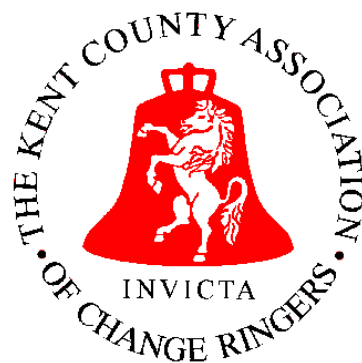


Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2009 First Quarter Edition

Annual District Meeting

Tessa Worthington summarises the ADM.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E^b, GF] on 4th October 2008, with quite a good turn-out. It was good to hear all eight bells ringing, and the service that followed was taken by Rev'd Tom Holme with Bob Wilson at the organ. Although the bells require firm handling, a wide variety of methods was rung.

The usual delicious tea was provided by the local ringers and Angela Clark of Tonbridge was particularly thanked for master-minding the whole event in the absence of the tower captain.



St John the Baptist, from the parkland of Penshurst Place.

The meeting started with a minute's silence for those recently deceased: Bob Sherlock, Betty Jefferey, Ken Dickinson and Peter Romney. The

entire committee was re-elected unopposed for the following year and new members Grania Bromley (from Cowden) and Kieth Allcorn (from Brenchley) were welcomed to the Association.

Members were encouraged to attend the forthcoming 10-bell practice at Bletchingley [10, 16-1-22 in E, GF] and in particular the annual Carol Service at St Nicholas, Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F] on 13th December.

Congratulations to: Sevenoaks' Phil Jones, Edenbridge and Colyton's Keith Matthews and Cowden's Hiliary Bavey, who came out on top in the 120 club draw!

Forthcoming Events...

Between now and the next edition of the Look to:
TRIVIA EVENING!

Saturday 17th January 2009

Hildenborough Village Hall

7:15 pm for 7:30 pm

Evening Practice

Saturday 7th January 2009

Cranbrook [8, 21-2-15 in E^b]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

"Teaching the Teachers" Bellhandling

Saturday 21st February 2009

Full Day Course

Training Day

Saturday 7th March 2009

Rounds and Call Changes, and Plain Bob Doubles

Surprise Major Practice

Saturday 21st March 2009

Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F[#]]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Deadline for the next edition

Friday 27th March 2009

Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 4th April 2009

Brenchley [8, 17-3-24 in E]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The Autumn Term...

Ringling Master Catherine Lewis notes the 10-bell practice held at Bletchingley [10, 16-1-22 in E, GF] on 18th October 2008...

There were 14 people from the District plus 6 visitors from Surrey, two of whom dropped in just briefly. It was particularly nice to see Ann Reuff from Reigate (originally from Chelsfield) and daughter Stef. We rang *Rounds and Call Changes*, *Plain Hunt* on 9 and 10, *Plain Bob* and *Grandsire Caters*, and attempted *Stedman*. Several people tried something new – and all with success.

...and the afternoon practice at Kilndown [6, 9-1-10 in A] on 1st November 2008...

10 people from the District plus a visitor from Sussex. We rang *Grandsire* and *Plain Bob Doubles*, *Plain Bob* and *Little Bob Minor*. Also, more unusually, *All Hallows Place Doubles* including a touch using *Reverse Canterbury* as a bob, and *Barrow-upon-Humber Bob Doubles*. Thanks to Catherine Heathcote for arriving with diagrams for these last methods – and several more we didn't have time for.

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?

Carols at Sevenoaks

Tessa Worthington describes the District's annual Carol Service.

The annual carol service was held at St Nicholas' church, Sevenoaks, and was well attended with over 40 ringers present.

Ringling was from 3:00 pm to 4.30 pm and ranged from *Rounds and Call Changes* to *Grandsire Triples*, with the ringling chamber very crowded at times.

The service of carols and readings was taken by the Revd. D. Casiot with Isabel Pearce managing to both play the organ and to join in singing the carols.

The readings were performed by ringers – young and old from several towers and the last difficult reading from John 1, 1-14 was delivered splendidly by Fern Ogley in a way that made it understandable for once!

After the service people retired to the well equipped undercroft for mulled wine and mince pies. It was good to see several non ringling friends and spouses joining us.

Frank and Catherine Lewis provided the mulled wine and the Sevenoaks ringers were very efficient in the kitchen and dining area, serving up the mince pies and biscuits kindly donated by district ringers.

The event was considered a great success and the undercroft at St Nicholas was a most suitable facility for the event.



