

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 Anthony Martyr, Alkham

Taken from the internet

Chairman's Message

Hi folks

Well that's the end of 2019, hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

Meetings during the year have been well attended and we welcome a lot of new members and hope to see them in 2020.

The Christmas social was well attended and my thanks again to the Ash ringers for their hard work it was a splendid day and we appreciate all the work that you put in.

We have had a sad month because we lost 2 long-standing members. Firstly Matt Nixon from Elham died suddenly at the age of 51, then on December 14th we lost Rev Stanley Evans our Vice President of many years. Stanley was responsible for the bells at Bredgar and Westgate while he was vicar at each parish, he would have been 90 in April 2020 and was looking forward to celebrating this. Stan's funeral will be on January 16th and I am hopefully going to organise a peal at Westgate on that day.

I'm sure there will a full report soon.

So hope to see you all next week at Dover.

Mike

Secretary's Message

SALIENT POINTS FROM KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON 30th November 2019

- Subscription renewals process for 2020 unchanged.
- Full Subscription rate at £15 and changes to categories notified to District Secretaries.
- Computer Programme Testers required to trial Individual Member data entry proposals.
- Draft Minutes and Adopted Minutes to be uploaded to Website Document Library.
- Trailer and mini-bell ropes for sale after Kent Mobile Ring project disbanded.
- Handbook 2020 format changes are envisaged and Schedule of deadlines was published.
- 120 Clubs advised to each obtain their own Lottery Licence.
- An Independent Examiner is still required.
- Bookstall stock written off in accounts. Remaining stock available at AGM 13/04/2020.
- The following documents were adopted and uploaded to www.kcacr.org.uk:
 - Kent Young Ringers Fund Guidelines.
 - Training Fund Guidelines amended.
 - Health & Safety Policy
 - Generic Risk Assessment template.
- Feedback is requested to the idea of alternating District Meeting dates to free more Saturdays for training or other ringing events.
- 6-Bell Competition with Call Change option to be explored.
- Consultation regarding application for Charitable Status for the Association will be undertaken.
- Members are encouraged to attend the Central Council AGM and Roadshow in Nottingham 4th -6th September 2020.

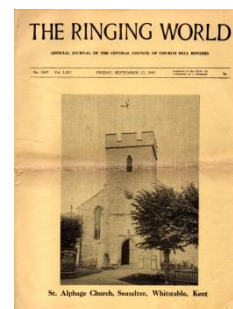
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District News

50 YEARS OF THE BELLS OF ST ALPHEGE, WHITSTABLE

There may be some older members who remember the cover story of *The Ringing World* on 12th September 1969 (No. 3047), which celebrated the installation of a new light ring (3-1-13) of six at St Alphege, then parish church of Seasalter, situated in Whitstable High Street. Fifty years later there are still members of the ringing community, and indeed the church, who shared the excitement at the time and so Saturday 21st September 2019, fifty years to the day of the dedication of the bells by the Bishop of Dover, seemed a fitting occasion for a celebration.



Proceedings began early in the morning with a peal of 5040 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor on the original six bells, the ring having been augmented to eight in 1973. Stephen Jakeman, a member of the original band, organised and conducted the peal, which included current and former members and one who rang in the first peal in 1970. The morning's ringing came round in fine style after 2 hours 29 minutes and had been much appreciated by passing townsfolk and the clientele of the church café. You may have read the report of this in the previous newsletter.



It was just as well that Whitstable was bathed in late summer sunshine during the afternoon, as two special installations were erected outside on the church forecourt. On one side, the delightful Madams Court Mini Ring from Frinsted, kindly brought over by Martin Hooker, and on the other, Trevor Arnold's intriguing Maypole Bell ringing simulator. These two attracted not only visiting ringers, who arrived to join in the fun, but also many members of the public, including some very young ones, whose Saturday afternoon was enlivened by an authentic ad hoc ringing experience.

Meanwhile, up in the tower, all eight bells were being put to good use, with friends old and new being welcomed and many reminiscences being exchanged. The afternoon was not without drama, however, as someone managed to break the lock on the tower access hatch, trapping the younger members of the St Alphege band in the ringing room. Fortunately the adults also present decided the best thing to do was for everyone to carry on ringing and in fact the youngsters even practised some new skills whilst those down below figured out how to release them. In the end, brute force was successful and the tower supply of Smarties came in useful for sustaining them during their ordeal.

