



Canterbury District

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From the Editor

The Newsletter is distributed by email every three months, and is also available to view on the Association website (www.kcacr.org.uk), in the **Canterbury District** section.

If you have any ringing-related news from your tower that you would like to feature in the newsletter, please send them to me at cantdistrictnews@gmail.com, or have a word with me if you see me at a meeting. It would be appreciated if all items could be with me no more than a week before the next Quarterly Meeting

Jane

Cover Image:

St Dunstan's, Canterbury

from the internet

Chairman's Message

Hi Canterbury District

Well another year in our District is almost over and the meetings since July have been well attended. The BBQ at Quex was fun and the call change competition saw 5 teams go for it and most teams had a good number of firsts which was very pleasing.

Now moving on, as we head towards our ADM where we look back over the year and forward to next year to see how we are doing, this is your chance to have your say on how you think we are doing also.

Please do come along to elect a new committee and to support your committee and District.

That's all from me for now see you on the 13th October at St Dunstan's.

Best Wishes

Mike

Secretary's Message

Please see the back of this newsletter to find the proposed rule changes and explanation, nomination form for next year's committee.

Following the decision of the general committee to save costs by reducing the number of handbooks printed in 2018 and the subsequent debate at the AGM at Willesborough the membership decided that handbooks would revert to being free to all members who wished to have a copy. However those members who would like their own copy will have to order them.

The district committee have suggested that each tower should decide how many copies they would like and pass this number on to me on canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk. I will then make up an order for the whole district.

Please make all your members aware of this situation.

Tony



Ringling Master's News

Dear Canterbury District,

A District Surprise Major Practice will take place on Saturday 3rd November at Sheldwich, 7.30-9.00pm.

This practice is open to all who wish to practice ringing Surprise Major methods. The special method this time will be Bristol Surprise Major, but we will also aim to give anyone the opportunity to ring any method from the Standard 8, as well as splicing methods together.

Please do come along! Please can let us know you are coming, either by email or signing up on the District Facebook page, that would be appreciated as it gives us an idea of numbers.

Regards

Ben

District News

A challenge from Devon

This is a whole 120 of Doubles call changes for anyone who would like to try and complete it.

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Andrew Hills

St Stephen's, Canterbury

School holiday practices at our tower are always a good place to go to. Dependent on who comes, we will cater for all abilities from learners to advanced, all are welcome.

The next dates for these practices are:-

Wednesday 24th October 10-45am to 12-30pm

Wednesday 2nd January 10-45am to 12-30pm

Adam Redgwell, Tower Captain

St John the Baptist, Margate

On Wednesday 22nd August, a quarter peal of Grandsire, plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury was rung at St John the Baptist in Thanet (Margate) in memoriam Gunner Henry Staplehurst, a Margate ringer who died of wounds in France on that day. He was the only one of 6 St John's ringers who served in France who did not return.

Henry served as a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery with D Battery 50th Brigade. On 18th August 1918, this Brigade, with the rest of the 9th Division Artillery, fired a barrage to support the attempt to capture the Outtersteene Ridge. This action was successful and pressure was maintained on the enemy until the end of that month. He was probably hit by counter fire; he died of wounds on 22nd August 1918 and is buried in La Kreule Military Cemetery near Hazebrouck in Nord, France.

Henry George Staplehurst came from Eastbourne, but in 1913 he had a draper's business at 42 Northdown Rd; from 1914-16 his address was 36 Northdown Road. He was a married man; his wife's name was Millie. When he enlisted at Herne Bay he said he was living at Eastbourne.

Henry had joined the Kent Association of Change Ringers in 1911; when Hazel Basford and other local ringers visited the cemetery some years ago, they played a recording of the Cathedral bells as a tribute to him, as was their habit.

Gill Wyatt, Tower Secretary

ART

Training ringers and teachers is no problem ART covers all that, but how many churches in the country have towers with bells and they are not been used as they don't know how and may not know who to contact. So why don't KCACR have a group of teachers that can do this, get towers working find out what they need, and these non-ringer towers ringing again (1400 ringers?).

I have done it in my area with 5 non ringing towers, and all but 1 are now ringing. I am happy to help. Anyone interested in helping, please contact me at tony@minster.bell-tower.co.uk

Tony Goodman

St Nicholas, Thanington, St Stephen's Canterbury and their friends go on an outing!

In 2017 Brenda Davies arranged a joint outing for St Stephen's Canterbury and St Nicholas' Thanington to five churches on Romney Marsh. That had been so successful that she was invited to organise another joint outing this year. She kindly agreed to do this, so on Saturday 1 September ringers from the two towers set off, but this time to leave Kent and venture into East Sussex, where we were joined by friends from Sussex and Hertfordshire. As this involved travelling a little further the programme was limited to four towers, each containing 8 bells.

Although the calendar said that we were now in autumn, we were fortunate to have chosen one of the best days of the summer, with the sun shining all day and a gentle breeze to prevent the weather from being too hot.

The morning consisted of ringing at two churches - St Mary the Virgin's Salehurst and St Bartholomew's Burwash. These both have upstairs ringing rooms and I decided not to go up. Instead I looked round the interiors of these interesting churches and listened to the ringing from the sunny churchyards. We all then strolled through the village of Burwash to the Rose and Crown to enjoy the excellent lunches which had been ordered in advance.

The first "tower" of the afternoon also contained 8 bells hung for change-ringing, but that was the only thing in common with the other towers in the programme. It was at Hooe, but it was not at St Oswald's church (which has a ring of 5 bells) but at a private house called Dewby's Bells, in a ground-floor room, and the tenor weighs only 22 lb. This means that they require a somewhat different technique, with one hand on the sally and the other on the tail-end. Some found them a challenge at first, but we all considered them to be an excellent component of the programme. I was pleased to have my only ring of the day here and then enjoyed a cup of tea with the owner and his wife.

The final tower provided the heaviest bells of the day at St Mary's Battle, with a 23 cwt tenor, to complete a very enjoyable day, combining good bells, good company, pleasant countryside and excellent weather. We are very grateful to Brenda for organising the day, to the incumbents of the churches we visited and to Alan Collings for his hospitality at Dewby's Bells.

Donald Niblett

A VISIT TO HOLY CROSS (The Guildhall)

It was in the mid – 1960s that the 14th century church of Holy Cross, next door to the West Gate, ceased to be used for worship and the five bells in its tower had not been regularly rung since about 1930. As is well known, they are now the bells of St Saviour's, Westgate-on-Sea and from a ringing point of view they are as different a chalk from cheese from the long (20 ft) unguided ropes, falling anticlockwise, with the 2nd rung from a pit in which the church boiler was sited and the 3rd most easily rung from on top of the boiler (when it wasn't lit). The last people to ring there were David Cawley, Derek Carr and a friend from Swindon, Cyril Beeching and Tony Skilton. It was the day before their removal started in May 1972.

So it was going to be a memory trip for David and a learning curve for Len Huckstep (who had missed out on the 1972 ringing), as well as for Jamie Carmichael, MRFS, John Haines and Paul Curtis when Jamie's father, Colin Carmichael, the City's Chief Executive arranged for them to visit The Guildhall, as Holy Cross has now become. We were privileged that Colin had taken time for us to have a full tour around The Guildhall, and there's no doubt that what had once been a very beautiful parish church which had fallen on hard times was now the seat of Local Government of which any City would be proud. Its previous use has been respected, and it has been adorned with many fine artefacts, notable among them the 18th century carving introduced from the Cathedral to form a focal point in the former chancel; and the municipal equivalent of peal boards, recording the Mayors, Lord Mayors, Sheriffs, Freemen and other great and good of Canterbury.

There were never any peal boards at Holy Cross, but it was to the tower that the visitors were then directed. The 'atmosphere' of the lofty ground floor ringing chamber has been lost, as it has been divided in two about 12 feet up. A ladder passes the upper part of the former ringing chamber and so into the 1st floor, which is largely as it was. A surprise for everyone was the door out onto the roof of the south aisle (roughly the same as the window at St Dunstan's). On the floor was the circle of five rope holes, well worn by many ropes in the past. Through the partially open trapdoor in the floor above could be seen the bell frame. Unfortunately courage failed the travellers (and the Chief Executive) when they beheld the ladder (about 100 years old) and concluded that discretion was the better part of valour. Enough of the frame (17th century with additions) could be seen, however, to see that all five pits were still there much as they had been left in 1972.

On descending, David had prepared a small exhibition including photographs of the bells being removed from the church. He also produced three estimates of the cost of restoring the bells, which had been obtained when the church was still active. In 1935 Gillett & Johnston quoted £240 + £16 for a treble to make six. 1938, and Taylors quoted £253 + £54 for a treble. Mears & Stainbank (Whitechapel) came in 1962 and quoted £656 for a cheap job, using the old frame. Well, the frame is still there, though the bells have gone from one West Gate to another.

The Bells of Holy Cross – 1972

Bell	Note	Diameter	Date	Founder	Cwt	qr	lb
Treble	E	28 ½"	1739 ?	Thomas Lester, Whitechapel	4	3	1
2 nd	D	29	1608	Joseph Hatch, Ulcombe	4	2	6
3 rd	C#	31 ¾"	1615	Joseph Hatch	5	1	27
4 th	B	35 ¼"	c.1380	Stephen Norton, Maidstone	8	2	11
Tenor	A	38 ¼"	1608	Joseph Hatch	10	3	1

