



## **The Kent County Association of Change Ringers**



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### From the Editor

Welcome to the April edition of the Canterbury District Newsletter. The newsletter is also available on the association website [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk) - just follow links to Canterbury District.

All news items are welcome. Please send anything for inclusion in future issues of the District Newsletter to me by email at [CantDistNews@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:CantDistNews@tiscali.co.uk) or by post to 45 Bramley Avenue, Faversham, Kent ME13 8LP. Tel: 01795 531044. It would be very much appreciated if all contributors would send items to me before **27 June 2012**. *Clare*

## **A Quarter Peal Week**

will be held in the Kent County Association

from Friday 1st June until Sunday 10th June 2012.

Ring as many quarter peals as you can, in a variety of towers, including as many ringers as possible.

Anyone who needs help to ring a quarter peal should contact the Ringing Masters.

Please send details of all quarters rung to MRFS, District Secretary, for collation and publication in the Ringing World, together with your donations to the Ringing World. Do not send to the Ringing World yourself!

Send details to [kcacrcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:kcacrcanterbury@gmail.com) or by post to MRFS, 26 City View, Harbledown, Canterbury, CT2 8PT

Do try to ring quarter peals in your home tower, with some "firsts" for people.

## News from Around the District

### **Birchington All Saints**

Our Annual Meeting took place on Saturday March 3rd. There was a lot to report as 2011 was a very busy year here. During 2011 89 quarter peals were rung which we think is a record for Kent and also a record for Birchington. Many of the Quarters were rung for Sunday services. The band has progressed and has learned lots of new Doubles methods and variations.

Congratulations to Ruth Neve on her 1st Quarter on 25 October 2011 which was called by her brother Doug, his first as conductor. Tim Attride also called his first on Christmas Eve. Twelve ringers from Birchington were involved in the quarters with six of us ringing more than 50 during the year: Tim Attride & Dave Sheekey 79, Doug Neve 123, Emma Tapsell 50, Allan Chandler 51 and Mike Little 163

Mike would like to thank everyone who helped him, by letting him call 152 in the year. Also thanks to Phil & Cathryn Hills and Liz Shearman for helping us out.

So far in 2012 we seemed to have continued. We have rung 6 new methods and variations.

If anyone would like to join us for quarters or practice nights you will be made welcome

Mike Little

### **Birchington, Quex Park**

The Society held its AGM on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>, the first one since 2009. Mike Little reported that practice nights have continued with quarter peals being attempted. During the last year we have rung 42 quarter peals and have enjoyed a couple of days up at Quex ringing lots of them and having Barbecues as well. The Quex Barbecue this year will be a joint effort with the Ashford District so support from Canterbury District would be appreciated. If anyone would like to ring or even try a quarter peal at Quex please contact either Mike Little (01843 843065) or Dave Sheekey (01843 290266). Hope to see some of you soon.

### **Dover**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1987 the cross-Channel ferry *Herald of Free Enterprise*, operated by Townsend Thoresen, departed for Dover from Zeebrugge in Belgium with 533 passengers and crew aboard. Minutes later she capsized in shallow water outside the harbour and lay half-submerged in complete darkness and extremely cold water.



193 people perished in the UK's worst peace-time marine tragedy since the sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912. The disaster stunned the whole community of Dover. So many people had family and friends involved in the cross-Channel trade that there was hardly anyone who did not have a family member "on the boats" or who knew someone on board the ships.

An illuminated manuscript listing the names of all those who lost their lives is on display in Dover's parish church of St Mary-the-Virgin. Above it is a memorial to the disaster, a stained glass window depicting members of the rescue agencies gazing with bowed heads upon the ferry itself. This has become almost a shrine for those affected by the tragedy, a focal point for those who come to St Mary's each year on the anniversary for an act of remembrance.

This year, 25 years after the event, the church was filled to capacity for a memorial service conducted by the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover. Members of the local band rang half-

muffled call changes before the service, and a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening. The following morning, with the bells still muffled, a quarter of Single Oxford Bob Triples was rung.

### Dover's Curtains

Anyone who has been to a practice at Dover in the middle of winter will recall how bitterly cold it used to be on the open gallery, even with three fan heaters going full blast. Those freezing evenings are now a thing of the past with the installation of two large curtains, just in time before the frosty weather arrived.



