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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OF THE KCACR WINTER 2015-6

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tower motto 2015:

There's a first time for everything.



November was a rather exceptional month for firsts at Hever. During the District Quarter Peal week Tony Yates rang his first ever quarter after about 20 years of ringing – a great achievement!

Our other 'first' came about from a conversation with Tiffy earlier in the year that it might be a nice idea for a peal to be rung at Hever with some first-time peelers as part of 'First Peal 2015'. This seemed a really good idea (at first, although not quite as much half-way through the peal!). With plans to get four of us through our first peal and after a couple of mishaps with arrangements (as well as a 2520 Plain Bob Doubles conducted by Alex Staff) it was booked in for Saturday 14th November.

Thankfully the weather was kind to us on the day – no blinding sunlight streaming through the window and a pleasantly cool temperature to compensate for our lack of air-conditioning in the ringing chamber. Arriving at the tower that morning it is fair to say that we were somewhat daunted by the prospect of ringing for a solid two-and-a-half hours and despite having read pretty much every article on the internet with guidance for peals I still wasn't sure I was fully prepared for the challenge!

About 15 minutes in we had a fire-up which was slightly frustrating but turned out to be a blessing in disguise as a few minutes later our lights were switched



off by an electrician who was in the church re-wiring the lighting for our recently refurbished artwork!

Once the lighting was restored we decided to give it another attempt and starting with Grandsire we quickly settled into a rhythm and nerves began to subside. Fourteen extents of Grandsire complete we moved into Reverse Canterbury PP and as we approached the halfway point I felt a wave of relief that we were halfway through... until I realised that meant we had to ring the same amount all over again which, at that point, seemed impossible! We ploughed on and finally made it in to the final third of the peal and plain Bob doubles. It was at this point I started to believe we really did stand a chance of getting the peal and began to count down as we completed each extent – it was difficult to keep a steady pace and not race off with excitement! I cannot put into words how pleased I was when Tiffy shouted 'Bob' for the last time and I was just waiting for 'this is all'. We were incredibly jubilant, and could think of no better way to celebrate than to head over to the Henry VIII inn for a well-deserved lunch and lots of water!

As we left the tower we were in general agreement that whilst it is great we've rung a peal we are in no rush to do another... I don't know if it was the post-peal adrenalin or the ale but we seem to have pencilled another one in for next year! ❖ *Louise Nightingale*

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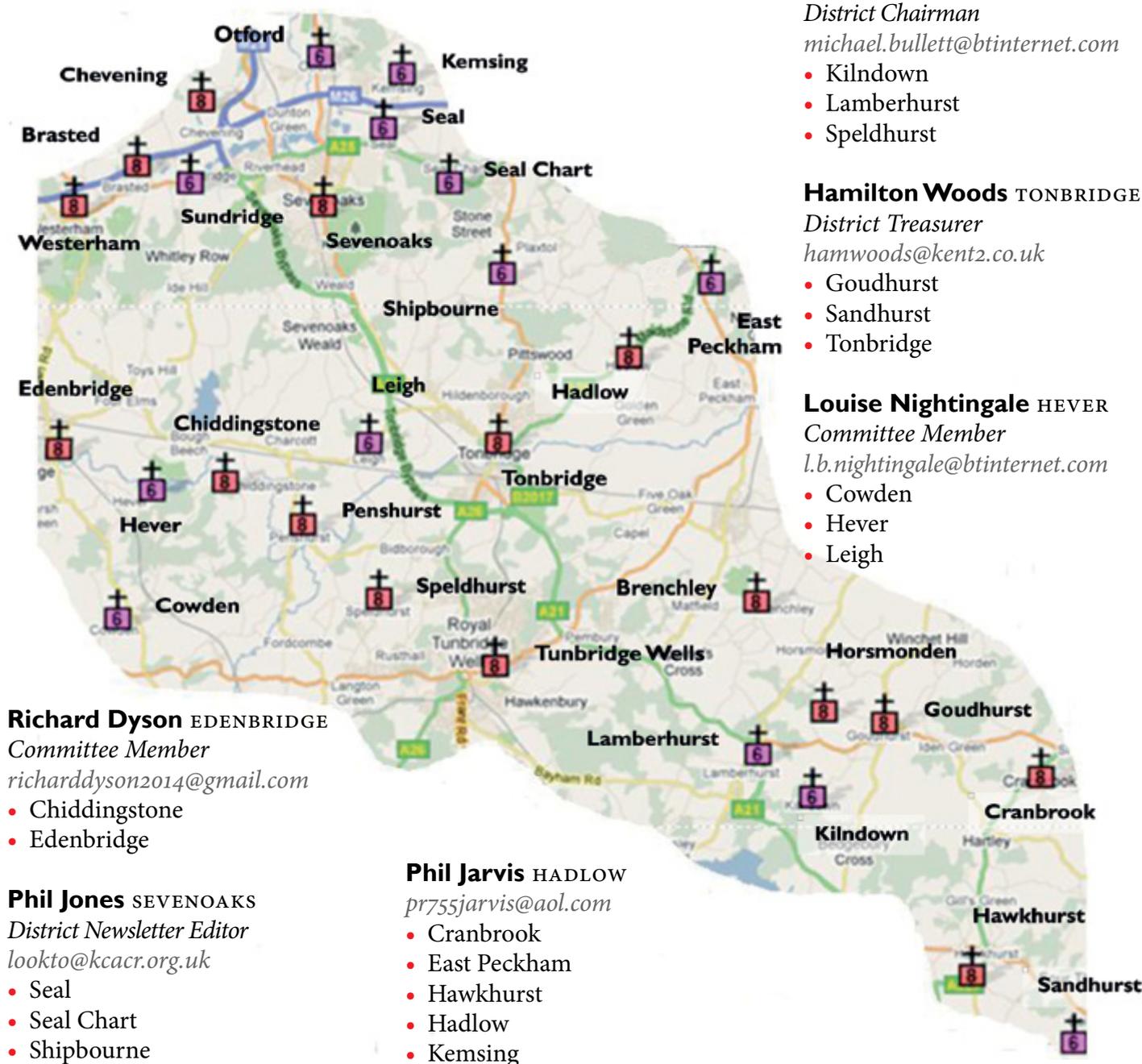
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ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING OF 2015 was held at St Margaret, Tonbridge on 3rd October.

The vote of thanks was given by Stan Jenner to the Vicar and PCC of Tonbridge SS Peter & Paul for the use of the church and bells; a special thank you to the Revd Simon Couper for taking the service and his inspiring homily on Harvest; sincere thanks to David Fullman for playing the organ and lastly to Angela Clark and Hamilton Woods and their team for a splendid tea served in the lower lounge.

Thirty-five members attended and Angela Clark chaired the meeting, with Tessa Worthington as acting secretary.

§ THE MEETING OPENED with a warm welcome from Angela and the meeting stood in memory of Frank Lewis who had worked tirelessly for the District in a variety of roles, likewise for the KCACR, and would be sorely missed.

§ MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING held on 4th July at Brenchley had been circulated in advance by email; there were no comments so these were signed as a true copy and there were no matters arising.

§ NEW MEMBERS

Paul Burgess (Chevening) was elected on a show of hands. As he was not present, his certificate and welcome pack were passed on to him separately.

§ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (*see the Handbook for 2016 for a fuller version*)

Having completed four years Angela announced she was standing down. She mentioned the Trivia Evening as a highlight of every year, which raises £1,000 plus for the Bell Restoration Fund. Next year, having won, Shipbourne will be setting the questions. The training days (which lately Mike Worthington has organised) included raising and lowering. We had not won the 8-bell competition but rang well. Eric Roughley had celebrated his 80th birthday and is leaving the committee. Angela finished by thanking the committee members she had worked with over the last four years, and stated she had enjoyed working with them.

§ TREASURER'S REPORT (*accounts were circulated to the meeting*)

Ham highlighted that Doris Colgate's ringing books had been sold, a portion of the proceeds resulting in a donation of £250, the spliced fund raised £708 and The Trivia Evening £1,332 while the 120 Club donated £690 of the total of £4,200 transferred to the BRF. This also included some money held over from last year and as a result there is a smaller balance on the books for next year.

