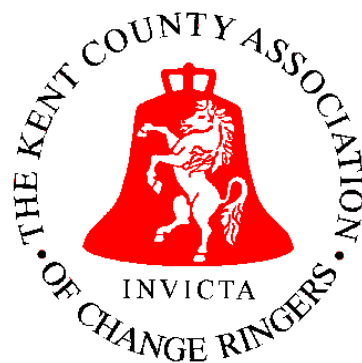


Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2008 Third Quarter Edition

Second Quarterly Meeting

The second meeting of 2008 took place at Hever [6, 9-0-25 in A]

The Tonbridge district met at Hever at 3:00 pm on Saturday 5th April. The ringing ranged from call changes, *Grandsire*, *St Simon's* and *Stedman*, to courses of *London Surprise* and *Norwich Surprise* and a touch of *Cambridge*.



The Parish Church of St Peter's Hever, previously the seat of the Bullen / Boelyn family.

Attention should be paid to the vote of thanks proposed to the Rev'd Wendy Izod for taking the service, the PCC of St Peter's for allowing the use of the bells, to Isobel Pearce for playing the organ, to Terry Dell for making the arrangements

and to the Hever ringers for providing an excellent tea.

The meeting welcomed new members to the association: Philip Jones of Sevenoaks, Hayley Andrews and Millie Davies of Tonbridge, and Robert Munn of Cranbrook.

Forthcoming Events...

Between now and the next edition of the *Look to*:

Evening Practice

Saturday 2nd August 2008

Otford [6, 10-1-7 in A, GF]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Ringing Roadshow

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September 2008

Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

Training Day

Saturday 13th September 2008

Rounds and Call Changes, and Plain Bob Doubles

County Six Bell Competition

Saturday 27th September 2008

Aldrington [6, 13-3-11 in F[#]]

Draw at 3:45 pm

Deadline for the next edition

Friday 26th September 2008

Annual District Meeting

Saturday 4th September 2008

Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E^b, GF]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Association 8 Bell Competition

Success for the Tonbridge District on Saturday 28th June 2008!

The Association 8 bell competition was held at Westerham on a sunny afternoon which enabled ringers to listen to the other bands in the churchyard. Despite asking about 40 different people from outside the county, Margaret Funnell, Association Secretary, had been unable to find any judges. As the Rochester District had not entered a band she offered her own services as a judge and was joined by Association Chairman David Manger

who opted out of ringing in the Ashford District band (which fortunately still had 8 ringers and was therefore able to ring).

The test piece was 210 *Single Oxford Bob Triples*. David gave comments on the ringing and Margaret announced the results as follows:

Rang	Placed	Faults	District
5 th	1 st	14	Tonbridge
Very nice ringing except for the bit where someone fell asleep!			
1 st	2 nd	26	Lewisham
Pleasant ringing a few inconsistencies especially slowness in 7ths place.			
2 nd	3 rd	27	Ashford
Started and finished well; clippy in the middle.			
4 th	4 th	30	Canterbury
Much quicker than the others "falling over themselves" in first half; a crunch in the middle, then settled down.			
3 rd	5 th	60	Maidstone
Nervous start and never really settled.			

Our thanks go to the Tonbridge District officers who organised the event, to Westerham and Sundridge ringers who provided the tea, and to Margaret and David for stepping in to judge the competition.

If you would like to add to your band's profile in your church, why not put a copy of the *Look to* on your bookstall?

Training Days

Catherine Lewis points towards November's District Quarter Peal Week.

Quarter Peal Week

Saturday 15th November 2008

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Sunday 23rd November 2008

The idea of this week is to give an incentive to make some progress by ringing some quarters we might not otherwise get around to. If you would like an opportunity to do something specific then please let me know. Also if you know someone else who might not ask for themselves then let me know

about them too! Obviously there are limits to what can be done, but we'll do our best.

Forthcoming Training Events

Rounds and Call Changes, and Plain Bob Doubles

Saturday 13th September 2008

Plain Hunt and Grandsire Doubles

Saturday 6th December 2008

If you see a training event that catches your eye, book straight away! This allows the event to be as promptly and as best organised as possible. Contact Catherine Lewis to book a place or request a training event:

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A Postcard from the Editor

Who finds himself several weeks adrift in middle Germany, but with nice views over the Rhein.



Dear Tonbridge District,

I have to apologise for the *Look to* being now considerably late. I find myself – at relatively short notice – living and working a 06:00 to 24:00 student job in a children's summer camp at the top of the left tower of Castle Schönburg in Oberwesel in Germany (see picture), with little time in between for anything else. I made it back to the UK for three weeks, to finish and hand in my essays, and I have now returned to Germany for the summer.

Grüße,
Alex

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www.kcacr.org.uk

120 Club

120 Club treasurer, Ray Taylor, points to the club's 2008-2009 series:

Anyone over 16 can buy shares in the Tonbridge District 120 Club (registered charity) at £ 10 each, it's not restricted to KCACR members or bell ringers. Each share has a number which goes into a draw at a District event, starting with the ADM in October and ending with the Quarterly Meeting in July. The prizes are usually £ 20, £ 15 and £ 10, but they are doubled in the months of October and January. All numbers go into the draws, whether taken up or not, and the proceeds from the 120 Club go to the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund, which is also a registered charity. If all shares are sold then that amounts to £ 642.50 pa (after paying the license fee).

If you bought shares in 2007-8 then your Tower Secretary will have a share renewal form for you, please renew if you can. If you would like to buy a share then please contact me:

- 07973 123 323

- ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk

Or download an application form from:

- www.kcacr.org.uk

The first draw for the 2008-9 year will take place at the ADM at Penshurst on **4th October 2008** with **double prize money**. Don't miss it!

The results of the 120 Club draws for the second quarter of 2008

Month	Number	Tower
April	5	Tonbridge
	120	Chevening
	26	Brenchley
May	9	Shipbourne
	47	Tunbridge Wells
	62	Shipbourne
June	29	Chevening
	110	Sandhurst
	57	Sevenoaks

Brian E Jeffrey, 1937 – 2008

The Editor (taught by Brian from January 1998) thanks Stan Jenner warmly for the text of this obituary prepared for *The Ringing World*.

Brian was born in Edenbridge and, apart from a spell in the army doing National Service, lived there all his life. His was a life which was very much focused on his home and family, his church and local community. The large attendance at his funeral service on May 28 reflected his extensive involvement in local life and the wider ringing community in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Brian learnt to ring at Edenbridge in the early 1950s and in 1963 became tower captain, an office which he held until shortly before his death. Over the years he taught many learners, and frequent quarter peals to enable them to progress (mostly rung for evening service and conducted by Brian) were a feature of his leadership. It is fitting that one of those pupils, his eldest son Peter, has succeeded him as tower captain. In more recent years he also played a leading role in helping to build up a new band at Cowden. In 2002 Brian was proud to call the first peal on the rehung bells there, with three members of the new band ringing their first peal.

As well as ringing at Edenbridge, Brian was always a supporter of local ringing in the wider sense, being a member not only of the KCA but also of the East Grinstead and District Guild, which he joined in 1954. He was elected Chairman in 1961, holding that office until 1972; in 1975 he was made a Vice President. Since 1957 he had been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The teaching and development of learners and the successful maintenance of a competent band at his own tower, alongside his work for the EG&DG, were perhaps the aspects of ringing which gave Brian the most satisfaction. He was not a record-keeper but, as previously mentioned, he rang (and conducted) many quarter peals, particularly at Edenbridge. Although he was always happy to ring in a peal, it was certainly never a priority for him. So far as can be ascertained, he probably rang something under 100. Not normally a conductor of his peals, he had nevertheless called Holt's Original more than once.

Brian's ever-cheerful presence and encouraging attitude to learners will be very much missed at Edenbridge and within the surrounding area.

Around the District

Ben Rogers recounts Chevening's exploits on Thursday 10th April

15 ringers, 5 cars, 5 towers, 2 pubs, 1 goal and an 8 a.m. start! The Chevening Ringers and friends were off to see the sea, and do some ringing too.

After a bright and early start we made our merry way to the first of our towers, All Saints' [8, 8-2-17 in A] Church at Birchington. Having arrived early what better way was there to start the day than with breakfast? And where better to have it than at the Psychic Café?

Being both well fed and ready to ring we used our new found supernatural skills to send a psychic message to those of our band who had chosen to picnic on the beach that time was upon us to venture up the small wooden tower ladder to do what we had come for. 45 minutes later after some good ringing and equally useful ladder practise we headed to number 2 on our list – St. Nicholas' Church at Sturry [6, 9-3-7 in G].

On arriving it was clear that either our fans had found out our itinerary for the day, or there was a church coffee morning (I'm more inclined to believe the former). Either way we hoped to give them some good ringing to listen to. When we ascended to the tower the bell fund was hastily hidden (and rightly so, we were lunching next and felt we deserved a few pints!) When we came back down, the crowds had dispersed, no doubt sated in their desire to hear us ring and we headed to the pub.

After lunch at the Red Lion, Hernhill, a pub whose apparent hospitality did not lend itself to the wants and needs of its visiting ringers – nor anybody else, we headed across the green to the charming church of St Michael [8, 7-1-10 in A]. After touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, rounds and call changes we headed to number four on our list, the beautifully situated tower of Saints Peter and Paul at Boughton-Under-Blean [8, 11-0-6 in F[#]], then it was time for tea.

Tea was taken at the Mount Ephraim Gardens Topiary Tearooms at Hernhill and was well received and enjoyed, our thanks go to the staff who had until our arrival been ready to go home but nevertheless gave us a warm reception. Finally, and all too quickly it seemed we were at our 5th tower, that of St James at Sheldwich [8, 7-0-26 in B^b]. We rang, and then we were done... The pub again!

Our thanks go to the organisers, our fantastic friends and helpers with their endless patience and then the kind hospitality and opportunities given to us by those towers we were lucky enough to visit,

without any of whom we would not have had such an enjoyable day, or so much fun! After all, what is ringing, if it's not just good fun?

Shipbourne ventured onto the Romney Marsh. Saturday 10th May is, recounted by Peggy and Gordon Hill.

On a glorious Saturday in May eighteen people, six cars and two dogs set off on the Shipbourne Tower Outing, which was conceived from a recent newspaper article describing churches of Romney Marsh. There were fifteen bell ringers, a cosmopolitan band consisting of seven Shipbourne stalwarts aided and abetted by friends from Tonbridge [8, 19-1-0 in E^b], Leigh [6, 8-2-0 in A] and Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E^b] towers.



Shipbourne and friends at Lydd.

At our first tower we were welcomed by Lydia of Lydd All Saints (8, 15 cwt). The large airy church, reputedly the longest in Kent, was bombed during WW2 while the organist was playing. Despite an initial hiccup, when the tenor went up wrongly but was soon corrected by the combined forces of two expert Tonbridge ladies, we all agreed that the bells here were very sweet-sounding and pleasing to ring. And we were not bombed.

Our second port of call was St Peter & St Paul, Appledore (8, 12 cwt), where Janet introduced us to the low tower. A risk assessment warning notice in the ringing chamber advises that, rather than acquire blisters by pulling the ropes, ringers may wish instead to shout "Ding-Dong" out of the window! Verdicts on the bells here included "bouncy" and "short ropes with flighty bells" but nonetheless it was an enjoyable and interesting experience. At one stage the novice ringer on the treble was told he was "upside-down", evoking the response that "...as I'm the one leading, surely it's everyone else who is upside-down!"

We retired for lunch to the Black Lion pub next door to the church, where a very long table had been laid in readiness for us. The food was delicious and while the ringers imbibed a noggin or two, Theo the dog savoured a surreptitious saucer of milk beneath the table. Well worth a return visit.

Our route to the third tower, St. Augustine, Brookland (6, 8 cwt), was via a railway level crossing which had faulty lights. Being on a tight schedule, our hearts sank as a long queue formed ahead. However, our doughty convoy was undaunted and a quick about-turn and nifty detour found us arriving to meet our host David in perfect time. Brookland is fascinating and possibly unique with its detached, steeple-like pyramidal tower and ground level ringing chamber, where curious onlookers observed our efforts. In the church there are unusual high-sided Georgian box pews where we imagined all manner of irreverent activities taking place unseen during the sermon!



The unusual campanile at Brookland.

The final destination was St. Martin, Aldington (6, 13 cwt). We had been advised that it is hard to find and indeed it was – we all got lost on the way! Judith greeted us at the gate and led us through the churchyard with its beautiful horse-chestnut trees. We scaled the high tower and enjoyed our last ringing session of the day before heading homewards.



The official photograph!

The ringers on the outing were of very mixed ability, ranging from novice through a few months experience to those who have been ringing forever! Because of this variety of skill, the majority of the ringing comprised rounds and call changes, with just the odd burst of method ringing. Thanks are due to the experts for guiding the beginners with great patience. Also many thanks go to the Tower Secretaries, who kindly agreed to our visits and met us at their churches, and to Stan Jenner and Pam Thomas of Tonbridge for their advice. The outing was very much enjoyed by everyone and we now look forward to another one next year!

Peals

Paragraph

Brasted Saturday 12th April

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

8 Methods: 736 London; 640 Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol, Rutland; 576

Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 132 changes of method; all the work.

Composed by: N R Aspland

Jacqueline M Barlow 1, Jane L Kostelnyk 2, Elizabeth A Barnes 3, Catherine N Merlane 4, Dickon R Love 5, David J Dearnley 6, John B Keeler (C) 7, Thomas M Barlow 8

Sevonoaks Sunday 8th June

5120 Spliced S Major

8 methods; 640 each, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire.

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Composed by: Donald F Morrison (no. 141)

Susan Symons 1, Canon David W Grimwood 2, Michael A Birkbeck 3, Thomas M Barlow 4, Gareth L M Lawson 5, J Roderick N Lebon 6, Richard H Edwards (C) 7, Steven J Haynes 8

For evensong and as a 30th birthday compliment to Steven Haynes.

Quarter Peals

Rung during the second quarter of 2008

Kemsing Saturday 29th March

1260 Doubles (4m)

240 St Martin's Bob, 240 St. Simon's Bob, 360 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob

Catherine Heathcote 1, Stella Wooldridge 2, Fraser Clift 3, Eric Roughley 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6

Speldhurst Monday 31st March

1264 Plain Bob Major

Frank Lewis 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Eric Roughley 4, Michael Bullett 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Michael Worthington 8

Oxford 3rd April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Susan Reid 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Mike Worthington 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

To welcome Rev Richard Worssam, new Vicar of Oxford, and his family.

Lamberhurst Friday 4th April

1260 Minor

(2 methods: 720 Cambridge Surprise; 540 Plain Bob)

Richard Bourne 1, Sue Gullett 2, Adam Brady 3, Richard Barclay 4, Daniel Brady 5, Catherine Heathcote (C) 6

To celebrate the start of the series of Lamberhurst Classical Concerts.

Sevenoaks Sunday 6th April

1360 Plain Bob Major

Eric Roughley 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Ann Jenner 3, Isabel Pearce 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Frank Lewis 6, Michael Worthington 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8

Rung before the evening service as a 93rd birthday compliment to Doris Colgate.

Tonbridge Sunday 6th April

1264 Plain Bob Major

Celia Dickinson 1, Hamilton Woods 2, Angela Clark 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Nick Fulford 5, Rhoda Willson 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Tim Lynch (C) 8

For evening service and in celebration of the life of Bob Fulford (16th August 1923 – 3rd April 2008).

Belated 70th birthday compliment to Rachel Lewis (19th March). First inside: 2

Leigh Saturday 12th April

1440 Surprise Minor (2m)

720 Surfleet, 720 Beverley

Eric Roughley 1, Fraser Clift 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Tim Lynch 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6

Penshurst Sunday 13th April

1260 Grandsire Triples

Composed by: From Parker's 12 part (7th obs) Bobbie Fairclough 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Michael Bullett 5, Frank Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Alan Broad 8

In honour and celebration of the life of Kieran Howard, aged 10.

Oxford 15th April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Eleanor Stephens (1st inside) 2, Fraser Clift 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Frank Lewis 5, Anthony Leeves 6

Sevenoaks 20th April

1260 Grandsire Triples

Astrid Fairclough 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Isabel Pearce 4, Fraser Clift 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Lesley Barclay 7, Hugo Tracey 8.

Rung for Confirmation Service. Some of the candidates were from Knockholt and Halstead, the parish of the ringer of the 6th.

Oxford 28th April

1260 Plain B Doubles: Bobbie Fairclough 1, Anthony Leeves 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Fraser Clift 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

For the institution and induction as vicar of Rev Richard Worssam

Tonbridge Sunday 4th May

1260 Grandsire Triples

3 parts of J J Parker's 12 part (7th obs) Hugo Tracey 1, Tim Lynch 2, Angela Clark 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Nick Fulford 5, Mike Bullett 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Hamilton Woods 8

For Evening Service and in celebration of the life of Leonard Lynch, who died peacefully on 2nd May aged 82.

