



# 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 Mary the Virgin, Selling*  
*Taken from the internet*

## **Chairman's Message**

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Hi everyone

I hope this finds you well. It's good to see the weather getting better.

So far this year we've had 3 excellent meetings. Both the January and February meetings were well attended and enjoyed by all, and in March, we held our call change competition at Sandwich which 8 teams entered. I was very proud to see that and congrats to all 8 teams so hopefully see you all at our next meeting in April at Selling.

Best wishes

*Mike*

**Please note the new email address for names for tea  
is now:-**

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

## Ringling Master's News

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### District Ringing – January-March 2024

The year started in grand style with The Cathedral hosting the January District Meeting, then another good turnout for the Surprise Major practice at Sheldwich. February saw us continuing with ringing on the higher stages at Ash, then exploring the world of Doubles variations at Ash. March brought the quarter to a close with the Call Change competition at Sandwich and a Surprise Minor practice at Monkton.

**January – Quarterly Meeting:** (Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury) This was a big start to the year with over 70 people notifying their intention to attend, including some visitors from outside our area. Not everyone came up the tower, but very many did and it was a very busy afternoon session – the tower's Visitors Book looked to have around 40 entries, and then there were the Cathedral regulars helping out. The logistics of getting people up the tower meant there was some queuing downstairs, and we thank you for your patience. There were a lot of Rounds and Call Changes on 12 to give everyone a chance to experience ringing on the 12, but also some method ringing focussing on those methods that could be brought round relatively quickly. The evening session was quieter (we could get everyone upstairs) but still a good turnout. We all hope that you enjoyed your opportunity to ring at the Cathedral.

(Rounds+CC 8, Rounds+CC 12, Plain B 8, Grandsire 9, Little B 10, Grandsire 11, 3 Spliced S 8 [CYN])

*NOTE: I am adopting a briefer summary of what was rung.*

**January – S Major Practice:** (Sheldwich) There were 17 present for the evening, including 1 making their first attempt at Surprise Major. Half courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire, and Superlative were completed as were a full course of Rutland and a bob course of Yorkshire. The challenge set for the practice was Cornwall and it was good to see enough people had learnt the method. Our first attempt at a half course (4 leads + 1 of Plain Bob) broke down around the 3<sup>rd</sup> lead, but the second attempt was successful. Though there were a few trips this was a good start to extending the methods we are able to ring - so we shall continue with Cornwall as a "featured" method.

(Cambridge, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, Cornwall)

**February – Bye Meeting:** (Ash) Another strong turnout saw 31 in the tower during the afternoon and 15 coming up after the meeting. It was good to see some recently elected members coming out again and we hope they will continue to join us at meetings. A selection of methods, mostly Caters and Royal, were slotted in between Rounds and Call Changes on 10 during the afternoon – though unfortunately the service course of Stedman Caters broke down. The evening ringing was dominated by more method ringing but Rounds and Call Change was also rung. Although the Grandsire Caters had to be stood up we scored a touch of Stedman Triples.

(Rounds+CC 10, Rev Canterbury 5 [touch], Grandsire 5, Stedman 7 [touch], Plain B 8 [touch], Plain Hunt 9, Grandsire 9, *Stedman 9*, Little B 10)

**February – Doubles Variations Practice:** (Littlebourne) There was solid interest in this practice with 13 turning out, including 1 new to District events and several of the regular Birchington Quarter Peal band. We started with several courses of April Day (Plain Bob+Grandsire single), then whilst people were looking at the Wallflower single we rang a course of Kennington (Plain Bob+Rev Canterbury bob) [*it should have been Southrepps, but the District Ringing Master got his Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury muddled up*]. The more experienced then rang Windrush (Plain Bob+Rev Canterbury bob+Wallflower single) before we then rang some courses of Seighford (Plain Bob+Wallflower single) for those who had been learning and watching the Wallflower singles. Having got his methods and bobs sorted out the District Ringing Master got the Southrepps (Rev Canterbury+Plain Bob bob) right. All too soon our time was up and as a final touch we rang Barnevelder (St Simon's+Grandsire single+Wallflower single+Antelope single). It was only afterwards that it was realized we had missed a trick – if we had chosen a different base method

(Eynesbury – I think) we could have rung an unnamed method and named it. Hopefully the practice has given people more confidence and we could see more use of variations to liven up the ringing at meetings

(April Day, Kennington, Windrush, Seighford, Southrepps, Barnevelder)

**March – Call Change Competition:** (Sandwich) This is reported separately.

**March – Surprise Minor Practice:** (Monkton) It was a dry and sunny, but slightly chilly, morning start with 14 attending, and bringing a good mix of experience. Touches of Cambridge were the mainstay of the practice but we also got a course of Norwich in and finally got a course of London round at the end of our time. With people pushing their boundaries there were a few lost attempts along the way, but everyone seemed to find the practice very useful. Let's hope we can put some of it to use at our next meeting.

(Cambridge [touches], Norwich, London)

Thank you to all those who have supported District Ringing so far and we hope you will continue to find something of interest to you at these events – do let us know if there is something you would like to ring. It was also good to see several of the newer members continuing to attend District events.

