



# Canterbury District Newsletter

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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](http://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](mailto: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 James, Sheldwich  
*Taken from the internet*

## **Chairman's Message**

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Hi everyone

Hope you all doing well and keeping covid free.

It's hoped now we can get back to some sort of normality and now the meetings have gone back to 3pm start unfortunately for you all I can now get to meetings so I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Sheldwich.

Please try to encourage members to come along

Best wishes

*Mike*

## District News

### A Visit to Maypole Bells' Rope Workshop – July 2021

Many of you are already aware of Trevor Arnold's Maypole Bells, his innovative mini-ring/simulator, but may be less aware of his wider ringing support (other than being a regular ringer at Rodmersham). As a carpenter by profession Trevor already offered services for things like stays and more intricate woodwork; he was also producing mini-ring ropes. He has now embarked on producing full-sized bell ropes and as Ospringe was in need of new ropes we have become an early customer (and beta tester).

With the end of lockdown looming [July 2021] I was looking around for something of interest for the Ospringe band (the immediate post-lockdown guidance being for a cautious return to ringing) – which led me to raise the idea with Trevor of a visit to his workshop to see how our ropes were being made. I was very pleased that this idea was received enthusiastically by Trevor – and after some enquiries with the band as to who would be interested and when they would be available the evening of 19-Jul-2021 was set.

Fortunately my instructions on finding Trevor's workshop way out in the back of beyond, coupled with the benefits of modern sat-nav technology, proved adequate and everyone arrived – eventually. The early birds had the opportunity to play with the Maypole Ring which Trevor and Phil Fagg (who was assisting Trevor) had set up in the yard – an unexpected bonus. With all present Trevor and Phil took us into the workshop where Trevor had set up his ropery.



Now, I had expected the evening to be one where Trevor showed us how the ropes were made – but anyone who knows Trevor's enthusiasm will not be surprised that he had a different idea: **we** were going to make mini bellropes under Trevor and Phil's guidance and tutelage. Our group of six was divided into two sets of three, each set to make their own rope.

First we were introduced to Trevor's novel sally-colour-review process – lengths of knitted wool in each colour (rather like the output of the wooden French knitting dolls) which could be laid alongside each other and twisted to give a good approximation to a sally. This provoked quite a bit of interest in potential colour combinations; some serious, some less so, and some that should never be allowed into a ringing chamber.



Having explored the possibilities, each set was asked to choose the colours for their sally and collect the appropriate ball of wool. I am pleased to say that good sense prevailed, and reasonable colour combinations were selected.

Each in turn, we wound our ball of wool evenly onto a sally-length bobbin. The wound wool was then cut along the length of the bobbin (in much the same way as is

done for making pom-poms) and the wool “stringlets” carefully transferred to clamps to keep them safe for later.

The next stage was to set up the rope winding. A large spool of hemp yarn sat at the base of the winding machine with its three winding hooks. For a mini-rope we were to have fourteen yarn-fibres per strand (with three strands making up the rope) – this resulted in much walking between the winding machine and the swivel hook at the other end of the walkway, and careful counting [*good job we are all ringers and used to counting our places (or should that be paces)!.*]

Using the winding handle, each strand was given a few twists so that each strand could hold the wool for the sally. The next part, fitting the wool “stringlets” into each strand, provoked great interest with many exclamations of “I’ve always wondered how they do that”. Fear not dear readers, I will not spoil this opportunity of discovery for you – but it seems so obvious once you have seen it!



Now began the main part of the winding – with one person at the winding end turning the handle, and another at the other end working the guide (“topper”) to ensure the strands were evenly laid into the rope with the right degree of tension. All was not plain sailing, we had to watch out for kinks forming in the strands – resulting in shouts of “Stop!” and “Unwind”, followed by some expert intervention by Trevor and Phil to sort things out.



Even so, things seemed relatively straight-forward until we reached the sallies. Here considerable skill and some “forceful persuasion” was needed to get the sally to twist evenly and maintain good tension – particularly in the transition between rope and sally. In the end there was a noticeable difference between our two ropes – which was itself quite instructional and gave a greater appreciation of the skill needed to make good quality ropes. The ropes were finished off by Trevor trimming the sallies into shape.

After admiring our handiwork we finished the evening with a little more time on the Maypole Ring before helping Trevor and Phil pack away.