Len Huckstep

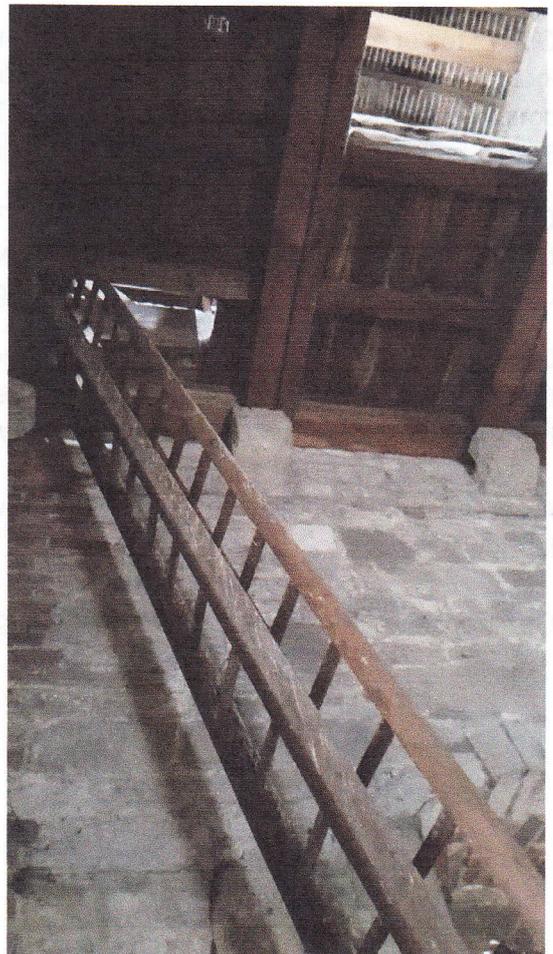
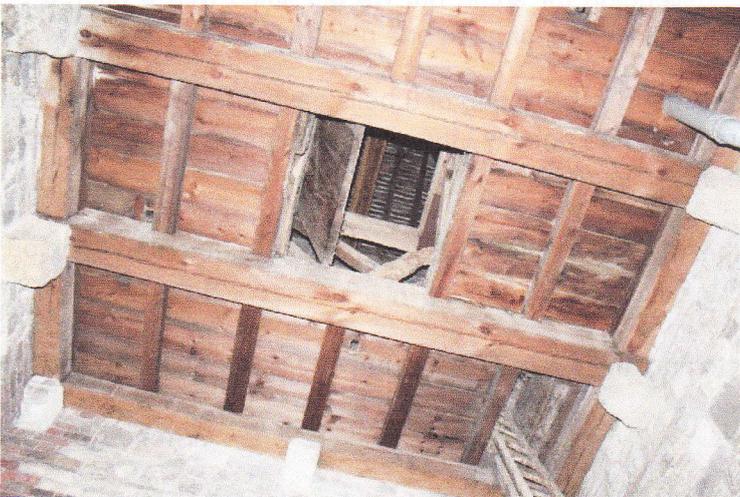


Rolling out Holy Cross Tenor – May 1972
Bert Luck, Derek Carr & friend, David Cawley



Loading up Holy Cross Bells
Alan Berry, David Cawley, Derek Carr

And more recently Len Huckstep, Paul Curtis, John Haines



THANET RINGING OUTING 29TH. SEPTEMBER 2018

A good number met at 10.30 at St Peter and St Paul, Newnham and a beautiful sunny day to welcome us too. It was so good to meet Richard Birch a long standing ringing friend from Hythe, now the incumbent at Newnham.

Rounds were rung and some well struck Grandsire Doubles. Some amazing carvings carved by Dr. Robert Hunt- Cooke were greatly admired especially the one of the last supper placed in an alcove next to the altar. The other carvings were a representation of St. Peter & St. Paul.

Our 2nd tower of the day was St John the Baptist, Tunstall. Variable methods and rounds were rung. Of special note was the Crowmer monument 1613. It was removed by Miss Hales in 1624 intending to place it in Hales Canterbury. It was returned to Tunstall in 1935 having been found in a cellar. It is now next to the monument to Edward Hales.

Our last tower before lunch was St Giles, Wormhill, a 3cwt. 6. These proved to be quite a challenge to novices and so called experienced ringers. Generally voted the joke tower of the day and one of life's experiences. Ringing was brisk and quite taxing for some. Wormshill is a corruption of Wodens Hill. The tower is 13C and restored in the 1900s.

LUNCH AT THE BELL IN BEARSTED

Lunch was at The Bell in Bearsted where excellent food was eaten and some indulged in desserts too. Plenty of time was given to enjoy the good company and have good fun.

Our 1st tower after lunch was a pleasant 8 at All Saints, Hollingbourne. They were augmented from 6 to 8 in 2016. We achieved variable ringing from rounds, call changes & Kent Surprise Major. Here we congratulated Peter Dadds on achieving 70 years membership of the KCACR which was followed Stedman Triples at Peters request with him ringing the treble. Well done Peter.

Our penultimate tower of the day was St Peter and St Paul, East Sutton where 6 Bells were installed between 1614 & 1719. A longish draft proved challenging for some but we did finish with a course of London Minor. It was noted that Mike was sporting a ladies handbag at one point!

