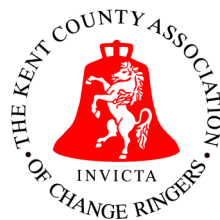


# Look to



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

## On the ropes with...

### **Mike Worthington** Speldhurst

#### **What was your line of work outside ringing?**

I worked in the oil industry, mainly doing Seismic exploration. I lived and worked in deserts, jungles, swamps, mountains and capital cities around the world in a couple of dozen countries managing projects with up to 6,000 men scattered around the countryside. It was usually great fun, though occasionally pretty fraught and sometimes dangerous. For 6 years I was a Telecomms and IT manager but I felt a bit of a fraud and reverted to my exploration roots. One thought—three places I've lived—Libya, Syria and Christchurch- have since been reduced to rubble. If you live in Tunbridge Wells or Sevenoaks and are thinking of moving.....

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

I was starting the D of E award and needed a hobby. A friend said "why don't you try bell ringing?" to which my response was "you must be joking". The rest, as they say.....

#### **Who taught you, and where did you start to ring?**

Two ringers at Knebworth near Stevenage taught me to handle a bell but most of my early progress was due to Brenda Harris, tower captain of Benington. She went to district practices in local associations every Saturday night and took me along. We must have rung at most towers in Essex, Herts, Cambs and Bedfordshire within an hours drive. Whether this would have



happened if modern safeguarding rules had been in place we will never know.

#### **When working there, did you find ringing in Australia and New Zealand very different in any respects to ringing in England?**

Yes. Because towers are so far apart ringers are much more hospitable than at home, often offering to put up visitors who might not be able to come if they had to find hotel rooms as well as expensive fares. It's up to 9 hours flight from one side of the ANZAB territory to the other, so attending an AGM can be costly.

When Christchurch augmented from 10 to 12 the NZ ringers offered rooms to visitors. When I was told I'd be staying with a local social worker I imagined an elderly tweedy lady. What I got was Tessa!



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October 2017 to October 2018

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## On the ropes with.....

### Mike Worthington .....continued

#### **What was the most memorable experience of ringing in Australia and New Zealand?**

Tessa.

#### **What has been your funniest or most memorable ringing moment to date?**

You get plenty of humour in ringing but most of it is apes-ringing. You need to know the characters.

#### **Most satisfying ringing achievement so far?**

Probably two things. I rang in London for a couple of years and managed one touch of 11 spliced surprise royal towards the end of that time. In Adelaide ringing the 41cwt tenor at the Cathedral to a peal was very satisfying.

#### **Any unusual ringing moments?**

Ringing at Christchurch cathedral with a Japanese TV crew writhing about on the floor trying to get unusual camera angles, despite being told to stay outside the circle. We managed not to hang them!

#### **Do you have any current ringing ambition(s)?**

As my Parkinsons creeps relentlessly on my only ambition is to try to maintain my ringing to a standard where my striking does not spoil the ringing for others.

#### **Any favourite ring of bells?**

Abergavenny—a magnificent ring of 10.

**And finally—Jacob Rees Mogg has dismissed the idea of the need to stockpile medicines in case of a no deal Brexit as a “scare tactic”. To avoid A.A. Milne’s “The King’s Breakfast” scenario and in light of recent events in the English Channel, do you think he and his party colleagues who regularly frequent Wilton’s fish restaurant in Jermyn Street should be equally sanguine about that establishment’s potential need to stockpile Normandy scallops? Indubitably.**

## DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

THE THIRD DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2018 was held on Saturday 7th July at St Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst at 6.10pm.

#### **• Welcome**

The meeting stood for 1 minute in silence in memory of Nicholas Butcher.

#### **• Vote of thanks**

The Chairman thanked Eric Roughley, Speldhurst Tower Captain, the Speldhurst ringers, and Rector Douglas Wren for the use of the bells and the church for the District Quarterly Meeting. He also thanked Anthony Leeves and Penny Gerrard for serving and preparing a lovely tea on behalf of the Speldhurst ringers. Thanks were also given to Mike Worthington for leading the ringing in the absence of the Ringing Masters, who were both at the Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC).

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Mike Bullett chose to remind the meeting of the changes proposed to the rules of The KCACR raised at the AGM in April 2018. In particular he referred to the proposed change of Chairman’ to ‘Master’ both at Association and District level, in order to more closely focus the main business of the Association on ringing. Although this change was not accepted at the AGM, the Chairman informed District members that the Tonbridge District Committee was nevertheless, continuing to make ringing the principal focus of the District and Committee business. The Chairman stated that at a recent meeting chaired by Philip Barnes, KCACR Chairman, it was still the intention of the Association to continue to focus business more directly on ringing.

The Chairman informed ringers that he would be stepping down as Chairman at the October Annual District Meeting (ADM). In addition Jen Thomas would also be stepping down as District Ringing Master and Catherine Heathcote would be stepping down as District Secretary.

Dan Jarvis has expressed an interest in standing for the post of District Ringing Master and Catherine Heathcote has also expressed an interest in standing for the post of Assistant Ringing Master at the October ADM.

## DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

The Chairman reminded the meeting that all positions on the Tonbridge District Committee will be up for election at the ADM in October 2018

### • MINUTES OF THE DQM, 7TH APRIL, ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN LAMBERHURST AND MATTERS ARISING.

The meeting agreed the minutes to be an accurate record of the DQM held at Lamberhurst on 7th April 2018 and the Chairman signed these accordingly.

### • PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

There were no new members proposed at this meeting.

### • NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE KCACR GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Richard Dyson (Tonbridge District Representative on the General Committee of the KCACR) brought news of the KCACR General Committee Meeting.

-At his first meeting since becoming Chairman of the KCACR, Philip Barnes has made clear the direction in which he would like to take the Association.

-No guidance on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice was given at the meeting but it is expected that the CCCBR will issue guidance soon.

-In 2017 the Association was given a set of bells to convert into a mobile ring. Catherine Lewis is Chair of the mobile ring committee. Work is continuing on the best way forward with this proposed mini mobile ring.

### • RINGING REMEMBERS

This refers to the Government supported initiative to recruit 1400 new ringers to celebrate and remember the equivalent number of ringers killed as a result of the Great War and to ring on Sunday November 11th on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice. Information can be found on the dedicated website: <https://www.big-ideas.org> or by following the link on the KCACR website, and includes all new ringers recruited since November 2017. Caroline Levy-Cooper has leaflets on the Tonbridge District Book Stall.

