

ROUNDS & ABOUT

Tonbridge District Newsletter No.10 January, 2024



proudly presents...



the. Trivia Evening

on Saturday

13th April 2024

Questions begin at

7pm *sharp!*

Langton Green Village Hall,

Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 0JJ

- ★ **Teams:** tables of 6. *Descriptive team names required.*
Overs and unders, and people without a team will be accommodated into mixed teams.
- ★ **Bring your own plates, cutlery, drink and glasses,**
and a pudding per table – *plus candelabra if you must!*
- ★ **Don't forget that there will be a lucky ticket draw**
see the number on your ticket!
- ★ **Tickets £12 including supper**
under 16s £6 family (2 adults + 2 children) £30
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KCACR Membership

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Now that we have a better and more convenient system for joining the KCACR and renewing membership, any queries concerning membership or payment should be directed to: Doug Davis membership@kcacr.org.uk 07732 368270

Training

Light Bulb Moment

Emma Tamkin

When hunting up, use the 3 Fs. Find, Follow, Forget.

When hunting to Grandsire and a Bob is called, the bell you are following in 3rds place down to lead when the Bob is called, will be your next hunt bell. If a single is called, it will be the bell you are following in 2nds place to lead that will be your next hunt bell.

A Touching Offer?

Ray Taylor

Are you amazed at how some people have the brain capacity to call touches? Well, it may not be as difficult as you think! If you would like to learn how to call simple touches of Doubles or Minor then get in touch (pun intended) and I'll try to arrange a training session.

Ray Taylor rayt142536@gmail.com 07973 123 323

Training Day at Speldhurst 16th December

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Deb Williams, Katie Malpass both of Tonbridge and Nick Lucas of Lamberhurst came to the training session run by Anthony Leeves. All progressed and felt the morning was very worthwhile.

Cake, courtesy of Tessa Worthington, and flapjack from Katie was most welcome certainly and an inducement for helpers. A pretty good time was had by all



..... with plenty of explanations.

Play your Cards Right?

THREE training sessions took place on the morning of Saturday 18th November. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

Can 'playing your cards right' possibly help your ropesight?

More details at a Tonbridge District Training Session near you!

Ray Taylor



Art Accreditation to Teach

Tessa Worthington

Congratulations are in order: Ray Taylor has now received official Accreditation having successfully completed the ART training course.

We are all aware of how active he is in our district, but he felt that as he co-ordinated training for our area, he ought to know how to teach. He thought he knew how but reckons he was wrong and picked up many useful tips during the course.

Maybe this will encourage others to give it a go

News

Tonbridge Rehang

Angela Clark

You may remember that in Rounds & About No.7 I flagged up the discussions which had taken place regarding the work on the Tonbridge bells. We are planning to go ahead, with works to be undertaken by Taylors. They will carry out a 3D laser survey inside the tower to assess the space available. A virtual removal of the bells will also tell us if the clock needs to be moved. The Church Wardens are much involved in relation to the granting of a faculty, but once we get going, the bells will be out of action for around 3 months. The cost will be in the region of £70,000

One Twenty Club – December 2023

3 rd December 2023	1	£20	124	Rachel Cargill Thompson	Sevenoaks
draw at the Christmas	2	£15	92	Jen Thomas	Brasted
Ringling at Lamberhurst	3	£10	43	Alan Dunster	Brenchley

November 2023 Meeting on KEMSING'S lovely light 6.

Emma Tamkin

The morning was very well run by Phil Jarvis our Ringing Master with ringing ranging from rounds to London and lots in between.

Luckily, Kemsing is a ground floor ring, and well able to accommodate the 29 ringers who came. Yes, 29! It was lovely to see some new faces as well as the old ones.

The more advanced ringers were able to ring more complicated methods, enabling the less advanced to see how it's done, as well as having the opportunity to ring with different people on different bells.

In addition to the church bells, there were hand bells for anyone who wanted a try. Phil is planning on bringing these to the monthly meetings as they were quite a hit.

It was a busy morning with church bells at one end and hand bells at the other, enjoyed by all. Thank you to Phil for a great morning and to Fraser for hosting us.



Members' Milestones

Various

Otto Hall, Speldhurst

First Quarter, November (age 16)

Flo (age 10) Seal Chart

First Quarter

Dmitry Zhuravlev, Tonbridge

First, Quarter. November, Lamberhurst



Our District Christmas Celebrations

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Cold, damp and not a very inviting day but the Christmas get-together at Lamberhurst brightened and warmed the day up. An hour of ringing for all levels of competence and a lot being crammed in by Emma meaning everyone had an opportunity to ring.



Then it was out of the ringing chamber and down to the church where Emma and Phil Jarvis were cooking up the mulled wine and warming the mince pies.



It seems not everybody got the joke!

Westerham Outing 9 December

Hamilton Woods

Westerham Outing 9 December – Withyham, Chiddingstone (lunch at The Castle), and Edenbridge.



A gloomy day weatherwise but a good time was had by all.

Ringing after all at Shipbourne

Angela Clark

The ringing chamber ceiling at Shipbourne (and therefore the bell frame above) is supported by 4 massive oak joists which, in turn, are supported by very large stone corbels projecting from the walls. In December a large fragment of stone (20cm by 13cm but only 1cm thick) split from one of these corbels and fell to the floor. Thankfully, no one ringing or sitting out was hurt.

A detailed report, with photographs, was sent to the church's architect seeking advice. Happily the church's Structural Engineer has confirmed that it is safe to resume ringing and a close eye will be kept on the area of the problem.

MANY THANKS to Sir Paul Britton for these details.

Future Delights

District Programme

Phil Jarvis and Emma Tamkin

Date	Event	Location	Timings and details
6 th January 24	Quarterly meeting	Penshurst	1000-1200
3 rd February 24	District practice	Chevening	1000-1200
2 nd March	District practice	Hever	1000-1200
1 st April			AGM Rochester District. Details to follow of the meeting location and towers that will be open before and after the AGM
6 th April	Quarterly meeting	Goudhurst	1000-1200
4 th May	District outing	Ashford district	Rolvenden 0930-1015 Wittersham 1045-1130 Appledore 1200-1245
1 st June	District practice	Brasted	1000-1200
6 th July	Quarterly meeting	Sevenoaks	1000-1200
3 rd August	District practice	Sandhurst	1000-1200
7 th September	District practice	Sundridge	1000-1200
5 th October	ADM	Hawkhurst	1000-1300 (10-1130 ringing 1130 tea, coffee, cake and handbell ringing 1200-1300 ADM)
2 nd November	District practice	Tunbridge Wells	1000-1200
7 th December	Christmas ringing	Speldhurst	1600-1700 ringing, then mince pies and mulled wine and handbell ringing until 1800

Tail End

Dr Who visited Hawkhurst!!

Angela Clark

Our District's St. Laurence at Hawkhurst was featured on the front page of The Ringing World at the beginning of December. Many Dr Who fans will be aware that the Doctor has celebrated his 60th birthday and the churches featured in the films were noted in the ringers' "comic", with Hawkhurst in the lead!!!

Alison Parsons (Tower Captain) was interviewed by the RW regarding the filming, having learnt to ring there in 1972. See the earlier article about Hawkhurst in Rounds & About No.7 containing the article on the church by Anthony Leeves and Alison Parsons.

Please send news and snippets (ringing related) to angelaclarkbuttons@btinternet.com

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR