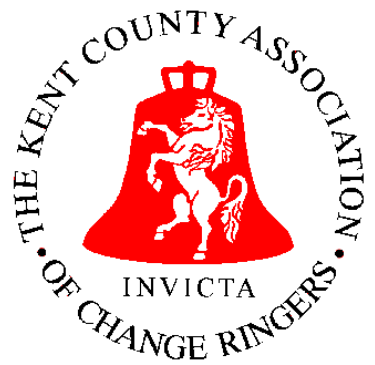


# Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2010 Second Quarter Edition

## The Quarterly Meeting

The first meeting of 2010 was held at Horsmonden [8, 17-2-10 in E<sup>b</sup>]. Alex Staff writes:

The first meeting of 2010 saw the Tonbridge District slipping and sliding its way through the Kent countryside to St Margaret's Horsmonden [17-2-10 in E<sup>b</sup>] on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Ringing commenced at 3:00 pm and the first session of the afternoon, including a lively course of *Yorkshire Surprise Major*, culminated in a service touch of *Grandsire Triples*.



Festive decorations post New Year in the ringing chamber at Horsmonden. And some flowers.

After the service and tea, Eric Roughley proposed a vote of thanks to Rev'd. Colin

Lockwood for taking the service, and to the organist, Mark Bromley. Thanks also go to the Horsmonden ringers for making the arrangements and providing tea.

At the meeting the Editor of the *Look to* apologised for the atrocious misspelling of the names of the new members elected at the ADM in October [and promises to never take his own notes at a meeting ever again – Ed.].

## Forthcoming Events...

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

### District 6-Bell Striking Competition

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010

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

Draw at 4:00 pm

### Training Day

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010

*Plain Hunt and Grandsire Doubles*

### Surprise Major Practice

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Hadlow [8, 12-3-0 in G]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### Deadline for the next edition

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010

### County 8-Bell Competition

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010

*Canterbury District*

### Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010

Chiddingstone [8, 17-0-3 in E]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Sean Heaver of Horsmonden and Gwen Dennard of Penshurst were welcomed to the association by Chairman Jane Nielson. The meeting concluded with the 120 club draw, with congratulations to Tunbridge Wells' Elspeth Dunster, Brasted's Carole Rumsey and Brenchley's Mike Smith.

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?

## Trivia Evening

*Carole Rumsey reports on the 2010 Trivia Evening.*



*A general view of the scene at Hildenborough Village Hall. Photo: Frank Lewis.*

The seventeenth District Trivia evening took place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Twenty-three teams competed in an enjoyable, but closely fought evening. Quizmaster Anthony Leeves was the quizmaster and had devised a varied set of questions, pitched at just the right level so as not to dishearten some teams by the difficulty, but not too easy on the other hand, which is a hard balance to get.



*The winning team! Photo: Frank Lewis.*

The winners were Shipbourne Shambles with a score of 89. Chairman Jane Nielson presented the winning team with the winners' shield and valuable individual prizes.

The first three teams in the competition were:

- Shipbourne Shambles (scored 89)
- Hopeful Sevenoaks (83)
- Oriental Crackers (82)

A spicy sausage casserole supper was served in the interval, followed by a selection of lovely desserts. Many thanks go to Jane Nielson and the District committee, together with other helpers (including those who contributed to the catering) for a wonderful evening; a special thank you to our quizmaster Anthony, ably assisted by Eric Roughley as scorer.



*Eric Roughley and Anthony Leeves at the nerve-centre of the entire operation.*

The net donation to the KCACR BRF was an amazing £1058.75



## The Charmborough Ring

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

- Recruiting drives
- Training courses
- Public demonstrations

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

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

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

The Charmborough Bell Trust is registered charity No. 112616



## Training Days

A training day for *Rounds and Call Changes* and *Plain Bob Doubles* took place during the first quarter. Alex Staff was a helper with a call-change group:

One of the groups on the training day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March for *Rounds and Call Changes* and *Plain Bob Doubles*, made its way to Sundridge [6, 13-3-3 in F#] for *Call Changes*. The morning started with Ringing Master Catherine Heathcote discussing some of the relevant theory for call changes, and enthralled both the students and helpers with her array of visual aids, which warranted the picture below!



