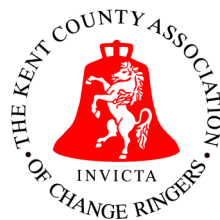


Look to



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR : SUMMER 2018

On the ropes with...

Oliver Engleback

What do you do outside bell ringing?

Well everything else really. Work does rather get in the way of things, but there's still room for cycling, photography and jazz.

How long have you been ringing?

I started to learn to ring 40 years ago, but in defence of my lack of progression to ringing anything too complex, I've only been ringing for about 15 years in the intervening period.

What attracted you to ringing and how did you get started?

I remember a primary school visit to the ringing chamber at Hever, and the memory of this may have influenced my reaction to the plea for ringers in the parish magazine some years later.

Who taught you how to handle a bell?

The article in the parish magazine to which I responded was by a chap called Les Barker, who was at that time head gardener to Lord Astor at Hever Castle. He encouraged me to attend the Monday practice at Chiddingstone where I encountered amongst others, two wonderful gentlemen, Philip Everest and Philip Corby, who both helped me greatly.

Being unattached to a tower, where do you mainly ring for practice and on Sundays?

In the later 1980s I moved to Tunbridge Wells where I still live, and was an active member of the band at St Peter's. Some readers will recall



Ernie Ladd who was central to ringing at the tower. There is no longer a regular band there, but we usually ring for the fourth Sunday of each month.

Do you have any particular favourite ring(s) of bells?

This is a tricky question. I can think of some towers I'd rather not ring at, but they are in a small minority. For the most part I enjoy the company of other ringers—which is more important than a difficult set of bells to ring.



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On the ropes with.....

Oliver Engleback.....continued

Any alarming or scary ringing moments?

Alarming as in “don’t panic!”? Broken stays and clappers are always a bit alarming. I was on a ringing outing many years ago which included Portsmouth Cathedral, and a less experienced member had a little trouble handling a bell which resulted in a broken stay, but then decided that there was no way he’d let the bell get the better of him and resolutely hung on to the rope. Thankfully no serious injury was sustained!

Most satisfying ringing achievement so far?

It’s a great feeling to successfully complete a first peal, and so it was for me on 25 November 1984. I rang a few more subsequently, but the last was in 1988 with Ernie Ladd and Brian Jeffrey, marking the Diamond Jubilee year of the East Grinstead and District Guild.

Is it just hearsay that your snoring on a ringing weekend away to Wiltshire last year could be heard in the neighbouring chalet 30 yards away?

I have to say that I was totally unaware of any snoring. I understand though, that there are a number of wild boar in the area, and they are known to be noisy nocturnally.

And finally.....

Jacob Rees-Mogg has a twitter movement known as Moggmentum. Do you think it will prove effective amongst his party, his supporters, and the wider electorate, or will its effects be more similar to Mogadon?

I never thought that I’d have to admit that I am *more* old fashioned than Jacob Rees-Mogg, but I feel obliged to admit that I don’t have a twitter account. I understand that the character limit per tweet was recently doubled to 280, which should give him about 20 words to describe the oldest tailors on Jermyn Street.

DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SECOND DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2018 was held on Saturday 7th April at St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Lamberhurst at 1pm.

- Chairman Mike Bullett welcomed members and thanked everyone for coming to Lamberhurst on such a lovely Spring day.
- Particular thanks was given to Reverend Andrew Axon, who led those present in a service of Morning Prayer, to the Church Wardens of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Lamberhurst, and the local band of ringers for the use of the bells and for providing lunch for those attending the Quarterly Meeting.

The Chairman advised the meeting that apologies had been received from Dan Jarvis, Louise Nightingale, and Richard Dyson, all of who were unable to attend the meeting.

• MINUTES OF THE DQM, 6TH JANUARY, AT ST NICHOLAS, SEVENOAKS AND MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the DQM held at St Nicholas, Sevenoaks on 6th January. There were no matters arising.

• PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS :

Nina Bohane (Speldhurst) - proposed by Eric Roughley, seconded by Janice Byrne
Annette MacKellar (Seal Chart) - proposed by Eric Roughley, seconded by Hamilton Woods
Jack Read (Hever) - proposed by Jane Rosam, seconded by Steph Rueff.

All candidates were duly elected unopposed as members of the KCACR.

• Details of the KCACR AGM Ashford District

Chairman Mike Bullett gave members a brief summary of the main events of the AGM: Mike reported that there had been long and heated discussions on the two proposed rule changes introduced by retiring Chairman Daniel Brady and retiring Secretary Doug Davis. When put to the vote the meeting rejected the first proposal, that the position of Chairman be replaced at County and District level by a ringing “Master” by a vote of approximately 60 to 40.

The second proposal, to reduce the size of the General Committee of the KCACR was, however, carried.

The new KCACR executive now consists of :
Chairman Phillip Barnes, Secretary Sue Bassett, and Assistant Secretary Cathy Cheeseman.

DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

The position of Handbook Editor remains vacant.

Angela Clark advised members that membership cards distributed at the AGM and this Quarterly Meeting today included a password to be used to access the 2017 KCACR Annual Report online. Details of the meeting can also be found on the KCACR website.

• RINGING REMEMBERS

The “Ringing Remembers” leaflet was displayed to members and is available free on the District Book stall.

• GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation, 25th May 2018)

As there is still some uncertainty as to the requirements of GDPR, the District has decided to require written consent from the membership in order to contact members by email and hold their email addresses in the membership database. Advice from the KCACR is expected soon, Tonbridge District Committee will act on any advice received and notify the membership accordingly.

• FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- SEC Youth Contest, Warnham, Sussex, Saturday 14th April, 9.30—4.30pm
- 10/12 Bell Practice, Benenden, Saturday 21st April, 7pm—9pm
- District Striking Competition, Sandhurst, Saturday 12th May, 9.45am
- District Training Day, Saturday 2nd June
- Surprise Major Practice, (CYSN, spliced) Hadlow, Saturday 16th June, 7.30—9pm
- County 8-Bell Striking Competition, Maidstone District, Saturday 30th June, Erin Triples, 9.45am
- RWNYS, London, Saturday 7th July, 9.30—6.30pm
- DQM, Speldhurst (8), Saturday 7th July, 4pm—8pm

• TONBRIDGE DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

Jen Thomas and Dan Jarvis have set up a Tonbridge District Facebook page. The page is intended to keep District Members informed of events and changes to events in the District. The page will be a closed group and by invitation only. Members wishing to join the group should apply to Jen or Dan..

Catherine Lewis requested that a District programme, distributed by the District Secretary be on Display in all District towers.

• FORTHCOMING VACANCIES OCTOBER 2018

Mike Bullett will not be standing for re-election

as Tonbridge District Chairman at the ADM in October 2018.

Catherine Lewis will not be seeking re-election as Tonbridge District Central Council Rep at Easter 2019.

• ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jane Nielsen thanked the hosting tower, Lamberhurst, for the food provided and commented particularly on how good the service of Morning Prayer had been at the beginning of this morning's meeting. Several other members also echoed Jane's sentiments.

Tony Cresswell expressed some displeasure at recent changes made by the District, concerning meetings, and of the service of Compline held at Sevenoaks. His comments were made on behalf of Carole Cresswell, who was not in attendance. Committee members expressed their regret at Carole's sentiments but reiterated that the changes made were as a result of responses made to the District Survey, morning meetings were favoured by the membership.

Jen Thomas reminded the membership of the proposed joint Tonbridge and Lewisham District Outing to London to be held on Saturday 11th August. Nick Wilkins is hoping to organise visits to Poplar, Limehouse, Cubitt Town, Greenwich, Deptford and Lewisham.

Any District Members wishing to ring a quarter peal should contact Jen Thomas if they require any help with organisation or ringers for the occasion.

The meeting closed at 13:36

Caption Competition.....



COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

Points from the General Committee Meeting held on 28th April 2018

- ✂ The Stockbury project grant can be administered once paperwork from those involved in the project submit paperwork.
- ✂ There is to be discussion between those involved in the Youth Striking Competition and David Cawley as to a suitable trophy which comes within budget.
- ✂ There have been changes in the number of people on the committee which means the quorum size needs to be reduced from the current 8.
- ✂ District Reps need to report back how many members require a hard copy of the handbook. When we know how much money will be needed to print them, we can determine whether the peal fee should increase or not.
- ✂ Doug Davis has volunteered to produce the handbook this year as there is still a vacancy for the handbook editor post.
- ✂ Job descriptions are to be drawn up for officer positions detailing the “jobs” which need to be done to which Districts can add their own requirements. It is important that Association officers know who to contact at District level for information.
- ✂ Membership lists are currently on individual databases in each district. Data needs to be kept on a central database in order to comply with GDPR regulations. A nominated person in each district needs to update their membership list / data with consent given to hold data.
- ✂ Our membership fee needs to cover the cost of the handbooks, training courses, the Central Council fee, and bell restoration. The current fee is not sufficient in the long term to cover these costs. There will be an explanatory note coming but Districts should have discussion at meetings to raise awareness of what the fee is spent on and the possibility of raising it in the future.
- ✂ The Central Council is undergoing many structural changes. Emails and publicity in the Ringing World detail the changes. Discussion at District meetings would be useful.
- ✂ Phil Barnes would like to have a discussion with District Ringing Masters and Chairmen about training needs in their areas. A good target would be to have one ringer per rope across

Kent. Targeted practices with towers joining together to support each other would help. We should value and welcome people with more experience than ourselves who come along to help.

- ✂ The young ringers in Kent have been having fun ringing together. It would be good to see them take part in events such as the Farningham Trophy or the 6-bell competition.
- ✂ There is no more progress on finding a secure place to store the mobile ring. The bells are at Taylors at the moment. The bells can be used for weddings, fetes and training events.
- ✂ A new complaints procedure has been adopted and will be published shortly.
- ✂ “Ringing Remembers” and “Battles Over” are two initiatives being promoted to showcase ringing on Remembrance Sunday at 7pm. Tower captains could liaise directly with their incumbents to arrange this. Please discuss at District meetings. Information will be sent out.
- ✂ County 8-bell—30th June 2018—Maidstone District (Aylesford), 9.45am draw, Erin Triples.
- ✂ County 6-bell—22nd September 2018—Upchurch, 9.45am.
- ✂ Youth Striking Competition—3rd November 2018—Ashford District (Venue TBC) 1.45pm.
- ✂ Would people be interested in Association wide 10 bell practices, maybe midweek?
- ✂ Having an Association wide calendar with the website being used as a portal for each District to have its own pages would be a clear way forward to accessing and storing information easily.

♦ *Sue Bassett, General Secretary*

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www.kcacr.org.uk



120 CLUB RESULTS (APRIL)

130 Caroline Stockmann, Sevenoaks
36 Stan Jenner, Hadlow
92 Jen and Hugh Thomas, Brasted

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

As I announced at the April Quarterly meeting, I shall not be seeking re-election as chairman at the forthcoming Annual District Meeting at Goudhurst on Saturday 6th October. Also I shall be standing down from the committee where I have served since October 2005, which makes me comfortably the longest continuously serving member by 8 years – it's time for some new blood!

As you may be aware, a motion to change the Association rules was put to the Association AGM at its meeting in April, the philosophy behind the motion being that there should be a much greater emphasis on “ringing” as opposed to other matters. Although the motion was lost, my perception is that it was not because of this philosophy as there was very considerable support in the room for this approach – after all we are members of an Association for “Change Ringing”. At a recent meeting chaired by our new Association Chairman, Phil Barnes, it was apparent that he was much in favour of this emphasis on ringing. At the last committee meeting there was agreement on this approach and there was a considerable discussion on how we might go about this.

At the ADM, at which incidentally all officers and other posts will be up for election as those elected are appointed only for a 12 month period from one ADM to the next, there will be an election for a person to replace me to lead the District. However in the light of the philosophy behind the lost motion at the Association AGM, the committee has started debating what the emphasis of the role should be. One thought is that it should include working in conjunction with the Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master, so chairing meetings, handling any issues and picking up other bits, thus allowing the Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master to focus on developing ringing standards across the district. As I write there are no nominees for this post and if anyone wishes to take on the leadership role, then they should seek nomination.

Members views on where the focus should be will be sought at the Quarterly Meeting in Speldhurst on 7th July. Thoughts of the Committee, in no particular order, of possible areas to focus on are a) the need to develop towers by helping in situations where they are struggling or want help to develop further, and b) recruitment in the district.

Thus there may be a need for some focussed roles on the committee, such as PR, recruitment and tower management - ie someone to work directly with towers on, for instance, making the ringing chamber a nice environment... not cold and covered with cobwebs! Would any member who has ideas or views on this whole area, particularly those who are unable to get to that meeting, please email me at michael.bullett@btinternet.com or Catherine Heathcote our secretary at tondist@gmail.com.

Jen Thomas, who has been Ringing Master since October 2015 and who has done a wonderful job, many thanks Jen, will be standing down and so we have to find a new appointee for this very important post. Any Association member who is a member of a District tower is entitled to stand for this position.

In addition our District Secretary Catherine Heathcote would like to step down from the role. Once again any Association member who is a member of a District tower is entitled to stand for this position. If anyone would like more information about what is involved as District Secretary please contact Catherine at tondist@gmail.com or on 01892 785577.

If you think you could make a contribution to the running of the District then do seek nomination for any of the roles, or as a committee member without a specific responsibility, and this applies particularly if you feel you have something to offer in relation to one of the focussed roles suggested above.