Everyone had a very enjoyable evening and departed a great deal wiser in the ways of rope-making. On behalf of all I should like to repeat our thanks to Trevor and Phil for their generosity and patience in hosting us and answering our questions. We look forward to receiving our new ropes for Ospringe with a greater appreciation of the skill and effort that has gone

into making them.

Stuart Palin (Jul-2021)  
photographs: Adam Moore

## **St Peter In Thanet, 12th March**

A long three months without any refreshments for the Inspector to sample since November last year made for a very long winter. However, St Peter in Thanet made the wait well worthwhile with delicious home-made soup, served with yogurt and a spring of fresh coriander to boot! Roll and cheese to accompany it, followed by jam tarts and cakes with tea.

There were some very tempting home-made biscuits as well. These were all swiftly polished off before the Inspector could test them, but were clearly much enjoyed by all those present, which is what it's all about. And so on to the return of the afternoon meetings and looking forward to brighter days ahead.

Cake Inspector – March 2022

## **Retirement is over after 25 years plus!**

Since Ringing has resumed after lockdown, St Stephen's Canterbury and St Dunstan's Canterbury have been unable to ring without joining forces to ensure that their bells are rung regularly for Sunday Services.

To ensure we have a band for both towers we have been ringing quarter peals to methods of doubles with occasionally ringing minor. This has resulted in quite a repertoire of doubles methods including variations and principles.

I have really enjoyed ringing these methods and variations and on numerous occasions have found them quite testing especially as I am more used to ringing on 7 or 8 bells at St Stephen's.

I really enjoy ringing quarter peals and find the 40ish minutes of continuous ringing quite sufficient to tax my brain, so my initial answer when I was approached to ring a peal was no. It has been probably 25 years plus since I rung my one and only peal and I vow declared then that that was it for my peal ringing days and I had retired; but something about this request made me stop and think. Was it the fact that the chance to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II accession to the throne would not be available again to me or was it the fact that 21 different methods would keep my mind occupied so that I didn't realize the time factor? I went away and had a long think and the simple fact that I was even contemplating it and didn't say no straight away was the reason why I agreed to ring.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February came round very quickly; I hadn't slept well as I had obviously be worrying about the forthcoming event. I had a dream the night before that a method called 'Gregby' was called. I shot out of bed in the morning to take a look at the list of methods we would be ringing only to find out Gregby was not on the list and it was just a dream!

I arrived at St Dunstan's and stood talking to Andy. We both looked at each other and asked why have we agreed to this? But before we could answer that question the rest of the band arrived. We climbed the tower and after making sure all mobile phones were on silent or turned off and the wall clock had been taken down and put out of sight, we took our ropes and the peal began.

We first put Len to the test with Stedman as we really wanted to make sure he did some 'proper' work rather than just hunting for the whole peal about ten minutes later the rest of the methods and variations began and he could just stick to straight lines or so we thought!

First were the Reverse Canterbury based methods and all was ticking along nicely until just before the halfway point and the treble ringer seemed to have gone to sleep and not sticking to his straight lines as planned! A few quick loud words were said and he was back on his line.

I must say when we changed to the Plain Bob based methods I couldn't believe how quickly the time flew by and before I knew it 'That's all' was called and the peal was over. 2 hours and 43 minutes had past in a blink of the eye!

Now, I can say (much to my amazement) I actually did enjoy the peal, but I think that was mainly due to the number of methods rung to keep my old brain occupied. I may even have my arm twisted to ring another in June this year as I'm not likely to see another 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but then that really will be my retirement from peal ringing.

**Kent County Association**

**Canterbury, Kent**

St Dunstan

Sunday, 6 February 2022 in 2h 43 (13-2-15 in F#)

**5040 Doubles** (21m/v/p)

240 each: Stedman, All Saint's Place, Newington, St Nicholas Bob, St Giles, Lapley, Winchendon Place, St Miles, St John, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St Simon's Bob, St Alban, Eynsham, St Martin's Bob, St Paul, St Leonard, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day

- 1 Leonard A Huckstep
- 2 Jane E Huxley
- 3 Cathryn M Hills
- 4 John E Haimes
- 5 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 6 Andrew C Brett

Rung to commemorate the 70th anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II on her accession to the throne.

