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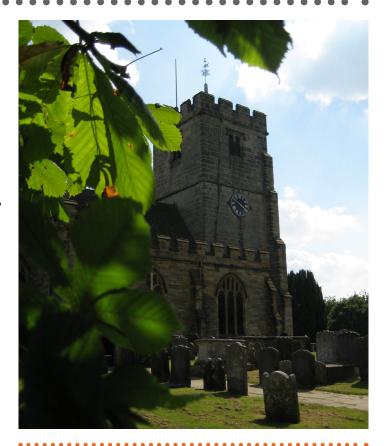
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR AUTUMN 2013 EDITION

DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

Points from the July meeting

The District Quarterly Meeting was at St Laurence, Hawkhurst on Saturday 6th July. Twenty-three members attended.

- A Hamilton Woods proposed a vote of thanks to Revd Rodney Dreyer for leading the service, to the PCC of St Laurence for the use of their bells and the virtual organist (the first hymn, the Bellringers' Hymn, having been sung unaccompanied) and to Alison Parsons for masterminding the arrangements and to the Hawkhurst ringers and Janet Beeken for a sumptuous tea.
- Sevenoaks) were elected as new members and were welcomed to KCACR by applause.
- Angela thanked Otford for stepping in when Shipbourne were unable to host the District 6-bell competition. See summer *Look to* for full report.
- So Catherine Heathcote reported on the June training day. It was noted that Catherine Heathcote and Mike Worthington had also run bespoke sessions for Hever (see summer *Look to*).
- Another were nine ringers at the June Surprise Minor/ Major practice at Chiddingstone and a good evening's ringing was had by all. However numbers were also low in the previous two years and it was questioned whether June is the best time for the Surprise practice; a move to a slot in May or to a 6-bell tower were mooted and these ideas will be revisited when next year's programme is constructed.
- § The County 8-bell competition was held on 29th June at Cliffe at Hoo. This was a super day in a lovely setting with the host tower laying on very good refreshments and the competing bands providing some excellent ringing. Our team came 4th with Lewisham being the runaway winners, possibly in part due to their very fast ringing. Tonbridge District will be hosting the event in 2014 and thought should be given to the venue.
- So Catherine Heathcote proposed a vote of thanks for Astrid's help in the administration role for



DISTRICT EVENTS...

between now and the next edition of Look to

Surprise Minor/Major Practice Horsmonden 7–9pm Saturday 19th October

District Quarter Peal Week 26th October to 3rd November

Afternoon Practice Hawkhurst 2.30-4.30pm Saturday 2nd November

10/12 Bell Practice Benenden 7–9pm Saturday 16th November

Training Day

Plain Hunt or Grandsire Doubles
Saturday 7th December venue T.B.A. more info on p3

Deadline for the next edition Friday 13th December

Quarterly Meeting Speldhurst Saturday 4th January 2014 3-8.30pm

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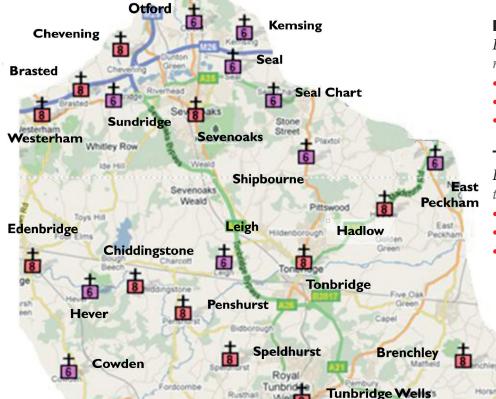
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Horsmonden

training days. Catherine, with Tiffy's assistance, will be handling the arrangements for future training days, including monitoring e-mail to tondist.training@hotmail.com.

So Catherine Heathcote has lined up the judges and local arrangements are all in hand for the County 6-bell competition at Lamberhurst on 28th September. Tonbridge will arrange a practice session on the bells. The Annual District Meeting will be at Brasted on 5th October. Catherine Lewis confirmed that all arrangements were in hand. Nomination forms for election of the committee were circulated with the July edition of *Look to*. Mike Bullett reminded us that after eight years as treasurer he would like to step down at the ADM although he is prepared to stand one more time if no-one comes forward. All are asked to seek a suitable candidate.

