

Look to



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR

2013 FIRST QUARTER EDITION

Annual District Meeting



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THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING was held on Saturday 6th October at Sts Peter and Paul Edenbridge. Ringing Master Tim ran the ringing, accommodating all abilities and culminating in a service touch of a bob course of Stedman Triples.

During tea, a hearty rendering of 'Happy Birthday' was conveyed to Alex Staff in Sweden via Kathy's mobile phone.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Tessa Worthington, was given to the Revd Stephen Mitchell who took the service, Bob Dunn who played the organ, Sheila Parrish and members of the Edenbridge band for laying on a sumptuous tea, and to Richard Dyson and Kathy Staff for making the arrangements.

The meeting, chaired by Eric Roughley, opened with a minute's silence in memory of Doris Colgate and Sheila Dobbie.

Four new members were elected. Gillian Bone from Penshurst, and James Baldock, Scott Baldock, and Thomas Parrish from Edenbridge.

Mike Bullett presented the Treasurer's report noting a decrease (again) in the Spliced Fund. He encouraged all towers who do not participate, to charge an extra £10 for each wedding to be donated to the Spliced Fund and thence to the Bell Restoration Fund.

Following the sad death of Sheila Dobbie (see obituary in previous *Look to*) we have no contact with West Peckham which has no local band and is looked after by the Mereworth ringers. Preliminary soundings suggest that Mereworth ringers and Maidstone District see the logic of transferring West Peckham to Maidstone District and this suggestion was approved by the meeting.

The new District committee was elected:

Chairman: Angela Clark

Secretary: Tony Cresswell

Treasurer: Mike Bullett

Ringing Masters: Catherine Heathcote & Tim Lynch

District Reps on KCACR General Committee:

Eric Roughley & Mike Worthington

Look to editor: Phil Jones

Ringling resumed after the meeting and included call changes, Grandsire Triples, Yorkshire, and Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

Forthcoming events...

between now and the next edition of Look to

Trivia Evening Hildenborough Village Hall

7.15PM Saturday 19th January 2013

Evening Practice Lamberhurst

7-9PM Saturday 2nd February 2013

Surprise Minor / Major Practice Chevening

7-9PM Saturday 16th February 2013

Training Day

Rounds & call changes; Plain Bob Doubles

Saturday 2nd March 2013 venue T.B.A.

contact Astrid Fairclough:

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County AGM Canterbury District

Monday 1st April All Saints Birchington

see KCACR website for details & list of towers open

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October 2012 to October 2013