§ 120 CLUB REPORT

Ray Taylor stated that, although 124 numbers have been allocated, not everyone has paid (and so the forthcoming draw has only three prizes). He also explained that unlike other lotteries which donate 20p in the £1, ours gives 40% as prize money with almost 60% going to the BRF as there are virtually no expenses.

§ MATTERS TO REPORT

✧ **Evening meeting at East Peckham** two visitors helped make up the band which rang rounds, call changes and Cambridge. East Peckham is not often open for ringing and the neighbours appreciate the sound of the bells, so please support the next occasion.

✧ **Joint District Outing** Tiffy Lynch reported there were only eight people at the start but two joined in time to ring at the ten-bell tower. It was a lovely day, based on public transport and hopefully there will be better support for next year's event.

✧ **10/12 Bell practice, Benenden** Tiffy reported this was not hugely well attended but there were enough to ring call changes on 12. The Ringing Masters will be revisiting the date and going back to the ten-bell towers instead. Comments please to your tower steward.

✧ **Training days** Mike Worthington reported three sessions, on 5th September with three towers and 30 people involved (Bob Doubles, Treble Bobbing and Call Changes) and, on a separate day, a Call Changes session for Seal, whose band is making good progress. Two ITTS sessions were cancelled due to lack of numbers and the bell maintenance course had been well attended.

✧ **Six-bell competition** Sevenoaks came 4th with Lewisham taking the day with excellent striking.

§ FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

✧ **Quarter Peal week**

✧ **County Youth Striking Competition** Jen Thomas is overseeing this venture and has managed to form a team of 6 under 25 yrs to send to Chalk; this is being treated as a training day but next year could result in our team being in the Nationals! *see page 8*

✧ **Listening Skills** Mike W. reported on this.

✧ **Training day** Suggestions for topics are welcome and will be considered for 5th December; the notices will go out shortly with a reminder to check on the minimum standard required before applying for places.

✧ **District Carol Service** at Goudhurst on 12th December (posters available).

✧ **District Quarterly Meeting** on 9th January at Chevening – note change of date and venue.

§ ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Angela (having consulted the meeting) read out the nominations received to date and there being no further nominations, the following were elected *en bloc* on a show of hands:

Chairman: Mike Bullet

Secretary: Tony Cresswell

Treasurer: Ham Woods

District Reps: Richard Dyson & Mike Worthington

Ringling Master: Jen Thomas

Deputy Ringling Master: Mike Worthington

Look to editor: Phil Jones

Committee members: Phil Jarvis & Louise Nightingale

Mike Bullet was then invited to take the chair by the retiring chairman Angela Clark, which he did, adding his thanks to Angela for her own style of chairmanship.

§ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

* Mike W. pointed out the 17th October surprise practice at Edenbridge Major and Minor which seemed to have been missed off the list of forthcoming events.

* Jen reminded members she was selling Phoenix cards and Christmas items, 10% or 15% going to the BRF.

* Catherine Lewis reminded the meeting about the books and polo shirts etc available.

* Mike W. reminded the meeting that Tony Cresswell had invited members to receive KCACR updates by email – please add your address to the list online.

* Stan Jenner, on behalf of the meeting, thanked all retiring officers, particularly Angela, for their hard work on behalf of the District.

Mike then declared the meeting closed and announced the 120 club draw.

120 CLUB RESULTS

October *double prizes*

48 Kemsing; 36 Hadlow; 3 Brasted

November

4 Brasted; 81 Leigh; 62 Sevenoaks

December

16 Otford; 51 Lamberhurst; 32 Brasted

COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

Points from November meeting

§ The accounts for 2013–4 are just about ready to be audited thanks to the work of the Treasurer with help from Caroline Stockmann.

§ Information for the 2016 handbook will shortly be requested by the Handbook Editor via District Secretaries and Treasurers.

§ Guidelines for the use of the Training Fund were finalised and agreed.

§ A grant of £2,500 was awarded to Canterbury St Dunstan to rehang the back 3 bells on new gudgeons and bearings.

§ The membership database is now in place and nearly up to date, and will be used by District Treasurers to update membership records ready for the 2016 handbook.

§ It was agreed that we will provide membership cards to every member, to be printed by the Secretary and provided to District Secretaries to distribute.

§ A poster about the Facebook groups and County mailing list has been sent to District Secretaries, and an A5 copy will be included in every 2016 handbook.

§ Following the success of the inaugural Youth Striking Competition, Revd David Cawley is now preparing a trophy as a gift to the Association.

§ At the 2016 AGM in March, we will currently be seeking a new Training Officer and at least 1 new Central Council rep for the next triennium.

§ The County 8-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 2nd July, 9.45am draw, in the Canterbury District. Tower, method and touch TBC.

§ The County 6-bell Striking Competition 2016 will be held on Saturday 24th September, 9.45am draw, in the Lewisham District. Tower TBC.

§ The dates of the General Committee meetings in 2016 were agreed as 27th February, 23rd April, 27th August and 26th November

❖ *Doug Davis, General Secretary*

County agm Easter Monday 28th March at Tunstall

TRAINING MATTERS

NOW THAT THE LAST QUARTERLY TRAINING DAY has been held district members may be interested in the following summary of training activities in 2015.

- 18 training sessions were held over 8 dates
- 122 helpers gave their time (41 individuals)
- 67 students attended
- 9 towers used

NB: the above are not necessarily discreet individuals – many of the helpers helped on numerous occasions and some of the students attended more than one event.

Topics covered were

- rounds and call changes
- plain hunt
- plain Bob doubles
- raising and lowering in peal
- leading up and down in peal
- calling plain Bob doubles
- listening skills
- treble Bob hunting

In addition Mike Worthington & Catherine Heathcote attended the ART conference in Birmingham.

See page 9 for details of the 2016 conference in Loughborough.

❖ *Mike Worthington*

Call Changes at Seal

SS Peter & Paul Seal ringers had the benefit of two separate Saturday training sessions on the 4th and 19th September, organised and run by Mike Worthington.

There have been six new ringers in Seal over the last 6 years, and while bell handling was reasonably competent, it had become clear that to make further real progress some more concentrated instruction would be needed. Whilst call changes were rung they were not in the normally called way!

There were three Seal ringers at each of the sessions, and after the 40 minute theory session, which included a challenging listening section, we moved into the practical side. Helpers came from as far as Houston, Texas to experience the Seal bells, which have been greatly improved by the addition of an extra ringing frame and some new guides so that it is now actually a ring rather than a hexagon. Notwithstanding this there were some exciting moments, particularly when a helper let go of rope's end to rescue his glasses!

The practical sections grew in complexity, and after the welcome coffee and cake break (which included musical accompaniments from people practising for a musical event in the church) we moved onto the more challenging stuff.

At the end of each practice session all the Seal ringers felt a lot more comfortable with call changes, despite some eclectic calling from the Tower Captain! Now the challenge is to practice what we have learnt!

Particular thanks to Mike for his time and patience, and to Angela who came to help at both sessions – a real glutton for punishment!

❖ *Paul Thompson Seal*

Plain hunting at Speldhurst

Three eager students, one experienced trainer and six very patient and forgiving ringers, not to mention delicious parkin and chocolate biscuits. The theory seems so straightforward and sometimes you just wonder why it seems so difficult to count places or hold up as far as possible whilst going up and more particularly to shorten that rope to come back down to lead. Practice, practice, practice.

What is so great about a training day is not just the sustained practice on one particular area with a band that's prepared to work so hard for you for a whole morning, but also meeting, talking to and watching other ringers. The other students reassuringly do have the same problems as you and the experienced ringers often provide useful tips and hints as well as encouragement and reassurance. Whilst my 'plain hunt' still needs much work, my confidence has been boosted. I feel I have learned a lot particularly about places, handling and timing.



On behalf of Nick Gladwash, Carmel Davidge and Graham Edwards, many heartfelt thanks to all those who helped us at Speldhurst on the 5th December.

