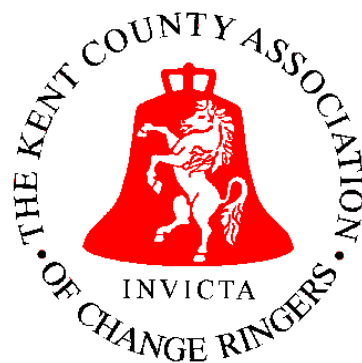


# Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2011 Third Quarter Edition

## The Quarterly Meeting

*Tessa Worthington and Alex Staff summarise the highlights of the second meeting of 2011.*

The second quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District took place at Westerham [8, 23-0-17 in E<sup>b</sup>, GF] on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011. Ringing commenced at 3:00 pm, with Heathcote and Lynch, ringing masters by appointment to the Tonbridge District, in charge.



*The view from above: Taken from the top of the distinctive, open anti-clockwise turning "lady stair" in the north-west corner of the tower.*

Before the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev'd Andrew Reed for taking the service, and to Michael Barlow for playing the organ. Thanks were also due to the Sundridge and

Westerham ringers for tea, and to Margaret Webb for making arrangements at St Mary the Virgin.

The meeting heard that January's Trivia Evening enabled the district to send a sum of roughly £ 950 to the BRF, around £ 300 of which coming from the raffle organised by Tony and Carole Cresswell. Happy Anniversary was also wished to Fred and Margaret Webb.

## Forthcoming Events...

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

### Evening Practice

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

Seal [6, 10-1-9 in G]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### District Coach Outing

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Details forthcoming.

### Training Day

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

*Rounds and Call Changes or Plain Bob Doubles*

### Deadline for the next edition

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

### County Six-Bell Striking Competition

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Hosted by the Maidstone District

### Annual District Meeting

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011**

Chevening [8, 10-1-13 in E]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Three new members were welcomed to the KCACR, namely: Ainsley Weston of Hawkhurst, Jessica Bache of Sevenoaks and James Evans of Hadlow. Two associate members were also elected: Norma Henderson and Mary Ayres of Lingfield [8, 16-2-0 in F<sup>#</sup>, GF] in Surrey.

Chevening's Annie Brook, Seal's Paul Thompson and Colyton's (formerly Edenbridge's) Keith Matthews were triumphant in the 120 Club draw.

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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?

## Easter Monday KCACR AGM

*Lucile Corby was at the County AGM:*

This year the AGM of the KCACR was held at Speldhurst in our district of Tonbridge. Towers were open and ringing was enjoyed on three routes leading to Speldhurst:

- Brasted [8, 9-2-2 in G<sup>b</sup>], Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F<sup>#</sup>], Chiddingstone [8, 17-0-3 in E] and Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E<sup>b</sup>].
- Kilndown [6, 9-1-10 in A], Lamberhurst [6, 13-0-17 in F<sup>#</sup>] and Tunbridge Wells [8, 14-0-3 in F<sup>#</sup>].
- Kemsing [6, 4-1-5 in D, GF], East Peckham [6, 14 cwt in F<sup>#</sup>, GF] and Leigh [6, 8-2-0 in A].

Speldhurst was open for ringing from 11:15 am. Following a service touch by an invited band, Karol Leeves, Lay Reader and ringer at Speldhurst lead the service at mid-day which was attended by over 60 members.



*The company at lunch in Speldhurst Village Hall.*

Tables at the Village Hall were most attractively set out for lunch and the excellent food was efficiently served by Jane Nielson and her helpers. Jane and Tessa must be congratulated on their organizational skills! Eric Roughley and Mike Bullett made many of the arrangements in Speldhurst, and a large amount of planning was done by Tim Lynch and Catherine Heathcote.

The Extraordinary General Meeting started at 2:55 pm and was called in order to reverse the allocation of subscriptions between the Belfry Repair Fund and the General Fund for 2011 to

ensure the General Fund had sufficient funds to meet our outgoings. The motion was carried.

