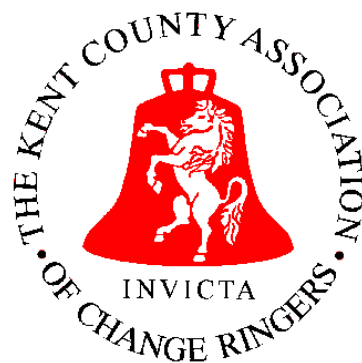


# Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2010 Fourth Quarter Edition

## The Quarterly Meeting

At Chiddingstone [8, 17-0-3 in E] on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010.  
Secretary Tessa Worthington writes:

The afternoon meeting was held on a beautiful day – a late start due to wedding photographs. An hour's mixed ringing ended in the service touch of *Grandsire Triples*. The evening ringing was more advanced methods but equally well attended with two or three visitors from outside the district.



*The tower of St Mary's Chiddingstone can be seen from some distance away to the North, from across the Eden Valley.*

The meeting and tea were held in the church with the excellent catering facilities very professionally hidden behind smart wooden cupboards. The district secretary proposed a vote of

thanks to Ian Harrison, the Priest in Charge, for taking the service and Bob Wilson, the organist. Stella Wooldridge and her mixed band of faithful helpers provided an extremely tasty tea.

## Forthcoming Events...

Between now and the next edition of the *Look to*:  
**Surprise Major Practice**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**DISTRICT QUARTER PEAL WEEK**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010**

to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010

EVERYWHERE!

**Afternoon Practice**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Cowden [6, 7-2-15 in A]

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**10 Bell Practice**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Staplehurst [10, 19-2-7 E<sup>b</sup>]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Training Day**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

*Plain Hunt, and Grandsire Doubles*

**DISTRICT CAROL SERVICE**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Kilndown [6, 9-1-10 in A]

Ringing from 4:30 pm, service at 6:00 pm

**Deadline for the next edition**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

**Quarterly Meeting**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Tonbridge [8, 19-1-0 in E]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**The Trivia Evening**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011**

Hildenborough Village Hall

7:15 pm for a **prompt** 7:30 pm start

Matters discussed at the meeting included a decision on the striking competition. After much hard work by the organisers, a new date for the prematurely halted competition could not be found so it was decided that Hadlow [8, 12-3-0 in G] – the best team on the day – would represent our district on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Also during the meeting, Peter Wharton of Seal Chart was elected as the district's newest member. The meeting ended with the 124 Club draw. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> (£20), N<sup>o</sup> 28, Graham Scrine of Chevening,  
2<sup>nd</sup> (£15), N<sup>o</sup> 31, Lela Weavers of Chevening and  
3<sup>rd</sup> (£10), N<sup>o</sup> 23, Alan Dunster of Brenchley.

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**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?**

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## The Ringing World Anniversary

*Peter Dale sends information about celebrations in 2011.*

You may be aware that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ever issue of *The Ringing World* falls on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011, and that we are holding a festival of ringing in London on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to mark this occasion. Already planned for the day are open towers throughout London, a National Youth Striking competition, celebratory Evensong at Westminster Abbey and a gathering at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster. Further activities will be announced in due course.

## County Striking Competition

*Angela Clark reports.*

The Tonbridge [8, 19-1-0 in E] team were delighted to finish second in the finals of the KCACR six-bell Striking Competition hosted this year by the Lewisham District, which took place at West Wickham [6, 13 cwt F<sup>#</sup>].

Only five teams took part – Canterbury were disqualified because they were too late in arriving, having been delayed by wedding ringing.

The winning team, Beckenham [10, 14 cwt in F], rang a superb touch achieving only 51 faults. Tonbridge were pronounced “good” by judge Michael Moreton, with 76 faults.

Following the contest a quick touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung for KCACR Secretary Margaret to try the bells, then we did a short demonstration ring for a couple of non-ringing visitors who had

drifted in. We had a well organised and enjoyable afternoon.