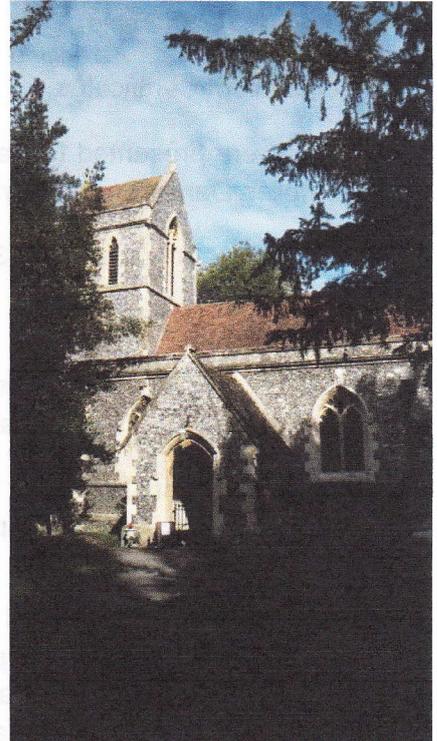
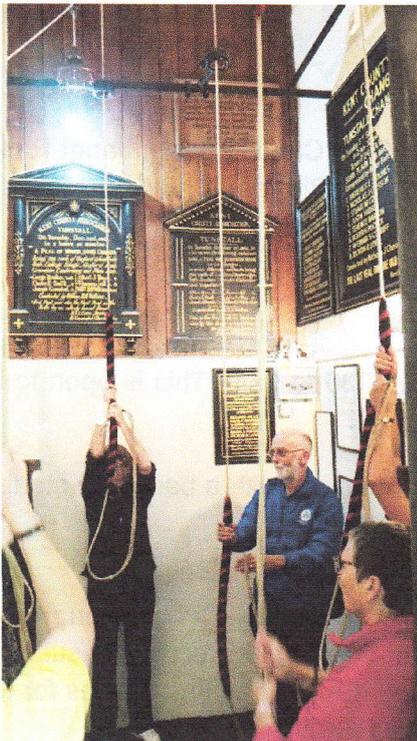
Our final tower after a long day was St Nicholas, Linton. A good ring of 8 bells gave lots of opportunities for our learners to gain experience. Their performance had notably improved throughout the day. These bells were originally a 6 then 2 new trebles were added in 1920.

A great day out and blessed with beautiful weather. THANK YOU MIKE for your arrangements and good humour.

Our thanks to all the incumbents for allowing us to ring their bells. Looking forward to the next one.

Brenda Davies

A selection of photos of the Thanet Outing – by David Sheekey



Minutes of Past Meetings

The KCACR Canterbury District Quarterly Meeting Saturday 14th July 2018 at St Clement, Sandwich.

Ringling began at 3pm under the guidance of Ben Legg. The Service at 4.30 was conducted by Rev. Mark Roberts with Robert Tapsfield playing the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall by the Sandwich ringers.

1. Welcome. The chairman, Mike Little, welcomed everyone to Sandwich.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Brenda Davies, Philip Elderton, Rev. Stanley Evans, Tony Goodman, Jo Horton, Paul Johnson, Stuart Palin, John Paramor, Freda Parker, Zoe and Malcolm Story and Sarat and Ian White.
3. Minutes of the last three meetings as printed in the newsletter were taken as read on a proposal from Len Huckstep seconded by Michael Keeler-Walker.
4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.
5. Election of New Members

From Sandwich, David Barber, Jeannette Barber, Mary Kent, Candice King, Janet Raes, Annika Sneller, Daniel Sneller, Dylan Thorley, Martin Thorley, Sally Wall and Bruce Williams were all proposed by Tony Goodman and seconded by David Robertson. From Chilham Max Shiraishi-Owner and Matthew Hibbin were both proposed by Philip Bedford and seconded by Elliot Habuki-Bedford. From Monkton Graham and Karen Wolstenhulme were proposed by Tony Goodman and seconded by Gilly O'Neill. All were elected by the membership.

6. Presentation of Certificates.

Certificates were presented to David Barber, Jeannette Barber, Mary Kent, Candice King, Janet Raes, Annika Sneller, Daniel Sneller, Dylan Thorley, Martin Thorley, Sally Wall and Bruce Williams.

7. The Collection amounted to £33.76 with £16.91 given to Sandwich and £16.85 to the BRF.

8. Forthcoming Events:

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| Saturday 21st July | District Surprise Practice at Lyminge from 7.30 to 9pm. This is open to all those who can ring surprise major. |
| Saturday 11th August | Get Together at Quex. This will be a fun afternoon with a barbecue starting at 3pm. The Ashford district has been invited. |
| Saturday 8th September | Call change competition at Teynham. Draw at 2.45pm. Competition ringing at 3pm, Service at 5pm followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available during the competition. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please. |

The chairman suggested more towers should enter a band to make it a more interesting afternoon. An entry form and copy of the rules are in the July newsletter.

Saturday 13th October Annual District Meeting at St Dunstans. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.15pm followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing to be arranged. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

This was the opportunity for members to have their say about district activities and vote for next year's committee.

A nomination form will be emailed out after the September competition and included in the October newsletter.

Special methods - St Dunstans Doubles and Single Oxford Bob Minor.

Saturday 10th November Bye meeting at Heme. Ringing at 11am Service at 12.30 followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. This will be the first of the morning meetings for winter 2018/2019.

Special methods - Single Oxford Bob Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

9. Report from the latest County Committee Meeting.

The Kent Young Ringers will be at Quex on Saturday 21st July from 1pm until 4pm. Anyone under 25 is invited to come along but need to let Jen Thomas know by Monday 16th July.

10. The 120 Club.

Results of the draw were:

1st	£35	15	Len Huckstep	St Dunstans
2nd	£20	79	Mike Little	Birchington
3rd	£10	117	Len Huckstep	St Dunstans

11. Members achievements.

Jane Duckworth and Michael Keeler-Walker both rang their first quarter of plain bob minor. A peal in memory of a churchwarden who died recently was rung at St Nicholas at Wade with one local ringer in the band.