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

Catherine Heathcote (District Secretary) has received the requested details of members who wish to be included in the District information database from most towers. Email addresses will be added to the District list as soon as possible and those members on the email list will receive all District news updates personally.

### • FORTHCOMING EVENTS (AT THE TIME OF PREPARING THE AGENDA)

-County 8 bell Striking Competition, Aylesford, Saturday 30th June, Erin Triples, 9.45am.

The ringing at the competition was of a very high standard. Sadly Tonbridge District Band was placed 6th although the performance was a credible performance on behalf of the District. Further details of the Competition and the results can be found at <https://kcacr.org.uk/association-8-bell-striking-competition/>

- RWNYS, London, Saturday 21st July 9.30 to 6.30pm.

- Evening Practice, Hawkhurst, St Laurence (8) Saturday 21st July, 6 to 8pm.

- London Outing, Sat 11th August. Catherine Lewis had kindly printed posters for this event and these were passed around.

- District Training Day, Saturday 1st September. Details are already on the KCACR website, District Members will also receive details by email shortly.

- County 6 Bell Striking Competition, Saturday 22nd September. Tonbridge District will be represented by Hadlow, who were duly wished good luck from the District.

- District AGM, Goudhurst, St Mary (8), Sat 6th October, 3.45pm to 8.30pm (to include service of evening prayer)

### • FORTHCOMING VACANCIES OCTOBER 2018

All District Committee positions are up for election at the ADM in October 2018. At the time of this meeting those currently holding the positions of :

**Chairman, Secretary, Ringing Master, Assistant Ringing Master** have all indicated that they will not seek re-election to these positions.

In addition, Catherine Lewis will not be seeking re-election as Association Central Council Representative at the KCACR AGM in 2019.

### • ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Tessa Worthington thanked Editor Steve Newlands for his great work towards the production of Look To but requested that it be ready for distribution at DQMs in future.

- Richard Dyson informed members that the KCACR membership fee was discussed in committee in April. It appears that the current membership fee is not raising sufficient funds, this is in part due to a clause that grants free membership to those over 65 with 25 years membership. Members should expect further discussion.

The meeting closed at 18.36.



## TRAINING MATTERS

### Rounds and Call Changes—Otford, 1st Sept

On a beautiful late summers morning myself, Frances Fish, and Carolyn Barnard embarked on a training morning of rounds and call changes at Otford church.

After thirty minutes of theory with Catherine Lewis our trainer for the morning, we were joined by six patient and knowledgeable helpers who had very kindly given up their morning to help us.

Feeling slightly nervous and apprehensive we set to on the bells and from then on the morning flew by. We were given training on ringing rounds and call changes from Catherine and it proved invaluable to also gain encouragement and advice from the helpers who were always happy to answer any questions and to give

additional tips and suggestions.

Throughout the morning there was joy when something clicked, striking improved and call changes began to make sense pared with frustration when the reverse occurred! However all was met with reassurance and positive feedback which boosted confidence and spirits. Oh yes and this was all interspersed with home-made cake and cookies to keep energy levels up!

On reflection it was the most valuable morning to be able to spend such a concentrated time focusing on rounds and call changes and having the expert help of seven experienced ringers. Huge thanks to Catherine Lewis and the helpers who assisted us on the day and to Mike Worthington for organising the event.

❖ *Kate Hargrave, Penshurst*

### Stedman Doubles—Speldhurst, 1st Sept

Some may have considered that the three who signed up for Stedman Doubles Training should not have needed the tuition. One, at least, had been ringing it for years, but none of them were confident with the dastardly Singles.

Under Anthony's expert guidance, and assisted by his helpers who were prepared to stand and ring Speldhurst's front six all morning, the students made enormous progress.

Once it was demonstrated that singles are not as complicated as imagined, we found it was possible to start enjoying ourselves! Although apparent that those teaching us possibly enjoyed the cake break more than standing ringing, we can assure them their efforts were much appreciated.

Many thanks to Anthony Leeves who ran the training day, and helpers Emma Tamkin, Mike Bullett, Janice Byrne, Alexander Runting, and Ray Taylor.

❖ *Angela Clark, Tonbridge*

## A QUESTION OF RINGING

Can you identify the mystery ringer seen at the Heritage Weekend Medieval Fair at Tonbridge Castle in September? The answer will be announced in the next issue.



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## COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

### Points from the General Committee Meeting held on 28th July 2018

✂ Proposed rule changes. A number of rule changes for decision at the 2019 AGM on Easter Monday 22nd April are envisaged. Details will be circulated to District Secretaries by September 2018 for consideration at Annual District Meetings in October.

✂ Peal fee review. Decision deferred to 23rd February 2019 General Committee but it is understood that any excess peal fees would be used for the Training Fund.

✂ Role descriptions. The Chairman is developing a list of essential tasks that need to be undertaken at District Level with a suggested division of such tasks amongst the officers in a typical district..

✂ General Data Protection Regulations. To ensure the Association is fully compliant with the GDPR an annual check for consents would be undertaken at the same time as Membership Subscription renewals.

✂ Reinvigorating ringing in Kent. Association Chairman Phil Barnes has met with District Officers to review and share information and ideas about what is happening in each district. Common issues emerged; importance of maintaining interest amongst ringers at every level of experience, training structures, activities across-district boundaries, improving basic ringing training, group teaching hubs, co-ordination of teaching and development of trainers. A second meeting focussed on recruitment, effective teaching of bell-handling with the aim of one ringer per rope in the Association by the AGM 2021, proactive approach to training events, advanced practices and improved communication. Please contact Phil Barnes to support and engage with reinvigorating ringing in Kent.

✂ Midweek 10 bell practices on Association-wide basis. Dates will be circulated shortly for bi-monthly 10-bell practices with an initial focus on Stedman and simple surprise.

✂ Treasurer notice. Margaret Funnell reminds members that she would be standing down as Association Treasurer at the 2019 AGM. Please speak with Margaret if you wish to know more or to offer yourself for nomination to this important role.

✂ Training Officer. David Grimwood hopes to help increase the number of accredited Mentors in Kent to support those undertaking ARTS

training courses. Course fee funding is available from the Association. A Leadership Skills Course is envisaged on 17th November 2018, location to be confirmed.