Jane Huxley  
St Stephens Canterbury

## **Whitstable and Friends outing to Yorkshire**

After rescheduling dates twice at least because of the coronavirus pandemic, the outing to Yorkshire finally happened at the end of March 2022 with 20 ringers and family members making their way to Nidd Hall Hotel outside Harrogate. As Maureen pointed out, there were two Whitstable All Saints' ringers and two ringers who lived in Whitstable, and friends plus family in the party. All checked in and found their rooms. Which floor for your room, the restaurant and reception confused most of us, certainly at the start, and most guests – there were people going up and down in the lifts pushing buttons and seeing where they wanted to be, or not in some cases.

We met up for (an early) dinner at the time for eating given by the hotel of 6.15pm (dinner and breakfast times were still being specified as we started but we were then able to choose our time to have dinner). The hotel had lovely grounds with many daffodils on the road to it, and outdoor seating, including some in circular clear pods. It also had a spa area and an indoor swimming pool for those keen to use it. Those with electric vehicles shared the charging point at the hotel and had discussions about range and their journey.

If we thought dinner was early, that was nothing to the early start the next morning (for most of us) with breakfast at 8am so we had time to make our way into York for the first tower, St Wilfrid's at 10.15am. Brenda had organised the towers and made all the arrangements, having moved to Ripon from Kent a couple of years ago. We drove to York, avoiding the traffic in Knaresborough by going north (some of us with older sat navs found there was no longer a junction with the A1(M) so detoured) to reach the Park and Ride at Rawcliffe Bar (most cars found the car entrance from the roundabout but one car used the bus entrance after failing to find the car entrance even after a tour of York suburbs).

Having caught a bus to Museum Street, we were warmly welcomed at St Wilfrid's, a group photograph was taken on the front steps, and we made our way upstairs to a tidy ringing room and ring of 10 bells. Having mastered plain hunt on 9 and Grandsire Triples with covers, we left quietly as instructed just before the 11.30am service started. Brenda realised she had left her umbrella on the bus so we tried to find a phone number to call (without success).

Next was St Olave's, a ground floor ring of 6 the other side of a lovely park full of spring flowers (after a short detour to York Library for facilities and supplies of coffee from a Costa coffee shop across the road from the park). We were met by Roger Button, who learned to ring at Sturry. A number of tourists, including a mother who had recently returned to her native Ireland from Australia and her daughter, watched the ringing with fascination and explanations were given. As a ground floor ring, there was a long draught (with guides quite high up in the tower) but we got the second and third up the right way (having been warned they do not always do so) and we rang Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, among other methods.

Then it was back through the park to Lendal Street to find lunch with the group spreading out to various establishments in the area, though none went to the House of Madness recommended by our waiter. Brenda had thoughtfully left a couple of hours between towers so we were all suitably refreshed for St Martin le Grand, another ground floor ring with the rope circle round the font. The church was bombed in the Second World War and only the nave and tower restored. It is now a church for reconciliation with an organ donated by Germany at the back of the church in front of the font and ropes. There were some springy ropes (with yellow and black sallies) and the front bells were somewhat flighty but we had some nice ringing. Our local greeter kept his distance, having recently tested positive for covid but unable to find anyone else to let us in.

We then retraced our route to find the Park and ride bus stop, met up with family members who had explored York while we had been ringing (including taking a river trip) returned on the bus (no sign of Brenda's umbrella but there were two buses on the route), found our cars and returned to the hotel for dinner at 7pm, followed by time in the bar, at the dancing then entertainment or TV in rooms according to energy levels after walking round York.

Next morning, we all managed breakfast at 8am again (Maureen wasn't last to breakfast) before setting off for West Tanfield, a small church with a ruin beside it overlooking the river. We all parked in the road leading to the church, which was a surprise to a Sainsbury's delivery driver who had to deliver groceries to one of the houses, having parked in a space left before having to make a multi point turn to leave the no through road. The spiral stairs were fairly small and dusty so a bit of a challenge and there was a ladder down into the ringing room but we all got up to ring the 6 bells. Various methods were rung, including Reverse Canterbury. The clock was showing the wrong time (having not been changed when the clocks went forward the previous weekend) which caused some temporary consternation about timings until Little John put it right.

