



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), in the **Canterbury District** section.

If you have any ringing-related news from your tower that you would like to feature in the newsletter, please send them to me at cantdistrictnews@gmail.com, or have a word with me if you see me at a meeting. It would be appreciated if all items could be with me no more than a week before the next Quarterly Meeting

Jane

Cover Image:
St Dunstan's, Canterbury
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Chairman's Message

Hi Everyone

I hope this finds you well.

I can't believe that it's time for our ADM again; this year seems to have gone so fast!

Please consider coming along to the ADM and hear about what's been happening this year and perhaps come onto the committee we always are looking for new faces.

Best wishes

Mike

Secretary's Message

After eight years as district secretary, I have decided that it is time for someone else to take over the job.

I have enjoyed my time as secretary but it has recently become harder to arrange monthly meetings as so many towers have lost members following the covid pandemic.

I will be at the ADM in October when it will be the chance for a new face to take on the job. I will also still be around to help my successor if needed.

I send my best regards to you all and thanks to those who have helped me over the years.

Tony

Ringling Master's News

District Ringing – July-Sept 2024

All in all a fairly quiet quarter ringing-wise what with people taking their summer holidays – but we kept things ticking over.

July – Quarterly Meeting: (Eastry)

We started the quarter with a visit to one of our rarer towers which is also struggling to be active having lost most of its ringers. During the afternoon we had 14 people but with a relatively strong mix of abilities in the band.

After kicking off with several courses of Plain Hunt 5 and Grandsire 5 we tried our hand at Cambridge 6 – which unfortunately did not go as well and had to be stood up. This seemed to unsettle us a bit as the following touch of Grandsire 5 went a bit awry – but the conductor managed to call it round.

A course of St Clement's 6 got us back on track and with numbers picking up we had enough for a touch of Grandsire 7. Some courses of Plain Hunt 7 were followed by a touch of St Simon's 5 and we finished with a touch of Little Bob 8.

The evening ringing started with a touch of Stedman 7 which was followed by some Call Changes on 8. The attempt at Cambridge 8 came to grief, but after some Rounds on 8 we got a half-course of Cambridge. We finished the evening with a touch of Grandsire 7.

(Rounds+CC 8, Plain H 5, Plain H 7, Grandsire 5 [touch], St Simon's 5 [touch], St Clement's 6, Grandsire 7 [touches], Stedman 7 [touch], Little Bob 8 [touch], Cambridge S 8)

July – S Major Practice: (Throwley)

A lucky 13 attended this quarter's Surprise Major practice with Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Rutland being rung. With fewer numbers we could afford the time to ring several full courses working our way through each of the methods. We followed this with a course of 3-spliced (CYS) then tried our luck on ringing some bob-courses. Unfortunately, the Yorkshire fell apart at around the end of the 5th lead, but we finished the evening with a bob-course of Cambridge – so honour saved.

(Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland, 3-spliced CYS)

August – Social: (Quex Park)

For August a joint meeting/social with Ashford District had been mooted and the date moved to the 3rd Saturday to match their schedules. In the end Ashford District decided not to proceed with an 'official' joint meeting – but we nevertheless enjoyed the company of several ringers from our neighbouring District. On a rough count up I made it about 50 people gathered in Quex Tower's locale – though not all were ringers.

A variety of ringing from Rounds to Stedman 9 and 5-spliced Surprise 8 (CYSLR) was rung though the challenge of Quex bells meant we struggled on the higher numbers – but it was a useful chance for those who do not often get the opportunity to ring on 10 and 12.

(Rounds+CC 6/8/12, All Saints 5, London Surprise 6, Grandsire 7 [touch], Stedman 7 [touch], 5-spliced S 8 [CYSLR], Grandsire 9 [pc+touch], Stedman 9 [pc])

September – Bye-Meeting: (Bekesbourne)

The summer season hit this meeting, with one of the District Ringing Masters away and the other having to leave early.

The afternoon saw around 16 people in the tower with a good mix of ringing from Rounds and Call Changes through to Cambridge Surprise 6. Unfortunately, the evening only saw one piece of ringing – but thank you to those who organized and participated.

(Rounds + CC, Plain Bob 5 , Grandsire 5, Reverse Canterbury 5, St Simon's 5, Kennington 5, Stedman 5, Plain Bob 6, Cambridge S 6)

September – Basic Conducting Practice: (Teynham)

We had 3 learners focusing on method conducting basics, assisted by 3 more experienced ringers at this practice. More learners and experienced ringers would have been welcome, however, in the time that we had, it worked out well in terms of giving each learner time to try several callings.

We covered conducting simple touches of Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, as well as discussing calling positions and the notation of touches.

We hope that those involved will feel confident about calling touches in their own towers, and will be able to build on the foundations of conducting covered in this practice.

The lead-in to the Basic Conducting practice at Teynham saw some interesting questions coming up in conversation with people who were thinking of attending. Whilst there is a lot of material available on the internet on this and other aspects of ringing sometimes it is helpful to have someone to help – particularly with questions. Most ringers are happy to share their experience with those learning and it is something that the District Ringing Masters are also keen to assist with. Whilst we are a bit busy during the ringing sessions we are also generally around during the tea – and can be reached via the District Ringing Master's email.

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, and thank you again to all those who have supported District Ringing this quarter.

Stuart Palin / Ben Legg, Canterbury District Ringing Masters

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District Ringing – Looking Forward (October-December 2024)

As the year draws to an end we have a couple of the bigger events in our regular calendar.

October kicks off with the **Annual District Meeting** at **St Dunstan's, Canterbury** (6), with the **District Surprise Major Practice** the following week at **Herne**. Although we have not managed to get the numbers to ring Cornwall at our recent practices several people have been coming prepared to ring it – so would encourage others with the necessary experience to learn it.

Of course we will be covering the regular methods of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative and have had Rutland on the radar. Several of our ringers have grown in confidence and we should be able to ring touches and simple spliced.

November we are at Godmersham for a Bye-Meeting and the District Practice will be at **St Stephen's, Canterbury** which will be focussing on Plain Major methods. In addition to Plain Bob there are several other commonly rung methods we could cover, such as Little Bob and St Clements – but if there was sufficient interest we could look at something like Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Do let us know what you are interested in.

The Christmas Social in **December** will be at **Ospringe** – further details can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter - but there is no District Practice.

The first quarter of 2025 starts with the **District Meeting** at **Wingham** and a **District Surprise Major Practice** at **Hernhill**.

The forthcoming District Practices are detailed below, along with a provisional schedule of future District Practices up to March 2025. Following the ADM the District Ringing Masters will start work on planning practices out to March 2026 – so if you have thoughts on what you would like included, please send a message via email as soon as possible.

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Forthcoming District Practices		
Date	Tower	Focus
19 October 2024 7:30-9:00pm	Herne (8)	Surprise Major
30 November 2024 10:00-12:00 noon	Canterbury, St Stephen (8)	Plain Major
18 January 2025 19:30-21:00 TBC	Hernhill (8)	Surprise Major

The following is very provisional information, towers, dates, times have not been confirmed and the topics are under review. Please do let us know your thoughts.

Future District Practices (very tentative information)		
Date	Tower	Focus
February 2025	Chartham (6)	Plain Bob Doubles (and Grandsire Doubles?)
March 2025	Petham (6)	Call changes

Simple Method Conducting

For the recent District Simple Method Conducting Practice held at Teynham, I produced a number of visual aids, in order to better illustrate the theory behind conducting uncomplicated touches of the more basic Doubles and Minor methods. I thought it might be worth reproducing these in this quarter's Newsletter, along with a few explanatory notes – I hope any aspiring conductors may find them helpful.