Barnaby Larter and Adam Moore had been members of the Kent band in the Ringing World National Youth contest held in London on July 7th. The band came third in their heat. The top two in each heat went through to the final.

12. Any Other Business.

Ruth's bookshop was open.

Brian Law mentioned the plans for national ringing on 11th November. It is planned for bells to be rung throughout the country at 7.05pm but it was felt that towers will probably ring at a time convenient to them and their ringers.

13. Vote of Thanks Dr Donald Niblett gave the vote of thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

**The KCACR Canterbury District
Striking Competition
Saturday 8th September 2018 at St Mary, Teynham**

The draw for ringing was made at 2.45pm with the competition starting at 3pm. The service was conducted by Mike Little with Toby Huitson playing the organ. Tea was served in the Church by the Teynham and Lynsted ringers whilst the ringing was in progress.

The Chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Teynham.

1. Election of new members

No new members were proposed for election.

2. Presentation of Certificates

There were no certificates to present.

3. The Collection amounted to £28.00 with £14 given to Teynham and £14 for the BRF.

4. Forthcoming Events

Saturday 13th October Annual District Meeting at Canterbury, St Dunstons. Ringing From 3pm, service at 4.15pm followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please. Evening ringing to be arranged.

Special methods: St Dunstons Doubles and Single Oxford Bob Minor.

A nomination form for next year's committee will be emailed out to all towers after the September competition and will be included in the October newsletter.

The chairman commented that this was the chance for members to elect or re-elect the committee and have their say on how the district was being managed.

Saturday 10th November Bye Meeting at Herne. Ringing from 11am, service at 12.30pm Followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special Methods: Single Oxford Bob Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

NOTE: This is the first morning meeting for winter 2018/2019.

Saturday 8th December Carol Service and Social at St Alphege, Whitstable. Times costs to be decided. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Saturday 12th January Quarterly Meeting at Ospringe. Ringing from 11am, service at 12.30pm followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

A query was raised about ringing for the Armistice on November 11th. This has been requested at 12.30pm and at 7.05pm. However towers will no doubt ring at a time that is convenient to their ringers. The KCACR website allows towers to register their ringing and their names will be entered in a book.

5. 120 Club Draw

1st	£35	No. 67	Alice Hillman	Wickhambreaux
2nd	£25	No. 70	-	Sturry Tower Fund
3rd	£15	No. 120	Ann Martin	Thanington

6. Proposed rule changes at the 2019 AGM

There are proposals to increase subscriptions and also change the concessions offered to members over 65. Details of the proposals will be emailed to all towers after this meeting. They will be discussed at the ADM on October 13th.

7. Any Other Business

Chilham are moving their practice night back to Monday from 24th September.

8. Results of the Competition

With no judges having been appointed the chairman introduced Claire Stay who had agreed on the morning of the competition to act as a single judge. Claire had marked tiny clips as half a fault and a large clonk as one fault. After some constructive comments about each band and general tips about competition ringing the marks were given as follows:

1st	Canterbury St Stephen	rang	5th	25 faults
2nd	Canterbury St Dunstan	rang	2nd	50 faults
3rd	Lyminge	rang	1st	56 faults
4th	Whitstable St Alphege	rang	3rd	58½ faults
5th	St Peter-in-Thamet	rang	4th	95½ faults

The cup was presented to the St Stephens band.

9. Vote of Thanks

Len Huckstep proposed the vote of thanks to Rev. Steve Lillicrap for use of the church and bells, all those involved in organising the competition, and the local ringers, in particular Bryan and Alison from Teynham and Brigit and Linda from the Rochester district for the tea. He also thanked Claire for acting as judge at short notice. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

District Quarter Peals

Quarter Peals rung from 1st July to 30th September 2018 are as follows:

Date	Tower	Length / Method	Conductor
08/07/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 2000th Doubles	Michael Little
08/07/2018	Ospringe (Ss Peter & Paul), Kent	1260 Minor (2m)	Philip Larter
08/07/2018	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1295 Grandsire Caters	Mark Chittenden-Pile
14/07/2018	Whitstable (St Alphege), Kent	1260 Grandsire Triples	Benjamin J H Legg
15/07/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Major Reg Elson Doubles	Tim Attridge
16/07/2018	Teynham (St Mary), Kent	1260 Childwall Bob Minor	Darren Elphick
16/07/2018	Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260 Doubles (1p/2m)	Adam D Moore
22/07/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Woonton Doubles	Tim Attridge
22/07/2018	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1325 Stedman Cinqes	Andrew M Hills
28/07/2018	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1280 Spliced Surprise Major (5m)	Andrew M Hills
29/07/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Ledgemoor Doubles	Tim Attridge
29/07/2018	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1320 Plain Bob Minor	Jane E Huxley
04/08/2018	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1260 Grandsire Doubles	Mark Chittenden-Pile
04/08/2018	Margate (St John the Baptist), Kent	1288 Plain Bob Triples	Thomas A Winter
05/08/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 2m Doubles	Michael Little
06/08/2018	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1280 Superlative Surprise Major	Darren W Elphick
07/08/2018	Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1264 Plain Bob Major	Barnaby R Larter
08/08/2018	Newnham (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1260 Doubles (1p/4m)	Daniel Jarvis
08/08/2018	Lynsted (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Ali Ducker
11/08/2018	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1260 Doubles	Thomas A Winter
11/08/2018	Sandwich (St Clement), Kent	1260 Doubles (2m)	Darren Elphick
11/08/2018	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1260 Grandsire Triples	Andrew M Hills
11/08/2018	Birchington (Waterloo Tower, Quex Park), Kent	1260 Stedman Triples	Mark Chittenden-Pile
11/08/2018	Elham (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1312 Bristol Surprise Major	Andrew M Hills
12/08/2018	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Mixed Doubles	Adam C Redgwell
12/08/2018	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1276 Grandsire Cinqes	Mark Chittenden-Pile
15/08/2018	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260 Farthingloe Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
15/08/2018	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Clare Larter
16/08/2018	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1312 Cassiobury Surprise Major	Neil Jones
18/08/2018	St Peters in Thanet (St Peter the Apostle), Kent	1250 Havant Surprise Major	Neil Jones
18/08/2018	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1259 Grandsire Caters	Neil Jones
18/08/2018	Margate (St John the Baptist), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Triples	Julian Lees
18/08/2018	Herne (St Martin), Kent	1344 St Andrew Bob Triples	Doug Davis
19/08/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Michael Little
25/08/2018	Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1344 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)	Andrew M Hills