The Dover band worked hard during February, raising funds to cover the amount still outstanding. A cake sale in the Parish Centre one Saturday morning was most successful, but the big effort was the Quiz Night on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Support from the District was brilliant, with ringers making up five of the ten teams taking part.

From the proceeds of the evening, swelled by the takings from the raffle, the cost of the curtains is now completely cleared, and what a difference they make. Now, with the curtains closed, just one heater is enough to bring the ringing gallery up to a cosy temperature.

### Dover Ringers' Dinner

It is only very occasionally that Dover practice is cancelled and 15th February was one such occasion. The annual belfry dinner was held in the Cullins Yard restaurant once again, overlooking the Dover marina. Eighteen ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent meal, washed down with fine ale and wine and spiced with good company and witty conversation.

### **Annual Report of the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre for 2011**

Beginners' practices were held at the Centre on 50 Saturday mornings. 42 students, 28 helpers, and 12 tutors are recorded in the book. Average attendance was between 13 and 14; total attendance was 678, compared with 656 in 2010.

26 towers were represented, 4 more than last year. 6 towers that attended in 2010 didn't participate in 2011, but 7 towers were new to the Centre and 3 towers came back after a year's absence. Training levels ranged from bell handling to Stedman Triples; commonly used teaching "methods" are Mexican Wave, Flying Dutchman, Cloister, and Bastow.

There is now a new band at Deal, but the East Langdon initiative failed due to lack of local commitment. "Insight into Ropesight" was re-run for Bokesbourne and Ash-by-Wrotham, as the course in October 2010 had been over-subscribed. Jean Easley, one of the Centre's tutors, attended an ITTS course in Thanet, run by Peter Dale. She is about to complete Module 1 certification.

The Centre produced a promotional flyer, initially for Heritage Open Days, but copies are now available for recruitment and for church visitors.

The Centre will participate once again in Heritage Open Days in September 2012.

Weekly learner practices will continue as usual, and afternoon practices on particular topics may be offered on demand. It is intended to attempt quarters on a more regular basis.

Greater involvement would be needed from the District to assess if there is demand for more ITTS courses.

**Eastry**

The Christmas day ring of 8 was augmented to 10 due to a donation from Marks and Spencers Bromley!! The missing ringer was Joyce Cryer who took the picture.

Mick Johnson



**St Nicholas Ringers, Thanington**

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee, 6 Feb. 2012 by Tony Martin

Some may recall a letter to the Ringing World, round about May last year, concerning the celebration of the above by all the ringers in the country. A suggest event, similar to that which occurred on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000.

We in Thanington, took it to heart and a band rang 1260 changes of 'Grand Sire' Doubles at 7.30 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2012.

Her Majesty is a busy monarch, check with Andrew Marr, and may not have time to read the 'comic', so we wrote and told her what we had rung, and wished her and her family good health and an enjoyable Jubilee Year.

She, H.M., wasn't too busy it seems and she sent us a reply which you can read and see the card she enclosed as well, lovely is it not?



To: St Nicholas Bellringers, Thanington

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you all for your letter.

Her Majesty was touched to hear that you rang 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles on Monday, 6th February, to mark the sixtieth anniversary of The Queen's Accession.

Her Majesty greatly appreciates your continuing loyalty and support in this, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, and I am to thank you all once again for writing as you did.

*Susan Hussey*

Lady-in-Waiting

22nd February 2012

## **A Tale of Two Towers: one learner's experiences at home tower and ringing centre**

by Amanda Riley, Whitstable All Saints

*(An earlier version of this article appeared in the CCCBR's 'Training Times' in January this year.)*

My addiction to ringing started developing very soon after I had my first lessons, in early April 2010.

The band at my home tower were - and are - so friendly and supportive towards learners that their attitude, together with the experienced and straight-talking focus on developing a good style right from the start that I received from my tutor, made my early experiences of ringing very positive ones. That's not to say, of course, that the problems that beset most beginners were not mine as well. During my second month of learning the sally seemed willfully to try and remove itself from my agonised reach every time I tried a whole pull all by myself...though the words 'pull right through at backstroke' did eventually sink in! However, once I had been judged (mostly) safe to handle without a minder and was taking part in rounds, I began to wonder how I could get extra time on a rope outside our normal practice evening. When I started to explore all of the web-based information resources for ringers I found that I was fortunate enough to live only 35 minutes' drive from the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre (CPRC), so with the warm endorsement of my home tower tutor I emailed the Centre to check that it was really true what it said on their website, that beginners were welcome at their Saturday morning drop-in sessions. Thus started a very happy association with the CPRC and the variety of teaching practices there.