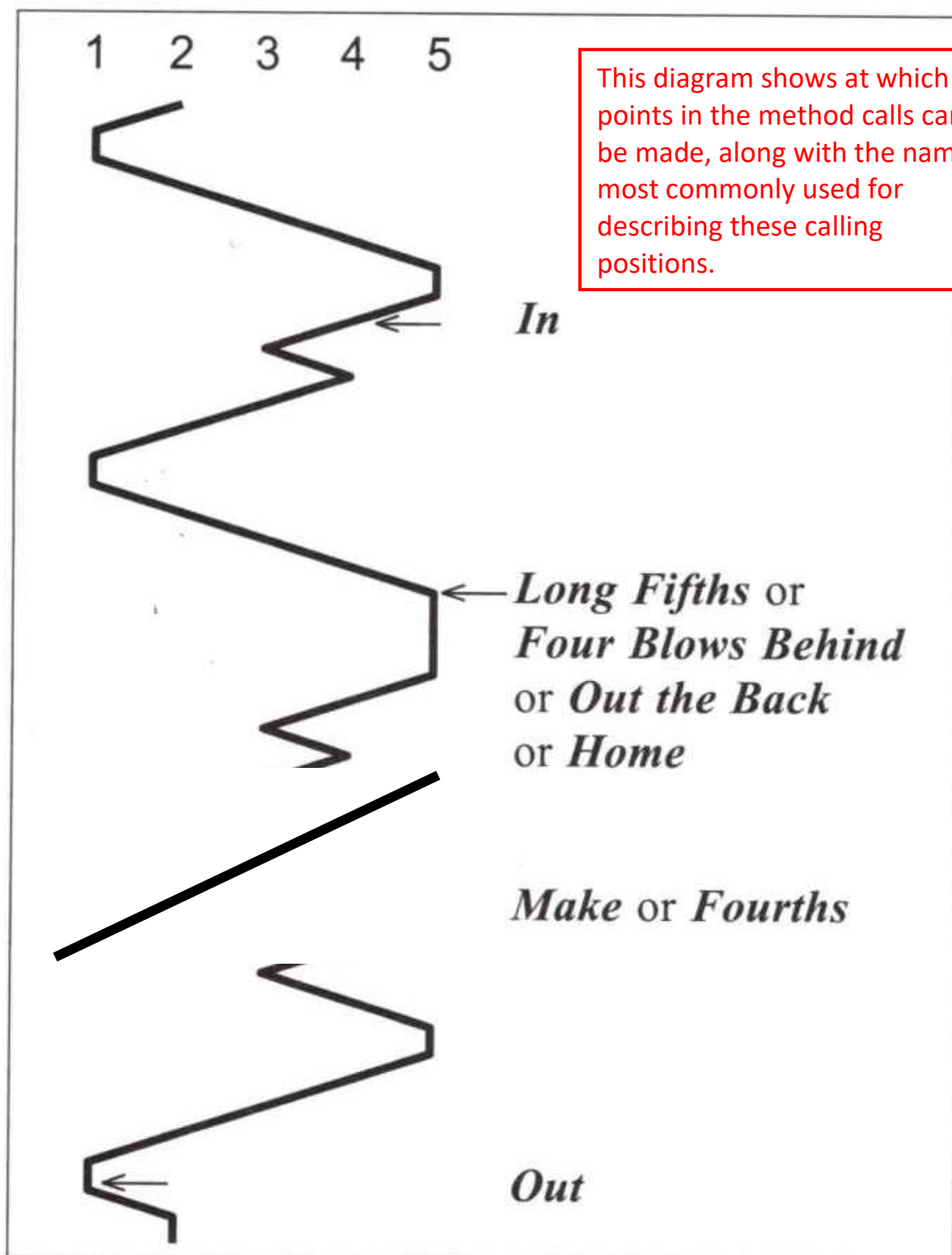
Benjamin Legg

Top Tips

- Learn simple patterns that are easy to remember
- Before you ring, be clear in your mind what you are going to do before you start!
- Let the rounds settle down initially
- Make your calls clearly, distinctly and confidently
- Say “Go...” when the treble ringer is starting their handstroke – ringing the method will commence on the next handstroke
- Call bobs and singles when the first ringer is starting their stroke (hand or back depending on method)
- Call “That’s All” on the stroke before the bells come back into rounds

All the touches described here finish when the conductor's bell reaches its starting position after the final call.

Plain Bob Doubles



This diagram shows at which points in the method calls can be made, along with the names most commonly used for describing these calling positions.

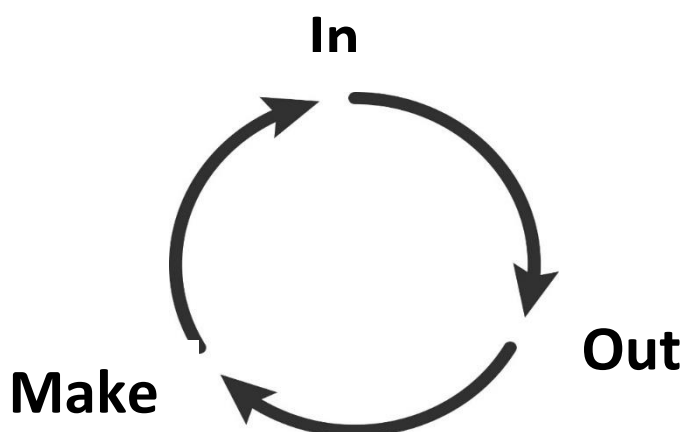
Bob Doubles Calling Positions

To call 120

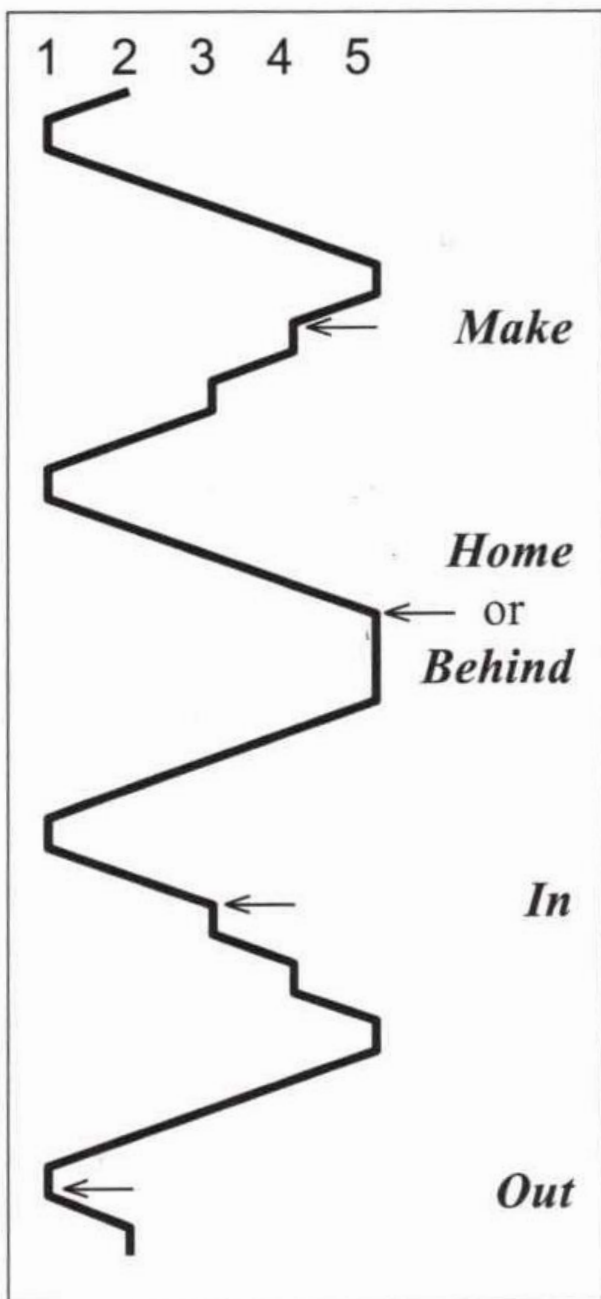
Unaffected: Four blows behind three times

A touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles requires three calls, all of which are bobs. Below is the calling pattern which a conductor can use to call themselves unaffected. Alternatively, a conductor can call themselves affected, which may be useful in enabling a learner to ring a touch unaffected by calls.

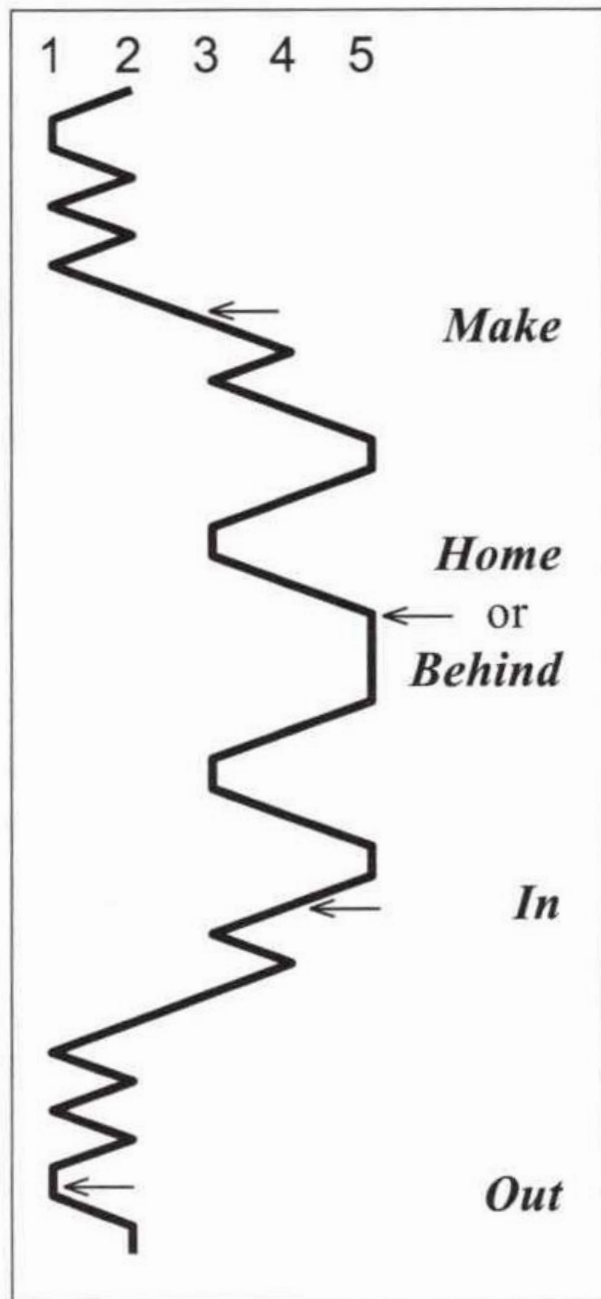
Affected: In, Out, Make or Out, Make, In, or Make, In, Out



This diagram illustrates that the three calls of "In", "Out" and "Make" are always called in the same order for a touch of 120 – it is possible to start with a call from any of the three positions, so long as subsequent calls follow in the correct order.



Reverse Canterbury

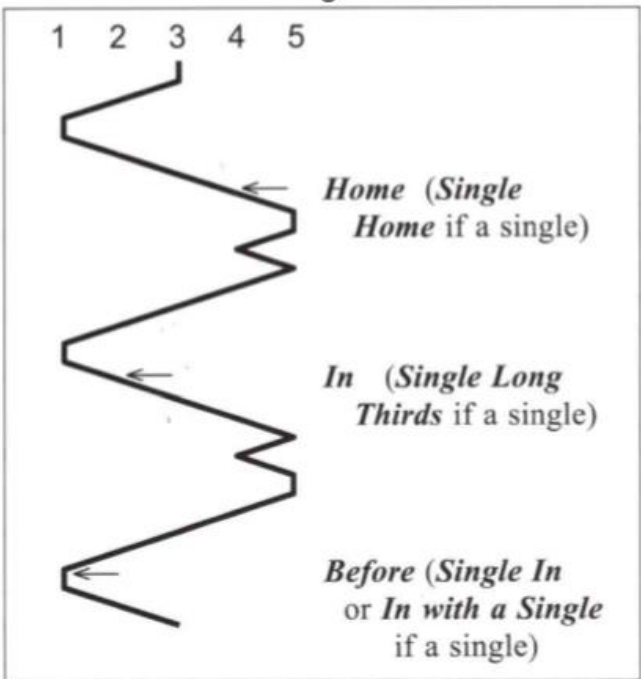


St Simon's

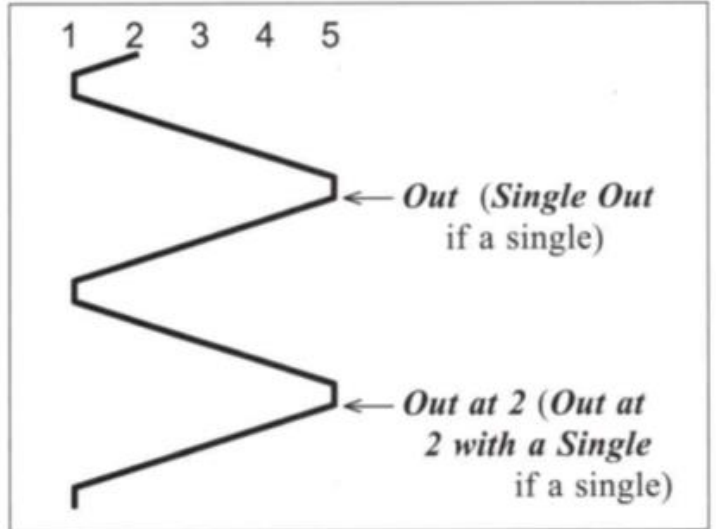
The same patterns of callings work for many other methods based on Plain Bob Doubles or Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles, such as St Simon's Bob Doubles. The calling positions are similarly named for these methods as shown above.

Grandsire Doubles

As with the diagram of Plain Bob Doubles above, these diagrams show the calling positions for bobs and singles in Grandsire Doubles.

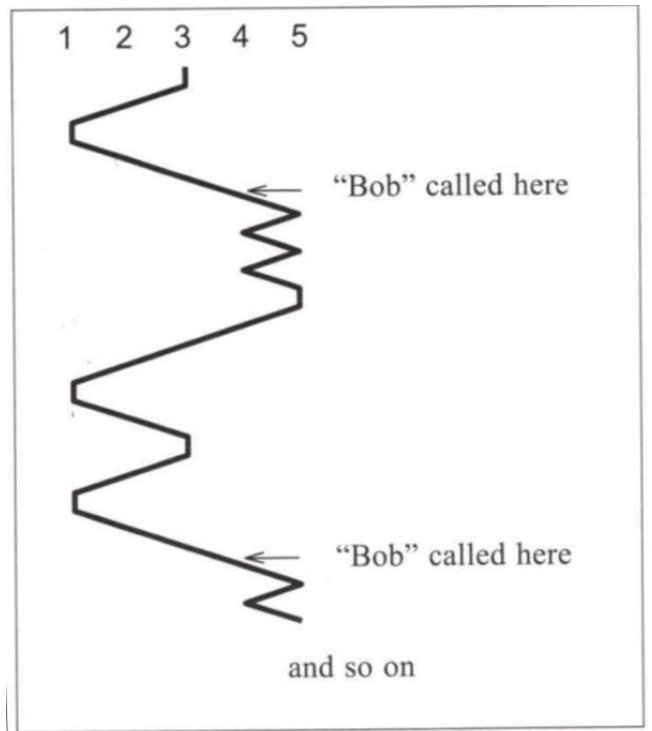


Grandsire Doubles Calling Positions



And for the Hunt Bell

The most straightforward calling of Grandsire Doubles is known as Half-Hunt Work – ringing the 3 or the 5, the conductor calls their own bell to double-dodge in 4-5, then makes thirds, and this pattern continues to the end of the touch.



Half-Hunt Work

To call 120

To call 120 Grandsire Doubles using the Half-Hunt calling, a conductor makes six calls in the Home position – one of the first three calls must be a single, and then the second three calls repeats the same pattern as the first three. The single can be called first, second or third, as shown below.

Half-Hunt calling (from 3 or 5):

Home, Home, Single Home, repeat

or

Home, Single Home, Home, repeat

or

Single Home, Home, Home, repeat

Notation

Plain Bob Doubles

120
2345
 3524
 5432
 4253
 — 4235
 2543

 5324
 3452
 — 3425
 4532
 5243
 2354
 — 2345

120
2345
 3524
 5432
 4253
 — 4235
 Repeat
 twice

Notation is used in order that conductors understand how to call different touches. The notation shows the order of the working bells each time the treble is leading at backstroke.
 — indicates a bob
S indicates a single
 Plain leads are leads with no calls

This shows calling the 5 unaffected for a touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles.

Here is the same touch but notated in a shorter form, with two repeats indicated.

Grandsire Doubles

120
2345
 2534
 — 3425
 3542
 — 4235
 4523
S 3245
 Repeat

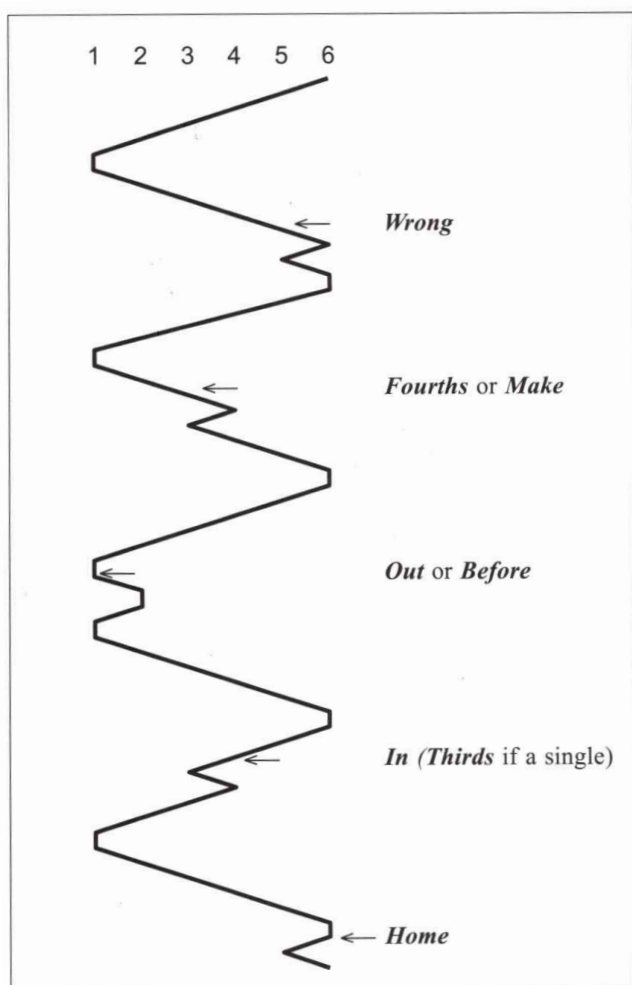
This touch calls the 5 Half-Hunt for 120 Grandsire Doubles (Home, Home, Single Home, repeat).

These are four more complicated touches of Grandsire Doubles, each involving a combination of a plain lead, a bob and two singles, repeated twice.

Grandsire Doubles

120	120	120	120
<u>2345</u>	<u>2345</u>	<u>2345</u>	<u>2345</u>
— 4523	S 5423	2534	S 5423
S 3245	— 2354	S 4325	5342
3524	S 4523	— 2543	S 2453
S 4235	4352	S 3425	— 5324
Repeat	Repeat	Repeat	Repeat
twice	twice	twice	twice

Plain Bob Minor



Bob Minor Calling Positions

The calling positions for Plain Bob Minor. The names “Home” and “Wrong” derive from the fact that a conductor would traditionally ring the largest inside bell, and so “Home” would be the call at that bell’s starting position (before 5-6 down in this method). An alternative name for “Home” is “Right”, therefore “Wrong” would be at the opposite dodge (5-6 up in this method).

To call 120

From the 6: Wrong and Home twice

From another inside bell:

Home and Wrong twice

(Both: all bobs or all singles)

To call a straightforward touch of 120 Plain Bob Minor, a conductor can ring the 6 and call Wrong, Home, Wrong, Home (commonly referred to as Wrong and Home twice). This calling will work if the calls are all bobs or all singles, but not if they are mixed and matched. The same calling can be used from any other inside bell, except that the first call will be at the Home position, as all the other bells apart from the 6 will reach the Home position before the Wrong position.

