition there will be a number of stalls displaying and selling all manner of bell related goodies.

The second day is focused on simulators and organised by the CCCBR.

If you use a simulator for teaching already you will be able to get new ideas on how to use it effectively and see the latest technology in use. If you have little idea what a simulator can offer this is an opportunity to find out from experts.

Tickets can be booked from :

www.ringingteachers.org.

General entry on Saturday is £14 or £12 for ART members, entry on Sunday is £12 for all.

Enquiries to : **conference@ringingteachers.org**

Royston is easy to access from our district and you can attend both days or just one. You don't have to be a member of ART to attend either.

❖ *Mike Worthington*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Kemsing morning practice—4th November

The District Practice at Kemsing was held in the morning of Saturday 4th November. The local ringers plied 22 attendees with hot drinks and a wonderful assortment of cakes. Very many thanks to them for their wonderful hospitality.

A wide variety of ringing took place as appropriate to people's abilities and requests : Rounds & Call Changes, Plain Hunt 5, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and St Clements Minor and also a variety of Treble Bob and Surprise Minor methods for us to practise. The first morning event for our District seemed very successful.

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*



L-r Mike Bullett, Pam Thomas, Fraser Clift, Mike Worthington, Phil Jarvis, and Anthony Leeves grab hold at the Kemsing practice.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.....

Between now and the next edition of Look to : -

20th January Trivia Evening Hildenborough Village Hall, 7.15pm prompt

3rd February Evening Practice Hever, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

17th February Surprise Major Practice - Chevening, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

3rd March Training Day Venues TBC

17 March 10 Bell Practice Staplehurst, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

7 April District Quarterly Meeting Lamberhurst, 9.45am to 2.00pm

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Quarter peal fortnight

We suggested a "Quarter Peal Fortnight" so that ringers who might be away over the half term break could be "used" during the second week. A total of 18 quarter peals were rung in the Tonbridge District, 1 was rung at Farnborough in the Lewisham District and Catherine Heathcote managed to combine ringing 4 quarters "for us" and for the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association Peal / Quarter Peal Festival!

10 "firsts" were rung this year ((7 in 2016) :

Serafina Wilson rang her first Quarter peal at Hever, and then another for good measure during the fortnight.

Andy Wickenden rang most methods to a quarter peal including his first blows of St Martin's Doubles.

Janice Byrne, Emma Tamkin, Louise and Carl Nightingale rang Plain Bob Caters. Carl rang his first of 2 methods and of Reverse Canterbury.

10 ringers called 19 quarter peals, including 4 "first of method" (1 in 2016):

Louise Nightingale called 5, including her first Quarter of Plain Bob Triples

Jamie Austin and Emma Tamkin called their first Quarter of Plain Bob Doubles.

Dan Jarvis called 2, including his first Quarter of Plain Bob Caters.

Stan Jenner called 2, including Plain Bob Minor on Handbells, being the "first" in their new home Fraser called 3

Richard Barclay called 2

Catherine Heathcote, Alison Parsons and Eric Roughley called the other 3

Many thanks and well done to everyone!

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*

TRAINING DAY

Treble Bob Hunt—Hadlow 2nd December

The Treble Bob training day was held at Hadlow on the 2nd December. Organised by Jen and assisted by a great team of helpers, Tony Cresswell, Steve Newlands and I made fantastic progress.

The morning started a cold one at 9.30 with 10 minutes of standing outside waiting to be let in! When we finally raised the bells we were all warm, with the help of many heaters. All the trainees started off with treble bobbing practise, and working on handling bells and getting in the right place. After a good few hours and one coffee break later the training day finished with everyone feeling happy about the huge levels of progress made. Thank you to all the helpers, you did a great job! And thank you also to Jen who did amazingly at keeping everything together.