As always do feel free to give feedback and suggestions to the District Ringing Masters or just generally chat about ringing matters of interest to you.

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## **District Ringing – Looking Forward (April-July 2024)**

Our **April** District Meeting will be held at **Selling**, a very nice light ring of eight, so it would be great to see many members coming along to that meeting, especially if they haven't rung at Selling previously.

Later in the month we will be holding a **Surprise Major** practice at Birchington. Following on from our last Surprise Major practice in January, we are keen to continue working on **Cornwall Surprise Major**. Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative have been frequently rung at previous practices, which we will be looking to continue, as well as offering the opportunity to ring other Standard Eight methods as requested.

The **District Striking Competition** is being held at **Lynsted** in **May** – there was an excellent turnout of eight teams for the Call Change Competition in March, so we hope to see similar enthusiasm for this competition! The focus of our May District Practice at **Bekesbourne** will be **Plain Hunt on 5 and 6**. Trying to learn from our previous experiences with heavily subscribed District Practices, we have decided to limit the number of "learners" for this practice to eight, first come first served, so that the ringers attending will have the opportunity to ring for extended periods, rather than competing for time on the end of a rope with many others. Obviously there may be some towers which have multiple learners working at a similar level – we think that it will probably be more worthwhile for us to organise a special practice at a tower where several learners are currently focusing on something like Plain Hunt, so if you think your tower would benefit from such a visit, please do get in touch!

**Westgate** is hosting the **June** District Meeting, so there will perhaps be a chance to ring some of the Doubles Variations that members enjoyed ringing at the District Practice held at Littlebourne earlier in the year. A District **10-bell Practice** will also be held in June at **Faversham**, which will aim to focus on **Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters/Royal and Little Bob Royal**. Similarly to the District Practice in May, there will be a limit on the number of “learners” for this practice, in order to make best use of the bells in the time available.

Looking a little further ahead, in **July** we have a District Meeting at **Eastry** and another **Surprise Major** practice which will be held at **Herne**.

The forthcoming District Practices are detailed below, along with a provisional schedule of future District Practices up to March 2025 – this list is only provisional, so if you have any ideas for **what you would like to see included**, please contact the Ringing Masters.

<b>Forthcoming District Practices</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Tower</b>	<b>Focus</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 7:30-9:00pm	Birchington, All Saints (8)	Surprise Major
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 10:00-11:30am	Bekesbourne (6)	Plain Hunt on 5 and 6
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 7:00-9:00pm	Faversham (10)	10-bell ringing
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 7:30-9:00pm	Herne (8)	Surprise Major

<b>Future District Practices</b> (provisional)		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Tower</b>	<b>Focus</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12)	Summer social and barbecue
September 2024	Teynham (6)	Conducting basic methods
October 2024	Hernhill (8)	Surprise Major
November 2024	Canterbury, St Stephen (8)	Plain Major
January 2025	St Peter-in-Thamet (8)	Surprise Major
February 2025	Chartham (6)	Plain Bob Doubles (and Grandsire Doubles?)
March 2025	Petham (6)	Call changes

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**District Practices – summaries for Forthcoming Events**

**Surprise Major Practice – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7:30-9:00pm at Birchington, All Saints**

Open to experienced Surprise Major ringers and to ringers confident at ringing plain Major methods/Surprise Minor and wish to gain experience with Surprise Major.

The focus will be on Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cornwall, along with other methods in the Standard Eight as requested. If you wish to take part, please contact the Ringing Masters by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Plain Hunt on 5 and 6 Practice – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10:00-11:30am at Bekesbourne**

Aimed at ringers who are currently focusing on ringing Plain Hunt on five or six bells.

There will be a maximum of eight learners for this practice, first come first served, with a limit of two from any one tower. Any extra learners from an individual tower will go on to a reserve list, in the event that spaces remain available. Teachers are encouraged to accompany their learners to lend their support. If you wish to take part, please contact the Ringing Masters by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**10-bell Practice – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7:00-9:00pm at Faversham**

The focus of this practice will be Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters/Royal and Little Bob Royal. It is aimed at ringers who are confident at ringing Plain Hunt on 9/10 and wish to gain experience ringing inside.

There will be a maximum of eight inexperienced Caters/Royal ringers for this practice, first come first served, who will be supported by a number of ringers experienced in ringing on higher numbers. A limit of two ringers may come from any one tower – any extra ringers from an individual tower will go on a reserve list, in the event that spaces remain available. If you wish to take part, please contact the Ringing Masters by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

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## District News



### Bell Sunday 2024 – 12th May

Bell Sunday 2023 was a quiet year for our first attempt to introduce a day where the contribution of bells and Bellringers to the life of the Church is recognised. This was mainly due to the King's Coronation the week before, where a lot of the attention and effort was directed. However, a number of towers have shared on social media and through The Ringing World what they were able to achieve.

In 2024 St Dunstan's Day falls conveniently on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May; however, as this is Pentecost, we have agreed with representation from the Clerical Guild that 12<sup>th</sup> May would be more appropriate.