It was a short drive to Masham, a lovely town with the church behind the market square. The interesting church had a ring of 10 bells reached by a wooden interior spiral staircase. Keith got a splinter in his finger

on the way up and entered the tower dripping blood, and Brenda performed first aid. We rang plain hunt on 9 and triples with covers. Lunch was at the Black Sheep Brewery at Masham (very good sandwiches and chips washed down with local brewed Black Sheep beer) which had a shop so Sarah and others had retail opportunities after lunch.

The next tower was Middlesmoor, which was reached by a drive across the moor, past a reservoir (a mother duck and several ducklings had a lucky escape while wandering along the road) and over the top of the moor with the weather turning to snow, which started settling on the higher ground. Avoiding the tractors (it's farming country as the local lady at Middlesmoor pointed out) all the cars climbed up to the little village with old cottages and cobbled streets. The daffodils were out in the churchyard but the weather was winter, not spring. Another wooden interior spiral staircase to the ringing room where Jane could be heard asking about the other two bells (it was a ring of 6 not an 8). There were views over the snowy moor from the ringing chamber but we had a warm welcome from the local lady who gave us all a book about the bells.

Then it was down to Pately Bridge, a ring of 8 with a 4 hundredweight tenor and no stays on the treble and second (useful to have ringers from Seasalter to ring them) so when stand was called, it was for those who could. We rang various methods, including Stedman Triples. Having lowered the bells at the end of ringing, the two trebles were left as found, so counterintuitively letting them go over.

The next morning it was snowing, there was snow covering the courtyard (which most of our rooms overlooked), the grounds and the cars. Having cleared the snow, we made our way to Ripon to ring at the Cathedral, a lovely ring of 12, where Brenda now rings with her family. The final tower was a ring of four at Winksley. The local lady made tea and coffee for us and handed round chocolate biscuits to fortify and warm us before ringing.

The afternoon was free for us to explore the area or the hotel. Fountains Abbey was close by and many of the party decided to go to the café for lunch. The taps in the toilets had no handles or buttons – the instructions were to wave your hands under them – it was a surprise to Maureen when water came out, followed by hot air. Hot food (Cornish pastries, sausage rolls and baked potatoes) and hot drinks warmed us up as snow flurries continued to come down outside the cosy café.



Everyone made their way back to the hotel for the final dinner, which was a celebration of Brenda and Malcolm's birthdays (with thoughts of Donald Niblett whose birthday was also on the same day). Brenda bought prosecco for each table, which was much appreciated, and our thanks were expressed to Brenda for arranging the towers and Jane for arranging the hotel. Most went to the Pavilion for the entertainment (musicals that evening after dancing) and the bar.

The next morning, all gathered for breakfast (Maureen was last down) before checking out and returning home.

Susan Record



## **Minutes of Past Meetings**

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### **The KCACR Canterbury District Bye Meeting**

Saturday 12th March 2022 at St Peter-in-Thanel.

Ringling began at 11am under the guidance of Stuart Palin. The service at 12.30pm was conducted by Rev. David Tait with Susan Record playing the organ. Lunch was served in the church by the St Peters ringers.

In the absence of the chairman Len Huckstep opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to St Peters. He then asked for a short time of silence in memory of Bryan Tumber, long time member at Teynham, who passed away on 5th March.

1. Apologies for absence  
These were received from Debbie Aris, Dennis Brandrick, Ann Davies, Cathryn and Andrew Hills, Ben Legg, Mike Little, Stephen Marsh and Belinda Moyna.
2. Election of new members  
Two members were re-elected: Sarah Smith from the Cathedral, proposed by Len Huckstep and seconded by Becky Holliday. Paul Evans from Sheldwich proposed by Barry Roberts and seconded by Susan Smart. Both were accepted by the membership.  
From Sandwich, Sue Levett and Nicola Rolfe proposed by Jo Horton and seconded by Len Huckstep. From Great Mongeham Julie Mottershead proposed by Claire Stay and seconded by Len Huckstep.  
All three were accepted by the membership.
3. Presentation of Certificates  
There was no one present to receive a certificate.
4. The Collection  
This amounted to £71.00 with £35.50 going to St Peters and £35.50 to the Canterbury District fund.
5. Forthcoming Events

Saturday 9th April.

Quarterly Meeting at Sheldwich. Ringling at 3pm, Service at 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringling. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Monday 18th April.

Annual General Meeting at St Nicholas, Chislehurst. Service at 12 noon. Bring a packed lunch or find a pub. The meeting will be live but hopefully also screened on zoom. There is an important rule change to discuss. Further details are on the county website.

Saturday 14th May. Striking Competition at Monkton. Draw at 2.45pm, ringing at 3pm followed by Service. Tea will be served during the competition. There will be a short meeting at which the result will be announced. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

An application form and a copy of the rules will be in the April Newsletter.

Saturday 11th June. Bye Meeting at Boughton under Blean. Ringing at 3pm Service at 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. County ringing festival after the 8 bell competition at Goudhurst. To be held at nearby Taywell with a hog roast, mini ring and handbells. Also the chance to try e bells.

Saturday 9th July. Quarterly Meeting at St Nicholas at Wade. This is provisional.

6. 120 Club

This had been cancelled for two years because of covid. It had been planned to send out renewal letters this month and to restart the club in April. Len would ask Philip about the future plans. Any monies paid early in 2020 are being held and will be credited when the club resumes.

7. Any Other Business

Stuart mentioned that Ospringe had obtained a new set of ropes. The old ones, with terylene tops, were available to anyone who would like a spare rope, but they needed to be quick.

Ringing at the Cathedral was currently suspended due to a pinnacle being damaged by storm Eunice.

Marilyn Barden announced that Ash had received a good response to moving their practice to 4pm on a Friday. All were welcome to come along.

Claire had the bookstall open in the church. All proceeds are being ploughed back in to buy new stock.

Stephen Short, from Westgate, had asked if anyone could help him learn how to splice ropes. Simon Lovelock offered to contact Stephen and help him out.

Len announced that Donald Niblett had suffered a fall and spent a short time in hospital. He was now recuperating, with Ruth, with the Barnes family at Wrotham and hoped to be coming home soon. The meeting asked that their best wishes be sent to both.

8. Vote of Thanks

Rev. David Cawley gave the vote of thanks to the vicar of St Peters for use of the church and bells and everyone involved with organising the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

Signed .....

Date .....

## District Quarter Peals

Quarter Peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 are as follows: [date] to [date] are as follows:

Date	Place	Method	Conductor
Sunday, 2 January 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles (3m)	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 2 January 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 2 January 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 St Artaxus Doubles	Tim Attridge
Sunday, 9 January 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	1376 Pudsey Surprise Major	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 9 January 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Joe Osborne Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 10 January 2022	Chilham (St Mary), Kent	1260 Doubles (1p/2m)	Philip Bedford
Friday, 14 January 2022	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Stuart Palin
Sunday, 16 January 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Mixed Doubles (3m)	Tony J Martin
Sunday, 16 January 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1272 Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 16 January 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 16 January 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	1264 Plain Bob Major	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 16 January 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Ivory Wedding Doubles	Tim Attridge
Sunday, 23 January 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Doubles (11m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 23 January 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Goldings Doubles	Tim Attridge
Sunday, 30 January 2022	Faversham (St Mary of Charity), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Royal	Phillip R J Barnes
Sunday, 30 January 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Doubles (4m/p)	Tony J Martin
Sunday, 30 January 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1320 Doubles (11m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 30 January 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Challenger Doubles	Tim Attridge
Tuesday, 1 February 2022	Ash next Sandwich (St Nicholas), Kent	1260 Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
Saturday, 5 February 2022	Ash next Sandwich (St Nicholas), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Malcolm Barden
Sunday, 6 February 2022	Ospringe (St Peter and St Paul), Kent	1260 Minor (2m)	Adam D Moore
Sunday, 6 February 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 7 February 2022	Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent	1260 Grandsire Doubles	Tim Attridge
Sunday, 13 February 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 13 February 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Target Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 14 February 2022	Ash next Sandwich (St Nicholas), Kent	1320 Newborough Doubles	Tim Attridge
Sunday, 20 February 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Doubles (5m/v/p)	Leonard A Huckstep
Sunday, 20 February 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Leonard A Huckstep
Sunday, 20 February 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	1264 Plain Bob Major	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 20 February 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Fuggles Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 21 February 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1320 St Helen Doubles	Tim Attridge
Tuesday, 22 February 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles (6m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
Friday, 25 February 2022	Boughton under Blean (St Peter and St Paul), Kent	1280 Plain Bob Major	Stuart Palin
Sunday, 27 February 2022	Teynham (St Mary), Kent	1260 Grandsire Doubles	Barry Roberts
Sunday, 27 February 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Bramling Cross Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 28 February 2022	Barham (St John the Baptist), Kent	1320 Longparish Doubles	Tim Attridge
Saturday, 5 March 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Randall Doubles	Tim Attridge
Sunday, 6 March 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Triples	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 6 March 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1300 Doubles (6m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 6 March 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Polina Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 7 March 2022	Chartham (St Mary), Kent	1320 Daffodil Doubles	Tim Attridge
Saturday, 12 March 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Grandsire Triples	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 13 March 2022	Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent	1260 Doubles (6m/v/p)	Cathryn M Hills
Sunday, 13 March 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Doubles (2m)	Michael Little
Monday, 14 March 2022	Monkton (St Mary Magdalene), Kent	1320 Bluebell Doubles	Tim Attridge
Wednesday, 16 March 2022	Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent	1260 Middlesex Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
Wednesday, 16 March 2022	Crayford (St Paulinus), Kent	1260 Doubles (2m)	Rupert Cheeseman
Friday, 18 March 2022	Throwley (St Michael and All Angels), Kent	1260 Doubles (3m)	Adam D Moore
Sunday, 20 March 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles (6m/v/p)	Cathryn M Hills
Sunday, 20 March 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Nazanin Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 21 March 2022	Preston (St Mildred), Kent	1320 St Anne Doubles	Tim Attridge
Friday, 25 March 2022	Sheldwich (St James), Kent	1264 Plain Bob Major	Stuart Palin
Saturday, 26 March 2022	Petham (All Saints), Kent	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 27 March 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	1260 Doubles (11m/v)	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 27 March 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	1277 Stedman Caters	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 27 March 2022	Birchington (All Saints), Kent	1260 Whitbread Golding Variety Doubles	Tim Attridge
Monday, 28 March 2022	St Laurence in Thanet (St Laurence), Kent	1320 Middleton Stoney Doubles	Tim Attridge