The AGM started immediately and over 88 members and friends attended. The usual reports were presented and it was agreed that subscriptions would increase to £12 for full members and pro rata for others from 2012 and further that for 2012 all subscriptions would go into the General Fund.

Kate Flavell, Vice President of the Central Council gave an interesting speech on Central Council Communications.

The two rule changes proposed were, after discussion, both carried.

1. Proposed by D. Manger "A Practising member shall be deemed to be a person who can, without assistance, ring rounds and lower a bell"
2. To include as practising members entitled to the concessionary subscription rate, those who are in full time education on their presentation of valid student identification.



*In one way or another, all hands on deck in the Tonbridge District.*

All officers were re-elected for a further term. Four members received 50-year membership certificates.

It was suggested and agreed that an Association Quarter Peal Week be held in February 2012 to coincide with the Diamond Anniversary of the accession of the Queen.

It was discovered that several pages had been omitted from the printed report and, after discussion, it was decided that they should be returned to the printers for replacement with the correct version.

The meeting finally closed with a vote of thanks by Mr Manger to all involved with the day.

Speldhurst, Tonbridge [8, 19-1-0 in E], Hadlow [8, 12-3-0 in G] and Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F] towers were open for evening ringing.

## Tonbridge District Striking Competition

Frank Lewis reports on the striking competition on the website.

The District striking competition took place at Leigh [6, 8-2-0 in A] on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 when seven teams took part. Once again this year we had the rather novel idea of mixing the call change bands with the method people.



The call change trophy is presented to the band representing Lamberhurst by the judges, on the right.

The judges were Rupert Cheeseman and Sue Cameron from the Lewisham District, who judged the bands as they came along, some ringing methods and some ringing call changes. The call change competition saw four entries, with Brasted 4<sup>th</sup> (77 %), Sevenoaks 3<sup>rd</sup> (80 %) and Chevening 2<sup>nd</sup> (85 %). Lamberhurst's growing horror was only confirmed as they were placed first with 86 %.

The method competition had three entrants, Sevenoaks 3<sup>rd</sup> (74 %), Tonbridge 2<sup>nd</sup> (83 %) and Hadlow 1<sup>st</sup> (89 %).



The method-ringing competition trophy is presented to Hadlow.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, the vicar for the use of the bells, and to all others who had worked to make a successful event. After the judging she presented both the judges with suitable bottles (presumably not lemonade? – but we were not let into the secret).

As many towers as possible are encouraged to come along and have a go at the striking competition, and some ideas for making the waiting around a bit more bearable have been suggested. So next year, don't be shy, club together with a neighbouring tower if you need to, and put in a team – the current copy of the rules will even be available on the website next year! (Sorry pardon from the committee.)



### 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)

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The Charmborough Bell Trust is registered charity No. 112616

## Training Days

Catherine Lewis writes:

In response to requests from within the District I am arranging a course on teaching beginners to handle a bell. It will be on Saturday 24 September, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. There will be practical work on safety, but most of the day will be spent on practice with real beginners. You will get to take away at least a draft copy of a new booklet on the subject too!

The course is suitable for both complete beginners at teaching (who have appropriate ringing experience themselves) and people who already teach, but would like to re-consider their technique. There is always something to learn!

Places will definitely be limited and so if you would like to come please let me know as soon as possible.

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**Kathy Staff was a student for the Plain Hunt training day at Speldhurst [8, 13-1-26 in F#] on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**R**opesight? Counting places? It gets a bit “iffy” when you’ve made your first tentative steps into Plain Hunt by memorising the pattern of which bell numbers to follow when ringing the treble of six bells. It was the only way I could get my head round it, honestly.

Then I did the same for the number two bell. And now I’m trying to swap onto counting places instead, and find rope-sight... How do you see the rope you should be following if you don’t know in which direction you should be looking?

“How do you learn rope-sight?” I asked. You don’t, I was told – you develop it. Not in one morning you don’t, I thought to myself. This is going to be fun. I hope they’ve got a lot of patience.

It was fun, and challenging, and they were very patient. So thank you to Eric and all the helpers who gave up their Saturday morning to support the students. I even got a go at *Plain Bob Doubles* (on the treble) to finish with. Somebody kindly said I seemed to find that quite comfortable – I had to confess I had learned that one by numbers, too. But please don’t tell Eric. I AM trying to learn the places now!

## **Forthcoming Training Events**

### **Rounds and Call Changes or Plain Bob Doubles**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

### **Plain Hunt or Grandsire Doubles**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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:**

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

## **120 Club**

**Ray Taylor writes:**

**W**ith only July left, the 2010 / 2011 series of draws is almost at an end, and the Tonbridge District 120 (and rising(!) club) is again able to contribute significantly to the money the district can send for the maintenance and restoration of bells within our county. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, particularly to those who are non-ringers or have moved out of the county, but still continue to support the KCACR!

The 2011 / 2012 series will commence at our ADM on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011, so please buy your shares before then. Here’s how it works:

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. There are no draws in August or September. The prizes are usually £ 20, £ 15 and £ 10, but they are doubled up 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 a registered charity. The 120 original shares alone mean that £ 640 a year goes to the BRF after paying the licence fee.

**The 120 – and rising – Club draws for the second quarter of 2011:**

<b>April</b>	88	Chevening
	87	Seal
	67	Colyton (was Edenbridge)
<b>May</b>	20	Leigh
	108	Brasted
	42	Kemsing
<b>June</b>	18	Otford
	121	Kemsing
	99	Leigh

**A**nyone 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*:

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Or download an application form from:

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

## Edenbridge and Cowden Outing

Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F#], Cowden [6, 7-2-15 in A] and friends have been on their spring outing, writes Alex Staff.

Setting out later this year than in normal years, due to the late Easter, we found ourselves going off on our spring outing after the start of wedding season. Because people will insist on getting married when we want to go off on a jolly, we were alas somewhat depleted in numbers with people having ringing commitments at home. Our tour nevertheless took us to the River Thames west of London.

The first tower of the day was St Michael's Bray [8, 24-0-27 in D] (of *The Vicar of Bray* fame), which stands in a large, spacious church yard, which is nevertheless very well-kept and appears also to serve as the driveway for several neighbouring houses. A sign in the churchyard indicated the space was not to be used for parking, although our meeters parked next to the tower! When we saw the size of the key to the tower door, any action to reduce the amount of time spent carrying it is understandable. When asked at Bray where else we were going, we were told we'd already had the best tower of the day. Oh.

The next location we visited was the red-brick edifice of All Saints' Boyne Hill, Maidenhead [8, 15-0-13 in E]. The warning from Bray seemed to bear true when the tower secretary said that the bells aren't the best in the world, but the ring turned out to be quite pleasant, with the sound of the bells seemingly sharpened by the narrow brick tower.

After Maidenhead came lunch at the *Palmer Arms* in Dorney. The staff coped admirably with our slightly failed attempts at efficiency, to the point of the chef making up a fish pie, despite this actually being on the winter menu. Clive of Cowden thought it the best fish pie he had ever had.

Unable to get the bells at St James the Lesser Dorney [6, 7-2-13 in A], and no other convenient towers nearby, we had a gap for a stroll after lunch. We took the advice of Maidenhead's Doreen Young (who had already been very helpful when planning the outing) and walked to Boveney Lock near Dorney, where we watched the passage of several boats through the lock. We met a young couple who had only obtained their boat the day before, with Andy Wickenden coming to their aid when they tried to sail out of the lock without casting off aft (or, as they say in the trade, letting go at the back).



*The official photograph – but not a bell tower in sight. Perhaps it's why we are consulting the map.*

After not ringing at Dorney, we continued to Old Windsor [8, 11-1-21 in G]. Some of us had got it into our heads that this was actually a six, with an even greater private moment of confusion when the first count produced a total of seven ropes. Fortunately there we had some more open-minded and mathematically able individuals with us, who could also read the itinerary. The long draught at Dorney was slightly disconcerting until we got used to it. We were told that the rope guides had been removed in order not to pander to ringers with poor handling.