Catherine Heathcote teaches Call Change theory.

The students then moved on to the practical, firstly getting a feeling for the ropes. Two of the students at Sundridge came from Seal and the other two from Edenbridge and Otford, so Sundridge presented a contrast to home towers for all concerned. After quickly getting used to the bells and a demonstration ring from the helpers, the students also mixed in some call changes.

The group took a coffee-break mid-morning, and made its way down the hill to the White Horse, before returning to St Mary's for more of the same. In the second session, students were encouraged to also work on their ropesight, by being called on the treble into higher places and the order of the bells being changed below. The students were then asked to comment on who the bell they were following was following, before being called back down to the lead.

It emerged only afterwards, that some students, despite knowing what to look (and listen) for, had never in practice lead. It was impressive how quickly they picked this up. The last task of the day fell to the helpers – leaving the bells stood at backstroke for the following Sunday morning!

## Forthcoming Training Events

**Plain Hunt and Grandsire Doubles**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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

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

If you see a training event that catches your eye, book straight away! This allows the event to be as promptly and as best organised as possible. Contact Catherine Heathcote to book a place or request a training event:

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

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

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

## 120 Club

The 120 Club draws for the first quarter of 2010:

<b>January</b>	93	Tunbridge Wells
	114	Brasted
	27	Brenchley
<b>February</b>	42	Kemsing
	80	Leigh
	61	Otford
<b>March</b>	27	Brenchley
	69	Hadlow
	120	Chevening

Anyone over 16 can buy shares in the Tonbridge District 120 Club (registered charity) at £ 10 each. It's not restricted to KCACR members or bell ringers. If you would like to buy a share then please contact *Ray Taylor*:

- 07973 123 323
- [ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk](mailto:ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk)

Or download an application form from:

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

## ***A Geriatric's Lament...***

### **Why? What? Where? Who? How?**

I've trouble with my bellringing  
And all the clangs my bells emit.  
After lots of practice swinging  
WHY can't I get the hang of it ... ?

With brain of bird and recall nought,  
This Geriatric takes so long  
To master all the things one ought,  
To generate a tuneful dong.

*For skilfulness when bells are rung  
It's good to learn when one is young.*

At first I struggled to prevail  
With wobbly wildness of my rope.  
Sally, handstroke, backstroke and tail  
When put together ... I couldn't cope!

My ever patient teacher said  
"Relax ... and Listen. Feel the bell.  
Watch for the rope that goes ahead".  
WHAT?! Do all these ... AND Pull as well??

*For dexterity when bells are rung  
It's better to learn when deft and young.*

Bell cognoscenti chat about  
'Dodging', 'odd struck' or 'put up wrong',  
There's 'front' and 'back', 'inside' and 'out',  
And please, WHERE has the treble gone?

I've rung on six bells, eight bells, ten.  
At towers short and towers tall  
Been minded by kind souls, but then  
WHO is this bloke named Bob they call?

*For jargoning when bells are rung  
It's best to learn when bright and young.*

I'm awed by experts' rings serene.  
Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques,  
Minor, Major, Tittums and Queens,  
All rung by pros with ne'er a blink!

As I watch their rhythmic bell-swing  
I marvel how it's done, although ...  
The experts did all start to ring  
Nigh on a hundred years ago.

*For supreme finesse when bells are rung  
The maestros learnt when they were young.*

I've bashed my nose, had rope round neck,  
More mishaps ... too many to mention.  
HOW anyone lasts a three hour Peal  
Is quite beyond my comprehension.

If you pass a tower with clashing bells  
Too 'close' or too 'wide' ... even wrong!,  
Then it could be me, who drolly tells  
Of my efforts to make a bell bong!

