

Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR

2010 First Quarter Edition

The ADM

The Annual District Meeting was held at Tunbridge Wells [8, 14-0-3 in F[#]], but with the ringing split between Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst [8, 13-1-6 in F[#]].

Ringing for the ADM began at 3:00 pm, and in the hour before the service some very sprightly *Call Changes* were to be heard, along with *Stedman Triples* and an enjoyable course of *Kent Treble Bob Major*.



St Peter's Tunbridge Wells hosted the ADM.

Tony Cresswell thanked the meeting for the good wishes he received after being "attacked by that belfry", and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St Peter's, the Revd. Mike Warren for taking the service and the PCC for the use of the bells. Also to the organist, Michael Redgrave, who was able to stay for tea. Sue

Dunster and Ian Cochrane made the arrangements for the afternoon, Ian distributing a large number of leaflets to nearby houses warning about the afternoon's ringing. Mr and Mrs Shorter were thanked, not for the first time, for providing a magnificent tea when the KCACR came to call, and for donating the tea money entirely to the BRF. Chairman Jane Nielson welcomed the County Secretary, Margaret Funnell, to the meeting.

Forthcoming Events...

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

The Trivia Evening!

Saturday 23rd January 2010

Hildenborough Village Hall

7:15 pm for a **prompt** 7:30 pm start.

Evening Practice

Saturday 6th February 2010

Sundridge [6, 13-3-3 in F[#]]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Surprise Major Practice

Saturday 20th February 2010

Speldhurst [8, 13-1-6 in F[#]]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Training Day

Saturday 6th March 2010

Rounds and Call Changes, and Plain Bob Doubles

Deadline for the next edition

Friday 2nd April 2010

KCACR AGM

Monday 5th April 2010

Rainham [8, 18-0-20 in E^b], Rochester District

Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 10th April 2010

Brasted [8, 9-2-2 in G^b, Anti-clockwise]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The meeting welcomed new members James Paul Thomas from Tonbridge, and Lucy

Menard, Christabel Sworder and Cory Furness from Penshurst.

Due to St Peter's standing in an area of dense housing, the evening ringing continued at Speldhurst. Catherine Heathcote put Tim Lynch to work straight away, and the ringing included *Yorkshire Surprise*, *Plain* and *Little Bob Major* and *Double Norwich Court Bob Major*. The ringing continued until 8:30 pm.

Frank Lewis adds:

At the ADM held at Tunbridge Wells on 3rd October 2009 there was a change of ringing master and assistant, with a swap of Catherine's in the former post and the election of Tim Lynch in the latter. The following were elected unopposed for 2009/10:

- **Chairman** Jane Nielson
- **Secretary** Tessa Worthington
- **Treasurer** Mike Bullett
- **Ringing Master** Catherine Heathcote
- **Assistant Ringing Master** Tim Lynch
- **District reps on General Committee**
Catherine Heathcote, Tessa Worthington
- **Committee members**
Bobbie Fairclough, Eric Roughley,
Alex Staff (also *Look to* editor),
Mike Worthington

In her report for 2009 Jane paid special tribute to Catherine Lewis, who leaves the District committee after 23 years in harness. This doesn't of course mean that she's stopped banging on about training matters, since she's taken on the role of chairman of the Central Council Education Committee, a post for which we wish her the best of luck.



Incoming Catherine H (left) presents a monster bouquet to outgoing Catherine L (right). Photo Frank Lewis/website.

Carol Service

Phil Jones reports on the district's Christmas dry-run.

One might think, according to certain sections of the media, that the only event on the evening of Saturday 12th December was something on TV called *X-Factor*. This was disproved by the attendance of at least sixty at St Giles' Shipbourne for a joint Christmas Carol Service with The East Grinstead and District Guild. Ringing, organized by Catherine Heathcote and Tim Lynch was from 4:30 pm and in a comfortably warm tower.