As a recruitment drive, the Central Council has instigated “**Ringing Remembers**”. This year sees the centenary of the anniversary of the end of the First World War. Some 1,400 ringers lost their lives in the service of the country during that war and to commemorate this the Central Council has set a target of recruiting, during 2018, 1,400 new ringers to towers countrywide. Therefore do try to recruit and help this target to be reached.

Since I last wrote in January, various events such as the successful Trivia evening in January have taken place and those events in the first quarter have been reported in the previous edition of Look To. Also we have experimented with the timing and format of the Quarterly meetings, which is in response to the results of

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

the survey that we carried out last year. This will continue into next year. Do let us know how you feel about it.

In the quarter to June the various ringing meetings etc are reported elsewhere. I will mention two events though. First the South East Youth Striking competition took place and some of our ringers took part and did well. Second there was the District Striking Competition, which is an important date in the calendar. It is held in two parts, method ringing and call changes. The method ringing, as last year, was won by Hadlow who put on a very good display and they will go on to represent the District at the Association 6 bell striking competition on 22nd September at Upchurch. The Call Change Trophy was won by Tonbridge. Particular thanks go to Mark Chittenden-Pile for judging our contest this year and to the Sandhurst ringers for providing refreshments throughout the morning. Do consider entering your tower for at least one of these competitions next year.

One of the difficult areas is trying to encourage ringers of all abilities to attend meetings. **The quarterly meetings and the regular afternoon and evening meetings will ALWAYS CATER FOR RINGERS OF ALL ABILITIES**, so that there will be ringing from rounds and call changes, through plain hunt and the likes of Plain Bob and Grandsire to surprise methods: so do come along and support these meetings as advertised in the calendars – you will learn and your ringing will improve! Your ringing will also improve if you go not just to your main tower, but to practices at other towers as well, and by doing this it is very likely you will also help bring on the ringing in that tower.

We also organise surprise practices for advanced ringers and this year we've experimented with concentrating on particular methods at different surprise practices. Again do let us know how you feel about this.

Happy Ringing!

❖ *Mike Bullett, Chairman*

30th June 2018

OUR ERIC

Eric Roughley celebrated a birthday on 28th April. He marked the occasion by, no doubt amongst many other things, attending Anthony's advanced practice at Speldhurst.

He is shown entering the ringing room (only slightly late!) where he was assailed by a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday to You'.



He, and accomplices, then adjourned to The Castle Inn at Chiddingstone, prior to a check of the Chiddingstone bells.

Following the inspection he was appointed, by the two workers, the first Charman of Chiddingstone.

The pictures on the next page show him wielding his stick-vacuum. That's progress - he no longer uses the broom!

❖ *Fraser Clift, Kemsing*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Speldhurst Tower Outing—21st April

Blue skies and warm sunshine greeted the Speldhurst ringers as they descended on the area around Leeds Castle for their annual tower outing on Saturday April 21st.

Some 19 ringers and friends arrived at Harrietsham for the first tower of the day, and we were all enjoying the early summer warmth so much so that we didn't really mind hanging around in the churchyard while the key was located! It did show up in the end, and we felt at home on a peal of 8 that felt and sounded rather like the Speldhurst bells.

In rather stark contrast was our next tower, the 3cwt 6 at Broomfield. Here, a combination of very light bells and a long draught put our handling skills to the test. Two of our number achieved the rather rare feat of displacing the slider while ringing the particularly-tricky third bell - necessitating a climb up into the bell chamber in each case to retrieve the rope from whence it had disappeared!

After these excitements we were ready for lunch and we enjoyed a really good meal at The George in Leeds - a lovely pub with a good menu and excellent service. Good choice Anthony!

First stop after lunch was Hollingbourne, a fine sounding 8 in the shadow of the North Downs, and then it was back to Leeds for our next ring. Here we attempted to find an answer to the age old conundrum - how many ringers does it take to switch the lights on? The answer, clearly, was 'More than what we had', as despite careful inspection of the tower's wiring system, our best technical minds were unable to locate a switch that worked. Fortunately there was enough natural light in the ringing room to proceed with what was, for some of us, a rare opportunity to ring on 10.

After that it was on to our last tower of the day at Boughton Monchelsea. Here we had the unexpected treat of cups of tea being served in the back of the church, which we enjoyed in what has to be the churchyard with the best view in Kent!

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Speldhurst Tower Outing



Duly refreshed, we sampled the chancel-rung 6 before heading off home.

Overall, a great day out in perfect weather! Thanks to all those who rose from their garden sunbeds to let us in at the various towers, and a massive thank you to Anthony Leeves for a superbly organised day.

❖ *Christopher Horseman, Speldhurst*

Kent Young Ringers News

Kent Young Ringers undertook an outing to Surrey and Sussex from April 12-14th. Shortly afterwards the following email was received from Graham Williams who let them in at Cranleigh.

Following your visit to our tower this month I attach for your information the article we have written for the next issue of our quarterly Guild magazine:

At 9.30am on Friday the 13th April we had a group of ringers from Kent visiting us. They referred to themselves as Kent Young Ringers. There were about twenty in the group with ages ranging from teenagers to mid twenties. They were fantastic and a real credit to themselves. The ringing was of a very high standard and it was a great pleasure to have them ringing in our church. They rang a number of methods, one of which was Stedman Doubles. We were the first of five towers they were visiting that day.

CARRY ON CLANGING!

Thanks to our spotters this issue for the following contributions : -

Kilndown practice, early June, and a few of the regular band are away on holiday. Plain hunt on 5 is suggested but has to be without a cover. Some reluctance is quickly made known from one of the ladies " Oh I'd really rather not, as I just don't like ringing plain hunt unless there's a nice bonk at the end!"

Penshurst, Sunday morning, a ground floor ring where no clocks are allowed on the wall. The band struggle to hear the bells or each other above the organ, so one ringer suggests her watch is used as a discreet signal to start the lower immediately before the service starts. Just as the Rector, wardens and choir gather near the band, she shrieks out "I'm vibrating!" The Rector gives a cheeky smile as he leads his procession off down the aisle.

Kent Young Ringers News (cont'd)

I'd like to point out a couple of corrections to this : (our group consisted of 11 youngsters and 4 adults...obviously very young looking!!..... 11-18 years of age, and we rang Stedman Triples as it was an 8-bell tower). But nevertheless this was very kind of Mr Williams.

SEECON—South East England Youth Striking Contest

Congratulations are also due to the youngsters who represented Kent in the SEECON (South East England Youth Striking Contest). They rang SO well and were just pipped at the post by Sussex...but VERY well done to them. You can listen to their piece on the KCACR Facebook page, and you can listen to the Sussex piece on the "Bellringers" Facebook page.

We had a great time on the outing and a full report can be found on the Young Ringers' page of the KCACR website.

SEECON 2019 will be hosted by Kent on Sat 6th April; please make a note of the date as we shall need a number of towers open and a number of helpers (and cakes!!!!) to make the day go smoothly.

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*

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Sandhurst 6 bell Striking Competition—Sat 12th May

Thank you so much to those teams who entered the 6 Bell Striking Contest at Sandhurst, the District's most southerly outpost, on Saturday 12th May. A thoroughly enjoyable morning was had by all. First placed team for the method trophy was Hadlow, pictured below.

Hadlow method team, left to right : Ann Jenner, Phil Jarvis (with team mascot), Emma Jarvis, Stan Jenner, Daniel Jarvis, Howard Rogers.

Hadlow totalled just 9 faults in their piece, which the judge described as being “confident with a consistent pace and leading, and a good rhythm with a steady tenor. Very nice to listen to.”



Tonbridge method team, left to right : Angela Clark, Rob Lane, Janice Byrne, Catherine Heathcote, Pam Thomas. (Ham Woods is not pictured).

Tonbridge came 2nd with 31.5 faults. “A good steady pace, generally good and pleasant to listen to, but just needed a little bit of tidying up here and there to make it really good.”

Cowden method team, left to right : Richard Dyson, Andy Wickenden, Caroline Levy—Cooper, Steve Newlands, Carl Nightingale, Robin Rouse.

Cowden were placed third in the method competition with 41 faults. The judge described the ringing as “quicker paced and sounding lively.”

The tenor was picked out for a special mention as being particularly good—well done Carl!



Tonbridge call change team, left to right : Angela Clark, Gordon Hill, Rob Lane, Catherine Heathcote, Gavin Knight, Steve Newlands.

Tonbridge won the Call Change Trophy with 9.5 faults. The judge commended their performance as being “the nicest piece of ringing of the day, steady with a good beat and rhythm”



Edenbridge call change team, left to right : James Baldock, Richard Dyson, Douglas James, Tim Hill, Lynne Proudfoot, and Kathy Staff.

Edenbridge came second in the call changes with 47.5 faults. The judge said "it was a very good effort, well done for entering and managing to complete the piece."

We were delighted that Edenbridge entered the contest this year. Overall congratulations go to Hadlow who go forward to represent the Tonbridge District in the KCACR Inter District contest in September.

Many thanks also to Mark Chittenden-Pile for judging our contest this year and to the Sandhurst Ringers for providing refreshments throughout the morning.

❖ *Jen Thomas, District Ringing Master, Brasted*

Look to

Always needs your articles and contributions to fill its pages!

- a write up of your tower outing (+ photos)
- ringing tips & hints (anything from learning bell handling to spliced surprise)
 - questions you might have
- historical snippets • anecdotes from a tower visit • announcements

Please feel free to send a photo with your article to: steve.newlands4468@gmail.com

The deadline for copy for the next edition is Saturday 22nd September 2018



75th Birthday Quarter

The Cochrane twins celebrated their 75th Birthday on May 31st. Ian chose a band to ring a quarter peal at his local tower, St Peter's Tunbridge Wells. The band is made up of those with a connection to the tower as well as those helping him ring for service ringing every 4th Sunday. Ian is the one and only active member of the tower. We wish both Ian and David well and a few more active years of bellringing in the District.

St Peter, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, Wednesday 30th May.

1260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob)

Tessa Worthington 1 Oliver Engleback 2 Catherine Heathcote 3 John Palmer 4 Anthony Leeves (C) 5 Ian Cochrane 6.

75th Birthday compliment to Ian and David Cochrane

♦ **Tessa Worthington**

IN THE NEXT ISSUE - Possible Look to scoop over the Ringing World.....?

The Look to is in negotiations with man of the moment Jacob Rees Mogg for an interview. If granted he will explain how pursuit of a hard Brexit will save the exercise from the "perilously interfering tentacles of the EU". It is expected he will alert us all to some of his key concerns, including :

- EU plans to limit peal times to a 2 hour maximum under a new Ringing Time Directive.
- Plans to introduce a £20 minimum wage per rope for wedding ringing, which would result in an overall decline in church weddings, further moral degeneracy, and hundreds of churches being tipped over the edge into closure.
- A mandatory EU requirement to change blue line method diagrams. In future they would have to be known as deepest red line diagrams, whether the CCCBR liked it or not.

Wake up England! For as Michel Barnier says "The clock is ticking!" - Jacob

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Kent Young Ringers outing to Canterbury

Wednesday 30th May saw approximately 20 Young Ringers and their "minders" descend on St Nicholas, Thanington, St Dunstan's and Canterbury Cathedral. What a lovely day this was: time to explore St Nicholas church and lounge in the sunshine in St Dunstan's Churchyard, chatting and learning methods before walking through the city centre to the Cathedral area. Dan and Barnaby had already rung their fastest handbell quarter peal yet while being driven from our team practice at Boughton to Thanington, and had to take the opportunity of ringing another whilst making their way through the tourist-filled High Street!!



We partook of delicious ice cream to prepare us for the 75 step climb up to the Cathedral ringing room and raised the bells for ringing under the watchful eyes of Neil and Mark. Ringing Rounds and Call Changes on 8, 10 or 12 here before Evensong was a thrill and a "first" for nearly all the youngsters; a great experience which was rounded off for Amber by lowering the tenor. (More photos on the KYR Facebook page)

Thank you to the Tower contacts for making the arrangements, especially to Mark Chittenden-Pile for managing the youngsters so kindly and efficiently at the Cathedral.

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*

Surprise Major Practice—Hadlow-16th June

A lovely summer's evening greeted 13 ringers here; we rang the 4 methods prescribed for the evening: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Superlative, achieving success for those taking early steps in the methods. We rounded off the evening with an attempt at some lively spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Plain and Little Bob!

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*

County 8 Bell Striking Competition—30th June at Aylesford



Tonbridge District entered a team (pictured) for the County 8 Bell Striking Competition at Aylesford on 30th June. The method was Erin Triples, and the team was placed 6th.

Unexpected postcard received from Honolulu



On the reverse it reads :
Dear Robin
We loved your report in the last issue, do come back and ring with us again! It wasn't a dream, you just caught us on our usual Friday Bingo night!
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Edenbridge Tower Outing—9th June

The prospect of a good mix of towers and some new grabs from a neighbouring District in the county enticed a good team out for the Edenbridge outing in early June. First up, we gathered in the lovely town of Wye, which offered a 10 bell ring to start the morning (10; 19-1-8 in D). Happily, the bells were already up, which meant that we could crack on. Some steady rounds were followed up with call changes, well executed by several ringers who hadn't rung on 10 before and then some plain hunting too. Mid-way through four people appeared at the tower door, who turned out to be Belgian tourists, interested to know why the bells were being rung. We spent a few minutes explaining about English ringing, and noted that there was a new peal of bells recently installed at Ypres. The other memorable aspect of Wye was their lovely collection of peal boards, noting 'pure' and 'great' peals, as well as one rung without help of London ringers. Before leaving Wye we had time for a coffee, and I'd recommend the Wye Coffee Shop, just down the far end of Church Road, which produced a good supply of coffee, cake and other refreshments.

