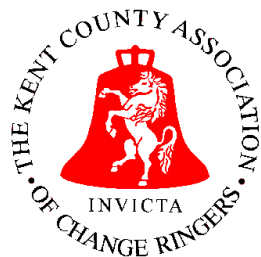


# Look to



The Newsletter of the Tonbridge District of the KCACR 2012 Second Quarter Edition

## The Quarterly Meeting

January's Quarterly Meeting took place at St Nicholas', Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F].

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the Tonbridge District met at Sevenoaks for a quarterly business meeting. Ringing commenced at 3:00 pm, led by Catherine Heathcote. Despite the early loss of a touch of *Stedman Triples*, some sprightly *Plain Bob Major* and *Yorkshire Major*, along with a very commendable service touch of *Stedman Triples* were later heard.



St Nicholas' church, Sevenoaks.

The service was taken by Rev'd David Casio, and a vote of thanks was proposed to him by Bobbie Fairclough, and also the PCC for the use of the

bells, the Sevenoaks ringers for providing tea, and to Isabel Pearce for playing the organ.

## Forthcoming Events...

Between now and the next edition of the Look to:

### KCACR AGM in the Ashford District

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Service:** 12:00 noon, Headcorn [8, 21-0-5 in D]

**Lunch:** 1:00 pm, Headcorn Village Hall

### District Six-Bell Striking Competition

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Cowden [6, 7-2-15 in A]

Draw at 9:45 am

### County Quarter Peal Week

Coinciding with the Diamond Jubilee

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 to**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

EVERYWHERE!!!

### Surprise Minor / Major Practice

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Speldhurst [8, 13-1-26 in F#]

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### Deadline for the next edition

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

### County Eight-Bell Striking Competition

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Marden [8, 14-1-0 in F#]

Hosted by the Maidstone District.

### Quarterly Meeting

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Goudhurst [8, 23 ½ cwt in D]

3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Angela Clark and Tony Cresswell noted that this was their first meeting as, respectively, chairman and secretary, and asked for the District's support, and always want to know if they have overlooked a matter, or need bringing into line!

The meeting heard a statement in which the Chairman apologised for the unclear electoral procedure at the ADM in [continued pg 3...]



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... October, and provided assurances that this would not be repeated.

Anyone who may be waiting for the re-introduction of enamel KCACR lapel badges will have to wait for a while longer, since their production has been postponed until the Association's general fund has recovered following the correction of the incorrect transfer of funds at the EGM last Easter.

Normal practices at Chevening [8, 10-1-13 in G] have been suspended for a while, whilst a recruiting campaign gets underway, however Otford [6, 10-1-7 in A<sup>b</sup>, GF] have been practising at Chevening during the second phase of works on the tower.

A flurry of e-mails prior to the meeting clarified the category of membership of the KCACR for ringers who ring regularly in Kent, but who may come from just over the boarder into Surrey or Sussex (and peal-ringers from further afield who wish to ring peals for the Association). This is namely *Non-Resident Life Member*. As such, Sheila Marsh of Lingfield, Surrey [8, 16-2-0 in F<sup>#</sup>] was elected to the Association. Mary Ayers and Norma Henderson, also from Lingfield, and Ken Tidy from Caterham Valley, Surrey [8, 16-3-12 in E<sup>b</sup>] were re-elected to the Association, all of these ringers familiar faces at Edenbridge [8, 14-0-7 in F<sup>#</sup>].

Congratulations to Brasted's Frank Lewis, Shipbourne's Mary Clarke and Hugh Thomas, also from Brasted, whose numbers were drawn in the 120 Club draw.

## From County Committee

*Tony Cresswell summarises some key points raised at the last county committee meeting:*

- There will be a county-wide discussion in the next year of possible alterations to the date and format of the KCACR AGM.
- Someone is needed to coordinate county QP week and the statistics – anyone spring to mind who might like the job, or whose arm can be twisted?
- Please advise Libby Alexander from the *Ringing for England Campaign* by e-mail or text message of any ringing planned for St George's Day.
  - [libby@ringingforengland.co.uk](mailto:libby@ringingforengland.co.uk)
  - 07769 700 669

She is interested in arranging publicity for ringing and would like a decent lead-in time to interest the media and tie in with other events.