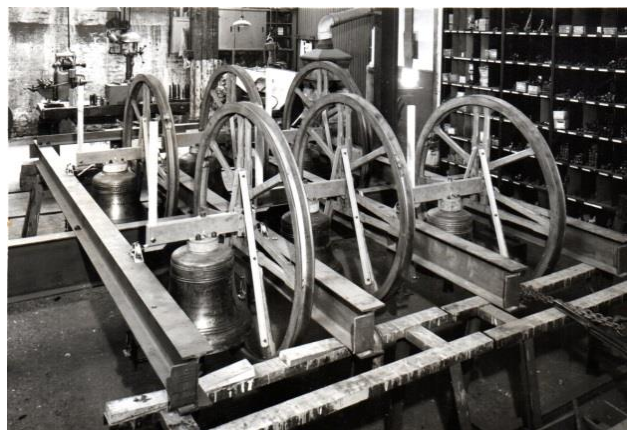


A congregation of ringers and church members then joined in a joyful celebration Evensong, which included Psalm 150 and a reading from Numbers 10: 1 -10, two elements of the original dedication service. Revd Rachel Webbley, Team Rector of the Whitstable Team Ministry, gave what was later described as a ‘cracking’ sermon and the choir sang Vaughan Williams’ *Let all the world in every corner sing*, with its glorious bell-like accompaniment by guest organist Stephen Barker. The congregation was most generous in giving to a collection for the rehanging of the chiming bell in a sister church of the Whitstable Team, St John’s, Swalecliffe.



No celebration would be complete without tea and cake! Aided by their good friends from the All Saints, Whitstable band, the hosts laid on a delicious spread, which was polished off in no time. A celebration cake decorated with six golden bells was cut by Revd David Cawley, the first Ringing Master, and Revd Rachel Webbley. Revd David, to whom the band and church owe a huge debt of gratitude, was a lay reader at St Alphege when he instigated the project to install the bells back in 1969. With the help of his collection of old photos and documents, he explained to the assembled company how it had all come about and how the ringers had been trained up from scratch at neighbouring towers beforehand.

The only member of that original band still ringing in the tower (although others are ringing elsewhere) is John Legg, who served as Ringing Master from 1970 to 2014. He went on to describe some of the ringing highlights over the years, including the augmentation, notable peals, competition wins and those infamous boating holidays. Since the foundation of the Whitstable Team Ministry in 1984, the church has been known as St Alphege, Whitstable, although old habits die hard in ringing circles, where the name of Seasalter still endures.



After a great day of celebration, we now turn towards the future and with an influx of new young ringers, current Ringing Master Ben Legg and the rest of the band at St Alphege are looking forward to the next fifty years of our wonderful little bells.

Three Ringing Masters: David Cawley (1969-1970)
John Legg (1970–2014)
and Benjamin Legg (2014 - present)



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The Thanet and Quex Society Outing - Saturday 5th October

Having been invited to join the Thanet and Quex Society annual tower outing, three of us set off from Staple, at what to me, seemed like the crack of dawn.

Tenterden - the first tower of the day, start time 9am. Finally we arrived, parked the car and headed for the tower. Starting the ascent, not too far up, came a cry "coming down, no room to pass". Reversing to ground level, a steady stream of people flowed from above. Malcolm was the only one to reach the ringing chamber to help ring down. Airlie and I decided to make good use of the facilities! Unfortunately Airlie had to put the Tenterden grab on the list for another time.

Woodchurch - second tower of the day. This old heavy going 6 proved to be a challenge to many less and some not so less experienced ringers on the outing. Once the bells had been raised, Rounds, Call changes, Bob doubles, Plain hunt were rung. The bells all had a different plain coloured sally which made food for thought. Do the locals call changes by colour or number?

Warhorne – tower three. These little six were much more user friendly. Here we ventured to ring Stedman doubles, Cambridge minor along with the usual rounds, call changes and plain hunt. Everyone seemed to like these bells.

Now it was time for lunch and light refreshment. The County Member at Lympe being the chosen venue. Pre ordering of food had been arranged in advance. 35 sat down for lunch which Len said had been very good and well served. Malcolm and I having not pre booked our lunch, we took ourselves off to the Dukes Head at Ham Street for a pre birthday lunch for Mr.B. We had no idea what it would be like but what we can say is that we had a very good, home cooked meal, in a very clean, friendly pub. We can highly recommend it but you could need to take your doggy bag with you. The portions were very large.

Lunch break, came to an end and then on to our fourth tower.

Lympe. The spectacular view across the Romney Marsh from the back of the church yard was admired by a few of us before climbing the open spiral staircase to the ringing chamber. Here it was discovered that some of the bells would have been better for the ringers, if one leg had been a little longer than the other! Thus said these bells were and are a delightful ring of 8. The usual rounds, call changes were rung also Stedman and Bob triples and an attempt at Cambridge Major.

Saltwood - our fifth tower of the day were not so easy and are quite heavy going and odd struck. The tower isn't very big and we made quite a cosy gathering. Nothing adventurous was rung here but everyone rang something.

By now I was certainly was feeling a little tired but one more tower was on the list so off we went again.

Folkestone – tower number six, the last of the day a delightful, heavy ring of 8 bells. If you haven't prior information as to getting into the tower it can prove a little difficult to find the staircase. Fortunately a visit for Mr.B and I earlier this year made for no problem this time! . Rounds, Call changes, Plain hunt, Stedman and Bob triples were rung and the bells were enjoyed by all.