§ The Corby bell, Chiddingstone – a Mears and Stainbank (Whitechapel) bell cast for Sir John Bennett & Co, clockmakers, and presented to Lucile and Philip Corby as a silver wedding gift, has been raised to the belfry during the recent quinquennial work and is now awaiting installation by Gillett and Johnson as an electrically operated sanctus bell for use by the Rector at his daily morning and evening prayers. The geography prevents it being rung by hand from the body of the church. (see KCACR website for more info)

§ Tony highlighted the reminder from the General Committee that it is considered good practice for towers to maintain an attendance register where appropriate as part of their safeguarding procedures.

♦ The Central Council Annual Meeting will be held from 23–27 May 2014 and based in Bearsted (Maidststone District). Catherine Lewis outlined the arrangements for this event. Volunteers are requested to contact David Manger (see website for contact details) to act as microphone walkers and tellers during the meetings and to run a help-desk or assist with catering as well as acting as tower stewards on the ringing routes, etc. Catherine modelled the ⊤-shirt that will be given to volunteers.

So Catherine Lewis told the meeting that the *Ringing World* calendar featuring KCACR will shortly be available (*see ad. on p5*) and it would be helpful if all orders for calendars were processed via the District Bookstall (Trevor Nicholls, Penshurst) or KCACR, rather than through the *Ringing World*, as some of the £7 purchase price will then go to KCACR funds.

S ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A District band had rung for a May wedding at Brenchley as the local band is not keen to ring more than once on a Sunday. Catherine Heathcote is organizing a band for the next Sunday wedding in July but the District cannot guarantee to provide ringers every time there is a Sunday wedding.

§ Tessa Worthington has been arranging a band to ring at Tunbridge Wells from 10–10:30 on the last Sunday each month and Ian Cochrane and Hugo Tracey have been very helpful in ringing up etc but more ringers are needed to keep this alive. The Rector likes at least some of the ringers to attend the service after.

§ After the main meeting, tower captains, safeguarding representatives and other interested members stayed behind for a brief update on safeguarding from Nigel Spencer and to answer his questions on safeguarding within the District. Nigel will be producing a short summary for circulation shortly.

Ringing before and after the meeting was directed by Catherine Heathcote. The pre-meeting ringing was halted for a while when, following pieces of frayed rope floated from above to the floor, Catherine Lewis's rope broke. Undaunted, ringing was undertaken on hand-bells while the rope was replaced and also provided the accompaniment to our tea later.







Points from the August meeting

- § *Ringing World* Calendars are now being distributed to the Districts for sale at £7. A profit of approx £4.50 per calendar will be made if we sell all 1040;
- § The handbook editor will be contacting District Treasurers with regard to membership details;
- § Our Child Protection Policy will be published on the website. There is going to be a change in respect of portability; details will follow shortly;
- § Wouldham grant application deferred to next meeting awaiting completed form;
- ♠ Grant of £1000 agreed for Seal for rope and pulley installation;
- § Revised rules will be forwarded to Districts to be discussed at their ADMS;
- § Bishop of Dover has agreed to attend the reception dinner for the Central Council visit in 2014;
- § Chatham bells are being sold to St Gorran, Cornwall. They will be made available for members to ring before they are removed from the tower;
- § The following have agreed to be available for judging striking competitions: Rupert Cheeseman, Rachel Backhouse, Dominic Meredith, Catherine Lewis, Frank Lewis, Pamela Manger and David Manger;
- § It is being suggested that Quex Park be used for the 12-bell competition in 2018–9; it is the 200-year anniversary of Quex;
- § Forthcoming events: 10.30am, 22nd September at Chiddingstone, dedication of the chiming bell in memory of Phil Corby.

TRAINING DAYS

The next training day will be on Saturday 7th December for students wishing to learn or improve either Plain Hunt or Grandsire Doubles

- § Training Days usually run between 9.30am and 1pm.
- § There is a brief theory session to start, a coffee break mid-morning and two sessions of ringing.
- § Each student has the opportunity throughout the day to ring individually with six other experienced ringers.
- § The sessions are all led by an experienced 'Ringing Master' and are tailored to the needs of each student.
- § It is possible to accommodate three students at each tower.

If you would like to attend, please contact: tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk

120 CLUB

The tenth and final draw of the 2012–13 series took place on 6th July during the Quarterly Meeting at Hawkhurst. The winners are:

19 Cowden, 78 Otford, 20 Leigh

KARINA HICKS

May I pay tribute to Karina Hicks, who died on 30th June. She was stalwart in ringing the heavy sixth bell in Penshurst for thirty-one years.

Her friends will sadly miss her.

