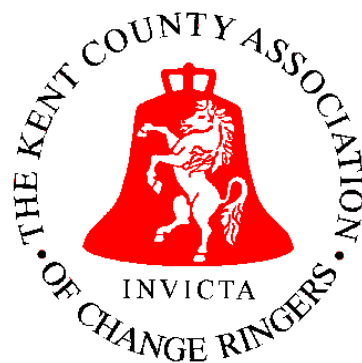


Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2012 First Quarter Edition

The Annual District Meeting

Alex Staff was at the ADM.

The Annual District Meeting of the KCACR Tonbridge District was hosted this year by Chevening [8, 10-1-13 in G] on Saturday 1st October 2011. Ringing commenced at 3:00 pm, of which a very sprightly and lively touch of *Plain Bob Major* was a highlight.



Although clad in scaffolding and sheeting when the ADM took place, this is what Chevening looks like normally!

The Rev'd Chris Reed took the service, and Jen Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to him, and also to the PCC for the use of the church and the bells. The Chevening ringers were thanked for making the arrangements and preparing tea. Last

but not least, Isabel Pearce stepped into the breach to play the organ.

KCACR General Secretary Margaret Funnell was also welcomed to the meeting. The meeting saw the retirement of Chairman Jane Nielson and of Secretary Tessa Worthington, who heralded their departure with a small poem. Their departure was not, however, before Jane delivered her last Chairman's Report or Eric Roughley presented each with a bouquet to go some way towards saying thank you for their work.

Forthcoming Events...

Between now and the next edition of the Look to:
The Trivia Evening!

Saturday 21st January 2012

Hildenborough Village Hall

7:15 pm

Evening Practice

Saturday 4th February 2012

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

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Surprise Major Practice

Saturday 18th February 2012

Horsmonden [8, 17-2-10 in E^b]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Training Day

Saturday 3rd March 2012

Rounds and Call Changes or Plain Bob Doubles

Deadline for the next edition

Friday 23rd March 2012

Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 31st March 2012

Sandhurst [6, 12-1-10 in F[#]]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The meeting heard that Hadlow [8, 12-3-0 in G] had come 5th representing the District in the County Six-Bell Striking Competition, and that the District's income was... [Continued page 3]

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... comparable to that of last year, with a surplus of £ 209. £ 2 500 could be transferred to the KCACR BRF. If you would like to pay KCACR subscriptions electronically, please do so all together as a tower, rather than individually.

Catherine Lewis reported that KCACR emblazoned clothing is available again from her, and enamel lapel badges are now in production again. The 2014 Central Council meeting is to be hosted by the KCACR and will be centred on Maidstone. The Archdeacon of Tonbridge also wrote to say thank you for his copy of the Association Handbook.

Margaret Funnell presented four rule-changes for the county rules for discussion, all of which were generally felt to be unnecessary. This year's rule change imposing a minimum standard for membership of the KCACR and its checking by a District Officer proved again contentious and dissatisfactory for the meeting for its exclusivity. The election of Alan Fagg of Sandhurst [6, 12-1-0 in F[#]] showed gaps in the rule's implementation, theoretically preventing willing individuals, ringing and non-ringing, to become involved in the life of the KCACR. On the basis of an ad-hoc-ly agreed *modus operandi*, the meeting was eventually delighted (and relieved) to be able to welcome Alan Fagg to the Association.

After the election of officers, the District committee now stands as follows:

- **District Chairman**
Angela Clark
- **District Secretary**
Tony Cresswell
- **District Treasurer**
Mike Bullett
- **District Ringing Master**
Catherine Heathcote
- **District Ringing Master**
Tim Lynch
- **Committee Member**
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District Newsletter Editor

After a slightly enthusiastic en-bloc election and a misunderstanding, Catherine Lewis was elected as a District Representative on the KCACR General Committee, but not to the District Committee. Catherine Lewis graciously stood down, and Tessa Worthington was elected to the position, along with Eric Roughley. The Chairman apologised for the misunderstanding, and it became clear that a District Representative does not necessarily have to be a member of the District Committee. The District Committee intends to manage the election of officers much more efficiently next year.

Congratulations are in order to Kenneth Bromley of Horsmonden, David Pulham of Leigh and Hugh Thomas of Brasted for their wins in the 120 Club Draw, and also to Mark Lewis of Hadlow, this year's first 120-Club Bonus winner!

Ringing continued until 8:30 pm, starting with *Three Blind Mice* to ward off the chill until more people came up the tower!

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?

District Carol Service

Dee Clift was one of our generous hosts, the Kemsing band, on Saturday 10th December.