Mince pies and mulled wine, and promises were kept. (Frank Lewis.)

Training Days

Shipbourne's Gordon Hill braved the elements on 2nd December and gives a student's perspective on a Plain Hunting and Ropesight training day.

The alarm awakens me at an unhealthy hour on a frosty Saturday morning. Barely dawn, I scrape the ice off the car wondering why on earth I agreed to such an early start to a Training Day. After all, aren't I up early tomorrow for service ringling? Don't I deserve this one chance in the week for a lie-in? This was one of the first of the experimental new Training 'Days' that has a schedule which requires an early start.

All negative thoughts are put aside as I start to thaw out when the car heater finally kicks in and I ponder the morning ahead. The venue is Otford [6, 10-1-7 in A^b, GF], a ground floor ring in the squat, ancient tower of St. Barts, nestling next to the strangely elevated duck pond which is in the middle of the busy village roundabout. But St. Barts has a few surprises up its sleeve... the first is the friendly opening of the modern automatic double doors as one approaches the church, as if the vicar (or a higher authority) is opening their arms in welcome. The second and more relevant surprise is the technology in the tower which permits training and practice to take place without frightening the locals too much – a computerised ringling simulator. All

bad noises are thus confined to the ringing chamber whilst retaining the reality of ringing the six bells.

So, feeling a little disappointed that the tenor would sound more like Prof. Stephen Hawking singing in the shower than the perfectly tuned A flat Whitechapel bell that it is, I joined the other two students – Grania of Cowden and Derek of Otford – to start our training in Plain Hunt and Ropesight.

First, Ringing Master Mike Worthington took us through the theory and terminology of plain hunting in the nave of the church, whilst the ringing chamber was being thawed out by an array of assorted heaters. After that the bells were rung up by the other five expert helpers – John of Otford, Catherine of Lamberhurst, Frank and Jen of Brasted and Tessa of Sevenoaks. My initial scepticism about the artificial sound produced by the simulator evaporated once the PC's speakers were turned on and produced a most convincing sound as the ropes were pulled.

With each of the helpers taking a rope and Mike positioned strategically at my side on the treble, I was the first to start a course of *Plain Hunt Doubles*. Resisting the temptation to 'ring by numbers' but to practise ropesight, I soon found myself settling into the relatively simple pattern, assisted enormously by the nods and looks of the helpers as I followed their bells. If only all ringers gave such helpful body language to us novices! As each student took a turn, I observed the unmissable nods from the helpers and concluded that 'nodsight' was preferable to ropesight!

We all broke for coffee mid-morning, adjourning to the Crown opposite where Tessa and Jen had generously supplied the most delicious carrot cake and flapjack. Keen to keep to schedule, we returned to try our hands at More Complicated Methods. As if I needed proof that ringing by numbers had a limited use, Mike advanced us to *Grandsire Doubles*, where bells three, four and five had no discernable sequence that I could see and I managed to only just hold it together by 'nodsight'. My fellow students fared rather better than I but we were all a bit challenged when Mike sadistically threw in a bob or two. For me, an excellent lesson in knowing where my bell is (or should be) and weaning me off numbers.

The training concluded by bringing down the bells at about 1:30 pm – a most bizarre experience on the simulator which became more and more frenzied as they came down. Derek was instructed to kill the sound just before the simulator self-destructed and the final catch of the ropes ended in an eerie silence.

It was a very successful and enjoyable Training Day with the students and helpers both agreeing that it was well worthwhile. The real value of such training is the opportunity to have the dedicated attention of expert ringers, all of whom are there to help us. We should now put into practice at our respective towers' practice evenings what we have learned on the Training Day. Our thanks to all the helpers who gave so generously of their time, to Mike for his excellent tutoring and to Catherine for arranging things.

Catherine Lewis was with the second group on this training "day":

There were two groups, both of which had a "long morning with coffee break" schedule on simulators. It was the first time we'd used the one at Speldhurst [8, 13-1-26 in F[#]]. Very many thanks to the local band, especially Anthony Leeves, for installing it – it is likely to be of considerable value to the District. For coffee both groups had a complete change of scene, retiring to nearby local hostelries. Somewhat surprisingly, when asked in advance, both of these were quite happy for us to smuggle in our own cake. They were no doubt pleased that in both places some of the group returned for a late lunch at the end of the morning.

At Otford three students from Cowden, Shipbourne and Otford worked on *Plain Hunting and Ropesight*, and meanwhile at Speldhurst three from Cowden and Brasted did *Grandsire*.