❖ *Jamie Austin, Brasted*

KCACR YOUTH STRIKING CONTEST

A fine Autumn afternoon greeted 23 Young Ringers, along with parents and other supporters, from the Canterbury, Lewisham, Maidstone, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts of the KCACR as they converged on the lovely venue of St Bartholomew's Otford. Canterbury had only four ringers, but they bravely came along, acquired the only ringer able to come from the Maidstone District (well done, Boo!), and then we drew lots to give them a final, 6th ringer.



160 rows of Rounds and Call Changes on six was the test piece of the day; I believe Lewisham (with the youngest and least experienced ringers) was the only team able to get everyone together for a full practice! The KCACR allows ringers with an upper age limit of 24 years (and 364 days!) to enter this contest, so that it can happen. The average age at Otford ranged from 15 years 8 months to 16 years 8 months; the youngest was 12 yrs 3m and the oldest was 22 yrs.

YOUTH STRIKING CONTEST.....cont'd

Plenty of cakes, savouries, hot and cold drinks were on offer to sustain the youngsters throughout the afternoon. A little extra-curricular fun was had in guessing which photo (of toddler/baby) belonged to whom; a ringing wordsearch was also on offer, but mostly everyone got on with enjoying each other's company and listening intently to the striking of the other teams. A very convivial atmosphere prevailed.

We are indebted to George Vant from Colchester, himself still a "Young Ringer", for coming to be our judge. He was very enthusiastic and full of positive comments for each team. The results were:

- 1 Tonbridge (18 faults)
- 2 Lewisham (26 faults)
- 3 Rochester (31 faults)
- 4 Canterbury+ (46 faults)

Each team was presented with a certificate and Tonbridge received the (temporary) Trophy ... a glass sweet dish, etched with bells and filled with....."Celebrations" to share!

Thank you very much, George!!!



A further hour of ringing followed on just a few miles west at another lovely millennium ring, this time the now augmented 8 at Chevening. 10 young ringers rang Rounds & Call Changes on 8, Plain Hunt 7, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples; 2 adults made it possible for them to ring Stedman Triples and 4 of the youngsters rang in Cambridge Surprise Major; a sparkling end to a most successful afternoon. Roll on next year.....!

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*

Charmborough ring comes to Tonbridge

'If the people won't come to our tower, let's go to the people' was our vision for Tonbridge ringers at the Heritage weekend/ Mediaeval Fair, last September as we hired the Charmborough mini ring. We really exceeded all our expectations and had a really busy time across two days demonstrating, giving hands on experience and explaining what bell ringing is all about. Probably 500 people of all ages, (lots of children) had a go at ringing and we were one of the busiest attractions at the event.

The Charmborough Ring is the largest of the portable mini rings in existence and can be hired for events like ours for about £300 for a weekend. The bells are sufficiently heavy to be rung in a proper ringing style, and the trustees of the ring actively encourage ringers to demonstrate ringing correctly giving a true reflection of tower ringing. It arrived on a trailer and took 6 people nearly two hours to assemble, and was a bit like giant meccano!

Having set it up in the castle grounds, it took some minutes for each ringer to become competent in handling the bells and from then on we were ready for the public. The event was for 6 hours on both weekend days and we had a steady queue of people watching and waiting to have a go virtually all the time. We were met with some mixed reactions from other stall holders who said they felt it was a great idea and it brought another dimension to the event BUT could we turn the noise down? After some experimenting with gaffer tape and socks we reached a happy compromise. The fair organisers thought it was brilliant and have asked us to do it again next year, suggesting we have slots in the main event programme.



Charmborough ring comes to Tonbridge

Our prime aim of course was to get new learners to join the tower, and on that score we have failed as to date we have none up the tower which is disappointing. However it was an excellent PR event for ringing in general and we will never really know what impact we had. Certainly a lot of people had a go at ringing who knew nothing about it before. Ten people gave their details saying they wanted to take it further, they still may do so in the future. Several people who had been ringers in the past had a go and said when time allowed would be back, and some people who did not live in the area were going away to seek out towers to ring at their home locations. Lots of people were delighted to have ago and found out that it was not as easy as it looked but were delighted to try.