* Hilary Bavey

make a note in your diary that the

2014 Trivia Evening

WILL TAKE PLACE ON Saturday 18th January

at Hildenborough Village Hall

7.15 for a prompt 7.30pm start

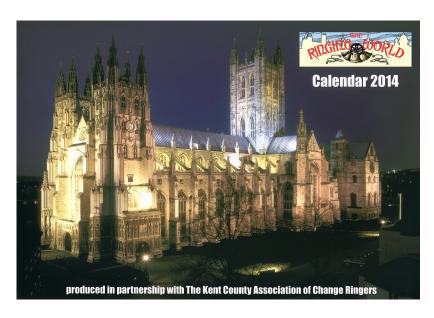
Tickets include supper & will be on sale at the January Quarterly Meeting

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Tonbridge outing – walking & drinking

The last sunny weekend in August saw the Tonbridge band step out with the intention of a grand perambulation of the fine churches and ale houses between Leigh and Edenbridge.

We started the day at Leigh with call changes and Plain Bob Minor with Gordon in charge of the ringing.

The walk to Penshurst follows part of the Eden Valley footpath into the Penshurst estate and along a fine avenue of plane trees at the top of the hill before turning down into Penshurst Place. We were met on the way by Trevor who was to open up for us and join us on our walk.

The Penshurst ringing was organised by Angela and included rounds, call changes and Grandsire. Pam Worrell from Tonbridge joined us here.

The second leg of the walk took us through some interesting ancient trackways cut into the local stone and we found blackberries on the way to keep us going up over the rise into Chiddingstone village.

By chance, it was also Trevor's birthday, so we all wished him a happy birthday and drank his health at the Castle Inn when we arrived. Having ordered our food we then rang some fine call changes, Plain Bob and Stedman on Chiddingstone's bells.

Having refreshed ourselves with food and further drink at the Castle we departed for Hever, saying a temporary goodbye to Fraser and Dee who unfortunately had to ring for a wedding at Chiddingstone after lunch. They would later rejoin us at Hever having driven over by car.

The local ringers at Hever had kindly allowed us to ring for their wedding while they ate a late lunch at the Henry VIII next door. With Jacqui in charge and mindful of listening ringers we took the opportunity of practising for the striking competition with a well-struck 240 of Plain Bob followed by call changes and Stedman.

We then quick-footed it to Hever railway station to catch a train to Edenbridge.

Before we rang at Edenbridge, the quiz master (Ham) gave the results to the UK citizenship test questions he had given out at the start of the day. Most of us struggled to achieve even half right so instead of the eagerly awaited confectionary prize supplied by Messrs Geo. Bassett & Co. we all received a beautifully signed certificate politely asking us to leave and never again enter the British Isles!

During the ringing at Edenbridge we were joined by Malcolm and Bridget and we rang Grandsire Triples, Stedman and call changes.



Having nearly completed our walk, we repaired to the pub for a refreshing drink or two before the long walk to the station and the train back to Tonbridge.

A few of us were aware of muscles we had not used properly for some time the next morning as the whole walk was a little over 9½ miles

Our thanks to the towers and those who kindly met us and let us ring. We had a lovely day ringing your bells.

* Martin Willson

A Transport of Delight?



Earth has not anything to show more fair – you guessed it; a 97-horsepower omnibus. Tonbridge and Lewisham Districts' outing sampled the delights of London Transport on their day around divers areas of London using buses and the underground. Organised by Tiffy Lynch and Catherine Heathcote with the itinerary and travel instructions meticulously set out we were guided effortlessly round the Capital.

The ten at St Clement Danes started the day off very well, the large ringing chamber just about accommodating the members of the group which must have numbered 30 plus. Then, bus passes to the fore, on to

St John the Evangelist in Lambeth – a far more, let me say, homely tower and the sort we are more used to. A tight squeeze but with a lot of shuffling everyone got in to ring.

Down to Walworth and St Peter's – the lightest ring of the day by a long way (3 cwt tenor). Trepidation from some ringers at having to ring on such light bells but they weren't as much of a challenge as expected and were ultimately liked very much.



On to Pimlico and St Saviour's who had sold its soul to Vodaphone and given dire warnings not to make too much noise and creep up past the office staff as for some reason ringers were not the flavour of the month there. A very homely ringing chamber and the light eight was very nice. The half course of Cambridge went very well – but hold on a minute, a bit of a hiccup there, he's missed it. The course of Cambridge went very well...

So to St Mary's, Kilburn (in Abbey Road – yes, *the* Abbey Road) a fairly newly re-hung six where we were to ring for a wedding at the start of our time there. No problem but the signal to start ringing was a little hazy as the key-holder wasn't too sure when the bride and groom might emerge from the church. At what we thought was the end of the last hymn the signal was given to start ringing. So we did – but they're singing again! Did we get it right; who knows? The service had an evangelical flavour to it and a somewhat 'free' form and if the ringing didn't quite fit the norm then it could only add to the happy chaos. The bride and groom probably had other things on their minds anyway. I won't mention the stay but at such a time, anything goes.

Lastly to the intellectually rarefied atmosphere of Hampstead. I was home. The bells of Christ Church – lovely. The sound – lovely. The go – lovely. What more is there to want?

The day was over and not only a transport of delight but a ringing day of delight. Thanks to all who made it such a good day – it really was a good one. A few refreshments and one last experience of London's transport – 'Hold very tight, please! Ting-ting' – that wasn't St Peter's Walworth again, was it?

& Cub Reporter

Sevenoaks Outing to London

This was a most enjoyable and interesting day on Saturday 14th September.

Our first tower was St James Garlickhythe just north of London Bridge. We had time to admire the interior of this Wren church before going up to the ringing room. The eight bells were those which were rung on the barge as it processed down the Thames during the Queen's Jubilee last year. They sounded beautiful and were also lovely to ring.

Next was Christchurch Spitalfields – on the boundary between the City and the East end. Again we had time to admire the amazing plaster decoration in this surprisingly large church designed by Hawksmoor. The eight bells here were heavier and deeper in tone than those at Garlickehythe and were also very nice to ring.

We went our several ways for lunch and then enjoyed browsing Brick Lane and Spitalfields market. More than one person carried large parcels of shopping to the next church! This was St Olave Hart Street. It was Samuel Pepys' church and it escaped the 1666 fire largely due to his efforts. We didn't see inside this church as the door to the staircase leading to the ringing room was external. It is now the tower of the University of London Society of Change Ringers and a member of the band was there to ring with us. The bells had very recently had new ropes and so were rather 'springy' and required a little more skill to control, but nevertheless we thoroughly enjoyed ringing them.



Slightly damp, but certainly undaunted at St James Garlickhythe.

This was a grand day out for the St Nick's ringers and our thanks are due to Mike and Tessa for organizing it all for us.

* Rosina Cole

Tonbridge Ringers' Service

Believed to be unique in our District, Tonbridge dedicate a service each year to the bell ringers. This year it was morning service on Heritage Weekend. The vicar spoke about us and the bells, then we had to stand up and be identified. At the same service the newly ordained curate attended his first service at Tonbridge and took the opportunity to christen his baby son.

An invitation to climb up to the tower for a ringing demonstration was extended to everyone and, thankfully, they did not all turn up – the church was fairly full. Those who came to meet us and watch the ringing seemed delighted.

Tiffy worked extremely hard, explaining the motions of the bell, telling them about long length peals, and inviting them to learn to ring. When a young lad of about four asked to see the bells, of course they all wanted to go, so a line in their best clothes climbed up the uneven stairs to peer in at the bells which were up.

* Angela Clark

Heritage Day at Tonbridge

The Parish Church at Tonbridge is always popular with visitors, especially because of its connections with Jane Austen. On Heritage Day in September we offered tower tours which included an opportunity to go out on to the roof and look at the view.

The tours were scheduled for every 20 minutes, from 10.30 until 4pm. This timetable was abandoned within the first hour – although visitors were asked to register for a tour at the reception table in the church, they merely shouted up the stairs 'can we come up' with the result, as each party descended, another group climbed the stairs.

We were kept busy all day; ringing rounds, showing them the bells, and counting punters going up on the roof ensuring the same number came down.

It is unlikely we have gained any recruits, but we did encounter a lapsed ringer. We had a couple of surprising failures – folk who refused to climb the stairs when they could not see the top, but the photographers were delighted with the opportunity to take a picture of their road.

The church was pleased with the day and had mounted a craft display which proved popular, as well as doing a brisk trade in their excellent café.

The exercise we obtained by running up and down the stairs probably did us a bit of good as well.

* Angela Clark

Bits & Bobs

I WONDER HOW MANY are familiar with this quotation from the great conductor Toscanini:

'God has told me how he wants this piece of music played; and you – you hinder God.'

I also wonder how many conductors have thought that about my ringing, but perhaps I would rather not know. **Anthony Leeves**

WE HAVE BEEN RINGING for services and weddings at Withyham during the Summer.