✂ Safeguarding. Dioceses are providing online Safeguarding training for all ringers through courses C0 and C1 and a half-day course C2 for those who are required to have a clear DBS check. Dates and venues for District C2 courses will be circulated shortly. The Rochester Diocese is organising C2 Safeguarding courses on Monday 1st October and Saturday 1st December (venues to be confirmed).

✂ Kent Young Ringers have been extremely busy over the past three months. A Young Ringers' Programme for 2019 is being drawn up. Work to create a Youth Competition Trophy is progressing. A practice band to take part in the County 6-bell competition is yet to be confirmed. A change in the competition rules may be needed in future for them to compete in their own right.

✂ Bell restoration. A grant of £490 was approved for the repair of the Lydd tenor clapper.

✂ Association support was requested to secure Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) to develop Milton Regis into a ringing centre. The Association has provided a grant for the rehanging project which is now well under way. Additional works are envisaged to provide social/teaching space with a kitchen and other facilities for wider community use. A letter from the Association would encourage HLF support for the Ringing Centre.

✂ Mobile ring project. Design work would continue and a full report was requested for the November General Committee to include detailed design and implementation proposals, confirmation that it was fit for purpose, storage and operation proposals to conform to the original agreed outline.

✂ Ringing for the Centenary of the Armistice, 11th November 2018. Ringers should liaise with their local churches and communities in order to participate fully and appropriately.

✂ Ringing Competitions. A Kent band would take part in the Essex Trophy on 8th September at Horsham. The County 6-bell competition is on 22nd September 2018 at Upchurch, 9.45am draw. Kent Young Ringers will take part in an inter-District Youth competition on 3rd November 2018 at Kingsnorth, 1.45pm draw. Kent ringers up to the age of 25 would be eligible to take part.

## COUNTY GENERAL COMMITTEE

& London Ringers Advent Carol Service, 3rd December 2018 at 19.30, St Giles in the Field, Holborn. Members of the KCACR have been invited to take part in this event. Please contact Margaret Peirce directly if you wish to attend ; [peircemargaret@aol.com](mailto:peircemargaret@aol.com)

& Frank Lewis Memorial Board. The design and cost of the Peal Board was agreed. A full report would be contained in the next Handbook.

& South East England Youth Striking Competition. KCACR will be hosting this event on 6th April 2019. Six to eight teams from across the South East could be expected. Volunteers to help run the day will be needed – please contact Youth Officer Jen Thomas to offer your assistance.

& AGM alternative date. It was suggested that the AGM be moved away from Bank Holiday Easter Monday from 2020. Doug Davis offered to write a proposal for the 24th November Committee, so please let him have ideas or views.

& Dates of next General Committee Meetings. The next meeting to be held on 24th November 2018. General Committee meeting dates for 2019 were agreed as 23rd February, 27th April, 27th July, and 30th November.

❖ *Sue Bassett, General Secretary*

## CHEVENING—U GOT IT WRONG!



*A slight spelling error seen at a recent Chevening wedding. ❖ Fraser Clift, Kemsing*

## 120 CLUB RESULTS (JULY)

51 Lamberhurst Ringers  
36 Stan Jenner, Hadlow  
30 Lela Weavers, Chevening



## 90th Birthday Celebrations at Otford

Jane Donaldson, a loyal Otford band member for about 18 years has just celebrated her 90th Birthday, and still continues to ring.

The occasion was marked by a small party held in the ringling room after a recent practice.

❖ *Bobbie Fairclough  
Otford*

### Lewisham and Tonbridge Districts Joint Outing to London—Sat 11th August

This was a highly enjoyable day, skilfully woven together by Nick Wilkins, who provided us with, precise to the minute, walking/bus/DLR times between each tower.

Arriving by a variety of routes, we began with the 23½ cwt 10 at St Alphege Greenwich. Then, for most of us, it was a 16-minute walk through the foot tunnel under the river to Docklands and Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, aka Cubitt Town or Poplar (8). It is as Poplar, Isle of Dogs, that it is recorded as the scene of the first all ladies peal on 20 July 1912. The beautiful peal board had been specially refurbished for our visit, or maybe not! Anyway it was resplendent. So it should be – the bells are only just under 11cwt, but it was all plain bearings in 1912 and so it was quite an achievement. Even without considering the kind of clothes women wore then.

Then it was a 5-minute DLR and 8-minute walk to lunch at the Ledger Building, West India Quay. Sounds expensive, but actually it's now a Wetherspoons. Having lunch sitting on tables outside in the sun was great. Too soon it was time to set about the 14-minute walk to Limehouse (10), out of Docklands and back in ordinary London streets. And on to Stepney, another 10, but the heaviest of the day at 28¾. Then it was St John's Deptford (8, 14) which somehow felt different again, more like suburbia and, conveniently close to the railway line homewards for a lot of us.

A lovely day - thanks Nick.

❖ *Catherine Lewis, Brasted*

### Kent Young Ringers News

Exams were over so several of Kent's Young Ringers were out and about ringing quarter peals over the summer. They rang 50 quarter peals in total in Kent, along with 4 peals.

Watch these youngsters!

- Dan Jarvis rang in Plain Bob Minor at Nettleshead on 28th June, and on 19th July at East Peckham.
- Dan Jarvis rang in a peal of Pudsey Surprise Major on 21st July at Chelsfield (first blows)
- Dan Jarvis, Jamie Austin and Laura Byrne scored 4 quarters together on a VERY hot Monday 23rd July around London.

*Many thanks to the ringers of Leigh, who make their debut for this column with the following contributions heard at a practice in August : -*

- A touch of Surfleet is requested which proceeds perfectly, until towards the end a few ringers slip into the very similar Beverley for a few blows, mixing round their dodges or places on the front or in 3-4. All ends up correctly, and afterwards one of the lady ringers involved exclaims "Well it didn't feel quite right, but it seemed to be working for me!"

- Arrangements for the weekend's ringing are made at the end of the same practice. A band member declares "We can't ring on Saturday until after we've gone fruit scrumping". To which a visiting ringer responds "that's a good idea, as my plums are rampant at the moment".