## London Day Out

*Tessa Worthington records a joint outing to London with the Maidstone District.*

A joint Tonbridge/Maidstone district ringing day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August saw about 40 of us ringing at 6 city towers. These were

St. Magnus the Martyr [12, 26-3-9 in D]  
St Olave, Hart Street [8, 11-3-23 in G]  
St. Katharine Cree [6, 9-3-18 in G]  
St Botolph, Aldgate [8, 25-0-7 in D<sup>b</sup>]  
Christ Church, Spitalfields [8, 17-1-0 in E]  
St. Michael, Cornhill [12, 42-0-6 in B]

Maidstone kindly organised the whole thing – all us Tonbridge ringers had to do was turn up and hand over our £5.00, though Catherine Heathcote and Tim Lynch did have to organise the ringing at every other tower. It was good to meet ringers from outside our district and have the opportunity to ring at these London churches, and on 12 in some cases.

A great success all round.



### The Charmborough Ring

**Thinking of an event to attract the public?**

- Recruiting drives
- Training courses
- Public demonstrations

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

Hire charge, including transport within 50 miles of London, from £190 for 1 day to £320 for 5 days. Full details at:  
[www.charmborough.org](http://www.charmborough.org)

Enquiries to: [hiring@charmborough.org](mailto:hiring@charmborough.org)

The Charmborough Bell Trust is registered charity No. 112616

## Training Days

*Caroline, Michael and Rebecca (Stockmann-)Stuttard were all on a training day for Rounds and Call Changes.*

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September my husband and I, as well as our daughter (11), all took part in a training day (Rounds and Call Changes) at Brasted [8, 9-2-2 in G<sup>b</sup>] tower. We had a great day! The teaching (led by Jen Thomas) was expert, and we were treated as individuals – each of us with our own personal tutor, in fact! Perhaps most readers

are used to this, but from an external perspective we were (again) impressed by the time and interest more experienced ringers dedicate to us beginners.

We started with the theory, then when we first rang we were tasked with exercising ‘extremes’, i.e. having to ring as slowly as possible, then speed up to fast, then slow again etc. I particularly found the slow ringing held me in good stead when we moved on to rounds and call changes, and my ‘tutor’ had just the right balance of advice and knowing when I was already aware of my mistakes. This personal attention moved us all on from where we had been, and was a great motivator. And my daughter (we adults too, of course!) would like to comment on the high quality of the refreshments!

Thanks to all involved in the organisation of this, and we look forward to the next training day!

## Forthcoming Training Events

### Plain Hunt and Grandsire Doubles

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### Rounds and Call Changes, and Plain Bob Doubles

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**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 Heathcote to book a place or request a training event:**

- 01892 785 577
- [catherineheathcote@btinternet.com](mailto:catherineheathcote@btinternet.com)

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

[www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

## 120 Club

**The 120 – and rising – Club draws for the third quarter of 2010:**

<b>July</b>	28	Chevening
	31	Chevening
	23	Brenchley
<b>August and September</b>		
The 120 Club is on its summer hols in August and September. Look out for double prize money for the start of the new series at the ADM!		

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](mailto:ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk)

Or download an application form from:

- [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

## Sevenoaks Tower Outing

**Earlier in the summer, Sevenoaks ventured out to the Romney Marsh, writes Rosina Cole.**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September St Nick’s Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F] and friends – not least amongst the latter being Golden retriever-stander poodle cross, Bella the Golden Doodle – set out for Romney Marsh. We rang at Woodchurch [6, 15-3-26 in F], Brookland [6, 8-2-0 in A<sup>b</sup>, GF], Lydd [8, 15-2-7 in F<sup>#</sup>], New Romney [8, 15-1-3 in E] and Burmarsh [6, 9-3-12 in G, GF].

We were hotly pursued at Brookland by Kemsing [6, 4-1-5 in D, GF], and were most impressed by their arrival by bicycle, although history does not record how they got to Appledore just beforehand! The lunch at the Royal Oak, Brookland was excellent and altogether we had a grand day ringing at and admiring these beautiful and ancient churches.

We owe many thanks to Isabel and Mike for the organization both beforehand and on the day, and also to our valiant helpers.

## Tonbridge Tower Outing

**Angela Clark says Tonbridge went to town on their out in the last quarter.**

Gordon Hill worked very hard and arranged an excellent outing for Tonbridge ringers on the hottest day of the year in early July. We were joined by ringers from Hadlow [8, 12-3-0 in G], Kemsing [6, 4-1-5 in D, GF], Leigh [6, 8-2-0 in A] and Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E<sup>b</sup>], and visited five towers accessed by train, bus, and DLR.