*"Look to, she's going..."*

Expecting to be split up in the numerous coffee houses, bakeries and cafés of a busy, Saturday afternoon central Windsor, we managed to all find space on the first floor of the half-timbered *Crooked House* next to (er... propped up by) Windsor Guild Hall. From here it was a short walk to St John-the-Baptist [8, 17-2-11 in E].

The church has a gallery, with the door to the ringing chamber reached from the western range, but before being taken upstairs, we were taken along the nave of the church, told to turn around, and were shown a superbly executed depiction of



the Last Supper, which hangs over the ringing room door.

Our final flourish of *Plain Bob Minor* at Windsor may not have alas been entirely pleasing to the public waiting for buses in front of the church, but then all that remained was for us to sprint back to the car park to make sure that Windsor's civic authorities didn't notice the slight gap between the end of our parking time, and the start of free evening parking.

## Edenbridge Centenary

After last month's article on the Centenary of Edenbridge's re-casting, Alex Staff tells us how it all went.



*The Rev'd Dr Stephen Mitchell, at what he claims to be the most unusual place that he has yet said Evening Prayer in. (Staged action replay of the blessing of the bells.)*

We are sometimes on the ball at Edenbridge, and one thing that had come to our attention was a little note left to us on our weights board by the former Croydon bellfoundry, Gillett and Johnston. The peal of eight at Edenbridge was re-cast with new frame and fittings in 1911, which makes our ring 100 years old this year. We had already received a visit from the ringers of the Gillett and Johnston bells at Newport Pagnell [8, 21-2-26 in E<sup>b</sup>], who are touring the number of Gillett and Johnston rings that see their centenaries during *The Ringing World* centennial year.

We thought a century was worth celebrating and despite starting to plan too late to borrow a bishop

from somewhere, we pushed ahead with two special services to mark the occasion. We wanted to celebrate the bells and so hit upon the idea of blessing the bells during Evening Prayer. Since it is marginally easier to take the vicar to the bells, rather than the bells to the vicar, the service had the novel twist of being held in the belfry.

Despite some health and safety concerns, we decided that our tower isn't usually on fire, so we'd be OK for another 30 minutes, and so on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 we gave our practice over to Evening Prayer, and distributed ourselves between the belfry and the clock chamber. Afterwards we went over the road to *The Crown* for a meal, which was part of the bribe for getting the vicar to climb the tower.

Since only so many people can fit in the tower, we kept Evening Prayer for ourselves and our regular practice attendees. On the following Sunday we held a more public event by hi-jacking Choral Evensong, and inviting our own special guests, along with the dedication of a commemorative plaque.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 we rang a quarter peal [see Quarter Peals] for the Eden Valley Festival, and some of us then spent the rest of the day in the car park, manning the Trafford Mini-Ring as people came and went on the way to the other events and stalls in the High Street. Our publicity efforts for both this and the Centenary resulted in an article including picture in the local press, with the *Edenbridge Directory* and *The County Border News* using the material we sent them, and the *Courier* sending a photographer and the *Edenbridge Directory* sending a reporter.

**Tessa Worthington was at the Centenary Evensong on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**

I felt most privileged to be present at the centenary service at Ss Peter and Paul on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The bells were recast by Gillett and Johnston in 1911 and such a lovely ring of bells are worthy of celebration a hundred years on.

General ringing for an hour beforehand ended with a service touch. Several dignitaries had been invited to the special Choral Evensong. County Chairman Peter Sims and General Secretary Margaret Funnell of the KCACR, Chairman Roger Cowsill and Secretary Rosalind Cowsill of the East Grinstead and District Guild of Change Ringers, the Chairman of the Town Council, and Jane Nielson and I from the Tonbridge district (although we have never before been addressed as "dignitaries").



