# Look to



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR SPRING 2016



The winning Chevening team with Chairman Mike Bullett

## The Trivia Evening

If it works don't fix it – a mantra for our annual Trivia Evening, and 2016 was no exception – an enjoyable get-together of the district's ringers, non-ringers and sometime ringers.

Shipbourne ably set the questions – some very much taxing the brain, which is as it should be.

A team from Edenbridge organised and dished up a delicious sausage casserole – the whole procedure running seamlessly (to us at front of house, at least).

The puddings were all donated and provided the usual varied and tasty spread. Louise Nightingale (Hever) organised a raffle which made £378 and sent lots of us home with a prize.

Chevening proved to have more brains than the rest of us by winning the quiz and now have the dubious honour of setting the quiz questions in 2017.

Our Sevenoaks team started the evening cockily as we had done so well last year. However, rather like a touch of Stedman triples, what began so confidently fell apart so very fast with no one quite knowing what happened.

Finally there are some people at this event I see at no other time but so be it. It goes to prove that *The* Trivia Evening is an event that attracts all comers. I suspect 2017 will see it once more on our events calendar.

The total raised this year for the KCACR funds was £959. **❖ Tessa Worthington** 



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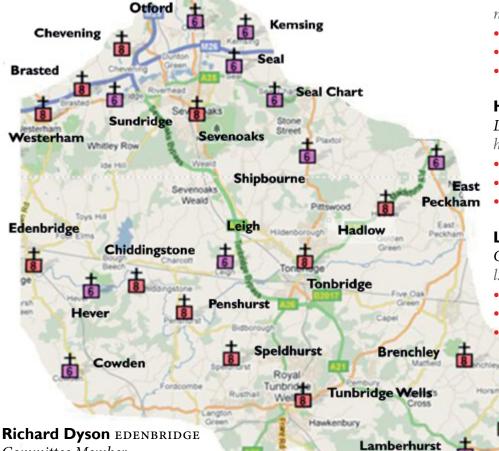
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### DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

THE FIRST DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2016 was held on Saturday 9th January at St Botolph's, Chevening

- § MIKE BULLETT welcomed all (35 members) to the meeting, his first as chairman.
- § ANGELA CLARK proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Revd Chris Smith and the PCC of St Botolph's for leading the service and the use of the bells, to Isabel Pearce for playing the organ for us and to Carole Cresswell and the ringers at Chevening for putting on a splendid tea.
- MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING on 3rd October 2015 were approved on a show of hands and signed as a true record. Tony introduced two matters arising:
- a) To applause, Mike B presented Angela with a bouquet of flowers with thanks for her hard work and devotion as the previous chairman.
- b) The previous meeting had considered changes to the accounting system proposed by Ham Woods in order to reduce the burden on the treasurer but this had not been minuted and lacked necessary detail. Tony proposed a motion moving the year end to 31st December and associated arrangements. In reply, Ham stated that he had no difficulty preparing accounts to a September 30th year end for presentation at the ADM each year and that the proposal was premature, asking that it be withdrawn, whereas Eric Roughley argued on the basis of the KCACR Rules that even presenting annual accounts for approval was unnecessary. Mike B accepted the withdrawal of the motion and it was agreed the committee would discuss the matter further.
- § THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WERE ELECTED Simon Austin (Brasted), Emma Tamkin (Speldhurst) Felicity Miller (Cowden), Debbie Runting (Otford) Tim Hill (Edenbridge), Linda Pearson (Shipbourne) Ailsa Winstanley (Seal)
- $\S$  MATTERS TO REPORT
- \* KCACR Youth Striking Competition Jamie Austin described the day of the competition, which was obviously most enjoyable, the all-you-can-eat breakfast being the highlight. Tonbridge District's team, organised by Jen Thomas, came third of three but their striking was excellent and this was a very creditable performance especially when it is noted that the average age of our band was 13.5 years whereas the Maidstone team, who came 2nd, averaged 16.5 and the winners, Lewisham, averaged 17.5 years and included rather well-known ringers only just below the age limit of 25.
- \* Afternoon Practice, Hawkhurst 7th November: This included good touches of Yorkshire and Stedman

even though that relied on visitors from outside the District as the numbers were a bit low.

- \* Listening Skills Otford, 14th November: A new venture involving outside help, this proved an intensive and very worthwhile day with Otford being a brilliant location. The Ringing Masters are hoping they will be able to take a similar course to individual towers where invited.
- ➤ Training Day 5th December: reports in previous
  Look to
- \* District Carol Service Goudhurst, 12th December: Mike B reported that there was a reasonable attendance and the event went well; he said that there was a very good supply of mince pies to complement the excellent mulled wine produced by the Jarvis family.

