



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Chelsfield win 2 horse race



It was very disappointing / depressing to find that there are only 2 towers in the district capable of raising a band to ring a method. Still I suppose we did at least have a competition which is more than a couple of districts managed last year. Hopefully, it's just a one off and more towers will make the effort to enter next year. However, if any one has any ideas how to encourage more teams to enter then please share them.

Those that didn't turn up missed out on eating some splendid cakes while the other team was ringing. Both bands completed the touch but it was no great surprise that Chelsfield retained the trophy. They now go on to the County final at Godmersham in September where they are also defending the trophy they narrowly won last year. Thanks to Rachel for judging and the Farnborough ringers for making us welcome.

Rupert



Position	Rang	Tower	Marks
1st	2nd	Chelsfield	Some
2nd	1st	Crayford	A few more

Shakespeare

While ringing in Warwickshire with a very experienced and competent band, we were lucky enough to ring at the church where the bard is buried, Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon.

We were quite a large party and the church bells had been pre-booked. We found the church fairly busy as members of the public had come to look at the burial site, so we hoped the bells would not prove to be too difficult with so many listening in. No pressure there then! We climbed up into the ringing

chamber to find 10 bells, as expected, and they proved to be really lovely to ring, so that we managed to ring Plain Hunt on 9 with no problems. After this the experienced band rang some more advanced methods - beautifully.

When we came downstairs we were congratulated by several wardens who told us how lovely it had all sounded. Then we went on to have a look at the grave. If you've never been to see it, it's located towards the front of the church with a small headstone which looks like it could be made of wood. The inscription reads:

"Good frend for Jesus sake forbear,
To digg the dust enclosed heare.
Blese be y man y spares thes stones,
And curst be he y moves my bones."

There is also a small plaque which reads:

'The grave of the poet William Shakespeare 1564-1606'

So we recommend that you include this church on any proposed outings to the Stratford area!

Shelagh Norman and Chris Goldsmith



Editorial



Only a small edition this time but thanks to everyone who has contributed.

Having just got back from helping on the Hereford Ringing Course I'm reminded how important teaching is so please make use of the training days that Ian is organising this year as well as the normal practices.

There are various requests for ringing coming up: St George's Day, First Peal Day, VE Day and Magna Carta anniversary. Please take these opportunities to do some extra ringing and maybe attempt a quarter or two. If anyone is interested in ringing their first peal then please contact me as the KCACR want to support this.

Cheers.

Rupert

West Wickham Outing

Our annual outing took us to Surrey in October. Our first tower was Buckland, the church was set opposite the village green, the sun was out and we started the day with a light $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt ring of 6, which were easy to ring. Our next tower was Betchworth, the setting for 4 Weddings and a funeral, again a lovely ring of 8, where despite coming from a 6 bell tower, we rang plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

Our next tower was Leigh, which has an unconventional ringing chamber. It is a ring of 6 which are hung in the gallery, with the 2 & 5 bells being rung by standing on the pews and the 3 & 4 are rung with one foot on a box and one on the pew, with a safety net behind you. Despite the unique set up, everyone managed to handle the bells, including our new recruits.

Lunch followed at the Plough opposite the church, the food was superb.

After lunch we went to Charlwood, a $11\frac{1}{2}$ cwt ring of 6, where we started the afternoon with a course of

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Cambridge. Our final tower was at Horley, a 12 cwt ring of 8, which we found heavy to ring, but again Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung.

Another successful day.

Judith Fry



NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH-BY-WROTHAM

Practice Saturday 9:30am
Sunday 10am

The bell ropes being tucked up for the night
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We've rung 7 quarters since the last newsletter. Among others, we rang one in memory of John's Mum, for the annual confirmation service and a date touch to celebrate a significant birthday for Sue which we followed by cancelling practice and going for a tower curry instead.

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

No Practice
Sunday 10am

BROMLEY COMMON

Practice Thursday 19:45
Sunday 5.30pm



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

In March, we formed a quiz team and won a quiz night in Northfleet in aid of the Lions Hospice. Our prize was a giant bear which is now sitting in the ringing room. We hope to defend our title at the next one in May.

Rupert

Tuesday, 3 February 2015
1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 42mins

1. Mary Hayward
2. Debra Say
3. Sue Cameron
4. Andrew Sinclair (C)
5. Rupert Cheeseman
6. John Bonney

Rung open in celebration of the life of Jessie Bonney, mother of John, who passed away on the 14th January and is being buried at Medway on 17th February.