Select group: The service touch band: Left to right, Roger Cowsill, Tessa Worthington, Rosalind Cowsill, Peter Sims, Margaret Funnell, Richard Dyson and Sheila Pyall. Also Andy Wickenden (AWOL).

The whole service was skilfully woven around the theme of bells, with a handbell processional to start and finish, the “*Bell Anthem*” by Purcell sung by the choir, an amusing sermon by the vicar, Rev’d Dr Stephen Mitchell, who survived being hauled up to the actual bells a few days previously to bless them “in situ”. A commemorative plaque marking the event was dedicated by the vicar and will hang at the entrance to the belfry. A flyer about the bells had also been specially produced.

The evening ended with food and drink at the back of the church when everyone had a chance to socialize.

Jane and I came away extremely impressed by the whole event, masterminded by Richard Dyson and Alex Staff to a very professional standard. In particular it was very refreshing to observe the degree of support between church staff and the bellringers.

## Around the District

**Sounds like East Peckham, thinks Ray Taylor.**

Most of the visiting ringers at St Michael, East Peckham [6, 14 cwt in F#] on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> April, prior to the KCACR AGM, were unaware that they were contributing to a sound piece by graduating fine artist Nova Marshall. This intriguing work can be experienced at UCA Canterbury from 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June. Nova is also planning to bring the work to St Michael’s where it can be experienced in its original setting. Here’s what Nova writes about her practice and the sound piece:

I am intrigued by spaces, sites and locations; particularly exploring spaces that provoke an

emotional, physical and psychological reaction within me. I am intrigued by what I can’t see rather than by what I can – so it is my intention to focus on what I feel in specific spaces and to capture my thoughts and emotions in my work.

My work explores my emotional and psychological connection with this particular space (St Michael, East Peckham). When crossing the threshold of the building, I have a strong sense of displacement and discomfort. I become no one, just a shadow of myself. This raised many questions that I am addressing in my work; why am I reacting in this way to this particular space? Has religion got a role to play? What do I feel about religion? Is it also the architecture of the building that makes me feel uncomfortable? With this site I became very interested in the hidden history and the previous life of the place – how would my experience of this space alter had it still been a practising church?

I am using sound as the main medium to communicate my thoughts and for the sound to create a visual representation in the viewer’s / listener’s mind. Sound has opened up new avenues of research in to aural architecture – how different architectural spaces influence how you feel and behave – and exploring the idea of how we can ‘see’ with our ears. I want to create work that the viewer/listener can immerse themselves in, to have a very personal experience.

Regarding the actual sound piece, *Sensorium*, the bells feature at the start of the sound piece as if calling people to church and then are heard at the end of the piece to connect the beginning and the end. The sound piece is approximately 7 minutes 35 seconds.”

Nova’s work at UCA Canterbury forms part of a group exhibition of approximately 80 full-time and part-time graduating fine artists. For a map and directions, go to:

- [www.ucreative.ac.uk/canterbury/map](http://www.ucreative.ac.uk/canterbury/map)

**Congratulations and wedding bells for Cory and Ben writes Trevor Nicholls.**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Penshurst ringer Cory Furness married his partner Ben Moore at the Mansion House, Tunbridge Wells before holding a reception in Penshurst Village Hall. During the reception a quarter peal was rung at St John the Baptist, Penshurst [see Quarter Peals]. It was very much appreciated by Cory and Ben who called in to watch briefly, but had to return to the events of the reception, details were announced during the reception and many members of the congregation said how fantastic it sounded, and



several villagers have since telephoned to say how nice it was.

One comment was: “it sounds better than normal – you must be getting better!” Who says Joe public does not know good bell ringing?!

Graham Everitt recorded the quarter as a gift to Cory and Ben and has threatened to send it to the BBC – thanks to you Graham.