Forthcoming Training Events

"Teaching the Teachers" – Bellhandling

Saturday 21st February 2009

Rounds and Call Changes, and Plain Bob Doubles

Saturday 7th March 2009

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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- cmlewis@btopenworld.com

Catherine Lewis writes:

There are already some places booked for the *Rounds and Call Changes and Plain Bob Doubles*.

“Teaching the Teachers” – Bellhandling will be a day to discuss and practise techniques for teaching complete beginners to handle a bell and to ring one up and down. Also ideas for developing beginners’ bell control. We all have something to learn in this very important area. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come, preferably by 15th January; spaces will be limited and people trying to book later may be disappointed.

Visit the KCACR website to keep up to date with the Tonbridge District and KCACR’s news!

www.kcacr.org.uk

120 Club

The 120 Club draws for the last quarter of 2008:

October	98	Sevenoaks
	67	Edenbridge / Colyton
	34	Cowden
November	9	Shipbourne
	27	Brenchley
	23	Brenchley
December	93	Tunbridge Wells
	45	Hadlow
	60	Otford

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. If you would like to buy a share then please contact *Ray Taylor*:

- 07973 123 323
- ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk

Or download an application form from:

- www.kcacr.org.uk

Quarter Peal Week

Better advertised this year, Catherine Lewis rounds up the happenings of the District Quarter Peal Week takes place in mid-November, members are encouraged to score some firsts!

For the second year in succession we fixed a Quarter Peal Week. Then, as seems often to be the case, it stretched just a bit and finally lasted 11 days.

We scored 16 quarters – exactly twice as many as last year. So congratulations all round. However we still left more than half our towers without a quarter. Maybe next year we should specifically aim to ring one at every tower.

On the human front there were some real achievements though. Four people, Penny Fisk, Phil Jones, Pauline Middlewick and Janet Whitehead all rang their first quarters. For Pauline the quarter was her very first touch and you’d never have guessed – quite an achievement! There were also five firsts in method and a first on eight.

A notable quarter with no footnotes was one in eleven Doubles methods (using the term loosely) at Leigh – organised by Eric Roughley for a bit of fun!

Fifty six members took part, one ringing in eight quarters and one in six. There were six conductors, one calling five.

We have a district membership of around 225. So do all these statistics represent a good effort? Whether they do or not, the week stimulated a lot of worthwhile ringing, plenty of progress was made and hopefully enjoyment was had by all.

Peter Romney, R.I.P.

The Editor thanks Stan Jenner for this obituary.

Peter was a Sussex man, born and brought up in Hassocks. His early interest in farming led him to the University of London (Wye College) and then to the University of Wales at Aberystwyth. His subsequent career was as a lecturer at colleges of agriculture in Sussex, Dorset and Kent. In 1963 he married Margaret and together they raised a family of three sons.

Peter’s ringing career started at Keymer towards the end of the last war and, after university, he was active in the Sussex County Association, of which he was Peal Secretary from 1962-1965. He also became a member of the SRCY. Following a spell in Dorset the family moved in 1970 to Hadlow, where Peter took up an appointment as Head of Agriculture at the College.

It was in Kent that Peter made his most important contribution to ringing. He was tower captain at Hadlow for over 30 years and also became a stalwart member of the KCACR. At various times he was Ringing Master and Chairman of the Tonbridge District and, from 1983 to 1989, was General Secretary of the Association. His greatest interest, though, was the work of the Association’s Bell Restoration Sub-Committee, of which he was Convenor for 11 years. Allied to this, he was also a member of the Rochester Diocesan Advisory Committee. These roles led to his active involvement in many bell restoration schemes throughout the county, including the complete rehang of Hadlow bells and the recasting of the two dreadful 18th century trebles in 1994. In recognition

of his contributions to ringing in Kent, Peter was made a Vice-President of the Association in 2003.

He rang 380 quarter peals and 138 peals (including 5 on handbells).

The packed church at Hadlow for his funeral service reflected the affection and respect in which Peter was held in the local community and in the world of ringing. The congregation contained a large number of ringers from Kent and Sussex, including his former colleagues and friends from the Kent bell restoration team.

Betty Jeffery, R.I.P.

The Editor thanks the Rev'd Stephen Mitchell of Edenbridge for these thoughts from the eulogy he gave.

Betty Jeffery learned to ring in Brenchley, but lived in Edenbridge since her marriage, in the house she and Brian saw being built. Although a nurse by profession, Betty became a housewife and mother. She did things like redecorate the house while Brian took the boys off cycling. Betty enjoyed taking the boys to London museums and meeting Brian for lunch.