Next up was Willesborough (6; 12cwt, approx. in F#), hung anti-clockwise, where we were made very welcome. The ringing encompassed touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob doubles. We were in awe of a 2003 peal recorded on one board - Spliced Doubles, 50 methods and 348 COM - and spent part of lunch trying to understand the enormity of the achievement. After lunch in a friendly pub in Woodchurch, opposite the church, we had to rejig the afternoon programme as we had a hiccup with accessing the Woodchurch tower. Happily, it did afford us more time at Brookland (6; 8-2-0 in A), where the bells are hung in a detached pyramidal wooden tower. The original tower being an open structure housing a single bell from around 1265, which doubled up as a warning bell for floods as well as calling the faithful to church. Ringing included some Stedman Doubles, as well as plain hunting and Grandsire Doubles, and we enjoyed exploring the church and chatting with the local tower contact, Ken Abrey, to learn more about the history of the tower and bells, as well as enjoying the afternoon sunshine with the backdrop of the bells.

❖ **Richard Dyson, Edenbridge**



The Edenbridge outing ends at Brookland

Chocolates and Cheers at Seal Chart

It is sometimes a nice surprise to discover that what we ringers, particularly “veteran” ones, take for granted others find very special. Such was the occasion on Saturday 16th June when Seal St. Lawrence Church celebrated their 150th anniversary.

Eric Roughley called a quarter peal of mixed doubles. Phil Jones, tower captain, rang the tenor whilst Fraser and Dee Clift were in the band; both they and Eric have supported the local ringers over several years. Catherine Heathcote and I completed the band.

After the successful quarter, we were invited into the church, roundly applauded and each presented with a lovely box of handmade Kentish chocolates with Thank You on the top.

The rest of the day was one of celebration for the church, school and congregation and the bells heralded the start of these proceedings. What was obvious to me (as an outsider) was a well established camaraderie that had been developed between congregation and ringers at the church. It was a pleasure to see; would that there were more.

❖ **Tessa Worthington**

Nick died peacefully at home on 16th May aged 77 which, when he had to die, is what he would have wanted. Although he had medical problems with knee replacements and a brain haemorrhage the Coroner declared the cause of death to be a diseased heart.

His medical problems did not prevent him attending practice and Sunday ringing and he was ringing the Sunday before he died. He had a strong belief that Sunday Service ringing was the prime objective of church bellringing.

Nick learnt to ring at Leigh aged 12 and developed close ringing connections with Chiddingstone, Penshurst and Speldhurst. He and his family moved to Speldhurst in 1972 and he soon became Tower Captain, rejuvenating the ringing.

As to Nick “the man” I will share this assessment I received from a ringing friend – “We will all remember Nick for his friendship, his sense of humour, his compassion and sympathy for those in need and his willingness to help others”. I will just add that we have lost a vast source of local knowledge and humour.

Ringing in memory of Nick is reported elsewhere but his favourite method was Grandsire Doubles and it was special to ring this on 1st June, his birthday. There was a good attendance of ringers for his funeral at Chiddingstone with his favourite methods being rung before the service.



Nick was divorced some years ago and leaves behind a Special Friend, two Daughters, and four Grandchildren whom he dearly loved. Also, many friends.

He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

❖ *Eric Roughley, Speldhurst*



IN THE NEXT ISSUE.....

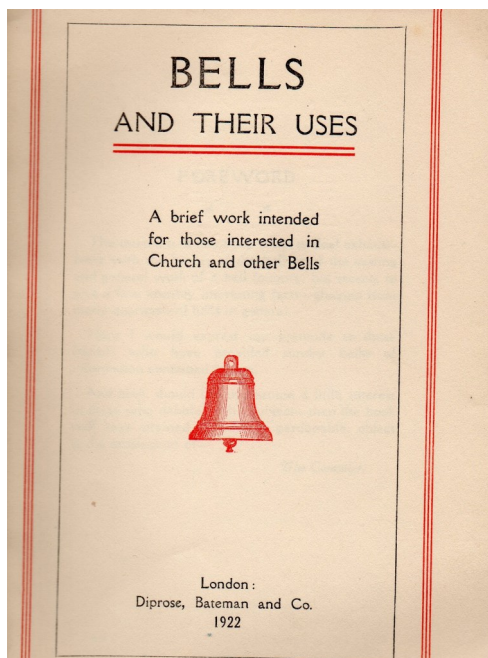
DEAR ANGELA

The consultant editorial team of the Look To have identified the need for a new type of advice column, given the huge amount of feedback received so far.

Less for the technicalities of learning methods, but more for the peripheral and emotional aspects to ringing life. As a consequence ringing Agony Aunt Angela Clark (pictured) looks forward to sorting any of your ringing life problems. A very wise owl, she's seen it, done it, and been there before, so don't be shy to write, as her bedside manner is exemplary.

No Names, No Pack-Drill?

In the last issue I wrote about a book entitled 'Church Bells', which was penned anonymously. It set me thinking why books are written without any acknowledgement of the writer. Is it a sense of modesty, or even embarrassment at having gone into print? Or is it worry that one's errors will be exposed? It can't be the content in the case of bell and ringing books since that is unlikely to be contentious or libellous! Whatever, it doesn't help the bibliophile who is interested in the history of books. I was fortunate to discover the author of 'Church Bells', but it's unlikely that lady luck will smile again for the other unidentified authors of works I've come across. Two of these are described below.



'Bells and Their Uses' is subtitled 'A brief work intended for those interested in Church and other Bells'. It was published in 1922, so there may be a way of checking its history through *The Ringing World* or other publications of the time. The title page, which is very similar to the black and white cover, is illustrated. The printer, Diprose, Bateman and Co., of Sheffield Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, may be a source of information, if records survive.

The Foreword to the book states that "The intention of this book is not to deal exhaustively with the history of the bell or of the casting or general work of a bell foundry, but merely to give a few possibly interesting facts - gleaned from many quarters - of bells in general. And now, should the text arouse a little interest in those who dabble in this subject - then the book will have attained its, perhaps pardonable, object to the satisfaction of - The Compiler". Quite how he or she would learn of this is beyond me - maybe the writer would hover on street corners hoping to catch the words "Have you heard of the latest blockbuster bell book"!

The book is only 32 pages, and it contains words on bell history, bell inscriptions, bell ringing customs, and more. Among the secular uses, the ringing to warn of fire is mentioned, with the inscription on a St. Ives bell - "When backward rung we tell of fire, Think how the world shall thus expire". One at Sherborne Abbey reads "Lord quench this furious flame, Arise, run, help, put out the same". There is scant reference to change ringing, so it must be assumed the scribe was not a ringer.

The second item is a stiff card, folded once, (see facing page) with "Hints for Grandsire Doubles" - no date, but possibly early/mid 20th century, and no indication of its origin. Who knows, it might help some of you endeavouring to master Grandsire.