This year the East Grinstead and District Guild joined the Tonbridge District for the carol service in Kemsing [6, 4-1-5 in D, GF].



The attractive form of St Mary the Virgin, Kemsing, by flood and moon light. Frank Lewis / Website.

The afternoon started with ringing, which unfortunately I missed, but was told by many how much they enjoyed our beautiful little light bells.

James, our vicar, took the service with various visitors reading the lessons. The carols were lovely, mostly well known ones, so everyone could sing with enthusiasm. The woodwind trio, all bell ringers, joined with the organ to make it even more special and evocative of bygone times. James reminded us, very appropriately, that we all have a part to play in this world and no-one should be forgotten nor left out. Alas, so easy to do.



Musical flare has been added in the last two years. L-R, Catherine Heathcote, Caroline Stockmann and Isabel Pierce for what is currently the District Wind Trio. At the current rate of expansion, there will be nine of them next year! Frank Lewis / Website.

The evening ended with mulled wine, and cakes and nibbles. Angela thanked all concerned for all their help organising and contributing, and I add my thanks to everyone too. It was the perfect start to the Christmas season.

District 10 and 12-Bell Practice

Alex Staff was at Benenden [12, 18-0-24 in E^b] on Saturday 19th December.

The KCACR Tonbridge District now has a practice on higher numbers as an established part of its programme. These have previously been named 10-bell practices, and without any 10 or 12-bell towers within the district, we have always taken ourselves off to Staplehurst [10, 19-2-7 in E^b] in the KCACR's Maidstone District, alternating with Bletchingley [10, 16-1-22 in E] in Surrey.

In planning the 2010-2011 programme, Heathcote & Lynch (Makers of the finest Bellringing Practices by Appointment) decided to push the boat out, and turn the 10-bell practice into a 10 and 12-bell practice, so a practice on higher

numbers. The two most immediate towers for this are East Grinstead [12, 28-0-6 in D] and Benenden.

The evening at Benenden was stunningly well-attended. Tim and Catherine H were determined to cater for all-comers and lead a sensibly cautious evening of ringing, including Rounds and Call Changes on 10 and 12, Plain Hunt on 10 and 12, *Grandsire* and *Stedman Caters*, *Grandsire Cinques* and *Cambridge Royal*.

We were also flattered by the warm welcome from Benenden's Rob and Karen Lebon, who were able to spend the whole evening with us. Keep it under your hat, but there's a suggestion to skip East Grinstead next year, and return to Benenden again instead!

The Trivia Evening

Gordon Hill wants to know if you've got YOUR tickets yet!

The first social event of the year (and some would say the most important!) is of course **The Trivia Evening**, when towers near and far field their finest cerebral warriors to do battle with each other. This enormously popular and fun event will take place at the usual venue, Hildenborough Village Hall, on 21st January at 7:15 pm for a prompt 7:30 pm start.

The 2012 Trivia Evening will be conducted by Janice and Nick Byrne of Penshurst, who were in the 2011 winning team. Be warned that there is now an established tradition that the winners of The Trivia Evening are invited to set the questions for the following year, just as we at Shipbourne did for the 2011 quiz, following our victory in 2010.

Tickets, which include supper, will be on sale at the Quarterly meeting on 7th January. Hurry – tickets go very quickly!

Quarter Peal Week (and a bit)

Eric Roughley sums up our slightly more modest effort this year.

Starting on 22nd October for nine days the event got off to a rather bad start with failed attempts at Lamberhurst [6, 13-0-7 in F[#]] and Chiddingstone [8, 17-0-3 in E] on the first day. On the following day *Grandsire Triples* at Hawkhurst [8, 23-0-19 in E^b] ran into trouble and even the following attempt at *Grandsire Doubles* failed. Add to that the loss of *Plain Bob Triples* at Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F] and things were not looking good.

However, perseverance paid off and from Monday onwards there was complete success, with eleven quarters being rung. But the “out of District”

ten bell attempt at Staplehurst [10, 19-2-7 in E^b] had its own difficulties with four of the band being delayed by an accident on the A21. Many thanks are due to Sue and Chris Bassett for helping the remainder of the band to ring a very respectable quarter of *Stedman Triples*.

On the bright side there were six “firsts”. On the down side only 31 District members rang in the 11 successful quarters from a membership of around 240 and only 11 towers were used for attempts out of 29; but for those that took part it was an enjoyable experience.

Next year the quarter peal week will be part of the Association event and perhaps with a royal occasion to mark we will achieve a much wider involvement.

Congratulations to the “firsts” and thank you to all who took part, especially the conductors, without whom it would not have taken place.