Tuesday, 10 February 2015
1965 Doubles (6m/p: 96 Stedman, 360 each St Simon's, St Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 429 Grandsire) in 64mins

1. Karen Robinson
2. Sue Cameron
3. Rhian Bagshaw
4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
6. Brian Ashmore

With birthday compliments to Sue, 50 today.

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles in 42mins

1. Debra Say
2. Sue Cameron
3. Brian Ashmore
4. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
5. Andrew Sinclair
6. Shelagh Norman

Rung on St Patrick's Day.

First in method; 3.

Sunday, 29 March 2015

1960 Grandsire Triples in 43mins

1. Tim Joiner
2. Helen Webb
3. Sue Cameron
4. Terri Horton
5. Barry Roberts
6. Andrew Sinclair
7. Rupert Cheeseman (C)
8. Brian Ashmore

Rung before the Palm Sunday confirmation service.

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

DOWNE

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 9am

ELTHAM

Practice Tuesday 20:00

Sunday 9.15am

We practice regularly on a Tuesday evening from 8pm to 9:30pm and visitors are always welcome. The last few months have been uneventful apart from one of the clappers falling out during a peal. We have had good attendances for Tuesday practice nights and it has improved for Sunday service ringing. During holy week we had our AGM and plan to be much more active with quarter peals this year.

Tom Baird

ERITH (Christ Church)

Practice Monday 20:00

Sunday 9.30am

Last time we reported on our HLF grant for our tower centenary. Since then many hours have been taken up in the design and print of the display banners, children's quiz, publicity leaflet and 20 page booklet. Some things were only received back in the last few days before our first open day but we got there. We didn't have a huge turnout but we know that word is getting around and we hope that more will come as the months progress and we have been mentioned on the weekly Erith blog (Arthur Pewty's Maggot Sandwich) and on the Bexley Local Studies Facebook page. We are hosting the district meeting in July when we hope that many of you will be able to come and see what we have done. (Open day photo courtesy of Hugh N)

Last year we suggested to the PCC that the ringers would clean up the gravel circle round the war memorial that had become more of a garden that a driveway with all the weeds and grass growing through. Clearing the weeds turned out to be a somewhat time consuming exercise and took many

visits, often on a Sunday afternoon. Laying the new gravel turned out to be a surprisingly quick job with five volunteers, two wheelbarrows, two rakes and three shovels and was accomplished in less than an hour and a half.

We have also designed and fitted safety hoops to the ladder up to the clock face galleries. While

the ladder has been flagged up as a concern there seems to be no worries about the safety levels once you reach the galleries where there are only lightweight railings and some rope to stop you falling 18 feet down to bell frame level! We have purchased some modern standard railings and are waiting for a chance to install them.



Some of you who have been around the district for many years may remember Emily Smith who rang at Christchurch from the early 1950s until the late 1990s and always rang the treble standing on a box. She died in early March at the age of 92 and the bells were rung open for her funeral.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on March 29th in memory of Emily. It was also Matthew's first quarter rung to celebrate his 18th birthday and the Ruby wedding of Liz and Les.

Rachel Backhouse

Sunday, 29 March 2015
1260 Grandsire Doubles

1. Matthew Smith
2. Elizabeth Brett
3. Anthony Scarth
4. Rachel Backhouse (C)
5. Mark Backhouse
6. Les Brett

Ruby wedding compliment to Liz and Les Brett, 18th birthday compliment to Matthew and in memory of Emily Smith for many years a ringer at this tower. First quarter; 1.

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*

St Martin's reopened in time for the Easter Sunday services following the construction works in the



church. It all looks very smart with new rooms, kitchen area and toilet. A quarter peal was rung for the evening service.

Rupert

Sunday, 5 April 2015
1264 Plain Bob Major in 42mins

1. Daphne Paterson
2. David Hilling (C)
3. Sue Cameron
4. Rachel Backhouse
5. Mark Backhouse
6. Cathy Cheeseman
7. Mike Worthington
8. Rupert Cheeseman

For Festal Evensong on Easter Day and marking the re-opening of St Martin's after substantial interior re-ordering works.