Date	Tower	Length / Method	Conductor
26/08/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Skelwith Bridge Doubles	Timothy Attridge
31/08/2018	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1320 Plain Bob Minor	Thomas A Winter
02/09/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Barton Seagrave Doubles	Timothy Attridge
02/09/2018	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Doubles	Jane E Huxley
02/09/2018	Faversham (St Mary of Charity), Kent	1272 Plain Bob Minimus	Adam Moore
03/09/2018	Boughton under Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Triples	Barnaby Larter
03/09/2018	Whitstable (All Saints), Kent	1271 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Daniel Jarvis
06/09/2018	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1260 Grandsire Triples	Mark Chittenden-Pile
09/09/2018	Boughton under Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1260 Doubles (1p/3m)	Adam Moore
09/09/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Prince Harry Doubles	Timothy Attridge
12/09/2018	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1260 Grandsire Triples	Philip H Larter
16/09/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Tim Attridge
19/09/2018	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260 Owen C R Webster Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
21/09/2018	Boughton under Blean (SS Peter and Paul), Kent	1344 Cooktown Orchid Delight Major	Stanley Jenner
22/09/2018	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1408 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)	Andrew M Hills
23/09/2018	Canterbury (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ), Kent	1259 Grandsire Caters	Mark Chittenden-Pile
23/09/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Douglas Neve
30/09/2018	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 1p / 3m Doubles	Tony J Martin
30/09/2018	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Stoke Prior Doubles	Tim Attridge

District Peals

Peals rung from 1st July to 30th September 2018 are as follows:

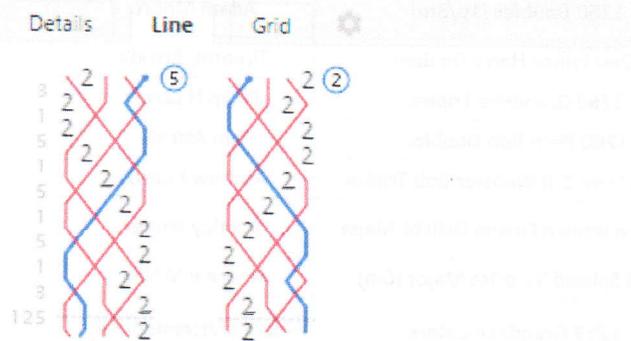
Date	Tower	Length / Method	Conductor
09/07/2018	Petham (All Saints), Kent	5040 Surprise Minor	John B Keeler
04/08/2018	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	5040 Swindon Surprise Royal	John B Keeler
13/09/2018	Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	5184 Selling Surprise Major	David R Finch

Special Methods

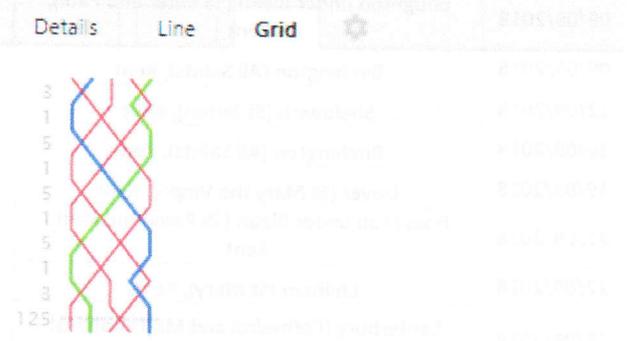
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ADM - Saturday 13 October – St Dunstan's Canterbury