Joint Tonbridge and Lewisham District Outing to London

Pauline Middlewick reminds us of the District's earlier (ad)venture onto higher numbers last summer.

WHAT A GRAND DAY OUT! A group of about 30 people from the Tonbridge and Lewisham Districts met on a rather damp Saturday morning in August outside St James' Church in Bermondsey. In this tower the 8 bells [14-1-15 in F[#]] were cast from cannon left behind by Napoleon at Waterloo! A short walk away was St Mary with All Saints, Rotherhithe (another peal of 8 [10-2-5 in A^b]), where the bells had probably rung for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth I. The next two towers each had a 10 bell ring - St Anne's, Limehouse [12-3-25 in E] and St Dunstan's Stepney [28-3-0 in C[#]].



The London outing at St Anne's, Limehouse.

Whereas the first 3 churches were largely brick built and quite large, St Dunstan's was reminiscent of many of our own village churches, being far smaller and built from Kentish rag stone. These bells are the ones commemorated in the rhyme *Oranges and lemons...* 'when will that be, say the bells of Stepney'! After that we travelled on a bus to what we were all waiting for – the 12 recently rehung bells of St Michael, Cornhill [32-1-6 in D^b].



Ringling at Stepney.

For those of us who had seldom rung on more than 6 bells the whole day was a great experience - for in the group there was a good mixture of skillful ringers and those with less confidence. We heard methods such as *Grandsire Caters* and *Stedman Cinqnes* rung magnificently by our accomplished teams and for those who felt less secure ringing on more than 6 bells, there were plenty of opportunities to ring rounds and call changes on the 8, 10 and 12 bell rings.



This image was sent last summer with a suggested caption, which the Editor has since lost.

For me, the highlights were being able to ring Plain Hunt on 9 (with a little support in the background!), and also having the chance to be part of a 12 bell band ringing at St. Michael's! My own self confidence has increased considerably and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.



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

Enquiries to: hire@charmborough.org

The Charmborough Bell Trust is registered charity No. 112616

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

www.kcacr.org.uk

Training Days

Maggie Amos from Sundridge attended the Grandsire Doubles session of the December training day.

On Saturday 3rd December, three students, Clive, Sheila, and Maggie, met at Brasted [8, 9-2-2 in G^b, anti-clockwise] Church for a Grandsire Doubles training day. Catherine Lewis started the day with a half-hour theory session, and we were then joined by our team of helpers for the day. Progress was made in the first session of the day, and even more progress was made after a break for coffee and delicious cakes. All learners enjoyed the day and came away feeling that they had learned a lot. We are all extremely grateful to our helpers for their support and advice and for giving up their time to help us.

Forthcoming Training Events

Rounds and Call Change, or Plain Bob Doubles

Saturday 3rd March 2012

Plain Hunt, or Grandsire Doubles

Saturday 2nd June 2012

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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120 Club

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

October	76	Horsmonden
	81	Leigh
	92	Brasted
	45	Hadlow (Bonus Prize)
November	28	Chevening
	126	Hadlow
	60	Otford
December	56	Ilminster (ex-Seal Chart)
	52	Sevenoaks
	57	Sevenoaks

Ray Taylor writes:

The 2011 season of the Tonbridge District 120 Club got off to a great start at the ADM at Chevening on 1st October, with a few changes to report. This year it was possible for shares to be renewed online, and 19 shares were renewed this way. Renewing online is great for me because it saves me having to make trips to the bank to pay in your cheques and cash! If you decide to renew online in future please don't forget to include your share number as your reference. It is very difficult to know which share has been renewed with just a bank code for reference!

The second change this year concerns prizes. The club rules state how prizes are to be allocated if less than 120 shares are taken up, but not what to do if more than 120 shares are sold. This year, **130** shares were sold prior to the first draw. FANTASTIC! Tessa (Promoter) and I (Treasurer) decided that additional prize money should be allocated. When the Tonbridge District 120 Club was set up, 45% (£540) of the potential annual fund

(£1,200) was allocated as prize money each year. We have decided that, at the first draw of the season held at each ADM, 45% of any fund over £1,200 should be awarded as a bonus prize. So the extra 10 shares sold before the ADM draw meant an increased fund of £100 and therefore a bonus prize of £45. That explains why October's draw results look a little different to previous ones.

If 140 shares are sold next year the extra £200 fund will result in a bonus prize of £90 at the 2012 ADM! It was agreed at the 2011 ADM that the first three numbers drawn at the ADM should be re-entered into the bonus draw, so there is potential for you to win two prizes in the same draw!