The 8 at St Olave in the City [8, 11-3-23 in G] were a lovely sound but difficult to ring well. The light 8 at St Georges in the East, Stepney [8, 6-0-9 in C] were excellent for *Plain Bob Major*. Then, highlight of the day, lunch at the Prospect of Whitby with an excellent view of The Thames and stories of ghosts dating back to Henry VIII.





*Tonbridge pauses for lunch on their visit to London.*

With a party of 23 who are not all familiar with the DLR network, it was good to have Stan as a guide and Tim to bawl “turn left and follow the signs saying Way Out” when we alighted from the driverless train. Some of us also travelled by bus to add variation to the day.

At All Saints Poplar [10, 23-3-6 in D] we raised the front 6 followed by the 7 & 9 and the 8 and tenor, and *Grandsire Caters* was heard. This is surely the only outing to experience a lock in, and the key-holder had to be found to let us out of the churchyard.

To reach Island Gardens necessitates a change at Canary Wharf for the 8 at Christ Church on the Isle of Dogs [8, 10-3-27 in F<sup>#</sup>] where, after ringing some *Cambridge* the Hadlow ringers went off to a party. Those who had not been invited welcomed the cool walk through the tunnel to Greenwich, but our joy was short-lived because the lift was out of order and we had to climb 100 steps.



*The official photograph, albeit after losing ringers from Kemsing and Tonbridge.*

We lost the Kemsing people en route and there were 12 ringers at St Alfege Greenwich [10, 23-2-14 in D] where the 9 and 10 are rung from the windowsill. We managed some nice *Call Changes* on the 10 and some *Plain Hunt* on the front 6. Our *Grandsire* and *Stedman* on the back 8 sounded splendid.

It was still very hot so we decided the best course of action was to sit on the grass at The Old Brewery drinking the local brew “Mean Time”.

## Around the District

**Cards, cards, cards & more... from Jen Thomas**

A big “thank you” to everyone who has bought cards from me over the last 12 months. In my first year as an ‘Independent Phoenix Trader’ I have been able to give £ 250 to various charities, with £ 66 going to the KCACR Bell restoration Fund.

If you buy cards, wrapping paper, ribbons etc, this seems an easy way to raise money for your favourite charity – a minimum of 10% of my sales is donated. So, please do look at the brochure in your tower or take a peep at my website and send me an order. Pass the word on to your friends, and if you would like to have a coffee morning / wine and cheese evening to support a different charity as well, just let me know.

*There are some lovely Christmas products available now!*

Many thanks,  
Jen Thomas

• [www.phoenix-trading.eu/web/jenniferthomas](http://www.phoenix-trading.eu/web/jenniferthomas)

**Richard Dyson sends notification of a pealboard dedication.**



*A space awaits the dedication of a peal board at Edenbridge, celebrating the lives of Brian and Betty Jeffrey.*

Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F<sup>#</sup>] have their annual Ringers’ Evensong on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, at

6:30 pm, but there is an extra feature to the service this year. During the service we are having a peal board dedicated. The peal was rung in February 2009, as a celebration of the lives of Brian and Betty Jeffrey and as a mark of thanks for their many years of service to Edenbridge and the world of ringing.

We would be delighted to see fellow ringers from the District and further afield, and you are also very welcome to join in the ringing. We will ring for the service from 5.45 pm, and again after the service if there is sufficient interest.

**All human life is involved in ringing, but this is not enough for Angela Clark.**

**W**e managed to field six ringers at Tonbridge on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to mark “Biodiversity” which was being discussed on that day by the great and the good. The church was particularly grateful that we were able to ring, they had requested ringing and sent us a note of thanks the following day. Children from the local Slade School opened their windows during lessons to hear the bells and reflect on the importance of the occasion.

**Frank Lewis avoids obvious puns: “Spliced at Chevening” is sooo 2009, don’t you think...?**



*The bride and groom walk down the aisle after the service.*

**J**ust over a year ago Tony Cresswell had a serious accident when he fell some 20 feet after a floor collapsed while he was on what should have been a fairly routine maintenance job on the bells at Northfleet. For the past year Carole has been doing far from routine maintenance on Tony, and now he’s fallen on his feet yet again – though this time a lot more happily. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August his and Carole’s marriage was blessed at St Botolph’s. Not

only did he gain a wife but the weather was just about perfect.

