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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

Chairman's Message

Hi everyone

I hope you're all doing well we are hopefully over the worst of the weather and looking forward to the summer.

So far our meetings and events have been well supported and hope you have enjoyed them. I must say again how pleased I was to see 9 teams enter the competition on 11th March at Northbourne and even more pleasing lots of members ringing in their first competition.

Well done to you all and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

So hopefully see lots of you at Faversham on April 15th.

Best wishes

Mike

Secretary's Note

A message for tower captains and tower correspondents.

In this newsletter you will find a copy of the rules and an entry form for the striking competition which will be held in May.

If you wish to enter a band please will you type the entry or use capital letters and send the form back to the competition secretary.

The names on those entries for the call change competition which were handwritten were difficult for the competition secretary to read.

If you wish to enter a band, but don't have a copy of the entry form please let me know and I can email a copy to you.

Best wishes to all.

Tony

Ringling Master's News

District Ringing – January-March 2023

Another fairly positive quarter for District Ringing events.

January – Meeting: (Chartham)

A solid turnout of 22 for the afternoon ringing and it was good to see several new members amongst them. Touches of Plain Bob 6 and Grandsire 5 were rung before finishing off with course of Cambridge S6 and Stedman 5.

(Rounds+CC * 6, Plain Hunt 5 * 1, Plain Bob 5 * 1 touch, Grandsire 5 * 1 + 2 touches, Stedman 5 * 2, Plain Bob 6 * 1 + 1 touch, St Clements 6 * 1, Cambridge S6 * 2 + 1 touch)

January – S Major Practice: (Elham)

Another good turnout of 17 giving us a busy practice – which meant we stuck to half courses. With the people available we were also able to ring Superlative and Pudsey in addition to Cambridge and Yorkshire. Although there were still some method problems in places it was generally a good practice and we hope that people will start to learn the calls and all the place-bell starts so we can spice things up a bit.

(Cambridge S * 3*0.5, Yorkshire S * 4*0.5, Superlative S * 1*0.5, Pudsey S * 1*0.5)

February – Plain Minor Practice: (Sturry)

We had 11 people for this practice focussing on Plain Bob, Little Bob, St Clements, and Single Oxford. We kicked off with a couple of courses of Plain Bob to get non-locals settled in then went through a series of 2-courses of St Clements for each of those who had learnt it. This was followed by 2 single-courses of Little Bob and 3 single-courses of Single Oxford before finishing with a touch of Plain Bob.

(Plain Bob 1*2-courses + 1 touch, St Clements 4*2-courses, Little Bob * 2, Single Oxford * 3)

March – Call-Change Competition: (Northbourne) - this is reported separately.

March – Basic Doubles Practice: (Waltham)

Another good showing for this practice with 12 attending (with a further 2 unable to make it on the day). Having got the bells up and rung a couple of sets of Rounds to get the feel of the bells we started off with some long sets (3-courses) of Plain Bob interspersed with a touch of Grandsire and a 3-course set of Reverse Canterbury. This was followed by a 2-course set of All Saints and further 2-course sets of Plain Bob. Unfortunately time beat and we did not manage to fit any Antelope in (sorry about that – but hopefully we will find an opportunity to ring it at one of the future District Meetings).

(Plain Bob 3*3-courses + 3*2-courses, Grandsire 1 touch, Reverse Canterbury 1*3-courses, All Saints 1*2-courses)

Another big thank you to all those who have supported this District Ringing, it is a good start to the year and something that, together, we can build on.

We have had a little feedback on possible ideas for future ringing events (see article in Jan-2023 Newsletter). Please do keep your feedback coming, either via the email address below or speak to us at meetings. Some requests we may be able to help with on a one-to-one basis at ringing meetings, but there was also some broader interest in a raising/lowering event.

Stuart Palin / Ben Legg, Canterbury District Ringing Masters

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District Ringing – Looking Forward (April-July 2023)

We have quite a bit coming up in the next quarter, especially with the April meeting at Faversham being an opportunity for the District to enjoy the recently refurbished and augmented ring of 10. The ringing there will include rounds and call-changes and basic 10-bell ringing such as Plain Hunt on 9 or 10. We also hope that we will have enough experienced ringers to make courses of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Erin Caters, Plain Bob Royal or Little Bob Royal practical (there may not be time to fit everything in). While we hope to make good use of all 10 bells we know this is not everyone's cup of tea, so there will be some 8-bell and 6-bell ringing as well.