120 Club shares are available to anyone over 16 not just ringers. So please encourage your friends and family to buy shares, to increase the bonus prize and help our District donate more to the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund at the same time!

Thanks to everyone who has bought shares and is helping to make this so successful.

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*:

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Or download an application form from:

- www.kcacr.org.uk

Poetry Corner

Peggy Hill sends a bit of nonsense for the New Year!

Look to! Look too! Look two!

Just recently, I've been spotting
In emails and in web review,
Some assorted ways of spelling
The bell ringers' call "Look to!".

Look to? or Look too? or Look two?
An orthographic treble we
Can puzzle over. Is it true
Perhaps we can choose from three?

We cry: "Look to! Treble's going!"
As our tradition bids us sing.
(Attention all bells following!
Please prepare yourselves to ring!)

But can we use "Look Too!" as well?
Could "Look Two!" also be a call?
I'm wondering, if I might tell
Of instances that suit them all?

The first "Look to!" (Get ready), take
This simple plea for bells to serve,
Or "Look too!" (Wait AND watch) will make
It extra sure that we observe.

Thirdly "Look two!" (The second bell
Is summoned by special mention),
Ensuring that the flighty gel
Engages concentration.

So ... three possible notations
When prompting bells to go is due,
With these subtle variations
Of "Look To! Look Too! Look Two!"

But Hark!
Such thoughts are flawed I fear.
This whimsy's of no consequence
For though the written words are clear ...
We cannot HEAR the difference!

It's plain then from this bit of fun
That different spellings Can't Be Done!
So when you're writing, use please do,
The one, the only ... "Look TO!"

The thoughts of Chairman Clark...

After her election at the ADM, Angela Clark has weathered all kinds of ribbing, and still seems to be enjoying the job!

I am delighted to have been elected District Chairman and since the ADM the committee has met on several occasions. I am greatly enjoying my new job and hope that after the "honeymoon" period has worn off I will still be happy in my new role. I did mention at Chevening that I had never chaired a meeting before and I needed the help and understanding of all the members, so anything which you spot is not being undertaken correctly, please let me know.

As your Chairman I hope you will all feel able to contact me, by phone, email, or post, if the committee can assist in any way in the ringing department.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank both Tessa Worthington, District Secretary, and Jane Nielson for her work as Chairman. Jane took the Tonbridge District from strength to strength with her enthusiasm and hard work, all conducted

behind the scenes, which resulted in the smooth running of so many events. This is evident in so many ways, especially with the amount of money raised for the Bell Restoration Fund.

Tessa undertook the task of District Secretary to help out and was then stuck with the job, and very well she worked too in a post involving a lot of work and requiring much attention to detail. We are pleased she continues to serve on the committee and is able to guide Tony as he takes on this arduous role. As a thank you to Jane for her Chairmanship, members of the former committee rang a quarter of *Grandsire Triples* at Chevening in her honour.

125 Years of the St. Peter and St. Paul Change Ringing Society

Martin Willson details the celebrations of an important anniversary.

One of the boards which decorate the Tonbridge [8, 19-1-0 in E] ringing chamber walls commemorates the occasion of the founding of the *St. Peter and St. Paul Change Ringing Society*. One day a group of 14 gentlemen met and formally set up the Society. 125 years later members of the current St. Peter and St. Paul change ringing society met to celebrate the event.



The St Peter and St Paul Change Ringing Society after ringing a quarter peal and a 125 touch to celebrate the 125th anniversary of their founding.

The 9th December 1886 was the auspicious day that the society was formed. This year the 9th December fell on a Friday, practice night. What better way to celebrate such a momentous occasion than to ring a quarter peal? To make it that much more appropriate this was not just a normal quarter peal of 1260 changes, we would ring 1250. Tim got his composing hat on and came up with a composition with a slightly different start for the bells, but then we would ring *Plain Bob Major* [see Quarter Peals].

We arranged for the quarter to be rung before the practice and afterwards we rang a touch of 125 *Grandsire Triples* for those who could not participate in the quarter.

Tonbridge Friday 9th December 2011

125 Grandsire Triples

Mary Smalman-Smith 1, Angela Clark 2, Helen Longley 3, Martin Willson 4, Jacqui Fletcher 5, Stanley Jenner 6, Tim Lynch (C) 7, Gordon Hill 8
Rung for the 125th anniversary of the formation of the St Peter and St Paul Change Ringing Society.



The 125 touch band.

We celebrated with liquid refreshment and sausages, and had a slightly more relaxed practice than usual.

The 100 years anniversary had been celebrated in 1986 with four quarter peals, with some of the ringers able to participate in both. We look forward to celebrating again in another 25 years!

