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Call Change Competition 2012

On Saturday 17th November, 5 bands gathered at Horton Kirby for the annual Call Change Competition. It was especially good this year to see the 2 newest bands in the district, Farnborough and Lewisham, taking part. Ben Meyer and Rosemary Hill from the University of London had agreed to come along and judge. Once they'd had a ring and found a place to listen, the draw was made, tweaked a bit and then the competition began.

All the bands completed their practice and test pieces and then it was over to Ben and Rosemary to give their comments and the results. Ben started by saying that it was good to be able to 'grab' a new county as a judge. He felt that some of the bands may have struggled because the bells would have been lighter than they were probably used too but all of the bands had a nice beat to them which he'd have felt comfortable ringing a quarter to. He also thought it was great for learners to enter striking competitions because it's one of the things that experienced ringers dread so it was good to get used to it.

Team 1: They thought that the practice struggled to settle but that the team talk must have worked as the test piece was much improved. It was rung at a nice speed for the bells. Some issues with striking around half way though and a crunchy finish but overall it was nice piece of ringing.

Team 2: This than team 1 and fluctuated so not Once again the than the practice were definitely

Team 3: They seemed more the bells. There hesitations and to be pushing it



team rang faster the speed also a constant beat. test piece was better so the team talks working.

settled quicker and comfortable with were some minor some bells seemed on a bit.

(cont. overleaf)

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Team 4: This was the best pull off and opening rounds to the day. A nice piece of confident ringing which they enjoyed listening to. The slight niggle was that there were fluctuations of speed which not everyone adapted to quickly.

Team 5: This was the only team not to ring call changes in the practice. As with many other teams they had trouble settling down but they recovered well from clashes.

| Position | Team | Tower | Faults |
|----------|------|----------------------|--------|
| 1st | 4 | Crayford | 10 |
| 2nd | 3 | Erith, Christ Church | 21 |
| 3rd | 1 | Chelsfield | 30 |
| 4th | 2 | Farnborough | 52 |
| 5th | 5 | Lewisham | 67 |

Congratulations to the Crayford / Dartford band for winning the call change competition but it was really good to see how well the bands from Farnborough and Lewisham did and especially from Lewisham where for half their band it was the first time that they had rung outside their home tower. Thanks again to Ben and Rosemary for giving up their time to come and judge it and for the Horton Kirby ringers for providing the refreshments and venue.

Rupert Cheeseman



Editorial

Happy New Year to all our readers!

2012 is going to be a year to follow after the Diamond Jubilee, Olympics and Paralympics and all the ringing that accompanied them. Let's hope the weather is better at least!



Some of you have been busy going on outings to different towers—always good to improve ringing skills, providing of course you don't have a lock out as Shelagh and Chris did! All part of the funI suppose! It's good to read about others experiences and the recommendations of nice pubs are always welcome.

Rupert has provided a quiz for you all to test your knowledge or memory—answers next time. If anyone else has a suitable quiz or crossword or anything like please send it in to me as it helps to make the newsletter more interesting and appeals to more people.

I was fortunate to enjoy another visit to Australia in November and one of the highlights for me was a trip to the Great Barrier Reef. We had a helicopter trip over the reef which was spectacular including flying over Heart Reef, a natural formation, only visible from the air. Well worth doing if you ever find yourselves in the area!

Happy reading!

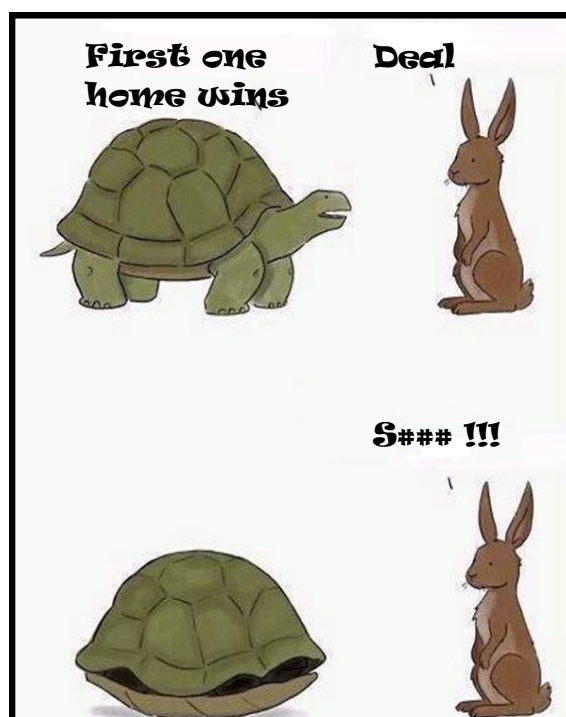
Sue x



Heart Reef, Great Barrier Reef

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Dartford & Crayford Outing

A damp, dreary day greeted the 14 ringers from Dartford and Crayford as they arrived at Lamberhurst to start their outing – some after a tour of the golf course thanks to Graeme's sat nav! This pleasant ring of 6, half muffled for Remembrance Day was a good way to start though.