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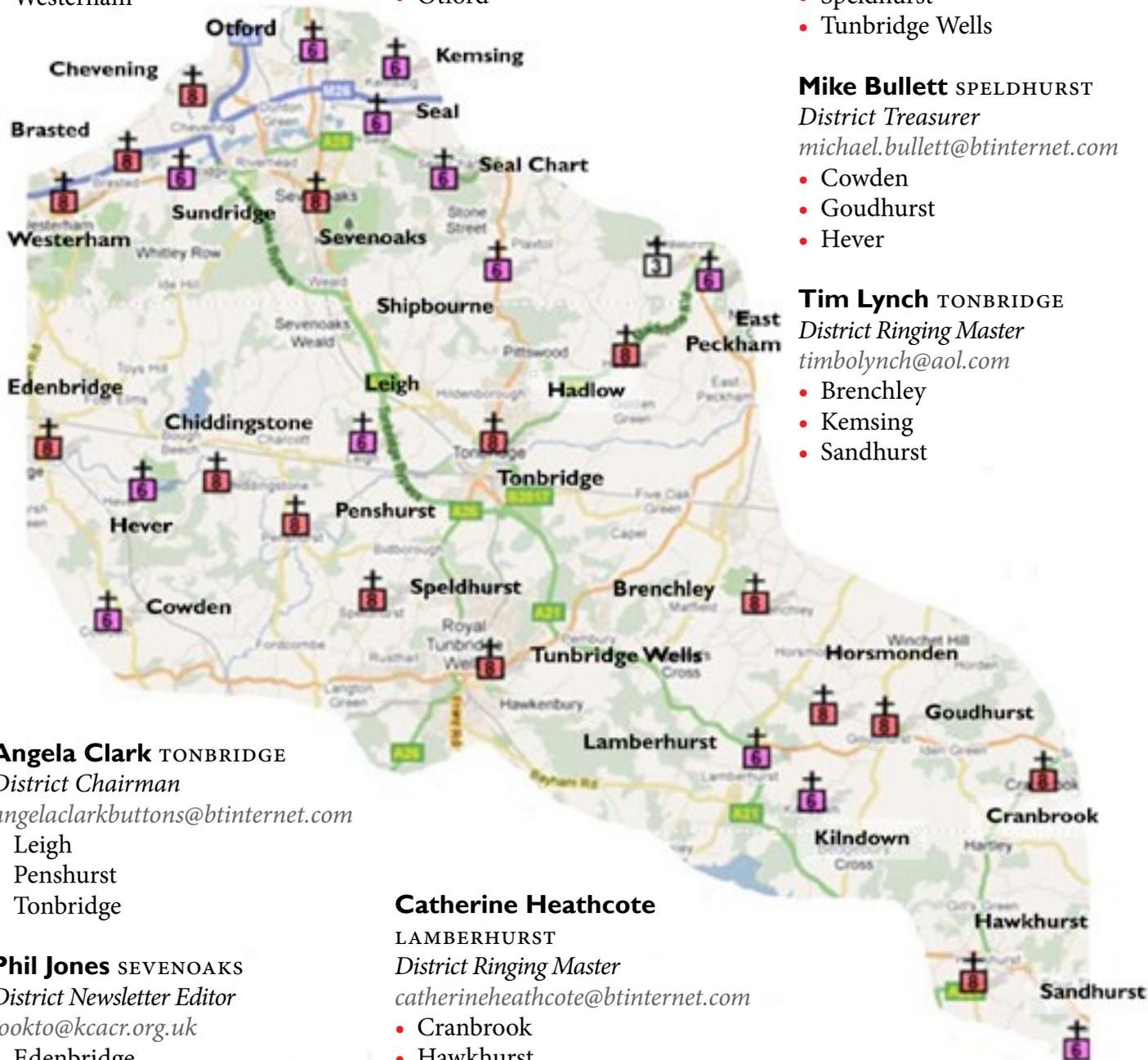
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- Hawkhurst
- Horsmonden
- Kilndown
- Lamberhurst

District Carol Service

Leigh, 8th December

LEIGH WAS THE VENUE for this year's District carol service on 8th December which drew a reasonable attendance of around 50.

Our Ringing Masters organized ringing that preceded the service, following which, mulled wine à la Lewis and mince pies were enjoyed before further ringing.

Thanks must go to all who contributed to the success of the occasion and to Mike Bullett for organizing.

Braumeister Frank tops up Tim, whilst Chairman Angela ponders the mince pies.
PHOTOS: FRANK LEWIS



I20 Club

draws for the fourth quarter of 2012

October double prize

Sevenoaks 1
Oxford 16
Chevening 7

November

Chevening 94
Hadlow 70
Chevening 30

December

Brenchley 27
Westerham 128
Leigh 86

Training Days

THE NEXT TRAINING DAY will be on Saturday 2nd March for students wishing to learn or improve either **Rounds and Call Changes**, or **Plain Bob Doubles**.

Training Days usually run between 9.30am and 1pm. There is a brief theory session to start, a coffee break mid-morning and two sessions of ringing. Each student has the opportunity throughout the day to ring individually with six other experienced ringers.

The sessions are all lead by an experienced 'Ringing Master' and are tailored to the needs of each student. It is possible to accommodate three students at each tower.

Please let me know if you would like to attend:
tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk

❖ *Astrid Fairclough*

Apologies...