And finally it was time to call it a day. Given the number of ringers and level of skill of said ringers, I can say that we had a very friendly, enjoyable day. The enthusiasm shown by all the ringers is praise worthy .The weather couldn't have been better, dry crisp air, not cold and no rain. A big thank you to those who did all of

the organising, from the three of us at Ash and for inviting us to join you on the day out, but please, one request for next time. Could the first tower be just a little nearer to home?



Marilyn Barden

Cake inspector – Autumn/Winter 2019

St Dunstan's, 12 October 2019. As always, a generous spread from the St Dunstan's ringers. Some lovely cakes and bakes. There were some leftovers at the end which naturally made a doggy bag necessary to keep some jam tarts and other goodies for later. No risk of them getting frozen on the way back, the mild weather today being very different to the days when the scraping of frost off cars was typical after past ADMs in the early '80s, the Chairman remarked.

Westgate-on-Sea, 9 Nov 2019. A welcome return to this Victorian church near the seaside. The Westgate ringers laid on a lavish spread, with home-made bakewell tart as well as sandwiches and other treats. There were some memorable moments. Rev David Cawley almost took Flavia's heart - well, a chocolate one that is...!

The Cake Inspector

KENT YOUNG RINGERS CONTEST @ STURRY on 2nd NOV 2019

The 4th KCACR Young Ringers' Contest was held at Sturry on a very wild and wet afternoon.

24 youngsters aged from 9 to 22 gathered after battling the wind and the rain from the far reaches of Kent. A wonderful tea and very welcome hot drinks greeted us inside the church where Trevor Arnold had set up his Maypole Mini Ring. We found a little spot for the judge... as suitable as possible, given the weather; the draw took place and an afternoon of really lovely ringing got underway.

The ringers of Kent should be very proud of the standard of ringing being produced by our younger generation. Various activities were on hand to occupy us while not ringing: the Maypole Mini Ring (two teams took advantage of this to practice their test piece, having not been able to practice beforehand!), a tricky Word search, a quiz devised by Adam Moore, handbells in the very warm porch, biscuits to decorate with various methods and bell motifs as well as hanging around the door to listen to the competing teams.

Full teams from the Canterbury, Lewisham and Tonbridge Districts entered along with a band made up of 3 ringers from each of the Maidstone and Rochester Districts. These four teams rang Call Changes.

The identity of the judge as Daniel Jarvis, taking a weekend out of his university studies in Liverpool, was revealed and introduced to the assembled throng of teams and supporters.

Daniel explained his system of marking and proceeded to give the results. The teams representing the Districts were awarded the following results:

Canterbury: 70%:

Lewisham: 75%

"Maidchester": 84%

and the Trophy winners were Tonbridge with 86%

Certificates were presented to the teams and the Reverend David Cawley presented the trophy to the Tonbridge team. Congratulations to them and many thanks to everyone for taking part.

Jo Horton

Minutes of Past Meetings

Bye Meeting - Sat 9th Nov 2019 at St Saviour, Westgate-on-Sea

Ringling began just after 11am under the guidance of ringing master Benn Legg. The service at 12.30pm was conducted by Rev. David Cawley with Susan Record playing the organ. Lunch was served in the church by the Westgate ringers

1. **Apologies for absence** - Received from Malcolm Barden, Mary and Tony Bridges, Rev Stanley Evans, Andrew, Cathryn and Philip Hills, John Paramor, Malcolm and Zoe Story and Ian and Sarat White.
2. **Election of new members** - From Monkton, Lorraine Holladay and Anthony Oliver were proposed and seconded by Heather Gunton and Rachel Horsburgh. From St Peter-in-Thamet Mary Cross was proposed by Sarat White and seconded by Felicity Lewis with Lynda Newing proposed by Sarat White and seconded by Len Huckstep. From Westgate Stephen Short was proposed by Dorothe Steidinger and seconded by Stuart Willmott. From St Laurence-in-Thamet Mick Cairns was proposed by Debra Stickels and seconded by Freda Parker. From Birchington Lionel Carpenter, Reece Carpenter, Donna Holmes, Jane Paterson and Phoebe Paterson were proposed by David Sheekey and seconded by Tim Attride.

Members proposed for re-elected were Joseph Russell and Peter Russell from Birchington.

All were accepted by the members present.

3. **Presentation of Certificates** - The committee did not have enough certificates for all new members so none were presented at this meeting but will be ready for the January meeting.
4. **The Collection** - Amounted to £47.60 with £23.80 going to Herne and £23.80 to the BRF.
5. **Forthcoming Events** -

Saturday 16th November - District plain Triples and Major practice at St Stephens from 10.30 until 12 noon.

Saturday 14th December - Carol Service and Social at Ash-next-Sandwich. Ringing at 2.30pm.

Carol Service at 4pm followed by supper and quiz. Tickets £12 adults and £6 children from marilynbarnden@aol.com.

An email reminder had been sent to all towers last week.