So will we do it again? I hope so. In these times of dwindling membership in most towers, it is an occasion of going directly to the public and advertising our ancient tradition and hobby. It was an event not just for the Tonbridge ringers as we had help from ringers from the district and that in itself was enjoyable. A quarter peal was rung and so many good conversations were had with fellow ringers. Maybe the district should consider arranging this sort of event for advertising ringing to the public when Kent gets its own mini ring?

❖ *Gavin Knight, Tonbridge*



All ages queue up to have a go or watch the mini ringing at the Heritage Weekend

Quarterly Training Day - 3rd March 2018

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
- Treble Bob Hunting

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
Courses will be arranged subject to demand and availability of helpers. **Please assist by making requests for places before the end of January as I am going on holiday in early February.**

Places should be requested from Mike Worthington at :
tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk

Look to

Always needs your articles and contributions to fill its pages!

- a write up of your tower outing
- ringing tips & hints
- questions you might have
- historical snippets
- anecdotes from a tower visit
- announcements

Please feel free to send a photo with your article to :

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The deadline for copy for the next edition is Saturday 17th March 2018

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry

There seemed to be universal sadness when it was announced in late 2016 that bell founding at the historic Whitechapel Bell Foundry in Whitechapel Road, East London, would cease at the end of May 2017. Not only was this because of the possible demise of one of only two large-scale bell founders in the country, but there was also concern about the future of the Grade 2* listed Georgian buildings the foundry occupied. The well-known entrance is shown in an Artist Trading Card by mg, dated Dec. 2014 (actual size 3 1/2" x 2 1/2").



The building was really not suitable for heavy engineering in the modern world, and gentrification of the area surrounding the Foundry did not help. Indeed, in the late 1990s and at other times before that, consideration was given to moving to better premises, but nothing happened for a number of reasons. The Millennium boom in bells put off any thought of relocation for a time.

Happily, the casting of 'Whitechapel' bells will continue through J. T. Price, specialist founders based in Newcastle-under-Lyme, part of The Westley Group. Their first bell, for Worcester Cathedral, was cast on 17th November. Already they have orders for eighteen bells (RW 1/12/17).

The future of the premises is, at present, not so clear. They are empty, and of course, unless they are tended to, will quickly deteriorate. So far no planning applications have been made to the LB Tower Hamlets, although I suspect discussions have taken place with the new owners.

Historic England were petitioned to upgrade the listing status to Grade 1, but decided against this. However, the details in the listing were recently updated so, hopefully, everything of historic interest remaining will be protected.

Alan Hughes, the owner together with his wife Kathryn, announced in The RW this year that all the foundry records and archives would be transferred to the London Metropolitan Archives, where they would be available to the public for research. I have to say, my first reaction on hearing the closure announcement, was that some or all the buildings fronting Whitechapel Road would make a fine museum and library for the history of bell founding and change ringing in this country, including the foundry records. Who knows?!

The Foundry can directly trace its history back to a Robert Mot, in 1570, but recent research has shown a probable lineage dating back to a Robert Chamberlain of Aldgate, in 1420. A Mears and Stainbank brochure from 1934 shows the Whitechapel Road facade, and its title is 'Bell Founding during Sixteen Reigns from Queen Elizabeth to King George V'. Another, circa 1924, has a similar title - 'Bell Founding from the Armada to the Great War and After'. Incidentally, Robert Mot cast the 3 (11-0-20) of the old ring of 5 at Staplehurst in 1594. The bell (illustration, from the circa 1924 brochure) was replaced in the 1885 augmentation to 8, and, after being kept at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry until 1939, was scrapped, due to there being a shortage of bell metal (Love's Guide to the Church Bells of Kent).

Over the centuries hundreds, if not thousands, of marketing books, catalogues, and pamphlets must have been produced, most of which, being of an ephemeral nature, do not survive.