**Possibly still in two minds about being invited to Westminster Abbey as a “respectable elderly pauper”, Margaret M’Kendrick of Otford reports via the website on meeting the Queen and receiving Maundy Money.**

I am usually only seen in the village at 7:30 am on Easter Sunday, but I did manage to catch the train to Victoria with the rest of our small group and we strolled down to Church House next to Westminster Abbey [10, 30-1-15 in D]. There was then a slight hiccup as a long queue had developed which seemed surprising. However, quite a number of recipients had come from the Isle of Man and other overseas dioceses and they had luggage with them. This all had to be put through the police scanners and took quite a time. I found myself standing beside a tall gentleman in a purple cassock – the first time I had met a bishop in the street. (He was Sodor and Man.)

Our companions and friends were separated from us and directed to the Abbey – they had rather a long wait but were able to listen to fine music from the organ. We were ushered into a large room with seats numbered as were our tickets, and were given coffee and final advice – we should stand when the Queen approached, the gentlemen to bow and the ladies to curtsy, but not to worry if we could not, the Queen would understand. We were after all “respectable elderly paupers”. When all had arrived, we were reminded to visit the loo as it was a long morning and then ushered across Dean’s Yard, through the cloisters and into the Abbey.

My seat was in the North Transept, two rows in from the front and almost opposite the Queen’s chair, with a large television screen on the nearest pillar. A long procession of Church officials went past, plus the officials of the Royal Almonry Office and the Yeomen of the Guard. I was quite surprised to see the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Head of the Orthodox Church in the line. My bishop in the queue read the first lesson and the Duke of Edinburgh the second, and there was a distribution of alms after each. I was determined to curtsy and smile when the Queen came – I did curtsy but don’t know if I smiled.



*Margaret M’Kendrick with the red and white leather purses presented to her by the Queen.*

The Queen put the two leather purses into my hands and said “This is for you” and it was over. She did that 170 times, to a man and a woman for each year of her age. The red purse held a £ 5 coin minted for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prince Philip and a 50p Olympic Games coin. The white purse held 85 silver pence in 1, 2, 3 and 4 pence pieces. The 3 pence pieces were almost identical with the [silver] 3d pieces my mother used to put in the Christmas pudding long ago. They are all legal tender, but their value is much more than the face value.

When the Queen finally left the Dean’s Lodging after the service, a group of us were still in Dean’s Yard so we sang “Happy Birthday” and I think she was amused as she had a broad smile on her face.

It will be 15 years before the Maundy Ceremony comes back to Westminster and I do not think I or the Queen will be about to see it, so it was a great honour to be invited to this one.

**Tessa Worthington has been ‘done’ again:**

A year ago I was thanking the ringers for all my scooter birthday cards. However it appears there was one left over with which to remind me I am now 61. I have never seen so many tiny signatures squeezed onto one card, again many thanks.

**Catherine Lewis has been doing something different.**

Some of the younger members from Brasted/Sevenoaks have been visiting *The Wickham Ring* at Hurstpierpoint recently.

A little explanation is probably needed – they are actually a dumbbell ring rather than a true mini-ring, as the bells made of paper attached to weighted wooden wheels. They swing approximately like real bells, with handstrokes and

backstrokes, but no stays, and are rung, as all mini-rings, with alternately right and left hands. The sound comes from the standard simulator system with *Abel* and sensors etc.



*Daphne from Sussex, Jess of Sevenoaks, and Hettie and Millie from Brasted seeing what's "up top" at the Wickham Ring.*

This setup is completely safe and so is ideal for people who are slightly on the young side for real bells. It seems that people who practise on these "bells" can then return home and ring things for the first time on real bells better than would have been expected otherwise.

The peak achieved on a recent visit was for Becky Stuttard to ring her first quarter on the tenor [see Quarter Peals]. We are very grateful to John and Mary Norris for entertaining us so well.