The lack of an author can be frustrating to the book collector, and likewise the omission of a publication date. An example of the latter is the second edition of Paul Cattermole's 'Church Bells and Bell-Ringing: a Norfolk Profile' ('Look to', Autumn 2016, page 9). The first edition had its publication date of 1990 recorded, but the second, printed on demand, and first produced around 2012, has no date recorded. The book contains the following quotation by Benjamin Mackerell (1737) - "I can make no other Apology for this Book, than that it was written by One who took Pleasure in the Composition; and flatters himself there may be several of his Taste, who may like to peruse Books of this Sort, which hitherto have met with a kind Reception. He is truly sensible what an ill-natur'd World he sends these Sheets into, (viz. to be criticis'd and censured by every One that pleases:) But as there is not one Paragraph in the whole Book but what he can produce authentick Vouchers for, he is in hopes that the candid and unprejudiced Reader

HINTS FOR GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Rule for Hunting up (Behind).

Ring after the bell which rings after you in the previous change. When you are at lead, you have to strike after 4 other bells to get to 5ths place. Listen which is the first bell you strike after on leaving lead: if it is treble, make 3rds and lead again. If you strike after one other bell then treble, dodge up. If you strike after 2 other bells, then treble, dodge down: if after 3 other bells before treble, there is no dodging.

Rule for Hunting down (To lead).

The bell you turn out from behind is your course bell; when you have struck once after her, *your first blow behind*, keep your eye on her and let one bell strike between you and her till you have struck after all the other bells, then strike after her and lead on the hand stroke.

NOTE. You always strike your first blow at lead on the hand, (or up,) stroke—Lead on sally.

Rule for Place-making and Dodging.

When turned out of lead by the treble make 3rds. place and return to lead: *To make a "place" means striking 2 blows in the same position.* The bells in 4-5 dodge. To know when to dodge watch where you pass the treble. When you pass the treble in 2-3, dodge 4-5 up, and pass the treble in 3-4; dodge 4-5 down.

To Dodge up.

Always remember which bell took you off lead. Hunt up as usual and strike one blow in 5ths place. Then one blow in 4ths, after the bell which turned you from lead, then again in 5ths place after the bell you turned out of 5ths (you are dodging with her). The bell you dodge with is your course bell, follow her back to lead as in Rule 2.

To Dodge down.

Hunt up behind in the usual way, and down again after your course bell 2 blows, that is to say—let one bell come between you and the course bell, and then another bell.—*Watch which the bell is that comes in first between*

you and the course bell, as she is the bell you dodge with. You are now striking in 4ths. place, in the next change strike in 5ths place after the bell you are dodging with—then in 4ths place again—always after the treble, and go down to lead, striking after the 2 remaining bells in turn.

To make a Bob.

When bob is called, the bell which is in 2nds place makes 3rds place and returns to lead, and goes into the hunt. The bell that is turned out of lead by the treble makes 3rds place as usual. The bell in 4-5 dodge twice. If you are striking your 2nd blow behind when the call is made, dodge down, and if you are in 4ths place dodge up. *In the latter case if no call was made you would have to dodge down instead of up, and in the former case you would be in the hunt and have no dodging to do if no call was made.*

To make a Single.

The bell that is leading when Single is called makes 2nds place and returns to lead going into the hunt. The bell that is in 2nds place at the call, strikes 4 blows in 3rds place ("long thirds") and returns to lead. Bells in 4-5 dodge as for a bob.

A Bell is said to be in the hunt when she is doing the same work as the treble, as the 2nd does in the plain course. While she is in the hunt the treble is always her course bell.

An up dodge is—one blow in 5ths, one in 4ths, then 2 blows in 5ths and into the hunt.

A down dodge is—2 blows in 5ths one in 4ths, one in 5ths and into the hunt.

A double up dodge—one blow in 5ths, one in 4ths one in 5ths, one in 4ths, two in 5ths and back to lead.

A double down dodge—two blows in 5ths, one in 4ths, one in 5ths, one in 4ths, one in 5ths and back to lead.

will approve of this Performance: If so, then let Criticks snarl, and Censurers cavil; it is the Candid and Ingenuous that I esteem, it matters not much what is said by the Sneerer".

I somehow suspect Paul would not have approved of anonymity, nor of the omission of a date of publication!

Fraser Clift, Kemsing

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.....

Between now and the next edition of Look to :-

11th August **Joint Outing with Lewisham District** London - details of towers and timings on the KCACR website.

1st September **Training Day** - towers to be confirmed

22nd Sept **County 6 bell Striking Comp** Rochester District, draw 9.45am

6th October **Annual District Meeting** Goudhurst, 3.45pm to 8.30pm

RINGING DURING THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2018

PEALS

Kemsing Tuesday 17th April

5040 Surprise Minor

7 methods : 720 each Sandiacre, Carlisle, Cunecastre, London, Warkworth, Bourne, Norwich.

Phillip Barnes 1, Anne Rueff 2, Shirley McGill 3, David Kirkcaldy 4, David Grimwood 5, John Keeler (C) 6.

Rung in memory of Mrs June Barnes (mother of Phillip) on the 10th anniversary of her passing.

Hadlow Saturday 21st April

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composed by C Middleton

Emma Jarvis 1, Janice Byrne 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Howard Rogers 6, Stanley Jenner 7, Daniel Jarvis (C) 8.

Rung to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth's 92nd birthday.

Chevening Sunday 3rd June

5026 Uxbridge Surprise Major

Composed by Alan G Reading

Robert Lane 1, Elizabeth Barnes 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Janice Byrne 4, Pam Thomas 5, Stephen Coaker (C) 6, Phillip Barnes 7, Neil Jones 8.

For Chevening Gardens "N.G.S." open day.

QUARTER PEALS

Kemsing Thursday 29th March

(not reported in previous issue)

1320 Kemsing Alliance Minor

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Howard Rogers 2, Fraser Clift 3, Stephen Coaker (C) 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Pam Thomas 6.

First in the method.

Hadlow Sunday 1st April

1295 Beverley Surprise Minor

Composed by Donald F Morrison

Emma Jarvis 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Thomas Barlow 3, Howard Rogers 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Daniel Jarvis (C) 6.

For Easter.

Cowden Monday 2nd April

1260 April Day Doubles

Andy Wickenden 1, Robin Rouse 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Steve Newlands 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Carl Nightingale 6.

Rung to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force.

First in April Day : all.

Chiddingstone Tuesday 3rd April

1260 Grandsire Triples

Laura Byrne 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Nicholas Byrne 3, Janice Byrne 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Stella Wooldridge 6, John Palmer 7, T David Roughley 8.

In memory of Lance Corporal William

Whitelaw, a Chiddingstone ringer, who made the supreme sacrifice on 3rd April 1918, aged 25.

He is commemorated at Pozieres Memorial, France.