The tuition and practice opportunities I receive at my own tower are wonderful - that is where my ringing home is and my fellow band members are friends. Our expert 'senior ringers' have vast experience and are both approachable and willing to provide helpful and constructive advice. Yet I also receive enormous benefits from regularly attending the Saturday morning sessions at the CPRC, where I am with a group of other beginners and learners (who are at a variety of levels). There I can compare my progress with others who are at broadly similar stages to my own, I can hear news about what's going on in the district, make friends with learners from other towers and encourage new beginners, and receive tuition from at least one national-level ringer and the very strong and knowledgeable team of supporters who nobly give up their Saturday mornings. And I can do all this without feeling that the time given to my toddler-level ringing is time that my home tower colleagues don't have for more advanced practice. I know that they don't begrudge the time in any way whatsoever, and other members among us are also learning particular methods, but it does naturally make one slightly hesitant to catch hold during the very early stages of ringing, particularly if one is the only real novice. (Since this article was first written All Saints has been fortunate enough to attract four more beginners, so I am no longer the only real novice.)

It is interesting, comparing the differences in content between home tower and Ringing Centre sessions. My home tower rings quite a wide range of methods so in order to give enough time to those methods it makes sense for our Tower Captain to focus our activities on ringing full methods, i.e. touches (or plain courses if appropriate) in each one. At the Centre, the focus is on practising specific sections or techniques that I and others ask for assistance with and that the Ringing Master's fertile mind can come up with as extras - there are several of us at a broadly similar level and what helps one person also helps the others. There is also a useful contrast with the training methods used - for example, when my home tower judged that I was ready to learn to hunt, the tradition with us for single beginners has been to start through trebling to Grandsire Doubles. My early experience of hunting from any other bell than the treble was therefore mostly through the CPRC, where Plain Hunt is used occasionally (along with Bastow, Cloisters, Mexican Wave and several other training methods) as a way of experiencing particular bells' paths through a method. And dodging - the opportunity to try chunks of both single dodges and also the combination that the Centre's Ringing Master describes as 'Treble Bob work' was extremely useful when I came to take my first faltering steps ringing inside, to Plain Bob Doubles, in the early autumn of 2011. My home tower tutor said she could see how the dodging practice at the Centre had helped and I know that getting some good experience of the dodging rhythm in advance made my first, terror-struck,

attempts just that tiny bit less stressed. My home tower colleagues will now ask what I have been learning at the Centre and are sometimes able to take that into account with whatever I'm trying to ring at home. That was especially useful when I was learning to raise and lower a bell, where having the chance to raise and lower on different bells, at intervals of 3 - 4 days (home tower practice being mid-week), and with different tutors observing and commenting on my actions, eventually allowed the 'muscle-memory' of elementary raising and lowering to sink in. Even with ropesight, it has been useful to have two complementary sets of advice to triangulate on as my middle-aged brain attempts to deal with multiple simultaneous data inputs. (I have to say that post-grad work seems, in retrospect, to have been a doddle compared with learning to ring...!)

So, almost two years after I first took a bell-rope in my hands, and 20 months since I first tiptoed into the Ringing Centre, I feel that a combination of home tower and ringing centre provides - sometimes for the contrast as much as for the convergence - an enormously valuable early experience of both the practical and the theoretical aspects of ringing and its techniques, and one that I'm extremely grateful to have.

### Pitman's 4-Spliced Silent and Non-Conducted

On the morning of Saturday 7 January 2012 a nervous group of ringers met at Boughton-under-Blean. Their hope was that by the end of the morning they would have rung Albert Pitman's classic composition of spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major entirely silent and non-conducted. Ropes were tried, the treble ringer said "go" and two hours and 53 minutes later the bells came into rounds, no word having been spoken from the "go" at the beginning until "stand" at the end. Our nervousness was not helped by there having been an unsuccessful attempt before Christmas, when we rang a third of the peal before coming to grief. However the band was really pleased with the resulting achievement by resident members of the Kent County Association, a fitting birthday compliment to Liz Barnes who rang the treble.