Kilndown was next with its amazing marquetry panelling in the church made from different local woods. They also had the most interesting ascent of the day up a vertical metal ladder which carried on up to the bells - quite a jaunt when repairs are needed! It's a good thing we had H&S Sue on hand to make sure that nobody fell down. The bells went very quickly there on short ropes.



Guess who?

Having had an easy start to the day we then moved on to three 8's to finish it, the first being at Hawkhurst. The local told us that with a couple of people the 23cwt tenor would go up right but try as we might having got it striking, we just could not keep it striking. In the end after a few abortive attempts we gave up and just rung it up anyway then found it had gone up right after all so we need not have tried so hard in the first place! These bells were quite heavy going and noisy at the back end so we were glad to go to Cranbrook for lunch!



10th November 2012



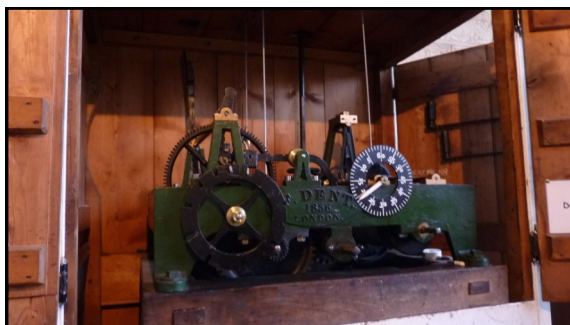
Despite phoning and ordering in advance they still took ages to feed us and what should have been a leisurely dinner turned into a rush.

Sue—only person with lunch!



Mary—only person without lunch!

Cranbrook is an interesting place to have liked to explore but the weather was not with an open ringing gallery and a Trail round the church with the tank for total immersion for 1856 prototype model for the



looking town and several of us would have liked to explore but the weather was not with another heavy tenor, 21 cwt. There is a history of various bits, including a baptism. The tower also contains the great clock at Westminster.

Finally Goudhurst with another gallery, this time closed and a very heavy tenor, 25 cwt that was not rung very often (I wonder why?) It took Andrew and Rupert to ring it up and Graeme developed his muscles ringing it.



After that we repaired to the pub opposite (where else?) appropriately named "The 8 Bells". As it is also a hotel we were treated to silver service tea, coffee and cakes in a lovely warm, comfortable lounge where we relaxed and chatted before making our way home after a very successful day out.

Thanks to Esther and Brenda for organizing the day so well!

Rupert Cheeseman & Esther Correia

NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH-BY-WROTHAM

Practice Saturday 9:30am

Sunday 10am

BECKENHAM

Practice Thursday 19:50

Sunday 9am

BEXLEY

Practice Thursday 20:00

Sunday 9.30am

BICKLEY

Practice Wednesday 19:30

Sunday 10am

BIGGIN HILL

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 10am

BROMLEY

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 10am

BROMLEY COMMON

Practice Thursday 19:45

Sunday 9.30am

On the retirement of Canon Michael Insley in September, the Diocese has decided not to replace him. A process is underway to lease the St Luke's Church building to the Hope Church, which will mean that when complete, C of E worship will be restricted to 8 am communion and some form of evening service to be decided, most probably at 6pm. There will be no further C of E services at 10am. It is unlikely that the Hope Church will require bells to preface their services, so the future and timing of Sunday ringing at St Luke's is at present uncertain. Once this leasing process is complete and the Hope Church is in residence, we shall advise the district of the state of affairs. The Tower and its bells are not part of the leasing process: C of E weddings and funerals will be conducted at St Luke's as before

CHELSEFIELD

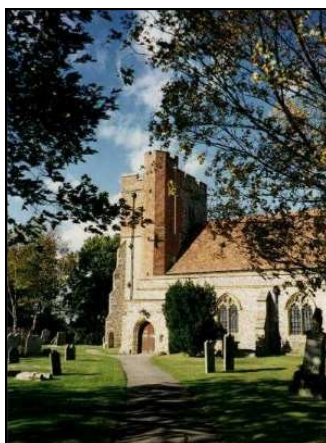
Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 10.45am & 5.45pm

CHISLEHURST (Annunciation)

Practice Wednesday 19.30—20.00

Sunday 9.30am



CHISLEHURST (St Nicholas)

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 8.45am

CRAYFORD

Practice Tuesday 19:45

Sunday 9.20am

This is always a busy time of the year with a number of extra services to ring for. We managed to successfully score 6 out of 6 quarters between the annual memorial service in early November to the Christmas Eve nativity service. A good number of firsts were achieved during these; with Denis ringing the treble to his first quarter at the first attempt, Shelagh ringing her first on 7 and first doubles inside and Sue and Andrew ringing their first spliced.