- Congratulations to the Tonbridge District for its contribution to the BRF, which was

considerably larger than from any other district last year.

- Seal Chart have a new plan for their bells, the 4 to become tenor of a light 6; a grant of £10 000 was approved from the BRF (this replaces the previous £ 5 000 grant that was about to expire).
- A reminder to all towers to maintain control of access to ringing rooms, clock chambers and belfries. (A recent example was quoted of ringers turning up at the tower to do some maintenance who were surprised to find that a complete mobile phone mast set-up had been installed with wires and cabinets throughout the belfry!)
- Safeguarding Children: A draft Code of Practice for KCACR and the four Dioceses responsible for C of E churches in Kent is in hand, and will result in a laminated guide for each tower. Meanwhile each tower should consider Safeguarding issues at its Band AGM.
- Volunteers (or nominations of the coercible!) are sought for the County posts of Chairman, Treasurer, Handbook Editor, Assistant Secretary (for one year, then to take over from Margaret), PR Officer and Training Officer.
- There's been a lot going on about amending the rules for county striking competitions. At the meeting it seemed to me after some confused voting that there were no changes for 6 and 8 bells except that practise times will now be 5 minutes for each. For 10 bells there will be 10 minutes' practice time but the rest of the rules seem undecided as yet. Bands are encouraged to visit and practise in advance at the competition towers to reduce the "home advantage" and competition towers are encouraged to facilitate this – this would require bookings at Marden [8, 14-1-0 in F<sup>#</sup>] in advance of the 8 bell on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and Chalk [6, 5-2-17 in C] for the 6 bell on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012.

**If you would like to add to your band's profile in your church, why not put a copy of the [Look to on your bookstall?](#)**

## The Trivia Evening! (in hindsight)

*Frank Lewis summarises the proceedings:*

The Tonbridge District's 19<sup>th</sup> Trivia Evening took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Hildenborough Village Hall. Twenty-three tables of intrepid ringers and hangers-on from all over the District attempted to make the infamous 7:15 pm

for a "prompt" 7:30 pm start, and for the most part they succeeded.



*The Quizmeister at work.*

In continuance of the long-standing tradition started in 2011 the previous winners (The No Eye Deers – obviously pessimistic team names can pay off) had the task of setting the questions and acting as quizmeister. So it came about that Nick Byrne from Penhurst was in the hot seat, ably aided and abetted by his two glamorous assistants, Ali Brushfield on scoreboard and daughter Laura who had to rush up and down the hall collecting answer sheets, jokers and so on.

Where they get those names from is always a mystery, but we do have some inside information on the title chosen by the winners this year. Ray Taylor, a member of the victorious team, tells us: *The name "Neeps & Tatties" was inspired by the proximity of Burns night and the haggis-flavoured snacks that the two English lady team members brought. Very fitting that whisky was part of the prize!* So now we know.

Thanks are due to Janice and Nick Byrne for setting the questions, and especially to Nick for reading them out and keeping the whole thing running smoothly and the punters (mostly) under control. He also organised the score sheets and jokers. Thanks are also due to the kitchen staff and waitresses – Bobbie Fairclough, Janice Byrne, Roy and Dot Twiner (chained to the kitchen sink, except when chained to the stoves), Phil Jones (chained to a tea-towel) and Catherine Heathcote. Bobbie needs chaining after the incident with the strapless cooking apron. (This latter comment comes second hand from elsewhere, REPEAT from elsewhere, but anyone who can furnish further information might be in with a chance in the Jubilee Honours list – though please no phone hacking.) Thanks also to all those who produced casseroles and/or puddings, to Eric for manning the door, to Dan and Rebecca for helping to set out the tables and chairs, and of

course to all punters who came along, spent money and generally enjoyed themselves. The next Trivia Evening will be the *TWENTIETH*, so the Neeps & Tatties have quite a task working out their strategy for 2013. No pressure . . .