Her ringing was at Edenbridge, but involved lots of outings. When she was younger, she had been very sporty – hockey, tennis and badminton. Her last fourteen years were very tough, but she outlived the doctors' best estimates. It was a great joy that she lived to see her granddaughter, Jess. Illness failed to frustrate her interest in life, although that life could be quite frustrating to one such as Betty, who always wanted to be involved – especially with anything to do with bells. She is sadly missed by fellow campanologists and by her friends at Edenbridge Parish Church.

Rookies at the Roadshow

Peggy Hill and husband Gordon found themselves in Warwick in time for the Ringing Roadshow. [This may be the first article to be submitted to the Look to with references!]

When our student son and his accumulated clobber needed a lift back to university at Warwick, it crossed our minds that Gordon and I could combine that mission with a trip to the Ringing Roadshow at nearby Stoneleigh Park. So it was that we arrived there on 5th September, one of the wettest days of the year. We were hailed by soaked but still smiling stewards who directed us to the vast Exhibition Hall, which was thronging with hundreds of earnest bell-anoraks – we of course, being merely curious rookie ringers.

The number of appealing things to do was a surprise – we checked the programme and planned a course of action! Firstly we dodged through the deluge to attend a double bill of seminars over in another hall. Norman Chatfield hosted “I Wish I'd Started 40 Years Ago” (oh ye-esss!), followed by “Raising and Lowering in Peal” lead by Steve Coleman. This was a bit above my head (!) but Steve was a delight with his amusing delivery, plus his striking imitation of a bell achieved by precariously standing and swaying one-legged on a chair – his arms representing the bell and swinging leg the clapper. After that we splashed in and out of the puddles back to the main hall, with a brief, wet pause to listen to the beautiful sounds of carillonneur Boudewijn Zwart's recital on his transportable 50-bell carillon.

Inside the hall there was a wealth of exhibitors. Here is just a flavour of what was on offer: we marvelled at the versatility of the computerised ringing simulators; admired the exhibition of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry; watched ropes being spliced and a sally being woven painstakingly by hand; coveted the model bells (very expensive!); listened to the chiming of the handbell ringers; studied the bookstalls; took part in a game to construct a bell-wheel from pieces of wood; saw numerous stalls selling all manner of bell-ringing paraphernalia. This ranged from the “serious stuff” like ropes, sallies and muffles, to “fun” things such as cards, ties, toys etcetera, mostly brightly emblazoned with bell motifs. We bought a set of plastic battery-operated handbells (oh dear!), which when “rung” automatically plays a series of Christmas carols – some of you may have had the dubious pleasure of hearing this already!

St Paul's Cathedral Guild had a stand with many photographs of the 17 bells. One of the ringers we spoke to travels up from the south coast every weekend for Sunday ringing. Steve Coleman and his wife Sue were manning their bookstall and we had the pleasure of chatting with them and purchasing some of Steve's books from him in person.

KCACR's very own Catherine Lewis was offering sessions on a dumbbell and we booked two adjacent places. Despite her kindly instruction, Yours truly managed to make a hash of it. There was a frame, with a pulley, and a rope to pull, but with no weight to raise it struck me as an obviously odd contraption? Then our 20 year old son tried, having never touched a bell-rope before. And – surprise! – within minutes inevitably he got the hang of it and was handling proficiently. Not such

an odd contraption after all then. Catherine was keen to recruit her new ringer but his final year at university does not allow time for yet another activity. Perhaps next year ... ?

Finally we ventured back outside, where ten Mini-Rings had somewhat optimistically been erected in the open in rows around the sodden lawn. We hunted down one of the few in action as it was Gordon's turn to have a go. He contrived to bob his way right to the front of an ardent band of mini-ring enthusiasts damply huddled under plastic sheeting covering the ring. While son and I stood nearby holding up our umbrellas, Gordon attempted some Call Changes. However, soon he too opted for the method of discretion really being the better part of valour and jumped out to leave it to the experts. Blame it on the rain.

And That's All! We squelched soggly round to the car park to head home after a very full day. As novice ringers, we enjoyed our busy and entertaining stay at the Ringing Roadshow and would recommend it to anyone. Though we would hope that at future events you might enjoy less extreme weather!!

- NB: There are around 70 bell-ringing words/phrases in the above – how many did you spot?
- Ref: Struckett, David W; A Dictionary of Campanology.