In October, we again took part in the Church Open Day. It never ceases to amaze me how many people want to go up the tower and see the bells, with something like 150 doing so this year. Luckily the weather was on our side and it was a nice day for people to get a good view from the roof. Unfortunately though we didn't get any new ringers out of it.

In November, we combined with the band from Holy Trinity, Dartford and entered the Call Change Competition and managed to win for the second time in 3 years. We also joined together for an outing to South West Kent and a good day was had by all.

We now look forward to welcoming you to the next district meeting on 12th January. See you there!

Rupert Cheeseman

CUDHAM

Practice Monday 20:00 (except 1st) 19:45 Joint Practice with Downe

Sunday 10.30am

DARTFORD

Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 8.50am & 3rd Sunday 5.30pm

We are back to full strength more or less since the Olympics gave back Brenda to us and various domestic issues have been solved. The major event was our outing on 10th November, joint with Crayford and a few others to make up the numbers (see article on Page 4)

The following week, 17th, saw Brenda, Graeme and me at Horton Kirby to ring in the annual Call Change Competition with Rupert and Andrew from Crayford and Sue who rings at Crayford on Tuesdays. You may remember that we won at Downe 2 years ago, but came last last, year at Sidcup. This year there were 5 bands including 2 very new ones and we managed to win so later next year we shall have the cup again.

Finally, to put the icing on the cake, our ropes arrived on the 19th. We cannot remember what colour sallies we ordered so at the moment, as the ropes are sitting in our conservatory, a surprise awaits us. First however there is some work to be done on the 5, which is the rope that keeps fraying.

Brenda and I have continued to go to Crayford Tuesdays and Sundays and Deryck and Bethany go to Erith Christchurch on Mondays. I am back to going to Erith St John's on Thursdays, causing great hilarity when everybody else pulls off successfully and my hands are sliding down the 5 to no effect, or when, as I did recently, I ring the back bell but attempt to join in, giving everybody else cause for concern. However a good laugh is good for the system, hence we are hale and hearty.

A happy and successful 2013 to all

Esther Correia

DOWNE

*Practice Monday 20:00
Sunday 9am*

ELTHAM

*Practice Tuesday 20:00
Sunday 9.15am*

ERITH (Christ Church)

*Practice Monday 20:00
Sunday 9.30am*

We entered the call change striking competition at Horton Kirby in November and were delighted to come second. Our more inexperienced members found the challenge of ringing away from home quite daunting but managed to come through unscathed!

Whenever possible during the year on practice night we have been attempting the first part of a touch of Grandsire Triples with the aim of ringing a quarter for the Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen. At times this has seemed rather out of reach. However the return of Anthony from university and a brief Christmas visit from Christopher (to strengthen the band even in his jet lagged state!) gave us our one realistic opportunity of the year. December 23rd saw those involved

keeping going and we scored. Congratulations to Shirley, Eloise and Anthony all ringing their first quarter on 8 and special thanks to my support crew round the back end! We dedicated it to the Jubilee and also to welcome our new vicar who came in September.

We have supported the Christchurch Christmas Tree Festival again and decorated our tree with its bell themed decorations, strategically placed next to the tower stairs.

Rachel Backhouse

ERITH (St John the Baptist)

*Practice 1st Wednesday 20:00, then Thursdays 20:00
Sunday 9.30am*

EYNSFORD

*Practice 1st (Surprise Major) & 3rd Friday 20:00
Sunday 1st & 3rd 8.45am*

FARNBOROUGH

*Practice alt Tuesday/Wednesday by arrangement 20.00
Sunday*

FARNINGHAM

*Practice Wednesday 20:00
Sunday 2nd & 4th 8.45am*

FOOTS CRAY

*Practice Wednesday 20:00
Sunday 9am not 1st*

HAYES

*Practice Tuesday 20:00
Sunday 10am & 6pm*



HORTON KIRBY

Practice Thursday 20.00

We have been without a vicar at Horton Kirby since Rev Fran had to retire due to ill health last summer but later this month that will all change when the Rev Nicholas Williams will be Licensed as Priest in Charge of St Mary's. He will be in charge of the two churches in our benefice and also St Margaret's, Darenth where he is presently. This will mean changes to our service times and so ringing, as he intends to move around the 3 churches each Sunday. I will update you with these changes next time.

Practices have been a bit thin on the ground for a while now so progress is slow, not to say static, but we still manage to get a band for Sundays. Hopefully this will continue when we have the new service times (none of which will be at 10am which is our usual time)

We were not able to get a band together for the Call change Competition which was a shame as we hosted it! This is the

first time we have failed since 2001 when we first entered so I don't think we should be ashamed of that record!

We are always welcoming on our practice nights, whatever your standard of ringing, so if you have a free Thursday evening do come along and join us.
Happy New Year!