Cowden "Pieces of Eight" Outing

Caroline Levy-Cooper recounts a foray on a theme into Sussex.

We like to have a theme for our outings, and this year was no exception! It was on Saturday 8th October that the Cowden ringers, with friends from Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F[#]], Lingfield [8, 16-2-0 in F[#]], Hever [6, 9-0-25 in A^b], Caterham [8, 12-2-23 in F[#]] and Speldhurst [8, 13-1-26 in F[#]] set off on a chilly morning, to Sussex. We started at St. Mary, Balcombe, 8 bells [9-0-10 in A] where, on departure, we narrowly missed having our cars washed by a sponsored car wash taking place in the layby where we had parked.

The second tower of the day was Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, also 8 bells [13-3-12 in F]. This was our second visit to Cuckfield, as it was included in our very first outing in the year 2000. A wonderful, large ringing chamber housing an unusually loud

clock mechanism which has the ability to make unsuspecting ringers miss their rope! A lightning strike in 1945 caused the tower to catch fire resulting in much damage to steeple and bells and we were amused by a model depicting this event.

The next stop was St. Mary Magdalene in Bolney – guess how many bells there are here? [?, 13-0-8 in F]. Just a short walk from the church, after passing through the very pretty lychgate, we sought sustenance in *The Eight Bells* pub. Much more attractive on the outside than inside, *The Eight Bells* serves an extensive menu and we had a very enjoyable lunch and met some of the locals who agreed to pose with us for our “group photo”. Can you spot them?



Cowden and friends... and more friends.

The first ring of eight of the afternoon was in St. Mary, Slaugham 11-1-20 in A] – we arrived rather early, but enjoyed sitting in the sunshine, albeit it rather chilly, and appreciated the very pretty village green which boasts a white Grade II listed telephone box.

To conclude the “pieces of eight” outing we rang at the substantial late Victorian church of St. Leonard’s, Turners Hill, 8 bells [13-2-27 in F], where loud exclamations of “don’t look up” were made to Jane, who is not a fan of long draughts. (She coped splendidly, and we will not be accepting the length of the ropes as an excuse in future!) An interesting day all round, enjoyed by a wide range of ringing abilities!

Around the District

Angela Clark on the adventures of Tonbridge’s Steeple Keeper:

The clapper in the Tonbridge [8, 19-0-1 in E] tenor was removed to enable the bell foundry to undertake a small amount of required

refurbishment. As a result, only the front 6 were audible for a week or two in Tonbridge. The Steeple Keeper, Martin Willson, found a novel way of transporting the clapper to Whitechapel. When it proved too large to fit it in his rucksack, he strapped it to the crossbar of his bike and peddalled it there.



Come hell or high water, or (more pressingly) the London Underground, Martin Willson took the clapper of Tonbridge’s tenor to Whitechapel.

Things are left hanging at Edenbridge...

Ever on the ball at Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F[#]], we’ve got around to hanging up the commemorative plaque we had made and blessed to celebrate the centenary of the re-casting of our bells. This would have led to an amusing photograph, as, one practice night, the tower’s executive committee held a plaque-hanging site-meeting, observed by everyone else who was present through our “hole in the middle”.

Alas, everyone fled when the photo was announced, leaving tower captain Richard Dyson holding the plaque against the wall.



Richard Dyson was left holding the baby, er, plaque.

Trevor Nicholls sends this enquiry. Answers NOT to the Look to. Thank you. Kindly.

On a recent foray to Seal Chart [6, 10-0-11 in G[#]], Eric Roughley and I had a chance to see the new facilities for him and her in use, seems tight but useful?

Can anybody recognise the two users?



A farewell at Cowden.

Ringer Peter Clack from Cowden has announced his retirement from ringing after a prolonged spell of tennis elbow. His first action of his ringing retirement was to be drafted in at short notice to ring! His second and subsequent actions will involve golf. After practice on Monday 19th December 2011, a small presentation was made of a paper plate commemorating 10 years' service to match (?) the plate painted and glazed for Hilary Bavey's retirement. There was also something best not drunk in one go, unless you have friends like these, and want to forget them!

Angela Clark reports on just another normal practice night at Penshurst.

The practice night at Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E^b] in December was temporarily held up for two reasons: first, we had to shift a huge Christmas tree which had been laid in the ringing area and extended well in to the nave of the church, then

after we had raised the bells, a hoody entered the church from the pouring rain asking us to stop for 30 minutes whilst they completed filming *Henry V* in Penshurst Place. This very costly TV production, involving both male stars and beautiful ladies, is scheduled to be shown on TV, so watch out for it with settings in Penshurst Place and Squerryes.