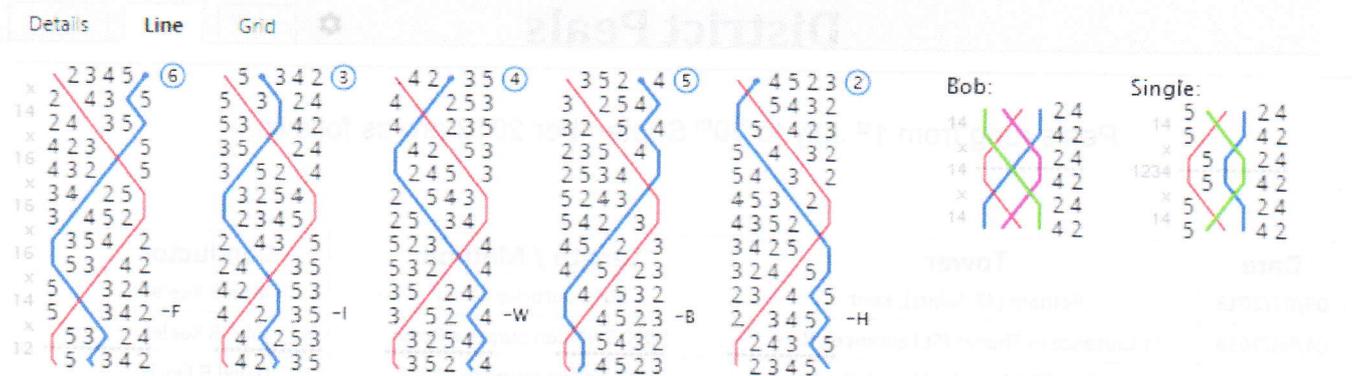
St Dunstan's Bob Doubles



St Dunstan's Bob Doubles



Single Oxford Bob Minor



Bye Meeting – Saturday 10 November – St Martin’s, Herne

Single Oxford Bob Triples

Details Line Grid

Bob: 4 5 7
4 5 7
4 5 7
4 5 7
4 5 7

Single: 5 7
5 7
5 7
5 7
5 7

Cambridge Surprise Major

Details Line Grid

Bob: 6 4 2 7 3 5
6 4 2 7 3 5
6 4 2 7 3 5
6 4 2 7 3 5
6 4 2 7 3 5

Single: 6 4 2 7 3 5
6 4 2 7 3 5
6 4 2 7 3 5
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6 4 2 7 3 5

Canterbury District Officers

As of the 2017 Annual District Meeting, the officers of the Canterbury District currently stand as follows:

Chairman	Mike Little	01843 791117	quexmaster@hotmail.com
Secretary	Tony Martin	01227 769686	canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk
Treasurer	Cathryn Hills	01795 533809	(No calls after 8pm please)
Competition Secretary	Andrew Hills	01795 533809	amh1115@outlook.com
Ringling Masters	Ben Legg	07818 434350	benlegg87@hotmail.com
	John Haines	07714 860399	johnhaines@hotmail.com
District Reps	Brenda Davies	01227 738492	bdavies5040@gmail.com
	Jo Horton	01227 711138	jo.horton@which.net
Newsletter Editor & Press Rep	Jane Huxley		cantdistrictnews@gmail.com
120 Club Promoter	Phil Elderton		120clubcanterbury@gmail.com
Committee Members	Len Huckstep	01227 362733	lenhuckstep@gmail.com
	Michael Keeler-Walker	01227 720121	mckeeler@hotmail.co.uk



Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/>

Forthcoming Events

Annual District Meeting

Saturday 13th October at St Dunstan, Canterbury.

Ringling from 3pm, Service at 4.15 followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at St Stephens, Canterbury.

A nomination form for next year's committee was emailed out to all towers after the September competition and is published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Special methods: St Dunstans Doubles and Single Oxford Bob Minor.

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Bye Meeting

Saturday 10th November at Heme.

Ringling from 11am. Service at 12.30 followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special Methods: Single Oxford Bob Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

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Carol Service and Social

Saturday 8th December at St Alphege, Whitstable.

Please see poster

Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 12th January at Ospringe.

Ringling from 11am, service at 12.30pm followed by lunch and meeting. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

2019 AGM Proposed Rule Changes KCACR

Notification of proposed Rule Changes to District Secretaries who shall read out the proposed alteration at the next Annual District Meeting (in accordance with Rule 15).

Rules of the Association

	Existing Rule	Proposed alteration
4.(e)	Members aged 65 years or over, Members 18 years and below and those Members in full time education shall pay 50% of the annual subscription.	Members aged 18 years and below shall pay 50% of the annual subscription.
4.(f)	Members aged 65 years or more with 25 years unbroken practising membership shall be entitled to free membership.	Delete entirely and replace with; Members aged 75-79 years shall pay 75% of the annual subscription. Members aged 80 years or over shall be entitled to free membership.
4.(h)	A member over the age of eighteen may at any time secure membership for life by paying a subscription equal to 15 times the current annual subscription. The proportion to be allocated to the Bell Restoration Fund shall be as prescribed by the General Committee in the year of payment.	A member over the age of eighteen may at any time secure membership for life by paying a subscription equal to 20 times the current annual subscription. The proportion to be allocated to the Bell Restoration Fund shall be as prescribed by the General Committee in the year of payment.
5	Eight members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the General Committee.	Six members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the General Committee.

Background to 2019 Rule Change proposals

A) Changes to subscription structure (concessionary rates and life membership)

For the last two years the Association has run at a loss where the expenses of the Association have exceeded subscription and other income. It was agreed at the 2018 AGM that none of the 2018 income would be transferred to the Bell Restoration or Training Funds in order to reduce the pressure on the Associations unrestricted reserves. It will be necessary, however, to address the situation from 2019 and this paper sets out the background to the proposed rule changes and the various options that were considered.