Lastly, congratulations and commiserations as appropriate to the teams:

Position	Team	Score
1	Neeps & Tatties	224.5
2	Edenbridge Eagles	219.0
3	Shipbourne Shambles	217.5
4	Brasted Brainiacs	213.5
5	Pork Scratchings	204.5
6	Chevening Charmers	203.5
7	Sally Swingers	200.5
8	Kemsing Klangers	199.0
9	Clapped Out	195.0
10	Sevenoaks Cinques	194.5
11	Hexagonals	192.5
12	The Slackers	190.5
13 =	Not Leighkly	189.5
13 =	Most Unleighkly	189.5
15 =	The Olive Branch	188.0
15 =	Who Knows	188.0
17	TWSRN	186.5
18	2 Under the 8	185.5
19	Roughley's Ruffians	182.0
20	As You Leighk It	172.5
21	Brasted Bombers	155.5
22	Penhurst Peasants	142.5
23	Belles & Bowles	141.0



*Neeps & Tatties from Hadlow are presented with their prizes.*

All in all the evening was its usual great success, with around 140 people attending. The profit going to the KCACR BRF will be £1094 (of which a whopping great £311 came from the raffle), up by 13% on the £964 we raised last year (eat your heart out, Tesco!).

## KCACR AGM

The arrangements for Easter Monday are as follows:

The AGM will be at Headcorn [8, 21-0-5 in D] on Easter Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012. A nomination form for the election of officers is available on the website:

- [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

Peter Sims (Chairman), Pat Phipps (Treasurer) and Craig Huxley (Handbook Editor) are not seeking re-election, so new candidates to fill their places will be needed. Also a gentle reminder of the fact that we still need an Education Officer and a PR Officer, both posts that have been unfilled for several years. In addition Margaret Funnell (Hon Gen Secretary) has given notice of her intention to stand down in 2013, and it has been suggested that an Assistant Hon Gen Secretary should be elected at the 2012 AGM with a view to him/her taking on the onerous task of Secretary in 2013. Officers' reports and the accounts for 2011 are also available from the website.

Details:

- A list of the towers open for ringing during the day is available from the website.
- The service is being held in Headcorn church, Church Walk, Headcorn, TN27 9NR
- The time of the service is 12:00 pm
- Lunch is planned for 1:00 pm and is being held in the Long Meadow Hall, Headcorn (part of the Village Hall). This is located adjacent to the church, a short walk away. Car parking is available at the Village Hall
- Lunch tickets should have been applied for by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- The AGM is to be held in the Andred Hall, Headcorn (also part of the Village Hall), and is scheduled to start at 2:30 pm.

## Busy Spring and Summer

After looking through the ringing calendar for the coming months, it seems to be busy time ahead.

Buses aren't the first thing that spring to mind when thinking about national events, but three nevertheless appear to be coming at once in 2012. Bell ringing seems to have been firmly placed on the agenda for all of them.

St George's day, although not exactly a one-off and quite often heralded by ringing anyway, now is the focus of the *Ringing for England Campaign* that has gained momentum in recent years (although last

year transferred due to St George's Day falling during Holy Week). The Campaign has asked that as many bells as possible are rung at 6:00 pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012, in order to be heard by commuters on their way home. Part of the campaign's publicity is the current ringing storyline in *The Archers*. The e-mail distributed to ringers is given on the County Pages of the KCACR website, along with the request for advanced notification of planned ringing to be sent to the Campaign.

- [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

The next event in which ringing seems to be expected is the Diamond Jubilee, and will be the event this year in which ringing is most visible. If all goes to plan, a floating belfry will lead the flotilla due to sail along the Thames on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012, the day after the anniversary itself. The bells for this are currently being cast, and will eventually be installed at St James' Garlickhythe, but not before visiting the Tonbridge District for storage and testing. The KCACR County Quarter Peal week has been moved to coincide with the Jubilee.

Last but not least are the 2012 Olympic Games, and the involvement of bells to mark the start of the Games has also received media attention. Further to that, there is also the initiative to have the Olympic torch heralded by bells as it makes its way around the county. For the event itself, the composer Howard Skempton, working with the CCCBR has produced the non-method *Five Rings Triples* (also since crunched down to *Five Rings Doubles*), as a suggested performance for the event.