May is taken up with the Striking Competition (Chislet) then in June we are at Gt Mongeham – this should be a good opportunity for those who went to the Plain Minor practice to ring Single Oxford again. Looking into the start of the following quarter the July Quarterly meeting is at Lyminge. If you have read the report on the last quarter's District ringing you will get an idea of the variety of methods we have been able to ring – but if we get the right people in the tower we can try other methods as well.

For the future District Practices we are going to ask for a tower/church donation of £1 per attendee to help them cover their costs. April is a Surprise Major practice at Boughton-under-Blean; those who have been learning Cambridge and Yorkshire may want to look at the calls. Hopefully Superlative will stay on the menu, and perhaps Lincolnshire for those looking for something beyond Cambridge & Yorkshire; maybe Bristol if we get the people.

The May practice is at St Laurence in Thanet and a chance to build on the 10-bell method ringing from Faversham – so Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Erin Caters, Plain Bob Royal, and Little Bob Royal are all possibilities.

In June we are at Herne and the plan is to focus on those who want to practice calling call-changes. We are still confirming date and time for that so watch out for updates (email and District Facebook page). Looking further ahead to July and we have the next Surprise Major practice at St Stephen's, Canterbury. We are also making some adjustments to the later practices as Quex Park is not available at a convenient date in August and we have had feedback expressing interest in a Raising & Lowering in Peal practice.

In addition to all this we also need to put together our District band for the County 8-bell Competition on 17-Jun-2023. The test piece is a touch of St Clements College Bob Major – so we may be dropping that into the ringing at District Meetings/Practices if the opportunity arises. We will be asking around to see who is available to ring or help out with practices and will be aiming to draw from our pool of Surprise Major ringers.

We look forward to seeing you at the next District Meeting and don't forget the County AGM on 10-Apr-2023.

Stuart Palin / Ben Legg, Canterbury District Ringing Masters
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Forthcoming District Practices		
Date	Tower	Focus
29 th April 2023 7:00-8:30pm	Boughton under Blean (8)	Surprise Major
20 th May 2023 10:00am-12:00 noon	St Laurence-in-Thamet (10)	10-bell ringing
TBC June 2023 TBC	Herne (8)	Conducting call changes
15 th July 2023 7:30-9:00pm	St Stephen's, Canterbury (8)	Surprise Major

Future District Practices (tentative information)		
Date	Tower	Focus
26 th August 2023 **	Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12)	Social ringing and barbecue
TBC September 2023 TBC	Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12) <i>(using a light 6)</i>	Raising and Lowering in Peal
TBC October 2023 TBC	Throwley (8)	Surprise Major
25 th November 2023 TBC	Lyminge (8)	Plain Triples
TBC January 2024 TBC	Selling (8)	Surprise Major
TBC February 2024 TBC	Littlebourne (6)	Doubles Variations
23 rd March 2024 TBC	Monkton (6)	Surprise Minor

** Late breaking news is that this date might be unavailable. Watch out for further information.

Catherine Davis

16 February 1947 — 21 December 2022

Though both keen ringers I only had the privilege of ringing with Catherine once, this being in the autumn last year at a Friday night practice at St Dunstan's in Canterbury — a few months after I came back to ringing and a few months before she died. However, we had plenty to catch up on as our working lives at St Edmund's School coincided for the best part of twenty years, Catherine being the headmaster's secretary whereas I was a housemaster and classroom teacher. She spoke enthusiastically of many interests. It was obvious to me how much she loved coming to St Dunstan's to take part in the ringing, while at the same time qualifying her excitement with a modesty about her method ringing ability.

To those who only knew Catherine in the context of bellringing it may be interesting also to read about her life outside our hobby. John Tyson, headmaster at St Edmund's through the 1980s and early 1990s, writes:

'When Francis Rawes retired as headmaster in 1978, his secretary also retired. It would not have been ideal for a brand new headmaster to have a brand new secretary — the blind leading the blind, so to speak. But Francis had a brilliant idea. Catherine had previously been involved in the school's administration before going off to work in Grand Cayman. But she was now back in England and, when sounded out, was happy with the idea of returning to St Edmund's. Being a clergy daughter herself, she was an excellent fit and very much in tune with the school's foundation and ethos. So we bought her an IBM golfball typewriter — quite an advance for the old-fashioned school St Edmund's was at the time — and she threw herself into her new role as headmaster's PA with great enthusiasm. With her pre-existing knowledge of the school and city she was a great help to me as I felt my way ahead. Coincidentally, we shared February 16th as birthday, which I took to be a good omen. She was exactly ten years younger. She was proud to have been born on Quingagesima Sunday in 1947 (hence her nickname of 'Quink').