#### **S** FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Trivia Evening, Hildenborough Village Hall, 23rd January: Tony still has plenty of tickets; Louise Nightingale is looking for donations of raffle prizes. County Surprise Practice Leeds, 30th January, Mike W explained that this is a new initiative at County level aiming to focus on ringing of the 'Standard 8' Surprise Major methods as well as Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal. The aim is to hold a session every quarter at a tower that is close to several District boundaries to reduce travelling issues. This is the second such practice but Mike has not yet had any feedback on the first.

**Evening Practice** Shipbourne, 6th February: Jen will be featuring Stedman Doubles.

**Surprise Minor/Major Practice** Chevening, 13th February: Jen asked for requests for methods to be rung.

Training Day 5th March: Mike W will issue a notice very shortly; he drew attention to the 'course requirements' on the Tonbridge District Training Page of the KCACR website, which should be taken seriously but are not absolute. He also asked for suggestions of other topics that might be offered on training days, especially skills such as raising and lowering rather than methods although a course on Stedman is being considered.

**District Quarterly Meeting** Cowden, 2nd April: **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE!** 

#### **KCACR** meetings:

**General Committee** Leeds, 28th November: report in previous *Look to*.

**AGM, Tunstall** 28th March (Easter Monday): 2016 handbooks will be distributed afterwards. Tony reminded any towers who have not yet submitted changes of details to do so as soon as possible and certainly before the end of January.



- S ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- \* Mike W reminded all to join Doug Davis's e-mail update list for County information and to complete the *Ringing World* online survey to help guide its decision on its future and he asked teachers of ringers to think about attending the ART Conference in Loughborough (see *Look to*).
- \* Catherine Lewis asked all to think about and let her know of possible advertisers for the Handbook (£50 per page, £25 per half-page) and has circulated via tower copies of *Look to* and order form for logo clothing.
- \* Tessa Worthington raised the difficulties some towers have finding ringers for weddings and (see her letter in the autumn edition of *Look to*) asked for support for a list (which Ham has agreed to maintain) of those willing to be asked to help.
- \* Ham presented a statement of the current financial situation for the District, based on his annual return to the Association Treasurer.

The Chairman closed the meeting, the 120 Club draw was held, and ringing continued.

#### 120 CLUB RESULTS

**January** double prizes

3 Brasted; 123 Penshurst; 20 Leigh

**February** 

13 Brasted; 28 Chevening; 11 Edenbridge

March

68 Penshurst; 67 Penshurst; 22 Sevenoaks

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downloadable A4 size District
programme for 2016



#### COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

### Points from February meeting

- ♦ The vacant CC representative position for the remainder of this triennium will be filled at the AGM in March.
- § The accounts for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are all complete and going to be audited, hopefully in time for the handbook & AGM.
- § The handbook is ready to be printed and will be delivered on time to the AGM in March.
- § An application for a grant of £1,000 from the Training Fund from the Rochester District was discussed and approved.
- § New storage facilities for the bell restoration equipment and trailer need to be sought in the near future owing to Revd David Cawley's retirement later this year.
- § All arrangements for the upcoming AGM in March are in hand and details are available on the website.
- § At the AGM in March we will still be seeking a new Training Officer, Publicity Officer and at least 1 new Central Council Rep for the next triennium.
- § A post of Youth Officer will be made available at this year's AGM, and potential candidates have already been identified.
- § It was agreed that people would be invited at the AGM and via other means to become part of a group to be charged with running the KCACR mobile ring project.
- § The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Method will be Grandsire Triples, touch to be decided by Daniel Brady.
- § It was agreed that, in memory of Frank Lewis, the Association would look to contribute towards a peal board/plaque for Brasted and also set up a digital archive named after him.
- § The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Tower TBC.
- § The County Youth Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 22nd October. Tower TBC.
- § The upcoming dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 are 23rd April, 27th August and 26th November.

❖ Doug Davis, General Secretary

### Plain hunt / ropesight at Otford

On 5th March I went to a training day on ropesight. I learnt lots of new things like plain hunt and of course ropesight. It was great as I got lots of rings as there were only three learners with six helpers, Ruby the dog, and our teacher Catherine. In the middle we had a tea break so I got a rest and some cake and orange juice. It was really fun and I would definitely do something like it again. Thank you to all the helpers and Catherine for organising it all.

**Simon Austin** Brasted

### **Bob doubles at Kemsing**

On the 5th of March a bob doubles training course took place at Kemsing. It was organised by Mike Worthington and supervised by him as well. There was cake, biscuits, tea and coffee as well. Three youngsters were on the course with seven helpers. All the learners got on to doing touches on the 2 and by the end were very good. Overall it was a fun and exciting experience for learning. Thanks to all who helped us.

\* Jamie Austin Brasted



The Otford training day - but where's Ruby?