In the last issue of *Look to*, Jacqui Fletcher should have been credited and thanked for supplying the 1979 edition of the *Courier* that carried the photograph of the Tonbridge band.

How many Ups and Downs? The Raising and Lowering training day.

TIM LYNCH: Hiya. How is it going?

BRIDGETTE: Still got all my fingers and haven't knocked anyone's glasses off yet!

TIM: Yay! And still at it? How many ups and downs?

BRIDGETTE: Lost track of how many times. Very good day. I have been in a group with Catherine who was on the London outing.

TIM: Catherine Lewis? Rings at Brasted.

BRIDGETTE: Yep. She co-wrote the book you gave me. Very patient teacher.

TIM: Mixing with the famous then.

Text conversation between myself and Tim Lynch, the Tower Captain at my home tower.

On Saturday 27th October a group of shivering ringers waited in the freezing cold outside St Nicholas Church in Leeds village and it wasn't much warmer inside the church!

The day started with a demonstration of raising and lowering by Catherine Lewis with expert commentary by Daniel Brady. They made it look far too easy...

After splitting into small groups (I headed for the group of complete novices tutored by Catherine) we all got to have a go at it. This is where we found out just how easy Catherine had made it look and how difficult it was in reality. My biggest challenge was making the

loops when lowering the bell. I discovered just how little co-ordination I really have.

Catherine was extremely patient and by the end of the morning we were all feeling much more confident. A much needed pub lunch fuelled us up for an afternoon full of more practise.

It was an extremely enjoyable and useful day and I would like to thank all those who gave up their Saturday to tutor us.

I came away with all my fingers intact and a lot more confidence to tackle raising and lowering in my home tower (Tonbridge).

❖ *Bridgette Jefferis*

Around the District

The sound of bells at Tunbridge Wells – again

THE FESTIVE SPIRIT came to a somewhat sad and unused belfry on the evening of 23rd December as a group of us met to ring for the candlelight carol service at St Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

There being no regular band it was an unusual event for us and the regular church goers. One or two had never rung there before and the 'learner' amongst us made us up into a very creditable rounds and call change band when we rang all eight.

The sound of the bells was obviously unusual enough for a group of adults and six children to come and see what we were up to and how we made the bells ring.

Some of us stayed for the carol service with coffee and mince pies afterwards. We also made our number with the local incumbent in order to maybe smooth the way for a regular Sunday service ring perhaps once per month in the future. Watch this space...

So thank you to those who took part – you know who you are! I am sure the bells enjoyed being rung for a service in the run-up to Christmas and we may even have got away with no complaints from the neighbours this time.

❖ *Tessa Worthington*

A touch of seasonal nonsense

IN THE IMMORTAL WORDS of Eric and Ernie, all the letters are there, but not necessarily in the right order. Most (but not actually all) of the odd names and places are anagrams of real people and places in the Tonbridge District (aka *ostrich bedding titter* or even *dotting tetchier birds*). Even the tower photo has a sort of relevance.



On Monday 1 April 2028
a quarter peal of
1260 Unimpressive Beer Lorry
(comp Nannys Leerjet)
will be rung by the following

Grouch Eerily	Treble
Bugaboo Birch File	2
Teach Erotic Heathen	3
Newish Treacle	4
Ingrown Kite-Moth	5
Octyl Hymn Hit	Tenor

Conducted by Octyl Hymn Hit

On the Feast of St Walaric
to mark the 80th birthday of
Eat Nosh Evenly

Sir F Fractal would like to be associated
with this quarter, but he will be too busy
with his worst ectoderms to take part

St Vinegary Mirth
Burrs Hamlet

Solution to be posted on the KCACR website – but NB – no prizes!

❖ *Frank Lewis*

The annual Cowden Outing – Hops & Ghosts...

ON 10TH NOVEMBER, later than usual as the clocks had gone back, we set off towards the hopfields of Kent for the annual Cowden outing. First off St Margaret's Barming (9-3-7). A lovely peal of six rung from a raised chamber, the church being situated on the edge of Maidstone but surrounded by open fields!