'Catherine regarded her work in the school as a vocation and way of life rather than just a job. She was hugely interested in all the activities of the school and in its human side as well as in fulfilling her administrative and supportive roles for me. I found her to be a person of great ability with a clear mind and extremely wide enthusiasms, quite the polymath. Her skill in photography was most useful, and she frequently took pictures of school events or notable visitors. She was a keen campanologist and often joined the ringing team at St Dunstan's Church just down the hill from the school. I think too of her beagling, her cats, her 1969 Morris Minor (known as Henry), her love of riding. She loved too her house in Alma Street. Also she became a Justice of the Peace and I had to let her off school for occasional cases in court.

'Every day she seemed to have new stories of the latest doings in her varied life. Sometimes her ebullient chattering might even have slightly delayed the typing up of HM's correspondence, but never mind — everything did get done, and to a very high standard. She had a talent for publicity, for marketing and for setting up databases, so in the early days of computerization she changed her role to become the school registrar.

'I cannot possibly list all the ways in which Catherine helped, guided and protected me over the years but I shall be forever grateful to her. Mind you, she didn't suffer fools gladly and no doubt some of us were foolish at times, but her heart was definitely in the right place. Although my wife Nigella and I now live at some distance from Canterbury we shall miss Catherine very much, and our occasional communications

with her. But we have a memorial to her in our Gloucester garden. A while ago she gave to us a chunk of stone she had purchased, taken from the West Window of Canterbury Cathedral when the window was being renovated. It will serve as a permanent reminder of her friendship, her cheery smile and her talented persona.'

As a resident and member of the Northgate Association Catherine lobbied for the usual things: more trees, better parking for residents, keeping open spaces, and so on. In the same vein Catherine was an enthusiastic supporter of the campaign for Kingsmead Field to be kept as an open space — it is now a designated village green. She was there on rubbish collecting and bulb planting days, litter picker or trowel in hand.

As scorer for the Millers Arms cricket team in the 1980s Catherine travelled round various pitches in east Kent and in the process taught her neighbour how to be scorer too, so she would have some company while the team was out on the field. Among other achievements she worked as a volunteer sorting shards of pottery with the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, she learnt how to scuba dive, and she took part in ringing at churches in the places she visited while in the United States. Catherine was a popular host with students from overseas studying at Christchurch College.

Despite many challenges in her life Catherine was always upbeat in her attitude, putting heart and soul into everything she did. May she rest in peace.

Thomas Hooley

Call-Change Striking Competition Results

St Augustine, Northbourne. Saturday, March 11th 2023.

After several unavoidable delays, the District Call Change striking competition took place at Northbourne on March 11th. The Judge was our Association Chairman, Neil Jones and nine teams took part, believed to be a record.

Northbourne are a pretty little six, tenor 8 ½ cwt. Many of those attending were more than pleased to see that the notorious old ladder which formerly gave access has been replaced by an iron spiral stair. The ringers present – some 60 or so – were welcomed by the Church Warden Philip Blair, whose team had produced a splendid tea, despite members having to take it in turns to get to the food in the little church hall.

This also being a bye-meeting, Isobel Legg, Reader at St Alphege, Whitstable, conducted a pleasant afternoon service. After the Service, David Cawley introduced Neil Jones whose opening remark was “How ever does the Canterbury District manage to get so many teams for a Striking Competition?” After some general – and largely complementary and constructive remarks - Neil admitted that one team had stood out with “ringing that was almost metronomic”; the runners-up, separated only by a point, were described respectively as “very pleasant to listen to” and “fine ringing”. As can be seen from the results, there was very little between some of the other teams. The results were given, as usual in reverse order:

Tower	Rang	Fault	Place
Herne	3rd	67	9th
St Laurence-in-Thamet	2nd	65	8th
Ash	9th	52	7th
Lyminge	1st	46	6th
St Peter in Thanet	4th	45	5th
St Dunstan, Canterbury	8th	44	4th
Faversham	6th	37	3rd
Whitstable St Alphege	5th	36	RUNNERS UP
St Stephen Canterbury	7th	23	WINNERS

The Jim Luck Cup was unavailable but has since been presented to St Stephen, Canterbury.

THE NEXT STRIKING COMPETITION, FOR THE FRANK KNIGHT CUP, IS TO BE HELD AT ST MARY, CHISLET (6: 16 cwt) ON SATURDAY, MAY 13TH. ENTRANCE FORMS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

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THE BELLS OF NORTHBOURNE

The Church of St Augustine is mainly of Norman date: there have probably been Bells ringing from this tower since the early 12th century. In 1711 a new ring of Bells was ordered from and cast by Matthew Bagley, at that time the supplier of armaments to the Royal Armoury. The ring of five was in use for just under 200 years: in 1909 the Bells were taken to the foundry of Alfred Bowell of Ipswich. The two smallest were recast and the three larger were tuned. They were rehung with all new fittings in a new steel frame, unusual in that it spans the belfry diagonally north-west to south east. The sixth Bell, the Treble was added two years later, the bicentenary year of the original ring and to commemorate the Coronation of King George, great grandfather of King Charles III, whose coronation takes place this year.