A wealth of supporting resources, including hymns/songs/music, Bible readings, general readings, and poetry, is available from [www.bellsunday.org](http://www.bellsunday.org). I'm grateful to those who have supplied additional material to add here. You can also add your church to the list of venues participating.

It would be great to include a Gallery of photos from this year, so if you have any to share, please send them to me at [pro@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:pro@cccbr.org.uk) (make sure you have the permission of anyone in the photo before you share it).

Make a note of the date in your diary now and start thinking about how we can make this a great annual event in the Church and bellringing calendar.



### Ringing out for Peace

The 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion, the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw over 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 130,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe.

As part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, we are once again encouraging ringers to Ring Out for Peace on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (or at a suitable time that day).

You can find out more <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/>, and register your participation. You can also submit your performances to BellBoard <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=18273>.



## Cake Inspector, Spring 2024

### Cathedral, 13 Jan.

A wonderful spread in a thankfully warm room given the chilly conditions outside. Cheese scones, various sandwiches and a selection of cherry tomatoes, shortbread, and cakes were enjoyed by the large number present for this, the first meeting of the year.

### Ash, 10 Feb.

A big tea laid on, with an entire table just for cake! (now that's my sort of tea!) Anyone who wasn't there missed a treat. Some lovely home-made sandwiches and cheese scones, with some healthy *amuse-bouches* to make one feel better about the guilty pleasures on the next table. Too many sweets to mention individually- banana cake, cookies, several different sponge cakes including coconut and chocolate and some small squares with decorative toppings. The star item today was the cake with choc buttons and a multicoloured sponge in blue, green, purple, pink and yellow which had to be seen to be believed (see the pic!) - colourful and tasty.



### Sandwich, 9 Mar.

Appropriately for a place with a name suggestive of afternoon tea, this was simply a legendary spread. All the different dietary options were clearly labelled (always a bonus!) with some very good sandwiches, crisps, healthy dips, interesting marmite whirls and even filled savoury bagels. There were decorated iced sponge cakes, chocolate tiffin squares, choc crispies, and ginger cake to follow which kept the eight teams and supporters fully fuelled throughout the afternoon. Doggy bags were eagerly filled with what remained! The Inspector absent-mindedly forgot his camera; thanks go to Tall Paul for the photos.



## **Oranges and lemons sing the bells of St. Clements**

As my beloved bell ringer warbled in my ear last week. I vaguely know the rhyme but try not to think of the Old Bailey bit as it brings memories. Perhaps I can recount these in another article after the appeal.

So enthused by the opportunity of some free culture the old chap packed his supporters kit – a book of Suguru (easier than Sudoku), boiled sweets and ear defenders – and travelled with other enthusiasts in a golden lion limo to the 6-bell ringing competition at Sandwich. Held at St. Clements church of course. It is difficult to describe the impending excitement and to an extent the apprehension during the journey. We had been warned that parking was difficult but we found a place near the Cattle market. No livestock today – no doubt they had things other than change ringing on their agendas.

An interesting well-maintained church in a pleasant surrounding; indeed, a part of the town. The tower which dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century is an impressive and far from usual structure, well worth a visit. A fitting pier-a-terre for St. Clement who may have been baptized by St. Peter. But enough of history – what about the bell ringing.

Eight teams entered and the writer was 'supporting' Ospringe SS Peter & Paul (are two saints better than one?). There were some very experienced and capable bands entered and Ospringe knew they were in for a 'dog fight', actually with Faversham (St Mary of Charity) – but could they let escape 8<sup>th</sup> place. By now you would have read the results and noted that Ospringe were 7<sup>th</sup>, Their best result of 2024. Faversham reached the dizzy heights of 6<sup>th</sup> place and will celebrate by providing free cake for all visitors until the end of the month.

Listening to the bells whilst looking at the tower was a treat. One did note a solitary gull perched on the tower who seemed unconcerned at a couple of hours ringing. A fellow spectator said to listen for clips, clashes and gaps as that is how the judges grade the bands. One could incorporate into the famous rhyme "Watch out for clips clashes and gaps. Say the bells of St Agape"  
"I certainly will. Say the bells of St. Bill (William)"

Forty years ago, almost to the day, 'the artist formerly known as Prince' recorded his seminal piece of pop music *purple rain*. The spectator noted that this had inspired a number of the ringers. These were clad in wonderful purple polo shirts. A dash of colour that further brightened a good day. And can we end without mentioning the World's favorite food?

Of course not! Here in the ancient town of Sandwich the band of ringers provided a magnificent ringers tea. In addition to the pork pies, sausage rolls, crisps, healthy living stuff and brownies (yum, yum") there was a range of the eponymous foodstuff. All shapes and sizes – and what a range Vegan, Gluten-free, Vegetarian and Normal.

"The food made me grin Say the bells of Ospringe"  
"Egg, cheese and ham. Say the bells of Faversham."