Before the service the organist John Young introduced himself and gave a couple of guidelines for the carols. The service was taken by the Revd. Andrew Proctor, the Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol. At the end of the service, one only had to follow the aroma for a few yards to the back of the church (which also hosts the award-winning Shipbourne Farmers' Market) for a glass of Frank and Catherine Lewis's mulled wine. Tasty food was kindly donated by the East Grinstead and District Guild and the Tonbridge District. Thanks must go to all of the above, those who made mince pies, and to the Shipbourne ringers and their Tower Captain, Bob Taylor.

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?

Training Days

Turf war? Peter Dale of Dover requests a plug for the next course at the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre, for anyone who wants to make a day of it, and go to the seaside.

The Cinque Ports Ringing Centre at Dover



"Calling Call Changes"

Saturday 30th January 2010
13.00 to 16.30
at St Mary's, Dover

An afternoon course for those who have never called anything before and wouldn't know where or how to start.

Tel: 01304 823217 or email ptdale@dsl.pipex.com to book a place.

Make a day of it and come as a helper to the morning ringing school from 10 to 12.

In the fourth quarter, a training day was held on Saturday 5th December.

The day covered *Plain Hunt* and *Grandsire Doubles*. Thanks must be expressed to Catherine Lewis for automatically asking participants to write about proceedings, and making sure that interesting perspectives on these days find their way into the *Look to*. Come *Rounds and Call Changes* and *Plain Bob Doubles* on 6th March, the Editor will remember to take up the gauntlet and ask himself.

Closer to home...

Forthcoming Training Events

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

Saturday 6th March 2010

Plain Hunt and Grandsire Doubles

Saturday 5th June 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

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

www.kcacr.org.uk

120 Club

The 120 Club draws for the fourth quarter of 2009:

October	51	Lamberhurst
	120	Chevening
	56	Seal Chart
November	100	Sevenoaks
	27	Brenchley
	51	Lamberhurst
December	65	Otford
	59	Brasted
	62	Shipbourne

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

Or download an application form from:

- www.kcacr.org.uk

Have you seen this poster?

Don't forget to order your tickets from Tessa Worthington...



The Tonbridge District of the KCACR proudly presents

The Trivia Evening

Saturday 23rd January 2010
7:15 pm for 7:30 pm prompt start
Village Hall, Riding Lane, Hildenborough

Teams: Tables of 6. Overs and unders will be accommodated into mixed teams. Descriptive team names required.

Bring your own drink and glasses (and candelabra if you must!). Don't forget that there will be a lucky ticket draw, see the number on your ticket!

Tickets £8 (including supper)
♦ under 16s £4 ♦ family (2 adults + 2 children) £20 ♦
from Tessa Worthington (01732 457745)

Please note that tickets must be ordered (and preferably paid for) BEFORE the night since we cannot sell tickets at the door.

Profits to the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund

Brasted

The Trivia Evening! takes place on Saturday 23rd January 2010. Tickets are available only from the District Secretary:

- 01732 457 745

Ringling and Money 10

Peter Sims, Chairman of the KCACR requests that the following from July 2009 from a series of articles in *The Ringing World* by Steve Coleman be distributed out in the districts:

Enjoying the Thought

My wife and I aren't rich exactly, but we've got a house and we've saved a bit – and ringing doesn't cost much – and somehow it looks as though there'll be Inheritance Tax to pay when we're both gone. So we'd like to leave £ 30,000 or so to belfry restoration – or perhaps give it away while we're still alive – so what's the best way with all that?

J. & M.S.
London

How splendid! And what better time to think about it than on a warm summer's day in the garden. But that said, what you do with your money is entirely up to you. You can spend it now, save it for later, give some of it now, give some of it later, leave it to your relations or leave it to charity, and that's entirely your choice.

So I'm not going to try and persuade you to give it to charity, let alone to any particular charity. But if giving it to belfry restoration is what you want to do, here are some of the how, ifs and buts of it all.

Inheritance Tax

But first, since Inheritance Tax appears to be a factor in your decision, are you *sure* you'll be liable to it? Things have changed recently, and like all tax, it's far from straightforward. Essentially, though, for a single person there's no Inheritance Tax payable on the first £325,000 of their estate.