Next stop St Bartholomew at Bobbing (8-2-21) – a nice ring of six, but not quite enough preparation for the following heavy eight in St Michaels Sittingbourne (19-0-6)!

So very enjoyable about this outing was the fact that the six of us from Cowden were joined by friends from Edenbridge, Hever, Lingfield and of course our very own tower steward and district treasurer – Mike Bullet! – resulting in a fantastic eighteen ringers in total. A good few of these are in the earlyish stages of their ringing careers and used to mainly six-bell ringing – so Sittingbourne proved quite a challenge! I'm sure the Chamber of Commerce was delighted as all the shoppers dived for cover...!

A sumptuous lunch at The Sun, Faversham was followed by a visit to the very scenic setting of Sts Peter and Paul, Boughton-under-Blean (11-0-6), where some very respectable eight-bell ringing was enjoyed by all.



Last and by no means least was St Nicholas, Pluckley (12-3-25). Arriving in the dark and to our surprise, we found the bells half muffled in preparation for the following morning remembrance service. This of course just added to the atmosphere – the rumour being that Pluckley is the most haunted village in England!

Thanks go to Clive Lumsden for organising another great trip and a thank you to my fellow ringers for putting up with my first 'tower captain' experience as I stood in for our own Caroline Levy-Cooper.

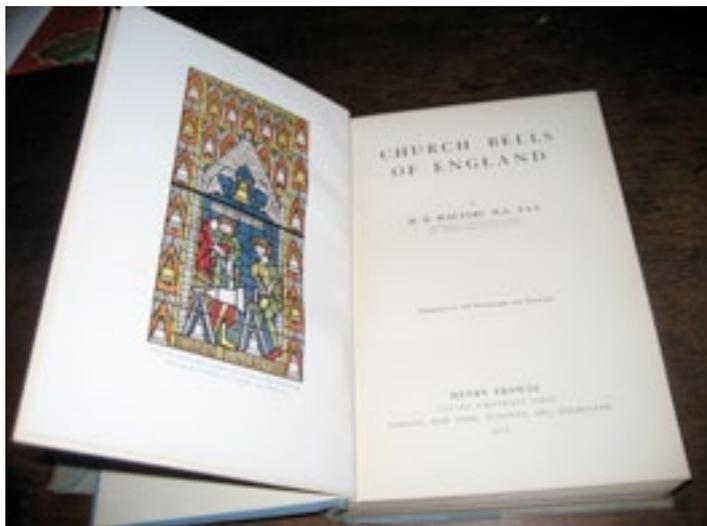
❖ *Andy Wickenden*

Fraser's Book Corner

'Church Bells of England' by H. B. Walters – the elusive dust jacket

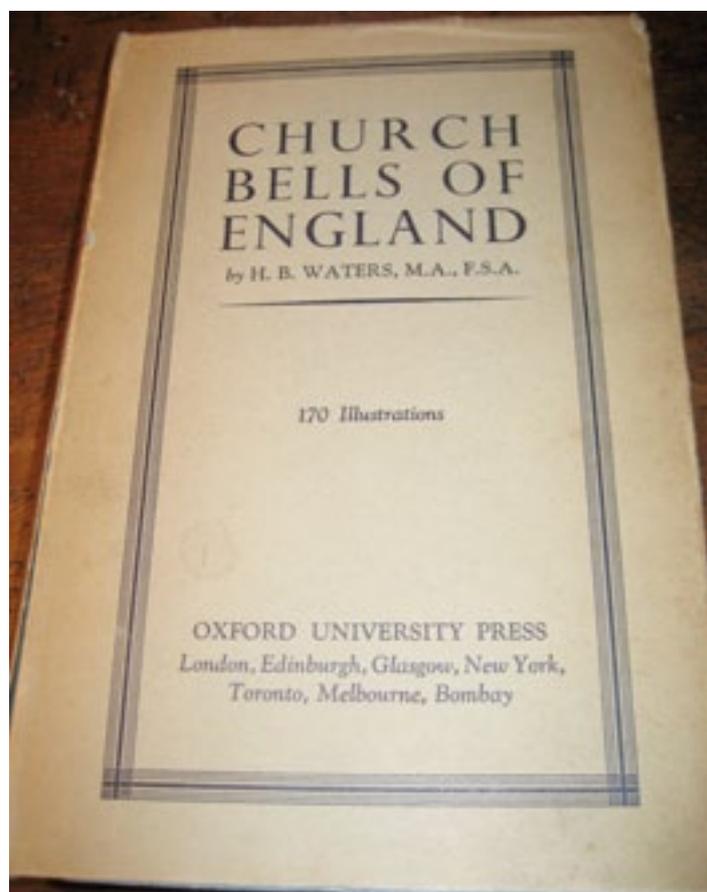
HENRY BEAUCHAMP WALTERS (1867–1944) was an archaeologist and antiquarian, whose working life was spent at the British Museum. He eventually became Assistant Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities. He supervised archaeological digs at an early age, and produced numerous papers, catalogues, and books on his professional interests.