Sue Allport

LEWISHAM

Practice 5th Wednesday

PENGE

Ringing by arrangement

ST MARY CRAY

Practice Thursday 19:30

Sunday 9.30am

SHOREHAM

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 10am

SIDCUP

Practice Wednesday 20:00

WEST WICKHAM

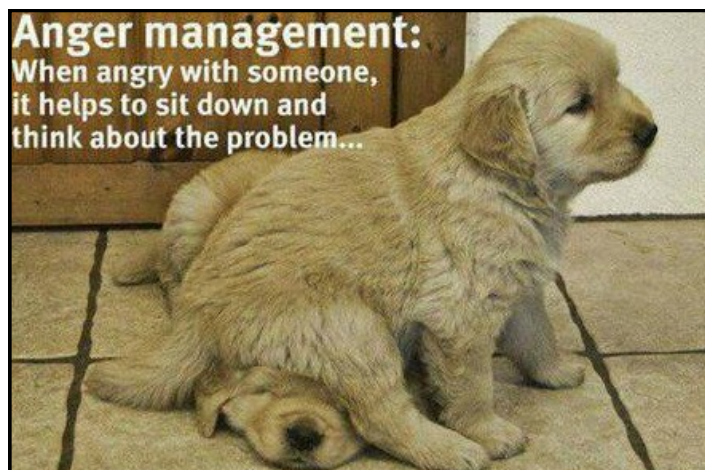
Practice Wednesday 20:00

Sunday 9.15am

WILMINGTON

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

The Meridian Ringers



The Chairman's bit...

So the year that will forever be known as 2012 has ended. It's unlikely that we'll have so many major events during a year again. It certainly meant that there were plenty of excuses for ringing, not that any are normally needed!

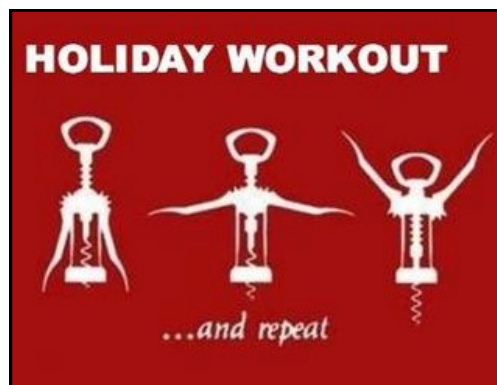
It was good to see the District's two newest bands, Farnborough and Lewisham, both entering the Call Change Competition at Horton Kirby. They both acquitted themselves well and especially the Lewisham band – half of whom had never rung at a tower other than their own.

Farnborough also hosted their first district meeting and it gave many members of the district their first chance to ring on these new bells.

Looking forward to 2013, Ian has again come up with a varied programme of monthly practices taking place on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and Saturday evenings. Hopefully there will be a time to suit everyone. Please support them whatever your ability as they will be tailored to whoever turns up.

There will also be 5 training days run by Dom. Please make use of these and let Dom know if there is anything specific with which you need help.

Happy New Year,
Rupert



West Wickham Tower Outing

Early on Saturday 6 October we set off towards Ashford for our annual tower outing. We were joined by Eric Godfrey and John Perrin from Addington and Rosemary Stretton from Beckenham.

Our first tower was the 8 at Great Chart, a lovely ring and a good start to the outing for us 6 bell ringers achieving Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. The upper ringing chamber had a lovely view through an impressive panelled window to the church which had been decorated for Harvest Festival.

The second tower was at Kingsnorth, an upper floor, 8cwt ring of 6 with a good view into the church which rang well if not a little bouncy. The church had recently had some work modernising the internal layout by removing the pews and replacing with chairs so that the congregation could face one way for communion or another for say a christening.

The next tower was Aldington, a huge church on top of the hill next to a farm. The main centre of

the village being about a mile away. It was a long climb to the ringing chamber but we were

rewarded with a nice ring of 6. A well struck course of Kent was rung. The tower walls were covered with interesting peal boards, one commemorated a local ringers' 80 years of ringing. Charles Slingsby

was still ringing at age 91.

Then it was lunch at The Walnut Tree Pub in the village.

Our fourth tower was Newchurch, a lovely ground floor 10 cwt ring

of 6 and we coped well with the guides. Unfortunately lunch had overrun so our time here was limited.

The final tower was Woodchurch, a very attractive church in the small village. It was a challenging 15 cwt heavy ring of 6, perhaps not the best tower to leave till last. The long draft and lay out of the ropes provided a huge challenge but after mastering the required technique Bob Minor was scored.

Judith Fry.