John Griffin, Ospringe tower ret'd

## **Robert B Powell-Williams (Bob)**

Bob learnt to ring in 1962 at St. Mary the Virgin in Calne, Wiltshire, and moved to Kent in 1970 to take up the post of Immigration Officer. He became a member of the choir at St. Mary's, Dover, and joined the Dover Choral Society. As ringer he was well-known and respected in the Canterbury District. The mainstay of the Dover band for over 50 years, he served as steeple-keeper and clock winder.

Bob had a major rôle in the bell restoration of 2002. Following its completion he was instrumental in setting up a system of sensors for the simulator and closed-circuit television for the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre. He assisted in the installation of a "dumb" bell in the roof of the anteroom to the gallery, primarily for very young children to experience ringing.

He rang four peals, all for the Kent County Association and all at St Mary's, Dover. The first, in 1979, was for the installation of HM The Queen Mother as Lord Warden of The Cinque Ports and is recorded on a peal board on the ringing gallery. Another peal board in the church porch bears his name, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Whilst Bob's peal record is modest, his forte was quarter peals and he rang hundreds of them, including Caters and Surprise Major. Many were at Dover with the midweek band.



Another of his interests was walking the byways of Kent and Sussex; he had completed the entire coastal trail. It was while taking a walk from Kingsdown to Deal on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January that he suddenly collapsed, near Walmer Castle. Tragically he couldn't be resuscitated. Only the previous morning he rang for the service and was to have been in the band for a quarter peal on the Wednesday. News of his death stunned everyone; the quarter went ahead, but not as planned of course. Half-muffled Grandsire Triples was rung as a tribute to Bob's life and service.

Bob and Lindsay married at St. Mary's on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004 after a long engagement. His passing leaves an enormous gap in her life, and indeed in the whole community. So many wishes of support for Lindsay have come flooding in that Bob would never have imagined how highly he was regarded and respected. Never uttering an unkind word about anyone, he had an engaging sense of fun and was great company in the pub. He is sorely missed.

Peter Dale

## **Ash-next-Sandwich**

Our ringing at Ash this Quarter has seen in January the start of our extra ringing practices on Monday evenings for the sole benefit of our four learners. This is to get them confident and stable enough to ring rounds on their own more quickly.

Our Friday practice is for everyone and is being very well supported.

In February Andrew and Cathryn Hills came to give our bells a service inspection before we hosted the District Bye meeting. The meeting was a great success and so nice to have all of our ten bells ringing out. Previously, whilst attending to a couple of stay problems we had been aware that a part of the floor directly under the bells was a bit spongy and Andrew Hills confirmed this in his inspection. We also had noticed some overhead cracks in the ringing room ceiling. Reporting this to our church wardens, on her inspection, she immediately called in a builder to repair said ceiling. This resulted in suspension of ringing as very quickly a scaffold tower and buckets and ladders appeared in the belfry. All ringing had to cease. To the rescue came Eastry.



For four weeks we all assembled there for our practice on Friday afternoons. Thanks to Jackie Penner for being our host and hoovering up the flies every week before our arrival. Some of the ringers even found that the Fish and Chip shop at the end of the road was a Good Friday evening tea.

The repair was completed but needed 2 weeks to dry, this meant that ringing could not commence until March 20th. the evening of the Installation of our new Rector!

On inspection of the belfry on 9th. March, the scaffold and builders equipment had vacated the room but the gritty dust was still in residence and things were looking rather sad. A planned work party set to work on 18th. March, hoovers, dusters, polish and elbow grease assembled at 10.30am at 11.30 we decided to raise the bells and test the repair in advance of the Installation service. If plaster was going to fall on us better whilst we were cleaning than on the evening of the service.

Up went the bells, a few rounds were rung and it was declared that Ash were once again back ringing. St. Mildred's, Preston and Holy Cross Goodnestone were invited to join us at Ash for the pre service ringing for the installation service for our new Rector. It was lovely to welcome 6 from Preston. For those who are not familiar with the Preston ringers. They only ring call changes, called from A4 sheets of papers hung on a music stand. Brian Covey has several "Melodie's" he brought them to Ash and had compiled a new one especially for the service called Turvey's delight. To mark Reverend Caroline Turvey's installation.

We are as I said back at Ash, Fridays 4pm. 🛎️🛎️

Marilyn Barden

## Minutes of Past Meetings

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### The KCACR Canterbury District Quarterly Meeting Saturday 13th January 2024 at Canterbury Cathedral.

Ringling began at 3.30pm under the guidance of the ringling masters and Cathedral ringling. Members attended evensong in the Nave. Tea was served in the small meeting room next to the Cathedral shop by the Cathedral ringling.

1. Welcome. The chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Canterbury Cathedral. Before the meeting started members were asked to stand for a minute's silence in memory of Rose Rigden and Ivan Howitt who had recently passed away.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. David Cawley, Andrew Corby, Len Huckstep, Keith and Susan Record.

3. Minutes of the last meetings, as published in the January newsletter but with one small amendment, were taken as read on a proposal from Claire Stay seconded by Adam Moore.

4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

#### 5. Election of New Members

From Ospringe Nancy Brand proposed by Adam Moore and seconded by Stuart Palin.

From St Peter-in-Thamet Jessica and Dawn Minard proposed by Sarat White and seconded by Felicity Lewis.