Away from work, although not a ringer, he was fascinated by church bells, producing works on the church bells of Essex (1909), Shropshire (1915), Warwickshire (1910), Wiltshire (1927–9), and Worcestershire (1932). He authored small books on church bells for Mowbray's *Arts of the Church* series (1908), and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in 1937, but probably his best known bell book was his *Church Bells of England*, published by Henry Frowde of the Oxford University Press (OUP) in 1912. This is a very comprehensive book, with chapters on founding, ringers, ringing, uses, dedications, and inscriptions. The final chapter is entitled 'Campanology as a Pursuit', and is concerned with the study of bells, rather than the more recent usage of the word as 'the art of bellringing'.



I have collected books on bells and ringing on and off for over fifty years, and I was always intrigued that I'd never seen a copy of this book with a dust jacket (DJ). That is until fairly recently. When I did discover one, I was surprised to see it catalogued as being by H. B. Walters, and assumed this was a typo by the bookseller. Having purchased the book I was amazed to find the DJ was printed H. B. Waters on the front cover and the spine – the bookseller having failed to check the name on the title page, given correctly as H. B. Walters!

The reason for there being very few copies around with DJs may be because the book is fairly heavy, and the DJ is not made of very strong paper. However, my own view is that when the mistake was discovered



the publisher frantically tried to recall all the DJs, but a few were missed. I spoke to the OUP Archivist, who thought Henry Frowde would have been distraught on learning of the error – he was apparently a very proud man who endeavoured to produce the highest quality books. In his defence he was not a well man at the time, and, indeed, retired in 1913, due to his ill health.

I visited the OUP Archives in Oxford this year (the day before the Otford outing to Oxford) in an effort to confirm my idea, but, sadly, many of the OUP records, then in London, were destroyed in a bombing raid in the Second World War, and the letter books which remain make no mention of the mistake. I did learn that only 2000 copies of the book were produced, and the actual publication date was 9th January 1913, although the title page states 1912.

Henry Frowde's letter books reveal the following:

16th August 1912, to a Mr Hutchinson

'Unfortunately I was not within reach, having gone away, owing to failing health.'

30th January 1913 to Mr Hart (Printer)

'...and I hope that during the little time that remains to me...'

8th March 1913, letters sent to numerous people regarding Henry Frowde's retirement.

Notwithstanding the above letters, I believe Henry Frowde, born in 1841, lived on to 1927.

❖ *Fraser Clift*

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Peals

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2012

Brasted

Tuesday 13th November
in 3.00 (9-2-2)

5024 Lincolnshire S

Major *Composed by*

J. W. Belshaw

1 Frank Lewis

2 Anne Rueff

3 Catherine Lewis

4 David Finch

5 Edward Manley

6 David Kirkcaldy

7 James W. Belshaw [c]

8 Stephanie J Pattenden

Rung to mark the patronal

festival, and with the

band's best wishes to Ron

Diserens for a speedy

return to peal ringing.