❖ *Carmel Davidge Chevening*

Three novice ringers

Three novice ringers, (or three wise men) Tim from Edenbridge, Linda from Sevenoaks and myself from Otford, took part in the Training Day of Rounds and Call Changes at SS Peter & Paul, Edenbridge on 5th December. Many thanks Richard (Tower Captain) for letting us loose on your bells.

The morning started with a brief introduction of who's who by Mike Worthington, our trainer, then on with the theory in which Mike patiently and precisely explained how we should effectively and correctly ring a church bell followed with the theory on ringing call changes, including places, listening, faults, terminology and changing position, all at this point a nervous, totally unclear conception for me. The theory was and is very useful to refer to when needed before practise.

Now to the nitty gritty – the simulated ringing – putting theory to practice. We met our eight experienced helpers, Ray (Leigh), Jane (Edenbridge), Jane (Hever), Fraser (Kemsing), Caroline (Cowden), and Richard (Edenbridge) all looking cool, calm, collected and ready to ring – quite the opposite to my feeling which was very nervous (just have to watch my knee caps jumping around it's a new trick I've acquired when ringing!) but feeling reassured by the confidence of my fellow ringers. As a novice ringer, half of the job for me is to watch carefully how experienced ringers control the rope and in turn, the bell. It is good to watch others and pick up on good ringing styles, most of all, how relaxed people are whilst ringing as being relaxed promotes a better pull – how do they manage to do that? What is more, I learn that Richard had come to the training session straight from the swimming pool having completed a 'swim the channel' challenge over several weeks. Well done Richard, that's stamina.

Mike stood by the three of us trainees in turn as we rang on the fourth bell, sandwiched securely between our very able helpers ready for a challenge. He coached us in the course of call changes in various forms of calling up and calling down. One day this will become clear to me, but I will say that as I sit typing this article, I feel I understand much more than I did this time last week (also grateful thanks to Bobbie Fairclough for taking time out in my practice session on Tuesday to further explain a few muddy areas) I just have to ring changes live now. Tim and Linda seemed to understand really clearly the object of the exercise and rang well in a controlled and relaxed style and we complemented and supported each other as we took turns. We had, to my surprise, 'fun' whilst ringing and Mike was so good, explaining what, where and when to check, hold up and don't bash the stay (whoops, sorry!). I did get into a muddle checking and not

checking, so dear Fraser and I ended up in a duet – he on bell three and me on bell four, we checked and held up at some speed until I got the hang then ending to applause from the audience.

We had a mid-morning tea break which was most welcome and Mike produced a simply stunningly, delicious homemade Victoria sponge by Tessa – that alone was worth being on the course for. Thank you Tessa. All this deliciousness was accompanied with ringing chat from the marvellous helpers and my fellow novices, a great bunch of like-minded people who I really hope to come across again in my ringing experiences.

To end our half-day training we swapped bell positions and rang a number of rounds, stood the bells then Mike and helpers lowered all the bells ready for next use. A great morning.

What have I learnt from my morning's training?

- Edenbridge are beautiful bells to ring (ropes to pull) – another rope to my collection of rings so far.
- That ringing call changes is slightly less terrifying than I first thought – I hope my two trainee friends feel the same.
- That I can listen to Mike and still catch the rope as it falls rapidly in front of my face. Then swap places with another bell.
- After an hour or two practicing that my knees caps will possibly stop jumping up and down.
- I am inspired to continue ringing and hopefully in other towers sharing experiences with Alexander and Stephanie my two, more experienced than me, junior ringers.

❖ *Debbie Runting Otford*



Listening Skills

On the 14th November (a very wet Saturday morning) seventeen students met at St Bartholomew's Church in Otford for our day of 'Listening'.

Arriving, we were greeted with coffee, tea and a variety of biscuits, but already the consensus was, the anticipation of what lay ahead had the nerves already in full flow.

At 10.15 with all students seated, Mike introduced our trainers for the day, Catherine Lewis, Jen Thomas and Lucy Hopkins-Till from Basingstoke.

Mike explained the itinerary and that we were to be placed in three separate groups for different activities; and then handed over to our trainer Lucy. Along with a projector Lucy explained that listening was so critical to all our ringing and how, with practice it could be learnt.

We were then split into our groups, for the first session. Group one was with our striking tutors Catherine and Jen for simulator and striking practice.

This session was extremely hard. Each of us in turn had to ring a silenced bell. The first being the tenor, ringing at a steady pace and then introducing the simulator. Not easy, listening to our bell, trying to eradicate our errors whilst working out whether it was too slow or too quick, and then the same exercise on the treble. With Catherine and Jen to guide us, it certainly helped, but listening and not hearing is one of the hardest things to achieve; each one of us found this a challenge. Thank you Catherine and Jen; you are both so encouraging.

Lunch! A wonderful buffet lunch was provided by Tessa and Zoë Worthington and Jane Neilson. It was delicious and the cakes were something to die for, so from all us students a big thank you for looking after our tummies so well.

After such a wonderful lunch, it was time for our next session, which for group one was with Mike.

This objective was to listen to the simulator. In theory, we had to work out how many bells were ringing, and try to point out any errors if appropriate. Mike would then ask questions such as what would be the method of action if perhaps a bell was ringing too slow, too fast, or clipping the bell in front. All things that we should know but now have had explained in detail. We all found this exercise hard. At times, it was difficult to identify which bells that were causing the problems, if any. The whole sessions was so useful and constructive having points of interest explained and understanding how to put things right, if not all the time, but perhaps some of it; let's hope we can put some of our new found knowledge into practice. After this session we were all flagging somewhat, our ears and brains were not quite connected but certainly working overtime.

Another cup of tea and yes, more delicious cakes. This gave us time to discuss with our fellow students how they had found the day and the consensus was certainly positive.

Last session. This group session was with Lucy, tucked away in a small office. We found her busy with a tape recorder. We were given a pad and pencil and panic set in, 'oh no not a test!' Lucy explained that it certainly was not a test but just a piece of fun, trying to identify and answer questions put to us by Lucy after playing pieces of ringing. The first was trying to identify how many bells were ringing and was there a tenor at the back – it got progressively harder with eight, ten and twelve bells being rung. Finally, Lucy played several pieces to which we should all have known the answers but unfortunately we only came up with one that we recognised and that was Queens.

Our final session was a joint one; Lucy gave us a summary on what we had learnt during the day and how we could all improve by practice and listening. The floor was then opened for questions, but with all that had been achieved during the day, everybody was shattered and far too tired for any further information.

Finally, thank you from us all for such an informative training day. Mike for organising such an event, for all the trainers, and not forgetting the wonderful food.

One final thought. Perhaps it is time for us all to stand back and listen. How many times do we speak to somebody, and yes, we hear what is said, but do we always listen?

❖ *Dot Twiner Sevenoaks*



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programme for 2016**



Youth Striking Competition

Saturday 24th October at St Mary Chalk

Participants report on the ringing
(and the all-day-breakfasts)

Noeni & Jamie (Brasted):

- ☞ we came third.
- ☞ the delicious 'all-you-can-eat' breakfast to give us energy beforehand.
- ☞ the ringing.
- ☞ we made it up and down the tower stairs with holes in them in one piece.
- ☞ making new ringing friends.
- ☞ discovering a science teacher at school was the KCACR Chair!

Stephanie & Alexander Runting (Oxford):

STEPHANIE: As this was my first experience taking part in a Striking competition, I felt very privileged to have the opportunity. There were three bands, but should have been five. It took our youth band a few practices to understand all the call changes but was well worth it in the end. We came 3rd and I thoroughly enjoyed the ringing.

ALEXANDER: It was a great experience attending my first striking competition on some easy and accommodating bells. Everyone was very supportive and the tense, competitive atmosphere gave some interesting ringing. I feel privileged to be part of a great association of ringers with an encouraging band and I look forward to the future competitions in store.

Isaac Strand (Speldhurst):

Over the last few weeks we (Tonbridge District of the Kent Young Ringers) have been practising for the striking competition.