Saturday 7th May at Leigh draw at 9.45am
send a band – you can join with another tower or come individually & the Ringing Masters will make a band for you to ring in.

### **Visit to Alton Towers**

SPELDHURST'S OUTING IN FEBRUARY was to Alton towers – not the amusement park, but to some towers in Alton, Hampshire. We started at Selborne, a ring of five until augmented to six in 1979 and then further augmented to eight in 2006. Some reasonable Grandsire Triples and call changes were rung.

From there we moved on to All Saints Alton, a ring of six cast by Whitechapel in 2006. Access via a trap door proved a novelty for some. Reinforced by a late arrival, we just about managed a course of Cambridge Minor.

Lunch was at the French Horn at The Butts. (The Butts is a triangular green originally used for archery practice in medieval times). Vintage steam and diesel hauled trains on the Watercress Line could be seen from the window of the pub – an unexpected bonus.

Fortified from our lunch, we tackled the 18cwt ring of eight at St Lawrence, Alton. The bells are an excellent 1926 Gillett & Johnston set, but not easy to strike well and our ringing was not as good as we would like it to have been.

Holybourne, at the north end of Alton, has a delightful ground floor 6cwt ring of eight cast by Whitechapel in 2009. The hanging of light rings has improved vastly in recent years and these were very easy to handle.

The final ring was at Send in Surrey, a 1947 Gillett & Johnston ring of six.

We had a very enjoyable day out and our less experienced ringers coped extremely well with the variety of weights and rope draughts.

Anthony Leeves

### The Tonbridge District Youth Team...



### ...after the Striking Contest at Chalk.

Some of them are in the KCACR team participating in the South Eastern England Youth Striking Contest on 2nd April.

### Peter Ruch 8oth birthday quarter – a good call!

PETER RUCH, A REGULAR RINGER AT SPELDHURST and other local towers, had his eightieth birthday on 18th January. When this became known some time before Christmas it was decided that a quarter peal should be rung to celebrate the event, and it was fixed for the 23rd January.

Some bright spark then suggested that it would be a good opportunity for Peter to call the quarter. As he had not called a quarter for more than fifty years it was something of a surprise when he said he was willing to give it a go, and on 23rd January he called 1260 Grandsire Triples without a hitch.

Well done Peter; what's next?

\* Eric Roughley



from left: Zena Seal, Nicholas Butcher, Peter Ruch, Liz Ruch (Chubb), Michael Bullett, Eric Roughley, Anthony Leeves & Crispin Saunders

### Food for thought... two letters and an editorial from recent editions of *Ringing World*

### DOWN TO THE INDIVIDUAL Sir,

I write with regard to your recent editorial (SEE NEXT COLUMN). In the face of collective inertia all we can do is develop individual strategies. This is a chaotic approach but, as far as I can see, the only option. To try to do otherwise is to waste time. I know. I have tried to bring about change and wasted time by the bucket load. Others have wasted time by the tanker. It is clear that there are not going to be any significant centrally driven changes. Indeed it seems clear to me that there will be little by way of controlled change at any level. So all we can do is to act as individuals and make the best of things in our own little worlds.

Personally, I have thrown in the towel. There are plenty of brick walls available for those still wishing to bang their heads.

Bellringers: nice people. Shame about the approaches to training and development. Shame about the ringing.

#### A. J. Barnfield

Redditch, Worcestershire [RW 11th March]

#### LAXATIVE REQUIRED?

Sir,

Recent issues of the RW have included:

**First**, huge amounts of space given to promoting the Central Council.

**Second**, survey results showing that Central Council news – and presumably propaganda as above – is among the least-liked elements of the journal.

**Third**, AJB's superb letter, which sums up everything perfectly.

There is a future – but it will come in spite of, not thanks to, our decrepit and constipated ringing organisations.

Finding the most effective way to contribute is vital, as AJB says – as is recognising where one is merely wasting time and energy.

#### **Chris Pickford**

Kinver, Staffordshire [RW 18th March]

#### RINGING WORLD EDITORIAL, 4TH MARCH

Perhaps the 125th anniversary of the first meeting of the Central Council is an appropriate moment to take stock and accept that the organisation is long overdue for an overhaul. The Council's Admin. Commttee held an 'away day' at Southwark Cathedral on 13th July 2014 focusing on a review of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the Council; many interesting ideas were put forward about effecting change. Key actions tabled for immediate work included:

- 1. Improving relationships with all ringers by better two-way communication;
- 2. Examining the possibility of a direct membership organisation;
- 3. Reviewing the way the Council deals with partnerships;
- 4. Developing a future strategy for the Council to meet the needs of ringing;
- 5. Reviewing the forward planning of committee work to meet future demands;
- 6. Revising the format of the annual meeting to ensure greater coverage of issues.