FARNBOROUGH

Sunday 9.30am

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
Sunday 1st 10.30am 2nd & 3rd 9am
(subject to variation)*

LEWISHAM

*Practice Monday
Sunday, 9:15 (third Sunday only)
Evensong, by arrangement (first Sunday only)*

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

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

The Meridian Ringers

Our normal practice night is Wednesday, 8pm-930pm, at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich if Greenwich is not available. We usually have good attendances at practice nights, sometimes ringing all 10 bells, some triples, minor and some additional doubles methods and some work on Treble Hunting Minor. We are usually doing some service ringing for the monthly Choral Evensong (now on the second Sunday of each month) at Greenwich. We are also attempting to ring for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month, usually the last Sunday.

We are now ringing at Woolwich again about once a month on a Monday 8-930pm - all welcome; it is best to check our website to see when we'll be ringing there in the future.

On January 10th we hosted the district's Quarterly Meeting at Greenwich. This was well attended with some excellent ringing on 10 including some firing on all 10. Graham Long played the organ for the service;



The band outside St Mary, Willingdon

Back: Alan Munden; Middle: Graham Long, Jim Odell, Eddie Coode
Front: Hazel Bing, Angela Jackson-Smith, Brenda Coode

the Vicar Rev. Chris Moody gave a splendid sermon and the Curate Rev. Caroline Ridsen also assisted at the service. A plentiful tea was supplied although it has to be pointed out that some people forgot to pay for this!! A good meeting followed with two of our members, Emma Roberts and JJ Aiston being elected as members of KCACR.

Some of us, along with members from Bexley rang for a funeral at Bromley Parish Church on 20th January - we rang a very creditable touch after the service:

Bromley, Greater London
SS Peter and Paul
Tuesday, 20 January 2015 in 20mins (16-2-8)
500 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Hazel Bing
2. Brenda Coode
3. Angela Jackson-Smith
4. Eddie Coode
5. Graham Long (C)
6. Jim Odell
7. Alan Munden

In memory of Joy Pike on the day of her funeral, rung after her Memorial Service at this church.

The previous evening we also rang for this when only six of us met to ring for a practice at Woolwich:

Woolwich, Greater London
St Mary Magdalene
Monday, 19 January 2015 in
20mins (12-3-6)
600 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Jim Odell
2. Roger Booth
3. Julian Lees
4. Alex Britton
5. Graham Long (C)
6. Alan Munden

In memory of Joy Pike, on the eve of her funeral

As several of us are now retired we intend to have



some more weekday mini outing trips with hopefully one to Kent, to take place on Friday 29th May.



Sadly, Graham Long's mum died last year in Eastbourne, 31st August 2014, having battled cancer for 18 months. To give thanks for Pauline's life some of us, again with three members from Bexley, journeyed down to Eastbourne to ring a quarter peal to mark this. We had open ringing firstly at St Mary's Willingdon [just outside Eastbourne] and then went for a super fish and chip lunch near to the seafront. Afterwards we went to Eastbourne Bandstand where Graham showed the others the memorial plaque to The Titanic.

A reminder that Freda Cannon, our Tower Captain Emeritus, is now resident at Fairmount Residential Care Home, Mottingham Lane, Mottingham, SE9 4RT, Tel: 020 8857 1064. She would welcome visitors at any reasonable time. Alan picks Freda up to bring her to Greenwich so she can go to Evensong and hear us ringing once a month.



Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events - please check our website for further details www.meridianbells.webs.com

Graham Long

120 club 2014-15

Income		Expenditure	
112 shares @£10	1120-00	Prizes	530-00
Unclaimed prizes	15-00	Council Fee	20-00
		Expenses	7-94
		Reissued prize	5-00
	£1135-00		£562-94
Cheque to BRF			£572-06

Thank you to all who participated last year and to the very many of you who have already joined up for 2015-16. The first draw will be at the April district meeting. In the last 10 years we have raised over £5000 for the BRF. While we lag considerably behind the other districts in BRF contributions I am very grateful to all who support the 120 club as this is our major area of fundraising.