- ☞ we had an 'all-you-can-eat' cooked breakfast beforehand at the Toby carvery before the competition!
- ☞ there were six districts competing but three of them couldn't get a team which narrowed it down quite a lot. We were second to ring.
- ☞ after the other teams had rung (whilst we enjoyed plenty of biscuits) we anticipated the results.
- ☞ we came a close third but felt we had still done well considering the average age of the winning team was 17.
- ☞ the average age of the team that came second was 15.
- ☞ the average of our team was 13.

Dan Jarvis (Hadlow):

The results were Lewisham, Maidstone, Tonbridge with the other districts not entering a team. Since then, Lewisham are deciding the team for the national striking competition this year and they are holding practises each month for all young ringers in Kent.

make a note in your diary
that the

2016 Trivia Evening

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

Saturday
23rd January

at Hildenborough Village Hall

7.15pm

for a prompt 7.30pm start

Tickets include supper & will be on sale at
the January Quarterly Meeting

Observations on age & sex

- ❖ Why is it that when women learn to ring they spend half their time repeatedly apologising for making mistakes?
- ❖ I have yet to hear anyone of the opposite sex behaving similarly.
- ❖ It's an established fact that youngsters learn to ring faster than adults.
- ❖ On training days I've observed how older people count, consider, focus, stress, worry, listen and absorb, all whilst trying to pull a rope as they've been taught and catch the sally. Oh, and continually listen to that phrase 'rope sight will come!'
- ❖ How they ever stay the course is really very impressive to me. Thank heavens I learned to ring aged 12 when my headspace was a complete blank and I merely did as I was told.

❖ *Tessa Worthington*

The Bell Foundry, Loughborough

Conference 2016

An event open to all ringers, organised by ART - booking at www.ringingteachers.co.uk

Friday 11 March – Open Towers

Shepshed (19.45 - 21.00), Syston (19.45 - 21.00), Ratby (19.30 - 21.00), Hugglestone (20:00 - 21:00)

Saturday 12 March – AGM, Conference & Award Ceremony

All Day	ART Shop (selling Books, Badges, DVDs, CDs and Shirts), Whiting Society Stall, Stands and Demonstrations from Abel, Virtual Belfry, Belfree, Harrison Hardware and Beltower			
09:30 - 09:40	Registration for ART Members, to be seated for 09:45			
09:45 - 09:50	Chairman's welcome			
09:50 - 10:30	ART Annual General Meeting			
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE and Registration for Non-ART Members			
11:00 - 11:55	Introduction to 'Inspiring Leadership in Ringing' with Elva Ainsworth, followed by questions			
11:55 - 12:50	'Look, listen and do': Learning Styles and ART Teaching with Dr Jenny Wynn, followed by questions			
12:50 - 13:00	ART LtR 50/50 CLUB draw			
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH Lunch available if pre-booked with ticket, or bring your own. A bar will also be open for you to socialise. Saturday ticket includes entry to Foundry Museum and the possibility of seeing a bell being cast.			
13:45	Demonstration on the Foundry Bells of a simulator with on-screen moving people			
14:30 - 15:15	A The Scottish Experience with Judith Frye and Debbie Johnson	B Making the ART Training Scheme work for you with Paul Lewis	14:30 - 16:00	14:30 - 16:00
15:15 - 16:00	C How to get the best from ringing apps with Rosalind Martin	D Running a listening course for your ringers with Andy and Sallie Ingram	E How to teach change ringing on handbells with Helen McGregor and Duncan Loweth	F Using simulators when teaching ringing with Graham Nabb, Stuart Bamforth and Roger Booth
16:00 - 16:20	TEA			
16:20 - 16:30	Message from the President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers			
16:30 - 16:50	Have Your Say with Graham Nabb			
17:00	RINGING on the Foundry Bells			
From 17:45	ART Awards 2016 - Presentation Ceremony with Stephanie Warboys including bar and light refreshments Event is open to everyone, no requirement to attend Saturday sessions			

Sunday 13 March – Leadership Workshop

10:00 - 16:00 **Inspiring Leadership in Ringing** with Elva Ainsworth
A day workshop for tower captains, district officers and everyone who has a role leading their band, practices or ringing society towards a stronger future

DISTRICT TRAINING 2016

Quarterly training days

In 2016 we shall continue to offer quarterly "training days" that are available to all suitably qualified learners in the district. They take place on the first Saturdays in March, June, September and December and arranged by Mike Worthington, Deputy District Ringing Master. The standard courses offered are:

- Rounds and call changes
- Plain hunt
- Plain Bob Doubles
- Grandsire Doubles

Please remember to check the course requirements below (Getting the most from your training day) and get back to me if you have any queries or need help meeting the requirements.

Courses will be arranged subject to demand and availability of helpers. Please assist by making requests as soon as possible after announcements are sent out, as last minute requests are unlikely to be met. Please send requests for places to Mike at tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk

Bespoke training days

It may also be possible to offer bespoke sessions for individual towers in cases where several local ringers have the same need and the tower captain does not feel able to find suitable tutor and helpers themselves.

Additional Training Days

Following on from last year's programme it is planned to offer some additional non-standard courses. These will be notified to tower contacts about 2 - 3 months in advance. On the agenda for the second Quarter will be

- Stedman Doubles
- Raising and Lowering in Peal.

Anthony Leeves Speldhurst writes:

With Eric Roughley not seeking re-election to the Tonbridge District Committee, Angela Clark rightly acknowledged in the Autumn *Look to* his contribution to the District as our representative on the Association Committee. That, of course, is only part of the story. I think Eric arrived in the District in 1978 or 1979 and very soon after that (in 1980) he was serving the District as Ringing Master. His service to the District then continued unbroken for 35 years with totals of eight years as Ringing Master, 14 years as a District Rep. on the Association Committee, three years as Assistant Ringing Master, four years as Chairman, and six years as an 'additional' committee member.

For 21 of those 35 years he also served on the Association Committee – 14 as already mentioned as our District Representative, four as Association Chairman, and three as one of the directly elected Association Committee members.

Angela herself has not just served the District as Chairman for the past four years. She was District Press Representative for 12 years – a role which then included the District bookstall and for six or seven of those years also included editing and producing *Look to*. Partly overlapping with her term as Press Representative, she also served five years as District Secretary.

To Eric and Angela – a big thank you from the Tonbridge District.

An old Tonbridge Tower minute book for 1947 to 1953 has recently come to light. Angela Clark found reading through it amusing as well as enlightening in relation to the times. Here are a few extracts:

Meeting January 1947 Chaired by the Revd R. B. White

The meeting then being open for discussion, the following points were raised:

Mr Harding If the Band is called upon to ring on special 'occasions' (eg Skinners Day), will provision be made that the ringers receive the customary payment?

Mr Medhurst Can something be done to improve the condition of the Tower – floor, heating, bell chamber, etc? He suggested that the churchwardens be acquainted of these necessities, which were accentuated by the inclement weather then prevailing.

The Vicar thought that the Steeple Keeper's remuneration, in view of the amount of work entailed, should be raised to £2.2.0. This was agreed to.

With regard to this and all other financial matters raised, no steps were taken pending the decision of the churchwardens.

Mr Harding reminded members of the suppers held annually before the 39-45 war. This was usually paid for, he said, by small periodical subscriptions throughout the year. The idea met with support and was to be considered at a later date.

Mr Collier mentioned the condition of the bells, with particular reference to the 7th and said the bells had not been thoroughly overhauled since 1774 – Mr Medhurst suggested a grant be made to cover the costs which might be £500-£800 and wondered if the Urban District Council might be approached.

They had been found liable for the re-gilding of the church clock £90.

Skinners Day 1947

Commencing at 7am with rounds until 8am. Bob Minor was attempted unsuccessfully, then Grandsire

doubles with tenor covering.

At 10am doubles and rounds were rung, and Bob minor again attempted. It was 'fortunate' that doubles broke down at 11.10 as the service appears to have been brought forward from 11.30!

The day's ringing closed with rounds and at 1pm the bells brought down in peal. The usual £1.1.0 was paid to the ringers and to meet postal expenses etc the odd 1/- was returned by each member to the Hon.Sec.