Around the District

Catherine Lewis says the County 10-bell Challenge at Greenwich [10, 23-2-14 in D] on 29th November was not a complete failure for the district!

For a District with no 10-bell towers, we did well to field a team. However we came 5th. Let's hope there's another such competition soon!

Frank Lewis notes Lucile Corby's 40 years of service

There was a short ceremony at St Mary's Chiddingstone on Sunday 14th December to make a presentation to Lucile Corby in recognition of her nearly 40 years of service to ringing and many other aspects of life at St Mary's, not least of which a splendid altar frontal. There was ringing from 11:30 am to 12 noon, followed by the presentation to Lucile by the Rev'd Ian Harrison of a model Whitechapel bell.



Lucile Corby test rings the bell presented to her at Chiddingstone church.

Cowden and friends went on a magical mystery tour (in Surrey). Andy Wickenden went too.

The annual Cowden ringers outing in search of a hearty pub lunch happened to coincide with visits to four very interesting towers – all in Surrey and on a gorgeous October day. Joined by some fellow ringing friends from Edenbridge, Caterham, Lingfield and somewhere nice in Wiltshire, we all set off – one of us not being allowed to know where we were headed...

9.00 am sharp at Godstone St Nicholas [8, 12-0-4 in G] – up the spiral stairs and drop down into a delightful ring of 8. A reasonably gentle start to warm us up for...

Bletchingley St Mary [10, 16-1-22 in E, GF]. Well, it has to be said we got into a bit of a mess to start with! For some of us 10 bell virgins hanging on to our ropes in the huge ground floor chamber, it felt more like we were about to start maypole dancing than attempt some respectable sounding call changes!

With a combination of SAT NAVS, maps and general sense of direction, we all eventually made it to a well earned two hour lunch break at the Seven Stars in Leigh.

The pints of cask conditioned real ales and plates of scrumptious food were rounded off with a toast from our resident tour manager, Clive Lumsden, in memory of our recently departed friends Brian and Betty Jeffrey who were sadly missed.

And then off to the magical mystery bit – round the corner to Betchworth St Michael [8, 11-0-10 in A^b]. Magical because it is a truly magical setting and mystery because, surprise surprise, for our Tower Captain, Caroline Levy-Cooper, this is where she learnt to ring (quite a long time ago!) and her teacher, Bernard Hawkins, was there to ring with us!



Neatly tucked in on the ringing gallery at Leigh, Surrey.

Then off to Leigh St Bartholomew [6, 7-2-20 in A]. Sounds like a nice light easy ring – not so when you are balancing on a combination of choir stalls and wooden boxes. Thankfully there was something resembling a badminton net to break your fall should you unbalance and topple into the church way below!

And so it was, after a day furnished with lashings of *Grandsire*, *Plain Bob*, *Cloister*, *Stedman* and of course some fine *Rounds* and *Call Changes*, we dispersed with thanks to Clive for a great outing and to our four retired lady groupies for keeping a watchful eye on us!

And not content with scaling the heights of St Stephen's Tower to see Big Ben last autumn, Margaret McKendrick reports that Otford have now tackled the Whitechapel foundry.

On 9th October the Otford Guild of Bellringers set out on their annual outing. We had arranged to visit the Whitechapel Bellfounders and then investigate the bells at two of the City churches. We congregated at Otford station full of anticipation to find signs up stating that there were no trains to London. However, while we were discussing if we had enough cars to get the party to Sevenoaks, a train came in from the Maidstone area. This then reversed towards Sevenoaks, and we were on our way. Apart from a slight difference of opinion as to which exit to use at Whitechapel tube station we all arrived safely. I think we were all surprised to see the old fashioned shop front set among modern developments, and delighted to see the unchanged aspect of the interior.



Otford and taggers-on at Whitechapel.

We were taken round by the boss, who has a remarkable talent for keeping visitors interested. We, after all, were bellringers, but any visitor would find the place fascinating. There was no casting going on but we learnt all the details of the process, and saw the sad heap of cracked bells waiting to be mended. After climbing several steep stairways we arrived at the level occupied by the makers of handbells. There we saw the old-fashioned craftsmen's benches with the tools laid out ready for work on Monday morning, as they must have been for several hundred years. A marvellous visit to be recommended to anyone, bellringers or not.