A combination of static (or in fact slightly reduced) income and increased expenditure has resulted in the Association making a loss each year from 2015 onwards.

Expenditure

The pattern of spending varies somewhat from year to year depending on circumstances but there are a number of items that the Committee had to note.

First, the decision of the 2018 AGM to preserve the right of all members (irrespective of subscription category) to receive a Handbook free of charge means that it would be imprudent to assume any cost saving in relation to the Handbook. The cost of the Handbook in 2017 amounted to 18% of total income raised that year (22% of subscription income). This was almost the same amount that was transferred into the Bell Restoration Fund.

Second, work on developing a mobile ring using the bells kindly donated by David Cawley has already incurred significant expense and is likely to incur more unless it is the subject of a separate fund-raising effort.

Third, general out of pocket expenses claimed by members in relation to Association work and the expenses incurred by our Central Council reps attending the CC Annual meeting have increased significantly. Over the years many people have not claimed expenses in relation to the work they do for the Association and many still don't. However, we cannot expect people to be out of pocket in supporting our hobby.

For many years (with a few exceptions) the Association has placed 50% of its subscription income into dedicated funds for Bell Restoration and more recently for training.

Therefore while the officers and committee will continue to scrutinise our expenditure carefully and keep it to the minimum needed to run the Association well we need to increase our income.

Income

In relation to subscription income the Table below shows members in the various subscription categories

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adult	770	729	692	697	702
New Life	2	1	2	0	4
>65+25y	209	230	247	262	185
Junior	74	76	83	73	79
Student	15	17	17	6	5
Senior	372	367	378	413	424
Total*	1442	1420	1419	1451	1399
Paying Full	770	729	692	697	702
Paying Half	461	460	478	492	508
Paying Nothing	209	230	247	262	185
Paying Once	2	1	2	0	4

Changes in subscription categories 2013-17

*Note that existing Life Members are not shown in this table since they do not and cannot contribute to subscription income.

We can see that while the overall membership has fallen slightly, the number paying a full subscription has fallen by 10% with a commensurate increase in senior members (who pay 50% of the normal

subscription). Over the five-year period a further 16% of senior members took advantage of the concession that gives them free membership having attained 25 years continuous membership of the Association. By way of comparison, in 1979 there were 631 Adult members paying a full subscription and only 54 Senior members eligible for a reduced subscription.

Options for change

There are a number of issues in relation to expenditure which were outlined above that will be examined further but most are unlikely to have a significant impact. The members have made plain the fact that they consider a free copy of the Handbook to be an important membership benefit. Even if only half of members wished to receive the Handbook this would not reduce the cost by 50% but by a marginal amount due to the printers' pricing structure. The costs associated with developing the Mobile Belfry should not be unexpected, even though they are a significant pressure on the Association's general fund.

There are various options for increasing income or reducing expenditure

Increasing income

An increase in the base subscription

Removal of some or all of the concessionary rates so that a greater proportion of members pay the full subscription

A combination of the above

Reducing developmental / charitable expenditure

No longer paying any subscription income into the Bell Restoration Fund

No longer paying any subscription income into the Training Fund

Both of the above

These options were modelled in detail in relation to their financial effect and debated at the General Committee meeting in July. The proposed rule changes reflect the final decisions of that meeting.

It was recognised that the demographic of our society and of ringing has changed significantly and a situation where about half of our members pay a reduced subscription or none at all while retaining all of the benefits is, regrettably, not sustainable. This is why we have to change the concessionary rates currently enjoyed by many members.

In terms of the benefits of membership, the level of insurance cover is reduced for older members. The proposed rule changes acknowledge this by retaining a somewhat reduced subscription for those whose insurance cover is lower.

Finally, the subscription for a new Life Member has been increased to 20 times the full annual subscription. While the level of subscriptions is a simple matter for the AGM each year, the concessionary rates are enshrined in the Association rules, hence the need for rule changes.

In the interest of transparency, we are also giving advance notice that a proposal will be made to increase the basic annual subscription to £12. Both this increased subscription and the changes to concessionary rates are needed to address the financial issues facing the Association.

B) Change to Quorum for General Committee

This rule change simply changes the quorum to reflect the smaller General Committee following the 2018 AGM. The new quorum of six is 40% of committee membership. (The old quorum of eight was only 24% of the previous committee of 34 members but would be over 50% of the new committee and unrealistically high.)

On behalf of the General Committee I commend these rule changes to you.

Phillip Barnes
On behalf of the General Committee

**Nomination Form
Canterbury District Officers for 2018/2019**

From..... Tower.....

Chairman.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as Chairman.....

District Secretary.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as Secretary.....

District Representatives (Two)
(1).....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Representative.....

(2).....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Representative.....

District Ringing Masters (Two)
(1).....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Ringing Master.....

(2).....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Ringing Master.....

This form must be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee.

It would be appreciated if completed forms are returned to the District Secretary, Tony Martin, or to the District Chairman, Mike Little by 6th October, 2018 AT THE LATEST, please.