Sat. 25 Oct 1947

Wedding – 2.15 for approx. an hour (10/-). Grandsire Doubles was rung, calling by Ben, Burt and Jack.

Nov. 20th 1947

On the occasion of the Royal Wedding, the following rang 1260 of Grandsire Doubles: S. A White (treble), J. Harding 2, B. Fagg 3, J. Collier 4, A. H. James 5, J. T. Medhurst (conductor) 6, A. Bridger 7, and L. Duke (tenor). (7, 4, 8 covering). The peal was rung in 40 minutes: all the above are Sunday ringers. Intimation was made to *Ringing World*.

Dec. 21st 1947

We were honoured by the presence of the Vicar who made a small presentation on behalf of the Band to L. Duke and his fiancée, who are to be wed on Boxing Day.

Doubles & Triples followed – this was very successful. The 'usual 5' were present PM. It is noticeable how the numbers are reduced for evening service!

Xmas Day Dec. 25th 1947

Ringings from 10-11, including G. doubles. Bob Doubles not so successful as previous attempt.

A poor turnout in evening – lowered bells. Secretary received and signed for £8.8.0

Heritage Weekend at Tonbridge - an opportunity to recruit!

The annual Heritage Weekend presented another occasion for the Tonbridge tower members, to raise awareness of bellringing and its pleasures as a hobby to the public. Previous years had seen a trickle of visitors to the tower but no one coming forward wishing to learn.

This year we had to do better, so we decided to up the advertising and increase our presence in the town. We used banners outside the church and in the High Street, to attract local passers-by, and had a recruitment stall in the castle grounds to catch the attention of the visitors to the castle and medieval fair, and tell them the church tower was open and giving free tours.

It worked better than we dared to expect. The visitors came in larger numbers than we hoped for. They had seen the banners and called in, and had visited the stall and been guided to the tower. Over the weekend a total of 128 visitors completed the guided tours which lasted half an hour. Tours being groups of up to 12 visitors guided around the tower with demonstrations of ringing, watching the bells being rung, learning the history and viewing Tonbridge from the top of the tower. Of the 128, 15 have expressed an interest in having a go by joining in a hands-on experience 'taster session' of ringing on two open evenings and several have said they want to learn.

It was a tiring and demanding event, but all the preparation of leaflets, posters, banners, stall and then the giving of the tours on the day and chatting to the public gave us our desired result.

If we manage to grow our band by four learners, as a long-term result we will be delighted. We encourage anyone reading this to GO OUT TO THE PEOPLE rather than wait for them to come to you. The feedback from our visitors was an enthusiastic 'Thank you for such an interesting experience', all going to show that local people are interested but we have to shout a little harder to get their attention.

❖ *Gavin Knight* Tower Keeper, Tonbridge



Bells, beer, bees, and books...

...are just some of your esteemed editor's interests. In searching for something to write about for this Christmas edition of *Look to*, I used these subjects as my 'present list' for him. The result is a little book about the bells of the Fens, published in 1873. No beer or bees, but a lot of bells, and a hand-printed book to boot!

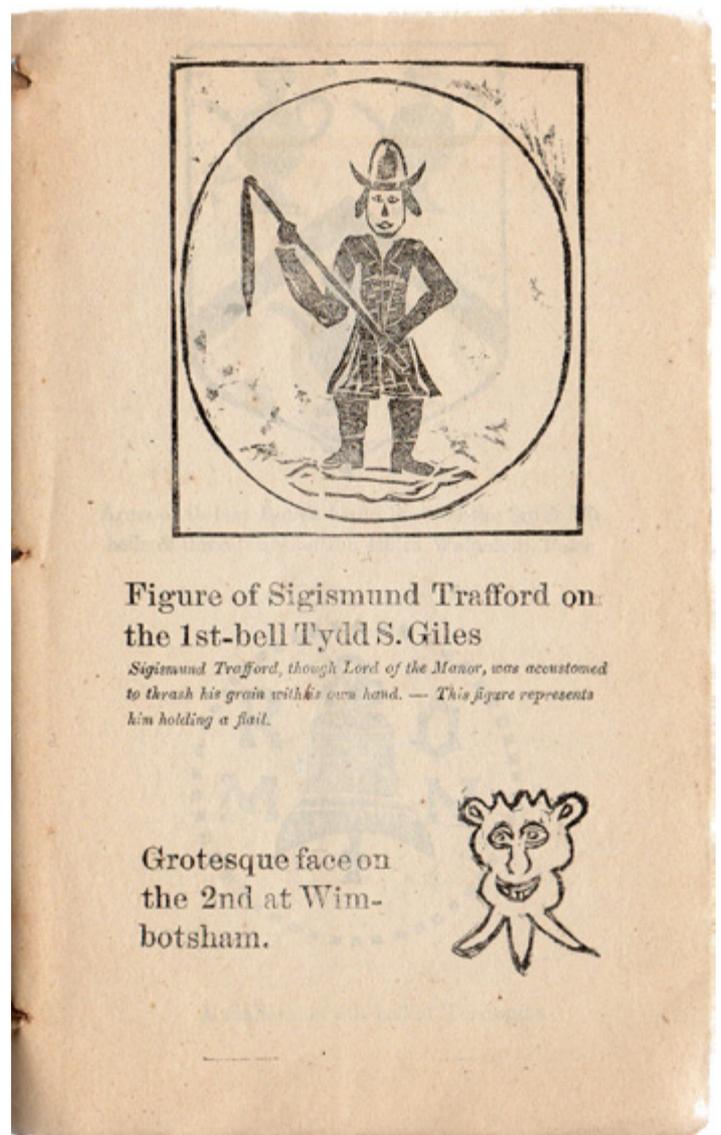
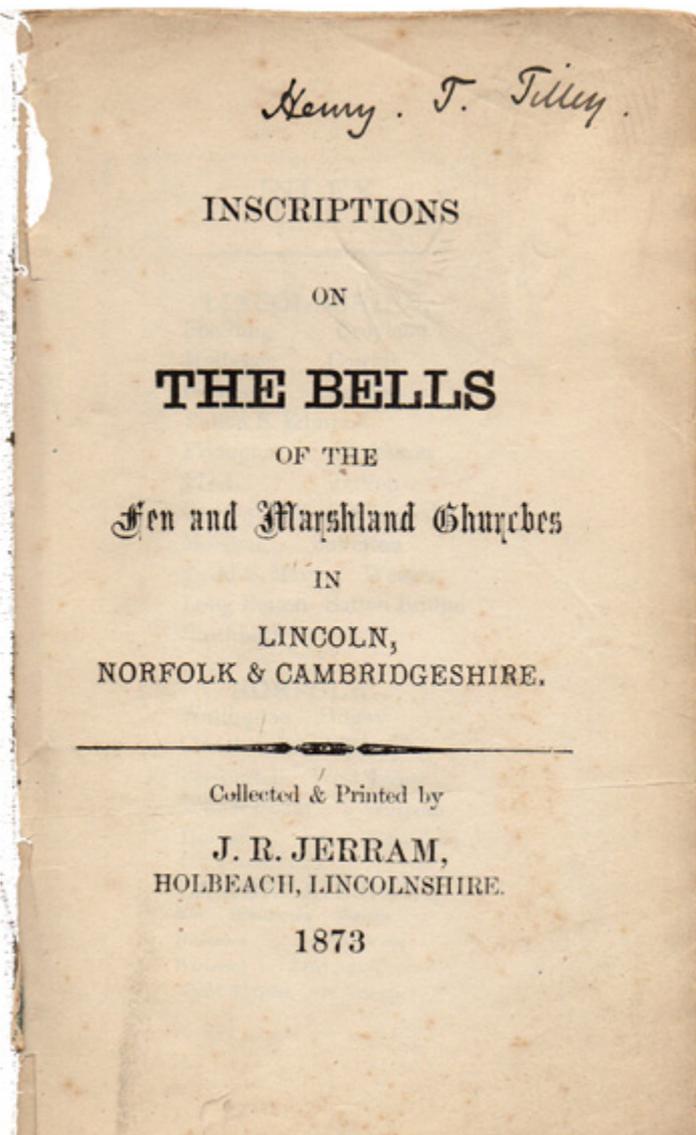
The compiler was James Richard Jerram, the youngest son of a vicar of Fleet, in Lincolnshire. He trained as a marine engineer, but later became a bell-hanger, working initially in Lincolnshire, and subsequently in Salisbury. Outside his work, he was a ringer, a teacher of ringing, and an adviser on bells and bell-hanging, as well as being an antiquary, artist and author.