Only the last of these proposals made it to a motion at the 2015 Council Meeting in Hull and even that was defeated because the underlying rationale became lost in an almost irrelevant discussion about dates.

What would Sir Arthur Heywood make of the 21st century CCCBR? He would probably be pleased that it is still in existence, but he might well be surprised that it has evolved so little from his own day and failed to adapt fast enough to the very changed world in which ringers now operate. Unless the Council 'grasps the nettle' and moves with the times it will soon be side-lined and superseded by something more fit for purpose. The speed of progress has been glacial. The Council needs to revisit its objectives, the way it meets and does business and possibly even what it is called ... fast.

### FRASER'S BOOK CORNER

### **Book Buying and More**

It was in the late 1950s that I first put my hands on the end of a bell-rope. It was at Bidston in Birkenhead, and I was taught there by a lovely man called Charles Bancroft Pemberton, always known as Banky. He was a talented ringer, conductor, and teacher of ringing, and ringing with him was a great experience. However, working, whilst a student, on his market garden on the fertile north shore of Wirral was not – it was back-breaking! He introduced me to *The Ringing World (RW)*, and it was through the advertisements in *RW* that I purchased my first bellringing book – it was Snowon's *Standard Methods – Diagrams*.

In my younger days there was not much opportunity (or money!) to buy second-hand books, and it was not an easy process because of the difficulty of getting to shops. Public transport was efficient but slow, and there was the fairly high chance that I'd return empty-handed. Bookfairs were generally confined to London, and I was totally unaware of auctions. There was a very occasional advertisemnt in *RW*, but an awful lot of bell books get passed on to other ringers

My only other source was through booksellers' catalogues, but the odds of finding a bell book were very low, and, with the cost of printing and postge, you were soon struck off the mailing list if you didn't buy. Specialist bell catalogues only came to my knowledge in the late 1980s/early 1990s, with lists from Michael Farringdon of Swansea, Dennis Knox of Felixstowe, and Roger Barnes. The bells have tolled for the first two, but Roger thrives, with an excellent shop in the pleasant market town of Whitney in Oxfordshire. He is a ringer, but sells far more than just bell and ringing books, and is well worth visiting at Church Green Books.

Like most booksellers, Roger no longer produces printed catalogues, but puts his books on a website. There are numerous book sites, with millions of books available from around the world. I can book hunt from the comfort of my own home, and the excitement of finding a rare volume on a dusty shelf is replaced by seeing it on, in my case, a dusty computer screen.

Mind you, there are downsides. One of my search terms is 'church bells', and if I come across another copy of Richard Church's *The Bells of Rye* (a children's adventure story) I think I'll scream! Another of my search keywords is 'belfry', and you'd be amazed how many things can be found in them. There are cats (and more cats), bats (and new bats), beasts, bones, bodies, and birds. There are vets, clowns, lights, seagulls, devils, girls, owls, trumpeters, and snowflake.



The photograph above shows Brasted belfry with one or two snowflakes. It was taken by Frank Lewis or Catherine – Catherine is not sure. And only this week I came across a book entitled *A Belfry of Knees* – this reminded me of Frank, but in the photograph below he is cleverly hiding his knees behind the Brasted Ringing Room table.



The book is, incidentally, an American poetry volume. A more disturbing title is *Horse-heads Found in Elsdon Belfry*'. As for my search term 'cloches', I'd eat my hat, if I wore one, and I'm not a gardener!

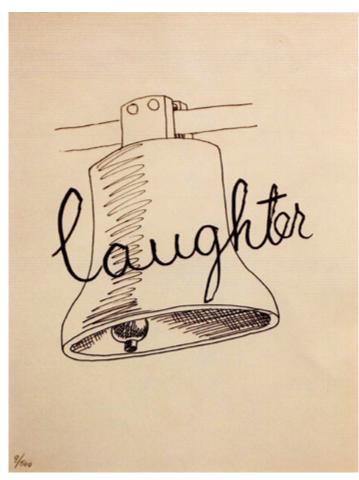
My forays on to the internet take me to many auction

catalogues, and to some fascinating and amusing items other than books. The following is a letter by Florence Nightingale written in April 1867 from 35 South Street, Park Lane, London, and addressed to Sir Robert Bradlaw. He was an eminent dentist, and was reputedly dentist to Queen Victoria.

'My dear sir, I have broken four of my teeth lately, probably with gnarling? my teeth at Ministers! I'm afraid that more are going, (I suppose from the same causes). I doubt that even your skill can do anything for me under the circumstances. Still, will you come and see? Yours sincerely Florence Nightingale'

This was in the Charles Ross sale in February, and sold for £500. The thought of home-visits by a dentist is interesting to say the least.

Seeing this reminded me of an old sheet I have which purports to to list 'howlers extracted from letters received by the Pensions Department', and quotes one dental item – 'the teeth on the top are all right but the ones on my bottom are hurting terribly'.