A parallel initiative is the artwork envisaged by the artist Martin Creed, who, if possible, would like every bell in the country to be rung as loudly as possible for three minutes at 8:00 am at the start of the games on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Since a large number of the country's bells are tended by ringers, this does rather involve us. The Central Council did not directly endorse this event, which drew some spoil-sport criticism in the national press, with some ringers feeling that the artist's request shows no insight or respect for the change ringing tradition, others wondering what in the world is short enough to be rung for three minutes, and others wondering what that neighbours would think.

Those taking the eight o'clock option may wish to leave the bells up (if practicable) earlier in the week and ring down, or ring something significant (and longer), with 8:00 am happening sometime during the ringing.

There nevertheless seems to be a certain expectation that bells will be heard over the coming months.



### The Charmborough Ring

Thinking of an event to attract the public?

- Recruiting drives
- Training courses
- Public demonstrations

The Charmborough Ring is available for hire by ringers who want to promote ringing among the wider public and attract new recruits. It always draws enthusiastic observers and participants.

Hire charge, including transport within 50 miles of London, from £190 for 1 day to £320 for 5 days. Full details at: [www.charmborough.org](http://www.charmborough.org)

Enquiries to: [hirings@charmborough.org](mailto:hirings@charmborough.org)

The Charmborough Bell Trust is registered charity No. 112616

Visit the KCACR website to keep up to date with the Tonbridge District and KCACR's news!

[www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

## Training Days

Alex Staff recounts some happenings from the last quarter.

The planned training day from in the last quarter took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011, with groups ringing at Brasted [8, 9-2-2 in G<sup>b</sup>], Speldhurst [8, 13-1-26 in F<sup>#</sup>] and Lamberhurst [6, 13-0-17 in F<sup>#</sup>], with *Plain Hunt* and *Plain Bob Doubles* being the order of the day.

Apart from these sessions, a fashion for what have become called "bespoke practices" has arisen in the western edge of the KCACR's Tonbridge District. Before and after Christmas, teams of helpers were organised to go and ring at Penshurst [8, 17-2-11 in E<sup>b</sup>] on a number of Saturday mornings, ringing exclusively *Plain Bob Doubles*. There have also since been practices at Hever [6, 9-0-25 in A<sup>b</sup>] for *Grandsire Doubles*, and most recently *Grandsire Triples* at Withyham [8, 15-0-9 in F, GF]. A few more practices are planned before the summer, despite the number of occasions in the coming months when other ringing will be taking place.

The standard programme of training days provides regular provision of *Rounds and Call Changes*, *Plain Hunt*, *Plain Bob Doubles* and *Grandsire Doubles*. You may be familiar with the situation in which you find yourself at a practice

night wanting to ring the "next thing" on your list, but with not quite enough people to make it happen, because one ringer needs a stander-behind, who you don't have spare; there are other things that should be rung on a practice night, so there's only one or two chances on a practice night to ring a particular thing; or there's one or two people who, if they could ring it, could quite capably ring something, but need to ring it first and see what it looks, sounds and feels like when rung with a stable band, in order to become confident with what they're doing.

If you find yourself in this situation, then you may wish to pick a spare slot during the week, and gather together all the people in your tower who can ring the method, and then supplement them with a few as-local-as-possible helpers, so that intense practice of just one thing from an extra practice can then be taken away and put to good use for the one or two opportunities there are to ring it on a practice night.

County training course for Bell Maintenance from Brian Butcher:

I have had some requests to run such a course and so if you are interested, please let me know and I will organise something central to those interested.

- [brf@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:brf@kcacr.org.uk)

## Forthcoming Training Events

Rounds and Call Changes, or Plain Bob Doubles

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012

Plain Hunt, or Grandsire Doubles

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012

If you see a training event that catches your eye, book straight away! This allows the event to be as promptly and as best organised as possible. Contact Catherine Heathcote to book a place or request a training event:

- 01892 785 577
- [catherineheathcote@btinternet.com](mailto:catherineheathcote@btinternet.com)



- T Shirts - £ 12.00
- Polo shirts - £ 13.00
- Long Sleeve Rugby Shirts - £ 29.50
- Raglan Sweatshirts - £ 18.50
- Half Zip Fleece - £ 25.00

Colours and sizes available on the Tonbridge District page of the KCACR website:

- [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

Please send orders (with cheques payable to *Catherine Lewis*, bank account and sort code can be provided for electronic transfer) to:

- Mallans, 27 Main Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN14 6EF
- [cmlewis@btinternet.com](mailto:cmlewis@btinternet.com)

## 120 Club

The 120 – and rising – Club draws for the first quarter of 2012:

<b>January</b>	4	Brasted
	9	Shipbourne
	92	Brasted
<b>February</b>	20	Sevenoaks
	15	Sevenoaks
	10	Hadlow
<b>March</b>	--	Easter pushes the Quarterly
	--	Meeting forward to become
	--	the March draw District event

Anyone over 16 can buy shares in the Tonbridge District 120 Club (registered charity) at £ 10 each. It's not restricted to KCACR members or bell ringers. If you would like to buy a share then please contact *Ray Taylor*:

- 07973 123 323
- [ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk](mailto:ray.taylor@easynet.co.uk)

Or download an application form from:

- [www.kcacr.org.uk](http://www.kcacr.org.uk)

## Poetry Corner

Further observations on the difficulties of campanological orthography:

### Spelling Postscript

I've had my say on how 'Look To' Can be mis-spelt in diverse ways. There's now another word to view Wherein the errant vowel strays.

A quarter peal's a noble deed  
Yet its mis-spelling makes me cringe  
(As does last rhyme!) But please take heed  
... Quarter PEELs come from an orange!

*Peggy Hill*

## Fraser's Book Corner

*Fraser Clift has delved into the history books, and presents some interesting findings about Shipbourne [6, 9-3-2 in G].*

“In the tower is a peal of six bells, the gift of Mrs. Cazalat who also gave the organ. Both the bells and the organ were supplied by T. C. Lewis of Brixton. It is now-a days unusual to find a bellfounder engaged in any other trade, but organ's (sic) were Lewis's trade, he took up bellfounding as a result of his views on the tuning of bells.

“He was of the opinion that a bell should be cast in the note it is intended to be and not tuned after being cast. Whilst this is the ideal of all founders it is not always possible. The only other peals of bells that are known to have been cast by Lewis are at Holmbury, Surrey and Kingsbury, Middlesex. In his attempt to cast a maiden peal at the latter church he cast as many as twenty bells, remelting those that were not quite perfect.

“It is now understood that a bell gives five distinct notes, the hum note, the strike note which is an octave above, the nominal, or two octaves above, the third and (sic) fifth. These should give a common chord and so produce a musical bell, to this Lewis did not agree. He considered that there were only two notes, the strike note and the hum note. The bell should have its hum note a major seventh below, just flatter to the extent of about a quarter of a semi tone.

“The matter of tuning is entirely for the bellfounder, and whatever views are held, Shipbourne bells have their place in history as a challenge to modern ideas on bell-tuning. I leave it to the reader to his own views, comparing them to an old peal like Wrotham.”

This extract is taken from *Shipbourne: a Village History*, published by and printed on the press of John Hilton, Hadlow, Kent. The booklet is undated, and, although no author is given, it is possibly by John Hilton. He was a ringer at Hadlow.

The bells were cast in 1880, and replaced an old peal of four. The old two was inscribed “GYLES REVE B F 1585” (the ‘L’ inverted). The 1880 tenor has the inscription “S : GILES MDLXXXV : RE-

CAST : MDCCCLXXX T: C : L” on it. Stahlschmidt, in his *Church Bells of Kent*, published in 1887, comments on these inscriptions as follows: “It will be noticed that an awfully bad shot has been made on the new tenor; Giles Reve, the bell-founder, of 1585, has apparently been confounded with the Patron Saint of the church. Old inscriptions had better not be reproduced at all than be blundered.”

*(Independent Phoenix Trader 23816)*



With 2012 well underway, a new round of festivals, birthdays, anniversaries and one-off celebrations has begun. Why not obtain gifts, greetings cards and wrapping materials AND support the KCACR BRF at the same time? See brochures in towers or check out Jen's web site:

- [www.phoenix-trading.eu/web/jenniferthomas](http://www.phoenix-trading.eu/web/jenniferthomas) 10% of all sales and orders goes to the KCACR Bell Restoration Fund. Pass the word to your friends; the more I sell, the more money we raise!
  - [jennifermthomas@btopenworld.com](mailto:jennifermthomas@btopenworld.com)
- E-mail me:  
Many thanks.