We were delighted when, at our last wedding of the season there in September, the groom's mother provided jars of home-made chutney for each of the ringers and at the same wedding, soon after we started to ring, the Churchwarden asked 'Will you be long? Only I'm waiting to lock up!' * Angela Clark

Tunbridge Wells

Don't forget that a band is needed to ring from 10–10.30am at Tunbridge Wells on the last Sunday of the month for the morning service. Tessa Worthington has been co-ordinating this for the last few months to prevent the bells remaining silent.

Contact Tessa (01732 457745) if you can help.

Mini-ring at Chevening

Chevening ringers arranged for the the Charmborough Ring (*being set up below*) to be one of the attractions at the Chevening Primary School Summer Fair.

The fair was held on 7th July in the splendid setting of Chevening House.



DISTRICT QUARTER PEAL WEEK

26th October to 3rd November

Quarter Peals are an excellent opportunity to:

learn a new method 🕒 mark a special occasion

settle into a longer length of ringing to improve your striking

If your band (or just you) want to ring a quarter peal, but need an extra person (or seven) then don't hesitate to ask your tower steward for help (see page 2) or contact Eric Roughley e.roughley222@btinternet.com

Details of successful quarter peals should be sent to Eric who will forward en bloc to Ringing World / Bellboard

Howard's Mayoral 'Ring-a-thon'

Local bell ringer and the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Councillor Howard Rogers has arranged a whole weekend of bell ringing and is planning to ring all the full-circle church bells in all 19 towers in the borough. This 'Ring-a-thon' will take place over the weekend 19–20th October. He is doing this to raise money for the charities that he is supporting, the Kenward Trust and the Tonbridge Child Contact Centre. He is asking for sponsorship from other ringers who accompany him over the weekend and anyone wishing to support this challenge. The tour starts at Wouldham in the north of the borough on the Saturday morning, south to Tonbridge and finishes after 14 hours of ringing in Ightham.

Full details of the towers, times and schedule will be published on the KCACR web site www.kcacr.org.uk. If you are a bellringer and would like join him in some or all the ringing, please register your interest by sending an e-mail to howard.rogers@tmbc.gov.uk or telephone 01732 850329.

In the next issue of Look to: Local band develop new way of ringing-up in peal!



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FRASER'S BOOK CORNER

'Village Bells'

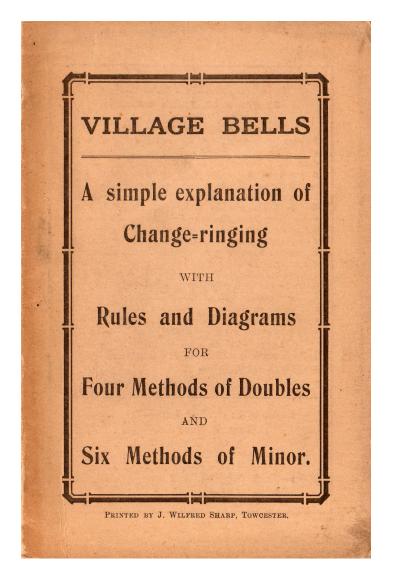
One of my favourite books on change-ringing is Village Bells by the Revd Richard Howes. This little booklet was first published in the early 1930s, and, between then and 1952, four editions were produced. Having learnt to ring on a light village six (Bidston in Wirral, 5CWT.), and resurrected my ringing, after a lengthy break, on an even lighter village ring (Kemsing, 4CWT.) I feel the title in some way reflects my campanological career.

As a 'booky' type (bells, not horses – the latter one is spelt differently!) I find this little booklet fascinating for a number of reasons. The author describes himself

'a duffer who began to ring when he was fifty years of age, who lives in a village and as Branch Secretary of a Ringers' Guild, visits many village belfries. He therefore thinks he understands a beginner's difficulties, and also the difficulty of getting a beginner into the belfry. That is the reason why he ventures to write - not for the advanced ringers, but for beginners in villages where there are either five or six bells.'

In the foreword to the book, the Revd Canon G. F. Coleridge (a noted ringer, who was President of the CCCBR from 1921-30, and who, apparently, was first attracted to the sound of bells while robbing jackdaws' nests!) describes the presentation of the methods in

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PLAIN BOB MINOR.

This method is the same as in Bob Doubles, but with an extra place. Between the bell that passes the treble in 3-4, and the bell that turns the treble from behind there comes the bell that passes the treble in 4-5.

RULES FOR THE PLAIN COURSE.