From my first attempts at trying to ring a bell, I have been aware of this classic composition. My father called it at St Mary's Lambeth in April 1947, one of the first times it was rung, and when asked to call four spliced surprise in the standard four methods it was his composition of choice. I called it as my first peal of spliced surprise as conductor on 14 March 1965.

In the 1960s a number of bands were ringing the Pitman "all the work" spliced compositions, silent and non-conducted and I thought that one of them ought to be by resident members of the Kent County Association. I arranged an attempt for silent and non-conducted four spliced at Sevenoaks, then my local tower, in January 1969, but there was a trip half way through and that was that. Undaunted we went for the peal again a week later at Tonbridge on 19 January 1969 and rang it.

It is now more than 40 years later, surely time to do it again. Boughton-under-Blean now has a really good peal of bells, unlike in the sixties, and was an ideal venue. Philip and Clare Larter (Ospringe), Phillip and Elizabeth Barnes (Maidstone District), Richard Edwards and Damien Smith

5,152 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)  
Albert J Pitman

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
35264	2		2		L.B.LLLLL.B.L
42563	-			-	L.CL.
(26354)	-		2		CSC.S.B.
26543		-		-	SLC.SC.
54263			-	-	BBBBBB.L.
25463				-	LCL.
34562	-		3	-	CSC.S.B.B.L.
53462				-	CSCCL.
24365	-		3	-	CSC.S.B.B.L.
62345			-	3	LS.L.B.B.
53246	-			-	L.CL.
24536	3		-	-	L.B.B.S.CSC.
52436				-	LCCSC.
43526	3		-	-	L.B.B.S.CSC.
54326				-	LCL.
63425	-			-	L.BBBBBB.
32654		-			CS.CS
35426	2		-	-	SSS.B.S.CSC.
34256			-	2	LC.L.B.
25346			-	-	LC.CSC.
32546	3			-	L.B.B.SL.
52643	-				L.SL
46325	-		-		SSS.C.SSS
32465			-	-	LS.L.
43265			3	-	LS.B.B.L.
23564	-				CSC.CL
45362	-			-	CSC.SL.
45623		-		-	CS.BBBB.
45236		-		-	BBBB.SC.
23456			-	-	LS.CSC.

1312 [Bristol](#), 1280 [London](#),  
1280 [Cambridge](#), 1280 [Superlative](#),  
112 changes of method, all the work.

(Ashford District) agreed to learn the composition and Stan Jenner (Tonbridge District) and I made up the band having rung in the peal at Tonbridge in 1969.

Following the attempt's successful outcome a number of ringers have been kind enough to congratulate us, including another member of the 1969 Tonbridge peal band who now lives in Malaysia. Thank you very much for those comments. We have talked about going for Albert Pitman's composition of 5 spliced later in the year (the standard four with Pudsey) but we shall see.

My father, who was a former peal secretary, secretary and chairman of the Association and who was in the Tonbridge peal band, would have been very proud that 40 years later resident members of the Association could still produce a band able to ring such a peal.

#### **Kent County Association**

**Boughton under Blean**, Kent, SS Peter & Paul

Saturday 7 January 2012 in 2 hours 53 minutes (11)

#### **5152 Spliced Surprise Major**

Comprising 1312 Bristol, and 1280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell

Composed: Albert J Pitman

1 Elizabeth A Barnes

2 Clare J Larter

3 Andrew J Corby

4 Stanley Jenner

5 Philip H Larter

6 Phillip R J Barnes

7 Damien S Smith

8 Richard H. Edwards

Rung silent and non conducted by resident members of the Association as a birthday compliment to Liz Barnes.

Andrew Corby, 25 March 2012

#### **WEDDING FEES** by Mike Godfrey

Every year clerics may ask whether we need to raise the Wedding fees, usually we're not quite sure what the "going rate" is so about 7 years ago I did a Survey of Wedding fees and I thought it was time to do the same again. I investigated 26 towers of which most (18) were in the Ashford District.

The highest fee per rope of £20 was paid by several towers and the lowest £7.50.

The highest "fund" money was £50 and the lowest was nil.

The average cost of wedding bells to the "happy couple" was £133.93 giving a balance to go in the funds of £23.21 (whether it was splice fund, tower fund or beer fund)

The fees in the table are averages over all the towers questioned.