120 Club Draws



13th October
Farnborough

| | Number | Name | Tower |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| September | | | |
| 1st | 11 | Philippa Rooke | Chelsfield |
| 2nd | 106 | 120 Club | |
| 3rd | 112 | 120 Club | |
| 4th | 29 | David Hilling | Eynsford |
| October | | | |
| 1st | 41 | Denis Golding | Crayford |
| 2nd | 67 | Pauline Smith | Charlton Kings |
| 3rd | 33 | John Barnes | Chelsfield |
| 4th | 46 | Melissa Cheeseman | Crayford |

17th November
Horton Kirby



15th December
Chelsfield

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|------------------|----------|
| November | | | |
| 1st | 47 | Elizabeth Brett | CC Erith |
| 2nd | 60 | Foots Cray Tower | |
| 3rd | 19 | Esther Correia | Dartford |
| 4th | 5 | Deryck Jones | Dartford |

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|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| December | | | |
| 1st | 64 | Ken Gristwood | Bromley Common |
| 1st | 21 | John Bonney | Bexley |
| 2nd | 2 | Jim Rooke | Chelsfield |
| 2nd | 42 | Lizzie Duffey | Beckenham |
| 3rd | 107 | Brenda Barton | Dartford |
| 3rd | 75 | Margaret Heald | St John's Erith |
| 4th | 8 | Deryck Jones | Dartford |
| 4th | 113 | 120 Club | |

My thanks again to all who have supported the 120 club, 105 shares were sold for 2012-13 and we will as usual be able to make a good contribution to the County Bell Restoration Fund. For those of you new to this, shares are £10 each which puts you into 10 draws for 4 prizes (£20, £10, £10 and £5) held roughly monthly at district events with July and December having a double draw. You don't have to be a ringer to join in, the only proviso is that the person named on the share must be aged 16 or over. Forms for 2013-14 will be available from January from me, the district website and your tower and the season will start at the April meeting.

County Subscriptions are due on January 1st. They continue at £10 standard and £5 for concessions-under 18, full time students and 65s and over. Please make any cheques payable to KCACR.

Rachel Backhouse

New Year's Day Walk



After a few years gap, Len and Peter's New Year's Day walk returned this year. 9 ringers met at a car park in Otford but unfortunately we were missing one of our leaders as Len had been laid low. As we slipped and slid



up the first hill we began to wonder if he knew something we didn't!



On the plus side though it was a lovely sunny day with barely a breathe of wind. The route was a circular 6 miles via Shoreham. As I've already alluded it was a good thing that everyone had good walking boots on because the mud was ankle deep in places – and even deeper in the places Diane went! where



Normally we'd stop and sit down for a packed lunch part way around but with little chance of finding anywhere dry enough we found a sunny field and stood up to eat instead.



So the walking conditions were interesting but the company was good and everyone had an enjoyable day to start the new year.



Thanks to Peter for guiding us and get well soon Len – you missed a fun one.

Rupert Cheeseman



What a difference a week makes...

We were invited back by our Keymer friends to join them on their outing for the second year. This time it was towers in East Sussex – actually 5 we'd not been to before! At this point, I would like to add that we are not 'tower grabbers', we just like to visit new places and make new friends!

We stayed the night with our friend Dawn and got up for an early breakfast to meet the mini-coach at Keymer at 8.45am. Frances, the organiser, ticked our names off her list, and we chose a raffle number (to be drawn later), we boarded the bus and were off. Most of the people on the bus were known to us from either last year's outing or our visits to Keymer during the year, so we had a good journey renewing acquaintances.



First stop was St Mary V, Barcombe a lovely ground-floor ring of 6, so we were off to a good start. Another attraction was lovely views across the South Downs.



Then on to St Mary V, Ringmer an 8 bell ring, with a very low ceiling, but a nice wide circular chamber so that you can easily see what the other bells are doing.

Next it was time for lunch. We were booked into The Green Man at Ringmer, and what a good choice it turned out to be, with a very varied menu, most main dishes under £9 and portions so generous they were big enough for 2 (at least). Unfortunately we couldn't all manage clean plates, but keep that name in mind if you're in the area.



The first tower of the afternoon was St Mary, Newick, another 6 bell ring, with a longer draft and a very light set treble, 2.2, which we managed perfectly well, despite the large luncheon! There was a beautiful etched glass window to view inside the church. Time for a group photo here and as the front of the church had been recently cleaned it was the perfect place for this.

Next, we drove onto All Saints, Danehill, a 6 ring tower, with a tree lined path leading up to the church. Inside the church was beautifully decorated and the bells presented no problems even though some of us thought that the tenor was the treble and consequently had to be 'gently reminded'.

Onto Heaven, a tea shop, for a slice of cake and cuppa, for those who had room. More beautiful views of the countryside were to be seen here, and plenty of birds and chickens to add to the country atmosphere.



Last stop, St Peter & St Mary, Chailey, a ground floor ring where the bells are just inside the door and the ropes go up across the organ. This was quite a cosy chamber but all managed without mishap.

On the way back to Keymer came the time for the raffle draw. Who would win the box of Celebrations? It wasn't to be us but never mind as Roy the winner shared his prize around the mini-coach. What a kind gesture to finish a lovely day on. Thanks Roy, us and thanks to the other ringers for their company. Roll on next year!