The bell that turns the treble from behind, dodges in 3-4 down. in 4-5, lies full & dodges in 5-6 down. passes " in 3-4, dodges in 5-6 up & then lies full. ,, in 2-3, dodges in 3-4 up. is turned from the lead by the treble, makes seconds & again leads full. PLAIN COURSE. 1 6 6 5 5 3 5 6 1 5 6 3 5 3 4 5 1 3 6 2 2 5 5 3 3 1 1 2 2 4 4 6 4 665511332242 446611 3 2 1 4 2 6 4 6 456153123424 23416252 5 4 1 6 3 5 2 1 4 3 6 3 3 6 1 5 621456 2 1 4 3 6 2 5 4 1 6 3 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 4 5 6 1 5 5 4 1 6 2 5 4 3 6 1 5 2 5 1 4 2 6 4 5 6 3 5 1 3 3 3 1 2 5 4 3 5 4 3 1 2 6 4 2 1

BULES WHEN A BOB IS CALLED.

The bell that turns the treble from behind, runs straight in and leads full.

,, in 4-5, lies full and dodges in 5-6 down. " passes " in 3-4, dodges in 5-6 up, and then lies full.

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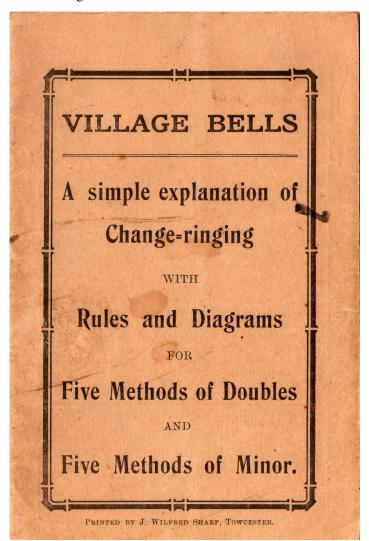
,, in 2-3, makes fourths place and goes down to lead. is turned from the lead by the treble, runs out and lies full.

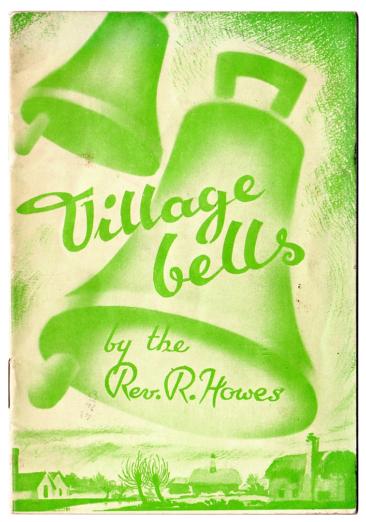
TO THE CONDUCTOR: To call 180 changes follow the calling given for Bob Doubles. (i.e. "In, out, and make the Bob.")

the 'Staircase' form, the idea being to make plain the manner in which the bells run up and down. Although this format was changed somewhat for the second edition, it was restored for the third and subsequent edition. The first edition covered Plain Bob, St Simon's, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles, followed by Plain Bob, St Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Richard Howes died in 1941, and his son John Howes (of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and later the Indian Political Department) produced a third, in memoriam, edition in January 1946, when he was based in New Delhi. He explains in his preface that he has 'kept the figures in the staircase form as this idea has always seemed to me the book's most useful contribution to the understanding by the beginner of the way in which bells move, and so to clean striking. The bell at lead seems to pile the others up on her shoulders, one above the other, while the bell at the back looks down supremely from her 'top step' at the flying ropes of the bells below her, before she rings her final note.'

I do not know the date of the first edition, but there appear to have been two editions in the 1930s. The first, dating from before 1935, is illustrated left, and





the other below. The second edition was produced in two issues, one when the author was still at Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, Northamptonshire, and the other after he moved to Beenham Vicarage, Reading, in 1935. In this edition New Doubles was added, and St Clement's omitted.

A fourth edition, published again by his son, but this time from Kolhapur, India, came out in February 1947 (*illustrated*, *above*). Its arrival, just over a year after the third edition, suggests either a small print run of the third, or a great demand, or both! In 1952 the copyright of the book was acquired by the CCCBR, and the fourth edition was reprinted that year.

Second-hand copies of the book are sometimes to be found for sale in bookshops or on the internet.

The first edition sold for 9d for a single copy, and 2s for three copies. Both second editions were offered at 8d, with four copies for 2s 6d. The price of the third and first issue of the fourth editions reverted to that of the first, and they were sold by the author's widow, then living in Oxford. When the CCCBR published the book the prices had increased to 1s 2d, and three copies sold for 3s 3d. All prices were post-free.

For those not familiar with pre-decimal money, 1 shilling(s) or 12 pence(d) = 5p.