Rachel Backhouse

December draw

Held at Greenwich District Meeting on 10th Jan

1st	6	Liz Brett (Erith)
1st	65	Margaret Heald (St John, Erith)
2nd	13	John Stook (Plymouth)
2nd	11	Ken Springate (CC Erith)
3rd	90	John Chenery (Horton Kirby)
3rd	112	Chris Davine (Eltham)
4th	96	Nigel Parsons
4th	91	Jon Pettyfor (Horton Kirby)

January draw

Held at Greenwich District Meeting on 10th Jan

1st	110	David Holdridge (Eltham)
2nd	66	Philippa Rooke (Chelsfield)
3rd	55	Margaret Heald (St John, Erith)
4th	87	Sue Allport (Horton Kirby)

March draw

Held at Farnborough competition on 6th Mar

1st	43	John Bonney (Greenwich)
2nd	5	Liz Brett (CC Erith)
3rd	71	John Barnes (Chelsfield)
4th	83	Megan Smith (Cudham)



Lewisham District Events 2015

- Sat 25th Apr District Practice: Bromley, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 15th May District Practice: Farningham, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 23rd May District Training Event (raising and lowering). Times and venue tbc. Email training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk for details
- Sat 20th Jun District Practice: Chelsfield, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Sat 4th Jul County 8-bell Striking Contest: Headcorn (Ashford District). 2.45pm draw.
- Sat 11th Jul Quarterly Meeting: Erith, Christ Church, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 25th Jul District Practice: Biggin Hill (tbc), 10.00am - 12.00
- Sat 8th Aug District Outing (with Tonbridge District)
- Fri 14th Aug District Practice: Beckenham, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 22nd Aug District Training Event. Times and venue tbc. Email training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk for details
- Sat 19th Sept District Practice: Eltham, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Sat 26th Sept County 6-bell Striking Competition: Godmersham (Canterbury District). 2.45pm draw
- Sat 10th Oct Annual District Meeting: tbc, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30pm Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 17th Oct District Practice: Downe, 10.00am - 12.00
- Sat 7th Nov District Training Event. Times and venue tbc. Email training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk for details
- Sun 8th - 15th Nov Quarter Peal week. Please attempt a quarter during this week.
- Sat 21st Nov District 6-bell Call Change Competition: tbc, 2.30pm draw.
- Sat 12th Dec District Practice: Dartford, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- 2016
- Sat 9th Jan Quarterly Meeting: Greenwich, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 23rd Jan District Practice: Ash by Wrotham, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 19th Feb District Practice: tbc, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 27th Feb District Training Event. Times and venue tbc. Email training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk for details
- Sat 5th Mar District 6-bell Striking Competition: tbc, 2.30pm draw
- Sat 12th Mar District Practice: Bromley Common, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Mon 28th Mar KCACR Annual General Meeting: Tunstall, (Rochester District)

Everybody is welcome to all of these. What is actually rung will be tailored to who turns up.

Please check the district website www.lewishamdistrict.org.uk nearer the event in case of any last minute changes or phone or email Ian on master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk

For the latest county and news from other Districts see the KCACR web site at www.kcacr.org.uk

If you would like to join the Lewisham District email group to get reminders/updates of district events please visit http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/lewisham_district or

email lewisham_district-subscribe@yahooogroups.co.uk



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, St Alfege, Greenwich 10th Jan 2015

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Margaret Heald (Erith St John) and Alex Britton (unattached).

2. Minutes of last meeting (11th October 2014)

Posted on website and circulated in the Newsletter. Minutes in rear of Newsletter should read that Anne Taylor was proposed as a Chelsfield member by N Wilkins and Seconded by L Barclay. Once corrected, Proposed: Edward Gormley; Seconded: Tom Baird

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Nil.

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Emma Roberts	Greenwich	Shelagh Norman	Graham Long
JJ Aiston		Chris Goldsmith	Alan Munden
Ian Nurdin	Ash-by-Wrotham	Brian Ashmore	Ian Paddy
Tom Hinks	Bromley	Dickon Love	Ian Mills
Matthew Sheasby (Jnr)			

All were elected unanimously and it was good to see that one of the new members had come to the meeting. Two others came along later. We also welcomed back to the District, Helena Mattingley who has moved back to the area. All were encouraged to come along to future district events.

5. Training Officer Reports

Peter Dale from the Dover Ringing Centre has two training events coming up

28th March ITTS Module 1 at Headcorn

18th April - Bell Maintenance at Lympne by Brian Butcher. Names required by 28th March

Further details for both can be found on the County Website

6. KCACR report on the meeting held on 29th November 2014

- It was agreed that an accountant would be employed to work on the accounts with the Treasurer so they are accurate for 2015
- Profits from the sale of the 2014 Ringing World calendar amount to £1200 and will be held in a separate account to be used for Training.
- It was agreed the KCACR should pay for the removal of the bells from Murston and store them until such time as they are required

- At the County AGM the current Chairman, Treasurer and Handbook Editor are not standing for re-election. Please give consideration to standing for one of these posts.
- The 6 Bell striking competition is to be held in the Canterbury District 26th September
- The 8 Bell striking competition is to be held in the Ashford District 4th July and the method will be Little Bob Major. The specific touch is on the County Website.
- The following grant applications were considered and awarded as follows: Thanington: £900, Wrotham: £5,000 and Lydd: £700.