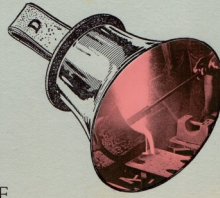
One of the Foundry's early bells.
(cast by Robert Mot for
Staplehurst, Kent)

Illustration of Robert Mot Staplehurst bell from 1594

Those that do from the early centuries would be extremely expensive to buy! One of my favourites is the 1950's 'English Handbell Casting' booklet illustrated. The cover is holed to show part of the dramatic picture, on the next page, of handbells being cast. Now that the Foundry records are more accessible, I look forward to hearing of publication of a book telling the whole story of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. I would, wouldn't I!

It will be interesting to see how the The Westley Group markets its bell founding capabilities, and whether or not it feels it can continue the

ENGLISH HANDBELL CASTING at THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY



Illustrations of the 1950s "English Handbell Casting" booklet

amazing ancestry of the three bells trademark of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

❖ *Fraser Clift, Kemsing*

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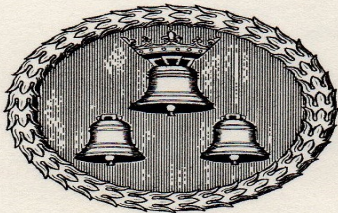
I was recently rather surprised to read a quip from the great conductor Sir Thomas Beecham when he observed :

"The English may not always like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes."

Whether that's even partly true, long may we strive to strike well when we perform for the public at Sunday services and weddings!

❖ *Steve Newlands, Cowden*

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RINGING DURING THE 4TH QUARTER OF 2017

PEALS

Kemsing Thursday 23rd November

5040 Surprise Minor

7 methods : 720 each Newcastle, Morpeth, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale, Annabel's London, Warkworth

Anne Rueff 1, Shirley McGill 2, Stephen Davis 3, David Grimwood 4, Phillip Barnes 5, John Keeler (C) 6.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of James "Jim"

Uphill (brother of Michael) who died on 28th October aged 76. Rest in Peace.

Sevenoaks Friday 29th December

5280 Pudsey Surprise Major

Composed by P J Flavell

Susan Marsden 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Diana Wraight 3, Anne Rueff 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, Nicholas Elks 6, Rupert Cheeseman 7, Ian Mills 8.

First in the method and completes the Pudsey challenge : 2

QUARTER PEALS

Speldhurst Sunday 1st October

1260 Grandsire Triples

Michael Fradd 1, Elizabeth Ruch 2, Peter Ruch 3, Emma Tamkin 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Crispin Saunders 8.

For evensong. The treble ringer has now circled the tower to QPs.

Tonbridge Sunday 8th October

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Angela Clark 1, Janice Byrne 2, Tiffy Lynch 3, Pam Thomas 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Darren Elphick (C) 6.

For evening service.

Edenbridge Monday 9th October

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

Jennifer Thomas 1, Pam Thomas 2, Anthony Leeves 3, Eric Roughley 4, John Barnes 5, Janice Byrne 6, Robert Harris 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8.

Brasted Sunday 15th October

1260 Grandsire Triples

Juliet Austin 1, Mike Worthington 2, Steve Newlands 3, Alexander Fishburn 4, Janice Byrne 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Alexander Runting 7, James Austin 8.

For evening service.

Cowden Sunday 22nd October

1260 Doubles

300 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 960 Plain Bob

Sue Shepherd 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Steve Newlands 3, Louise Nightingale (C) 4, Carl Nightingale 5, Frank Shepherd 6.

First in Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place and two methods : 5

Rung to celebrate the recent engagement of Harriet, daughter of 2, to Alex Fish.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Cowden Monday 23rd October

1260 Doubles

660 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 600 Plain Bob

Robin Rouse 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Clive Lumsden 3, Louise Nightingale (C) 4, Andy Wickenden 5, Oliver Engleback 6.

Rung in memory of Goronwy Davies, good friend of 3.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Farnborough Tuesday 24th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Jamie Austin (C) 4, Steve Newlands 5, Juliet Austin 6.

First quarter as conductor, aged 14 : 4

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Cowden Wednesday 25th October

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

Rung to celebrate the birth of Ava Tilly Rose Matthews, daughter of friends of 4.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

East Peckham Saturday 28th October

1260 Minor

720 Plain Bob, 540 St Clements

Adam Moore 1, Ray Taylor 2, Barnaby Larter 3, Philip Larter 4, Phil Jarvis 5, Daniel Jarvis (C) 6.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Bristol, St John the Baptist Saturday 28th October

1272 Norwich Surprise Minor

Sue Drinkwater 1, Max Drinkwater 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Anna Bayley 5, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 6.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Bristol, SS Philip and Jacob Saturday 28th October

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland

Sue Drinkwater 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Anna Bayley 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Stuart Tomlinson 5, Philip Pratt 6, George Salter 7, Max Drinkwater (C) 8.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Kingsdown, Bristol Saturday 28th October

1260 Grandsire Triples

Barbara Pettit 1, Sue Drinkwater 2, Anna Bayley 3, Stuart Tomlinson 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Philip Joynson 6, Max Drinkwater (C) 7, James Joynson 8.

Wishing a Happy Retirement to Rev. Canon Michael Garland of St Mary's, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Knowle, Bristol Saturday 28th October

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Philip Joynson 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Max Drinkwater 3, Sue Drinkwater 4, Anna Bayley 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, James Joynson 7, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 8.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Seal Saturday 28th October

1260 Doubles

180 Stedman, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240

April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire

Pam Thomas 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Paul Thompson 6.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight. Happy Birthday Pam!

Seal Chart Saturday 28th October

1260 Doubles

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

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Eric Roughley 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Pam Thomas 5, Phil Jones 6.

For Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight. Happy Birthday to Pam.

Staplehurst Sunday 29th October

1296 Plain Bob Caters

Eric Roughley 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Michael Worthington 4, Janice Byrne 5, Philip Jarvis 6, Louise Nightingale 7, Tiffy Lynch 8, Daniel Jarvis (C) 9, Carl Nightingale 10.

2, 5, and 10 : First of Caters

7 : First of Caters inside

9 : First of Caters as Conductor

Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Hever Sunday 29th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Serafina Wilson 1, Anne Rueff 2, Richard Barclay (C) 3, Jane Rosam 4, Stephanie Rueff 5, Alison Wilson 6.

First quarter : 1

Rung in quarter peal fortnight to celebrate the Ruby Wedding anniversary today of Megan and Ken Smith, Cudham ringers and friends of the band.

Hawkhurst Sunday 29th October

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Timothy Vickers 1, David Lyddiat 2, Alison Parsons (C) 3, Roy Champion 4, David Beeken 5, Gavin Hogbin 6.

Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Lamberhurst Wednesday 1st November

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Laura Byrne 1, Steve Newlands 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Janice Byrne 5, Catherine Heathcote (C) 6.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Otford Wednesday 1st November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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

Rung for Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Chevening Thursday 2nd November

1288 Grandsire Triples

Janice Byrne 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Ann Jenner 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Fraser Clift 5, Emma Tamkin 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Eric Roughley 8.

Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Speldhurst Thursday 2nd November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Anthony Leeves 1, Stella Wooldridge 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Eric Roughley 4, Emma Tamkin (C) 5, Louise Nightingale 6.

First as conductor : 5

With best wishes to Nicholas Butcher for a speedy recovery.

Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Tonbridge – 2A Cranford Road Friday 3rd

November 1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

First quarter in the house.

Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Kemsing Saturday 4th November

1260 Doubles

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

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Dee Clift 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Eric Roughley 5, Michael Williamson 6.

Rung in memory of Charles William Gunner, the eleventh Kemsing man to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago. Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal Fortnight.

Cowden Sunday 5th November

1260 Doubles

60 Stedman, and 240 each of St Simon's, St Martin's, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury PP and Plain Bob

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

Rung before service and to celebrate the recent marriage of Jenny Crothall and Dan Brough, niece of 5.

First blows of St Martin's and most methods in a QP : 5

Rung during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal fortnight.

Edenbridge Sunday 5th November

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Lizzie Longhurst 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Michael Worthington 3, Anthony Leeves 4, Richard Dyson 5, Andy Wickenden 6, Louise Nightingale (C) 7, Carl Nightingale 8.

Rung for evensong during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal Fortnight.

First in method as conductor.

Hever Sunday 5th November

1260 All Saints Place Doubles

Serafina Wilson 1, Anne Rueff 2, Alison Wilson 3, Jane Rosam 4, Richard Barclay (C) 5, Stephanie Rueff 6.

Rung for All Saints Day during Tonbridge District KCACR Quarter Peal Fortnight.

Hever Sunday 12th November

1260 Doubles

540 St Martin's, 720 Plain Bob

Serafina Wilson 1, Richard Barclay (C) 2, Alison Wilson 3, Stephanie Rueff 4, Christopher Horseman 5, Jane Rosam 6.

Rung half muffled for Remembrance Sunday and for the feast of St Martin.

Tonbridge Sunday 12th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jacqui Fletcher 1, Gordon Hill 2, Stephen Coaker (C) 3, Angela Clark 4, Pam Thomas 5, Robert Lane 6.

First quarter peal inside : 2

For Remembrance Sunday.

Seal Chart Monday 13th November

1260 Doubles

240 each St Martin's, St Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, Grandsire, and 300 Plain Bob

Barry Evans 1, Elizabeth Barnes 2, Darren Elphick (C) 3, Shona Clark 4, Pam Thomas 5, Tina Bastow 6.

Chevening Saturday 18th November

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

Stephen Trafford 1, Julian Lees 2, Shona Clark 3, Darren Elphick 4, Barry Roberts 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Pam Thomas 7, Neil Jones (C) 8.

Edenbridge Monday 20th November

1260 Grandsire Triples

Robin Rouse 1, Eric Roughley 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Emma Tamkin 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Anthony Leeves 6, John Palmer 7, Richard Dyson 8.

Rung in memory of the life and times of Eileen Wickenden. A pillar of the Edenbridge community.

Cowden Monday 20th November

1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles

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

In celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Penshurst Wednesday 22nd November

1260 Grandsire Triples

Janice Byrne 1, Angela Clark 2, Emma Tamkin 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Stella Wooldridge 6, John Palmer 7, Steve Newlands 8.

50th QP : 3

Rung to celebrate the marriage of William and Emily Holme.

Staplehurst Sunday 26th November

1260 Grandsire Caters

Composed by Robert M Kilby (No 9)

Pam Thomas 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Michael Worthington 4, Janice Byrne 5, Eric Roughley 6, Louise Nightingale 7, Catherine Heathcote 8, Tiff Lynch (C) 9, Carl Nightingale 10.

2, 5, and 7 : First Grandsire Caters

Cowden Monday 27th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Clive Lumsden 1, Steve Newlands 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Alex Staff 4, Carl Nightingale 5, Louise Nightingale 6.

A band, taught by the 4, ringing to celebrate the engagement of HRH Prince Harry to Meghan Markle.

Circled tower to quarters : 6

Farnborough Tuesday 28th November

1320 St Clement's College Bob Minor

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

First in method and 100th QP : 4

To congratulate Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on their engagement.

Chevening Wednesday 29th November

1250 NUSCR Surprise Major

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Stephen Davis 2, Frances Bradford 3, Maureen Poole 4, Pamela Manger 5, David Manger (C) 6, Catherine Lewis 7, Peter Bradford 8.

First in the method by all the band.

Kemsing Thursday 30th November

1260 Doubles

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

Jenny Williamson 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Dee Clift 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Martin Whitehead 6.