He became a member of The Ancient Society of College Youths in 1875 (membership number 2718), when he was living in Sutton Bridge in Lincolnshire. In Salisbury he lived in The Close, and he was



instrumental in setting up The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers. The Guild appointed him Inspector of Belfries, and Instructor in the Art of Change-ringing. Companies of ringers were invited to apply to him for particulars, terms etc. Now, there's a thought!

The book's full title is *Inscriptions on the Bells of the Fen and Marshland Churches in Lincoln, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire*. The content was collected and printed by the author, and he produced the rubbings and plates for the illustrations, and the marbled boards. One of the five pages of plates is reproduced,



together with one of the twenty eight pages of churches and their bell inscriptions.

I have only ever seen or heard of two copies, the second being an incomplete one in the CCCBR Library. From this I would suspect very few copies were printed. Incidentally, the signature on the title page of mine is that of the Rev. Henry T. Tilley, author, with H. B. Walters, of *The Church Bells of Warwickshire*, published in 1910.

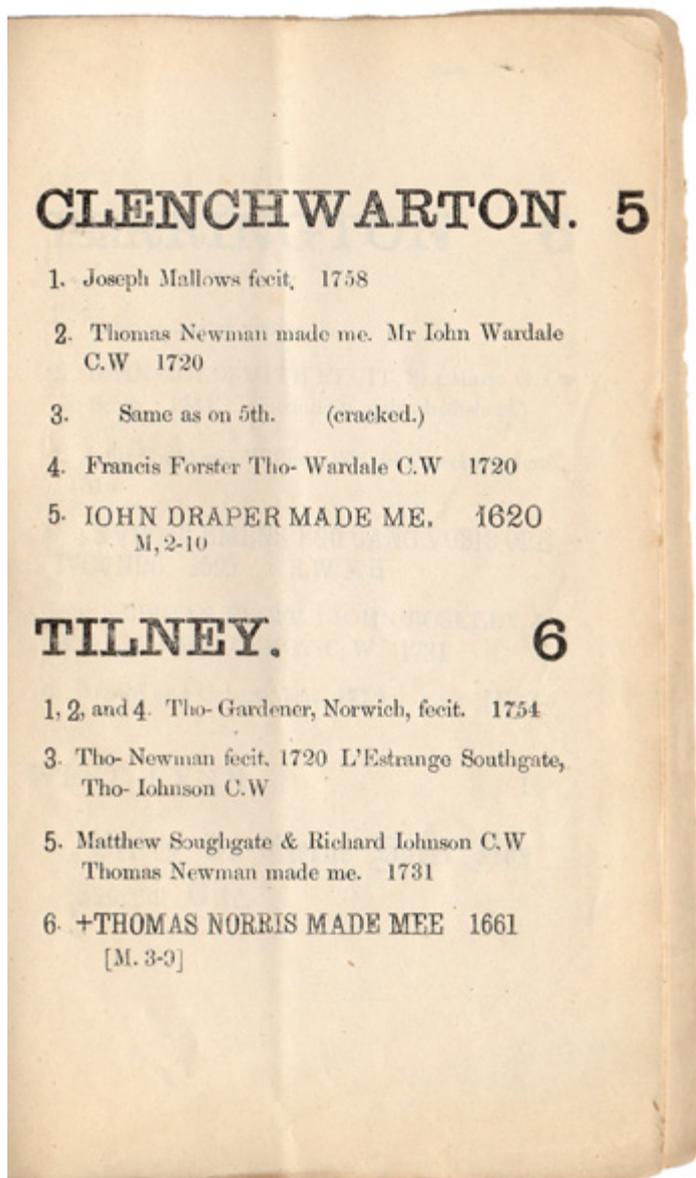
To those of you who have got this far, I wish you the very best for 2016 – may it be a year of good health, wealth, and happiness for you.

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ASCY website

❖ *Fraser Clift*



Child's Lament

The bells have got my Grandma!
We've not seen her for years.

I've always thought a grandma's job
Was wiping up our tears,
And baking biscuits by the score
For munching after school,
And telling tales of long ago
How she broke all the rules!

She never knits us jumpers
With pictures on the front.
She's always in a tower somewhere
Joining in the hunt.

She dodges, leads, and often lies,
And bonks along behind!
It all sounds quite immoral,
But my mother doesn't mind.

'It takes her off the streets,' she says,
'And keeps her brain in gear.
It doesn't cost a lot to do,
And we don't need her here!'

I've listened to my Grandma when,
Explaining to her friend,
She says she grabs at Sally
And pulls her tail end!
Then shouts to Bob, and strikes four blows
Before she makes him stand.

There's even one old granddad there
Who touches with his hands!

I didn't like her going there –
It sounds a frightful place;
But every time she leaves the house
Excitement lights her face.

I've figured out what I will do,
(She says she loves surprise) –
I'm going to learn to ring those bells
Someday before she dies!

I'll find out who the teacher is,
And filled with wondrous hopes,
I'll spend time with my Grandma
In a tower, pulling ropes!

DEBORAH HAY

from *Ringing World* 25th March 2005

thanks to Caroline (Cowden) for sending this in.

District Quarter Peal Week 24th October to 1st November

THIS YEAR WE AVOIDED the Remembrance Sunday period and so the number of quarters rung (18) was reduced compared with last year. Fifty-nine ringers and 11 towers took part. The leading ringers were again Bobbie Fairclough (6) and Fraser Clift (7), the latter also taking the honours as leading conductor (6) and making an unsuccessful attempt to beat last year's record time (28 minutes) for a quarter on the Kemsing bells; Hever had the most successes (5).

Only one first quarter was rung this year, but it was a notable one and hearty congratulations go to Tony Yate for this achievement after ringing for some 20 years. There were a good number of other firsts, including three of minor (Steve Newlands and Alexander Runting, who both rang their first quarters this time last year, and Jamie Austin, who rang his first quarter only a couple of months ago). Daniel Jarvis scored his first of Surprise minor and there was one conducting first, of two methods, for Louise Nightingale.

As ever, doubles methods predominated with a mere 5 of minor and one each of triples and major. It would be good to see more ringing of triples and major but some ambitious multi-method doubles quarters were brought round. Two deaths were commemorated; one birth and a significant anniversary of an important English victory were celebrated.

Well done to all who took part.

Hever Saturday 24th October

1300 Doubles

*60 Stedman; 240 Plain Bob; 240 St Simons;
240 Reverse Canterbury PP; 280 St Nicholas;
240 Grandsire (Morris')*

Louise Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2, Tiffy Lynch [c] 3
Hugo Tracey 4, Alan Turner 5, Carl Nightingale 6
First in 5M/P: 2

Seal Chart Saturday 24th October

1260 Doubles

*60 Stedman; 240 Grandsire; 240 April Day;
240 St Martin's; 240 St Simon's; 240 Plain Bob*
Anthony Leeves 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2
Eric Roughley 3, Fraser Clift [c] 4
Stella Wooldridge 5, Phil Jones 6

Kemsing Monday 26th October

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Dee Clift 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Pam Thomas 3
Stella Wooldridge 4, Howard Rogers 5
Fraser Clift [c] 6,

Chevening Wednesday 28th October

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Terry Barnard 1, Frances Bradford 2, David Manger 3
Pamela Manger 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Stephen Davis 6
Peter Bradford 7, Daniel Brady [c] 8

Hever Wednesday 28th October

1260 Doubles *300 Grandsire; 960 Plain Bob*

Carl Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2, Andy Wickenden 3
Alison Wilson 4, Louise Nightingale [c] 5
Steve Newlands 6