7. Events Update, results and forthcoming events

- Call change competition took place in November with five bands taking part. It was won by Crayford. The competition was tight with not a great margin of points between first and last.
- Ian Mills (Ringing Master) gave an outline of how Surrey Association run their District Practices and Training events. A training event is held every month. Several options were suggested varying from practices or training event each month; no practice or event in the month where there is a District Meeting. Ian agreed that after the current practices already scheduled, he would plan one training event for each quarter. It would be held in a different month to the quarterly district meeting. If these were planned ahead it would enable helpers and students to commit early to the event. A request was made that the venue for training events and practices be moved around the district. There were offers from Chelsfield and Bromley to host a training event.
- Meetings venues were still required for April and October. Dickon made an offer to host the October ADM. He suggested that a helpful note be put together to assist towers know what was involved in hosting a meeting. His experience from meetings in the Canterbury district, had him believe that it was a far more arduous affair than he has seen today and was now confident that his small band would be able to host one. Graham Long made an offer to host the meeting again at Greenwich, possibly for January next year. We all agreed it was a great venue for the cold January month as it was lovely and warm and a wonderful church.
- The striking competition will be held on 7th March, no venue set yet. Nick Wilkins offered to research the possibility of holding it at Farnborough. UPDATE: this is now confirmed.
- Upcoming district practices
- 24/01/15 Erith CC 10:00 - 12:00
- 20/02/15 Horton Kirby 20:00 - 21:30
- 21/03/15 Chislehurst Annunciation 19:00 - 21:00
- County AGM at Marden on Easter Monday 06/04/15
- Quarterly District Meeting on 18/04/15 venue tbc

8. 120 club draw

Dec	Prize	No	Name	Tower
1st	£20	6	Liz Brett	Erith CC
	£20	65	Margaret Heald	Erith St John
2nd	£10	13	John Stook	c/o Ash-by-Wrotham
	£10	11	Ken Springate	Erith CC
3rd	£10	90	John Chenery	Horton Kirby
	£10	112	Chris Davine	Eltham
4th	£5	96	Nigel Parsons	Unattached
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Jan	Prize	No	Name	Tower
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4th	£5	87	Sue Allport	Horton Kirby

Thanks were given to Rachel for managing the 120 club which has now raised over £5,000 .

9. AOB

- 120 club applications in the Newsletter, first draw of the new year is April
- KCACR subscriptions are now due to Rachel please. £10 adults, £5 under 16, over 65 or students.
- Handbook returns have been sent out electronically, a third have replied which is great. Others to do those ASAP please. Any Births/Deaths/Marriages to Sue or in the tower return.
- Shelagh has the bookshop, please see her if you wish to buy anything.
- Rupert thanked all those who have sent articles in for the newsletter.

10. Vote of Thanks

Gerry Piggott thanked the Revs Chris Moody and Caroline Risdon for taking the service, Graham Long the organist, and of course the Meridian Ringers for providing an excellent tea.

Next meeting will be Saturday 18th April 2015 venue TBC

Ringling requests in 2015

A request has been received for bells to be rung to mark the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day)

If possible, the desire is for bells to be rung at:

11am on Saturday 9th May

or alternatively at other convenient times over the weekend Friday to Sunday **8th-10th May**.

And also for the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta by King John at Runnymede.

Anniversary ringing on the **14th and 15th June**.

300th anniversary of the first recorded true peal on **3rd May 1715**.

First Peal 2015 is a year long initiative to mark a special year for ringing. It has three aims:

As many ringers as possible to ring their first peal during the year.

A lot of special ringing to mark the anniversary, on or near **2nd May**.

A concerted publicity effort to tell the public about the heritage, skills and cultural importance of bellringing.



KCACR Subs 2015

County subs are due from January 1st (so you are now officially late!). The rates are unchanged at £10 for adults and £5 for concessions (65 and over, 18 and under, full time education).



Any cheque payments to be made out to **Kent Association of Change Ringers** to make my life easier with the bank who want the wording exactly as it is written in the paying in book.

Rachel Backhouse