Treble: Diameter 23" 3cwt 1qr 0lb Nte G#

Inscription: ALFRED BOWELL, FOUNDER, IPSWICH 1911
 WHEN GEORGE THE 5TH. WAS CROWNED KING
 I FOUND MY PLACE AMONG THIS RING:
 NOT ON THE DAY: BUT I WAS RUN
 AND HUNG WITHIN 19 ONE ONE
 CEIDRYCH THOMAS RECTOR. F. E. GREEN C. GUNSON.

CHURCHWARDENS

Second 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 3-0-25 F# * MATH * BAGLEY * FECIT * 1711. DE NUO FUSA A.D. 1909 +
 ROBERT

GALLAWAY VICAR.

VOX AUGUSTINI SONET IN AURE DEI. *(two halfcrown coins of Edward*

VII

RECAST BY ALFRED BOWELL OF IPSWICH

Third 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 4-0-11 B ** VALLENTINE HOYLE * MATTHEW BAGLEY FECIT 1711
 DE NUO FUSA A.D. 1909.
 VOX EGO SUM VITAE . ORATE VENITE. *(two halfcrowns)*

Fourth 29" 4-3-19 D# ***** RICH * THOMASON * DANLL * GOLDER * JOHN
 WHYBOURNE *

M * B * 1711

Fifth 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 6-1-16 C# + MATH * BAGLEY * OF * LONDON * CAST * THES * FIVE * BELLS
 **

(leaf ornament)

Tenor 35 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 8-2-15 B + RICH * SANDS *(coin impression)* ROB * NETHERSOLE *
 CHURCH *

WARDEN * M B * FECIT 1711

David Cawley
 Assistant Secretary

District News

Cake inspector - Early '23

Saturday 14 January, Chartham

The first tea of the year! An excellent spread put on by the Chartham ringers, with various sandwiches, filled buns, crisps and other savouries. The inspector particularly liked the scones with a slice of cucumber on top - a simple idea but very effective. Some nice handmade crumbly shortbread and a selection of cakes rounded off a lovely tea.

Saturday 11 March, Northbourne

Never was a tea so eagerly anticipated by a large number of thirsty and somewhat chilled ringers (meant literally rather than metaphorically this time...) We all trooped off after the service to the parish hall and found a wonderful spread created in-house (again, literally) by the tower captain's family. There were various filled sandwiches on different breads and small rolls including cheese, topped off with lemon drizzle cake and coffee & walnut, with mini eclairs too. Needless to say, the food was not there long. Going back for seconds, the Inspector found all the sandwiches (alas!) long finished and only a few rapidly-disappearing cakes about to lose the fight...

Call Change Competition – Northbourne



Just shows how cold we were and with no hot drinks to keep us warm!

Peter Freeman

District Bookstall

There is plenty of helpful literature on our District Bookstall to help you on your bell ringing journey.

Books are incredibly reasonable in price so come and have a little look during our district meet ups.

If however you are unable to come and wish to purchase any books, please contact Claire on claire.stay@mac.com and she will find a way to get them to you (even if she needs to use a carrier pigeon).”

Claire Stay

Bekesbourne Bellringers

At the Chartham Quarterly meeting in January, Bekesbourne tower were able to introduce four new ringers, who had been verified as proficient ringers to join the KCACR. As we are a very small band Bekesbourne are extremely pleased to welcome these new ringers to ring with us for Services and Weddings.

In the photo are Chris Harper, Danny Martin, Amy Mitchell and Joanne Watt, all with their membership certificates.



Wendy Durrell

KCACR DISTRICT OUTING

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2023

This year's outing we are venturing off to Surrey!!
Here are the times of the towers we are going to visit.

Information on parking and various other bits will follow nearer the time.
I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us, it should be such a fun day.

- Tower 1** Ringing 9.30am-10.15am - St Barnabas, Ranmore - 8 bells - 20.5cwt.
North Downs Way, RH5 6SP
- Tower 2** Ringing 10.45am-11.30am - St Mary's, Leatherhead - 10 bells - 19cwt
Church road, KT22 8BD
- Tower 3** Ringing 12pm-12.45pm - St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon - 6 bells - 3 3/4 cwt
78-80 Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3PX

Lunch - Time 1.15-3.15

The Woodman, 238 Barnett Wood Lane, Ashted, KT21 2DA
(A new menu will be available from April, but I will circulate that nearer the time.)