Speldhurst Saturday 17th May

1260 Grandsire Triples

Nicholas Butcher 1, Eric Roughley 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Alan King 4, Graham Everitt 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Crispin Saunders 8

A compliment to Alastair & Jennifer Bullett on the occasion of a party in Speldhurst to celebrate their wedding last year in the USA.

Brasted 18th May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Juliet Austin 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Frank Lewis 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6

To celebrate the confirmation this day of Daniel Bishop, who is learning to ring, and Melissa Barker
Oxford 20th May

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Bobbie Fairclough 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Isabel Pearce 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Frank Lewis (C) 6

Remembering Brian Jeffrey of Edenbridge.

Brasted 29th May

1260 Plain Bob Minor
Carole Rumsey 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Frank Lewis 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6

Remembering Claire Draper

Chiddingstone Saturday 31st May

1260 Grandsire Triples
Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Eric Roughley 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Alan King 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Michael Worthington 8

Rung to celebrate the life of Brian Jeffrey (1937-2008).

Cowden 31st May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Clive Lumsden 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Eric Roughley (C) 3, Andrew Wickenden 4, Peter Clack 5, Frank Shepherd 6.

A thanksgiving for the life of Brian Jeffrey who trained and supported the local band for many years.

Tonbridge Sunday 1st June

1280 Plain Bob Major
Pam Thomas 1, Celia Dickinson 2, Hamilton Woods 3, Martin Willson 4, Jacqui Fletcher 5, Nick Fulford 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8
Rung for Evening Service and as a compliment to Colin and Angela Clark on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary today.

Cowden Saturday 7th June

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Gareth L M Lawson 1, Steven J Haynes 2, Christine Marshall 3, Helen L Small 4, Martin W Marshall 5, Howard Goacher (C) 6
First as conductor.

Seal Saturday 7th June

1260 Plain Bob Minor
Helen L Small 1, Gareth L M Lawson 2, Christine Marshall 3, Martin W Marshall 4, Howard Goacher 5, Steven J Haynes (C) 6

Tunbridge Wells Saturday 7th June

1280 Plain Bob Major
Hugo Tracey 1, Alison Parsons 2, David Threlfall 3, Rosalind Cowsill 4, Roger Cowsill 5, David Manger 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Richard Edwards (C) 8

65th birthday compliment to Ian and David Cochrane and 80th birthday compliment to Geoffrey Waters.

Chevening 15th June

1260 Grandsire Triples
Carole Scott 1, Ray Taylor 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Frank Lewis 7, Tony Cresswell 8
1st quarter on the recently augmented 8.

(1st on 8: 8)

Sevenoaks 22nd June

1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Caroline Berry 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Astrid Fairclough 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Frank Lewis 5, Graham Everitt 6

To celebrate Caroline's 50 years of marriage to Sam.

Brasted 29th June

1260 Doubles (2m)
Bobbie Fairclough 1, Juliet Austin 2, Jennifer Thomas (C) 3, Chris Mundy 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Graham Everitt 6.

For evensong.

Speldhurst Monday 30th June

1344 Plain Bob Major
Bobbie Fairclough 1, Penny Gerrard (1st of Major inside) 2, Eric Roughley 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Michael Bullett 5, Frank Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, John Palmer 8

Leigh 5th July

1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Pamela Thomas 1, Fraser Clift 2, Anthony Leeves 3, Alan Broad 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Stella Wooldridge 6.

A belated 60th birthday compliment to Alan Broad and his first quarter 'inside'.

Milestones

Congratulations to...

Tony Cresswell	First on eight.
Alan Broad Hamilton Woods	First quarter inside.
Howard Goacher	First as conductor.

See your name in print!

The **Look to always** needs your articles to fill its pages! Whoever you are, wherever you ring, whatever you ring, feel free to commit pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard, and send in your contributions on:

- A write-up of your tower outing (and a photo or two!)
- Your ringing tips and hints (anything from learning bell-handling to spliced surprise) and questions you might want answered
- Historical snippets from your tower
- Anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- Other announcements

Always feel free to send a photo (electronically or hard-copy) with your article to Alex Staff:

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The deadline for copy for the next edition (third quarter 2008) is Friday 26th September 2008. Anything submitted after this time may still have a chance for inclusion, but cannot be guaranteed space.