### Kent Young Ringers News (cont'd)

- Dan Jarvis and Jamie Austin rang in Plain Bob Minor at Downe on Monday 6th August.
  - Amber Cusick rang her first Minor, Grandsire at Brasted on 6th August.
  - Jamie Austin rang his first Spliced Plain and Little Bob minor at Sundridge on 6th August.
  - Amber Cusick rang in a quarter of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire at Farnborough on 7th August, and then inside for her first of Plain Bob Triples at Westerham on the same day.
  - Dan Jarvis rang in 4 more quarters outside the district on 8th August (see Bellboard) and has rung several Handbell quarters as well.
  - Steph Runting rang her first on 10, treble to Grandsire Caters at St Clement Danes in London. Alexander Runting and Dan Jarvis also rang in this. Then they all rang Pudsey Surprise Major at Sevenoaks, which was conducted by Dan. It was a first of Pudsey for Alexander and first of treble bob to major for Steph.
  - A very determined Amber Cusick was not to be put off ringing by tendonitis in her left hand, so rang a single handed quarter on the treble at Farnborough : 5 Doubles including Stedman.
  - Daniel Tierney of Otford rang in his first quarter peal, PB Doubles on 20th August.
  - Sam Chard of Sevenoaks rang his first quarter inside on 16th September at Brasted to PBD.
- These are amongst the highlights of a prolific summer of ringing. Further details can be seen on Bellboard. Very well done to all involved!

❖ *Jen Thomas, Brasted*



## 6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION — CONGRATULATIONS TO HADLOW!



*Phil Jarvis receives the winning trophy from judge Henry Coghill*

A very Autumnal morning greeted the 6 teams on 22nd September at Upchurch, the venue for this year's District 6 Bell Striking Competition. Luckily the rain held off for most of the morning, and there was plenty to eat and drink in the church where it was warm(er) and dry.

The ringing was underway by 10am with the judge Henry Coghill, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, sat in his car in the village hall car park listening intently.

By midday all the teams had completed their test pieces, and soon after Henry joined everyone in the church to deliver the results.

The Tonbridge District, represented by Hadlow, won the competition, coming first with just 26 faults. The judge's comments were that they were the slowest band, were well structured and controlled, and worked well together as a team.

Very well done to Hadlow and congratulations from all in the District are due to them. Thanks also go to Henry Coghill for judging the Competition and to the ringers of Upchurch for hosting and providing refreshments throughout the morning. The full results are on the KCACR website.

### A FIRST??

Weddings are all subject to delays and don't we know it—the groom has gone missing, the bride can't find something blue to put on, the mother of the bride's hat won't go on straight, the traffic, the bride has second thoughts, and so it goes on.

Here we are—the groom is present, something blue found, mother's hat on straight, no traffic,

bride raring to go and everything in order. The bride is on time in the porch for last minute adjustments, the bridesmaids looking lovely sorting the bride out who is looking even lovelier and—all ready. Hold it. One of the bridesmaids is feeding a baby and he isn't quite topped up yet. Proceedings held for a while. Doesn't happen everyday.

❖ *Cub Reporter, 18th August at Goudhurst*

**Cowden Tower Outing—18th August**

A lovely sunny August day saw eighteen Cowden ringers and friends heading off towards the Surrey Hills. First off was St John the Baptist, Capel. With its 12th century origins, and Horsham Slab stone roofing, this is a delightful church with a pleasant ring of six. With the tenor at 6-3-7 we eased gently into our first ring of the day. A parade of pre 1980's cars passing through the village when we left gave a distinctly time warped feel to the start of the outing!!

Next was St Margarets, Ockley. In a solid, squat looking tower with a longish draft, this heavy six at 13-2-4 came with a notion of being lumbering and awkward but actually turned out to be a very satisfying ring. College Youths we are not, but a very respectable sound was made!



*Louise Nightingale grabs the tower at Ockley, Surrey*

Then it was off to Ewhurst for our first eight of the day, and wondering how on earth we were going to cope now that Robin Rouse had departed to be the main attraction at an old ladies lunch party.... However, struggle on we did and with a complete bell refurbishment having just recently been finished, we actually managed reasonable justice to some Stedman Triples!!

Off to lunch and a simply gorgeous drive through the deep cuttings of the Greensand Ridge with Beech trees towering above. A joy to behold as long as you managed not to collide with the far-too-big delivery lorry squeezing itself up the single lane road.....!!

And to the White Horse at Shere for a very fine repast, where, as seems to be the case on most bell ringing outings, another haunted dining room was to be had! As it happened, the only things that had trouble materialising were Steve Newlands and Mike Worthington's lunches! However, I think we added successfully to the haul of famous visitors including Ringo Starr, George Clooney, Charlie Brooks, Sir Cliff Richard - and three James Bond actors to name but a few. After a pleasant stroll through this quintessentially English village of film set fame - we arrived at St James. Another eight bells (15-2-8), and despite some late arrivals from the over-lunchers (including myself!), we could easily have been accepted for the back ground ringing to Four Weddings and a Funeral!

And then to the always dreaded ten bells - and this time the victim was to be St Martins Dorking. An occasion when local traders smile as shops bulge with people desperate to escape the streets and the



cacophony of all ten bells striking at once...but no, not this time! The newly hung Taylors 18cwt ten (1998) treated us well and without pushing our luck we turned in some very reasonable ringing. And so with thanks to our Tower Captain, Caroline Levy Cooper, we concluded a very enjoyable outing!

*The Cowden outing ends at Dorking*



**Credits :** Camera action : Oliver Engleback, Tower Grabber : Louise Nightingale, General background bickering : Emma and Eric!

❖ *Andy Wickenden, Cowden*

### CAPTION COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Nick Chard from Sevenoaks. His winning entry for the picture in the previous issue was :  
“There! I told you it was up wrong!”

Runner up was Angela Clark from Tonbridge with :  
“I am going to stir up the Tonbridge District!”

### EDITORIAL APOLOGY

Despite our best efforts the editorial team at the Look To were unable to secure the intended interview with Jacob Rees Mogg for this issue. Jacob is understandably busy at this crucial time, and needs to concentrate on giving the PM his loyal support and guidance. His butler also objected that some of our questioning traversed his red lines.

*The Editor*

Ron was one of the founder members of the Kemsing band, when the bells were installed in 1991. He died on 22nd April at the grand age of 93. The quarter peal was rung prior to his cremation on 21st May, which was followed by a Celebration of his Life on 23rd June, at St Mary's, Kemsing. As the footnote to the quarter says, five of the original band rang in the quarter, and Bobbie (who took the photograph) was a good friend from Scouting days.

I can do no better than use some of the words I wrote in 'Look to' (Winter 2014) on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Ron had to give up ringing in his mid-eighties, and although we still saw him occasionally, we missed his regular attendance on Sundays and at practice. He had not only been an important member of our band, and our 'heavy metal man' (tenor 4-1-5), but our elder statesman as well.