## District Peals

Peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 are as follows: [date] to [date] are as follows:

Date	Place	Method	Conductor
Saturday, 5 February 2022	Canterbury Cathedral	5040 Spliced Plain Major (2m)	Andrew M Hills
Sunday, 6 February 2022	Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent	5040 Doubles (21m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills

## Canterbury District Officers

As of the 2020 Annual District Meeting, the officers of the Canterbury District currently stand as follows:

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<b>Extra Three</b>	Claire Stay		claire.stay@mac.com



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## Forthcoming Events

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### Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 9th April at Sheldwich. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Special methods:

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### KCACR Annual General Meeting.

Monday 18th April at St Nicholas Chislehurst. Service at 12 noon. Meeting at 2pm.  
For details see the county website.

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### Striking Competition

Saturday 14th May at Monkton. Draw at 2.45pm, ringing at 3pm followed by Service. Tea will be served during the competition. There will be a short meeting at which the result will be announced. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

An application form will be in the April Newsletter.

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### Bye Meeting

Saturday 11th June at Boughton-under-Blean. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

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### Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 9th July. Venue to be confirmed.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Start</b>
Saturday 12th March	St Peter-in-Thanel (8)	Bye Meeting	11am.
Saturday 9th April.	Sheldwich.(8)	Quarterly Meeting	3pm.
Saturday 14th May.	Monkton.(6)	Striking Competition	2.45pm.
Saturday 11th June.	Boughton-under-Blean (8)	Bye Meeting.	3pm
Saturday 9th July.	St Nicholas at Wade (6)	Quarterly Meeting	3pm.
Saturday 10th September.	Chartham (6)	Bye Meeting	3pm.
Saturday 8th October.	Canterbury St Dunstans (6)	Annual District Meeting.	
Saturday 12th November	Littlebourne (6)	Call change competition.	10.45am.
Saturday 10th December.	Birchington (8)	Carol Service & Social	tba

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Saturday 14th January	Wingham (8)	Quarterly Meeting	11am.
Saturday 11th March	Northbourne (6)	Bye Meeting	11am.

Not all towers have yet been approached for these meeting.



Hi Everyone,

After a couple of years without the 120 club running for obvious reasons, the time has now come for me to start the draws again. First draw will be at the May meeting. As required I am registering with Thanet District Council.