From St Stephen Edward Hunter proposed by Jane Huxley, seconded by Len Huckstep.

All were elected to the association by the members present.

6. Presentation of Certificates. Certificates were presented to Tracey Colley, Elaine Hartnell, Edward Hunter, Leanne Jones, and Harry Saddleton.

#### 7. Forthcoming Events:

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| Saturday 20th January  | District Surprise Major Practice at Sheldwich 7.30 – 9pm. If people wished to go they were asked to please let Ben and Stuart know. Cornwall was to be the special method.   |
| Saturday 10th February | Bye Meeting.at Ash next Sandwich. Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to <a href="mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk">namesfortea@gmail.co.uk</a> as soon as possible please. Everything was in order.   |
| Saturday 24th February | District Doubles Variations Practice at Littlebourne 10 - 11.30am. The ringling masters would like to know the sort of things people wanted to learn and ring.   |
| Saturday 9th March.    | Call Change Competition at Sandwich. Draw at 1.45pm. Ringling from 2pm, service after the competition followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to <a href="mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk">namesfortea@gmail.co.uk</a> as soon as possible please. This venue is to be confirmed. Rules of the competition and an application form will be sent out to all towers shortly. |

Saturday 30th March District Surprise Minor Practice at Monkton 10 - 11.30am. The date of this has been rearranged to 16th March as the 30th is Holy Saturday when we don't usually ring. There will be a certain amount of flexibility as the ringing masters would like to know what methods people would like to ring.

Monday 1st April KCACR AGM at Rainham.

Saturday 13th April Quarterly Meeting at Selling. Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Ben mentioned the Kent young ringers striking competition on Saturday 17th February. It would be good to enter one or two bands from the district.

Mike suggested holding a joint meeting with the Ashford District at Quex on Saturday 17th August with the BBQ and plenty of social time.

8. Report from the last county committee Meeting.

Malcolm told members that the last meeting had been held in November and a report was in the January newsletter.

Salient points were that the new membership database was up and running.

He asked how many towers had received and completed the safeguarding audit. There was a show of hands. At least two people had been unable to complete the audit as it had been removed from the diocese website before the end of the day on deadline day.

The next county meeting was to be on 28th March. Malcolm always updated the district committee within a week and asked if towers would like a copy.

The chairman brought up the fact that the certificates presented today had not been signed by a vice president as required. Both the Dean and Archdeacon of Canterbury could sign them but no one knew whether they were aware of this or had been asked to do so. Mike suggested the lack of elected vice presidents to the east of the county be brought up at the March meeting. Malcolm agreed to do so.

9. Members Achievements.

Brian Coleman and Kate Bispham had rung their first quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Ospringe and Mick Cairns had rung his first quarter peal at St Laurence.

10. 120 Club.

1st	£30	47	Ian White	St Peter-in-Thanel
2nd	£20	20	Peter Freeman	Whitstable All Saints
3rd	£10	12	Marilyn Barden	Ash

Philip thanked all those who had signed up today.

11. Any Other Business.

Claire had the bookstall for members to browse and see what was available.

Cathryn urged members to pay their subs as soon as possible. Online was the preferred method but they were welcome to give money to Cathryn who would pass it on to the county treasurer. Malcolm mentioned that the deadline for subs so that names would appear in the handbook was 14th February.

Malcolm admitted that he had been an ART sceptic but had attended one of the M1 hub courses recently and found it useful.

Stuart Palin went on to say that there had been an email about M1 hub courses which were being held monthly to the west of the county. The email had been forwarded on to members.

12. Vote of Thanks

The chairman hoped that all members had enjoyed their trip to the Cathedral and the secretary thanked the Dean and Chapter for use of the Cathedral and bells, the Cathedral ringers for the tea and gave the vote of thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the meeting.

Members showed their appreciation in the usual way. Ringing then continued for a little while.

## **The KCACR Canterbury District Bye Meeting Saturday 10th February 2024 at Ash next Sandwich**

Ringling took place from 2pm under the guidance of the ringling masters. The service at 3.30pm was led by Rev. Nigel Hale with Toby Huitson playing the organ. Tea was served in the church by the Ash ringlers.

The chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Ash. Members then stood for a minutes silence in memory of Mary Andrews from Lewisham, Bob Powell-Williams from Dover and Rev. David Cawley who had all passed away recently.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dennis Brandrick, Mick Cairns, Callum Dyson, Airley Fray, Becky Holliday, Keith and Susan Record, Malcolm and Zoe Story.

2. Election of new members. From Ash Chris Powdrill proposed by Marilyn Barden and seconded by Malcolm Barden. Chris was elected by those members present.

