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Ringling for Peace *Armistice 100*



Remembering the sacrifice of Bromley's bellringers in the First World War

At least six ringers from Bromley parish church saw active service during the First World War, of whom three lost their lives. For the current band of Bromley bellringers, therefore, marking the centenary of the First World War took on a special significance.

The 'Ringing Remembers' campaign to recruit new bellringers to ring for the centenary of the end of the First World War was a huge success, with over 2600 new ringers joining groups across the country. Here in Bromley, four new recruits joined our rapidly growing band to learn for the centenary. Lots of teaching at our practice nights (7-9pm every Tuesday) meant that, by 11th November, they were ready to ring with the rest of the band. Thanks to our recent teaching programme, we had fourteen ringers in the tower on Remembrance Sunday, only five of whom were ringing before 2016. We also held a short act of remembrance in the tower for the three Bromley bellringers who died during the war and later laid a wreath in their memory during the act of remembrance at the war memorial.



The three were clearly a significant loss to Bromley tower, judging from the records at the time. The first to be killed was Alfred James Snr., who died in France on 8th April 1917, aged 40. The then Secretary of the Bromley ringers, Isaac Emery, wrote "his place in the belfry will be hard to fill, for he was a good ringer, and very dependable, his main qualities being punctuality, a bright and cheerful disposition and a readiness always to oblige others". He left a wife and seven children, one of whom (Alfred Jnr.) was also serving in France. Archie Mansfield died in France on 8th August 1917, aged 22; the Secretary wrote "he was a good lad, and a very promising ringer", who doubtless would have gone on to achieve great things. Eric Filtness, the last of the Bromley bellringers to die in the conflict, was killed in Palestine on 13th July 1918, aged 23.

The Secretary wrote that Eric was killed "much to the regret of us all and of everyone who knew him. I saw his young wife and tendered her our deepest sympathy, we also rang the bells half-muffled, which was unfortunately all we could do in such sad circumstances." The ringers also placed framed photographs of all three fallen bellringers in the tower. These photographs were sadly lost in the bombing of the church during the Second World War.



The centenary of Alfred James' death was marked with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major in April 2017, and Eric Filtness' with a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in July 2018. The Bromley bellringers of 1917 rang a half-muffled quarter peal in memory of Alfred James shortly after his death.

Three other ringers at the church returned safely from the war; in April 1919 Isaac Emery wrote "we are very glad to welcome back safely Alfred James Jnr. after a long spell in France and also Mr Spice after his 8 months service in the RAF. We also hope to have ere long our probationer T Knight home for good with us."

We were proud to be able to commemorate the contributions of Alfred James, Archie Mansfield and Eric Filtness, and hope that the work we have done to secure the future of bellringing at Bromley through our recent recruitment and teaching efforts can stand as a lasting tribute to their memory.

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Calling All Lewisham District Young Ringers

May I encourage all young ringers to consider joining the Kent Young Ringers practices that Jen Thomas, Kent Young Ringers Officer, has set up.

The dates are all Saturdays, 2-4pm and at Aylesford on Saturday 26th January, 16th February at Hollingbourne and 23rd March at Marden.

KCACR AGM 2020

HELP WANTED!

In 2020 it will be the Lewisham District's turn to host the County Annual General Meeting, and the officers will start planning the details after the January meeting. However we're going to need help from as many of you as possible to deliver this major event! Unfortunately the one thing we can't do is give you a definite date, as there is a proposal to change it from the traditional Easter Monday, so until we know if that is successful we can't start planning in more detail. The pressure is on to find a venue though, so it can be trailed in the next County report.

In the mean time please could I ask you to get your thinking caps on? We're going to be looking for:

- a venue for the service and, fairly close by, a venue for lunch for about 60-100 and meeting for 150-200ish. The lunch venue should have kitchen facilities that can be used to produce a three course meal for those numbers. Parking is a big consideration - although we're used to taking local public transport, there will be many people driving up from Ashford, Canterbury, Dover etc.

- a catering team to provide the lunch (this may be a friendly professional or a bunch of willing volunteers)

- someone who can provide a simple sound system for amplifying the meeting speakers

Nearer the time we'll need volunteers to steward the open towers, people to assist with the lunch (and run the beer stall!), sell raffle tickets, and generally make the day run smoothly.