- Tower 4** Ringing 3.30pm-4.15pm - Christchurch, Epsom Common - 8 Bells - 8cwt
Christchurch Road, KT19 8NJ
- Tower 5** Ringing 4.45pm-5.30pm - St Mary's, Ewell - 8 bells - 12.5cwt
London Road, KT17 2AQ

For further information, please contact Claire Stay claire.stay@mac.com

WELCOME TO ST MARY OF CHARITY

The Parish Church of Faversham

It is the Spire that draws one to St Mary's. Designed to follow the pattern of Wren's St Dunstan in the East, in the City of London, it was designed by Charles Beazley to crown this, the second largest Parish Church in Kent. The present Gothic appearance of the Tower is due to the restoration work of Sir Gilbert Scott in the 1850's.

The Foundation Stone had been laid in 1794: originally there was a Central Tower at the Crossing which was demolished when the Nave was rebuilt, the work being finished in 1767. It is said that Bells hung in this Tower. The Church was given a massive ring of five – the Tenor weighed nearly 35 cwt – cast by Joanna Hill in 1441. This great Bell was twice recast, the last time in 1610, probably by Joseph Hatch, who was engaged in similar massive works at the Cathedral.

The Church possessed also another tower: the base of it remains at the west end of the north aisle. It was to this tower that the Bells migrated, having been recast into a Ring of Eight by Robert Catlin of Holborn, London. When in turn the North West Tower was demolished, the Bells were put into store until the fine new Tower was ready to receive them. Four of them are in use to-day – others have been recast as the inscriptions show, and now their long history is complete, being augmented to 10 and rehung in their 18th century frame by John Taylor & Co of Loughborough.

Treble 26" diameter Note G# 4 cwt 2 qr 4 lb. Inscribed: GLORY TO GOD 20 (*Taylor Mark*) 20

2 nd	27"	F#	4	2	26	GLORY TO GOD 20 (<i>Taylor Mark</i>) 20
3 rd	28¼"	E	5	0	18	Rt CATLIN 1748
4 th	29¾"	D#	5	1	8	Rt CATLIN 1748
5 th	31¼"	C#	6	0	11	RECAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON, 1882
6 th	33½"	B	6	3	26	R C 1748
7 th	37¼"	A	7	3	4	THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1797
8 th	39"	G#	11	1	9	RECAST 1930 GILLET & JOHNSTON CROYDON ROBERT CATLIN CAST US ALL 1748
9 th	42½"	F#	12	1	10	R C 1748
Tenor	46¼"	E	16	0	3	MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON 1872

David Cawley

Minutes of Past Meetings

The KCACR Canterbury District - Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 14th January 2023 at St Mary, Chartham.

Ringling began at 2pm under the guidance of Stuart Palin. The Service at 3.30am was conducted by Rev. David Cawley with Susan Record playing the organ. Tea was served in the Church by the Chartham ringers.

1. Welcome The chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Chartham. Members then stood for a minutes' silence in memory of Catherine Davis and Joan Johnson, both from St Dunstons, who had recently died.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Andrew and Cathryn Hills, Freda Parker and Sarat White.

3. Minutes of the last meetings, as printed in the January newsletters, were taken as read.

4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

5. Election of New Members

From Bekesbourne, Chris Harper, Danny Martin, Amy Mitchell and Joanne Watt were proposed by Gill Moon and seconded by Wendy Durrell.

From Chartham, Anne Dodd, Isabel Senior and Andy Walker were proposed by Tony Martin and seconded by Jane Huxley.

From St Dunstons, Jake Reid was proposed by John Haines and seconded by Paul Curtis.

From Elham Lucas Turney was proposed by Fiona Turney and seconded by Janet Pain.

From Faversham, Phil Mace, Claire Madina, David O'Carroll and Juliet Thomas were proposed by Simon Wolfe and seconded by Adam Moore.

From Herne Linda Cregan was proposed by Susan Record and seconded by Keith Record.

From Hernhill Martin Brauninger was proposed by Stuart Palin and seconded by Adam Moore.

Tom Hooley was proposed by Len Huckstep and seconded by Andrew Hills and Andrew Meyer was proposed by Andrew Hills and seconded by Len Huckstep. Neither indicated a home tower in the district.

All these people were elected to the association by the members present.

6. Presentation of Certificates.

Certificates were presented to Chris, Danny, Joanne, Anne, Isabel, Andy, Jake and Lucas. Certificates were passed to tower members for Amy, Tom and Andrew plus one for Kate Willis from Herne who was elected at the ADM in October.