## Around the District

*Phil Jones records a presentation at Sevenoaks.*

After 23 years as Tower Captain of St Nicholas, Sevenoaks [8, 16-2-10 in F], Isabel Pearce is stepping aside to devote more time to her many non-ringing activities. Rector Angus MacLeay made a surprise (for Isabel) appearance at practice on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to make a presentation to Isabel. Tessa Worthington has taken on the tower captaincy from Isabel.

Isabel will be ringing in a quarter peal on 25<sup>th</sup> March to mark the occasion and to also celebrate the 97<sup>th</sup> birthday of well-known retired St Nicholas ringer, Doris Colgate.

(Isabel could also be seen leaving church in the morning on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012 with yet more flowers after a further presentation in front of the congregation!)



*Isabel Pearce is presented with flowers as she hands the position of Tower Captain over to Tessa Worthington.*

**The Editor notes change at the top elsewhere...**

It must be tower meeting season. Best wishes to Tessa, as she takes the helm at Sevenoaks, but also to Ben Rogers who is taking over from Carole Cresswell at Chevening [8, 10-1-13 in G]. Eagle-eyed visitors to Edenbridge were also lucky enough to witness what must have been the world's most subtle and discrete key handing-over ceremony, conducted by Caroline Levy-Cooper, as Andy Wickenden is now Deputy Tower Captain at Cowden.

**A thank you from Clive Lumsden.**

Clive Lumsden would like to thank the people who went to ring *Grandsire Doubles* with him at Hever on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012. He found the session very useful.

**A note from Catherine Lewis.**

Catherine says she was a touch amazed by her birthday card. It was lovely to read it and discover just how many friends had snuck away and signed it. Very very many thanks.

**Frank Lewis is taking offers.**

Margaret Large, daughter of the late Ernie Ladd of Tunbridge Wells, has asked me to dispose of some of his ringing books. Ernie died in April 1998 at the age of 92. She would prefer that the books found new homes in Kent, but quite understands that offers from outside the county are equally acceptable.

A list of the books, together with their condition and the prices I am seeking, is shown below. Postage and packing, if required, will be extra. An indication is given of the sort of prices paid in

recent years for similar books, and I am extremely grateful to Fraser Clift for all his help with this part of the task. If you would like to make an offer for any of the books, please get in touch with me.

• [webmaster@kcacr.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@kcacr.org.uk)

I propose to leave this list on the website for one month, therefore accepting the best offer on each book made by 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012. This of course is Easter Sunday and it would probably be possible to deliver purchases to purchasers at the KCACR AGM the following day.

Stahlschmidt, J C L; *The Church Bells of Kent: their Inscriptions, Founders, Uses and Traditions*. London, Elliot Stock, 1897

Spine slightly split/worn top and bottom. Small scratch on front cover, covers o/w vg. Contents page (viii/ix) detached, and all sections of book loose to varying degrees. Minor ink annotations (20-30) to text. Repaired tear pp 271/272, and small tear pp 309/310. Signature of E J Ladd. Generally, a nice copy. Very scarce.

> £ 300

Morris, Ernest; *Bells of All Nations*. London, Robert Hale, 1951

Dw, worn and slightly torn at top and bottom of spine, Sellotape marks inside flaps of dw and on fixed endpapers, but o/w vg. Book vg. Signed E J Ladd. Scarce in dw. Together with 16pp pamphlet: "St Margaret's Church Leicester: Being a Short Historical and Descriptive Account" by Ernest Morris. Ink amendment to p11.

£ 40

Thurlow, A G G; *Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich*. The Author, 1948 (2nd)

Cover slightly marked, o/w vg. Second edition, continuously paginated and with a few errors corrected; scarcer than the first. Signature of F White of Luton

£ 35

Goldsmith, J S; *A Great Adventure: the Story of a Bell Ringing Tour in Australia, and of a Visit to New Zealand*, by W H Fussell. Woking, *The Ringing World*, 1935

The spine shows evidence of a crude tape repair at some time. The tape has been removed, and the front and rear joints re-glued. There are small ink stains on the front and rear covers. Nevertheless, this is a very presentable copy of a book which often shows signs of wear and damage. Scarce.

£ 60

Fraser Clift tackles bemusement head-on.



Dee and Fraser realise that some people were bemused by the photo of them in the last issue. This 'vacant' view at Seal Chart [6, 10-0-11 in G<sup>#</sup>] should clear up any misunderstandings.

In an unprecedented fit of organisation...

The Editor has attended to a second job of his, and already produced *next year's* Carol Service poster! (Notwithstanding that it's been next year since about the start of January, but anyway.) After 2011's attractive, but rather ink-intensive festive flower arrangement, it seemed that snow, being also festive and – most importantly – white, would be a good option. So when the snow finally came, what turned out to be a rather snap-happy trip was made to the 2012 Carol Service venue, Leigh [6, 8-2-0 in A]. Alas only one of the resulting 77 photos will be appearing in towers next autumn, but not to waste them all, here in the meantime is a further image from the collection:



In the bleak mid-winter, the next bleak early-winter was already being thought of at Leigh.

Birthday creativity from Caroline Levy-Cooper:

Caroline Levy-Cooper was recently given a birthday present from her daughter. But: a piece of original artwork was required! Help! Panic! What about a bellringing theme? (Always keen to promote the delights of ringing bells). After a draw, cut and paste session at the kitchen table with help from her husband, George, this is the final design:



Caroline and George Levy-Cooper are considering starting their own fashion label after a screen-printing workshop.

A new eight for Kent? Asks Frank Lewis.

Well, not exactly. We've done some research and, with a bit of help from Dickon Love, come up with the following intriguing story:

In April 2011 Buckingham Palace released the news that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee river pageant of 1000 vessels will proceed down the Thames on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 from Putney Bridge to Tower Bridge. The flotilla, over seven miles long, will be made up of five sections each separated by a "herald barge", the first of which will be a floating belfry containing eight new bells with a tenor of about 9¼ cwt cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. These have been commissioned by the 17<sup>th</sup> century City church of St James Garlickhythe, Upper Thames Street, just south of the Mansion House, and have been granted the title of "Royal Jubilee Bells" by Buckingham Palace.

However, before the bells' epic journey they will visit Kent in May, to be hung in a free standing tower in a warehouse in Edenbridge.

Dickon says:

"After we have rung them a bit, and checked that they all work OK, they will be dismantled and then set up in the Rochester District, on a boat in Gravesend. I expect that this is where the tower will live for a while, although it hasn't yet been finalised. We will be going for a peal on the bells, but I am not yet sure precisely where they will be at that stage! They will then be on display in St James' before being ceremoniously raised into the tower, where it is hoped that they will be ringing by the end of the summer."

Further information will be posted on the KCACR website as and when, and there will be more stuff in *The Ringing World* as time goes on.

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## Quarter Peals

### Rung during the first quarter of 2012

**Sevenoaks** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012

#### 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Rebecca Stuttard 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Isabel Pearce 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Mike Worthington 5, Frank Lewis 6

*In loving memory of Kathleen O'Callaghan and Jennifer Jenkins. Caroline Stockmann would like to be associated with this quarter.*

**Hadlow** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

#### 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

Eric Roughley 1, Peter Dickinson 2, Ann Jenner 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Ray Taylor 5, Howard Rogers 6, Frank Lewis 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8

**Brasted** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

#### 1260 Grandsire Triples

John Palmer 1, Frank Lewis 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Anthony Leeves 4, Bobbie Fairclough 5, Catherine Lewis (C) 6, Mike Worthington 7, Dan Bishop 8

*For evensong.*

**Chevening** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

#### 1250 Zeus Surprise Major

Pamela A Manger 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Louise G Pink 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Janet M Wilson 5, David C Manger 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Alan R Baldock (C) 8

*First quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor.*

**Kemsing** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012

#### 1260 Doubles (4 methods)

300 Grandsire, 240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob

Godfrey Croughton 1, Jenny Williamson 2, Rebecca Prinsloo 3, Fraser Clift (C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Ralph Harding 6

*Rung for the St. Mary's Kemsing and St. Mary's Woodlands Combined Service.*

**Speldhurst** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### 1260 Grandsire Triples

Penny Gerrard 1, Janice Byrne 2, Michael Bullett 3, John Palmer 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Anthony Leeves 6, Frank Lewis 7, Crispin Saunders 8