Fast forward 1 week and we were off on another outing. This time we'd been invited by our friends from Rochester to join them. What a lot of nice people you meet when ringing!

After an early start in the dark, we drove, through torrential rain, to meet the others at St Nicholas, Pevensey. This 6- bell tower with a long draft was not as difficult as it had been on our first visit a couple of years ago. Clearly we've improved in essentials!

Next stop was not to be. We all arrived at All Saints, Hastings, in our various cars looking for a place to park. After 20-30 minutes, having driven round what seemed like the whole of Hastings looking for a space and finding that parking there encompasses double yellow lines, a couple of 'tiny' car parks jammed full, and occupied residents' parking, the 'Welcome to Hastings' signs did not quite ring true! I have now decided to put Hastings on my list of 'Never to visit again'! (S) Eventually we squeezed into a possibly legal space and hurried the 10 minute walk back to the church, only to find that not only had we not missed any ringing – there was to be no ringing as the key holder was nowhere to be seen. Nobody had a contact phone number, so the only option was a walk along the seafront and into the pub.

Here in The Stag, Hastings, we had a table booked for 19 and enjoyed a delicious lunch of 2 courses, the food from mainly local sources. Another good eatery to keep in mind for future outings. (Which I won't be driving to! S)

Onto the next tower, Christ Church Blacklands, an 8 tower upstairs ring. With a lovely big ringing chamber, and plenty of room to sit in between. Having 8 bells meant that the band were able to attempt more adventurous ringing.

Last of the day was St Mary, Battle, with more parking problems. This was mainly due to a wedding taking place as we arrived. We tried a couple of car parks but again they were full to bursting and the roads lined with the dreaded double yellow lines. Eventually we drove back to the church and waited until the wedding guests began to leave, freeing up space for us in the church car park. On the plus side, the weather had cleared and it was now a beautiful sunny day for the bride's photos. So up the stairs we went to another 8 tower ring. These proved to be the best bells of the day and everyone enjoyed the time there so much that we overstayd our time to continue ringing a little longer.

Despite the parking problems, we had a very good day and our thanks to Helen for organising the outing and the Rochester ringers for welcoming us – see you next year!

Chris Goldsmith and Shelagh Norman

Quiz Time

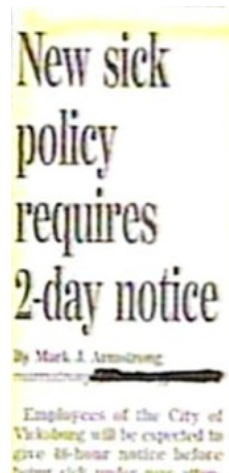
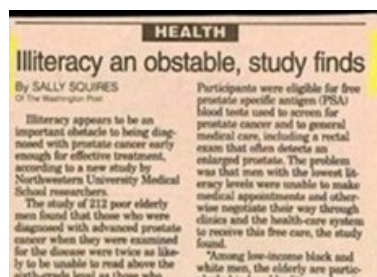
All the answers have the word BELL in them:

- 1 A short bar with a weight at either end used for exercise
- 2 Part of the human body containing the stomach
- 3 The _____ of the Ball
- 4 A campanologist
- 5 A poisonous plant, also called 'deadly nightshade'
- 6 To beautify or adorn something or someone
- 7 Cry or shout with pain or emit a deep roar
- 8 Open resistance to authority
- 9 A type of trouser with a marked flare below the knee
- 10 You ring this when you visit someone at their home
- 11 A blue flower common in woods/gardens in late Spring
- 12 An iron bar with discs at each end used in weightlifting
- 13 A part of the brain at the back of the skull
- 14 Cone shaped 'camping accommodation'
- 15 This is worn by Alpine cattle for easy location
- 16 Aggressive or warlike behaviour
- 17 The fairy character from Peter Pan
- 18 These are rung by hand to make music
- 19 A 'flat' dive
- 20 A cultivated garden plant with large blue flowers
- 21 Oriental rhythmic movement performed by women
- 22 Cracked American bell with brotherly love
- 23 For when the kids must stop their play
- 24 Jumping on one foot in a hotel
- 25 For calling to a holy place
- 26 Women's magazine
- 27 German measles
- 28 Incorrect information - allegedly
- 29 Greedy eater from Vietnam
- 30 Type of plum

Answers next timeif I remember!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to Rupert for this!

Why we still buy newspapers....



All from the U.S of A....



.....extracts from the December Newsletter of the Ringing Foundation

The Ringing Foundation was formed in 2007 to support the development of the skills, practice and art of change ringing.

We soon realised the need for a structured programme of training and brought together a group of people to help us develop a curriculum 'Learning The Ropes' and a scheme to get more people teaching bell-handling and change ringing 'The Integrated Teacher Training Scheme' (ITTS). One of our immediate goals is to ensure that an additional five hundred new ringers are trained up to at least Plain Bob Minor level each year, in order to re-place those ringers that are likely to retire over the next 20 years.