With a married couple – or two people in a civil partnership – no Inheritance Tax at all is payable on anything left to the surviving spouse or partner by the first one to die. What's more, if the first one to die leaves *all* their estate to the surviving one, then the surviving one inherits their nil rate band along with it. So when the second one dies, their estate will benefit from *two* nil rate bands.

What's more, those two nil rate bands will *both* be increased as the years go by. So although they amount to £650,000 this year, in later years they will almost certainly be more and perhaps a great deal more.

Ifs and Buts

Needless to say, there are all sorts of complications. So if the first spouse or partner leaves *some* money to someone other than the second or a charity – but less than the nil rate band – then *a percentage* of their nil rate band *won't* be passed on. But on the plus side, a widow or widower can use some or all of the nil rate band of their husband or wife who died many years ago.

It would take pages to explain it all, but the message is this. Don't just assume that Inheritance Tax *won't* be payable on your estate – perhaps because you've already given a lot of money and assets to your children and/or grandchildren. Do-it-yourself attempts to avoid Inheritance Tax may not only be unsuccessful, they may even make you liable for more Income Tax. Be warned.

The Figures

But let's suppose, you're sure you're going to be liable. In that case, for every £1,000 you leave above the threshold, your estate will have to pay £ 400 in Inheritance Tax.

Yet if you leave that £1,000 to a registered charity in the normal way, no Inheritance Tax at all will be payable on it. So that £30,000 you are thinking of leaving to belfry restoration, will be £ 30,000 in the hands of the charity but would be only £18,000 in the hands of an alternative, non-charitable, non-spouse beneficiary.

And that makes charitable bequests in your Will a good deal. For every *effective* £600 *you* give, the Chancellor will give an extra £400.

If not Liable to Inheritance Tax

Of course, if your estate turns out *not* to be liable for Inheritance Tax, your legacy of £30,000 will still be £30,000 in the hands of the charity. It just won't be quite so tax efficient.

And for many people that's an important point because they have deeply emotional – if largely irrational – views about tax. Such people applaud that Chancellor for supporting the credit boom that made their houses several times more valuable, but then bitterly resented the thought of paying Inheritance Tax on the increase. They were convinced that free care for the elderly should be an automatic right, but didn't expect anyone to be charged extra taxes to pay for it.

And if that's the way *you* feel and your estate is *not* going to be liable for Inheritance Tax – but you still want the Chancellor to put his smallest shovel into your cash pile – you might like to consider giving *before* you go.

While Living

And the simple comparison is this.

If you pay Income Tax and you give £100 to a charity *before* you die, the charity will actually receive – including Gift Aid payment it gets from the Chancellor – £128. If you pay Income Tax at a higher rate, the Chancellor will actually give you a £25 tax rebate as well – see *Ringling and Money 2*.

If you're retired but not paying at the higher rate, the Chancellor *may* give you a tax rebate up to £12.50 – see *Ringling and Money 8*. So if your estate isn't going to be liable for Inheritance Tax and you pay any Income Tax at all, £100 given to a charity while you're alive will be worth at least £128 bequeathed to the same charity in your Will. And for many people that's an important point to think about.

And as ever, these are this year's figures – 2009/10 – and they may well be a little different in future.

The Planning

But – and this is a very big but – *don't* let tax govern your financial decisions unless you're very bitter about it indeed. *Don't* become a financial King Lear. *Don't* leave yourself or your spouse with insufficient funds to pay for your latter years because you're determined to avoid tax.

At least, that's my *personal* advice. I've seen many people lose all their savings through making badly advised, tax-based investment decisions, and I've known many unhappy elderly people who have passed their savings on to their children and grandchildren, only to find those children and grandchildren being – in their eyes – insufficiently grateful. Be very careful.

Dying Tidily

And my equally strong advice is that *everyone* should make a Will. *Everyone* should arrange to die financially tidily. *Everyone* should ensure that their loved ones are as properly provided for as possible and not saddled with horrendous financial complexities in addition to their grief. And sad thought though it is, when you make your will, you also need to consider the *what ifs*.

The What Ifs

For example, your spouse or partner may die before you, and your children may die before you too. You and all your children may die in the same car crash – or shortly afterwards.