Surrey Association

Sevenoaks

Saturday 20th October in
2 hours 52 minutes (16)

5054 Superlative

Surprise Major

Composed by A. J. Cox

1 Jennifer Dearie

2 Rosemary Cox

3 Christopher Cooper

4 Philip Down

5 Peter Watson

6 Michael Wake

7 Alan Pink [c]

8 Roy Cox

In memory of Doris

Colgate, past president

of the Ladies Guild and

a ringer at Sevenoaks for

very many years.

Sussex County Association

Quarter Peals

Rung during the fourth quarter of 2012

Sevenoaks

Sunday, 7th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Caroline Stockmann

2 Tessa Worthington

3 Astrid Fairclough [c]

4 Isabel Pearce

5 Michael Worthington

6 Phil Jones

On the occasion of the

80th birthday of Anita

Stockmann and 90th

birthday of Catharina

Hendriks (mother of

Caroline and her cousin).

First quarter peal away

from cover for the treble.

Kemsing

Tuesday, 9th October

1260 Doubles

(1 principle, 3 methods)

60 Stedman,

240 Grandsire,

480 St Simon's, 480 PB

1 Dee Clift

2 Bobbie Fairclough

3 Rebecca Prinsloo

4 Fraser Clift [c]

5 Godfrey Croughton

6 Sue Gillett

Rung to celebrate the life

of Monty Parkin (1943–

2012), of Kemsing – artist,

poet, musician, author,

historian, and much more.

Sevenoaks

Thursday, 11th October

1456 Plain Bob Major

1 Frank Lewis

2 Tessa Worthington

3 Isabel Pearce

4 Ray Taylor

5 Catherine Lewis

6 Anthony Leeves

7 Michael Worthington

8 Stanley Jenner [c]

A thanksgiving for the life

of Doris Colgate.

Tonbridge

Sunday, 14th October

1300 Doubles (4m/1p/1v)

60 changes Stedman, 240

St Martin's, St Simon's,

Plain Bob, 280 April Day,

240 Grandsire

1 Hamilton Woods

2 Tim Lynch [c]

3 Jacqui Fletcher

4 Martin Willson

5 Rhoda Willson

6 Gordon Hill

For evening service.

With congratulations to

Katie Lynch on her 21st

birthday.

Brasted

Sunday 14th October

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1 Juliet Austin

2 Frank Lewis

3 Catherine Heathcote

4 Tessa Worthington

5 Ben Rogers

6 Catherine Lewis [c]

7 Mike Worthington

8 Dan Bishop

An 80th birthday compli-

ment to Pamela Hazle.

Sponsored for Save the

Children.

1st on 8 away from cover: 5

Speldhurst

Monday 29th October

1296 St Clement's

College Bob Major

1 Bobbie Fairclough

2 Tessa Worthington

3 Eric Roughley

4 Catherine Lewis

5 Michael Bullett

6 Catherine Heathcote

7 Anthony Leeves [c]

8 Frank Lewis

Sevenoaks

Sunday 4th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Diana Taylor

2 Tessa Worthington

3 Bobbie Fairclough

4 Isabel Pearce

5 Astrid Fairclough [c]

6 David Cochrane

Rung to celebrate the life

of Doris Colgate, a mem-

ber of this band for over

70 years.

Speldhurst

Sunday 4th November

1260 Stedman Triples

1 Eric Roughley

2 Catherine Lewis

3 Janice Byrne

4 Stella Wooldridge

5 Michael Bullett

6 Frank Lewis

7 Anthony Leeves [c]

8 Crispin Saunders

For evensong.