The North Bucks Branch



The North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, had become concerned about the future of ringing in its area. In response it organised a recruitment campaign, The Big Ring Pull, with an exhibition in Milton Keynes Shopping Centre. Taster sessions and a follow up pro-programme of training have resulted in 39 new ringers sprin-kled around the Branch. New teachers were taught using ITTS. The Ringing Foundation supported this project with a grant of £1,000.

The ITTS Course Goes from Strength to Strength

The ITTS Course consists of two one day theoretical modules, plus a period where each new teacher is mentored by an existing experienced teacher whilst they teach their first new pupils. We have now held over 40 **Module 1** courses and there are over 300 new teachers working their way through the system, mentored by over 160 experienced teachers. We would very much like to extend coverage of the scheme and if you have a group of people who are interested in working their way through the scheme, please contact **Pip Penney** of the Association of Ringing Teachers. The course is sponsored by the Ringing Foundation



Discover Bell-Ringing—A website for non-ringers

Rob Parker our webmaster has developed a website aimed at non-ringers www.bellringing.org. Non-ringers can **click on a map** and be directed to the Society web-site giving details of practices in their local area. There is also the facility to complete a form which e-mails the local Education/Training officer or Branch/District Secretary. We have been careful to conceal e-mail address, minimising the risk of spam. Please check this out for your local area, and let us have any feedback.

Thanks to Sue Cameron for forwarding this .
More information can be found at

www.ringingfoundation.com



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION



OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Farnborough on 13th October 2012

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Sue Cameron, unattached; Margaret Heald, St Johns Erith; Anne Townsend, Jim Rook, Chelsfield; Rachel Backhouse, Erith CC; Esther Correia, Dartford.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

An amendment to the name of the first prize winner in 120 Club draw: Frances (not Francis) Wallis.
The minutes were then adopted.

Proposed: Cathy Cheeseman Seconded: Ian Mills

Vote unanimous

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.



4. Officers Reports

Ringling Master – Ian Mills

District Practices have been successful with all ringers welcome. Special methods attempted including Five Rings triples and doubles (for the Olympics) and various surprise methods.

There has been ringing for the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee at many towers.

The joint outing to London with the Tonbridge District was in August and many enjoyed the Jubilee barge bells now at St James Garlickhythe.

Lewisham District has been successful in winning both the Kent 8 and 10 bell competitions and the Essex Trophy –see articles in the Newsletter.

Training Officer – Dominic Meredith

Ringers have been taught at Lewisham who had no band at all before. Not all the training events have been possible this year but there will be a programme of events this year; please get in touch with Dominic if you have any training requests.

Advance notice was given that Dominic will fill this role for just one more year.

Newsletter Editor – Sue Allport

It is all in the Newsletter.

120 Club – Rachel Backhouse

Represented by Mark Backhouse. 120 draw to follow.

5. Election of District Officers

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| Chairman - Rupert Cheeseman | Proposed by Lesley Barclay, seconded by Sue Allport Elected unanimously |
| Secretary – Sue Cameron | Proposed by Lesley Barclay, seconded by Sue Allport Elected unanimously |
| Membership Secretary – Rachel Backhouse | Proposed by Elizabeth Brett, seconded by Les Brett Re-elected unanimously |
| Ringling Master – Ian Mills | Proposed by Diane Reynolds, seconded by Dominic Meredith Re-elected unanimously |
| Assistant Ringling Master – David Macey | Proposed by Rupert Cheeseman, seconded by Cathy Cheeseman Re-elected unanimously |
| Training Officer - Dominic Meredith | Proposed by Philippa Rook, seconded by Brenda Barton Re-elected unanimously |
| District Representatives Dominic Meredith | Proposed by Ian Mills, seconded by Diane Reynolds Elected unanimously |
| Brenda Barton | Proposed by Len Morley, seconded by Cathy Cheeseman Re-elected unanimously |
| 120 Club Convenor—Rachel Backhouse | Proposed by Elizabeth Brett, seconded by Cathy Cheeseman Re-elected unanimously |
| Sales Representatives – Shelagh Norman and Christine Goldsmith | Proposed by Rupert Cheeseman, seconded by Len Morley Elected unanimously |
| Newsletter Editor – Sue Allport | Proposed by Cathy Cheeseman and seconded by Ian Mills Re-elected unanimously |

6.Election of New Members

| New Member | Tower | Proposed By | Seconded By |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Henry Childs (junior) | Biggin Hill | Nancy Fisher | Doug Fisher |
| Julia Pring | Lewisham | Ian Mills | Chris Goldsmith |
| Ann Maloney | Lewisham | Dominic Meredith | Pauline Symons |
| Aleks Ivackovic | Lewisham | David Macey | Shelagh Norman |
| Ann Wells | West Wickham | Judith Fry | Jon Fry |
| Charlotte Parkhouse | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Isabel Parkhouse (junior) | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Caitlin Parkhouse (junior) | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Carole Fruin | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Andy Fruin | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Rebecca Fruin (junior) | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Hannah Fruin (junior) | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Esther Fruin (junior) | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Jacqueline Moore | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |
| Alex Moore (junior) | Farnborough | Nick Wilkins | Lesley Barclay |

Election of non resident Life Member: Gavin Bennett

Proposed: Alex Brittan, seconded: Phil Larter.