The Head Gardener at Penshurst, Cory (also a ringer) reported filming involved horses racing around the Italian Garden and generally churning up the gravel, but the food provided for the large number of personnel involved was also available to the staff on duty. Cory gave a hand to clear the Baron's Hall ready for filming. This meant removal of tapestries, swords, helmets etc. The most difficult part, however, was taking down a very heavy moose's head – presumably Canadian moose were not too plentiful in Henry V's time.



Ringling at Penshurst, as and when filming and Christmas allow.

Can you ring bells tied for a wedding?

The recent announcement of _ _'s forthcoming wedding in the *Look to* led to a number of congratulations at a recent district event. Commenting – slightly embarrassed (but very flattered) – on this, the exchange with the Editor went something like: “You said it was a small announcement!” – “Yes, but I didn't know anyone would actually *read* it!”.

A Christmas Mystery at Cowden...

The Cowden [6, 7-2-15 in A] ringers are a friendly bunch, and gave a Christmas card to Eric Roughley when he went to call a pre-Christmas quarter peal (see Quarter Peals). However, Grania Bromley couldn't be reached in time to sign the card. The card which was given to Eric was nevertheless signed by every single Cowden ringer, including Grania. How could this be? The mystery

deepens with the appearance of the name Edward in the card.

Previous visitors to Cowden will have never met a ringer called Edward. Consultation of the Handbook will provide no record of an Edward under Cowden's entry. No visit to Cowden now will reveal any new ringer named Edward recruited since the last AGM. Who is this shadowy figure?

Closer inspection of the card also reveals handwriting so similar, that it could be believed that Grania and Edward were one and the same person... As it happens, the mystery ringer is Caroline's Levy-Cooper's son, who was asked to sign on Grania's behalf, but not before signing his own name after a slight misunderstanding first!

Peals

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2011

Sevenoaks Saturday 26th November 2011

5088 Corby Surprise Major

Composed: Donald F Morrison (4360)

Margaret E Oram 1, Judith M Rogers 2, Jacqueline M. Barlow 3, Thomas M. Barlow 4, Andrew J Corby (C) 5, Ian H Oram 6, Peter W Dickinson 7, Stanley Jenner 8

Rung to celebrate the life of Mary Jane Corby, grandmother of Judith Rogers and Andrew Corby, who died on 1st December 1961 and in whose memory the fifth bell was given by her sons John and Philip.

Quarter Peals

Rung during the KCACR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal Week

Edenbridge Sunday 23rd October 2011

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Clive Lumsden 1, Jane Wilson 2, Richard Dyson 3, Ian Henderson 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Robert Dunn 6

For Sevenoaks District Council Civic Service.

Chiddingstone Monday 24th October 2011

1260 Grandsire Triples

Dee Clift 1, Rebecca Prinsloo 2, Fraser Clift 3, Alan King 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Pamela Thomas 6, Eric Roughley (C) 7, Cory Furness 8

First quarter on eight for 1 & 2.

Cowden Monday 24th October 2011

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Clive Lumsden 1, Fraser Clift 2, Dee Clift 3, Andrew Wickenden 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Frank Shepherd 6

First quarter in method, 4.

Lamberhurst Monday 24th October 2011

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

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

For Tonbridge District quarter peal week.

Kemsing Tuesday 25th October 2011

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Rebecca Prinsloo 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Dee Clift 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6,

Happy Birthday to Astrid, and for the Tonbridge District Quarter Peal Week. First in method: 3.

Staplehurst Wednesday 26th October 2011

1260 Stedman Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Catherine Heathcote 2, Sue Bassett 3, Michael Bullett 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Christopher Bassett 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Frank Lewis 8

In substitution for the planned Grandsire Caters after 4 of the band were stranded on the A21, and with grateful thanks to Sue and Chris for standing in.

Kemsing Friday 28th October 2011

1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

Eric Roughley 1, Juliet Austin 2, Catherine Lewis (C) 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Fraser Clift 5, Frank Lewis 6

First in method: 2.

Speldhurst Saturday 29th October 2011

1260 Grandsire Triples

Composed: Paul Flavell (RW diary)

Penny Gerrard 1, Tim Lynch 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3, Anthony Leeves (C) 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Eric Roughley 6, Alan King 7, Crispin Saunders 8

75th of Grandsire Triples: 7.

Brasted Sunday 30th October 2011

1344 Plain Bob Major

Gemma Rumsey 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Juliet Austin 3, John Palmer 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Frank Lewis 7, Catherine Heathcote 8

A birthday compliment to Caroline Stockmann. Sponsored for Save the Children.