*And thus, when all is said and done ...  
HOW I WISH I'D LEARNT WHEN I WAS  
YOUNG!!*

*Peggy Hill*

(With thanks to Stella, Pam, Arthur, two  
Catherines and all at Shipbourne, Sevenoaks  
and Tonbridge Towers for their infinite patience  
and encouragement.)

## **Around the District**

**HANDBOOK.** Says *Frank Lewis*.

The KCACR Handbook is now on the streets  
and should be with a District secretary near  
you. It's a tasteful sort of lavender colour and as  
usual is packed with goodies and useful stuff about  
the KCACR.

We're particularly grateful to our advertisers  
again, who have coughed up some £552 to take  
space in the Handbook, which goes quite a way to  
helping to pay for its production. On the Links page  
of the website there are links to all advertisers with  
websites — pay them a visit, and if you use any of  
their services please mention the KCACR.

### **Angela Clark in two places at once...**

On Saturday morning 13<sup>th</sup> February a visiting  
band rang an excellent peal at Tonbridge [8,  
19-1-0 in E]. I called in to the church while the peal  
was in progress for a coffee. One of the ladies there  
recognised me as a ringer and said how pleased  
they were to hear the bells.

She then asked: "Have you come down from the  
tower for a rest?"

## **Errata**

**From the third and fourth quarter edition**

- KCACR County Secretary Margaret Funnell  
has two <l>s.

- The new members from the ADM in October are as follows: James Thomas of Tonbridge, Cory Furness of Penshurst, Christabel Sworder of Penshurst and Lucy Menard of Penshurst.

## Peals and Quarter Peals

### A query answered:

A number of people have asked whether it is necessary to submit quarters to the *Look to*. Quarter peals which appear in the *Look to* are those found on the *Campanophile* website for the last quarter and a week, supplemented by those submitted from the district. I currently don't use *the Ringing World* to find quarters. If you submit your quarters to *Campanophile*, then I should hope I will find them, and ditto for those submitted to the *Look to*. I am therefore very grateful to be sent those quarters which will not appear on *Campanophile*.

That has either made things clearer or created confusion!

## Peals

### Rung during the first quarter of 2010

**Tonbridge** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### 5024 Spliced Surprise Major

4 Methods: 1280 Cambridge, London, Superlative; 1184 Bristol; 110 changes of method; all the work.

Composed by: A J Pitman

Mark Chittenden-Pile 1, Peter W Dickinson 2, Anne L Reuff 3, Damien S Smith 4, Phillip R J Barnes 5, Richard H Edwards 6, John B Keeler (C) 7, David W Grimwood 8

## Quarter Peals

### Rung during the fourth quarter of 2009

**Kemsing** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December

#### 1320 Essex Girl Treble Place Minor

Ray Taylor 1, Howard Rogers 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Fraser Clift 4, Pam Thomas 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6

*First in the method for all.*

### Rung during the first quarter of 2010

**Chevening** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### 1260 Plain Bob Triples

1 David Hilling (C) 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Tony Fisher 3, Andrew Fisher 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Jack Barker 6, Nick Wilkins 7, Frank Lewis 8

*First on 8: 4.*

**Hadlow** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### 2240 London Surprise Major

Mark Chittenden-Pile 1, Ray Taylor 2, Diana Wraight 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Damien S Smith

5, Philip H Larter (C) 6, John E Hawes 7, Stanley Jenner 8

**Hadlow** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### 2240 London Surprise Major

Mark Chittenden-Pile 1, Ray Taylor 2, Diana Wraight 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Damien S Smith 5, Philip H Larter (C) 6, John E Hawes 7, Stanley Jenner 8

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### 1264 Plain Bob Major

Andrew Fisher 1, Nick Wilkins 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Lesley Barclay 4, Jack Barker 5, Tony Fisher 6, Frank Lewis 7, David Hilling (C) 8

*First of Major: 1.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January

#### 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Helen Longley 1, Pam Thomas 2, Angela Clark 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Rhoda Willson 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6