7. The Collection amounted to £47.90. It was proposed by Len Huckstep, seconded by Becky Holliday that it should all be given to Chartham.

8. Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 28th January District Surprise Major Practice at Elham from 7.30 to 9pm. Please let the ringing masters know if you wish to attend.

Saturday 28th January Kent Young Ringers will be meeting at Aylesford

Saturday 11th February District Plain Minor Practice at Sturry from 10.30 to 12noon. Please let the ringing masters know if you wish to attend.

Saturday 28th February Kent Young Ringers striking competition.

Saturday 25th February Quiz at Birchington. £7 per head with 8 people to a table. See Mike Little.

Saturday 4th March Quiz at St Stephens to raise money for new bell ropes. £7 per head with 8 people to a table. See Jane Huxley.

Saturday 11th March Call Change Competition at Northbourne. Draw at 2pm. Service at 3.30 followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available throughout the competition. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

The venue for this was to be confirmed.

Rules and an entry form are printed in the January Newsletter. Bands were encouraged to enter and enjoy the occasion.

March ??? District Basic Doubles practice at Waltham.
Please let the ringing masters know if you wish to attend.

The date and time were to be confirmed.

Monday 10th April County AGM in the Maidstone District probably at Wrotham.

There will be no lunch provided. Please see the kcacr website for more information.

Saturday 15th April Quarterly Meeting at Faversham. Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

This will be the first meeting at Faversham since they were augmented to 10 bells.

At this point Trevor Arnold of Maypole bells, who use a mini ring to promote ringing to learners at various venues and occasions, mentioned that he was planning to go to Thanet one day and ring

at five different locations. He was thinking of Dreamland, The Turner Centre and the Ramsgate Tunnels as examples. The date of 17th November was as possibility as part of the BBC Children in Need.

Saturday 12th August District outing to Surrey going from Ranmore to Ewell.

9. Report from the last county committee Meeting.

The Madams Court mini ring was available to towers in the county. Some video conferencing equipment is to be purchased for holding hybrid meetings for the AGM and ADMs.

The county 8 bell competition will be in the Ashford District (possibly Lympe) on 17th June with a festival of ringing to follow similar to last year.

Training Officer, Rupert Cheeseman, intends to assess each districts training needs. There is a vacancy for publicity officer.

Feedback from districts was required on the topic of a county six bell call change competition. The county is exploring a date to hold a Choral Evensong for Remembrance in early November.

10. Competition Rules.

As discussed at the ADM in October and at the November meeting, the county committee wished to introduce a county call change competition. However the rules they proposed for this were different to those of the district call change competition. The district competitions are to encourage new ringers to participate whilst experienced ringers would compete in an advanced competition. There will be no change to the rules for district competitions this year.

Malcolm Barden asked for tower feedback on their members views before the next county committee meeting on 25th February. Information from this meeting will be brought back for the district committee to discuss at the end of March.

The response from members so far had been that we need a competition to encourage lesser ringers to get into competitive ringing at local level and that an advanced level competition should be a separate event.

Both ringing masters encouraged towers to discuss these matters, have a go at the district competition, think about combining bands or benefices for the county competition and pass their views back to Malcolm before the end of February.

11. Members Achievements.

The band at St Peters had rung a quarter peal with Charlie Staywell ringing his first on the treble.

12. 120 Club.

1st	£30	9	Brian Kennett	St Stephens
2nd	£20	10	Sarat White	St Peter-in-Thanel
3rd	£10	11	Adam Redgwell	St Stephens

As mentioned in the January Newsletter this restarted today after the pandemic. There are many numbers available. A decision was needed about what to do with the profits. The Tonbridge district had decided to split theirs three ways for the Kent Young Ringers, the Bell Restoration Fund and to district training needs. It was suggested seeing how it goes in the next few months and decide at the ADM in October.

13. Any Other Business.

Stuart Palin mentioned that the ringing masters were keen to communicate better with members. He asked that all people who wished to be on the email list should let the ringing masters know on canterburyringingmaster@kcacr.org.uk.

Peter Dale had some books which could be useful to the Kent Young Ringers.

It was suggested that members post church bell pictures on facebook.

Claire had the bookstall for members to browse and see what was available. Canterbury District was the only district to retain a bookstall.

14. Vote of Thanks

Toby Huitson gave the vote of thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

The KCACR Canterbury District - Call Change Competition

Saturday 11th March 2023 at St Augustine, Northbourne.

The draw for the competition took place at 2pm. The service was conducted by Isobel Legg with Susan Record playing the organ. Tea was then served in the Parish Room by the tower captain, Philip Blair and his family.

The Chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Northbourne. He remarked upon the nine bands who entered the competition and congratulated all those who were competing for the first time.

1. Election of New Members

From St Stephens, Amanda Hills was nominated by Jane Huxley and seconded by Paul Davis.

From Canterbury Colleges, Harry Saddleton was nominated by Ben Legg and seconded by Adam Moore.

Both were elected by the membership present.

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

3. The Collection amounted to £71 all of which was given to Northbourne.

4. Forthcoming Events

Saturday 25th March District Practice at Waltham. Basic Doubles methods from 11.30 to 1pm. Contact the ringing masters. Stuart said that they could do with a few more experience ringers.

Monday 10th April KCACR AGM at Wrotham. The service will be at 12 o'clock after which there will be time for members to buy lunch in Wrotham. The meeting will start at 2pm. For more details see the county website.

Saturday 15th April Quarterly Meeting at Faversham (10). Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Saturday 13th May Striking Competition at Chislet. Draw at 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available throughout the competition. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

The chairman suggested that it would be nice to see nine bands competing again.

Saturday 10th June Bye Meeting at Great Mongeham (6). Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

There will be no meeting in August but a district outing is being planned to Surrey.

5. 120 Club Draw

1st	£30	5	Lyminge tower fund	
2nd	£20	10	Peter Freeman	All Saints, Whitstable
3rd	£10	11	Zoe Story	St Laurence-in-Thanel

For the benefit of new members the chairman explained what the 120 club was. He asked people to speak to Philip about how to join it.

6. Any Other Business - There was no other business to discuss.

7. Results of the Competition

The assistant secretary, Rev David Cawley introduced the county chairman, Neil Jones, and thanked him for travelling from Rochester to judge the competition on a quite cold day in East Kent.

Neil congratulated the district on having nine entries and then gave some general comments on the performance of each band.

The results were as follows:

Tower	Rang	% Score	Place
Ash	3rd	33	9th
Herne	2nd	35	8th
St Laurence in Thanet	7th	48	7th
Lyminge	1st	54	6th
St Peter in Thanet	4th	55	5th
St Dunstan, Canterbury	8th	56	4th
Faversham	6th	63	3rd
Whitstable St Alphege	5th	64	RUNNERS UP
St Stephen Canterbury	7th	77	WINNERS

The St Stephens band will be presented with the trophy.

8. Vote of Thanks -

The chairman proposed the vote of thanks to the vicar Rev Brown and churchwardens for use of the church and bells and to all those involved in organising the competition and to Neil for judging. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

District Peals & Quarter Peals

Rung from 1st January to 31st March 2023 are as follows:

Date	Place	address	Time	Changes	Method	Conductor
01/01/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	42m	1260	Doubles (4m/p)	Andrew M Hills
01/01/2023	Birchington	Waterloo Tower, Quex Park	45m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Michael Little
01/01/2023	Birchington	All Saints	38m	1260	St Wenceslas Doubles	Tim Attridge
08/01/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	40m	1260	Doubles (5m/v)	Andrew M Hills
08/01/2023	Canterbury	Canterbury Cathedral	49m	1256	Little Bob Royal	Andrew M Hills
08/01/2023	Birchington	All Saints	39m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
13/01/2023	St Peter in Thanet	St Peter the Apostle	42m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Mike Little
15/01/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	42m	1260	Doubles (4m)	Jane E Huxley
15/01/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	42m	1300	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
15/01/2023	Birchington	All Saints	39m	1260	St Felix Doubles	Tim Attridge
17/01/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	40m	1260	Doubles (4m/p)	Cathryn M Hills
18/01/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	40m	1260	Doubles (4m/p)	Cathryn M Hills
22/01/2023	Teynham	St Mary	44m	1260	Doubles (5m)	Barry Roberts
22/01/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	41m	1260	Doubles (6m/v/p)	Leonard A Huckstep
22/01/2023	Birchington	All Saints	40m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
25/01/2023	Ospringe	St Peter and St Paul	48m	1376	Spiced Surprise Major (4m)	Andrew M Hills
27/01/2023	Sheldwich	St James	43m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Barry Roberts
29/01/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington		1260	Doubles (5m/p)	Paul N Davis
29/01/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	40m	1260	Doubles (8m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
04/02/2023	Boughton under Bleau	St Peter and St Paul	43m	1280	Spiced Surprise Major (6m)	Andrew M Hills
05/02/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	40m	1260	Doubles (7m/v)	Leonard A Huckstep
05/02/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	40m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
06/02/2023	Herne	St Martin	45m	1260	St Leonard Doubles	Tim Attridge
10/02/2023	Chartham	St Mary	46m	1260	Doubles (4m)	Adam Moore
12/02/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	40m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Cathryn M Hills
12/02/2023	Canterbury	Canterbury Cathedral	50m	1254	Grandsire Cinques	Andrew M Hills
12/02/2023	Birchington	All Saints		1260	Burton Joyce Doubles	Tim Attridge
15/02/2023	Westgate on Sea	St Saviour	41m	1260	Doubles (2m)	Michael Little
19/02/2023	St-Nicholas-at-Wade		42m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Michael Little
19/02/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	42m	1260	St Clement's College Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
19/02/2023	Birchington	All Saints	39m	1260	Lillingstone Doubles	Tim Attridge
20/02/2023	St Peter in Thanet	St Peter the Apostle		1260	Eynsham Doubles	Tim Attridge
25/02/2023	Canterbury	Canterbury Cathedral	50m	1259	Grandsire Caters	Andrew M Hills
26/02/2023	Teynham	St Mary	42m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Barry Roberts
26/02/2023	Canterbury	St Alphege	37m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	William J Stungo
26/02/2023	Birchington	All Saints		1260	Brightwell Doubles	Tim Attridge
05/03/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	43m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Paul N Davis
05/03/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	41m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
05/03/2023	Birchington	All Saints	38m	1260	Skillington Doubles	Tim Attridge
10/03/2023	Whitstable	All Saints	42m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Adam Moore
10/03/2023	Westgate on Sea	St Saviour		1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Tim Attridge
12/03/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	40m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Cathryn M Hills
12/03/2023	Canterbury	Canterbury Cathedral	51m	1287	Stedman Caters	Andrew M Hills
12/03/2023	Birchington	All Saints	39m	1280	Seighford Doubles	Tim Attridge
15/03/2023	Ospringe	St Peter and St Paul	47m	1344	Spiced Surprise Major (6m)	Andrew M Hills
17/03/2023	Throwley	St Michael and All Angels	44m	1260	Doubles (6m)	Claire Stay
19/03/2023	Canterbury	St Dunstan	42m	1260	Stedman Doubles	Andrew M Hills
19/03/2023	Birchington	All Saints	39m	1260	Stoke Bardolph Doubles	Tim Attridge
20/03/2023	Deal	St Leonard, Upper Deal		1260	St John Baptist Doubles	Tim Attridge
25/03/2023	St-Nicholas-at-Wade		44m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Little
26/03/2023	Teynham	St Mary	43m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Barry Roberts
26/03/2023	Faversham	St Mary of Charity	2h 57	5040	Cambridge Surprise Royal	John B Keeler
26/03/2023	Canterbury	St Stephen, Hackington	40m	1260	Doubles (7m/v)	Cathryn M Hills
26/03/2023	Canterbury	Canterbury Cathedral	54m	1320	Plain Bob Maximus	Cathryn M Hills
26/03/2023	Birchington	All Saints	36m	1260	Arnold Doubles	Tim Attridge

Canterbury District Officers

As of the 2020 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

KCACR AGM

Monday 10th April in the Maidstone District at Wrotham. The service will be at 12 o'clock after which there will be time for members to buy lunch in Wrotham. The meeting will start at 2pm. For more details see the county website.

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Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 15th April at Faversham (10). Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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District Surprise Major Practice

Saturday 29th April at Boughton u Blean. 7.00 - 8.30pm.
Contact the ringing masters for more details.

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Striking Competition

Saturday 13th May at Chislet. Draw at 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available throughout the competition. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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District Practice

Saturday 20th May at St Laurence in Thanet. 10 bell ringing. 10 - 12noon. Contact the ringing masters for more details.

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Bye Meeting

Saturday 10th June at Great Mongeham (6). Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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District Practice

June Conducting call changes at Herne. Date to be confirmed. Contact the ringing masters for more details

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Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 8th July at Lyminge. Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

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District Practice

Saturday 15th July Surprise Major at St Stephens.7.30 – 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for more details.

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Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Canterbury District Striking Competition

The 2023 Striking Competition will be held on
 Saturday, 13th May
 at
 Chislet

The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2pm. Competition ringing to start straight afterwards with the service at 3.30pm followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available during the competition.

The Competition Secretary must be notified of teams wishing to take part by midnight on **Saturday, 6th 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 Competition Secretary at davidl.cawley@btinternet.com

Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01227 720121 as soon as possible please.

<u>KCACR Canterbury District Striking Competition 2023</u>	
<u>Entry Form</u>	
Tower	
Team Organiser	Telephone: _____
	E-mail
Team Members	

All entry forms **must** be returned to the competition secretary by Saturday, 6th May, 2023.

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.