1st of Major on tower bells: 1.

Kemsing Sunday 30th October 2011

1260 Doubles (1 principle, 3 methods)

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

Dee Clift 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Rebecca Prinsloo 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Godfrey Croughton 5, Ralph Harding 6

For the Combined Communion Service with Woodlands, and for the Tonbridge District Quarter Peal Week.

Otford Sunday 30th October 2011

1260 Plain Bob Minor

All singles.

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Juliet Austin 2, Astrid Fairclough 3, Pam Thomas 4, Fraser Clift 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6

Marking the bells' return to use after 6 months' work on the tower.

For KCACR Tonbridge District quarter peal week.

Rung during the third quarter of 2011

Kemsing Sunday 11th September 2011

1260 Doubles (1 principle/3 methods)

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

Dee Clift 1, Jenny Williamson 2, Rebecca Prinsloo 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Ralph Harding 6

Rung to mark the opening of the 6th St. Edith Kemsing Festival, and in memory of those who lost their lives on this day in 2001.

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2011

Leigh Saturday 8th October 2011

1296 Cambridge S Minor

Nicholas Butcher 1, Rebecca Prinsloo 2, Pam Thomas 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, David James 5, Frances James (C) 6

To celebrate the 80th Birthday of Leigh ringer Jean Fagg.

Brasted Monday 10th October 2011

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

Eric Roughley 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Fraser Clift 3, Ray Taylor 4, Howard Rogers 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Frank Lewis 8

To celebrate the birth of Necia May Forder on 29/9/2011, first grandchild for 5.

Chiddingstone Saturday 5th November 2011

1260 Stedman Triples

Frances James 1, Rebecca Prinsloo 2, Pamela Thomas 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Fraser Clift 5, Tim Lynch 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, David James 8

1st Stedman Triples: 2.

Hever Sunday 6th November 2011

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Frank Lewis 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Catherine Lewis (C) 3, Mike Bullett 4, Alex Staff 5, Andy Wickenden 6

Remembering Mark Mead, for many years a member of the local band, who died on 16th October in his 92nd year.

Kemsing Sunday 6th November 2011

1260 Doubles (1 principle/3 methods)

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

Jenny Williamson 1, Dee Clift 2, Rebecca Prinsloo 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Godfrey Croughton 6

For the All Age Worship Service.

Chevening Saturday 12th November 2011

1260 Grandsire Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Alex Staff 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Mike Bullett 5, Mike Worthington 6, Tim Lynch (C) 7, Jane Nielson 8

To mark Jane's retirement as KCACR Tonbridge District Chairman after 8 years. Rung by members of the District Committee.

1st cover to triples: 8.

Tonbridge Sunday 13th November 2011

1264 Plain Bob Major

Composed: Tim Lynch

Helen Longley 1, Angela Clark 2, Celia Dickinson 3, Martin Willson 4, Jacqui Fletcher 5, Rhoda Willson 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Tim Lynch (C) 8

For Remembrance Sunday evening service.

Edenbridge Monday 14th November 2011

1344 Fotheringhay Surprise Major

Composed: BYROC

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

Oxford Thursday 17th November 2011

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Tony Cresswell 2, Tim Lynch (C) 3, Alex Staff 4, Fraser Clift 5, Phil Jones 6
Rung following the funeral of Brian Michie Alford.
First inside: 2.

Sevenoaks Sunday 20th November 2011

1260 Plain Bob Doubles with 768 Cover

Adele Potton 1, Brenda Barton 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Cathy L A Cheeseman 4, E Lesley Barclay (C) 5, Shirley Raynor 6, Helen Webb 7, Isabel M Pearce 8
Rung by members of the Ladies' Guild.
Rung open in thanksgiving for the life of Sue Fisher by her friends in the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild.

Brasted Sunday 27th November 2011

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Rebecca Stuttard 1, Gemma Rumsey 2, Catherine Lewis (C) 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Frank Lewis 5, Dan Bishop 6
For Advent Sunday evensong.
1st Quarter away from cover on towerbells: 1.

Tonbridge Friday 9th December 2011

1250 Plain Bob Major

Composed: Tim Lynch
Angela Clark 1, Pam Thomas 2, Hamilton Woods 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Rhoda Willson 5, Stanley Jenner 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Tim Lynch (C) 8
Rung on the 125th anniversary of the formation of the St Peter and St Paul Change Ringing Society.