Rung in memory of George Edward Morrison, the twelfth Kemsing man to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.

Chiddingstone Friday 1st December

1260 Grandsire Triples

Robin Rouse 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, John Palmer 3, Louise Nightingale (C) 4, Hugo Tracey 5, Tiffany Lynch 6, Alan Turner 7, Carl Nightingale 8.

Rung to celebrate the 30th Birthday of Michael Wood, brother of 4.

Speldhurst Sunday 3rd December

1344 Plain Bob Major

Laura Byrne 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Nick Byrne 3, Stephanie Rueff 4, Janice Byrne (C) 5, Eric Roughley 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Richard Barclay 8.

For evensong. First of major : 1 and 3. First touch of major as conductor : 5

Otford Wednesday 6th December

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Michael Worthington 2, Dorothy Twiner 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Martin Whitehead 6.

With best wishes to Dot's husband, Roy.

Edenbridge Friday 8th December

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

Standard 8

Peter Richardson 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Janice Byrne 4, John Barnes 5, Thomas Barlow 6, Nicholas Wilkins 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

First 8 spliced : 4

Tonbridge Sunday 10th December

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Steve Newlands 1, Stephen Coaker (C) 2, Darren Elphick 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Pam Thomas 5, Robert Lane 6.

For evening service. First treble bob : 1

Speldhurst Monday 11th December

1260 Grandsire Triples

Penny Gerrard 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Fraser Clift 3, Janice Byrne 4, Eric Roughley 5, Emma Tamkin 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Crispin Saunders 8.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Speldhurst ringer Private John Thorpe. He died in Italy on 11th December 1917, aged 39.

Chevening Thursday 14th December

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

Standard 8

Ian Oram 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Anne Rueff 4, Ronald Diserens 5, Margaret Oram 6, Thomas Barlow 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

Hadlow Saturday 16th December

1280 Plain Bob Major

Emma Jarvis 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Nicholas Wilkins 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Howard Rogers 5, Daniel Jarvis 6, Stanley Jenner 7, Philip Jarvis (C) 8.

Leigh Saturday 16th December

1320 Minor

720 Kent Treble Bob and 600 Cambridge Surprise

Julie McDonnell 1, Louise Nightingale 2, Philip Jarvis 3, Daniel Jarvis 4, Pam Thomas 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6.

First of Kent in a Quarter Peal : 2 and 4

Chiddingstone Saturday 16th December

1260 Middlesex Bob Triples

Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Caroline Stockmann 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Tiffany Lynch 5, Philip Jarvis 6, Daniel Jarvis (C) 7, Nick Byrne 8.

First in method for all.

First on tenor : 8

Rung in memory of Fr John Lee, previous rector of Chiddingstone.

Edenbridge Saturday 16th December

1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples

Richard Dyson 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Philip Jarvis 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Daniel Jarvis 6, Tiffany Lynch (C) 7, Eric Roughley 8.

First in method : 3 and 6

Cowden Saturday 16th December

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Robin Rouse 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Emma Tamkin 5, Carl Nightingale 6.

Brasted Sunday 17th December

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jennifer Thomas 1, Mike Worthington 2,
Steve Newlands 3, Jamie Austin (C) 4, Catherine
Lewis 5, Catherine Heathcote 6.

Edenbridge Wednesday 20th December

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Jane Wroe 2, David
Threlfall 3, Richard Dyson 4, Hugo Tracey 5,
Andy Wickenden 6, Alan Turner (C) 7, Carl
Nightingale 8.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the 5th ringer.

East Peckham Thursday 21st December

1320 Christmas Pudding Delight Minor

Adam Moore 1, Howard Rogers 2, Philip Larter
3, Barnaby Larter 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Daniel
Jarvis (C) 6.

First in method for the whole band.

First in treble bob : 1. For Christmas.