	Before & after	After only	Note
Number of towers	19	10	Some give option
Av Fee "per rope"	£14.79	£12.45	
Fee at 6 bell tower	£15.50	£17.50 *	* only two towers
Fee at 8 bell tower	£14.00	£9.93	

Please note there are no minutes of meetings included in this edition. They will be available as paper copies at forthcoming meetings. If you would like to receive them by email, please contact the District Secretary, MRFS, details near the end of this newsletter.

## KCACR (Canterbury District) Ringing School

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, a **District Ringing School** on Ringing Up and Down was held at All Saints, Birchington. The Ringing Masters were joined by several helpers, and of course a good number of learners eager to improve! We had a very successful day, and we hope that everyone went away at the end considerably more confident in their ability to ring up and down than they were at the beginning! Len and I would of course like to thank everyone who came along to learn, and we are very grateful to the people who came to assist us with teaching. We would also like to thank Mike Little and the Birchington ringers for hosting us, and providing everyone with very welcome hot drinks and biscuits in the church hall halfway through!

Ben Legg, Ringing Master

## Kent County Association Ten Bell Challenge

25 February 2012

As the Canterbury District was the holder of the county ten bell trophy, we hosted the challenge this year.

Three teams gathered at St Laurence in Thanet for the 10 Bell Challenge on 25<sup>th</sup> February. The test piece was a plain course of Cambridge Royal with the last five leads marked. The Lewisham District rang first with a peal speed of 3h 7 min, Ashford District rang next with a speed of 3h 6 min and finally the Canterbury District rang with a speed of 3h 5 min. The tower stewards were MRFS and Brian Law, with the judge being Peter Niblett.

The results were as follows:

1st:	Team 1	(Lewisham)	21 faults
2nd:	Team 3	(Canterbury)	31 faults
3rd:	Team 2	(Ashford)	36 faults

Peter congratulated all the ringers on the confident handling of the bells and the high standard of ringing by all teams, he enjoyed sitting in the sunshine and listening to the teams. He presented the Challenge Trophy to David Macey.

Phil Larter, speaking for the host district thanked all the ringers for coming and especially the ringers of St Laurence for hosting the Challenge.



Canterbury District Team, l-r (front): Len Hucktep, Cathryn Hills, Susan Record, Paul Barton, Clare Larter, (back) Malcolm Smith, Keith Record, Philip Hills, Andrew Hills, Philip Larter.

MRFS

## Quarter Peals Rung in the District

Quarter peals rung from January 1st until March 27th 2012 are as follows:

25/03/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Church Gresley Doubles	Michael J Little
25/03/2012	<i>Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)</i>	1260	Grandsire Triples	Philip H Larter
24/03/2012	Ospringe	1260	Plain B Doubles	Clare J Larter
18/03/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	St Remigius B Doubles	Michael J Little
18/03/2012	<i>Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)</i>	1260	Little Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
17/03/2012	Birchington (Quex Park)	1320	Plain B Cinqes	Michael J Little
17/03/2012	Elham	1344	Lincolnshire S Major	Adrian Hackford
15/03/2012	Petham	1260	St Clement's Coll B Minor	Adrian Hackford
11/03/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	St Felix Doubles	Michael J Little
11/03/2012	Canterbury (Cathedral)	1280	Cambridge S Major	Andrew J Corby
10/03/2012	Canterbury (St Dunstan)	1260	Doubles (5m)	Cathryn M Hills
07/03/2012	Dover	1260	S Oxford B Triples	David C Manger
07/03/2012	<i>Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)</i>	1259	Grandsire Caters	Philip H Larter
06/03/2012	Dover	1344	Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
04/03/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Austrey Doubles	Michael J Little
04/03/2012	Canterbury (St Stephen)	1260	S Oxford B Triples	Adrian Hackford
04/03/2012	Chartham	1260	Doubles (4m)	Cathryn M Hills
04/03/2012	<i>Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)</i>	1320	Cambridge S Minor	Philip H Larter
04/03/2012	Whitstable (St Alphege)	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Benjamin J H Legg
03/03/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Elford Doubles	Michael J Little
02/03/2012	Thanington	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Helen Goldstraw
29/02/2012	Thanington	1260	Plain B Doubles	Anthony J Martin
26/02/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Seighford Doubles	Michael J Little
26/02/2012	Canterbury (Cathedral)	1276	Grandsire Cinqes	Mark Chittenden-Pile
25/02/2012	Lyminge	1344	Pudsey S Major	Adrian Hackford
19/02/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Doubles (3m)	Michael J Little
18/02/2012	Lyminge	1260	Stedman Triples	Adrian Hackford
17/02/2012	Dover	1260	Little Grandsire Triples	Andrew J Corby
13/02/2012	Barham	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Mark Chittenden-Pile
13/02/2012	Goodnestone	1320	Kent TB Minor	Leonard A Huckstep
13/02/2012	Sturry	1260	St Clement's Coll B Minor	William J Stungo
13/02/2012	Wickhambreaux	1260	Plain B Minor	Mark Chittenden-Pile
12/02/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Eynesbury B Doubles	Michael J Little
08/02/2012	<i>Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)</i>	1264	St Clement's Coll B Major	Philip H Larter
07/02/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	St Osmund B Doubles	Michael J Little
06/02/2012	Thanington	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Anthony J Martin
01/02/2012	Canterbury (St Dunstan)	1260	Doubles (1p/5m)	Clare J Larter
29/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Doubles (1p/2m)	Michael J Little
29/01/2012	Canterbury (St Stephen)	1296	Cambridge S Minor	Adrian Hackford
28/01/2012	Lyminge	1344	Rutland S Major	Adrian Hackford
24/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Southrepps Doubles	Michael J Little
22/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Old Bob Doubles	Michael J Little
22/01/2012	<i>Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)</i>	1260	Stedman Triples	Donald H Niblett
22/01/2012	Petham	1260	Doubles (4p/m)	Cathryn M Hills

21/01/2012	Birchington (Quex Park)	1280	Plain B Major	Michael J Little
18/01/2012	Boughton under Blean	1260	Stedman Triples	Andrew J Corby
18/01/2012	Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)	1296	Little B Royal	Philip H Larter
17/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Candlemas Doubles	Michael J Little
17/01/2012	Thanington	1260	Doubles (1p/3m)	Anthony J Martin
15/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	St Peter Doubles	Michael J Little
15/01/2012	Canterbury (St Stephen)	1260	Stedman Triples	Adrian Hackford
14/01/2012	Lyminge	1344	Superlative S Major	Adrian Hackford
08/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1260	Cassington Doubles	Michael J Little
08/01/2012	Canterbury (Cathedral)	1311	Stedman Cinques	Andrew J Corby
08/01/2012	Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)	1259	Grandsire Triples	Philip H Larter
07/01/2012	Birchington (All Saints)	1280	D Norwich C B Major	Alan D Pink
07/01/2012	Birchington (Quex Park)	1296	Plain Bob Caters	Michael J Little
07/01/2012	Herne	1260	Stedman Triples	Alan D Pink
07/01/2012	Hernhill	1250	Ilex S Major	Alan D Pink
07/01/2012	Whitstable (St Alphege)	1280	Yorkshire S Major	Alan D Pink
06/01/2012	Canterbury (St Dunstan)	1320	Doubles (3v)	Andrew M Hills
06/01/2012	Thanington	1260	Rev Canterbury Doubles	Anthony J Martin
04/01/2012	Dover	1280	Lincolnshire S Major	Andrew J Corby
04/01/2012	Herne	1280	Cambridge S Major	Andrew J Corby
01/01/2012	Faversham (45 Bramley Avenue)	1280	Cambridge S Major	Philip H Larter
01/01/2012	Lyminge	1260	St Simon's B Triples	Adrian Hackford
01/01/2012	Whitstable (St Alphege)	1260	Plain B Minor	Benjamin J H Legg

Congratulations for Sam Walker's first quarter peal, rung at Thanington on 29<sup>th</sup> February. This was also Michael Keeler's first quarter inside. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of Michael's father and Sam's Grandfather.

Also congratulations to Dorothe Steidinger who also rang her first, at St Laurence in Thanet on 17 December 2011.

Leading towers so far are All Saints Birchington (15) and the handbell venue at Bramley Avenue Faversham (9).

Many thanks as ever to Anthony Leeves, KCACR Quarter Peal Secretary, for his records and statistical analysis on the Association website.