*Rung to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### 1260 Grandsire Triples

Jacqui Fletcher 1, Alex Staff 2, Angela Clark 3, Martin Willson 4, Simon Aves 5, Tim Lynch (C) 6, Peter Dickinson 7, Gordon Hill 8

*For evening service.*

**Chevening** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### 1260 Grandsire Triples

Tony Cresswell 1, Tessa Worthington 2, Mike Bullett 3, Bobbie Fairclough 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Alex Staff 6, Michael Worthington 7, Phil Jones 8

*A 40<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to the Reverend Chris Smith, Rector of this church.*

*First away from cover on eight: 1. First on eight: 8.*

**Brasted** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Dan Bishop 1, Catherine Lewis (C) 2, Frank Lewis 3, Anthony Leeves 4, Mike Worthington 5, Juliet Austin 6

*For Evensong.*

*First quarter away from cover: 1.*

**Penshurst** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1260 Doubles, 3 methods

240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire

Nick Byrne 1, Janice Byrne 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3, Tim Lynch 4, Eric Roughley (C) 5, Cory Furness 6

*First quarter: 1.*

**Speldhurst** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1260 Grandsire Triples

Frank Lewis 1, Janice Byrne 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Michael Bullett 4, Anthony Leeves 5, Howard Rogers 6, Eric Roughley (C) 7, Crispin Saunders 8

*For Evensong and to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the induction of the Rev'd. Douglas Wren as Rector of Speldhurst with Groombridge and Ashurst.*

**Tonbridge** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1312 Tonbridge Surprise Major

Isabel Woodward 1, Elizabeth Barnes 2, Sandra Alford 3, Nigel Gale 4, Phillip Barnes 5, Edward Woodward 6, David Smith (C) 7, Jeremy Alford 8

*First blows in method for all.*

**Tonbridge** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1260 Mixed Doubles

Steadman, Grandsire, Plain Bob  
Helen Longley 1, Angela Clark 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3, Alex Staff 4, Rhoda Willson (C) 5, Hamilton Woods 6.

*For evening service.*

**Brasted** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Rebecca Stuttard 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Frank Lewis 3, Catherine Lewis (C) 4, Eric Roughley 5, Dan Bishop 6

*For Evensong, remembering Dan's great grandmother, who passed away recently at the age of 94.*

**Hawkhurst** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1288 Grandsire Triples

Pam Thomas 1, Alison Parsons 2, Madeline Reeder 3, David Beeken 4, Nick Wilkins 5, Nigel Parsons 6, Stuart Piper (C) 7, Stephen Piper 8

*Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Brian Piper, 1922 - 2012, father of Stephen, Andrew and Stuart. Rung on the eve of his funeral on the bells that he heard throughout his life in Hawkhurst.*

**Sevenoaks** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### 1264 Plain Bob Major

Shirley Raynor 1, Ann Jenner 2, Astrid Fairclough 3, Tessa Worthington 4, Isabel Pearce 5, Catherine Lewis 6, Frank Lewis 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8

*Rung before the evening service to mark Doris Colgate's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday and Isabel Pearce's retirement after 23 years as Captain of this tower.*

## Milestones

### Congratulations to...

<b>First quarter</b>	Nick Byrne
<b>First on eight</b>	Phil Jones
<b>First quarter away from cover</b>	Dan Bishop
<b>First away from cover on eight</b>	Tony Cresswell
<b>First quarter of Zeus Surprise Major</b>	Pamela A Manger Frances P Bradford Louise G Pink Jacqueline M Barlow Janet M Wilson David C Manger Peter M J Bradford

<b>First quarter of Tonbridge Surprise Major</b>	Isabel Woodward Elizabeth Barnes Sandra Alford Nigel Gale Phillip Barnes Edward Woodward David Smith Jeremy Alford
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- A write-up of your tower outing (and a photo or two!)
- Your ringing tips and hints (anything from learning bell-handling to spliced surprise) and questions you might want answered
- Historical snippets from your tower
- Anecdotes from an interesting practice you attended on holiday
- Other announcements

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