While you're dancing the conga during your 75th wedding anniversary celebrations – with all your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren dancing along with you – the hotel may be destroyed by a massive gas explosion. So even if you want to leave every penny to relations, do include a provision in case they all die before your or shortly after you. Otherwise it could all go to the State.

Typically, you can include a clause which says that if none of your potential beneficiaries survive you by more than 28 days, your estate will go to a specified charity – or if that charity no longer exists, to such a similar charity as your executors decide.

The Legacy

And if you definitely want to leave money to belfry restoration – either as a specific amount or as a last-ditch *just-in-case* – what then?

Well, it certainly doesn't need to be as much as £30,000. Association Belfry Repair Funds (BRFs) and tower rehang projects will be

extremely grateful for a few hundred. For many people, £1,000 bequeathed will be a tiny fraction of their estate, but it will be a major sum to the recipient.

So whilst I'm not trying to persuade you, it always seems to me that we've all received a colossal amount of training, encouragement and fun from ringing – virtually for free – that in any other activity would have cost us many thousands. We've also received a level of friendship and social support – often extended way beyond the ringing chamber – that non-ringers could only dream of. So in addition to all the friendship and support we each give back in our turn, leaving a little after we've gone seems a fair idea.

But the *amount* you intend to leave may well affect *who* you want to leave it to.

The Options

So most people go for one of four options.

1. If they have a strong attachment to a particular tower, they leave it to the PCC of that tower.
2. If they have a strong attachment to a particular Branch, they leave it to that Branch's BRF – if they have one – or to the Branch itself if the Association as a whole is a charity.
3. If they have a strong attachment to a particular Association, they leave it to that Association's BRF.
4. If they want to leave the money for the whole of the UK, they leave it to the Central Council's BRF.

And, of course, you could leave it for ringing without it being for belfry restoration at all. You could leave it to subsidise the training courses, or to support a ringing centre, or to subsidise a Branch or tower outing. You could even leave it for your local band to have a slap-up dinner.

So think very carefully what you want your money to do, and then ensure that your Will says that very clearly and specifically. That way, the charity that receives it will *have* to spend it as you want them to. Make sure, too, that you *are* giving it to a charity, or – as in the case of the slap up dinner – that you clearly realise that you aren't.

Your Solicitor

That's what your solicitor is for. Tell him or her exactly what you want and then *read very*

carefully what he or she has written. Definitely **don't** trust him or her to get it right first time.

I've no doubt that there are many first rate solicitors around, but my personal experience is that I've never yet seen a Will that was correctly drafted at the first attempt.

And then, of course, if you change your mind later, you can change your Will too. Indeed, you can change it often, and for many people that's a real pleasure in their later years.

And even if you never change it, you can still enjoy *thinking* about it. You can experience the warm glow of imagining how much pleasure your bequest will create and how much good it will do too. You may not be there to witness it, but you can still get a good deal of fun from simply *enjoying the thought*.

Steve Coleman is happy to answer all other Ringing and Money questions. His e-mail is:

- stevecoleman@ringingbooks.co.uk

Cowden Outing

Cowden bellringers have an alarming time at Beckley. From Caroline Levy-Cooper.

For quite some time I have wanted to ring the bells in the detached wooden campanile at St. Augustine's church, Brookland [6, 8-2-0 in A^b, Detached Tower], on the Romney Marsh, so as I had volunteered to organise the Cowden outing this year it seemed the perfect opportunity to base our tour around that church. The bells – and the structure of the campanile itself – did not disappoint, and proved a highlight of the day. The campanile is usually kept locked, so some visitors to the church (which is well worth a visit) were delighted to find it being opened – and not only that but they were able to see the bells being rung too.

We had already rung at two towers – Stone-in-Oxney [6, 13 cwt in A^b] and Appledore [8, 12-0-15 in G]. Frank Wenham was in charge of meeting us at both towers and he proved invaluable in my wish to ring a plain course of Stedman in every tower of the outing. (It is probably clear to readers on reading this ambitious aim, that we had been joined by several more experienced ringers!)