Hever Tuesday 3rd April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Richard Barclay (C) 1, Jane Rosam 2, Kate Wills 3, Stephanie Rueff 4, Patrick Wills 5, Jack Read 6.

First quarter : 6. Rung in memory of Lance Corporal William Whitelaw, who died 3rd April 1918 aged 25. Royal Sussex Regiment 11th Battalion. Service No.SD/1923. Commemorated at Pozieres Memorial, France, Panel 46 and 47. Son of Henry Whitelaw and Elizabeth Whitelaw of the Gardeners House, Hever Castle, Kent. At the time of the 1911 census he was working as a gardener at Hever Castle. Born: Wrestlingworth, Beds. Enlisted: Hastings. Resided (1911 census): The Bothy, Hever Castle, Kent.

Tonbridge Sunday 8th April

1282 Rutland Surprise Major

Composed by J W Holdsworth

Janice Byrne 1, Pam Thomas 2, Philip Jarvis 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Darren Elphick 6, Stephen Coaker 7, Daniel Jarvis (C) 8.

First in method : 3 and 8

Kemsing Monday 9th April

1260 Doubles

60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob

Jenny Williamson 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Martin Whitehead 6.

Rung in memory of Phillip Fenn, the fourteenth of twenty Kemsing men to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.

Chiddingstone Thursday 12th April

1260 Grandsire Triples

Julie Richardson 1, Frances James 2, David James 3, Anthony Leeves 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, John Palmer 6, Eric Roughley (C) 7, Emma Tamkin 8.

In memory of Private Ernest Huntley, Grenadier Guards, a Chiddingstone bellringer, who made the supreme sacrifice on 13th April 1918. He is commemorated at Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

Seal Chart Saturday 14th April

1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor

Caroline Levy-Cooper 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Julie McDonnell 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Eric Roughley 5, Rupert Cheeseman (C) 6.

Sevenoaks Saturday 14th April

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Julie McDonnell 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Emma Tamkin 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Carl Nightingale 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Michael Stuttard 8.

First of triples inside : 6

200th quarter peal : 2

Celebrating the 22nd wedding anniversary of Caroline and Michael (2 and 8) on Friday 13th April 2018.

Brasted Sunday 15th April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jenny Cowan 1, Mike Worthington 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Jamie Austin (C) 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Steve Newlands 6.

First on working bell : 1

Chevening Friday 20th April

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Julie Richardson 1, Janice Byrne 2, Ann Jenner 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, Peter Richardson 5, Eric Roughley 6, Thomas Barlow 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

With best wishes to Katy Scott (daughter of Carole Cresswell, Tower Captain at Chevening) on her 50th birthday today.

Cowden Monday 23rd April

1320 Doubles

480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 840 Plain Bob

Clive Lumsden 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Steve Newlands 5, Andy Wickenden 6.

Rung to celebrate St George's Day, and to congratulate the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their second son.

Leigh Wednesday 25th April

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Julie Richardson 1, Frances James (C) 2, David James 3, Peter Richardson 4, Nigel Boorman 5, Richard Young 6.

Rung to celebrate the 20th Wedding anniversary of 2 and 3.

100th Quarter together : 2 and 3.

Brenchley Saturday 28th April

1344 Plain Bob Major

Emma Jarvis 1, Stephanie Runting 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Alexander Runting 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Darren Elphick 6, Terence Barnard 7, Daniel Jarvis (C) 8.

First quarter including singles : 2

Chevening Monday 30th April

1264 Plain Bob Major

Pam Thomas 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Fraser Clift 3, Ann Jenner 4, Janice Byrne 5, Eric Roughley 6, Anthony Leeves (C) 7, Stanley Jenner 8.

Kemsing Wednesday 2nd May

1320 Beverley Surprise Minor

Dee Clift 1, Pam Thomas 2, Laura Byrne 3, Janice Byrne 4, Fraser Clift 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6.

First in method : 3

Tonbridge, 2A Cranford Road Thursday 3rd May

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

Otford Sunday 6th May

1260 Doubles

300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Stephanie Runting 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Alexander Runting 5, Martin Whitehead 6.

Rung, following some call changes called by Daniel Tierney, to celebrate the confirmation today of nine members of St Bartholomew's, including Daniel's sister Emily, and Alexander and Stephanie.

Chevening Friday 18th May

1260 Grandsire Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Janice Byrne 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Steve Newlands 4, Lesley Barclay 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6, Terence Barnard 7, Tony Cresswell 8.

Rung following 24 hours of prayer for the Archbishop's "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative.

Kemsing Friday 18th May

1260 Doubles

300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob

Sue Gillett 1, Jenny Williamson 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Ralph Harding 6.

Rung in fond memory of Ron Bangay, one of the original 1991 band at Kemsing, who died on 22nd April 2018, aged 93. A grand sire.

Cowden Saturday 19th May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Lizzie Longhurst 1, Steve Newlands 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Richard Dyson 4, Andy Wickenden 5, Clive Lumsden 6.

Rung to celebrate the marriage today of HRH Prince Henry of Wales with Ms Meghan Markle.

East Peckham Saturday 19th May

1269 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Alison Gerrish 1, Pat Phipps 2, Graham Heath 3, Darren Elphick 4, Julian Lees 5, Neil Jones (C) 6.

For the forthcoming marriage of Harry and Meghan at Windsor today.

Leigh Saturday 19th May

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Eric Roughley 1, Emma Tamkin 2, Julie Richardson 3, Frances James 4, Peter Richardson 5, David James (C) 6.

First of surprise : 2

In memory of Nicholas Butcher who died on 16th May aged 77. He learnt to ring in this tower at the age of 12.

Edenbridge Sunday 20th May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Kathy Staff 1, Douglas James 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Andrew Wickenden 4, Richard Dyson (C) 5, Clive Lumsden 6.

Rung to mark Pentecost Evensong.

Speldhurst Monday 21st May

1260 Shifnal Alliance Major

Emma Tamkin 1, Pam Thomas 2, Peter Richardson 3, Eric Roughley 4, Jennifer Thomas 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Janice Byrne 7, Anthony Leeves (C) 8.

In fond memory of Nicholas Butcher, ringer and former tower captain at Speldhurst, who died last week.

Tonbridge Sunday 27th May

1440 Rossendale Surprise Minor

Stephen Coaker (C) 1, Pam Thomas 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Darren Elphick 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Daniel Jarvis 6.

Tunbridge Wells Wednesday 30th May

1260 Doubles

600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob

Tessa Worthington 1, Oliver Engleback 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, John Palmer 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Ian Cochrane 6.

75th birthday compliment to Ian and David Cochrane.

Hadlow Sunday 3rd June

1260 Stedman Triples

James Evans 1, Ann Jenner 2, Emma Jarvis 3, Frances James 4, Darren Elphick 5, Daniel Jarvis 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Philip Jarvis 8.

For Compline.