He put his longevity down to a quiet life - he was big in village life, the Church, Scouting, The Royal British Legion, The Saint John Ambulance Brigade, and probably a lot of other things I didn't know about! Outside his leisure activities, his whole working life was spent with Seeboard (previously The County of London Electricity Supply Company). He was there a smidgen short of 50 years having started work at 13 - he was in the Church choir at the time, and he got the job because the then Vicar, the Revd. Vincent Macreth, knew the General Manager of the Company.

Ron stayed on as an Associate of KCACR after hanging up his bellrope, because, as he said, it had given him so much.

He was a lovely man, a great friend of Kemsing bells, and he always had a twinkle in his eye.

❖ *Fraser Clift, Kemsing*

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### **Kemsing St Mary the Virgin, Kent**

Friday 18th May

#### **1260 Doubles**

*300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob*

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

*Rung in fond memory of Ron Bangay, one of the founding (1991) members of the Kemsing band. He died on 22nd April, 2018, aged 93. Five of that band rang to-day, and Bobbie was a good friend from Scouting days.*



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## Check your Nuts—before they Bolt

I was ringing the treble at Seal Chart on Sunday 12th August, for Sunday Service, when something fell on my shoulder, bounced on the floor, and then hit Annette MacKellar's foot - she was on the second. No, it wasn't a chip, but a five inch bolt, with two washers on the shank. There didn't appear to be anything wrong with the treble, so we rang the bells down, with a view to investigating the mystery later in the week.

Phil Jones and I did this the following Saturday, and Phil quickly found that one of the two bolts connecting the two halves of the wheel was missing (the halving or wheel bolts connect the two long rails of each half wheel), and the nut was in the pit. The photo shows the errant bits, placed either side of the hole where they should have been. Since the bells had been thoroughly checked only eight weeks before, on 12th June, we reckoned the prolonged hot spell had caused the wood to shrink, allowing the nut to work loose. Why there were two washers on the shank when it fell, and no washers, as far as we could see, in the pit, has not been satisfactorily answered. The odds of the washer at the nut end of the bolt both falling down two floors and ending up on the shank is highly improbable. But, then, if two washers had been put together at the other end when the bells were rehung ...?!



As a result of this incident, and a very minor one at Sevenoaks a week later, where a nut was found to be slightly loose on the third's wheel, Stella Wooldridge and I decided to check Chiddingstone's bells. They had been inspected very carefully on 28th April 2018, and we have found that a six-monthly rigorous check is normally sufficient to catch problems before they become large ones.

Stella and I looked on 7th September, and the situation was not as good as we would have expected. Quite a few of the wheel nuts were slightly loose (we would normally expect no more than one or two to be so), and most of the stays had one nut a little bit loose. More worryingly, on the sixth, where the headstock is attached to the wheel, one of the nuts was missing (see photo).



So, on a regular basis, and particularly after extreme hot or wet spells

### USE YOUR NUT - CHECK YOUR BOLTS

❖ *Fraser Clift, Kemsing*

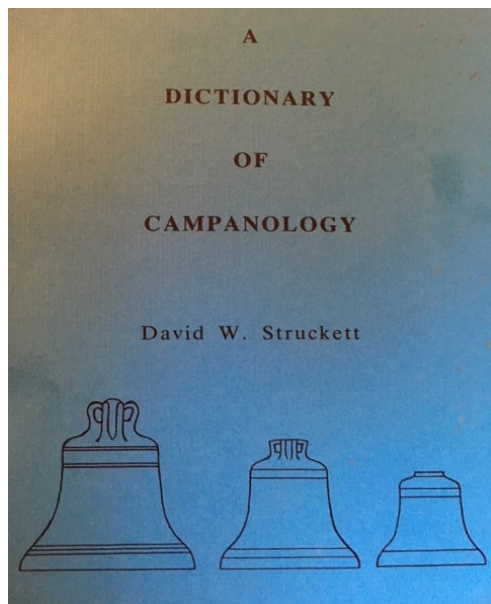
**Post Script** A few weeks later it was found that one of the two clapper nuts on the fourth at Leigh was missing, and worse still, the top bolt on the third had disappeared, and the second was in imminent danger of coming off. These bells were checked by Alan Hughes of Whitechapel in October 2017, and have had visual checks since then. Unlike the other examples recorded above, these can only be explained by the metal expanding in the extreme heat, leaving the nuts loose when the temperature dropped. Stella tells me that they have never experienced anything like this before.

## FRASER'S BOOK CORNER

### Sally-Ho

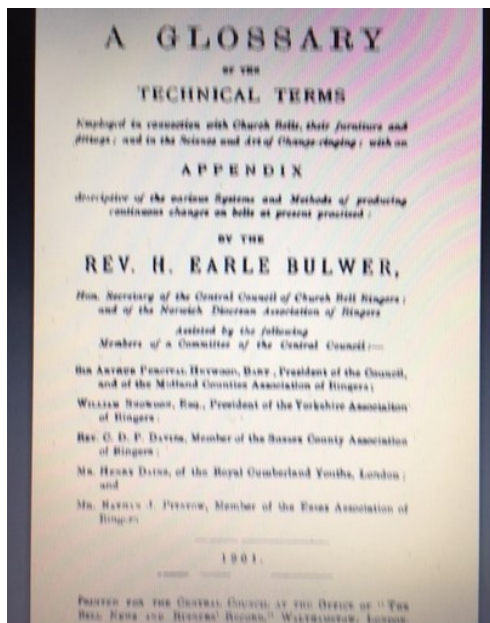
I was asked recently, by Eric R, if I knew the derivation of the word sally, as in the 'fluffy bit' on our bell ropes, for the benefit of non-ringers who might come across this piece. I had to admit I hadn't really got a clue, although both of us felt it was likely to be related to the modern meanings of the word. I promised to go forth in an effort to answer him.

Two of my bell/ringing books seemed obvious starting points. The first was David Struckett's (DS) 'A Dictionary of Campanology', published by the author in 1985. This explained that the word probably came from the military term meaning to sally forth or go first, and his source for this was the Oxford English Dictionary (OED).



My second reference was H. Earle Bulwer's 'Glossary of Bell Ringing Terms', produced for the CCCBR, and published in 1901, with a reprint in 1904. Being a glossary, not a dictionary, it wasn't much help, but it did come up with some interesting words. Following the usual definition of sally, the worsted tuft woven into the bell-rope a short distance from its lower end to assist the grasp of the hands, it tells us that, in Yorkshire, tufts are also woven in at the rope's end for the same purpose ('Yorkshire tails' - it's quite difficult, initially, to ring with them, having

effectively a double thickness sally to contend with on the handstroke). It then gives some local synonyms - Tuffing, Solid, Frasers, Frasel! Being a Lancashire lad, I hope Frasers is not a Yorkshire term, and, as for the last, I often feel frazzled when I'm ringing!



Finally, bearing in mind the DS OED reference, I checked my copy of the Shorter OED, which had belonged to my father, and dates from 1933. Here I found a rather more detailed explanation, not only regarding derivation, but also giving other ringing meanings. The illustration shows two of the OED entries, the second referring to bell-ringing. This suggests that originally the word related to the movement of the rope. The date given, 1668, is the publication date of Fabian Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia', the first book on change-ringing.

However, I can find only one reference in that book to sally, in the following part paragraph. 'Before I treat of the method and diversity of Peals, I think it not impertinent to speak something of the Properties wherewith a Young Ringer ought to be qualified, and then proceed to Peals. First then, before he is entred into a Company, it is presupposed, that he is able to set a Bell Fore-stroke and Back-stroke, as the terms are: next that he know how to Ring Round, or Under-sally: ....'. I'm not sure where that takes us!

to Hence **Sallow** *v. trans.* to make s. **Sallowish** of  
 71 *a. somewhat s. in hue. Sallowiness.* of  
 on **Sallowy** (sæ'lowi), *a.* 1840. [f. **SALLOW** 178  
 19 *sb. + -y.*] Abounding in sallows or willows. (sæ'  
 it- **Sally** (sæ'li), *sb.* 1542. [a. F. *saillie*, f. *saillir* **SALLY** *v.* 1. A sudden rush (out) *sb.*  
 al of from a besieged place upon the enemy; a sortie 1560. 2. A going forth, setting out, excursion, expedition (of one *sb.*  
 ce 1560. 3. A sudden start into activity 1605. 4. A breaking forth from re-  
 ] straint; an outburst or transport (of passion, *sb.*  
 , delight, etc.); a flash (of wit) 1662. 5. An *sb.*  
 s escapade. Now *rare*. 1639. 6. A sprightly or *sb.*  
 f. audacious utterance or literary composition; *sb.*  
 - now usu., a brilliant remark, a witticism 1756. *sb.*  
 - 7. A leaping movement. *Obs. exc. Naut. and*  
 f. *dial.* 1589. 8. *Arch.* A deviation from the *sb.*  
 alignment of a surface; a projection 1665. *sb.*  
 f. 1. A garrison... which is able... to make successful *sb.*  
 sallies 1786. 2. I made my second s. into the world *sb.*  
 DE FOE. 3. Fretted by sallies of his mother's kisses *sb.*  
 WORDSW. 5. This excursion was esteemed but a S. *sb.*  
 of youth WOTTON. *sb.*  
**Sally** (sæ'li), *sb.* 1668. [Perh. an applica-  
 tion of prec. 7.] *Bell-ringing.* 1. The first  
 movement of a bell when 'set' for ringing; a  
 'handstroke', as dist. from the 'backstroke';  
 also, the position of a bell when 'set'. Now  
*local.* 2. The woolly grip for the hands near  
 the lower end of a bell-rope 1809.  
*Comb. s.-hole*, a hole through which the bell-rope  
 passes.

The words '[Perh. an application of prec. 7]' in the second 'ringing' entry refer to the first OED entry - '7. A leaping movement' (nautical and dialectic). As DS suggests the word came from a military expression, perhaps we should also be looking at the first three definitions in that entry, namely 'a sortie', 'a setting out', or 'a sudden start into activity'. These, and the first part of the OED ringing definition, suggest that the original meaning indicates sally was the hand-stroke, and this is confirmed in 'Clavis Campanalogia' by Jones, Reeves, and Blake-more (1788), which refers to 'the sally (ie hand stroke) and at back stroke'.

The second part of the OED ringing entry is clearly what we refer to as a sally these days, and the date of 1809 suggests that this usage came well after the original meaning. The date 1809 puzzles me, because I cannot trace any bell or ringing book published in that year. The earliest reference to a sally I have found is in Troyte's 'Change Ringing' (1869), where he states that 'The "hand stroke" blow will be the one on which he pulls the "sallie", or tuffing on the rope; the "back stroke," that on which he pulls the end of the rope'. Is it just possible that the OED has given 1809 instead of 1869?!

So, there we have it. The original meaning was the movement of the bell on what we now call the hand stroke, and it was not until sometime in the late 1700s or the first half of the 19th century that the term sally was used for the 'fluffy bit'. ♦ *Fraser Clift, Kemsing*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.....

Between now and the next edition of Look to :-

20th October to 4th November **Quarter Peal fortnight** - speak to your tower captain or contact the Ringing Masters if help is required to organise a band

3rd November **Morning Practice** - East Peckham 10.00am to 12.30pm

17th November **10/12 bell practice** - Benenden 10.00am to 12noon

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

8th December **District Carol Service** - Shipbourne, 6pm. Ringing from 4.30pm with minced pies and mulled wine

5th January 2019 **District Quarterly Meeting** Tonbridge 9.45am to 2pm.

9.45am coffee, 10am Morning Prayer, 10.20am to 12.15pm ringing, then lunch, business meeting, and further ringing until 2pm.

## RINGING DURING THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2018

### QUARTER PEALS

**Hadlow** Sunday 1st July

**1296 Bourne Surprise Minor**

Emma Tamkin 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Emma Jarvis 3, Fraser Clift 4, Howard Rogers 5, Philip Jarvis (C) 6.

*First in method : 3*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 1st July

**1316 Spliced Bob Major**

*560 Plain, 420 Gainsborough Little, 336 Little : 90com, atw*

*Composed by Adam Brady*

Angela Clark 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Janice Byrne 3, Darren Elphick 4, Catherine Heathcote 5, Pam Thomas 6, Daniel Brady 7, Adam Brady (C) 8.

**Brasted** Tuesday 3rd July

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

Lesley Barclay 1, Eric Roughley 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Terence Barnard 4, Steve Newlands 5, Thomas Barlow 6, Catherine Lewis 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8.

*Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of A4 Mallard's record breaking 126mph run on 3rd July 1938, and the return of the LNER.*

**East Peckham** Thursday 5th July

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Stephanie Rueff 1, Michael Stuttard 2, Ali Ducker 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Richard Barclay 5, Daniel Jarvis (C) 6.

**Edenbridge** Thursday 5th July

**1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place**

Steve Newlands 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Clive Lumsden 3, Andy Wickenden 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Frank Shepherd 6.

*Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the National Health Service.*

**Kemsing** Thursday 5th July

**1320 Rossendale Surprise Minor**

Jennifer Thomas 1, Fraser Clift 2, Eric Roughley 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Janice Byrne 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6.

**Brasted** Sunday 15th July

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Steve Newlands 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Alexander Runting 5, Jamie Austin (C) 6.

*First Plain Bob Minor as conductor : 6*

**East Peckham** Thursday 19th July

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Emma Jarvis 1, Barnaby Larter (C) 2, Daniel Jarvis 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Michael Stuttard 5, Philip Larter 6.

**Edenbridge** Saturday 21st July

**1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Janice Byrne 1, Laura Byrne 2, Ann Jenner 3, Pam Thomas 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Anthony Leeves 6, Stephen Coaker 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8.

**Cowden** Sunday 22nd July

**1260 Doubles**

*600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob*

Cherele Bradley 1, Robin Rouse 2, Caroline Levy-Cooper (C) 3, Steve Newlands 4, Andy Wickenden 5, Douglas James 6.

*Rung for the Patronal Festival.*

**Brenchley** Monday 23rd July

**1280 Biddenden Surprise Major**

Alison Gerrish 1, Shona Clark 2, Graham Heath 3, Douglas Davis 4, Roger Pocock 5, Chris Trafford 6, Julian Lees 7, Darren Elphick (C) 8.

**Tonbridge** Sunday 29th July

**1272 Carlisle Surprise Minor**

Jacqui Fletcher 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Stephen Coaker (C) 4, Pam Thomas 5, Adam Brady 6.

**Brasted** Monday 6th August

**1440 Grandsire Minor**

Amber Cusick 1, Adam Moore 2, Jamie Austin 3, Alexander Runting 4, Barnaby Larter 5, Daniel Jarvis (C) 6.

*First of minor : 1*

*First of Grandsire minor for all*



**Sundridge** Monday 6th August

**1260 Spliced Minor**

*900 Plain Bob, 360 Little Bob, 6 com, atw*  
*Composed by Graham A C John, arranged by*  
*Joe Norton*

Adam Moore 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Jamie  
Austin 3, Alexander Runting 4, Barnaby Larter  
5, Daniel Jarvis (C) 6.

*First quarter of spliced : 1,3,4,5.*

*First spliced as conductor : 6*

**Westerham** Tuesday 7th August

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

Nancy Fisher 1, Amber Cusick 2, Jennifer  
Thomas 3, Elaine Merrylees 4, Catherine Lewis  
5, Lesley Barclay 6, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 7,  
Janice Byrne 8.

*Birthday compliment, today, to Elaine.*

*First of triples : 2*

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 11th August

**1280 Spliced Surprise Major**

*Standard 8*

Ann Jenner 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Jacqueline  
Barlow 3, Phillip Barnes 4, Michael Birkbeck 5,  
Thomas Barlow 6, Stanley Jenner 7, Thomas  
Lawrance (C) 8.

*In gratitude for the life and kindness of Caroline*  
*Bond, taken too early and too quickly.*

*First of 8 spliced : 2*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 12th August

**1320 Primrose Surprise Minor**

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

*Rung to mark the christening of Howard's*  
*grandsons today, Finley Kitto Forder and Bodhi*  
*Tait Forder.*

**Sevenoaks** Saturday 18th August

**1312 Pudsey Surprise Major**

*Composed by Paul J Flavell*

Stephanie Runting 1, Anthony Leeves 2,  
Elizabeth Barnes 3, Alexander Runting 4, Philip  
Jarvis 5, Phillip Barnes 6, Michael Birkbeck 7,  
Daniel Jarvis (C) 8.

*First treble bob to major : 1*

*First in method : 4*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 19th August

**1272 Durham Surprise Minor**

Angela Clark 1, Howard Rogers 2, Stephen  
Coaker (C) 3, Robert Lane 4, Philip Jarvis 5,  
Daniel Jarvis 6.

*For evensong.*

**Oxford** Monday 20th August

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Daniel Tierney 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Nicholas  
Wilkins (C) 3, Fraser Clift 4, David Hilling 5,  
Catherine Lewis 6.

*First QP at first attempt : 1*

*Thank you to Jane Neilson for assisting in the*  
*lead up to this QP.*

**Cowden** Tuesday 21st August

**1260 Minor**

*180 St Clement's College Bob, 1080 Plain Bob*  
Eric Roughley 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2,  
Steve Newlands 3, Michael Bullett 4, John  
Palmer 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6.

*In memory of Tony Harris, ringer and for many*  
*years tower captain at Shipbourne.*

*First of 2 minor methods : 2 and 3*

**Farnborough** Tuesday 21st August

**1260 Doubles**

*60 Stedman, 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse*  
*Canterbury, Plain Bob, St Simon's Bob,*  
*St Martin's Bob*

Amber Cusick 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Jacqueline  
Barlow 3, Thomas Barlow 4, Neil Jones (C) 5,  
Christina Cusick 6.

*First QP at first attempt : 6*

*First QP single handed : 1 N. Wilkins – umpire*

**East Peckham** Thursday 23rd August

**1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Michael Stuttard 1, Jennifer Thomas 2, Barnaby  
Larter 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Clare Larter 5, Daniel  
Jarvis (C) 6.

**Tonbridge – 2A Cranford Road**

Thursday 23rd August

**1260 Double Bob Minor**

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

**Tonbridge** Sunday 26th August

**1320 Bourne Surprise Minor**

Jacqueline Barlow 1, Pam Thomas 2, Robert Lane 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Adam Brady 5, Darren Elphick (C) 6.

*With congratulations to Daniel Brady and Emily Pankhurst on the birth of their son, William Martin Brady.*

**Hadlow** Sunday 2nd September

**1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Emma Jarvis 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Darren Elphick 4, Terry Barnard 5, Daniel Jarvis 6, Stanley Jenner 7, Philip Jarvis (C) 8.

**Kemsing** Friday 7th September

**1260 Doubles**

*300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob*

Tony Cresswell 1, Dee Clift 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Stella Wooldridge 5, Ralph Harding 6.