### **Peals Rung in the District**

Peals rung in the district in the last three months are as follows:

03/03/2012	Birchington (Quex Park)	5042	Yorkshire S Maximus	John B Keeler
04/02/2012	Canterbury Cathedral	5019	Stedman Cinques	Richard H Edwards
07/01/2012	Boughton-under-Blean	5152	Spliced S Major (4m)	Silent & uncondacted
02/01/2012	Newnham	5040	7 Surprise Minor	Stephen A Wheeler
01/01/2012	Faversham (St Mary of Charity)	5056	Yorkshire S Major	Stephen A Wheeler

### Teaching Methods 2

It has been agreed to include in the newsletter some teaching methods that are rung regularly during the Saturday morning practices at Dover. As the District Meeting in April is at an eight-bell tower, here is the Major version of a very useful teaching method known as **Bastow Little Bob**.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	4	3	6	5	8	7	
1	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	3	4	3	6	5	8	7
1	4	2	6	3	8	5	7
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It was first rung in the nineteen thirties, and in 1978 an article in the Ringing World advocated its use as a good teaching method. The Minor appears in the popular text "Ringing Circles".

In spite of all this, and its inclusion in the national learning programme, there are still those who take a prejudiced view against it. Not only are they wrong, they're very short sighted.

Callings for Kent or Bristol apply to Bastow Major, but yield only one-eighth of the length.

At the Ringing Centre we rarely have enough support to ring Major, but in fact we find Minimus, Doubles, and Minor, just as useful if not more so.

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## KCACR AGM April 9th 2012

### Ringling Routes

Route 1	Postcode	Grid Reference		Route 2	Postcode	Grid Reference
Charing (6)	TN27 0LP	TQ954494	8.45 - 9.30	Ashford (10)	TN23 1QG	TR010427
Little Chart (6)	TN27 0PT	TQ944458	9.15 - 10.00	Hothfield (6)	TN26 1EL	TQ969445
Pluckley (6)	TN27 0QS	TQ926453	9.45 - 10.30	Great Chart (8)	TN23 3AY	TQ979419
Bethersden (6)	TN26 3AQ	TQ927402	10.15 - 11.00			
Smarden (6)	TN27 8QD	TQ879422	10.30 - 11.15	Woodchurch (6)	TN26 3QJ	TQ941349
Biddenden (8)	TN27 8EA	TQ954494	10.45 - 11.30	High Halden (6)	TN26 3JB	TQ901372
Headcorn (8)	TN27 9NR	TQ813442	10.00 - 11.30 After the AGM meeting until 7.30pm			

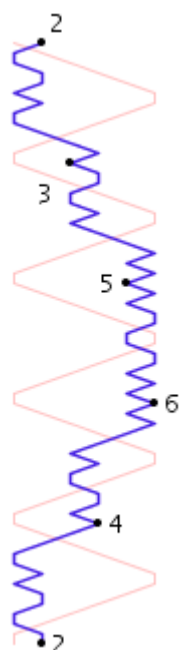
#### Service, Lunch and Meeting from noon.

Benenden (12)	TN17 4DL	TQ808326	4.30 - 5.30			
Rolvenden (8)	TN17 4LS	TQ844312	5.30 - 6.15	Warehome (6)	TN26 2LL	TQ989325
Wittersham (8)	TN30 7EA	TQ897269	6.00 - 6.45	Ruckinge (5)	TN26 2NU	TR024335
Appledore (8)	TN26 2DA	TQ957293	6.30 - 7.15	Aldington (6)	TN25 7EG	TR074361
Stone in Oxney (6)	TN30 7JT	TQ940273	7.00 - 7.45	Brabourne (8)	TN25 5LR	TR103416
Tenterden (8)	TN30 6AW	TQ883333	7.30 - 8.15	Willesborough (6)	TN24 0HZ	TR029415

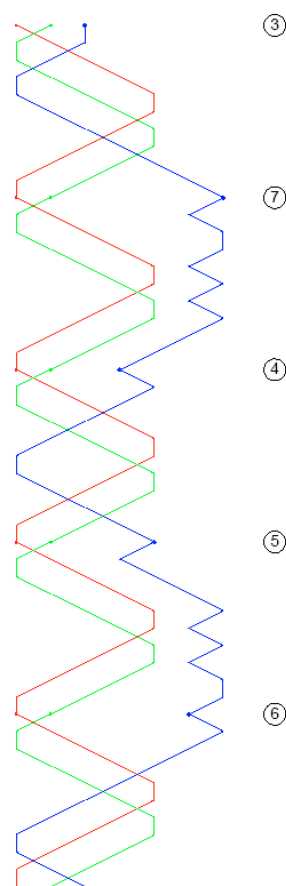
Please check on the KCACR website for any changes to the routes.