Chiddingstone Thursday 7th June

1260 Grandsire Triples

Pam Thomas 1, Janice Byrne 2, Stella Wooldridge 3, Robert Everest 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Fraser Clift 6, John Palmer 7, Nick Byrne 8.

A celebration of the life of Nicholas Butcher whose funeral service and interment took place at this church today.

Chevening Friday 8th June

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

Cambridge, Cornwall, Yorkshire

Eric Roughley 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Janice Byrne 4, Pam Thomas 5, Anthony Leeves 6, Thomas Barlow 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

Goudhurst Saturday 9th June

1280 Quedgeley Surprise Major

Composed by Richard I Allton

Emma Jarvis 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Matthew Jerome 4, Darren Elphick 5, Philip Jarvis 6, Richard Barclay 7, Daniel Jarvis (C) 8.

Tonbridge Sunday 10th June

1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

Steve Newlands 1, Janice Byrne 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Pam Thomas 4, Stephen Coaker 5, Darren Elphick (C) 6.

Rung to mark the Golden Wedding anniversary of Colin and Angela Clark, married on 1st June 1968.

Horsmonden Monday 11th June

1260 St Simon's Bob Triples

Pat Phipps 1, Alison Gerrish 2, Graham Heath 3, Shona Clark 4, Richard Young 5, Chris Trafford 6, Darren Elphick (C) 7, Julian Lees 8.

4th birthday compliment to Lily Gerrish, (12/6) granddaughter of Alison.

Seal Chart Saturday 16th June

1260 Doubles

240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire
Dee Clift 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Phil Jones 6.

Rung for the 150th anniversary of the Church and School.

Oxford Saturday 16th June

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Tony Cresswell 1, Michael Worthington 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Astrid Fairclough 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Fraser Clift (C) 6.

For the St Bartholomew's Church Fair.

First Minor : 1

Hever Sunday 17th June

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Serafina Wilson 1, Alison Wilson 2, Stephanie Rueff 3, Jane Rosam 4, Richard Barclay (C) 5, Jack Read 6.

Rung to celebrate the marriage yesterday of Andrew and Roxanne Barclay.

Speldhurst Monday 18th June

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Roberta Weatherley 1, Steve Newlands 2, Eric Roughley 3, Janice Byrne (C) 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Crispin Saunders 6.

First quarter : 1

Oxford Tuesday 19th June

1260 Doubles

120 Stedman, 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, St Martin's, St Simon's, 180 Plain Bob

Eric Roughley 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Fraser Clift 3, Steve Newlands 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, Janice Byrne 6.

First Stedman inside : 4

Edenbridge Friday 22nd June

1260 Grandsire Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Robin Rouse 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Janice Byrne 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Emma Tamkin 6, Anthony Leeves 7, Carl Nightingale 8.

First inside to method : 2

Chevening Sunday 24th June

1260 Grandsire Triples

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Ann Jenner 2, Tessa Worthington 3, Stephanie Rueff 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Richard Barclay 6, Stanley Jenner (C) 7, Tony Cresswell 8.

For Confirmation Service

Tonbridge Sunday 24th June

1280 London Surprise Major

Catherine Heathcote 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Eric Roughley 3, Thomas Barlow 4, Janice Byrne 5, Pam Thomas 6, Robert Lane 7, Stephen Coaker (C) 8.

Completes the Standard 8 to quarter peals : 7

Hadlow Monday 25th June

1312 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Alison Gerrish 1, Graham Heath 2, Pat Phipps 3, Richard Young 4, Stephen Trafford 5, Doug Davis 6, Julian Lees 7, Darren Elphick (C) 8.

Birthday compliments to Jean Young, mother of the 4th

Cowden Saturday 30th June

1260 Doubles

540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 720 Plain Bob

Robin Rouse 1, Andy Wickenden 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Oliver Engleback 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Steve Newlands 6.

First quarter including Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place : 4

Rung before the Cowden Fete and to wish Robin a very happy birthday.

MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Robin Rouse

First of April Day

First Grandsire Triples inside

Louise Nightingale

First of April Day and as conductor

Caroline Levy-Cooper

First of April Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Steve Newlands

First Stedman inside
First of April Day

Jack Read

First quarter peal

Philip Jarvis

First Rutland Surprise Major

Daniel Jarvis

First Rutland Surprise Major

Carl Nightingale

First of triples inside

Caroline Stockmann

200th Quarter Peal

Jenny Cowan

First on working bell

Laura Byrne

First Beverley Surprise Minor

Emma Tamkin

First surprise minor

Tony Cresswell

First of minor

Roberta Weatherley

First quarter peal

Oliver Engleback

First quarter including Reverse Canterbury PP



The Charmborough Ring

Thinking of an event to attract the public?

- Recruiting drives
- Training courses
- Public demonstrations

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

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

Enquiries to: hiring@charmborough.org

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Quarterly Training Day

1st September 2018

As usual students may request training in any of our “**standard**” topics. These are:

- Rounds and call changes
- Plain hunt / Ropesight
- Plain Bob Doubles
- Grandsire Doubles
- Treble Bob Hunting

Please remember to check the course requirements (Getting the most from your training day) on the Tonbridge district training page on <http://kcacr.org.uk/getting-the-most-from-your-training-day/> and get back to me if you have any queries or need help meeting the requirements.

In addition we are offering a session on Stedman Doubles

For : Students who can competently ring touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and want to move on to Stedman **or**

Students who can competently ring touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and are struggling to master Stedman and need focussed practice.

Courses will be arranged subject to demand and availability of helpers and towers. **Please assist by making requests for places as soon as possible, as last minute requests are unlikely to be met.**

Places should be requested from Mike Worthington at :
tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk

❖ *Mike Worthington*

Embroidered KCACR clothing



Colours, sizes and prices

T-shirt (R180M) £18

XS: As below, but not Convo grey

S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Azure blue, Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convo grey, French navy, Light oxford, Pure gold, Purple, Sky, White, Winter emerald, Yellow

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

Short sleeve polo shirt (539M) £18

XS, S, M, L, XL, 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, S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright red, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, French navy, Light oxford, Purple, Sky, Winter emerald

3XL, 4XL: Bottle green, Bright royal, French navy

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

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL (and 3XL, 4XL in full zip only): Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, Burgundy, Classic red, Convo grey, French navy

New Hoodie straight no zip (575M) £28

XS, S, M, L, XL, 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, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL: Apple, Black, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Fuchsia, Purple, Sky, White

New Hoodie shaped full zip (266M) £27

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL: Black, Bright royal, Classic red, French navy, Fuchsia, Light oxford.

Note on reds: Bright red is more orange and Classic red is more "blue".

Other items: Children's sizes, women's sizes (more fitted and usually less suitable for ringing) and other items are in the catalogue, which is available at District Quarterlies.

Ordering: An order is usually sent after each quarterly providing there are enough items otherwise there may be delay. Orders always welcome.

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