And, finally, something which sums up my view that you've got to enjoy your ringing. This is a lithograph on paper by Man Ray, produced in 1970 in a limited edition, as part of his suite 'Alphabet for Adults'. It was offered in The Great Dane (Philadelphia) auction this month, at an estimated price of \$300 – \$400.

\* Fraser Clift

### Ringing?... A sport?

### Sir,

I FOR ONE WOULD NOT CONDONE classing bellringing as a sport. Like cricket and rugby it is a cultural token that the Victorians exported to the Antipodes, which has gained an unlikely modernday following in the Netherlands. To make matters worse it is also creditably practiced in North America. We have provided the rest of the world with enough sports to be going on with, without needing to add any more. Furthermore, burning a modern bellrope with a high quality artificial-fibre top-end is more impractical than burning a set of bails.

With regards, Alexander Staff Edenbridge

...and in case you've not seen it, here's Matt's comment on the recent 'ringing as a sport' discussion – from *The Telegraph* 19th February:





"Two notices: we've asked to be classified as a sport and Mrs Worthington has failed a drugs test"

#### **PEALS**

**Farnborough** Tuesday 22nd December in 2h 23m **5040 Doubles** (4m)

2 Grandsire; 12 Plain Bob; 14 each of St Simons & St Martins James Austin 1, Catherine Lewis 2 Nicholas Wilkins [c] 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4 Lesley Barclay 5, Alexander Fishburn 6 First peal at first attempt: 1 (age 12), & 6. Remembering Frank Lewis who encouraged many youngsters including James and who greatly assisted with the installation of these bells in 2012.

### **Hadlow** Tuesday 29th December in 2h 54m 5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by S. Jenner (arr.)
Emma Jarvis 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3
Ronald Diserens 4, Daniel Jarvis 5, Philip Jarvis 6
Ray Taylor 7, Stanley Jenner [c] 8
First of Major & Surprise: 1, 5 First of Yorkshire: 6

Otford Saturday 6th February in 2h 50m 5040 Surprise Minor (7M) York; London; Bourne; Surfleet; Norwich; Beverley; Cambridge Ann Jenner 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Ronald Diserens 3 David Smith 4, Ian Oram [C] 5, Stanley Jenner 6

### **Lamberhurst** Thursday 3rd March in 3h 1m **5040 Surprise Minor** (7M)

720 each Canterbury; Newcastle; Kelso; Stamford; Lightfoot; Surfleet; Cambridge Shirley McGill 1, Anne Rueff 2, David Grimwood 3 Stephen Davis 4, David Kirkcaldy 5, John Keeler [c] 6

Seal Chart Saturday 5th March in 2h 23m
Surprise Minor (7M) 720 each Carlisle; Westminster;
London; Durham; Bourne; Norwich; Cambridge
Elizabeth Barnes 1, Anne Rueff 2, Phillip Barnes 3
Michael Birkbeck 4, John Keeler [c] 5
David Grimwood 6
On the 50th anniversary of Dawn Offen (née Petts),
David Grimwood & John Keeler's first peal at
St Alphage Canterbury. Remembering Cyril Beeching,
Denis Chapman & Eric Eades who rang in that peal.

Farnborough Sunday 13th March in 2h 29m 5040 Minor (3M) three extents of Plain Bob & two extents each of Double Oxford & St Clement's CB Minor James Austin 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Catherine Lewis 3 Phillip Barnes 4, Daniel Jarvis 5, Nicholas Wilkins [c] 6 First Minor 1 & 5. Birthday compliment to the treble ringer on the eve of him becoming a teenager.

#### **QUARTER PEALS**

Chiddingstone Saturday 12th December 1280 Treble Bob Major in the Oxford Variation Alan Turner 1, Gill Tomlinson 2, Linda Foddering 3 Mike Wigney 4, Tony Nunn 5, Hugo Tracey 6 Benjamin Kipling 7, Christopher Cooper [c] 8 First QP in the Oxford variation: 2, 3, 5, 6

### Edenbridge Saturday 12th December 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Christopher Cooper 1, Ben Kipling 2, Mike Wigney [c] 3 Gill Tomlinson 4, Linda Foddering 5, Tony Nunn 6 Alan Turner 7, Hugo Tracey 8 This & above rung as part of Hugo's birthday QP day

### **Tonbridge** Sunday 13th December 1320 Plain Bob Doubles

Gillie Bone 1, Stephen Coaker [c] 2, Steve Newlands 3 Angela Clark 4, Hugo Tracey 5, Pam Thomas 6 Rung as a birthday compliment to Angela Clark