## Apologies...

... are due to:

Anyone who doesn't come from Edenbridge, and was looking for news about the doings of the Tonbridge district in the *Look to*. Secondly to anyone who sent material for the third quarter edition, without it appearing here: the *Look to* closed for press on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011, in order to go on its summer hols. Your article will be saved for the Fourth Quarter Edition, appearing on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

## Peals

**Rung during the second quarter of 2011**

**Otford** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**5040 Doubles (1p/6m)**

*6 extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, St Martin's, St Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire*

Roberta T L Fairclough 1, Timothy P Lynch (C) 2, Astrid H Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine M Heathcote 6

*For the tenth anniversary of the installation of the new bells given by Ken Dickinson. First peal of Doubles: 2. Most Doubles Methods/Principles to a peal: 1, 3.*

**Brasted** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

**5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**

Composed: William Barton

Michael Hatchett 1, Lesley A Knipe 2, Jeffrey Knipe 3, Susan A Haines 4, Christopher R Field 5, Barrie Hendry 6, Raymond Haines 7, Robert D S Brown (C) 8

*To celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Prebendary Henry Warren. Tower Captain, former Master and Honorary Life Member of the Bath & Wells Association. By members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.*

## Quarter Peals

**Rung during the second quarter of 2011**

**Edenbridge** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Jane Wilson 1, Richard J Dyson 2, Caroline S L Levy-Cooper 3, Andrew P Wickenden 4, Alex E L Staff (C) 5, Robert F Dunn 6

*To celebrate the birth of Jean Dana Talbot, fifth grandchild of Jean and Bertie.*

**Edenbridge** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Andrew Wickenden 1, Alex Staff 2, Colin Cook 3, John Warner 4, Christopher Pain 5, Richard Dyson 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Matthew Cook 8

*A thanksgiving for the life of Leslie Fox. First triples inside: 6.*

**Leigh** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011

**1320 Fancy Delight Minor**

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Stella Wooldridge 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Pam Thomas 4, Fraser Clift 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6

**Otford** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011

**1272 Plain Bob Minor**

Catherine Lewis 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Isabel Pearce 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Frank Lewis 5, Stanley Jenner (C) 6

*A 96<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to Doris Colgate.*



**Tonbridge** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**1330 Grandsire Triples**

Celia Dickinson 1, Hamilton Woods 2, Angela Clark 3, Tim Lynch (C) 4, Martin Willson 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Gordon Hill 8

*For evening service. First on eight: 8*

**Speldhurst** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**1280 Cambridge Surprise Major**

Frank Lewis 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Ray Taylor 4, Eric Roughley 5, Howard Rogers 6, Anthony Leves (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8

*Birthday compliment to Tessa Worthington. First of Surprise Major inside: 3.*

**Leigh** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**1260 Doubles (5m)**

*60 Stedman; 240 each of St Osmund and St Martin's; 360 each of St Simon's and Plain Bob*  
Pam Thomas 1, Rebecca Prinsloo 2, Frances C James (C) 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, David S James 5, Bob Philpotts 6

*Rung to celebrate Rob Wheeler's efforts in today's London Marathon.*

**Kemsing** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011

**1260 Minor (2m)**

*720 St George Bob, 540 The Dragon Bob*  
Pam Thomas 1, Fraser Clift 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Ray Taylor 4, Howard Rogers 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6  
*For St George's Day and for Pam's Dad. First in both methods for all.*

**Brasted** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Carole Rumsey 1, Gemma Rumsey 2, Juliet Austin 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Frank Lewis 5, Dan Bishop 6.

*For Easter Sunday evensong. First inside: 2.*

**Kemsing** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Pam Thomas 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Rebecca Prinsloo 3, Fraser Clift 4, Howard Rogers 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6

*To celebrate the Royal Wedding at Westminster Abbey. Rung prior to the service, with the time and method chosen before the new titles were known! First in the method: 3.*

**Leigh** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Sarah Pullen 1, David S James 2, Frances C James (C) 3, Bob Philpotts 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Arthur Lewis 6

*Rung to celebrate the weddings today of H- and HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and David and Victoria Porter of Leigh.*

**Kemsing** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

**1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Dee Clift 1, Pam Thomas 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 5, Fraser Clift 6

*Impromptu – only six at practice. Rung for Pam's Dad. First Treble Bob: 1. 100th quarter: 2.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Pam Thomas 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Diane Reynolds 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Frank Lewis 6, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 7, Ian Mills 8