*Rung in memory of Arthur Ernest Scott, the fifteenth Kemsing man to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 9th September

**1264 Plain Bob Major**

Carl Nightingale 1, Howard Rogers 2, Steve Newlands 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Louise Nightingale 5, Janice Byrne 6, Pam Thomas 7, Stephen Coaker (C) 8.

*First major : 1*

**East Peckham** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

Jennifer Thomas 1, Robin Rouse 2, Michael Stuttard 3, Philip Jarvis 4, Fraser Clift 5, Daniel Jarvis (C) 6.

**Speldhurst** Saturday 15th September

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

Penny Gerrard 1, Zena Seal 2, Michael Worthington 3, Eric Roughley 4, Anthony Leeves (C) 5, John Palmer 6, Christopher Horseman 7, Emma Tamkin 8.

*With congratulations to Simon Leeves and Kate Holle, married today in Perth, WA.*

**Brasted** Sunday 16th September

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Robin Rouse 1, Sam Chard 2, Jennifer Thomas 3, Adam Moore 4, Jamie Austin (C) 5, Nicholas Chard 6.

*First of Plain Bob Doubles inside : 2*

**Kemsing** Monday 17th September

**1260 Doubles**

*60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob*  
Jenny Williamson 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Dee Clift 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Ralph Harding 6.

*Rung in memory of Thomas Charles Eats, the sixteenth Kemsing man to die in World War 1, who died on this day 100 years ago.*

**Hawkhurst** Friday 21st September

**1287 Grandsire Triples**

Hugo Tracey 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Adam Moore 3, Ali Ducker 4, Alan Turner 5, Andy Wickenden 6, Alan Pink (C) 7, David Lyddiatt 8.

**Speldhurst** Monday 24th September

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Jennifer Thomas 1, Catherine Lewis 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Janice Byrne 4, Darren Elphick 5, Lesley Barclay 6, Pam Thomas 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8.

**Goudhurst** Wednesday 26th September

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

Adam Moore 1, Claire Bellis 2, William Evans 3, Ian Wiltshire 4, Hugo Tracey 5, Ali Ducker 6, Stephen Pocock 7, Simon Webb (C) 8.

*In memory of Norma Neale, of Goudhurst, who died recently.*



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Ringling Agony Aunt Angela Clark is here to help with any of your general ringing problems.

Dear Angela,

I wonder if you could help with a longstanding ringing problem. I suffer a degree of emotional distress at the mention of the term Sally, it reminds me of an ex girlfriend so named, temperamentally also very fluffy and flighty, who could often be difficult to grab hold of. In the end she went off with a ballet dancer from Chelmsford called Ron, leaving me bereft. What can I do? Do you think we could get them renamed? Perhaps to Mary, which is a tad more pure and well behaved? How would we get the approval of the CCCBR? Any advice you could give would be much appreciated.

Robin (Cowden).

**Angela writes :**

*Dear Robin,*

*I am sorry to hear about your problem and to enable me to help you I have contacted your erstwhile girlfriend.*

*Sally recalls your reluctance to lead although admits few problems with your tail end.*

*To rename the sally, as you have requested, may have a knock on effect and I am therefore proposing, as a first step, to refer the matter to the new District Chairman who will, I'm sure, make recommendations to the KCACR and CCCBR.*

*I hope that helps but must also add that perhaps you need to man up a little. To lose your girlfriend to a ballet dancer, and from Chelmsford for goodness sake, really takes the biscuit.*

*With best wishes,  
Angela.*

## Quarterly Training Day 1st December 2018

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

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

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

## Additional Topic

### Leading Up and Down in Peal

**For :** Students who can reliably ring up and down in peal who wish to progress to leading up and down.

Courses will be arranged subject to demand and availability of helpers and towers.

**Please assist by making requests for places as soon as possible, as last minute requests are unlikely to be met.**

Places should be requested from Mike Worthington at :  
[tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tondist.training@hotmail.co.uk)

❖ *Mike Worthington*

## MILESTONES

### CONGRATULATIONS TO :

#### **Emma Jarvis**

First Bourne Surprise Minor

#### **Jamie Austin**

First Plain Bob Minor as conductor  
First quarter of spliced  
First of Grandsire minor

#### **Amber Cusick**

First of minor  
First of triples  
First quarter peal single handed

#### **Adam Moore**

First of Grandsire minor  
First quarter of spliced

#### **Alexander Runtig**

First of Grandsire minor  
First Pudsey Surprise major  
First quarter of spliced

#### **Barnaby Larter**

First of Grandsire minor  
First quarter of spliced

#### **Daniel Jarvis**

First of Grandsire minor  
First spliced as conductor

#### **Caroline Stockmann**

First of 8 spliced

#### **Stephanie Runtig**

First treble bob to major

#### **Daniel Tierney**

First quarter peal at first attempt

#### **Caroline Levy-Cooper**

First of 2 minor methods

#### **Steve Newlands**

First of 2 minor methods

#### **Christina Cusick**

First quarter peal

#### **Carl Nightingale**

First major

#### **Sam Chard**

First Plain Bob Doubles inside

## BELL RESTORATION FUND

### 120 THANK YOUS !

2017/2018 was our best season ever for the Tonbridge District 120 Club. The Club originally set out to sell 120 shares but sold a whopping 136 shares last season, raising a massive £744.17 for the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF) charity.

As most of you know by now, the Tonbridge District 120 Club raises money for the BRF through the sale of shares, costing only £10 each. Share numbers are entered into draws at 10 Tonbridge District events from October through to July, and 3 shareholders win a prize at each draw. Around 45% of the funds generated are given back to shareholders as prizes, so around 55% of all money raised is donated to the BRF each year.

You don't have to be a ringer to buy a share. Some of our shareholders are friends or family members of ringers, and some don't even live in Kent! If you'd like to buy a share in the club, visit the KCACR website to download an Application Form and the Club Rules, or contact me and I'll send them to you.

The first draw of the 2018/2019 season will take place at the Tonbridge Annual District Meeting at Goudhurst on Saturday 6th October 2018. Shares can be bought at any point during the year but buying/renewing shares before the ADM will give you more opportunities to win a prize.

Many thanks to all who have supported our Club over the years. Please spread the word about the excellent work it does to help raise money for the Bell Restoration Fund and keep our bells ringing!

Big thanks

Ray Taylor

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