* Fraser Clift

Rung during the third quarter of 2013

Chevening Saturday 14th September 2013
5088 Plain Bob Major Composed by Daniel Jones
1 Frank Lewis 1, Ronald Diserens 2, Eric Roughley 3,
Ben Rogers 4, Thomas Barlow 5, Catherine Lewis 6,
Jack Gunning 7, David Hilling [c] 8
In celebration of the ordination of
Revd Sophie Sutherland, Revd Stephen Boon,
and Revd Simon Taylor at this church this day.
First peal: 4

QUARTER PEALS

Rung during the third quarter of 2013

Hadlow Sunday 30th June 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Janice Massy 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, James Evans 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Stanley Jenner 5, Howard Rogers [c] 6 Rung before the annual civic service and commissioning of the conductor as Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Hadlow Hunters Lodge, Friday 12th July 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Ann Jenner 1–2, Ray Taylor 3–4, Stanley Jenner [c] 5–6

Hadlow Saturday 13th July 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Daniel Jarvis 1, Emma Jarvis 2, Janice Massy 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Stanley Jenner [c] 5, Ray Taylor 6 *First quarter at first attempt:* 1

Tonbridge Sunday 14th July **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Hamilton Woods 1, Angela Clark 2, Helen Longley 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Jacqui Fletcher 5, Tiffany Lynch [c] 6

For evening service. 1st inside: 3

Sevenoaks Sunday 14th July
1260 Grandsire Triples Composed by Daniel Brady
Nick Chard 1, Tessa Worthington 2,
Astrid Fairclough 3, Rebecca Stuttard 4,
Isabel Pearce 5, Jack Gunning [c] 6,
Michael Worthington 7, Phil Jones 8
By a Sunday Service Band.
Rung to celebrate the birth of Tyler Behrman,
grandson of Phil

Hawkhurst Sunday 14th July **1260 Grandsire Triples**

Anthony Leeves 1, Catherine Heathcote 2, Tiffany Lynch 3, Alison Parsons [C] 4, David Beeken 5, David Lyddiatt 6, Nigel Parsons 7, Roy Champion 8 Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs Grace Parsons, mother of 4 and 7 and mother-in-law of 5

Sevenoaks Saturday 20th July 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Tessa Worthington 1, Michael Stuttard 2, Jack Gunning [c] 3, Adam Brady 4, Michael Worthington 5, Phil Jones 6 *First inside*: 2

Sevenoaks Saturday 20th July 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Tessa Worthington 1, Phil Jones 2, Jack Gunning [C] 3, Michael Worthington 4, Adam Brady 5, Astrid Fairclough 6

First inside: 2

Otford Saturday 20th July 1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

Janice Byrne 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Fraser Clift 3, Eric Roughley 4, Ray Taylor 5, Anthony Leeves [c] 6 With best wishes to Tess Taylor on her 20th birthday and remembering Bobbie's brother, Chris Longstaff, whose birthday would have been today. First in method: 2

Seal Chart Tuesday 23rd July **120 Cambridge S Minor**

Graham Clifton 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Fraser Clift 3, Eric Roughley 4, Tessa Worthington 5, Frank Lewis 6 Cambridge Minor on Seal Chart's new bells, to welcome the new Cambridge minor. The new ring of bells rung for the first time, starting with a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, to welcome the new Prince. This was followed by rounds and call changes, in which local ringer Annette MacKellar took part.

Brasted Wednesday 24th July 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Dan Bishop 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Juliet Austin 3, Catherine Lewis [C] 4, Eric Roughley 5, Frank Lewis 6 To celebrate the birth of a son to TRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Hadlow Sunday, 28 July 2013 1272 Plain Bob Minor

Janice Massy 1, Emma Jarvis 2, Ann Jenner 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Ray Taylor 5, Stanley Jenner [c] 6 Rung before Sung Eucharist to celebrate the birth of HRH Prince George.