First in 2M: 4

First as conductor in 2M & 50th quarter peal: 5

Hever Thursday 29th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Tony Yates 1, Louise Nightingale 2, Robin Rouse 3
Jane Rosam 4, Alan Turner [c] 5, Carl Nightingale 6
First quarter peal: 1

Sevenoaks Thursday 29th October

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Jennifer Thomas 1, Caroline Stockmann 2
Michael Stuttard 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4
Catherine Lewis [c] 5, Phil Jones 6

First Grandsire inside: 3

Brasted Friday 30th October

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Jamie Austin 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Juliet Austin 3
Fraser Clift 4, Eric Roughley [c] 5, Pam Thomas 6
First of Minor: 1

Cowden Friday 30th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Susan Shepherd 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2
Steve Newlands 3, Andy Wickenden 4
Eric Roughley [c] 5, Clive Lumsden 6
*Rung during KCA CR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal
Week to commemorate the 600th. anniversary of the
Battle of Agincourt.*

Kemsing Friday 30th October

1260 Doubles *300 Grandsire; 240 April Day;*

240 St Martin's; 240 St Simon's; 240 Plain Bob
Janet Whitehead 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3
Fraser Clift [c] 4, Michael Williamson 5
Ralph Harding 6

Otford Friday 30th October

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Alexander Runting 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2
Daniel Jarvis 3, Pam Thomas 4, Lesley Barclay 5
Fraser Clift [c] 6
First minor: 1

Hever Saturday 31st October
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Oliver Engleback 1, Jane Rosam 2
Caroline Levy-Cooper 3, Louise Nightingale [c] 4
Andy Wickenden 5, Kevin Agate 6
In remembrance of John Engleback, brother of treble.

Hadlow Sunday 1st November
1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Composed by D. Brady
Emma Jarvis 1, Ann Jenner 2, Daniel Jarvis 3
Ray Taylor 4, Stanley Jenner 5, Howard Rogers [c] 6
First surprise minor: 3

Hever Sunday 1st November
1260 All Saints Place Doubles
Robin Rouse 1, Jane Rosam 2, Louise Nightingale [c] 3
Alison Wilson 4, Tiffy Lynch 5, Carl Nightingale 6
Rung for All Saints Day and for the end of Tonbridge District Quarter Peal Week
First in method: 2, 3, 4

Kemsing Sunday 1st November
1260 Doubles 300 *Grandsire*; 960 *Plain Bob*
Rebecca Giddings 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3
Fraser Clift [c] 4, Michael Williamson 5
Ralph Harding 6
In loving memory of Avril Marie Burr

Sevenoaks Sunday 1st November
1260 Grandsire Doubles
Bobbie Fairclough 1, Philip Jarvis 2, Michael Stuttard 3
Daniel Jarvis 4, Stanley Jenner [c] 5, Phil Jones 6
For evening service as part of KCACR Tonbridge District Quarter Peal Week

Speldhurst Sunday 1st November
1260 Grandsire Triples
Janice Byrne 1, Michael Bullett 2, Nick Byrne 3
Stella Wooldridge 4, Eric Roughley [c] 5
Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves 7
Crispin Saunders 8
For evensong

Tonbridge Sunday 1st November
1260 Plain Bob Minor
Steve Newlands 1, Angela Clark 2, Hamilton Woods 3
Jacqui Fletcher 4, Pam Thomas 5, Fraser Clift [c] 6
Rung to celebrate the birth of Alicia Daisy May Matthews, daughter of good friends of the treble ringer.
First of minor: 1

RINGING DURING THE 4TH QUARTER OF 2015

PEAL

Hever Saturday 14th November
5040 Doubles (3M)
14 extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, Plain Bob
Carl Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2, Louise Nightingale 3
Tiffany Lynch [c] 4, Hugo Tracey 5, Kevin Agate 6
Remembering those who lost their lives in Paris & all those affected by the atrocities 13.11.2015
First peal: 1, 2, 3, & 6

QUARTER PEALS

Otford Sunday 20th September
1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor
Sue Cameron 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Helen Webb 3
Andrew Sinclair 4, Fraser Clift 5
Rupert Cheeseman [c] 6
Before evensong. First in method: 3 & 4

Kemsing Monday 21st September
1320 Caithness Surprise Minor
Bobbie Fairclough 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Fraser Clift 3
Janice Byrne 4, Stella Wooldridge 5
Anthony Leeves [c] 6

Speldhurst Friday 25th September
1250 Whitminster Surprise Major
Eric Roughley 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Ann Jenner 3
Janice Byrne 4, Michael Worthington 5, Ray Taylor 6
Anthony Leeves [c] 7, Stanley Jenner 8

Sevenoaks Sunday 27th September
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Nancy Branson 1, Tessa Worthington 2
Astrid Fairclough 3, Nick Chard 4
Michael Worthington [c] 5, Zoe Worthington 6
For the recent installations of Angus MacLeay & Mark Griffin as honorary canons of Rochester Cathedral

Hever Sunday 27th September
1260 Grandsire Doubles
Carl Nightingale 1, Jane Rosam 2
Louise Nightingale [c] 3, Caroline Levy-Cooper 4
Tiffany Lynch 5, Kevin Agate 6
To mark the licensing of Wendy Janet Izod as Associate Rector in the United Benefice of Hever, Four Elms & Markbeech
First in method as conductor: 3

Brasted Sunday 27th September

1260 Grandsire Triples

Eric Roughley 1, Caroline Stockmann 2
Rebecca Stuttard 3, Jennifer Thomas 4, Juliet Austin 5
Catherine Lewis [c] 6, Anthony Leeves 7
Michael Stuttard 8
Remembering Frank Lewis

Chevening Monday 28th September

1260 Mixed Doubles

540 Plain Bob Doubles; 720 Grandsire Doubles
Yvonne Cooper 1, Sue Cameron 2, Isabel Pearce 3
Caroline Stockmann [c] 4, Susan Bailey [c] 5
Michael Stuttard 6, Helen Webb 7, Rebecca Stuttard 8
*Rung on the 150th Anniversary of Elizabeth Garrett
Anderson becoming the first woman to qualify as a
doctor. Also to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniver-
sary on 11th August of Susan and Richard Bailey.*

Chelsfield Wednesday 30th September

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

Dee Clift 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Catherine Lewis 3
Lesley Barclay 4, John Barnes 5, Fraser Clift 6
Nicholas Wilkins [c] 7, Pam Thomas 8
*Rung to celebrate, earlier this month, the record reign of
HM Queen Elizabeth II. First of Treble Bob Major: 1*

Speldhurst Sunday 4th October 2015

1260 Grandsire Triples

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Nick Byrne 3
Stella Wooldridge 4, Michael Bullett 5
Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leeves [c] 7
Janice Byrne 8
*For evensong. A thanksgiving for the safe arrival of
Hugo Leeves, grandson of 7 & Karol.
A 70th birthday compliment to 5 (24th Sept).*

Leigh Sunday 4th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Stella Wooldridge 1, Frances James [c] 2, Ray Price 3
Bob Philpotts 4, David James 5, Arthur Lewis 6
*Rung to encourage participants in today's Tonbridge
Half-Marathon.*

Cowden Saturday 10th October

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Andy Wickenden 1, Steve Newlands 2, Janice Byrne 3
Caroline Levy-Cooper 4, Eric Roughley [c] 5
Clive Lumsden 6
*Rung to celebrate the birth of Eva Grace,
great granddaughter of Ena Smithers, a long-term
resident of Cowden. First inside: 2*

Sevenoaks Sunday 11th October

1260 Stedman Triples

Tessa Worthington 1, Caroline Stockmann 2
Jacqui Fletcher 3, Michael Worthington 4
Philip Jarvis 5, Catherine Heathcote 6
Anthony Leeves [c] 7, John Palmer 8
*In loving memory of Martin Heathcote, greatly missed.
First in the method: 2*

Kemsing Friday 16th October

1260 October Doubles

Dee Clift 1, Rupert Cheeseman [c] 2, Debra Say 3
Helen Webb 4, Fraser Clift 5, Andrew Sinclair 6
First in variation for all.