Two callings of 108

From the 6: Wrong and Make three times

From the 5: Make and Wrong three times

Plain Bob Minor

108

23456

35264

— 35642

— 35426

S 53264

— 53642

— 53426

32564

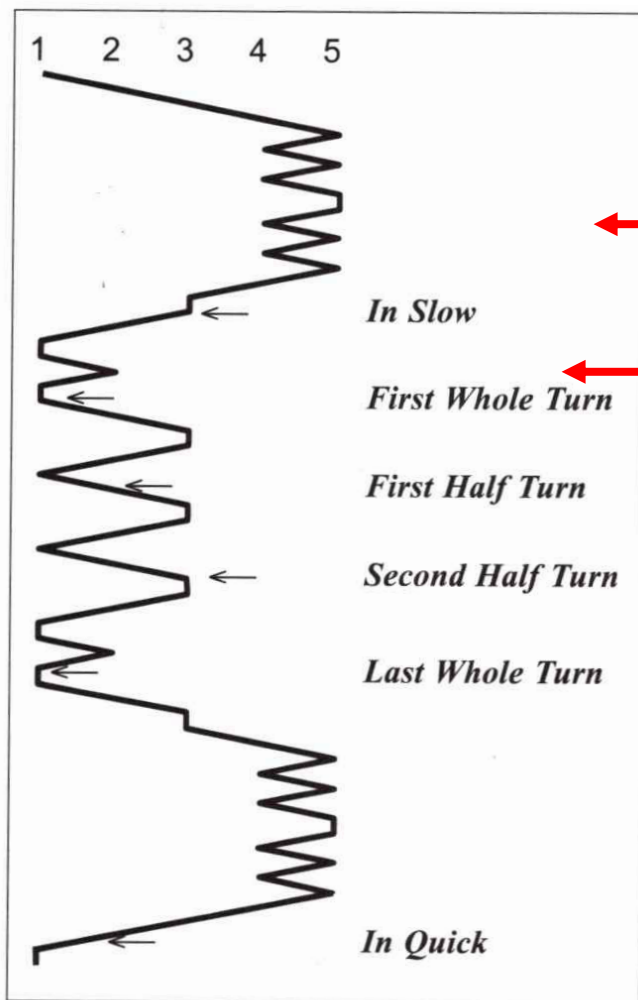
— 32645

S 23456

23456
— 23564
— 23645
34256
— 34562
— 34625
42356
— 42563
— 42635
23456

For a more complicated touch of Plain Bob Minor, here are two ways of calling 108. The first includes all bobs and follows a straightforward calling pattern if the conductor rings the 6 or 5. The second is more complex and includes both bobs and singles.

Stedman Doubles



Stedman Doubles Calling Positions

Some straightforward 120s of Stedman Doubles. The easiest touch to call is to call two singles (there are no bobs in Stedman Doubles) in the same place e.g. In Quick twice – this means that the conductor is unaffected by the calls.

To call a 120 with the conductor affected, the calls need to be made in 4-5, with the same two bells affected by the calls both times.

The calling positions for Stedman Doubles – the red arrows indicate the positions in 4-5 where a conductor may call themselves affected.

A 120 with four singles can be called as below – the conductor will be unaffected by the calls. The first call is made at either In Quick or First Half Turn, depending on which calling position the conductor's bell reaches first.

120 (two singles)

Unaffected:

Call two singles in the same place (not in 4-5)

Affected:

Call two singles in 4-5 with the same bell

120 (four singles)

Unaffected:

In Quick and First Half Turn, repeat

or

First Half Turn and In Quick, repeat

(depending on which calling position you reach first)

District News

Cake Inspector, Spring/Summer 2024 double helping

Selling, 13 Apr

The Inspector, returning from a conference trip in Spain on the day of the meeting, was unfortunately unable to be present on this occasion. However, a reliable source informs me that 'There was tuna mayo, cheese n pickle, egg sandwiches, smoked salmon rolls, sausage rolls, pork pies, spicy crisps, and cakes galore including cupcakes, tealoaf, millionaires' shortbread, tiffin and lots more.' With only about 20 ringers present, it sounds like there was no shortage of fare to go around...

Lynsted, 11 May

A surprisingly warm summery day for the competition. Sandwiches, with jam scones too, and an enjoyable selection of cookies and cakes. Baclava as well for an indulgent tasty treat.



Westgate-on-Sea, 8 June

Plates of sandwiches with lovely granary bread and a selection of delightful cakes greeted the assembled company after ringing, the service going by the by this time. The iced chocolate cupcakes were certainly popular on our table!



Eastry, 13 July

A healthy selection of various sandwiches and savouries, with Marilyn's cheese and 'cream tea' scones in a starring role, raising the age-old question: which goes on first, the jam or the cream? Some lovely cakes made by Claire, and today's star bake, an iced madeira ring.

Bekesbourne, 14 September

A very pleasant afternoon all round. Various different sandwiches, savouries, scones and rolls, with some excellent home-made shortcake. There were also some very good cookies, chocolate traybake and irresistible lemon cupcakes. All helpfully labelled - what more could one ask for?!

Outing to London anyone?

It was soon evident that the Ospringe annual outing was going to be very popular! Our Band of 26 Ringers, aged from 9 to later, assembled early in the morning of 7th September at Faversham station and were soon ready to embark on the trip that included 5 towers between Covent Garden to the Tower of London itself.

After a short train journey our first tower was St Martins-in-the-fields. Overlooking Trafalgar Square the 'church of the ever-open door' has been in its current state since 1726. The bells however were recast in 1988 with a mighty tenor of 29cwt in a beautiful D. The ringing room lined in Oak panels with purple sallies was obviously well loved. We enjoyed our hour of ringing with rounds for everyone and then leaving the more experienced to entertain the tourists below with wonderful sounding methods. With the first tower well and truly experienced by everyone, we gave our thanks to the Tower Secretary and moved on the short walk down the Strand toward the Royal Courts of Justice.

St Clement Danes with a spire shrouded in scaffold for repairs did not spoil its position at the head of Fleet Street. Although St Clement was the patron saint of Mariners, this church was named also for the Danes that lived in the area. Severely damaged in WWII the current church dates from 1958 and became the Central Church of the Royal Air Force. The interior with wide aisle laid out with RAF insignia, makes a magnificent place to visit. The new 10 bells were recast in 1953 and hung in the full-circle style. Our Band took no time in ringing up and making merry with methods for 45 minutes with a lighter tenor at 21cwt in E. Giving our Thanks we left Westminster moving on to the City.



All that hard work required refreshments of which there were many varieties to choose before a short walk to the next tower at the Guildhall.

St Lawrence Jewry we made ourselves comfortable with the 8 bells and the massive tenor at 24cwt. This just meant some of us had the challenge to ring it and amazing it was too. The bells sounded pleasant and well balanced and we enjoyed them being now comfortable with the variety of bells we were experiencing. This church again was a victim of damage in 1940 and the bells being rehung in 1957. It is the official church of the Cooperation of London and houses the Royal Marines Chapel. Given our Thanks we moved on a few streets away towards the river.

St James Garlickhythe built by Wren and known for the Jubilee bells 2012 when all 8 bells were mounted on a barge on the Thames and rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Each bell bears

the name of a member of the Royal family. These were, of course given respect but were rung with gusto nonetheless. These were the lightest bells for today and some of our favourites with the small ringing floor accessed by a trapdoor. Thanks, given we moved on to our final tower.

St Olave is close to the Tower of London and known as being the burial place of Pepys and a grave yard so deep with the Dead it is higher than the church door! We were joined here by two visiting Ukrainians who had not experienced bellringing before. They were reluctant to try and ring but enjoyed themselves anyway. The bells were easy going and a pleasure to ring being of reasonable weights the tenor only 11cwt in G. Thanks given we were spent.

This is where we divided company some off to the social highlife of the city and others back to sleepy township of Ospringe. All happy and exhausted. The crown for organisation of the day is given to Adam Moore, Tower Captain for St. Peter and St. Paul Ospringe. He did say something about cats and herding but my ears were ringing!

Di Roberts

News from Ash Belfry

June

In late June we had a social get-together, in the form of a 'Sausage Sizzle' and hand bell ringing in our garden at Slow Cottage. The weather wasn't looking too good in the morning, but decided to be kind to us and all was well. Ash Ringers' social gatherings always include husbands, wives, partners (plus the occasional canine friend), and for some it was the first taste of hand bell ringing and a social gathering, "bell ringers" style!

July

We had an away day Friday practice at Eastry, and the following day, rang for a wedding there as they have no bell ringers of their own. The Salvation Army also invited us to a garden party at Deal, and had asked if we could take along the hand bells to show them how they are rung. The Salvation Army are well known for their musical skills, so, needless to say, several of them tried their hand and enjoyed the fun.

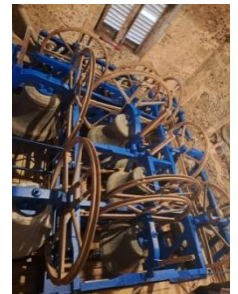
August

Our open Tower afternoon took place on August 17th, with the addition of the Maypole Bells mini ring. Designed and made by Trevor Arnold, he was on hand to encourage audience participation!

On August 19th, Trevor Arnold, of Maypole Bells and Merrick Jardine, his young helper, moved into the belfry to commence the long overdue refurbishment and maintenance of the bell frame, bells and floor/ceiling between the bells and the clock room.

Since their re-hanging and augmentation 45+ years ago, very little work has been done to the bells. Having agreed at our AGM in April, this should be addressed, quotations were gathered and presented to the PCC for their consideration, with Maypole Bells being awarded the work. The KCACR Bell Restoration Fund committee was approached and a grant of £2000 awarded to the church, to help with the substantial cost. The metal frame that holds the bells has been rubbed down to remove the rust of 45 years, and has now been treated and re-painted. The floor/ceiling has been renewed and made safe and all 10 bells have had a good overhaul, with some minor repairs being carried out along the way. The job has been satisfactorily completed to a very high standard.

During the bell inspection, it became obvious that there was some further work which needs addressing. The clappers in four of the bells need some remedial 'hot work' doing to them, i.e. welding, and re-threading on a lathe to make them safe for the future - not something that can be done in the tower. At the end of September Trevor and Merrick will return to remove the clappers, take them to the workshop at Lynsted where they will be worked on safely and will then be returned and refitted to the bells. Ropes will be the next item we need to replace – colours have been chosen, and the order is due to be placed in early October, funded by the ringers themselves.