Chiddingstone Monday 29th July 1260 Doubles, 300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob

Trevor Nicholls 1, Dee Clift 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3, Fraser Clift [c] 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Pam Thomas 6 To celebrate the birth of George Alexander Louis, Prince of Cambridge, and also the birthdays of Jacqui and Fraser

Tonbridge Tuesday 30th July **1260 Grandsire Triples**

Pam Thomas 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, Ray Taylor 3, Martin Willson 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Rhoda Willson 6, Tiffany Lynch [C] 7, Hamilton Woods 8 Arranged to celebrate the birth of Prince George Alexander Louis to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

Chevening Thursday 1st August 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Carole Cresswell 1, Tony Cresswell 2, Frank Lewis 3, Catherine Lewis [C] 4, Ben Rogers 5, Jane Nielson 6 To celebrate the safe arrival of HRH Prince George of Cambridge on 22nd July 2013 and to wish him health and happiness throughout his life

Speldhurst Sunday 4th August **1260 Grandsire Triples**

Composed: from Parker's 12-part peal
Penny Gerrard 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2,
Catherine Lewis 3, Janice Byrne 4, Fraser Clift 5,
Frank Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves [c] 7,
Crispin Saunders 8
For evensong

Otford Saturday 10th August 1260 Doubles

Rosina Cole 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Fraser Clift 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Catherine Lewis [c] 5, Frank Lewis 6

A wedding compliment to Robert Dew (godson of Margaret McKendrick) and Liz Guthrie, married this day at Abingdon, Oxfordshire

Tonbridge Sunday 11th August 1344 Plain Bob Major

Helen Longley 1, Angela Clark 2, Hamilton Woods 3, Martin Willson 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Jacqui Fletcher 6, Rhoda Willson 7, Tiffany Lynch [c] 8 For evening service. With congratulations to Emma Fletcher on graduating with first class honours in Forensic Science

Brasted Monday 19th August 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Gemma Rumsey 1, Eric Roughley 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Bobbie Fairclough 4, Rebecca Stuttard 5, Catherine Lewis [c] 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Frank Lewis 8 In memory of Muriel Austin, grandmother of Gemma and mother of Carole Rumsey, a member of the local band.

Kemsing Thursday 22nd August
1260 Doubles (1 principle, 3 methods) 60 STEDMAN,
240 GRANDSIRE, 480 ST SIMON'S, 480 PLAIN
Pam Thomas 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3,
Fraser Clift [c] 4, Ray Taylor 5, Rebecca Prinsloo 6
Happy Birthday to Becca (belatedly), and Fran (today)

Speldhurst Monday 26th August 1280 Stand Surprise Major

Eric Roughley 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Ray Taylor 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Alan King 5, Frank Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves [C] 7, Michael Worthington 8

Speldhurst Sunday 1st September **1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples**

Penny Gerrard 1, Janice Byrne 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Michael Bullett 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Eric Roughley [c] 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Frank Lewis 8 For evensong

Sevenoaks Sunday 1st September 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Astrid Fairclough 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Isabel Pearce 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Jack Gunning [c] 5, Michael Worthington 6 *First inside*: 2

Kemsing Monday 2nd September
1260 Doubles (1 principle, 3 methods) 60 STEDMAN,
240 GRANDSIRE, 480 ST SIMON'S, 480 PLAIN
Dee Clift 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Jenny Williamson 3,
Fraser Clift [c] 4, Michael Williamson 5,
Rebecca Prinsloo 6

To celebrate Michael's 80th Birthday, and to bid a fond farewell to Bill Rankin, a resident of Kemsing for over 40 years, who is moving to Scotland.

Brenchley Wednesday 11th September 1260 Grandsire Triples

Caroline Stockmann 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2,
Tessa Worthington 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4,
Catherine Lewis 5, Catherine Heathcote 6,
Tiffany Lynch [c] 7, Michael Worthington 8
Golden Wedding compliment to
Norman & June Gates and Martin & Penny Heathcote,
married 14th September 1963
First of Triples for the ringer of the treble

Brasted Sunday 15th September 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Caroline Stockmann 1, Eric Roughley 2, Anthony Leeves 3, Juliet Austin 4, Frank Lewis 5, Rebecca Stuttard 6, Catherine Lewis [c] 7, Dan Bishop 8 To celebrate the life of Rebecca's dear friend, Louise Grace Menzies (1999–2013)

Speldhurst Sunday 22nd September **1260 Grandsire Triples**

Janice Byrne 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Frank Lewis 3, Stella Wooldridge 4, Anthony Leeves [C] 5, Michael Bullett 6, John Palmer 7, Crispin Saunders 8 For Songs of Praise to celebrate the ministry of Revd Basil Marshall

MILESTONES

Congratulations to:

First peal: Ben Rogers **First quarter:** Daniel Jarvis

First Norwich Surprise Minor: Bobbie Fairclough First Grandsire Triples: Caroline Stockmann First inside: Caroline Stockmann, Michael Stuttard,

Phil Jones



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- \Rightarrow anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- → other announcements

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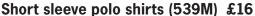
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3XL and 4XL: Black, Bottle Green, Bright Royal, French Navy, White



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