## Special Methods

Pinehurst Bob Minor



Little Grandsire Triples



**120 CLUB**

KCACR Canterbury District

Any queries about the Canterbury District 120 Club  
should be sent to

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## **Officers for the Canterbury District**

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### **Ringling for St George**

*Libby Alexander, of the Ringling for England Campaign, writes:*

The idea of ringling out on 23rd April to celebrate St. George's Day is filtering right through the country: I have been in touch with all the association, guild and branch secretaries regarding the campaign for this year; not only that, but St George's Day ringling will be featured on the BBC Radio 4 programme "The Archers." It seems they plan to have a "lead in" in an earlier programme and then actually ring on the day.

In 2010, we managed to get every county ringling in some way or another, which was tremendous. It was a great shame that the success of 2010 could not be built upon last year due to Holy Week being so late. This year, we fortunately do not have such a problem but, of course, there are the additional important events of the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics, for which extra ringling is planned at many towers. Although I wouldn't want to overload the system, I am hoping that ringlers will still wish to give Saint George an appropriate tribute. The idea is to build up public awareness of England's Patron Saint and at the same time to draw attention to the skills of all the volunteer ringlers.

Contact: [libby@ringlingforengland.co.uk](mailto:libby@ringlingforengland.co.uk)

**Ringling is suggested between 6pm and 6:30pm on 23 April**

Forms **must** be returned to Donald Niblett by Saturday, 5th May 2012.

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

# Canterbury District Striking Competition

The 2012 Striking Competition will be held on

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

at

All Saints, Whitstable

The draw for order of ringing will take place at 3.45pm, prior to the service at 4.00pm. Competition ringing will start after the service. The Competition Organiser must be notified of teams wishing to take part by Saturday 5th May and any team that is unable to attend for the whole competition should inform the Competition Organiser as soon as possible.

Full copies of the rules are shown in the newsletter and are available from the Competition Organiser on request. The main points are: -

- 1) Ringers must be practising members 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 Organiser, Donald Niblett, 2 Stephenson Road. Canterbury, CT2 7LA Tel: 01227 761936 email [dniblett@btclick.com](mailto:dniblett@btclick.com)

**Names for tea should be given to Jacqueline Saker on 01227 276870**

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## KCACR Canterbury District Striking Competition 2012

### Entry Form

Tower \_\_\_\_\_

Team Organiser \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Ringers taking part \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 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.

## Forthcoming Events.

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### County AGM

**Monday 9th April 2012** at Headcorn in the Ashford District. Details earlier in the newsletter.

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### Quarterly Meeting

**Saturday 14th April 2012** at Herne, St Martin. Ringing at 3pm. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and the meeting. Further ringing after the meeting.

Special Method: Little Grandsire Triples.

Names for tea to Susan & Keith Record on 01227 360755 or [keith@Cuthberthb.com](mailto:keith@Cuthberthb.com) by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April please.

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### Striking Competition

**Saturday 12th May** at All Saints, Whitstable. Draw at 3.45pm, Service at 4pm followed by competition ringing. Names for tea to Jacqueline Saker on 01227 276870 by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

The entry form for the competition is in the Newsletter.

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### Association Quarter Peal Week

**1st – 9th June.** Please ring lots of quarter peals and send all details to MRFS (contact details earlier) together with your donation for the Ringing World. Items can be put on Campanophile, but do not send to the Ringing World as M will send everything up together.

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### Bye Meeting

**Saturday 9th June** at Deal & Great Mongeham. Ringing from 3pm at Deal. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Great Mongeham.

Special Method: Buxton Minor

Names for tea to Steve Goodsell on 01304 369220 by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

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### Quarterly Meeting

**Saturday 14th July** at Margate, St John the Baptist. Ringing at 3pm. Service at 4:30 followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing after the meeting.

Names for tea to Gill Wyatt on 01843 294452 by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

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