Lunch was very enjoyable at The Woolpack Inn, Brookland – well worth travelling the extra couple of miles. Here we were welcomed by a huge open fire and very cheerful, helpful and efficient staff. The food was well-cooked and the portions were enormous.

After lunch we headed off to Iden [6, 15 cwt in F, Anti-clockwise.], our second anti-clockwise ring of the day. We had been warned that these bells were heavy and had a very long draught but after such a satisfying lunch we were well able to cope.

Finally, Beckley [6, 12-0-10 in F, GF], where by prior arrangement we were not met by a local ringer but had been told that we could just go ahead and ring. The first problem, however, was how to turn on the lights. Despite being confronted by a huge panel of switches and a very large fuse box we could not get the light in the bell chamber to turn on. All our fiddling with the various switches resulted in the security alarm being activated and it continued for the full 45 minutes that we were there until Mike Bullett managed to make contact with a churchwarden who gave him the code to turn it off. Incidentally, the light switch for the bell tower is situated behind a piano and turns on an angle poise lamp strapped to a vertical beam! Fortunately the police did not arrive *en masse* and we really enjoyed one of the best rings of the day.

Around the District

You can spot 'em at a hundred yards, says A globetrotter.

- Hong Kong arrivals hall following an eleven hour flight from New Zealand
- 6:00 am *en route* to the ladies' loo.

The natural meeting place for 2 ringers from Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F] to spot a fellow ringer from nearby Otford [6, 10-1-7 in A^b, GF].

Despite our jet lagged oblivion we were amazed at the extraordinary power of coincidence before going our separate ways; where doubtless later on we could but wonder at the unbelievable natural beauty and human endeavour involved in the creation of Hong Kong harbour at night.

Eat your heart out Otford pond!

Ray Taylor reports that the Tonbridge District 120 Club has been augmented!

Thanks Ralph for buying share number 121 in 2009 / 2010 series of draws!

An appeal from Trevor Nicholls:



The only worry about this ladder being thread-bare, is that it's not supposed to be made of threads.

Penshurst's [8, 17-2-11 in E^b, GF] tower captain Trevor Nicholls continues to settle in, and has been up top to see what's what. After finding the ladder above, he challenges the district to find a more health-and-safety-defiant piece of equipment.

The investigation also found the figure depicted below. The Penshurst band would like to know if anyone knows where he should be returned to.



Found in Penshurst's belfry. Please contact the ringers if you can supply any information.

The Editor always recommends a visit to Sundridge's practice...

Each member of the District Committee stewards a number of towers and from time to time your tower steward should pop in to visit on a practice night. When I am in the right country / county I go to visit Sundridge [6, 13-3-3 in F[#]] (although I recently found out that I'm not actually steward there any more). I can recommend going to visit them though, because you're never quite sure of what will happen next. Leaving the tower at the end of the practice, I

certainly didn't expect to see this next to an unglazed window on the spiral stairs...



Sundridge Zoological Society of Change Ringers.

Kathy Staff rings out the old at Malvern Priory:

Kathy Staff from Edenbridge sends (in as much as finding a non-technophobe in the same building to upload the camera card counts as 'sending') a picture taken at a family christening in Great Malvern [8, 21-2-20 in E, #5th]. The old ring at Malvern Priory appears to have been tuned to F[#] and its clappers preserved on display in the church.



*"The clappers of the old ring,
Our duty done in belfry high,
Now voiceless tongues at rest we lie.
Preserved by Edward Archer 1887."*

Errata

From the third and fourth quarter edition

- Apologies for the misspelling of Doris Colgate's surname.
- Also to Rhoda Willson who has two <l>s.

Quarter Peal Week

Eric Roughley on the achievements of 24th October 2009 to 1st November 2009

This year's Quarter Peal Week produced seventeen attempts at a quarter plus a session of *call changes* at Lamberhurst. Of the seventeen attempts sixteen were successful, the one lost being at East Peckham, which perhaps is not surprising. The 113 "ropes" available were manned by sixty ringers, all but four being from the District. There were eight conductors. Two stalwarts each rang seven quarters during the week and eight ringers rang five or more which suggests that maybe there is a need to try to involve more of the District membership of around 230.