Speldhurst Saturday 17th October

1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major

Eric Roughley 1, Frances James 2, Catherine Lewis 3
Janice Byrne 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Alan King 6
David James 7, Anthony Leeves [c] 8
First of DNCB: 4 & 5

Hadlow Monday 19th October

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Catherine Lewis 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Janice Byrne 3
Michael Worthington 4, Anthony Leeves 5,
Stanley Jenner [c] 6

Cowden Thursday 26th November

1260 Doubles (3M)

*Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 360, Plain 420,
Grandsire 480*
Sue Shepherd 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Fraser Clift 3
Catherine Lewis 4, Eric Roughley [c] 5, Janice Byrne 6
*Rung in celebration of the 90th birthday of Brenda Wood
First in 3m: 1 & 2*

Chiddingstone Saturday 28th November

1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples

Bobbie Fairclough 1, Fraser Clift 2, Robert Everest 3
Catherine Lewis 4, Stella Wooldridge 5
Eric Roughley [c] 6, John Palmer 7, Ray Price 8
*In fond memory of Frank Lewis who spent many happy
hours in this tower. First in m: 1, 2 & 8*

Otford Sunday 29th November

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Alexander Runting 1, Jennifer Thomas 2
Bobbie Fairclough 3, Michael Worthington 4
Catherine Lewis 5, Fraser Clift [c] 6
For the Otford Christmas Festival

Speldhurst Sunday 6th December 2015
1260 Grandsire Triples
Michael Bullett 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2
Stella Wooldridge 3, Anthony Leeves 4, Alan King 5
Catherine Heathcote 6, Eric Roughley [C] 7
Crispin Saunders 8
For evensong

Farnborough Sunday 6th December
1260 Doubles (2M) *240 Grandsire; 1020 Plain Bob*
Jamie Austin 1, Nicholas Wilkins [C] 2, Juliet Austin 3
Lesley Barclay 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Edward George 6

Brasted Wednesday 9th December
1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Ray Taylor 1, Janice Byrne 2, Catherine Lewis 3
Jennifer Thomas 4, Eric Roughley 5, Howard Rogers 6
Anthony Leeves [C] 7, Stanley Jenner 8
*70th birthday compliments to Karol Leeves &
Angela Clark*

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MILESTONES
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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kevin Agate
First Peal (14th November)
Jamie Austin
First of Minor (30th October)
Janice Byrne
First of Double Norwich Court BM (17th October)
Dee Clift
First of Treble Bob Major (30th September)
First October Doubles (16th October)
Fraser Clift
First October Doubles (16th October)
First Single Oxford Bob Triples (28th November)

Bobbie Fairclough
First Single Oxford Bob Triples (28th November)
Dan Jarvis
First Surprise Minor (1st November)
Caroline Levy-Cooper
First in three methods (26th November)
Steve Newlands
First inside (10th October)
First of Minor (1st November)
Carl Nightingale
First Peal (14th November)
Louise Nightingale
First as conductor (27th September)
First as conductor in 2m (28th October)
50th quarter peal (28th October)
First All Saints Place Doubles (1st November)
First Peal (14th November)
Ray Price
First Single Oxford Bob Triples (28th November)
Jane Rosam
First in 5m/p (24th October)
First All Saints Place Doubles (1st November)
First Peal (14th November)
Alexander Runting
First of Minor (30th October)
Sue Shepherd
First in three methods (26th November)
Caroline Stockmann
First Stedman Triples (11th October)
Michael Stuttard
First Grandsire inside (29th October)
Stella Wooldridge
First of Double Norwich Court BM (17th October)

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DISTRICT EVENTS...

between now and the next edition of *Look to*

23rd Jan *The Trivia Evening* 7.15pm Hildenborough Village Hall

6th Feb *Evening Practice* 7–9pm Shipbourne (6)

13th Feb *Surprise Minor/Major practice* 7–9pm Chevening (8)

5th March *Training day* details to be confirmed

2nd April *Quarterly Meeting* 3–8.30pm Cowden (6)

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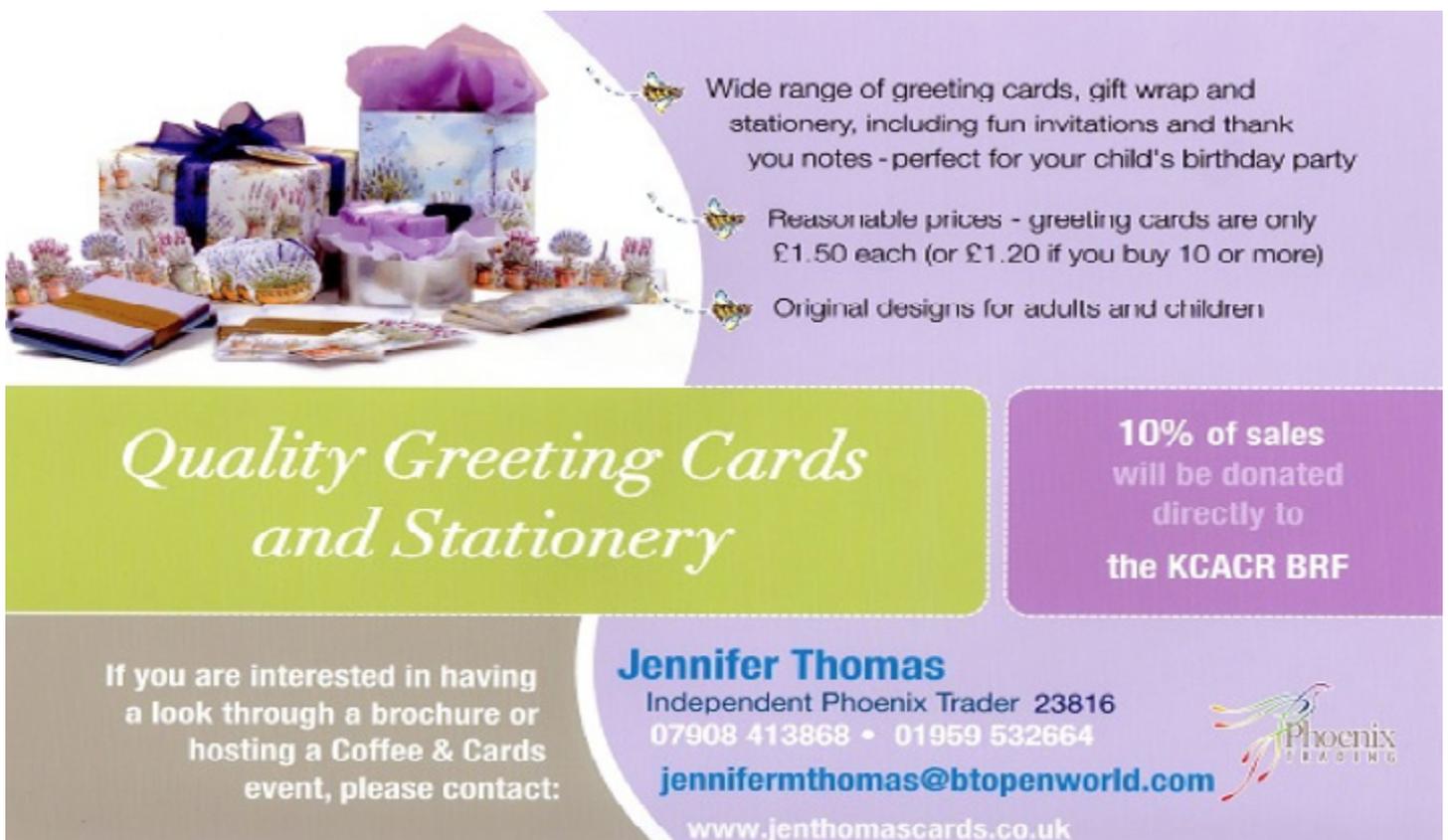
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- 🔔 anecdotes from a tower you visited on holiday
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3XL - 4XL: Black, Bottle green, Bright royal, French navy, White

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New Hoodie straight no zip (575M) £28

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New Hoodie shaped no zip (265M) £25

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

New Hoodie shaped full zip (266M) £27

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

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 usually available at District Quarterlies.

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