*For Evening Service. A belated special birthday compliment to Shirley Barker.*

**Kemsing** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

#### 1260 Doubles (4m)

300 Grandsire, 240 St Martin's, 240 St Simon's, 480 Plain

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

*Rung to celebrate the birth, on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010, of Olivia Grace Kent, first granddaughter to Janet Eaton, Churchwarden and ringer at Kemsing. Also a special birthday compliment to Janet (15<sup>th</sup> January)*

**Tunbridge Wells** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

#### 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Frances Bradford 2, Louise Pink 3, Hugo Tracey 4, Alan Pink (C) 5, Peter Bradford 6

*First quarter of Surprise: 4. 1,500th on tower bells: 6.*

**Kemsing** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January

#### 1260 Minor (2m: CS, PB)

720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob  
Eric Roughley 1, Fraser Clift 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6

*Rung after finding a hex in Hexham.*

**Brasted** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**1260 Stedman Triples**

Catherine Lewis 1, Eric Roughley 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, John Palmer 4, Jennifer Thomas 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Frank Lewis 8

*For Evensong. First of Stedman Triples: 3.*

**Speldhurst** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

From Parker's 12 part

Penny Gerrard 1, Eric Roughley 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Frank Lewis 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Alan King 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Ray Taylor 8

*To celebrate the safe arrival of Eleanor Rose, first grandchild for Tim and Dee Lynn.*

**Cowden** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Clive Lumsden 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Nicholas Butcher 3, Andrew Wickenden 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Frank Shepherd 6

*Rung as a farewell compliment to Rev'd Colin Gibbs on his retirement as Rector of Cowden, and with thanks for his appreciation of the bells.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**1280 Plain Bob Major**

Comp: TL

Pam Thomas 1, Angela Clark 2, Hamilton Woods 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Celia Dickinson 5, Stanley Jenner 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Tim Lynch (C) 8

*For evening service on St Valentine's Day.*

**Tunbridge Wells** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Alison Parsons 1, David W Threlfall 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Alex Staff 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Hugo Tracey 6

*With mothers in mind on the eve of Mothering Sunday.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Mary Smalman-Smith 1, Jim Thomas 2, Angela Clark 3, Pam Thomas 4, Tim Lynch (C) 5, Hamilton Woods 6

*For evening service on Mothering Sunday. First inside: 2.*

**Sevenoaks** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**1280 Cambridge S Major**

Jennifer Thomas 1, Isabel Pearce 2, Ann Jenner 3, Eric Roughley 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Frank Lewis 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8

*Rung before Evening Service to celebrate the birthdays of Doris Colgate (95) and Rachel MacLeay (21).*

**Milestones**

**Congratulations to...**

First Inside	Jim Thomas
First on Eight	Andrew Fisher
First of Major	Andrew Fisher
First of Stedman Triples	Bobbie Fairclough
First Quarter of Surprise	Hugo Tracey
First of <i>Essex Girl</i> <i>Treble Place Minor</i>	Ray Taylor Howard Rogers Lesley Barclay Fraser Clift Pam Thomas Tim Lynch
1,500 <sup>th</sup> on Tower Bells	Peter Bradford

**See your name in print!**

The **Look to always** needs your articles to fill its pages! Whoever you are, wherever you ring, whatever you ring, feel free to commit pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard, and send in your contributions on:

- A write-up of your tower outing (and a photo or two!)
- Your ringing tips and hints (anything from learning bell-handling to spliced surprise) and questions you might want answered
- Historical snippets from your tower
- Anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- Other announcements

Always feel free to send a photo (electronically or hard-copy) with your article to Alex Staff:

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- Leydens Cottage, Hartfield Road, Stick Hill, Edenbridge, Kent. TN8 5NH

**The deadline for copy for the next edition (third quarter 2010) is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Anything submitted after this time may still have a chance for inclusion, but cannot be guaranteed space.**