Bells were rung for two weddings at Ash and one at Eastry, and we also had two away day Friday practices - one at Eastry and the other at Wingham.

September

The Friends of St. Nicholas Ash asked if we could give a talk about Bells and Bell ringing to their members at their AGM on Sept 5th. Malcolm put together a presentation and wanted to include a photo of the Ash Bell Ringers. To accommodate this, another 'Sausage Sizzle' was hastily arranged for 31st. August, late in the afternoon due to busy schedules in the day. Forty sausages sizzled, the nearest person standing by them turning them over! French bread, onions sausages, lovely cakes of all sorts appeared for pudding, and adequate liquid refreshment to keep things running smoothly. Everything was on a 'help yourself' and 'make yourself at home' basis. The photo got snapped (we were missing only 4). A first for some, hand bell ringing took place in the garage. Another good Ash ringers' social event was had by all.



Malcolm's presentation to the "Friends" went well. Nobody went to sleep and there were quite a few questions asked - always a good thing to accommodate the people we may need to approach in the future for financial help towards the upkeep of the bells and belfry ! Ringing at the moment continues on the middle 6 of the 10 bells. The clapper of the 2nd isn't in the bell at the moment as this one needs some welding and we thought best if it were removed. Along with the clappers of the 4, 6 and 8, it will be going to Maypole Bells workshop at the end of September to be worked on. We will be out of action for a couple of weeks but have it in mind to have way day practices to

keep up the good work of training that continues at Ash. By the second week of October, our bells will be safe, in tip top condition, and should be ringing out again for many years to come.

Marilyn Barden

Proposed Association Rules for Adoption in 2025 **Notice of Submission of Motion for Discussion at the** **Annual General Meeting of the Kent County Association of** **Change Ringers in 2025** **Explanatory Notes**

The rules of the Association have existed in their current form for many years and, although minor alterations have been made, they have not undergone a full review for some time. The result of this is that the rules have become somewhat unwieldy in some situations and in others they lack clarity. Additionally, they lack the flexibility or relevance that ensure they are workable in current times.

The Proposed Association Rules for Adoption in 2025 have taken into account some of these factors and hopefully make the running and governance of the Association more manageable. They have been drafted with the help of other members of the Association who have assisted with the clarity and layout of the document, together with endeavouring to ensure that any changes made are within the spirit of the aims of our Association. All members have had the opportunity to comment on these rules during a consultation period and to suggest any further changes and these submissions have also been considered during the drafting of this final document.

Below is a summary of the main changes made in this redraft of the current Association Rules:

2. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

This has now taken into account that the Archbishop of Canterbury may decline the invitation to become President. I have also clarified that these Vice-Presidents only remain so whilst they hold their tenures and that these positions are purely Honorary.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership categories have been clarified, as have the voting rights for each class.

I have referred to members registering for membership on MemberMojo. However, at present I feel that we will currently need to maintain the system of proposing members at meetings. From my discussion with some members, it seems that there are many active members who are against the idea of joining online and then ratifying this membership at a District meeting.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription deadline changed to 1st March to make it easier to include members in the Handbook. As subscriptions are now made online, this new deadline should not be unreasonable.

To clarify Membership, I have now included a requirement that all Practising members who are entitled to free membership confirm they wish to remain a member annually to ensure that database stays up to date.

6. GOVERNANCE

I have made the Safeguarding Officer part of the General Committee, In these times, I believe that this is an essential role and gives the Safeguarding Officer greater authority at Committee Meetings when it comes to decisions that may need to be made regarding safeguarding issues.

The newly created post of Membership Secretary is also, I believe, an essential post and needs to part of the General Committee.

Additionally, I feel that the CCCBR Reps need no longer to form part of the overall management of the Association. Currently, the rules state that 3 CCCBR reps may attend the General Committee, however, the management of the Central Council has changed to an Executive and a number of workgroups who report to the Executive. Following this reorganisation, the role of the Reps has changed and they are now act more as scrutineers of CCCBR policy rather than guiding the direction of the Central Council.

The quorum for the General Committee is 7. As there are 8 General Committee Officers plus a further 6 District Reps who form part of this committee, that equates to 50%.

7. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The revised rules now state that the General Committee should meet at least twice a year. This is, I believe, a minimum requirement and the General Committee currently meet four times a year.

For clarity, I have set the date of the AGM between 21st March and 30th June. 31st July is well into the 2nd half of the membership cycle and the change to 30th June ensures that the AGM occurs the first half of the calendar year.

The rules for calling an EGM have been clarified following the suggestions at a previous committee meeting.

I feel that the decline in the circulation of the Ringing World and the advent of email communications together with other electronic means of notifications negates the previous stipulation that we published notices in the Ringing World. Looking through the copies I receive, very few associations or guilds now publish notices here.

8. DISTRICTS

I have clarified that District Reps and District Secretaries are automatically members of any District Committee rather than ex-officio members.

9. FINANCES

In response to the ease of use of online banking, the amount that the Treasurer can pay out has been clarified together with a more robust series of checks on payments being drawn on the accounts by the other two Trustees. All payments that the Treasurer makes up to £1500 are with the consent of at least one other Trustee (Chairman or Secretary) and any amount greater than £1500 requires the consent of the General Committee. The Treasurer will also send monthly balance sheets to both of the other Trustees to ensure that spending is as authorised.

I have considered the succession plans so should the Treasurer be unable to carry out their duties another person may administer the funds.

I have also considered how the Association may disperse its assets should it be disbanded. As a ringing Association, I feel quite strongly that these assets should be directed towards supporting and promoting change-ringing and propose that the assets should be distributed equally between the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and the Association of Ringing Teachers with the express direction that the funds are used towards the furtherance of change ringing within Kent.

11. PEALS

I have slightly altered the membership procedure for Non-Resident Life Members who are elected when ringing a peal to tie in with the processes for other Practising Members.

12. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Having introduced the Volunteer Complaint and Grievance Procedure in 2021 and adopted the guidelines for the conduct of ringers published by the CCCBR in 2023, I felt that this needed clarification in the rules should the conduct of Members cause concern.

13. SUSPENSION FROM OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

I have included negligence in the grounds for suspension of membership. Have also included a clause detailing procedure following suspension of an Officer.

14. MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD THEIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED

Linking with the conduct of Members, I have clarified how those Members who may have had their membership terminated may be allowed to rejoin the Association in the future.

15. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

It would be beneficial to make it easier to change rules through introducing an EGM process in addition to discussion at an AGM. Recent experience has shown that it would be useful to be able to have greater flexibility over when the rules can be amended.

In accordance with the current rule 7(iv) (*All notices of motion for the agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be forwarded to the General Secretary by 1 September of the year prior to the AGM. Upon receipt the General Secretary shall send details in writing to Districts for consideration at their Annual District Meetings.*), I am proposing the motion that the Association accepts the proposed rule changes as outlined in the document 'Proposed Association Rules for Adoption in 2025' for adoption at the 2025 AGM. In line with rule 7(iv), this motion is for discussion by each District at their Annual District Meeting in October 2024 as requested by the General Secretary of the KCACR.

Neil Jones
Chairman, KCACR
24th August 2024

Rules of the Association, revised April 2025 (Draft) **INTERPRETATION**

In these Rules, except where the context otherwise requires:-

- the singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine
- "The Kent County Association of Change Ringers" can be referred to as KCACR or the Association
- "Member" means a member of the Association in any category
- "Association Officer" means a member elected or appointed to any Association post
- "Principal Officer" means the Association Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer
- "District Officer" means a member elected or appointed to any District Committee post.

1. NAME AND OBJECTS

- 1.1 The Association shall be called "The Kent County Association of Change Ringers" and is a voluntary unincorporated association.
- 1.2 The Association shall operate in the geographical county of Kent and that part of London formerly in the county of Kent.
- 1.3 The aims of the Association shall be:-
 - the safety and wellbeing of its Members
 - the cultivation of the art of change ringing
 - encouraging the continuation of the art of bellringing
 - the establishment, maintenance and encouragement of service ringing in the churches in its area
 - the proper care and use of bells and belfries
 - the recognition of ringers as church volunteers.
- 1.4 The Association shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR).

2. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

- 2.1 The Archbishop of Canterbury shall be invited to become President. Should the Archbishop of Canterbury decline this invitation the General Committee shall invite the Bishop of Rochester to fulfil this position. In the event of the Bishop of Rochester also declining this invitation, the committee shall consider inviting one of the suffragan Bishops ministering within the Dioceses of Canterbury or Rochester for the position of President.
- 2.2 The Bishops, Deans and Archdeacons who are officiating within the Association's area shall be invited to become Vice Presidents.
- 2.3 The Archbishop, the Bishops, Deans and Archdeacons who accept their invitation will be regarded as Ex-Officio Members of the Association for the duration of their time in tenure.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Any person whose name appears on the Sex Offenders Register is not eligible to become or remain a member of the KCACR in any category of membership.
- 3.2 Membership categories shall be:
- a) Honorary Members (non-Life):
The President and Vice Presidents shall be Honorary Members of the Association. They shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Association for the duration of their time in tenure and will not hold the same rights as a Practising Member.
 - b) Practising Members:
Practising Members shall consist of Members in the following membership categories:
 - i) Ordinary Members: an Ordinary Member shall be considered to be a person who can, without assistance, ring rounds and lower a tower bell or can ring a plain course on 6 or more handbells in a method in the traditional way, two in hand. Such competency shall be confirmed by an Association Officer or a District Officer. An Ordinary Member may be elected either at a District Meeting or as authorised in the section regarding Peals. Ordinary Members are expected to pay an annual membership subscription.
 - ii) Honorary Life Members: in recognition of services to ringing, an Ordinary Member may be nominated by the General Committee for election for life and are not required to pay further subscriptions. They shall be known as "Honorary Life Members". Their election must be approved by at least two thirds of the Members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.
 - iii) Elected Vice Presidents: in recognition of outstanding services to the Association, an Ordinary Member may be nominated by the General Committee for election for life and are not required to pay further subscriptions. They shall be known as "Elected Vice Presidents". Their election must be approved by at least two thirds of the Members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.
 - iv) Members who held the category of Life Member prior to the 2019 AGM retain this membership and are not required to pay further subscriptions. This category of membership is now closed to any new members.
 - c) Non-Resident Life Members:
 - i) a ringer not residing in the Association's area may become a Non-Resident Life Member if elected at either a KCACR meeting or prior to a peal attempt (see the section on Peals).
 - ii) a Practising Member whose subscription is not in arrears may opt, on leaving the Association's area, to become a Non-Resident Life Member without further payment by notifying the Membership Secretary. On return to the Association's area Practising Membership may be resumed on payment of the appropriate subscription. Alternatively, that Member may continue to be a Practising Member living outside the area on continued payment of the appropriate subscription.
A Non-Resident Life Member shall not hold the same membership rights as a Practising Member.
 - d) Associate Members:
Non-ringers may be elected as an Associate Member at a District meeting. Associate Members shall not hold the same membership rights of a Practising Member.
- 3.3 Following election at a District Meeting or as authorised in the section regarding Peals, registration for Ordinary, Non-Resident Life or Associate membership shall be made using the online membership registration system. Alternatively, a completed registration form can be sent directly to the Association Membership Secretary.
- 3.4 The Membership Secretary shall maintain a list of all members.
- 3.5 The names of the current President, Vice-Presidents, Practising Members and Associate Members recorded at the time of submission of the draft Association Handbook shall be printed in the Association Handbook.

4. ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE

- 4.1 Only Practising Members shall be eligible to vote at Association Annual General Meetings and Association Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 4.2 Only Practising Members who are recorded in the Handbook as a member of a tower in that District, shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the said District.

- 4.3 Only Practising Members who serve on the General Committee may vote at meetings of the General Committee.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 5.1 The subscriptions for membership of the Association for the year beginning 1 January shall be agreed each year at the previous Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 5.2 The amount to be allocated from subscriptions to the Association's Bell Restoration Fund and the Association's Training Fund for the current year of operation shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 5.3 Subscriptions shall be due on 1 January and, where possible, must be paid using the online membership registration system. If this is not possible, a completed Membership Renewal Form must be sent directly to the Association Membership Secretary.
- 5.4 Ordinary Members aged 18 years and below shall pay 50% of the annual subscription.
- 5.5 Ordinary Members joining the Association after 30 June shall be entitled to pay only half that year's annual subscription (25% for Ordinary Members aged 18 or under).
- 5.6 All Members aged 80 years or over shall be entitled to free membership.
- 5.7 Any Practising Member who is entitled to free membership must confirm their intention to remain a member annually using the online membership registration system or by notifying the Membership Secretary.
- 5.8 Any Ordinary Member whose subscription is unpaid by 1st March of the year in which it is due, shall cease to be a member of the Association until the subscription for the year and any subsequent years is paid.
- 5.9 A lapsed Member may choose to be re-elected as a member of the Association at a District Meeting or prior to starting a Peal in which case their membership shall be deemed to have started from the date of re-application and any previous unpaid subscriptions shall no longer need to be paid.

6. GOVERNANCE

- 6.1 Governance of the Association shall be vested in a General Committee.
- 6.2 All Officers and District Officers must be Practising Members at the time of their election.
- 6.3 All Association Offices shall be open to election at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting specifically called for this purpose.
- 6.4 The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt Members if required to fulfil a specific task or provide a skill. Such an appointment shall only remain effective until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6.5 The General Committee shall consist of the following Association Officers:-
- Chairman
 - General Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Secretary
 - Safeguarding Officer
 - Training Officer
 - Youth Officer
 - Bell Restoration Officer
- 6.6 One District Representative for each District, appointed by that District, shall also be part of the General Committee.
- 6.7 Seven members of the General Committee shall form a quorum at any meeting of the General Committee (including those members who may be attending online).
- 6.8 Association Officers fulfilling other elected roles may be invited to attend General Committee meetings as observers.
- 6.9 Other Members or other individuals may be invited to attend a General Committee meeting as an observer/advisor, to support the work of the General Committee.

7. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- 7.1 The General Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
- 7.2 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall take place between 21st March and 30th June.
- 7.3 At the Annual General Meeting the Principal Officers and other Officers forming the General Committee shall be elected.

- 7.4 The following additional necessary Association Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting:
- Central Council Representatives (the number of Representatives being determined by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers)
 - Peal Secretary
 - Publicity Officer
 - Quarter Peal Secretary
 - Librarian
 - Health and Safety Officer
 - Handbook Editor
 - Webmaster.
- 7.5 A Registered Auditor or Independent Examiner will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to verify the accounts at the end of the current year.
- 7.6 Reports of Activities of the Association in the preceding year and a Statement of Accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.7 All notices of motion for the agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be received by the General Secretary in writing at least 4 weeks prior to the meeting and signed by either:
- a) 20 Practising Members in total from at least four different Districts of the Association.
 - or
 - b) at least 8 members of the General Committee.
- 7.8 An Extraordinary General Meeting can be convened following a written request signed by either:
- a) 20 Practising Members in total from at least four different Districts of the Association.
 - or
 - b) at least 8 members of the General Committee.
- 7.9 Upon receipt of a valid written request for an Extraordinary General Meeting, the General Secretary will convene the meeting not less than 28 days after receipt of the written request and within 8 weeks of receiving the request.
- 7.10 Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be published as soon as possible after receipt of the valid written request, and at least 21 days before the meeting, on the KCACR website and shall be notified to all District Secretaries. The Association will also attempt to notify by email all those Members who have consented to receive email communications from the Association.
- 7.11 No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting unless a quorum of 25 Practising Members is present.
- 7.12 No business shall be transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting other than that declared within the calling notice.

8. DISTRICTS

- 8.1 The Association shall operate in six Districts as determined by the General Committee and known as the Ashford, Canterbury, Lewisham, Maidstone, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts.
- 8.2 No tower shall be transferred from one District to another without the approval of the General Committee.
- 8.2 A meeting shall be held quarterly in each District to discuss Association business.
- 8.3 The quarterly meeting of each District immediately before the General Committee meeting in November or December shall be the Annual District Meeting.
- 8.4 At the Annual District Meeting, a District Secretary shall be elected. The District Secretaries (or other nominated District Officers where applicable) shall:-
- Disseminate communications from the Association to District members
 - Make annual reports to the General Secretary for presentation to the General Committee at the November or December meeting.
- 8.5 At the Annual District Meeting, one District Representative to serve on the General Committee for the ensuing year shall also be elected. The District Representative shall:-
- Inform District meetings of matters discussed and approved by the General Committee
 - Bring appropriate District matters to the General Committee for discussion.
- 8.6 Other District Officers may be elected at the discretion of District members. If a District committee is convened the District Secretary and District Representative shall automatically be members of any such committee.

FINANCES

- 9.1 The Principal Officers shall be the Trustees of the Association's General Fund.
- 9.2 The Trustees shall have the power to invest or otherwise deal with such sums as the General Committee of the Association may place in their hands in such manner as the General Committee or any subcommittee appointed for the purpose by the General Committee shall direct.
- 9.3 Any two of the Trustees may sign cheques drawn on the Association's General Fund.
- 9.4 The Treasurer may also make payments drawn electronically on this fund up to the value of £1500 as required with the agreement of at least one other Trustee in writing or email.
- 9.5 The Treasurer may only make payments of amounts greater than £1500 with the agreement of the General Committee.
- 9.6 A monthly up-to-date balance sheet of the General Fund will be given to the other two Trustees.
- 9.7 In the event that the Treasurer is unable to administer the fund, e.g. through incapacitation, the remaining Trustees may administer the account or appoint another person to administer it under their direction, pending the return of the Treasurer.
- 9.8 The Treasurer shall prepare a Balance Sheet as at 31st December in each year and an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending on that date.
- 9.9 The Association Accounts shall be examined each year by a Registered Auditor or Independent Examiner.
- 9.10 In the event of the dissolution of the Association, following the settlement of any debts owed by the Association, the assets of the Association shall be distributed equally between the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and the Association of Ringing Teachers with the express direction that the funds are used towards the furtherance of change ringing within the in the geographical county of Kent and that part of London formerly in the county of Kent.

10. EXPENSES

- 10.1 Reasonable expenses as detailed in the Expenses Policy shall be available to Members.

11. PEALS

- 11.1 Peals rung by bands made up entirely of Members of the Association may be credited to the Association and printed in the Handbook only if the details of compositions on seven bells and above are received by the Peal Secretary within 8 weeks of the performance or by 31st January of the following year, whichever is the sooner.
- 11.2 Prior to starting for a peal to be credited to the Association and including non-members of the Association and provided the majority of the band have rights as Practising Members, those Members must invite the remainder to become Members of the Association as follows:
 - a) Non-Members resident within the Association's area may be elected a Practising Member by those Members participating in the peal and must register using the online membership registration facility as a Practising Member following ratification at the soonest opportunity at a meeting of the District in which the Member will be ringing.
 - b) Non-Members not resident within the Association's area may be elected a Non-Resident Life Member by those Members participating in the peal and must register using the online membership registration facility. Subscriptions must be completed within 5 weeks of the peal being rung.The names of the new Members shall be collected at the time of the election and passed to the Peal Secretary within 8 weeks of the performance or by 31st January of the following year, whichever is the sooner.

12. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

- 12.1 All Members should follow the guidance from the Association regarding their conduct. In addition, Members also are expected to follow all such local guidance and safeguarding policies as required by any towers where they ring and, where appropriate, to adhere to the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the respective diocese in which they ring. Failure to do so, even in the context of non-KCACR ringing activities, may result in termination of membership.
- 12.2 Any Member may be suspended or have their membership terminated on the grounds that they have by word, action or negligence brought the Association into disrepute.

13. SUSPENSION FROM OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 If any Principal Officer of the Association is found unfit to hold office or fails to carry out their duties to the satisfaction of the remainder of the General Committee, the General Committee shall have the power to suspend that Principal Officer immediately following a vote where at least 75% of the General Committee are in agreement. The suspended Principal Officer will be advised of the reasons for suspension and these will be confirmed in writing within 1 week.
- 13.2 If, in the unanimous opinion of the Principal Officers, any Officer or District Officer of the Association is found unfit to hold office or fails to carry out their duties to the satisfaction of the Principal Officers, the Principal Officers shall have the power to suspend the Officer or District Officer immediately, advising them of the reasons for suspension and confirming these in writing within 1 week.
- 13.3 If, in the unanimous opinion of the Principal Officers, a Member has committed acts which have or are likely to damage the reputation of the Association, then their membership may be suspended with immediate effect and the Member will be advised of the reasons for suspension and these will be confirmed these in writing within 1 week.
- 13.4 All suspensions will be reviewed and confirmed or rejected at a meeting of the General Committee, which shall be convened within 8 weeks of the suspension. The decision of the General Committee shall be final. In the event of the suspension being confirmed, this may result in the termination of Membership.
- 13.5 Members or Officers who are suspended may lodge an appeal and shall be invited to this meeting and given the opportunity to make representation to the General Committee either in person or through an intermediary (who shall not be a member of the General Committee) prior to the General Committee making their determination on termination or reinstatement.
- 13.6 In the event that a suspension on the grounds that an Officer is failing to carry out their duties to the satisfaction of the Principal Officers has been upheld by at least 75% of the General Committee, that Officer will be required to relinquish the post that they hold.
- 13.7 In the event that a suspension on the grounds that a Member or Officer has committed acts which have damaged, or are likely to damage, the reputation of the Association has been upheld by at least 75% of the General Committee, then that Member or Officer shall have their Membership of the Association terminated immediately. Terminated members shall forfeit any payment(s) made to the Association.
- 13.8 Where an Officer or District Officer has had their office suspended under these rules, they shall not be eligible to stand for election to office for at least two years after termination, and then not until a formal application supported by at least two Members has been considered by the General Committee and approved by not less than three quarters of the General Committee members present.
- 13.9 All suspensions, terminations and re-instatements shall be recorded in confidential Minutes of the General Committee.

14. MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD THEIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED

- 14.1 Terminated members may not seek readmission to the Association until at least three years after the date of termination of membership or, in the case of conviction and a custodial sentence, three years after their release, and then not until a formal application supported by at least two members has been considered by the General Committee and approved by not less than three quarters of the Committee members present.
- 14.2 Those terminated members whose application to re-join has been approved must present themselves at a District Meeting for re-election and may not be re-elected by any other form (i.e. by Belfry election prior to a peal).
- 14.3 Where an Officer or District Officer has had their office terminated under these rules, they shall not be eligible to stand for election to office for at least two years after termination, and then not until a formal application supported by at least two Members has been considered by the General Committee and approved by not less than three quarters of the General Committee members present. The consideration should include a review of their conduct in relation to the original causes of concern.

15. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

- 15.1 No alteration to these Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.

- 15.2 Notice of any proposed alteration to these Rules must be received by the General Secretary in writing signed by either:
- a) 20 Practising Members in total from at least four different Districts of the Association.
 - or
 - b) at least 8 members of the General Committee.
- 15.3 Upon receipt of a written request for an alteration to these Rules, the General Secretary will either:
- a) if the request is received less than 8 weeks but more than 4 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, publish details as soon as possible after receipt of the written request and at least 3 weeks before the Annual General Meeting in order that the rule change can be discussed at this meeting. Notice shall be posted on the KCACR website and shall be notified to all District Secretaries. The Association will also attempt to notify by email all those Members who have consented to receive email communications from the Association.
 - or
 - b) if the request is received more than 8 weeks prior to or within 4 weeks of the date of the Annual General Meeting, determine when the proposers wish for the alteration to be considered and, if necessary, to be follow the guidance in these rules for the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 15.4 When a rule has been discussed and voted upon at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting it will not be discussed and voted on again for a minimum of three years unless proposed by either, at least twenty Practising Members in total from at least four different Districts, or at least a quorum of the General Committee.

16. REVIEW OF RULES

- 16.1 The rules will be formally reviewed by the General Committee at least every five years and the results of this review shall be reported, together with any proposed updates or amendments, at the following AGM.

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Minutes of Past Meetings

The KCACR Canterbury District Quarterly Meeting Saturday 13th July 2024 at St Mary the Virgin, Eastry.

Ringling began at 2pm under the guidance of Stuart Palin. The Service was led by Archdeacon Darren Miller with Toby Huitson playing the organ. Tea was served in the church by the District Committee and Eastry church people.

1. Welcome. The chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Eastry.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Maureen Cooke, Jane Huxley, Adam Moore, The St Laurence band and Claire Stay.
3. Minutes of the last three meetings as published in the July newsletter were taken as read on a proposal from Malcolm Barden seconded by Isobel Legg.
4. Matters Arising. The meeting in May at Lynsted was the Striking Competition not Call Change Competition.
5. The Collection amounted to £27.10 all of which was given to Eastry Church.
6. Election of New Members - There were no new members to elect.
7. Presentation of Certificates - There were no certificates to present.
8. Forthcoming Events:

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| Saturday 20th July | District Surprise Major Practice at Throwley 7.30 to 9pm. Stuart said that they had just about enough to make it viable but they could do with a few a more. Please do not park at the church but park in the field behind the church. |
| Saturday 17th Aug | Get Together at Quex with a BBQ. This was originally planned as a combined ring with the Ashford District but they have withdrawn. It was decided to continue without them with a 3pm start. |
| Saturday 14th Sept | Bye Meeting_at Bekesbourne. Ringing from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please. |
| Saturday 21st Sept | District Practice at Teynham. Basic Conducting 10 – 11.30am. The last practice had been call changes so this one would concentrate on calling basic touches of doubles and maybe minor methods. |
| Saturday 28th Sept | County call change and striking competitions. This will be in the Lewisham District but no venue had yet been decided or timings published. |
| Saturday 12th Oct | Annual District Meeting at St Dunstons Canterbury. Ringing from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please. All the committee jobs are up for grabs so anyone can stand for any position. |
| Saturday 19th Oct | District Surprise Practice Major at Herne. 7.30 – 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for further information. |

Saturday 9th Nov Bye Meeting The venue is still to be arranged. Ringing from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

The ringing masters would be happy to hear from anyone who wished to learn something. If a band wanted a ringing school the district could come to them on one of their practice nights to help.

9. Report from the last county committee Meeting - Malcolm reported that the meeting dates had changed and he had reported back on the last county meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for two weeks' time and he will update the district committee within a week.

The draft revised rules had been circulated to everyone and the deadline for comments back to the county chairman was Sunday 14th July.

10. Members Achievements - The district won the county 8 bell competition held at Quex on 22nd June. For one person it was the first time they had rung in a county competition final. For another person it was the first they had rung in a winning band. Charlie Maggs had rung his first peal at Dover for his 21st Birthday.

11. 120 Club - There were two draws to be made:

For June

1st	£30	9	Adam Redgwell	St Stephens
2nd	£20	45	Claire Stay	Herne
3rd	£10	21	Rebecca Holliday	Herne

For July:

1st	£30	18	Bro Austen	Canterbury Cathedral
2nd	£20	8	Len Huckstep	St Stephens
3rd	£10	14	Gill Moon	Bekesbourne

12. Any Other Business - The ringing masters had sent an addendum to their report in the newsletter to all members. If members wished to see a copy, they should email the ringing masters to ask for one.

Jen Thomas asked members who had young ringers to get them to join the Kent Young Ringers. Nationally young ringers are classified as being under 19 on 31st August but in Kent, we encourage them up to the age of 25. There will be a young ringers inter district competition at Tonbridge on Saturday 1st March 2025.

13. Vote of Thanks - Sarat White thanked the vicar, Andrew Brown, for use of the Church and bells and 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 14th September 2024 at St Peters, Bekesbourne.

Ringling took place from 2pm under the guidance of ringing master Ben Legg. The service was led by Rev Estella Last with Susan Record playing the organ. Tea was served in the church by the Bekesbourne ringers.

There had been a request to hold the meeting early and with the chairman delayed Ben Legg chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to Bekesbourne.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Sue Bones, Felicity Lewis, Adam Moore, Belinda Moyna, Stuart Palin and John Paramor.

2. Election of new members - From Whitstable St Alphege Emily Higgs proposed by Ben Legg and seconded by Jane Huxley. Emily was elected by those members present.

3. Presentation of Certificates - There were no certificates to present.

4. Collection - No collection was taken during the service so a retiring collection was made to be given to Bekesbourne Church.

5. Forthcoming Events - Saturday 21st September District Practice at Teynham. Basic Conducting 10 – 11.30am. This was for people who could ring a method and wished to call touches etc. Contact the ringing masters for further information.