3. Presentation of Certificates. There were no certificates to be presented.

4. The Collection amounted to £38 all to go to Ash Church.

### 5. Forthcoming Events.

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| Saturday 24th February      | District Doubles Variations Practice at Littlebourne 10 - 11.30am. The ringling masters had received no requests so far so will go with basic variation such as Kennington, South Repps and April Day. Others may be rung if required.   |
| Saturday 9th March          | Call Change Competition at Sandwich.<br>Draw at 1.45pm. Ringling from 2pm, Service after the competition followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to <a href="mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk">namesfortea@gmail.co.uk</a> as soon as possible please.<br>Rules and an application form have been sent to all towers.<br>The chairman urged all towers to enter a team. |
| Saturday 16th March         | District Surprise Minor Practice at Monkton 10 - 11.30am. The ringling masters asked members for ideas on what methods they wished to ring. If they were trying to learn Cambridge or wanting to move on from Cambridge they should come along.  |
| Monday 1st April at Rainham | KCACR AGM. More details could be found on the county website.  |
| Saturday 13th April         | Quarterly Meeting at Selling.<br>Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to <a href="mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk">namesfortea@gmail.co.uk</a> as soon as possible please.   |
| Saturday 20th April         | District Surprise Major Practice at Birchington. This is for members moving on from Minor to Major and those wishing to learn other methods. Cornwall was rung last time.  |
| Saturday 11th May           | Striking Competition at Lynsted.<br>Draw at 1.45pm. Ringling from 2pm, Service after the competition followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to <a href="mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk">namesfortea@gmail.co.uk</a> as soon as possible please.<br>Rules and an application form will be in the April Newsletter.  |

#### 6. Any Other Business.

The Funeral of Bob Powell-Williams will take place on Wednesday 28th February at St Marys Dover at 12 noon. That for Rev. David Cawley will be held at Canterbury Cathedral during the first week of March. The date is to be confirmed.

There were quite a few new ringers at Ash and, as parking close to the church is not possible, Claire had brought in a limited number of books mainly on basic topics.

Jen Thomas commended the two new videos produced by the Central Council called 'Discovering bellringing' and 'Enjoying bellringing'. They can be viewed on the CC youtube site and last for 8 minutes and 2 minutes respectively.

8. Vote of Thanks. Andy Brett gave the vote of thanks to Rev. Nigel Hale for use of the church and bells and everyone involved with organising the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

## **The KCACR Canterbury District Call Change Competition Saturday 9th March 2024 at St Clements, Sandwich.**

The draw for the competition took place at 1.55pm. The service was conducted by David Flewker with Julian Sampson playing the organ. Tea was available throughout the ringing served in the Church by the Sandwich ringers.

The Chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Sandwich. He remarked upon the eight bands who entered the competition and congratulated all those who were competing for the first time. Apologies had been received from Maureen Cooke, Peter Freeman and Ben Legg.

1. Election of New Members There were no new members to elect.
2. Presentation of Certificates. A certificate was presented to Edward Hunter elected in January.
3. The Collection amounted to £55 all of which was given to St Clements.
4. Forthcoming Events

Saturday 16th March District Surprise Minor Practice at Monkton from 10 to 11.30am. Stuart had been trying to boost the number of attendees.

Monday 1st April KCACR AGM\_at Rainham. Details are on the county website.

Saturday 13th April Quarterly Meeting at Selling (8). Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Saturday 20th April District Surprise Major Practice at Birchington from 7.30 to 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for further details.

Saturday 11th May Striking Competition at Lynsted. Draw at 1.45pm, Service at 3.30 depending upon the number of bands entered, followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available throughout the competition. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

A copy of the rules and an application form will be in the April Newsletter.



- Saturday 18th May District Plain Hunt Practice at Bekesbourne from 10 to 11.30am. Contact the ringing masters for further details.
- Saturday 8th June Bye Meeting at Westgate (6). Ringing from 2pm, service at 3.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing if requested. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.
- Saturday 29th June District Ten Bell Practice at Faversham from 7 to 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for further details.

It is planned to have a District Surprise Major Practice at Herne in July.

#### 5. 120 Club Draw.

Philip mentioned that there are currently only 52 members of the 120 club. Anyone who wished to join now would be charged £8 for the rest of the year.

1st	£30	23	Becky Holliday	Herne
2nd	£20	8	Len Huckstep	Canterbury St Dunstan
3rd	£10	22	Peter Holliday	

6. Any Other Business. Now is the time to send articles to Jane for the April newsletter. Charlie from St Laurence had recently rung his first quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at Maidstone.

#### 7. Results of the Competition

The chairman introduced the two judges to announce the results of the competition. Andrew Hills gave some general comments about the performance of each band reflecting on the leading of all bands which varied from cartwheeling to leaving a gap at handstroke. The tenor covering was generally good. He then handed over to Andrew Meyer for the marks which were given as percentages as follows:

1st	Canterbury St Stephen	rang	2nd	91%.
2nd	Sandwich	rang	6th	82%.
3rd	Lyminge	rang	5th	71%.
4th	St Peter-in-Thamet	rang	4th	69%.
5th	Canterbury St Dunstan	rang	1st	64%.
6th	Faversham	rang	7th	57%.
7th	Ospringe	rang	8th	47%.
8th	St Laurence-in-Thamet	rang	3rd	42%.

The St Stephens band were presented with the trophy.