People that had renewed their numbers in January to March 2020, there were 41 (some with multiples) are already entered. Have listed below so you know who you are. David and Wendy Durell, Claire Stay, Rita Kennett, Becky Holiday, Simon Friend, Maureen Cooke, Sarat and Ian White, Malcolm and Marilyn Barden, Mike Little, Len Huckstep, Jane Huxley, Adam Redgwell, Jane Duckworth, Enid Dixon, Peter Freeman, Waltham Tower, Phoebe and Jane Paterson, Felicity Lewis, Pauline Murrell, Bekesbourne Tower, Paul and Kim Curtis, Gill Moon, Maureen Cooke, Petham Tower, Liz Shearman, Lyminge Tower

For anyone else who would like to renew or join you would be most welcome.

For those that do not know about it, it costs just £10 per number, which is entered into 10 draws during the year. There are 3 prizes each draw, £35, £20 and £10. The super draw at the Christmas social has a first prize of £100. So we pay out £715 in prizes each year. Any surplus goes to the BRF. So need at least 72 members to break even, currently 41.

So to join either fill in form below and post back to me with with a cheque for £10 per entry. Send by bank transfer to KCACR Canterbury district 120 club. Sort code 30-92-93 ac 68654660 ( if do this please also email me [120clubcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:120clubcanterbury@gmail.com) ) Or see me at a district meeting.

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Name .....

Address .....

Phone number .....

Email.....

Cheques payable to KCACR Canterbury District 120 Club

Post to

Phil Elderton, 53 Wilfred Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7RD



# **Clothing Order Form**

The Logo is as shown on the front cover and when ordering you MUST state in the 'Tower' section what you would like written under the bell (where it shows St Dunstan's Canterbury). Please also write and email or mobile number which we can contact you on.

***Please write clearly as once the item has been delivered they cannot be returned***

All orders can be emailed using the order form to:-

[cantdistrictnews@gmail.com](mailto:cantdistrictnews@gmail.com)

The most common items normally ordered have been included on this order form. If you would like anything different, please also email [cantdistrictnews@gmail.com](mailto:cantdistrictnews@gmail.com) or talk to a member of the committee at a district meeting.

## UC114 Poloshirt - £12



### SPECIFICATION

- 100% Pre-Shrunk Ringspun Combed Cotton Reactive Dyed
- Knitted Collar and Cuff
- Taped Neck
- Twin Needle Stitching on Hem
- 3 Self Coloured Button Placket
- Washable at 40 Degrees
- Contemporary Fit

### SIZES

XS 36-38	S 38-40	M 40-42	L 42-44	XL 44-46
2XL 46-48	3XL 50-52			

### COLOURS

 BOTTLE GREEN	 CHARCOAL	 FRENCH NAVY	 HEATHER GREY	 HOT PINK	 LIME
 MAROON	 NAVY	 PURPLE	 RED	 ROYAL	 SAPPHIRE BLUE
 SKY	 WHITE	 YELLOW			

## UC203 – Classic Sweatshirt - £15



### SPECIFICATION

- 50% Polyester 50% Cotton
- Reactive Dyed
- Set in Sleeve
- Lycra Ribbed Cuffs, Welt & Neck
- Twin Needle Stitching at Neck, Shoulders, Armhole & Sleeves
- Brushed Effect for Superior Comfort & Look

NEW – Size 5XL available in Colours Black, Navy, Royal, Heather Grey and Bottle Green.

Size 6XL available in Colours Black, Navy.

### SIZES

XS 36-38	S 38-40	M 40-42	L 42-44	XL 44-46
2XL 46-48	3XL 50-52	4XL 52-54	5XL 54-56	6XL 58-60

### COLOURS

 BLACK	 BOTTLE GREEN	 CHARCOAL	 FRENCH NAVY	 HEATHER GREY	 MAROON
 NAVY	 PINK	 PURPLE	 RED	 ROYAL	 SAPPHIRE BLUE
 SKY	 WHITE	 YELLOW			

## UC301 – Classic T-Shirt - £10



### SPECIFICATION

- 100% Cotton
- Reactive Dyed
- Crew Neck
- Taped Shoulder to Shoulder
- Twin Needle Stitching on Neck & Shoulders
- Enzyme washed for extra soft hand-feel and reduced shrinkage

New – Size 5XL and 6XL available in Colours Black, Navy, White.