The quarters produced thirteen "firsts" with the quarter of *Plain Bob Cinques* at Canterbury Cathedral including six. There were two first quarters: John Harrison of Otford and Paul Thompson of Seal (who has only been ringing for forty three years!); congratulations to both. Special mention should also be made of Bobbie Fairclough and Mike Worthington's first of Stedman Doubles at Otford – a fiendish method at the best of times.

The footnotes include several birthdays, some a little belated and one "youngster" marked sixty years of ringing - doesn't time fly!

Altogether a worthwhile event and something to build on next year.

Details of the quarters:

Kilndown Saturday 24th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Anthony Leeves 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Richard Bourne 3, Frank Lewis 4, Michael Bullett 5, Catherine Heathcote (C) 6

Brasted Sunday 25th October 2009

1344 Plain Bob Major

Carole Rumsey 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Yvonne Cooper 3, Frank Lewis 4, Juliet Austin 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Catherine Lewis (C) 7, David Hilling 8

A birthday compliment to Astrid Fairclough. First of Major: 1, 5.

Canterbury (Cathedral) Sunday 25th October 2009

1320 Plain Bob Cinques

Pam Thomas 1, Mike Worthington 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Rhoda Willson 4, Jacqui Fletcher 5, E Lesley Barclay 6, Catherine Heathcote 7, Ray Taylor 8, Howard Rogers 9, Stanley Jenner 10, Tim Lynch (C) 11, Peter Dickinson 12

For Evensong. Belated celebration of the birth of Joseph Nicholas Woods (Pam's nephew) on 12th July. First on 12: 1, 5, 6, 8. 1st Plain Bob Cinques: 7. First Cinques as conductor.

Sevenoaks Sunday 25th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

David G. Cochrane 1, Dorothy Twiner 2, Isabel M. Pearce 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Michael R. Worthington (C) 5, Ray Taylor 6

For Evensong. First inside: 2.

Cowden Monday 26th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Michael Bullett 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Alex Staff 3, Andrew Wickenden 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Frank Shepherd 6

In celebration of the 100th birthday, on 10th September 2009, of Jessie Cooper, a resident of Cowden.

Otford Monday 26th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Janet Whitehead 1, Mike Worthington 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Frank Lewis 4, Catherine Lewis (C) 5, Martin Whitehead 6

Goudhurst Tuesday 27th October 2009

1260 Grandsire Triples

Tessa Worthington 1, Anthony Leeves (C) 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Eric Roughley 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Michael Worthington 7, Frank Lewis 8

Otford Tuesday 27th October 2009

1260 Stedman Doubles

Tim Lynch (C) 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Frank Lewis 4, Mike Worthington 5, Tessa Worthington 6

1st Stedman Doubles: 2, 5.

Seal Wednesday 28th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Isabel M. Pearce 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Eric Roughley (C) 3, Jeremy R. Worthington 4, Michael R. Worthington 5, Paul Thompson 6

1st Quarter Peal after 43 years of ringing: 6!

Seal Chart Wednesday 28th October 2009

1260 Doubles (1p2m)

Michael Bullett 1, Michael Worthington 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Graham Everitt 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Frank Lewis 6

Tunbridge Wells Thursday 29th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Mick Harris 1, Deryck Talbot 2, Alan Dunster 3, Hugo Tracey 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Ian Cochrane 6

Birthday compliment to Deryck Talbot (30th October) and belated 40th birthday compliment to Alan Dunster (21st September).

Oxford Friday 30th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Anthony Leeves 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Frank Lewis 5, John Harrison 6

First quarter: 6.

Hadlow (Hunters Lodge) Saturday 31st October 2009

1260 Minor (Double Bob and Plain Bob)

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

Hadlow Sunday 1st November 2009

1260 Stedman Triples

Rachel Lewis 1, Ann Jenner 2, Celia Dickinson 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Ray Taylor 5, Peter Dickinson 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Howard Rogers 8

For All Saints Day Choral Evensong and to mark 60 years since Rachel learnt to ring.

Kemsing Sunday 1st November 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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

In memory of Marion Glock, former youth leader, and deputy head teacher at Kemsing School.

Speldhurst Sunday 1st November 2009

1260 Stedman Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Nicholas Butcher 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Alan King 4, Michael Bullett 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Crispin Saunders 8

For Evensong.

Also

Lamberhurst Monday 26th October 2009

1260 Call Changes

Pauline Middlewick 1, Jemma Wyllie 2, Annie Fellows 3, Catherine Heathcote (C) 4, David Gates 5, John Reid 6

Remembering Carol's mum, Anne Carter and wishing Norman a speedy recovery.

Peals

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2009

Kemsing Saturday 24th October 2009

5040 Minor

7m: 1 ext each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St Clement's College Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob

Composed by: 7 different callings

Pam Thomas 1, Howard S Rogers 2, Fraser Clift 3, Raymond Taylor 4, Eric Roughley 5, Timothy P Lynch (C) 6

Rung to celebrate Fraser's first peal 50 years ago, on 6th August 1959, at Bidston, Cheshire (same methods). Remembering with affection Joan and Banky Pemberton, who rang in that peal. Banky taught Fraser to ring.

Most methods as Conductor.

Also for Rebecca.

Quarter Peals

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2009

Speldhurst Sunday 4th October 2009

1260 Grandsire Triples

Nicholas Butcher 1, Alan King 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Anthony Leeves (C) 4, Peter Ruch 5, Michael Bullett 6, Eric Roughley 7, Crispin Saunders 8

For Evensong.

Brasted Monday 12th October 2009

1280 Plain Bob Major

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

Tonbridge Sunday 11th October 2009

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jim Thomas 1, Tim Lynch (C) 2, Hamilton Woods 3, Martin Willson 4, Rhoda Willson 5, Pam Thomas 6

For Evening Service.

Tonbridge Sunday 8th November 2009

1260 Grandsire Triples

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

*For Evening Service on Remembrance Sunday.***Tunbridge Wells** Saturday 14th November 2009

1280 Kent Treble Bob Major

Ray Taylor 1, Louise Pink 2, Frances Bradford 3, Alan Turner 4, Peter Bradford 5, Hugo Tracey 6, Stephen Beckingham 7, Alan Pink (C) 8

Hadlow Hunters Lodge Friday 13th November 2009

1260 Double Bob Minor

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

Hadlow Sunday 6th December 2009

1260 Grandsire Triples

Celia Dickinson 1, Ann Jenner 2, Janice Massy 3, Ray Taylor 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Peter Dickinson 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Alan Phipps 8

*Rung before the choir's Christmas concert.***Tunbridge Wells** Friday 11th December 2009

1260 Doubles (2 m) Grandsire, Plain Bob

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Louise Pink 2, David Threlfall 3, Alan Turner (C) 4, Hugo Tracey 5, Ian Cochrane 6

*A birthday compliment to Frances Bradford.***Tunbridge Wells**Saturday 19th December 2009

1287 Grandsire Triples

David Threlfall 1, Louise Pink 2, Alan Pink (C) 3, Frances Bradford 4, Alan Turner 5, Christopher Cooper 6, Hugo Tracey 7, Peter Bradford 8

*A compliment from the band to Hugo on his birthday. Also rung to celebrate the birth of Hector Ryan Smith, born 18th December; Louise's twelfth grandchild.***Milestones****Congratulations to...**

First quarter:	Paul Thompson John Harrison
First quarter at first attempt:	Jim Thomas

First quarter inside:	Dorothy Twiner
First of major:	Carole Rumsey Juliet Austin
First of Stedman Doubles:	Bobbie Fairclough Mike Worthington
First of Stedman Triples:	Stella Wooldridge
First on twelve:	Pam Thomas Jacqui Fletcher Lesley Barclay Ray Taylor
First Plain Bob Cinques	Catherine Heathcote
Twenty-fifth of Stedman Triples:	Anthony Leeves
Most methods as a conductor:	Timothy Lynch
First Cinques as a Conductor	Timothy Lynch
Sixty years of ringing:	Rachel Lewis

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- Historical snippets from your tower
- Anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- Other announcements

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