From there we walked through Whitechapel to the pub where we were to lunch, to be greeted by the news that the chef had called in sick and they had done the best they could. I do not know what we should have had if the chef had been there but 'the best they could' was excellent and satisfied everyone. After lunch came the stroll to our first church – Christ Church, Spitalfields [8, 17-1-10 in E] – via Petticoat Lane and Spitalfields' Market, both silent because it was Saturday. I think we were all struck dumb when we were let in. It is enormous and superb, one of Hawksmoor's best and recently completely restored. One of our party had visited it at the time it was in disrepair and liable to be pulled down, so it was great to see its resurgence. The fine bells had been acquired from another church in disrepair and we enjoyed ringing them.

Then on to St Olave's, Hart Street [8, 11-3-23 in G], through the silent City. We let ourselves in with the keys which had been left for us at the lunch pub and were a little disappointed that we went straight into the tower and did not see the church, but had

another enjoyable ring on some very pleasant sounding bells.

Angela Clark does some organising.

With effect from February 2009 it is proposed to hold a service of evensong at Hadlow on the first Sunday of each month and the ringers at Hadlow will be ringing for this service.

It is currently the practice to go for a quarter peal at Tonbridge on the first Sunday in each month and our friends from Hadlow join us in these attempts. In view of the new arrangements, it is proposed to move the quarters at Tonbridge to the SECOND Sunday each month starting in February. The entry in the *Handbook* will be amended to reflect the new arrangements.

Visitors are always welcome to join the Tonbridge ringers on Sunday evenings from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm when no quarter peal is being rung.

Quarter Peals

Rung during the first quarter of 2008

Kemsing 26th January

1260 Stedman Doubles

Fraser Clift 1, Rebecca Prinsloo 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Frances C James 4, David S James (C) 5, Arthur Lewis 6

First of Stedman Doubles, 2.

Rung as part of the District Quarter Peal Week

Tunbridge Wells 13th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Hugo Tracey 1, Mick Harris 2, Deryck Talbot 3, Alan Dunster 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Ian Cochrane 6

For the birthdays of 2 (6 Nov), 3 (30 Oct), 5 (10 Nov) and for the birth of Oliver Daniel Leeves (29 Oct). 25th quarter, 3.

Otford 14th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Janet Whitehead 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Juliet Austin 6

A 60th birthday compliment to HRH the Prince of Wales. Also to welcome Charlie John Richard Spice, first grandchild for Jennifer.

Chiddingstone 15th November

1310 Grandsire Doubles

Fraser Clift 1, Rebecca Prinsloo 2, Dee Clift 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Tim Lynch (C), Godfrey Croughton 6

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales. First in method, 2 and 3.

Lamberhurst 15th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Pauline Middlewick 1, Eric Roughley 2, Anthony Leeves 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Catherine Heathcote (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

First quarter and first touch, 1.

Chevening 16th November

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Carole Scott 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Tessa

Worthington 3, Ann Jenner 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Frank Lewis 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Jane Nielson 8
Rung to mark the birthdays of Christopher Johnson, Rector of Chevening (65), and HRH Prince Charles (60). First on 8, 8.

Hadlow 16th November

1260 Grandsire Triples

Ann Jenner 1, Janice Massy 2, Peter Dickinson 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Howard Rogers 5, Ray Taylor 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Alan Phipps 8

Rung for Parish Eucharist as part of the Tonbridge District quarter peal week. First Grandsire Triples inside, 2.

Sevenoaks 16th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Isabel Pearce 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Astrid Fairclough 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Penny Fisk 6

First quarter, 6.

Leigh 17th November

1260 Doubles (2 principles / 9 methods)

Nicholas Butcher 1, Fraser Clift 2, Anthony Leeves 3, Alan King 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

A welcome to Oliver Daniel Leeves and Alan Christian King-Contalba, respectively recently arrived grandchildren of the ringers of 3 and 4.

Otford 18th November

1260 Buxton Bob Minor

Catherine Lewis 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Fraser Clift 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Frank Lewis 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6

Kemsing 20th November

1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles

Jenny Williamson 1, Catherine Lewis (C) 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift 4, Godfrey Croughton 5, Dee Clift 6

In memory of John Allen, server at this church, parish councillor, chairman of school governors, and cricket umpire, who passed away in October. First in method, 5.

Tonbridge 21st November

1260 Grandsire Triples

Ann Jenner 1, Angela Clark 2, Hayley Andrews 3, Pam Thomas 4, Rhoda Willson 5, Peter Dickinson 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Hamilton Woods 8

Penshurst 22nd November

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

Brasted 23rd November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Eleanor Stephens 1, Carole Rumsey 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Luke Thomas 6

To welcome Charlie John Richard Spice, first nephew for Luke

Hawkhurst 23rd November

1260 Grandsire Doubles
Hugo Tracey 1, Prue Guthrie 2, Richard Bourne (1st Grandsire Doubles inside) 3, David Lyddiatt 4, Alison Parsons (C) 5, Roy Champion 6

Rung as a get well compliment to Geoff Rothon and an engagement compliment to Stephanie Beeken and Nick Lord.