Hever Friday 22nd December

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Stephanie Rueff 1, Jane Rosam 2, Richard
Barclay 3, Christopher Horseman 4, Anne Rueff
(C) 5, Helena Rueff 6.

First Quarter peal : 6

Chiddingstone Thursday 28th December

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Carl Nightingale 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise
Nightingale 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Alan
Turner 5, Hugo Tracey 6, Alex Britton (C) 7,
Andy Wickenden 8.

First on treble to triples : 1

*Rung to help Julie meet her SBABC target before
the end of the year.*

Cowden Thursday 28th December

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Andy Wickenden 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise
Nightingale (C) 3, Emma Tamkin 4, Janice
Byrne 5, Carl Nightingale 6.

*Rung to help Julie meet her SBABC target before
the end of the year.*

Edenbridge Thursday 28th December

1260 Grandsire Triples

Robin Rouse 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise
Nightingale 3, Richard Dyson 4, Alan Turner 5,
Hugo Tracey 6, Alex Britton (C) 7, Carl
Nightingale 8.

First in method : 4

*Rung to help Julie meet her SBABC target be-
fore the end of the year.*

Kemsing Friday 29th December

1260 Doubles

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

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

*Rung in memory of Arthur Roden, the thirteenth
Kemsing man to die in World War 1, who died
on this day 100 years ago.*

Cowden Saturday 30th December

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Emma Jarvis 1, Eric Roughley 2, Catherine
Heathcote 3, Daniel Jarvis 4, Philip Jarvis 5,
Stanley Jenner (C) 6.

*In memory of Airman 1st Class Harold Edward
Ladd, a ringer at this tower, who was killed in
the Great War 100 years ago today. He is
commemorated at Chatby memorial, Egypt, and
on the village war memorial outside the west
door of this church. He was the brother of
Ernest J Ladd, who taught the conductor to
handle a bell. He also taught Ann Jenner, who
would like to be associated with this quarter :
she was prevented from ringing due to
indisposition.*

Cowden Sunday 31st December

1260 Doubles

600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob

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

*Rung in memory of Harold Edward Ladd, who
lived in Cowden, one hundred years after his
death during the First World War on 30th
December 1917 at the age of 27.*

MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Carl Nightingale

First in Reverse Canterbury and two methods
First of Caters
First on treble to triples

Jamie Austin

First quarter as conductor (age 14)

Janice Byrne

First of Caters
First Grandsire Caters
First touch of major as conductor
First 8 spliced

Emma Tamkin

First of Caters
First quarter as conductor
50th quarter peal
First Grandsire Caters

Louise Nightingale

First of Caters inside
First Plain Bob Triples as conductor
First Grandsire Caters
Circled tower (Cowden) to quarters
First of Kent in a QP
First Middlesex Bob Triples

Daniel Jarvis

First of Caters as conductor
First of Kent in a QP
First Middlesex Bob Triples
First Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples
First Christmas Pudding Delight Minor

Andy Wickenden

First blows of St Martin's and most methods

Serafina Wilson

First quarter peal

Gordon Hill

First quarter peal inside

Steve Newlands

First St Clement's College Bob Minor
100th quarter peal
First treble bob

Jen Thomas

First Bristol Surprise Major

Catherine Lewis

First NUSCR Surprise Major

Nick Byrne

First of Major
First Triples on Tenor

Caroline Levy-Cooper

First Middlesex Bob Triples

Caroline Stockmann

First Middlesex Bob Triples
First peal of Pudsey

Laura Byrne

First of Major

Tiffany Lynch

First Middlesex Bob Triples

Philip Jarvis

First Middlesex Bob Triples
First Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples
First Christmas Pudding Delight Minor

Adam Moore

First treble bob

Howard Rogers

First Christmas Pudding Delight Minor

Philip Larter

First Christmas Pudding Delight Minor

Barnaby Larter

First Christmas Pudding Delight Minor

Helena Rueff

First quarter peal

Richard Dyson

First of Grandsire triples



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