All elected unanimously.

7. 120 Club Draw

| | Number | Name | Tower |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| September 1 st | 11 | Philippa Rooke | Chelsfield |
| 2 nd | 106 | 120 Club | BRF |
| 3 rd | 112 | 120 Club | BRF |
| 4 th | 29 | David Hilling | Eynsford |
| October 1 st | 42 | Denis Golding | Crayford |
| 2 nd | 67 | Pauline Smith | Charlton Kings |
| 3 rd | 33 | John Barnes | Chelsfield |
| 4 th | 46 | Melissa Cheeseman | Crayford |

Thanks were given to Rachel for running the 120 Club so efficiently.

8. KCACR Committee Report

27th July Rachel Backhouse attended for the District

A new Treasurer has been co-opted- Donald Holden. He will be asked to look again at the possibility of subs being gift aided, this needs charity status first.

Discussion continued about forwarding committee minutes to all members. Frank Lewis will put bullet points on the website.

The County Librarian (I think) has recently laid wreaths on the graves of former County members in the War Grave Cemeteries including William Barton Young of Erith.

A letter has been received from the vicar of Farnborough thanking the County for the contribution to the bells project.

Tower certificates for Diamond Jubilee Ringing (to 'match' the Silver and Golden Jubilee ones) will hopefully be made available online for any tower who wishes to print off for their own use.

A request was made regarding the possibility of certificates to mark Life Membership but it was decided that there was no need, you already had (could have) an ordinary membership certificate.

Peter Dale will stand down after the next Central Council Tri-ennium and will need to be replaced.

The handbook is finally available although there were nearly two print runs! The new handbook editor (Graham Coker) would be grateful for any suggestions as to what should be included and any suggested changes. He will contact all towers regarding their returns and aims to have this information by December (district secretaries will be asked to contact those who don't reply) and will ask how many copies each tower actually wants rather than assuming one per member as at present.

A request for a proposed rule change (viz: Mr Sims proposed a rule change to be from the General Committee, but subject to Mr Little's agreement, by adding a new rule 16 (v): When a rule has been discussed and voted upon at an AGM it will not be discussed and voted on again for a minimum of 3 years unless proposed by, either, at least twenty Practising Members from each of at least four different Districts, or, at least fifteen members of the General Committee; Mr Brady suggested we should email this proposed change to the Districts so it can be discussed at their July quarterly meetings; the response of the Districts to be brought back to the next General Committee Meeting.) unfortunately did not make it to the July Lewisham District meeting for comments. This will now go the AGM next April for voting.

There is also a suggested rule change to be proposed by the new Handbook Editor regarding how long you should be given to pay your subs and still be allowed to remain a member.
A sub committee will be set up to review all the rules.

The 2014 Ringing World Calendar will be of Kent towers, organised by Catherine Lewis.

The 2014 Central Council meeting will be held in Kent (Maidstone?)

Next County Meeting 24th November

9. AOB

24th Nov County meeting, Brenda cannot attend but Dominic Meredith may be able to.

Call change competition Saturday November 17th at Horton Kirby. 2.30 draw.

2014 Some consideration was given to the hosting of the Kent AGM two years hence. Chislehurst is not a possibility as not enough space for the meal or parking – to be raised again with a view to considering Bickley.

Notice of district meetings can be published in the Ringing World at no charge. (NB Sue Cameron – new Secretary)

Doug Fisher expressed his thanks for the encouragement and enthusiasm generated by those teaching the new Farnborough band.

10. Vote of Thanks

Paul Beamiss proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Matthew Hughes for conducting the service and to Ian Skipper for playing the organ. Nick Wilkins was thanked for organising the bells and the tea and meeting in the Change of Horses public house.

Meeting closed at 6 50pm

Next meeting at Crayford on Saturday 12th January



The Cinque Ports Ringing Centre at Dover

Rope Splicing

Saturday 26 January 2013 from 2 to 5 pm

Learn how to make a long and a short splice, and how to decide which one to use.

Course tutors: Chris and Sue Bassett

Bring your own:

- sharp knife
- cutting board
- a piece of rope (about 1m - 1.5m)
- Swedish fid rope-splicing tool

Fids may be bought for £6 if pre-ordered at the time of booking. None is available for loan.

A stock of old rope is available for those who don't have any.

Cost: £5 (includes tea & biscuits)

Please book by Friday 18 January

Email: ptdale@dsl.pipex.com