Cowden Sunday 20th December 1260 Doubles (2M) 660 Grandsire; 600 Plain Bob Clive Lumsden 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2 Stella Wooldridge 3, Andy Wickenden 4 Eric Roughley [c] 5, Steve Newlands 6 For the carol service

### **Farnborough** Monday 21st December **1260 Doubles** (5M)

60 Stedman; 240 Grandsire, St Simons, St Martins & 480 Plain Bob Juliet Austin 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3 Lesley Barclay 4, Nicholas Wilkins [c] 5

Noeni Austin 6 First QP at first attempt: 6, age 11

### East Peckham Wednesday 23rd December 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Fraser Clift 1, Howard Rogers 2, Ray Taylor 3 Stanley Jenner 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Daniel Jarvis [c] 6 First as conductor (age 14) For Christmas

### Farningham Wednesday 30th December 1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

Jacqui Fletcher 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Fraser Clift 3 Pam Thomas 4, Tiff Lynch [c] 5, Steve Coaker 6

Hadlow (Hunters Lodge) Friday 1st January 1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

### **Edenbridge** Sunday 10th January 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Louise Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2 Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Hugo Tracey 4 Richard Dyson 5, Andy Wickenden 6 Alan Turner [c] 7, Carl Nightingale 8 First triples inside: 2 & 5

### Hever Sunday 10th January 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Carl Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2, Tiff Lynch [c] 3 Louise Nightingale 4, Alan Turner 5, Hugo Tracey 6 First minor: 1 First minor inside: 2 Birthday complement to Peggy Knight. Rung for evensong & to celebrate Hugo's new job

### **Tonbridge** Sunday 10th January 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Gillie Bone 1, Tiff Lynch [c] 2, Steve Newlands 3 Hamilton Woods 4, Steve Coaker 5, Gavin Knight 6 For evening service

**Farnborough** Tuesday 12th January 1320 Minor 720 St Clements; 600 Cambridge Lesley Barclay 1, Fraser Clift 2, Catherine Lewis 3 John Barnes 4, Nicholas Wilkins [c] 5, Juliet Austin 6

Otford Tuesday 12th January
1260 Doubles (2M) 660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob
Emma Tamkin 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2
Catherine Lewis 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley [c] 5
Janice Byrne 6
First QP at first attempt: 1

### **Brenchley** Saturday 16th January 1250 Percy's Tea Strainer Treble Place Major

Tiff Lynch [c] 1, Pam Thomas 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3 Fraser Clift 4, Ray Taylor 5, Howard Rogers 6 Rupert Cheeseman 7, Steve Coaker 8 First in method for all except treble. To celebrate the birth yesterday of Dee & Fraser's first grandchild, Sammy Flitton.

### Otford Saturday 16th January 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Alexander Runting 1, Jane Rosam 2
Bobbie Fairclough [c] 3, Louise Nightingale 4
Philippa Rooke 5, Martin Whitehead 6
Rung prior to the service of thanksgiving for the life of Laurie Young, ringer at this church.
Laurie played a major part in planning the work done on the tower before the installation of the bells in 2000.

### **Brasted** Sunday 17th January 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jamie Austin 1, Sarah Hope 2, Jennifer Thomas 3 Catherine Lewis [c] 4, Eric Roughley 5, Juliet Austin 6 First inside: 2

### Hever Sunday 17th January 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place

Carl Nightingale 1, Robin Rouse 2, Jane Rosam 3 Louise Nightingale [c] 4, Andy Wickenden 5 Kevin Agate 6

Rung as a farewell to Jane Rosam's knackered old hip 50th quarter peal: 3 First conducting method

### **Farnborough** Tuesday 19th January 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Dee Clift 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Fraser Clift 3 Alexander Fishburn 4, Robert Pruden 5 Nicholas Wilkins [c] 6 First Minor: 4 To welcome Samuel Joseph Flitton, Dee & Fraser's first grandchild, born on Friday 15th January 2016

### Otford Tuesday 19th January 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Janet Whitehead 1, Michael Worthington 2 Bobbie Fairclough [c] 3, John Barnes 4 Catherine Lewis 5, Martin Whitehead 6 Rung to celebrate the life of Richard Knight. Richard was a good friend of Janet, John & Martin & occasional organist at St Barts.

### **Speldhurst** Saturday 23rd January **1260 Grandsire Triples**

Liz Ruch 1, Zena Seal 2, Nicholas Butcher 3 Michael Bullett 4, Peter Ruch [c] 5, Eric Roughley 6 Anthony Leeves 7, Crispin Saunders 8 To celebrate the conductor's 80th birthday (18th January) Fifty years since the conductor called a quarter peal.