Otford 23rd November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Susan Reid 1, Juliet Austin 2, Bobbie Fairclough (C) 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Fraser Clift 5, John Fairclough 6

Rung to mark the re-authorisation of Donna Worssam as a Pastoral Assistant.

Sevenoaks 23rd November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Nick Chard 1, Isabel Pearce 2, Catherine Lewis (C) 3, Astrid Fairclough 4, Tessa Worthington 5, Phil Jones 6

First quarter, 6.

Rung during the third quarter of 2008

Cranbrook 27th September

1260 Plain Bob Triples
Jenny Beckingham 1, Louise Pink 2, Alison Parsons 3, David Threlfall 4, Paul Franks 5, Peter Bradford 6, Stephen Beckingham (C) 7, Hugo Tracey 8

Rung in memory of Peter Romney

Hadlow 28th September

1260 Grandsire Triples
Janice Massy 1, Rachel Lewis 2, Peter Dickinson 3, Celia Dickinson 4, Howard Rogers 5, Ray Taylor (C) 6, Stanley Jenner 7, Phil Jarvis 8

Rung open in thanksgiving for the life of Peter Romney.

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2008

Brasted 4th October

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Eleanor Stephens 1, Carole Rumsey 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Eric Roughley 4, Frank Lewis 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6

In memory of Jan Bailey, Eleanor's aunt, who died on 10th September 2008.

Tonbridge 5th October

1320 Ipswich Surprise Minor
Celia Dickinson 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, Howard Rogers 3, Rhoda Wilson 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Peter Dickinson (C) 6

For Evening Service.

Sevenoaks 8th October

1312 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Susan Symonds 1, Graham D Heath 2, Howard Goacher 3, Alban D Forster 4, Adam A Brady 5, Michael A Birkbeck 6, Gareth L M Lawson 7, Steven J Hayes (C) 8

To celebrate the 16th birthday of Howard Goacher.

Goudhurst 12th October

1280 Kent Treble Bob Major
Carol V J Rainbow 1, Robin J Hickmott 2, Rebecca A Davey 3, Simon J O Head 4, Keith A Osborne 5, Benjamin D Kipling 6, Roderic K Bickerton 7, Christopher J Cooper 8

To Mark the 50th Anniversary of the first peal by Miss Margaret Jones, veteran member of the Ashford band on 11th October 1958. The same methods on the same bells were attempted yesterday (Warehorn) but sadly lost in the final extent. Also marking the 50th Anniversary of election to the Kent County Association for David H Gower, whose certificate was signed by Ted Ruck, founding member.

This quarter peal is also (very belatedly) to welcome the Rev'd William Hornsby as the new incumbent and for the parish harvest festival.

Hadlow 18th October

1260 Plain Bob Minor
Janice Massy 1, Ray Taylor 2, Peter Dickinson 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Howard Rogers 6

Rung in response to an auction of promises bid to raise funds for the re-ordering of the Lady Chapel at this church, and to celebrate Patricia Ingham's 78th birthday on 14th October.

Otford 21st October

1260 in 3 methods / 1 principle of Doubles
Tessa Worthington 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Fraser Clift 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Frank Lewis 6

Brasted 26th October

1260 Grandsire Triples

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Eric Roughley 2, Frank Lewis 3, Chris Mundy 4, Juliet Austin 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Catherine Heathcote 7, David Edgar 8.

Remembering Gordon Edgar, father of David, who died on 22nd October.

Sevenoaks 26th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Rosina Cole 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Astrid Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift 4, Ray Taylor (C) 5, Graham Everitt 6

First quarter peal on the bells, 1.

Speldhurst 28th October

1344 Nasty Surprise Major

Frances Bradford 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Louise Pink 3, Thomas Barlow 4, Pamela Manger 5, David Manger (C) 6, Peter Bradford 7, Alan Baldock 8

A compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on the eve of his birthday. 1 700th quarter peal and complete Surprise Major alphabet as a conductor, 6.

Hadlow 31st October

1280 Plain Bob Major

Ray Taylor 1, Marian Pickard 2, Eric Roughley 3, Ann Jenner 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Howard Rogers 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8

A thanksgiving for the life of Peter Romney, tower captain and friend.