It was noted that two members of the Ospringe band had rung in their first competition as had two in the St Peters band. The St Peters band was also an all female band. The entry from Sandwich was their first time in the competition. For Callum Dyson it was the first time he had called the changes in a competition.

8. Vote of Thanks. Jo Horton proposed the vote of thanks to the vicar Sebastian Hamilton for use of the church and bells, all those involved in organising the competition and to the two Andrews for judging. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

## District Quarter Peals

Quarter Peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 are as follows:

date_rung	address	place	duration	changes	title	Conductor
02/01/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	11p/m/V Doubles	Michael Little
05/01/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Ospringe	43m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Claire Stay
06/01/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Ospringe	44m	1250	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	Andrew M Hills
06/01/2024	St James	Sheldwich	40m	1272	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Stuart Palin
07/01/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Gold Doubles	Tim Attridge
07/01/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
07/01/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	45m	1320	Plain Bob Minor	Jane E Huxley
14/01/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Leonard A Huckstep
14/01/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Frankincense Doubles	Tim Attridge
14/01/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	50m	1282	Cambridge Surprise Royal	Andrew J Corby
17/01/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	48m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
21/01/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Table and Chair Doubles	Tim Attridge
21/01/2024	St Bartholomew	Bobbing	44m	1272	Kent Treble Bob Minor	David Ridley
24/01/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	41m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
26/01/2024	St Alphege	Whitstable	40m	1320	Spliced Minor (2m)	Adam Moore
28/01/2024	St Mary	Teynham		1260	Doubles (2m)	Barry Roberts
28/01/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	Myrrh Doubles	Tim Attridge
28/01/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	51m	1277	Grandsire Caters	Thomas Hooley
02/02/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Ospringe	48m	1280	Plain Bob Major	Barnaby R Larter
04/02/2024	St Peter the Apostle	St Peters in Thanet	45m	1260	Mixed Doubles (2m)	Sarat White
04/02/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Jane E Huxley
04/02/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	41m	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Andrew M Hills
09/02/2024	St Michael and All Angels	Throwley	45m	1260	Mixed Doubles (3m)	Claire Stay
10/02/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1279	Doubles (11m/v)	Andrew M Hills
11/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Cawley Doubles	Tim Attridge
16/02/2024	St Michael and All Angels	Throwley	45m	1260	Middlesex Bob Triples	Gavin J Neill
16/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Chislet	46m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Adam Moore
16/02/2024	St Mary	Chilham	46m	1260	Single Oxford Bob Triples	Mark Chittenden-Pile
16/02/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Boughton under Blean	43m	1260	St Simon's Bob Triples	Martin W Marshall
18/02/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	42m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Claire Stay
18/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	39m	1280	Doubles (10v)	Tim Attridge
18/02/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	44m	1320	Doubles (4m)	Andrew M Hills
20/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	39m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Michael Little
21/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	47m	1260	Single Oxford Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
25/02/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Doubles (6m/p)	Jane E Huxley
25/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	39m	1280	Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Doubles	Tim Attridge
25/02/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	53m	1313	Stedman Cinques	Andrew M Hills
26/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	(4m/v) Doubles	Tim Attridge
28/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	47m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
29/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Chislet	45m	1260	Mixed Doubles (5m)	Claire Stay
01/03/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Ospringe	46m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Adam Moore
02/03/2024	St Mary and St Ethelburga	Lyminge	47m	1280	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Mark Chittenden-Pile
03/03/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	46m	1260	Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles	Freda Parker
03/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Leonard A Huckstep
03/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	If Everyone Is Ready Doubles	Tim Attridge
03/03/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	48m	1440	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
04/03/2024	St Saviour	Westgate on Sea	45m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Tim Attridge
08/03/2024	St James	Sheldwich	45m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Barry Roberts
10/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (6m/v/p)	Jane E Huxley
10/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Commonwealth Day Doubles	Tim Attridge
13/03/2024	St John the Baptist	Margate	49m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Simon P Friend
13/03/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1260	Doubles (4m/v)	Cathryn M Hills
13/03/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	60m	1479	Stedman Caters	Andrew M Hills
15/03/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Boughton under Blean	43m	1260	Mixed Doubles (3m)	Claire Stay
17/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	39m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Claire Stay
17/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	36m	1260	May Day Doubles	Tim Attridge
17/03/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	44m	1300	Doubles (2m)	Andrew M Hills
20/03/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	43m	1260	Warden Hill Bob Triples	Paul A Barton