Tunbridge Wells

Saturday 10th November

1300 Doubles

(120 Stedman

1180 Grandsire)

1 David W. Threlfall

2 Michael P. Moreton

3 Hugo Tracey

4 Roderic K. Bickerton

5 Oliver Thompson [c]

6 Ian Cochrane

Hever

Saturday 10th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Michael Moreton

2 David W. Threlfall

3 Oliver Thompson

4 Hugo Tracey [c]

5 Roderic K Bickerton

6 Ian Cochrane

Tonbridge

Sunday 11th November

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Pam Thomas
- 2 Angela Clark
- 3 Helen Longley
- 4 Martin Willson
- 5 Jacqui Fletcher
- 6 Rhoda Willson
- 7 Tim Lynch [c]
- 8 Gordon Hill

For evening service. In celebration of the birth of Georgina Florence Bridges on 4th November, second granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

Brasted

Sunday 18th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Sarah Hope
- 2 Janice Byrne
- 3 Rebecca Stuttard
- 4 Frank Lewis
- 5 Catherine Lewis [c]
- 6 Ben Rogers

For evensong.

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Otford

Sunday 25th November

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Jess Bache
- 2 Yvonne Cooper
- 3 Frank Lewis
- 4 Rebecca Stuttard
- 5 Catherine Lewis (C)
- 6 Dan Bishop

Rung for the Otford Christmas festival and to celebrate the life of Anita Johnson, mother of Jane Cave of Mille Fleurs.

Hever

Saturday 8th December

1272 Kent TB Minor

- 1 David Threlfall
- 2 Mike Wigney (C)
- 3 Edmund Hartley
- 4 Monica Trow
- 5 Marisa Hayes
- 6 Hugo Tracey

On Hugo's quarter peal day – no. 3.

Cowden

Saturday 8th December

1260 St Clements College

Bob Minor

- 1 Monica Trow
- 2 David Threlfall
- 3 Mike Wigney [c]
- 4 Edmund Hartley
- 5 Richard Wallis
- 6 Hugo Tracey

On Hugo's quarter peal day – no. 3.

Brasted

Sunday 16th December

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Eric Roughley
- 2 Yvonne Cooper
- 3 Bobbie Fairclough
- 4 John Palmer
- 5 Ben Rogers
- 6 Catherine Lewis [c]
- 7 Anthony Leeves
- 8 Frank Lewis

For the Carol Service.

Otford

Saturday 22nd December

1260 PB Minor

- 1 Bobbie Fairclough
- 2 Frank Lewis
- 3 Tessa Worthington
- 4 Ben Rogers
- 5 Catherine Lewis [c]
- 6 Mike Worthington

In memory of Nurse Jacintha Saldanha who sadly took her own life.

Speldhurst

Saturday 22nd December

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Jillian Ruch
- 2 Peter Ruch
- 3 Elizabeth Ruch
- 4 Christopher Ruch
- 5 Eric Roughley [c]
- 6 Michael Bullett
- 7 Anthony Leeves
- 8 Nicholas Butcher

Look to

Please feel free to send a photo (email or hard-copy) with your article to Phil Jones: lookto@kcacr.org.uk or 1 Cedar Terrace Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3UD

The deadline for copy for the next edition is Friday 22nd March.

Anything submitted after this time may still have a chance of inclusion, but cannot be guaranteed space.

always needs your articles to fill its pages! Whoever you are, wherever you ring, whatever you ring, feel free to send in contributions on:

- your tower outing (and a photo or two!)
- your ringing tips & hints & questions you might want answered
- historical snippets from your tower
- anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- other announcements

The Cinque Ports Ringing Centre at Dover

Rope Splicing

Saturday 26 January 2013 from 2 to 5 pm

Learn how to make a long and a short splice, and how to decide which one to use.

Course tutors: Chris and Sue Bassett

Bring your own:

- sharp knife
- cutting board
- a piece of rope (about 1m - 1.5m)
- Swedish fid rope-splicing tool

Fids may be bought for £6 if pre-ordered at the time of booking. None is available for loan.

A stock of old rope is available for those who don't have any.

Cost: £5 (includes tea & biscuits)

Please book by Friday 18 January

Tel: 01304 823217 Email: ptdale@dsl.pipex.com

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& raise funds for the KCACR BRF
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Book me for a fundraising event
or a Coffee & Cards with your friends

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Make a regular visit to the KCACR
website
www.kcacr.org.uk



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](mailto: hiring@charmborough.org)

The Charmborough Bell Trust is registered charity No. 112616

Embroidered KCACR clothing - Colours and sizes



T shirts (R180M) £12

XS: Black, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Classic Red, French Navy
S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Black, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Classic Red, Convoy Grey, French Navy, Light Oxford, Olive, Orange, Sky, White, Yellow
3XL and 4XL: Black, Bottle Green, Bright Royal, French Navy, White

Short sleeve polo shirts (539M) £14

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Black, Birch, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Burgundy, Classic Red, French Navy, Graphite, 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 sweatshirts (762M) £18.50

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Black, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Burgundy, Classic Red, Grey, Light Oxford, French Navy, Purple, Bright Royal, Sky, White, Winter Emerald.
3XL, 4XL: Bottle Green, Bright Royal and French Navy

Full/Quarter zip fleece (870M/874M) £25

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL: Black, Bottle Green, Bright Royal, Burgundy, Classic Red, Convoy Grey, French Navy, Orange, Sky
3XL, 4XL: in full zip only

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: Ordering by 3 weeks before a District Quarterly should enable delivery at the meeting. There will also be an order form at the meetings and an order sent off soon after. Orders in between may be subject to delay. Payment with order. If not at the meeting, please send: to Mallans, 27 Main Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks TN14 6EF (cheques to me) or to cmlewis@btinternet.com (bank account and sort code can be provided for electronic transfer).

Catherine Lewis (01959 563767)

100 Club update from Ray Taylor

A whopping 123 shares have been allocated so far this year! 118 shares had been paid for before the draw at the ADM on 6 October 2012 at Edenbridge. That meant that the unpaid 5 share numbers could not be entered into the draw and that there were insufficient cleared funds for a bonus prize.

Many people are now renewing shares online, which is great for me because it saves me having to make trips to the bank to pay in your cheques and cash. The bank details are:

SORT CODE: 30-97-49 ACCOUNT: 00828429

If you decide to renew online in future please don't forget to include your name and/or share number as your reference. It is very difficult to know which share has been renewed with just a bank code for reference!

I issue renewal slips and posters to each tower via the July Quarterly Meeting each year. Two weeks before the October draw I still had no idea whether 64 shares would be renewed – *half of the total!* Tessa Worthington kindly phoned everyone to find out and, happily, only four of those shares were not renewed. It was very disappointing that a number of people claimed to have lost or not received their renewal slips. Tessa and I run this charity on a voluntary basis. Please remember that organising, printing, posting and phoning, costs us time and money, for which we are not reimbursed. Tessa and I will rethink how we issue renewal reminders to shareholders next year to reduce the amount of time we have to put into chasing people. Please contact



me if you have any suggestions for how we might make it even easier for people to renew.

Thanks again to everyone who has bought or renewed shares and is continuing to make the Tonbridge District 120 Club so successful.

A brief summary of the rules is given below:

- * anyone over 16 can buy shares in the Club (registered charity) at £10 each – it's not restricted to KCACR members or even to ringers.

- * each share has a number which goes into a draw at a District event, starting with the Annual District Meeting in October and ending with the quarterly meeting in July. There are no draws in August or September.

- * the prizes are usually £20, £15 and £10, but they are doubled in the months of October and January, and there may be a bonus draw at the ADM if more than 120 shares are sold.

- * all numbers go into the draws, whether taken up or not, and the proceeds from the 120 Club go to the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund, which is also a registered charity.

There is no limit to the number of shares that can be allocated. If more than 120 shares are sold before the first draw of a season then 45% of those additional proceeds are awarded as a bonus prize at the ADM.

If you would like to buy a share then please contact me on 07973 123323 or at ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk or download an application form from the KCACR website.