Tonbridge 2nd November

1260 Plain Bob Major

Hugo Tracey 1, Celia Dickinson 2, Angela Clark 3, Hamilton Woods 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Jacqui Fletcher 6, Stanley Jenner 7, Tim Lynch (C) 8

For evening service.

Otford 5th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Catherine Lewis 1, Jen Thomas 2, Bobbie Fairclough (C) 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Philippa Rooke 5, Frank Lewis 6

Remembering Ken and Joan Dickinson. Ken gave the new bells in memory of Joan in 2000, and he died on the 10th September 2008.

Sundridge 8th November

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Eric Roughley 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

To welcome Oliver Daniel Leeves, second grandson for Karol and Anthony Leeves, born 29th October.

Otford 9th November

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Juliet Austin 2, Nick Wilkins 3, Lesley Barclay 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

Tunbridge Wells 9th November

1260 Grandsire Triples

Hugo Tracey 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Louise Pink 3, David Threlfall 4, Darren Elphick 5, Alan Turner 6, Michael Birkbeck (C) 7, Richard Bourne 8

For Remembrance Sunday.

Chiddingstone 10th November

1280 LX Surprise Major

Tessa Worthington 1, Ann Jenner 2, Eric Roughley 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Frank Lewis 5, Ray Taylor 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8

On the conductor's 60th birthday.

Otford 15th November

1272 Spliced Surprise Minor

Monica Trow 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Gill Tomlinson 3, Juliet Lawrence 4, Jill Wigney 5, Mark Smith 6

Otford 30th November

1260 Grandsire Triples

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Juliet Austin 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Fraser Clift 4, Astrid Fairclough (C) 5, Isabel Pierce 6

Rung on Advent Sunday in support of the Otford Christmas Festival.

Hadlow (Hunter's Lodge) 1st December

1320 Plain Bob Minor

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

Lamberhurst 13th December

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Richard H Bourne 1, Susan E Gullett 2, Brenda M Davies 3, Pamela A Manger 4, David C Manger 5, Catherine M Heathcote (C) 6

Rung prior to a concert by the Trinity Singers.

Otford 16th December

1260 Doubles (5 methods and principles)

Catherine Heathcote 1, Frank Lewis 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Hugo Tracey 6

A birthday compliment to Hugo.

Otford 20th December

1260 Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire

Hugo Tracey 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Louise Pink 3, Alan Turner (C) 4, Roger Cowsill 5, David Threlfall 6

A birthday compliment to Hugo Tracey.

Sevenoaks 20th December

1260 Grandsire Triples

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Pamela Manger 2, Louise Pink 3, David Threlfall 4, Alan Turner 5, David Manger (C) 6, Roger Cowsill 7, Hugo Tracey 8

A birthday compliment to Hugo Tracey.

Westerham 20th December

1260 Stedman Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Alan King 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Frank Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Michael

Worthington 8

50th of Triples as Conductor.

Kemsing 29th December

1320 Cream Cheese Surprise Minor

Stella Wooldridge 1, Frances James 2, David James 3, Fraser Clift 4, Pam Thomas 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6

First in method for all the band.

Kemsing 29th December

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Rebecca Prinsloo 1, Astrid Fairclough 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6

Birthday compliment to Keith Goodway (father of 1) – 78 today. First inside, 3.

Speldhurst 29th December

1264 Double Bob Major

Ray Taylor 1, Eric Roughley 2, Frank Lewis 3, Catherine Lewis 4, John Palmer 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Michael Worthington 7, Anthony Leeves (C) 8

Milestones

Congratulations to...

First touch and first quarter combined:	Pauline Middlewick
First quarter:	Penny Fisk Phil Jones Janet Whitehead
First on 8	Jane Nielson
First of Grandsire Doubles	Dee Clift Rebecca Prinsloo
First of Stedman Doubles	Rebecca Prinsloo
First of St Simon's Bob Doubles	Godfrey Croughton
First of Grandsire Triples inside	Janice Massy
First of Cambridge Surprise Minor inside	Bobbie Fairclough
First of Cream Cheese Surprise Minor	Stella Wooldridge Frances James David James Fraser Clift Pam Thomas Tim Lynch
25 th quarter peal	Deryck Talbot
50 th of Triples as Conductor	Anthony Leeves
1 700 th quarter peal	David Manger
Complete Surprise Major alphabet as a conductor	David Manger

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- Historical snippets from your tower
- Anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- Other announcements

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