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21/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	47m	1260	Single Oxford Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
25/02/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Doubles (6m/p)	Jane E Huxley
25/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	39m	1280	Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Doubles	Tim Attridge
25/02/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	53m	1313	Stedman Cinques	Andrew M Hills
26/02/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	(4m/v) Doubles	Tim Attridge
28/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	47m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
29/02/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Chislet	45m	1260	Mixed Doubles (5m)	Claire Stay
01/03/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Ospringe	46m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Adam Moore
02/03/2024	St Mary and St Ethelburga	Lyminge	47m	1280	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Mark Chittenden-Pile
03/03/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	46m	1260	Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles	Freda Parker
03/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Leonard A Huckstep
03/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	If Everyone Is Ready Doubles	Tim Attridge
03/03/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	48m	1440	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
04/03/2024	St Saviour	Westgate on Sea	45m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Tim Attridge
08/03/2024	St James	Sheldwich	45m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Barry Roberts
10/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (6m/v/p)	Jane E Huxley
10/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Commonwealth Day Doubles	Tim Attridge
13/03/2024	St John the Baptist	Margate	49m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Simon P Friend
13/03/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1260	Doubles (4m/v)	Cathryn M Hills
13/03/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	60m	1479	Stedman Caters	Andrew M Hills
15/03/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Boughton under Blean	43m	1260	Mixed Doubles (3m)	Claire Stay
17/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	39m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Claire Stay
17/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	36m	1260	May Day Doubles	Tim Attridge
17/03/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	44m	1300	Doubles (2m)	Andrew M Hills
20/03/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	43m	1260	Warden Hill Bob Triples	Paul A Barton
22/03/2024	St Mary	Chartham	45m	1260	Mixed Doubles (2m)	Claire Stay
23/03/2024	St Mary	Chilham	48m	1288	Grandsire Triples	Stuart C Palin
24/03/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	45m	1260	Southrepps Doubles	Freda Parker
24/03/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
24/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	Stoke Doyle Doubles	Tim Attridge
24/03/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	52m	1313	Stedman Cinques	Andrew M Hills
31/03/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	49m	1259	Grandsire Caters	Andrew M Hills
31/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	Claire Stay Doubles	Tim Attridge
31/03/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	Doubles (2m)	Michael Little

## District Peals

Peals rung from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 are as follows:

date_rung	address	place	duration	changes	title	Conductor
28/01/2024	St John the Baptist	Margate	3h 6	5040	Grandsire Triples	Andrew M Hills
04/03/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Lynsted	2h 49	5040	Spliced Surprise Minor (41m)	Peter G C Ellis

## **120 Club**

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The 120 club only has 53 members so far this year, which means it will not make any profit for the coffers.

There are 8 draws left this year so if anyone would like to join then the cost will only be £8 to join for the remainder of the year.

To join either see me at a district meeting, send cash / cheque to me at 53 Wilfred Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7RD or ping £8 to the KCACR Canterbury District 120 club bank account (Sort Code 309293, sort code 68654660).

Any questions please email me [120clubcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:120clubcanterbury@gmail.com)

The 2 draw results so far this year are :-

### **Jan (Cathedral)**

1st 47 Ian White

2nd 20 Peter Freeman

3rd 12 Marilyn Barden

### **March (Sandwich)**

1st 23 Becky Holiday

2nd 8 Len Huckstep

3rd 22 Peter Holiday

## Canterbury District Officers

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As of the 2023 Annual District Meeting, the officers of the Canterbury District currently stand as follows:

<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Little	01843 791117	quexmaster@hotmail.com
<b>Secretary</b>	Tony Martin	01227 769686	canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cathryn Hills	01795 533809	(No calls after 8pm please)
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Andrew Hills	01795 533809	amh1115@outlook.com
<b>Ringling Master 1</b>	Ben Legg	07818 434350	benlegg87@hotmail.com
<b>Ringling Master 2</b>	Stuart Palin		canterburyringingmaster@kcacr.org.uk
<b>District Rep</b>	Malcolm Barden		malcolmbarden@aol.com
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<b>Extra Three</b>	Adam Moore		adam8993@gmail.com
<b>Extra Three</b>	Claire Stay		claire.stay@mac.com



Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/>

## Forthcoming Events

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### **Quarterly Meeting**

Saturday 13th April at Selling.

Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

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### **District Practice**

Saturday 20th April Surprise Major at Birchington. 7.30 to 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for further information.

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### **Striking Competition**

Saturday 11th May at Lynsted.

Draw at 1.45pm Ringling from 2pm, Service after the competition, followed by a short meeting at which the results will be announced. Tea will be available throughout the competition. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

Rules and an application form are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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### **District Practice**

Saturday 18th May Plain Hunt on 5 and 6 at Bekesbourne from 10 to 11.30am. Contact the ringing masters for further information.

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### **Bye Meeting**

Saturday 8th June at Westgate.

Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

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### **District Practice**

Saturday 29th June ten bell ringling at Faversham from 7 to 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for further information.

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KCACR Canterbury District

Kent County Association of Change Ringers

# Canterbury District Striking Competition

The 2024 Striking Competition will be held on  
 Saturday, 11th May  
 at  
 Lynsted

The draw for order of ringing will take place at 1.45pm. Competition ringing to start straight afterwards with the service at the end of the ringing 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, 4th 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 Andrew Hills, 58 Bramley Avenue, Faversham ME13 8LP 01795 533809

Names for tea to [namesfortea@gmail.co.uk](mailto:namesfortea@gmail.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

<u>KCACR Canterbury District Striking Competition 2024</u>	
<u>Entry Form</u>	
Tower	
Team Organiser	Telephone: <hr/>
	E-mail
Team Members	

All entry forms **must** be returned to the competition secretary by Saturday, 4th May, 2024.

## 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.