Saturday 11th January - Quarterly meeting at Alkham and Dover. Ringing at Alkham from 10.30 until 11.15 then at Dover from 11.30am. Service at Dover

at 12.30pm, followed by lunch and meeting. Names for lunch to

namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Bristol Minimus and Stedman Triples

Saturday 8th February - Ringing School. One suggestion had been received from St Laurence. Members who wish to practice new methods were asked to contact the ringing masters.

Saturday 14th March - Bye meeting at Preston. Ringing at 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.

6. **120 Club Draw -**

1st	£35	No. 62	Jill Elderton	St Dunstons
2nd	£25	No. 99	Ian White	St Peter-in-Thanel
3rd	£10	No. 9	Tony Martin	Thanington

7. **Any Other Business** - County Training officer David Grimwood had emailed district chairman to announce that he was putting together a training budget and asked what training was being planned in each district. Also each district held their meetings on different Saturdays. He suggested trying to change these to one or two Saturdays to leave one or more Saturdays free for county events. The members were not impressed with this idea saying that most meetings were on the second or third Saturdays and asking if the county had any ideas ready to justify districts changing their programmes.

The Secretary had received an email from the county safeguarding officer saying that a safeguarding poster specifically designed for bell towers had been issued to incumbents in the Canterbury Diocese and tower captains should request a copy for their tower noticeboard.

Today was the deadline for orders for Canterbury District tee shirts and sweatshirts to be ready for the Carol Service in December.

Ben mentioned that the Kent Young Ringers had held their Striking Competition at Sturry on 2nd November. A band from the Canterbury District, most of whom had never entered a competition before, took part. Maidstone and Rochester districts had to combine to enter a band.

8. **Vote of Thanks** - Douglas Neve gave the vote of thanks to the vicar of St Saviours, Karen Gooding, and churchwardens for use of the church and bells and everyone involved with organising the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

The KCACR Canterbury District - Annual District Meeting

Saturday 12th October 2019 at Canterbury, St Dunstans

Ringling began at 3pm under the guidance of ringling master Ben Legg. The service at 4.15pm was conducted by Samuel Keeler-Walker with Susan Record playing the organ.

Tea was served by the St. Dunstans ringers in the church hall.

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

1. Apologies for Absence were received from, Debbie Aris, Dennis Brandrick, Mary and Tony Bridges, Andrew Corby, Philip Elderton, Rev. Stanley Evans, Chris and Janet Godfrey, Philip Hills, Jo Horton, Paul Johnson, Belinda Moyna, John Paramor, Freda Parker, Adam Redgwell, David Sheekey, Zoe and Malcolm Storey, Ian White and the Bekesbourne band.

2. Minutes of the last two meetings - were taken as read on a proposal from Becky Holliday seconded by Sarat White. The chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

3. Matters Arising - There were no matters arising.

4. Election of New Members - No new members were proposed for election to the Association.

5. Presentation of Certificates - There were no members present to receive membership certificates.

6. The Collection - This amounted to £47.53 of which £23.77 went to St Dunstans and £23.76 to the BRF

7. Chairman's Remarks - The chairman had very little to say apart from mentioning the call change competition which he felt was a fantastic occasion with nine bands entered. Everyone was very friendly towards each other, had a good tea and enjoyed the competition. He thanked everyone for their support.

8. Secretary's Report - It has been an interesting year for the district with thirteen new members and one associate member joining the association.

Quarterly meetings were held at Ospringe, Elham and Throwley. The venues for the bye meetings were Herne, Eythorne followed by ringling at Deal and East Langdon with the service, tea and meeting at Walmer.

St Alphege Whitstable hosted an enjoyable Christmas Carol Service with delicious food and a quiz extravaganza to follow.

The ringling school was organised at two towers in February. Feedback was good. Details are in the ringling master's report.

The district hosted the County AGM at Chilham on Easter Monday 22nd April.

Only four bands entered the Striking Competition at Goodnestone in May where Canterbury St Dunstans were placed first. They went on to win the county competition at Seal in September. The Call Change Competition at Godmersham was won by Lyminge. Nine bands entered including some towers who hadn't participated for many years, if at all. One band contained two generations of the same family, mother and daughter whilst another had three generations of the same family, mother daughter and grandson. For all of these people it was their first competition ringling. A scratch band also added to the enjoyment.

The district competed in the county eight bell competition at Tunstall in June where they were placed third of five bands. Maidstone did not enter a band.

Attendance at meetings continues to hold up well but with the same faces every month. We need our new ringers to come along and also encourage those towers whose members never attend to come along and see what the district is all about.

Thanks must go to all the members and incumbents of the towers at which meetings were held during the year and also those members who supported these events.

Thanks are also due to the committee for attending committee meetings and keeping the district running smoothly.

The Secretary's report was adopted on a proposal from Cathryn Hills seconded by Allan Chandler.

9. **Assistant /Competition Secretary's Report** - The assistant secretary had not prepared a report but wished to endorse what the chairman had said about the call change competition in September. It had been a very good afternoon.

It was a lot easier organising the competitions by email rather than waiting for the post and he encouraged bands to enter both competitions in future years. He also suggested that certificates should be presented to all bands who took part.

10. **Treasurer's Report** - A copy of the interim accounts is attached to these minutes. Cathryn reported that most towers had paid their subscriptions but some members were still to pay. Income from the 120 club would be down this year due to the change to an April to March year, but this will be offset by monies raised by hosting the AGM on Easter Monday.

Subscriptions for the coming year will be £15 for adults and £7.50 for under 18s and are due on 1st January. The county committee are imposing a cut-off date for payment. Those who do not meet this date will have their names removed from the handbook.

The Treasurer's report was adopted on a proposal from David Cawley seconded by Debra Stickels.

11. **Ringing Master's Report** - We have experienced an enjoyable year as District Ringing Masters. We have had plenty of good ringing at district meetings and competitions since our last Annual District Meeting, and we hope, ringing that has been beneficial to everyone who has come along to any district meeting with the aim of trying to ring something new, broaden their experience of district towers, and to meet with old friends and make new acquaintances.

Two ringing schools were held in February, one focusing on Stedman held at St Stephen's, Canterbury, and one focusing on Plain Hunt held at St Peter-in-Thonet. Both schools attracted a lot of interest and were worthwhile events. We hope that everyone who attended feels that they gained from taking part. Ringing schools will be organised again for February next year. If towers are interested in organising their own ringing schools to cover specific aspects of ringing, please do not hesitate to contact the district committee as we would welcome the opportunity to give any event our help and support.

The District Quarter Peal Week was also held in the February half-term holiday this year, and 14 quarter peals were scored for this event during the week. Special congratulations must go to any ringers who achieved anything for the first time. For next year's week please don't hesitate to contact the ringing masters if your tower requires any assistance in arranging quarter peals, as it would be great to improve on this number and also achieve as many "firsts" as possible.

We have held District Surprise Major practices at Sheldwich, All Saints, Birchington-on-Sea, Selling and Hernhill. We have enjoyed these special practices and hope that district ringers attending them found them useful and enjoyable occasions.

The Canterbury District entered the KCACR Youth Striking Contest held at Kingsnorth and came a very creditable 3rd.

A band representing the Canterbury District competed in the County 8-Bell Striking Competition held at Tunstall in June, coming 3rd. St Dunstan's, Canterbury represented the District in the County 6-Bell Striking Competition held at Seal in September and were worthy champions!

A particular highlight of the year was the amount of ringing for the centenary of the Armistice on 11th November 2018. Many towers around the District participated in Ringing Remembers and Ringing out for Peace, and managed to swell their bands through the accompanying recruitment drive as well.

If any towers in the District have requests for help to teach and learn any aspect of ringing, or require help for ringing performances at special occasions, please do get in touch! We are encouraged by meeting many new ringers at district events, and hope this will continue throughout the coming year

- 12. 120 Club Report and Draw** - As Philip was abroad his report was to be held over until March when the 120 Club year ends.

The chairman thanked Phil for his work in running the club.

Results of the October draw were as follows:

1st	£35	No 71	Sam Keeler-Walker	Wickhambreaux
2nd	£20	No 36	Janet Godfrey	Chilham
3rd	£10	No 84	Chris Godfrey	Chilham

- 13. Report from the County Committee Meeting** - Neither of the District Representatives had attended the last meeting and so the secretary read out the bullet points received from the general secretary.

With regards to the Mini Ring project agreed at the AGM at Cranbrook nothing had been progressed by the county and it had been abandoned. David Cawley had recovered the bells which he had originally donated to the project.

The bookstall was to be withdrawn. Don Niblett reported that those books left in the district bookstall had been returned. The district committee had discussed this and proposed reviving it as a district bookstall. Claire Stay was prepared to take on the job suggesting that there were certain books which people need to see before they bought them and that it was important to have a small selection of books available at district meetings. The district would need to buy initial stock and money was available for this after which the stall will become self financing. David Cawley was prepared to offer a donation to get it started.

- 14. Future handbook provision** - There has, as yet, been no information from the general committee concerning the provision and ordering arrangements for the 2020 handbook. As soon as this is received it will be passed on to tower contacts.

Towers and members were urged to ensure that subscriptions were paid as soon as possible in January. For 2019 those who were not shown on the membership database as having paid were not included in the handbook and some towers were shown as having no members.

- 15. Election of Officers for 2020** - All the current committee had expressed their willingness to continue for another year so the chairman suggested they be elected en bloc.

This was proposed by Andy Brett, seconded by Becky Holliday and passed by the membership. The committee for 2020 is therefore as follows:-

Chairman	Mike Little	Secretary	Tony Martin
Assistant Secretary	Rev.David Cawley	Treasurer	Cathryn Hills
Ringling Master 1	Benjamin Legg	Ringling Master 2	John Haimes
District Rep	Jo Horton	120 Club Organiser	Philip Elderton
Newsletter Editor	Jane Huxley	Extra Three	Len Huckstep
Extra Three	Michael Keeler-Walker	Extra Three	Claire Stay

16. Towers for 2020. The following programme was put to members.

Month	Tower	Meeting
11-Jan-20	Alkham & Dover	Quarterly Meeting
14-Mar-20	Preston	Bye Meeting
18-Apr-20	Lyminge	Quarterly Meeting
9-May-20	Waltham	Striking Competition
13-Jun-20	Monkton	Bye Meeting
11-Jul-20	Wingham	Quarterly Meeting
12-Sep-20	Sturry	Call Change Competition
10-Oct-20	St Dunstons	ADM
14-Nov-20	Chartham	Bye Meeting
12-Dec-20	Birchington	Carol Service and Social
9-Jan-21	Boughton under Blean	Quarterly Meeting

This is the proposed programme and will be confirmed or changed as towers are approached.

17. Forthcoming Events –

- Saturday 9th November - Bye Meeting at Westgate. Ringing from 11am, service at 12.30pm followed by lunch and meeting. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special methods to be Double Oxford Bob Minor and Old Bob Doubles.

NOTE: This is the first morning meeting for winter 2019/2020.

- Saturday 14th December - Carol Service and Social at Ash next Sandwich. Ringing at 2.30pm, Carol service at 4pm followed by Christmas supper and quiz . Tickets £12 for adults and £6 children available from marilynbarnden@aol.com
- Saturday 11th January - Quarterly Meeting at Alkham and Dover. Ringing at Alkham from 10.30 to 11.15am. Ringing at Dover from 11.30, service at 12.30pm followed by lunch and meeting. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible.

Special methods to be Bristol Minimus and Stedman Triples.

- Saturday 8th February Ringing School - Requests to the Ringing Masters please.

In addition members announced the following events:

- Saturday 3rd November – Kent Young Ringers Striking Competition at Sturry. Ben needed ringers under 25 to form a band.
- Saturday 16th November – District Plain Triples and Major practice at St Stephens from 10.30am until 12noon.
- Saturday 16th November – Quiz at Birchington in the evening.

18. **Any Other Business** - It was proposed to introduce a line of District clothing. A logo had been produced with Tee shirts costing £10, Polo Shirts £12 and Sweatshirts £15 in a variety of colours. A couple of samples were on show at the meeting and a catalogue was available to view. Orders should be sent to Jane. It was hoped that orders placed at the November meeting would be ready for collection at the social in December.

It was asked whether the county were planning to do anything on 8th May 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. Ben had been contacted by Armistice ringing about organising something.

19. **Vote of Thanks** - Rev. David Cawley gave the vote of thanks to everyone involved in organising the Annual Meeting.

Interim Balance Sheet for 2019

Brought Forward	£22.03		
<u>Subscription Account</u>			
124 Full members @ £10.00	£1,240.00	Banked Bell Restoration Fund	£654.61
7 Junior members @ £5.00	£35.00	Banked Subscription Account	£1,616.00
5 Student members @ £5.00	£25.00	Donation to KYR BBQ at Quex	£10.00
90 OAP members @ £5.00	£450.00		
1 Associate @ £1.00	£1.00		
2 Associate @ £5.00	£10.00		
Arrears			
1 OAP members @ £5.00	£5.00		
		<u>£1,788.03</u>	
<u>Bell Restoration Fund</u>			
Donation	£10.00		
Part Collections	£180.67		
Raffle AGM	£117.00		
AGM Profit	£466.50		
		<u>£774.17</u>	
		Carried Forward	£281.59
		<u>£2,562.20</u>	<u>£2,562.20</u>

District Quarter Peals

Quarter Peals rung from 1st October to 31st December 2019 are as follows:

Date	Tower	Changes / Method	Conductor
7 October 2019	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Adam Moore
9 October 2019	Margate (St John the Baptist), Kent	1260 Doubles	Michael J Little
11 October 2019	Godmersham (St Laurence the Martyr), Kent	1260 Single Cbury Pleasure Bob Minor	Adam Moore
13 October 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 Make Some Noise Doubles	Tim Attridge
19 October 2019	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles (4m/p)	Cathryn M Hills
20 October 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 St Frideswide Doubles	Michael Little
20 October 2019	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Grandsire Doubles	Tony J Martin
27 October 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 St Quintin Doubles	Michael Little
27 October 2019	Canterbury Cathedral, Kent	1260 Plain Bob Royal	Cathryn M Hills
1 November 2019	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1440 Double Oxford Bob Minor	Adam Moore
3 November 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Funtington Doubles	Tim Attridge
3 November 2019	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Jane E Huxley
8 November 2019	Teynham (St Mary), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Barry Roberts
8 November 2019	Throwley (St Michael and All Angels), Kent	1280 Cambridge Surprise Major	Stuart C Palin
10 November 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Chawton Doubles	Tim Attridge
10 November 2019	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles (11m/v)	Andrew M Hills
10 November 2019	Ospringe (St Peter and St Paul), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Adam Moore
10 November 2019	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260 Doubles (3m)	Tony Martin
11 November 2019	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Tony Martin
16 November 2019	Canterbury Cathedral, Kent	1344 Spliced Surprise Major	Andrew M Hills
16 November 2019	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1289 Grandsire Doubles	Andrew M Hills
17 November 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Bramshott Doubles	Tim Attridge
17 November 2019	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1320 Plain Bob Minor	Jane E Huxley
18 November 2019	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles	Adam Moore
19 November 2019	Ospringe (St Peter and St Paul), Kent	1344 Plain Bob Major	Ali Ducker
23 November 2019	Broadstairs (St Peter the Apostle), Kent	1260 Doubles (3m)	Mike Little
23 November 2019	Throwley (St Michael and All Angels), Kent	1344 Spliced Surprise Major	Andrew J Corby
29 November 2019	Boughton under Blean (St Peter and St Paul), Kent	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Adam Moore
1 December 2019	Ashford (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1259 Grandsire Caters	Mark Chittenden-Pile
1 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Purbrook Doubles	Tim Attridge
1 December 2019	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1320 Plain Bob Minor	Claire Stay
1 December 2019	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260 Doubles (3m)	Tony Martin
2 December 2019	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1260 Stedman Doubles	Philip Bedford
6 December 2019	Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent	1260 St Nicholas Doubles	Tony Martin
8 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
8 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
13 December 2019	Broadstairs (St Peter the Apostle), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Triples	Len Huckstep
13 December 2019	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1344 Plain Bob Major	Adam D Moore
13 December 2019	Sheldwich (1 Hunters Way), Kent	1260 Mixed Minimus	Stuart C Palin

Date	Tower	Changes / Method	Conductor
15 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 St Lucy Doubles	Michael Little
15 December 2019	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1320 Plain Bob Minor	Jane E Huxley
15 December 2019	Waltham (St Bartholomew), Kent	1260 Doubles (5m)	Cathryn M Hills
18 December 2019	Canterbury Cathedral, Kent	1260 Stedman Triples	Andrew M Hills
18 December 2019	Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
21 December 2019	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
22 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 Daffodil Doubles	Michael Little
22 December 2019	Canterbury Cathedral, Kent	1311 Stedman Cinques	Andrew M Hills
22 December 2019	Goodnestone (Holy Cross), Kent	1266 Stedman Doubles	Andrew M Hills
24 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
25 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1272 Plain Bob Minimus	Michael Little
25 December 2019	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles	Andrew M Hills
26 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 Bluebell Doubles	Michael Little
26 December 2019	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
28 December 2019	Hernhill (St Michael), Kent	1280 Spliced Surprise Major	Andrew M Hills
29 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 Middleton Stoney Doubles	Michael Little
29 December 2019	Canterbury Cathedral, Kent	1311 Stedman Cinques	Andrew M Hills
31 December 2019	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 Grandsire Doubles	Michael Little

District Peals

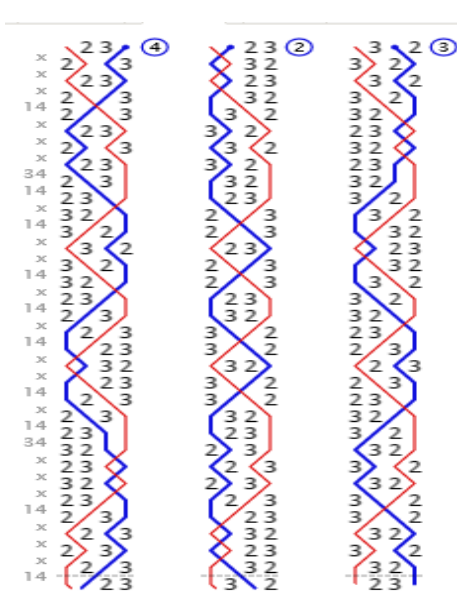
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Date	Tower	Changes / Method	Conductor
5 October 2019	Canterbury Cathedral, Kent	5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major	Andrew M Hills
21 October 2019	Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	5024 Spliced Surprise Major	John B Keeler
18 December 2019	Boughton under Blean (St Peter and St Paul), Kent	5056 Bristol Surprise Major	Phillip R J Barnes