### SIZES

XS 36-38	S 38-40	M 40-42	L 42-44	XL 44-46
2XL 46-48	3XL 50-52	4XL 52-54	5XL 54-56	6XL 58-60

### COLOURS





## KCACR Canterbury District

### **District Striking Competition Rules**

(Adopted at the ADM in October, 1990, amended at the ADM in October 1999  
and further amended in October 2006)

1. The competition shall be held annually within the District at a location and on a date to be decided by the District Committee and shall be subject to the following rules.
2. The Competition shall be organised by the Assistant District Secretary in consultation with the District committee.
3. The object of the competition is to improve the standard of striking through friendly competition between bands representing towers in the District in union with the Kent County Association of Change Ringers.
4. All members taking part shall be members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers and regular Sunday service ringers at the tower they represent.
5. Bands shall be named on the entry form provided by the Assistant District Secretary, although not necessarily in the order of ringing in the test piece.
6. No ringer may ring more than once or represent more than one tower in the same competition.
7. A draw for the order of the bands competing shall be made by the leaders of each band before the competition, bands to be known by numbers only not by name. No two bands shall be in the ringing chamber at the same time. A steward shall be in the tower for the better observance of these rules and shall see that the bells are raised and rung beforehand.
8. Each band shall be allowed one continuous period of two minutes for a trial round of changes at the end of which the bells shall be set. A whole pull is to be rung on the treble to indicate to the judge(s) that the band is ready and the test piece will then commence and continue to its end without break.
9. Subject to any alteration arising from the application of rule 10 the test piece shall consist of either 240 changes of doubles on five or six bells or 240 changes of minor or, if the band entered is incapable of ringing changes (to a reasonable standard to be determined by the District Committee), the equivalent length of call changes, in which case there must be at least 24 different changes at regular intervals with at least five working bells.
10. The competition organiser may halve the length of the test piece stated in rule 9 if a) More than 8 teams have entered the competition or b) The competition is unduly delayed. In event that the test piece length is altered due to a delay after the competition has started then the bands that have rung the full length shall only be judged on the first 120 changes of their test piece and any marked rounds. Any band ringing call changes shall only be required to have 12 different changes at regular intervals with at least five working bells.

11. The first 10 whole pulls of rounds in the test piece shall not be marked. All faults in subsequent rounds and changes shall be penalised and the competition judged on the total number of faults recorded subject to any adjustment allowed under rule 10.
12. Any band failing to complete the test piece shall be disqualified.
13. There shall be one or two judges, preferably independent of the District, who shall know only the numbers of the bands competing. Their decision shall be final, subject to the observance of these rules, and the judge(s) shall give the results and comments at the meeting following the competition.
14. The Frank Knight Cup will be awarded, with a certificate, to the winning tower, who will be responsible for its safe keeping. It shall be returned in a clean condition to the Honorary District Secretary before the next competition or after a period of one year if no competition is held within that period.
15. The decision of the District Committee as to the interpretation and observance of these rules shall be final and binding on all parties. Such decisions shall be by a simple majority of the Committee present and voting.

Kent County Association of Change Ringers

# Canterbury District Striking Competition

The 2019 Striking Competition will be held on  
 Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May  
 at  
 Monkton

The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45pm. Competition ringing to start at 3pm with the service at 5pm followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available during the competition.

The District Secretary must be notified of teams wishing to take part by midnight on **Saturday, 7th May** and any team that is unable to attend for the whole competition should inform the District Secretary as soon as possible. Any team which is not complete in time for their slot will default to ringing last.

Full copies of the rules are available from the District Secretary on request. The main points are:-

1. Ringers must be practicing members of the Canterbury District of the KCACR and ring regularly at the tower they are representing.
2. 240 Changes of Doubles or Minor must be rung (subject to Rule 10).

Please complete the entry form and return it to the District Secretary at [canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk)

Names for tea to [namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01227 720121 as soon as possible please.

<u>KCACR Canterbury District Striking Competition 2022</u>	
<u>Entry Form</u>	
Tower	
Team Organiser	Telephone: <hr/>
	E-mail
Team Members	

All entry forms **must** be returned to the district secretary by Saturday, 7th May, 2022.