Saturday 12th October Annual District Meeting at St Dunstons Canterbury. Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea at namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please. This is the chance for members to hear officer reports, elect new officers and review upcoming rule changes. New members are welcome to join the committee.

Saturday 19th October District Surprise Major Practice at Herne. 7.30 – 9pm. Contact the ringing masters for further information.

Saturday 9th November Bye Meeting at a venue yet to be confirmed. Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea at namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

Saturday 14th December Carol Service and Social at Ospringe. Ringling from 2pm Service at 3.30 followed by hot food and festive fun at Painters Forstal Village Hall. Tickets £15 from Claire Medina. Please apply by Saturday 30th November.

Saturday 11th January Quarterly Meeting at a venue to be decided. Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea at namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

6. Any Other Business - The secretary had received a request for ringers for a wedding at Walmer on 26th April 2025. Apparently, the lady had emailed others and Felicity Lewis had organised the ringling. There was no other business to discuss.

7. Vote of Thanks - Becky Holladay gave the vote of thanks to Rev Estella Last for use of the church and bells and everyone involved with organising the meeting. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

District Quarter Peals

Quarter Peals rung from 1st July to 30th September 2024 are as follows:

Date	Tower		Time	Changes	Method	Conductor
05/07/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Ospringe	41m	1260	St Clement's College Bob Minor	Adam Moore
06/07/2024	St Michael and All Angels	Throw ley	39m	1260	Mixed Doubles (2m)	Claire Stay
06/07/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	40m	1260	Doubles (7m/v)	Cathryn M Hills
06/07/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1260	Doubles (7m/v)	Cathryn M Hills
07/07/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	42m	1260	Mixed Doubles (2m)	Claire Stay
07/07/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	40m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
07/07/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	39m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Cathryn M Hills
07/07/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Taxal Doubles	Tim Attridge
10/07/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	44m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Freda Parker
13/07/2024	St Mary	Chilham	46m	1288	Grandsire Triples	Adam Moore
14/07/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Doubles (7m/v)	Leonard A Huckstep
14/07/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Affpuddle Doubles	Tim Attridge
17/07/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	43m	1260	Bicycle Ring on Tour Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
17/07/2024	St Mary	Chartham	42m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Jane E Huxley
19/07/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Chislet	44m	1260	Mixed Doubles (3m)	Barry Roberts
21/07/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	37m	1260	Doubles (6m/v/p)	Jane E Huxley
21/07/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	41m	1260	Doubles (5m/v)	Andrew M Hills
21/07/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	45m	1264	Plain Bob Major	Mark Chittenden-Pile
21/07/2024	All Saints	Birchington	37m	1260	Tolpuddle Doubles	Tim Attridge
23/07/2024	All Saints	Birchington	39m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Michael Little
25/07/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	41m	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Jane E Huxley
26/07/2024	St Michael and All Angels	Throw ley	48m	1320	Plain Bob Minor	Claire Stay
28/07/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury		1282	Cambridge Surprise Royal	Andrew M Hills
28/07/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Briantspuddle Doubles	Tim Attridge
02/08/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	45m	1260	Mixed Doubles (2m)	Simon Friend
03/08/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	40m	1260	Doubles (6m)	Cathryn M Hills
03/08/2024	St Mary	Chilham		1440	Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)	Andrew M Hills
04/08/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Jane E Huxley
04/08/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Andrew M Hills
04/08/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Mike 'n April Doubles	Tim Attridge
10/08/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	46m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Freda Parker
10/08/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	41m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Cathryn M Hills
11/08/2024	St Saviour	Westgate on Sea	48m	1344	Plain Bob Minor	Charlie Satchwell
11/08/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Andrew M Hills
11/08/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Angela's 90th Doubles	Tim Attridge
15/08/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	42m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Jane E Huxley
16/08/2024	St Laurence the Martyr	Godmersham	46m	1320	Plain Bob Minor	Claire Stay
18/08/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	39m	1260	Doubles (11m/v/p)	Paul N Davis
18/08/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	44m	1284	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew M Hills
18/08/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Lesley Clarke Doubles	Tim Attridge
21/08/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	43m	1270	Erin Triples	Andrew J Corby
22/08/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Leonard A Huckstep
23/08/2024	St Martin	Herne	48m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Philip Bedford
24/08/2024	St Mary and St Ethelburga	Lyminge	47m	1260	Stedman Triples	Tim R Palmer
24/08/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Elham	45m	1280	Plain Bob Major	Edward C Westlake
25/08/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	50m	1259	Grandsire Caters	Mark Chittenden-Pile
25/08/2024	All Saints	Birchington	40m	1320	May Day Doubles	Tim Attridge
27/08/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Denton Doubles	Tim Attridge
29/08/2024	St Nicholas	St Nicholas at Wade	42m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Michael J Little
30/08/2024	St Nicholas	Sturry	41m	1260	Doubles (5m)	Claire Stay
31/08/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	40m	1260	Doubles (5m/v)	Leonard A Huckstep
31/08/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Andrew M Hills

Date	Tower		Time	Changes	Method	Conductor
01/09/2024	St Laurence	St Laurence in Thanet	42m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Freda Parker
01/09/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (7m/v)	Paul N Davis
01/09/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	42m	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew M Hills
01/09/2024	All Saints	Birchington	40m	1280	Monks Habit Doubles	Tim Attridge
07/09/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury		1280	Spliced Surprise Major (8m)	Andrew M Hills
08/09/2024	St John the Baptist	Margate	49m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Simon P Friend
08/09/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	41m	1260	Doubles and Minor (4m/v)	Jane E Huxley
08/09/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury		1296	Spliced Plain Royal (2m)	Andrew M Hills
08/09/2024	All Saints	Birchington	39m	1280	The Boiling Well Doubles	Tim Attridge
15/09/2024	St Dunstan	Canterbury	48m	1440	Spliced Treble Bob Minor (2m)	Andrew M Hills
15/09/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	How Old? Doubles	Tim Attridge
18/09/2024	St Mary the Virgin	Dover	45m	1260	Bicycle Ring Bob Triples	Andrew J Corby
19/09/2024	Holy Cross	Goodnestone	42m	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Claire Stay
20/09/2024	St Peter and St Paul	Boughton under Blean	43m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Adam Moore
22/09/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	43m	1260	Doubles (3m)	Leonard A Huckstep
22/09/2024	Canterbury Cathedral	Canterbury	49m	1295	Grandsire Caters	Mark Chittenden-Pile
22/09/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	St Laud Doubles	Tim Attridge
27/09/2024	St James	Sheldwich	47m	1288	Grandsire Triples	Adam Moore
29/09/2024	St Stephen, Hackington	Canterbury	40m	1260	Doubles (8m/v/p)	Jane E Huxley
29/09/2024	All Saints	Birchington	38m	1260	Gemma and Jay Doubles	Tim Attridge

District Peals

Peals rung from 1st July to 30th September 2024 are as follows:

There were no peals rung during this period

Canterbury District Officers

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

Chairman	Mike Little	01843 791117	quexmaster@hotmail.com
Secretary	Tony Martin	01227 769686	canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk
Treasurer	Cathryn Hills	01795 533809	(No calls after 8pm please)
Assistant Secretary	Andrew Hills	07549 168371	amh1115@outlook.com
Ringling Master 1	Ben Legg	07818 434350	benlegg87@hotmail.com
Ringling Master 2	Stuart Palin		canterburyringingmaster@kcacr.org.uk
District Rep	Malcolm Barden		malcolmbarden@aol.com
Newsletter Editor	Jane Huxley		cantdistrictnews@gmail.com
120 Club Promoter	Phil Elderton		120clubcanterbury@gmail.com
Extra Three	Maureen Cooke	07745 126853	maureendcooke@gmail.com
Extra Three	Adam Moore		adam8993@gmail.com
Extra Three	Claire Stay		claire.stay@mac.com



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

Forthcoming Events

Annual District Meeting

Saturday 12th October at St Dunstans Canterbury.

Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

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District Practice

Saturday 19th October Surprise Major at Herne. 7.30 – 9pm.
Contact the ringing masters for further information.

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Bye Meeting

Saturday 9th November at a venue to be arranged.

Ringling from 2pm, Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to namesfortea@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

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Carol Service and Social

Saturday 14th December at Ospringe.

Ringling from 2pm Service at 3.30 followed by hot food and festive fun at Painters Forstal Village Hall. Tickets £15 per person. Please book with Claire Medina at clairemad@gmail.com by Saturday 30th November.

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Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 11th January 2025 at a venue to be arranged.

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January 2025 District Surprise Major Practice at Hernhill

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Nomination Form - Canterbury District Officers for 2024/2025

From.....

Tower.....

Chairman.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as Chairman.....

District Secretary.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as Secretary.....

Assistant Secretary.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as Assistant Secretary.....

District Representative.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Representative.....

District Ringing Masters (Two)

(1).....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Ringing Master.....

(2).....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

I am willing to stand as District Ringing Master.....

Any other nominations for Extra Three Posts

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

Proposed by..... Seconded by.....

This form must be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee.

It would be appreciated if completed forms are returned to the District Secretary, Tony Martin or to the District Chairman, Mike Little by 5th October, 2024 AT THE LATEST, please.



CANTERBURY DISTRICT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ospringe, Faversham, ME13 8UA
Come and Join the Festive Fun On Saturday 14th December 2024

Ringling at Ospringe 14:00-15:30

Carol Service 15:30-16:30

Adjourn to Painters Forstal Village Hall
for hot food and Festive Fun 17:00

Depart 20:30

[Painters Forstal Village Hall ME13 0EN: What3Words: ///geek.painters.drivers]

Tickets: £15 per person

Please book your seats with Claire Madina at clairemad@gmail.com by
Saturday 30th November

Please Bring Your Own Glasses and Drinks