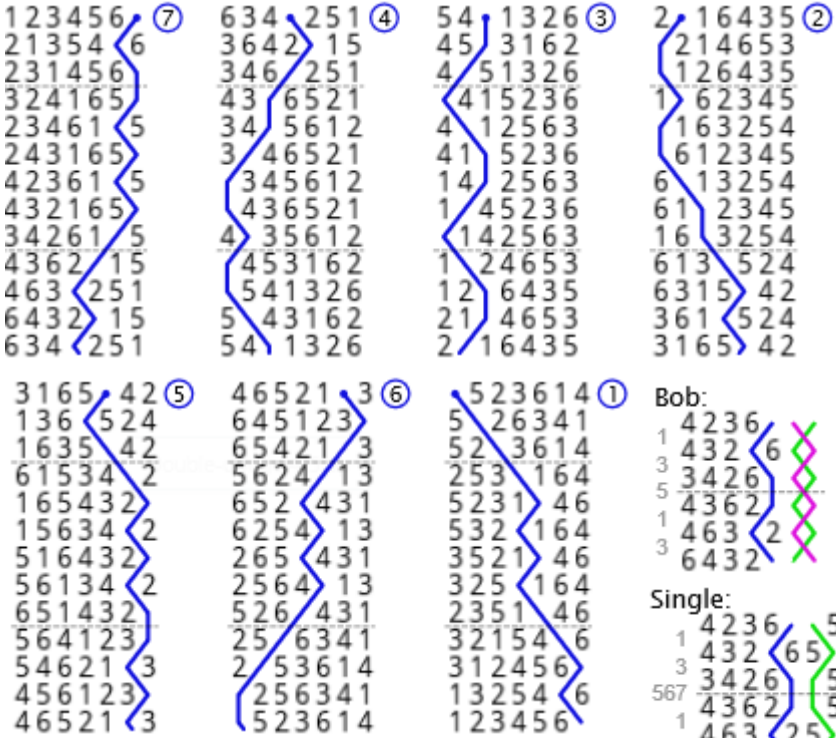
Special Methods

Saturday 11th January 2020 at Alkham and Dover

Bristol Minimus



Stedman Triples



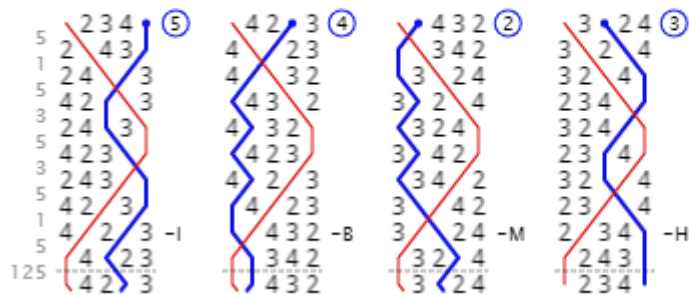
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St Simon's Bob Doubles

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Grid



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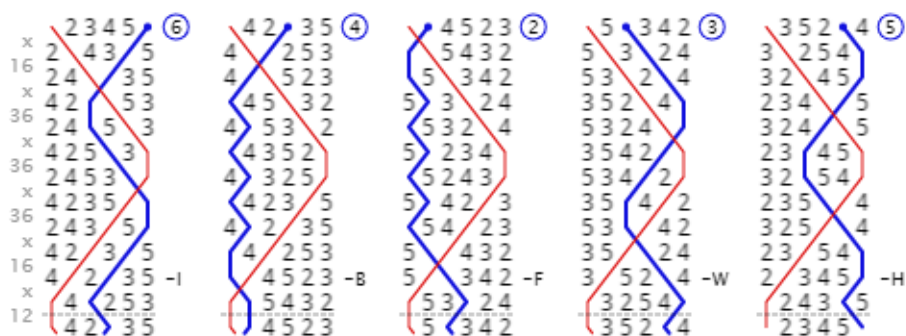


St Clement's College Bob Minor

Details

Line

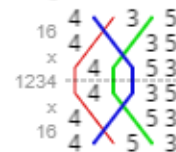
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Bob:



Single:



Saturday 18 April – St Mary & Ethelburga, Lyminge

Erin Triples

Bob:

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1 4 2 1 6
3 2 4 1 6
5 4 2 6 1
3 2 4 6 1
1 2 6 4 1

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Single:

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1 4 1 2 6 5
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Cambridge Surprise Major

Bob:

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1258 8 6 4 2
x 8 6 4 2
14 8 6 4 2
x 8 6 4 2
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x 2 8 4 6
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Single:

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As of the 2019 Annual District Meeting, the officers of the Canterbury District currently stand as follows:

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Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/>

Forthcoming Events

Quarterly Meeting - Saturday 11th January at Alkham and Dover

Ringling at Alkham from 10.30 until 11.15 then at Dover from 11.30am. Service at Dover

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

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Ringling School

Saturday 8th February

Contact the ringling masters

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Bye Meeting

Saturday 14th March at Preston. Ringling at 11am, Service at 12.30 followed by lunch, meeting and further ringling. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 11th April at Lyminge. Ringling from 3pm, service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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Holiday Practices - St Stephens Canterbury

Wednesday 19 February, Wednesday 15 April 2020

Our ever popular practices will take place in the February half term holiday and the Easter holiday on the above dates. We will ring whatever we have a band for from rounds to Surprise Major.

These practices are for you and we would like to thank you for your attendance.