After a splendid service attended by a host of their friends we were treated to an equally splendid “English tea party” at the brewhouse at Chevening House (the webmaster for one didn’t realise that English tea came out of dark green bottles that go pop when opened). A quarter of *Grandsire Triples* was rung prior to the service, and some really good *Cambridge Minor* welcomed the bride, groom and congregation into the sunshine afterwards. A selection of photos is available below.

Congratulations to you both – have a long and happy life together.

**Mike Worthington wants rave reviews:**

**S**tan Jenner’s “Third Saturday” band rang a peal of *Seven Spliced Surprise Major* at Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F] on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The peal was of a very high standard and ringers of all abilities going about their business in Sevenoaks that morning commented on the quality of the ringing.

More significantly, one person who lives adjacent to the church and who is not keen on the sound of the bells remarked “they were very good,” as I walked past his house having locked the church. The next day a churchwarden came up to me and commented that the ringing had been good.

We are deluding ourselves if we think the public can’t tell the difference between good and bad ringing.

**Angela Clark is keeping up appearances.**

**T**he Parish Church at Tonbridge holds a service every year for the ringers, which is most welcome and gives us the opportunity to invite the congregation up to the ringing chamber. Although, since a number of the ringers were away, we decided against the invitation to climb up to the tower.

The service was taken by Helen Longley, one of our ringers, and the hymns reflected a ringing theme, including *The Ringers’ Hymn*, which we all enjoyed. The church is obviously appreciative of our efforts and welcomed the opportunity to meet us. They certainly had a chance to look at our Tower Captain Tim Lynch, whose reading from Daniel went on for so long we considered calling “stand”.

After the service, over coffee, we answered questions about going up with the bell and what music we played, then one lady said the best part of our ringing was when the bells got faster and faster until they stopped. I like to think she referred to the



striking during the lower, rather than the silence, but I did not enquire.

It is good to feel part of the church community and we enjoyed the evening.

## Peals

### Rung during the third quarter of 2010

**Chevening** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**5152 Ightham Surprise Major**

G. A. C. John

Pamela J Thomas 1, E Lesley Barclay 2, Simon J Davies 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Thomas M Barlow 5, Mark Chittenden-Pile 6, Ian K Bushell 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8

*Rung for Chevening CE (Aided) Primary School*

*Summer Fair in Chevening House gardens.*

*First peal in the method by all.*

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August

**5088 Spliced Surprise Major**

7 methods: 960 Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, 640 Yorkshire, 576 Rutland, 512 Cornwall, 480 London; 141 com

Composed: S Jenner

Jacqueline M Barlow 1, Margaret E Oram 2, Ronald F Diserens 3, Thomas M Barlow 4, Andrew J Corby 5, Ian H Oram 6, David D Smith 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8

## Quarter Peals

### Rung during the third quarter of 2010

**Hadlow, Hunters Lodge** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

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

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**1280 St Clements College Bob Major**

Helen J Valuks 1, Rupert J Cheeseman (C) 2, Peter Valuks 3, Rhiannon M Meredith 4, David H Kingston 5, Jeremy R Byers 6, Jonathan R Slack 7, David P Macey 8

*The Whipping Society*

**Chevening** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Tim Lynch 1, Howard Rogers 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Peter Dickinson 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Eric Roughley 6, Catherine Heathcote 7, Alan King 8

*Prior to a service of blessing and dedication celebrating the marriage of Carole and Tony Cresswell.*

**Speldhurst** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Janice Byrne 1, John Palmer 2, Barbara Fox 3, Peter Glazebrook 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Mike Bullett 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Graham Everitt 8

*A 60th. birthday compliment to Martin Steibelt; a stalwart of the village!*

**Otford** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**1260 Doubles (2 methods and 1 principle)**

Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire.

Catherine Lewis 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Isabel Pearce 3, Frank Lewis 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Graham Everitt 6

*An 80th. birthday compliment to Roy Pankhurst who came to the church to meet the ringers.*

## Milestones

### Congratulations to...

<b>First of Ightham Surprise</b>	Pamela J Thomas, E Lesley Barclay, Simon J Davies, Jacqueline M Barlow, Thomas M Barlow, Mark Chittenden-Pile, Ian K Bushell, Nicholas Wilkins
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### 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 (first quarter 2011) is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Anything submitted after this time may still have a chance for inclusion, but cannot be guaranteed space.**