Chiddingstone Saturday 10th December 2011

1250 Painswick Surprise Major

Frances Bradford 1, Michael J Wigney (C) 2, Louise G Pink 3, Hugo L Tracey 4, Christopher J Cooper 5, Alan D Pink 6, Roderic K Bickerton 7, Peter M J Bradford 8
Quarter Peal No 4 (final) of Mr Tracey's Quarter Peal day.
First blows in method: 4, 5, 7. 1000th Quarter Peal as a conductor.

Hawkhurst Saturday 10th December 2011

1260 Grandsire Triples

(Taken from "The Original")

Karen Lebon 1, Michael J Wigney 2, Louise G Pink 3, J Roderick N Lebon 4, Alex Staff 5, Roderic K Bickerton 6, Christopher J Cooper (C) 7, Hugo L Tracey 8

Quarter Peal No 1 of Mr Tracey's Quarter Peal day.

Kemsing Saturday 10th December 2011

1320 Jingle Bells Delight Minor

Rebecca Prinsloo 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Fraser Clift 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Pam Thomas 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6
Rung on the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse in the South China Sea - remembering forgotten heroes of Britain's "Pearl Harbour".
1st in method for all.

Tunbridge Wells Saturday 10th December 2011

1250 Rutland Surprise Major

Peter M J Bradford 1, Louise G Pink 2, Frances Bradford 3, Michael J Wigney 4, Hugo L Tracey 5, Christopher J Cooper 6, Roderic K Bickerton 7, Alan D Pink (C) 8
Quarter Peal No 3 of Mr Tracey's Quarter Peal day.

Chevening Monday 12th December 2011

1280 Alderney Surprise Major

Peter Dickinson 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Eric Roughley 3, Frank Lewis 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Ray Taylor 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8
Birthday compliment to Karol Leeves.

Cowden Monday 12th December 2011

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Clive Lumsden 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Alex Staff 3, Andrew Wickenden 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Frank Shepherd 6
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the bells being re-cast and by the addition of a Treble, augmented to six.

Leigh Friday 16th December 2011

1380 Plain Bob Minor

Pam Thomas 1, Julie Richardson 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Bob Philpotts 4, Frances C James 5, David S James (C) 6
Rung to celebrate Bob and Ann Philpotts' 45th Wedding Anniversary.
First of Plain Bob Minor: 4.

Oxford Saturday 17th December 2011

5040 Treble Dodging Minor (7 methods)

1 extent each British Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Morpeth Surprise, Norfolk Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, Chester Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise (The Psuedo 7)

Shirley E McGill 1, Lee Pinnington 2, Nicola J Turner 3, Colin M Turner 4, Richard M Hobbs 5, Ian R Fielding (C) 6

Non association.

Speldhurst Saturday 17th December 2011

1250 Dreamship Surprise Major

Eric Roughley 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Tim Lynch 3, Alan King 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Anthony Leves (C) 7, Frank Lewis 8

Sundridge Saturday 17th December 2011

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (21 methods)

1) Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet;
2) London, Cuncaster; 3) Chester, Newcastle, Munden; 4-7) York, Bourne, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Annable's London, Netherseale, Cambridge, Primrose, Hull, Norfolk, Ipswich atw.

Richard M Hobbs 1, Shirley E McGill 2, Nicola J Turner 3, John E Hawes 4, Colin Turner 5, Ian R Fielding (C) 6

Edenbridge Saturday 31st December 2011

1280 Spliced S Major

Standard 8

John Ford 1, Stephanie Pattenden 2, Geraldine Forster 3, John Hawes 4, James Belshaw 5, Ian Mills 6, Tim Forster 7, Janet Archibald 8

Silent and non-conducted.

First silent quarter: 7.

Milestones

Congratulations to...

First Quarter on Eight	Dee Clift Rebecca Prinsloo
First of Major on Tower Bells	Gemma Rumsey
First Cover to Triples	Jane Nielson
First away from Cover on Tower Bells	Rebecca Stuttard
First Inside	Tony Cresswell
First of Plain Bob Minor	Dee Clift Bob Philpots
First of Grandsire Doubles	Andrew Wickenden
First of Stedman Triples	Rebecca Prinsloo
First of Kent Treble Bob Minor	Juliet Austin

First of Jingle Bells Delight Minor	Rebecca Prinsloo Bobbie Fairclough Fraser Clift Stella Wooldridge Pam Thomas Tim Lynch
First of Painswick Surprise Major	Hugo Tracey Christopher Cooper Roderic Bickerton
First Silent Quarter	Tim Foster
75th Grandsire Triples	Alan King
1000th Quarter as Conductor	Peter Bradford

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- Anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- Other announcements

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