### Hever Sunday 24th January 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Louise Nightingale 2 Tessa Worthington 3, Michael Worthington 4 Fraser Clift 5, Tiff Lynch [c] 6 First surprise: 2 With very best wishes to Jane Rosam for a speedy recovery

### **Sevenoaks** Sunday 24th January **1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Eric Roughley 1, Caroline Stockmann 2 Frances James 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Jacqui Fletcher 5 Catherine Lewis 6, Anthony Leeves [c] 7, David James 8 First attempt at Yorkshire: 2

Rung in memory of Desmond Coustol, uncle of the 2nd & a Yorkshireman, who died tragically young & whose birthday anniversary was 15th January.

Kemsing Tuesday 26th January
1260 Doubles 300 Grandsire; 960 Plain Bob
Janet Whitehead 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Dee Clift 3
Fraser Clift [c] 4, Rebecca Giddings 5, Ralph Harding 6
Rung in memory of Reg Dimon, the first of twenty
Kemsing men to die in World War One, who died on
this day 100 years ago.

**Leigh** Saturday 30th January **1260 Doubles** (2M) 660 Grandsire; 600 Plain Bob Cherele Bradley 1, Fraser Clift 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3 Stella Wooldridge 4, Eric Roughley [c] 5, Janice Byrne 6 First in 2 methods: 1

### **Hadlow** Sunday 7th February **1260 Stedman Triples**

Janice Massy 1, Ann Jenner 2, Ray Taylor 3 Philip Jarvis 4, Howard Rogers 5, Stanley Jenner 6 Daniel Jarvis [c] 7, Emma Jarvis 8 First in method: 1 & 7

### **Speldhurst** Monday 8th February **1260 Middlesex Bob Triples**

Eric Roughley 1, Janice Byrne 2, Michael Bullett 3 Michael Worthington 4, Anthony Leeves [c] 5 Catherine Lewis 6, Howard Rogers 7 Crispin Saunders 8

### Otford Friday 12th February 1260 Doubles

300 Grandsire; 480 St Simon's; 480 Plain Bob Janet Whitehead 1, Catherine Lewis 2 Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift [c] 4, Hugo Tracey 5 Martin Whitehead 6 Rung to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Janet's Uncle Bert

### **Tonbridge** Sunday 14th February 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Gordon Hill 1, Angela Clark 2, Tiff Lynch [c] 3 Jacqui Fletcher 4, Gavin Knight 5, Steve Newlands 6 For evening service.

To mark the birth of Isabelle Elizabeth Hill, born on 25th January & granddaughter of the treble ringer.

### **Brasted** Sunday 21st February 1260 Grandsire Triples

Jamie Austin 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3 Bobbie Fairclough 4, Juliet Austin 5 Catherine Lewis [c] 6, Philip Jarvis 7 Alexander Runting 8 First on 8: 1 & 8

### Hever Sunday 21st February 1300 Plain Bob Doubles

Carl Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2 Louise Nightingale [c] 3, Alison Wilson 4 Andy Wickenden 5, Kevin Agate 6 Rung before evensong service to test out Jane Rosam's new hip!

East Peckham Wednesday 2nd March 1260 Doubles (2M) 600 Reverse Cant.; 660 Grandsire 1 Oliver Thompson 1, Robin Rouse 2, David Threlfall 3 Hugo Tracey 4, Alan Turner [c], Michael Stuttard

### **Brasted** Friday 4th March 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Louise Pink 1, Frances Bradford 2, Barry Roberts 3 David Manger 4, Pamela Manger 5, Catherine Lewis 6 Stephen Davis [c] 7, Peter Bradford 8

### Otford Tuesday 8th March 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Emma Tamkin 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Janice Byrne 3 Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley 5, Anthony Leeves [c] 6 In memory of Jane Boulton. First of Minor: 1

### **Shipbourne** Tuesday 8th March 1272 Langleybury Surprise Minor

Kate Flavell 1, Shirley McGill 2, Ian Wiltshire 3 Linda Foddering 4, David Kirkcaldy 5, Paul Flavell [c] 6

Kemsing Wednesday 9th March
1260 Doubles 60 Stedman; 240 Grandsire;
480 St Simon's; 480 Plain Bob
Jenny Williamson 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3
Fraser Clift [c] 4, Michael Williamson 5
Ralph Harding 6
Rung in memory of Jack Vaughan, the second of twenty

Kemsing men to die in World War One, who died on this day 100 years ago.