*For Service.*

**Hadlow Hunters Lodge** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

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

**Westerham** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Pat Anderson 1, Gary Robinson 2, Fern Ogley 3, Hope Pym 4, Alex Staff (C) 5, Jenny Cowan 6  
*Rung, finally, in appreciation of and to gratify the patient efforts of Elaine Merrylees and Rita Cox. On the front six. The first time the caller had been hugged after a quarter peal. First quarter: 1, 4, 6. First inside: 3.*

**Penshurst** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Janice Byrne 1, Stella Wooldridge 2, Alex Staff 3, Nicholas Butcher 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Tim Lynch 7, Graham Everitt 8

*To celebrate the marriage today of Ben Moore and Cory Furness.*

**Chiddingstone** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1264 Plain Bob Major**

Diana R Wraight 1, Kath E White 2, Graham D Heath 3, Timothy P Lynch 4, Timothy S Wraight 5, Paul N Davis 6, Richard W Young 7, Michael A Birkbeck (C) 8

*First of Major: 6.*

**Edenbridge** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Clive Lumsden 1, Ann Jenner 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Alex Staff 4, Richard Dyson 5, Andrew Wickenden 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Rita Cox 8  
*Rung as part of the Eden Valley Festival celebrations.*

**Tonbridge** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Graham D Heath 1, Diana R Wraight 2, Paul N Davis 3, Richard W Young 4, Kath E White 5, Timothy P Lynch 6, Michael A Birkbeck (C) 7, Timothy S Wraight 8  
*1,200th together: 2, 8. First Triples inside: 3.*

**Sevenoaks** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011

**1274 Grandsire Triples**

Shirley Raynor 1, Adele Potton 2, Ann Jenner 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Isabel Pearce 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Frank Lewis 8  
*A thanksgiving for the life of Brian Raynor.*

**Hurstpierpoint** The Wickham Ring (Sussex)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Rebecca Stuttard 1, Sian Maidment 2, Frank Lewis 3, Catherine Lewis 4, John Norris (C) 5, Ann Langley 6.  
*First quarter on a working bell: 1, first on a mini-ring 1,3,4,6.*

**Chiddingstone** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**1320 Oxford Delight Minor**

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Fraser Clift 4, Pam Thomas 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6  
*Rung to mark the Chiddingstone Gardens Tour.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Jacqui Fletcher 1, Timothy Lynch 2, Celia Dickinson 3, Martin Willson 4, Alex Staff 5, Rhoda Willson 6, Peter Dickinson (C) 7, Hamilton Woods  
*With congratulations to Dr Jenny Dickinson on her engagement to Dr Simon Li.*

## Milestones

**Peal congratulations to...**

<b>First of Doubles:</b>	Tim Lynch
<b>Most Doubles Methods / Principles to a Peal:</b>	Astrid Fairclough, Bobbie Fairclough

**Quarter Peal congratulations to...**

<b>First Quarter</b>	Pat Anderson Jenny Cowan Hope Pym
<b>First on a mini-ring</b>	Ann Langley Catherine Lewis Frank Lewis Rebecca Stuttard
<b>First on a working bell:</b>	Rebecca Stuttard
<b>First inside:</b>	Fern Ogley Gemma Rumsey
<b>First of Triples inside:</b>	Paul Davis Richard Dyson
<b>First on eight:</b>	Gordon Hill
<b>First of Major:</b>	Paul Davis
<b>First of Treble Bob:</b>	Dee Clift
<b>100<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>	Pam Thomas
<b>1 200<sup>th</sup> Quarter Together</b>	Diana Wraight Timothy Wraight
<b>First in St George's Bob and The Dragon Bob:</b>	Fraser Clift Tim Lynch Howard Rogers Ray Taylor Pam Thomas Stella Wooldridge
<b>First of Cambridge Surprise:</b>	Rebecca Prinsloo
<b>First of Surprise Major inside:</b>	Bobbie Fairclough

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