### Leigh Saturday 12th March 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Steve Newlands 1, Stella Wooldridge 2, Janice Byrne 3 Catherine Lewis 4, Eric Roughley 5, Anthony Leeves [c] 6 (Slightly belated) birthday compliment to Bernard Haitink (born 4th March 1929)

### Otford Monday 14th March 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Alexander Runting 2 Michael Worthington 3, Janice Byrne 4 Eric Roughley [c] 5, Fraser Clift 6 First inside: 2

### Hadlow Tuesday 15th March 1312 Oxmoor Surprise Major

Composed by generated by Byroc Eric Roughley 1, Ann Jenner 2, Janice Byrne 3 Jacqueline Barlow 4, Ray Taylor 5, Thomas Barlow 6 Anthony Leeves [c] 7, Stanley Jenner 8

### **MILESTONES**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

#### **James Austin**

First peal at first attempt, age 12 (22nd December) First peal of Minor (13th March)

First QP on eight (21st February)

#### Noeni Austin

First QP at first attempt, age 6 (21st December)

#### **Richard Dyson**

First Triples QP inside (10th January)

#### Sarah Hope

First QP inside (17th January)

#### **Daniel Jarvis**

First peal of Major & Surprise (29th December)

First peal of Minor (13th March)

First QP as conductor, age 14 (23rd December)

First QP Stedman Triples (7th February)

#### **Emma Jarvis**

First peal of Major & Surprise (29th December)

#### Philip Jarvis

First peal of Yorkshire (29th December)

#### **Janice Massy**

First QP Stedman Triples (7th February)

### Carl Nightingale

First QP Minor (10th January)

#### Louise Nightingale

First QP Minor inside (10th January)

First conducting Reverse Cant. PP (17th January)

First Surprise Minor (24th January)

#### Jane Rosam

First Triples inside (10th January) 50th QP (17th January)

#### **Alexander Runting**

First QP on eight (21st February)

First QP inside (14th March)

#### Caroline Stockman

First QP Yorkshire Surprise Major (24th January)

#### **Emma Tamkin**

First QP at first attempt (12th January) First QP of Minor (8th March)

#### **Hugo Tracey**

First QP of Oxford Treble Bob Major (12th December)

### Fraser Clift, Fraser Clift, Steve Coaker, Jacqui Fletcher, Howard Rogers, Ray Taylor, Pam Thomas

First QP of Percy's Tea Strainer Treble Bob Major (16th January)

### Quarter peals in the District in 2015

153 QUARTER PEALS WERE RUNG in the Tonbridge District in 2015, the highest annual total on record. The leading tower was Hever with 32 quarter peals, another record for a Tonbridge District tower.

Other towers with more than 10 quarter peals were Otford (18), Speldhurst (17), Kemsing (13), Cowden (12) and Sevenoaks (11). Eighteen of the towers in the District had at least one quarter peal rung in 2015.

The following ringers rang their first quarter peal in 2015:

Cherele Bradley on 8th August at Hever Ian Clarkson on 14th February at Chiddingstone Graham Edwards on 19th September at Leigh Tony Yates on 29th October at Hever

The following rang their first as conductor:
Daniel Jarvis on 23rd December at East Peckham
Louise Nightingale on 8th February at Hever
Caroline Stockman on 19th July at Brasted

\* Anthony Leeves

County Quarter Peal Secretary, Speldhurst



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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

between now and the next edition of Look to

30th April County Surprise Practice venue to be confirmed

7th May 6-bell Striking Competition 9.45am Leigh

4th June Training day details to be confirmed

I I th June 10-bell practice 7-9pm Staplehurst

2nd July County 8-bell Striking Competition Canterbury District

2nd July Quarterly Meeting 3-8.30pm:

3pm ringing & 4.30pm service at **Brenchley** (6)

tea, meeting, & further ringing at Horsmonden (8)

Deadline for the next edition of Look to Tuesday 14th June





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### Colours, sizes and prices November 2015



### T-shirt (R180M) £18

XS: As below, but not Convoy grey

S - 2XL: Azure blue, Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convoy grey, French navy, Light Oxford, Pure gold, Purple, Sky, White, Winter emerald, Yellow

3XL - 4XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, French navy, White

### Short sleeve polo shirt (539M) £18

XS - 2XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, French navy, Light Oxford, Pure gold, Purple, Sky, White, Winter emerald, Yellow. 3XL - 4XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Light Oxford, White. 5XL - 6XL: Bright royal, French navy, White

### Classic sweatshirt (762M) £21

XS - 2XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Burgundy, Classic red, Light Oxford, French navy, Purple, Bright royal, Sky, Winter emerald 3XL - 4XL: Bottle green, Bright royal, French navy

### Full/Quarter zip fleece (870M/874M) £29/£28.50

XS - 2XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convoy grey, French navy

### New Hoodie straight no zip (575M) £28

XS - 2XL: Apple, Black, Bottle green, Candy pink, Classic red, Light Oxford, Lime, Orange, French navy, Fuchsia, Purple, Bright royal, Sky, Turquoise, White, Yellow

### New Hoodie shaped no zip (265M) £25

XS - 3XL: Apple, Black, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Fuchsia, Purple, Sky, White

### New Hoodie shaped full zip (266M) £27

XS - 3XL: Black, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Fuchsia, Light Oxford

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