Any ideas gratefully received! Please email me at chair@lewishamdistrict.org.uk or Debra at sec@lewishamdistrict.org.uk, or talk to any member of the committee.

Philippa Rooke
Chairman
Lewisham District
KCACR

These are all nice rings of eight bells and everyone is welcome with ringing tailored to suit those attending.

And the SECOM - South East Young Ringers Competition is going to be held at Horton Kirby on Sat 6 April 2019.

Please let me know if anyone requires more information.
Thanks,
Nick

Editorial



Thanks to everyone who has made the effort to contribute to the newsletter this time.

A reminder that KCACR subs are now due. I can collect cash/cheques like usual at the district meeting. Alternatively contact me if you'd rather do a bank transfer. Subs remain the same, for this year at least. £10 for adults, £5 for over 65 and under 18.

Well done to everyone who took part in Ringing Remembers. I hope that I picked up everything that took place on 11th Nov and appeared on bellboard.

The Kent Young Ringers made an appearance on Blue Peter on Thurs 10th January (CBBC). Well worth catching up on on the iplayer.

Cheers,
Rupert

120 club

Many thanks to all who bought shares last year. It is now time to start thinking about the 2019-20 season; the first draw will be at the April District Meeting. There are 10 draws during the year. Shares are £10 and each draw has four prizes - £20, £10, £10, and £5, with double the number of prizes in July and December. All profits go to the Kent County Bell Restoration Fund.

You do not have to be a Kent member or even a ringer to purchase shares, but shares cannot be sold to anyone under 16. Application forms may be printed off the District website. Share numbers will be allocated sequentially. If you wish to have particular numbers, please indicate this. However, preferred numbers cannot be guaranteed.

Elizabeth Brett

<i>October 2018 District Meeting, Ash</i>		
1 st	£20	Jim Rooke - Chelsfield
2 nd	£10	Mick McDonnell – Horton Kirby
3 rd	£10	Janis Roddy - Sidcup
4 th	£5	Chris Devine - Eltham

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November 2018 Call Change competition, Farnborough

1 st	£20	(to BRF)
2 nd	£10	Caroline Gould – Eynsford and Farningham
3 rd	£10	John Chenery - Horton Kirby
4 th	£5	Esther Correia – Dartford

December 2018 District Practice, Dartford Double Draw

1 st	£20	(to BRF)
2 nd	£10	Margaret Heald, Erith St.John's Jackie Wickham, Erith St.John's (to BRF)
3 rd	£10	David Holdridge, Eltham Esther Correia, Dartford
4 th	£5	Lesley Barclay, Horton Kirby Caroline Stockman, Sevenoaks

NEWS FROM THE TOWERS

ASH BY WROTHAM

Sunday 11 November 2018

Rounds call changes and plain hunt

1. Brian Ashmore (C)
 2. Julia Kilfoyle
 3. Susan Heads
 4. Fay Giffard
 5. Ian Nurdin
 6. David Gyles
 7. Helen Sims
 8. Stella Wilson
9. Ray Derry

An hour of open ringing on the six bells from 12.30pm as part of the "Ringing Remembers" national event on the occasion of the 100 year anniversary of the signing of the WW1 armistice.

BECKENHAM

Sunday 11 November 2018

167 Grandsire Triples in 6mins

1. Lucy Poole
2. Alice Baverstock
3. Elizabeth Hardy
4. David Brown
5. Jeremy Byers
6. Ross Hartley
7. James Hardy (C)
8. Mark Harris

Rung half-muffled before the service to remember the fallen, including John B Lovell, ringer at St George's, Beckenham, killed in Flanders in 1917.



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1. Lucy Poole
2. Alice Baverstock
3. Elizabeth Hardy
4. David Brown
5. Ruth Pointer
6. Jeremy Byers
7. James Hardy (C)
8. Mark Harris

Rung open at 12:30pm to mark the centenary of the signing of the Armistice.

BEXLEY

Despite the fact that we only have two ringing members in the band at Bexley we managed to ring a very nice "peal" of 600 call changes with the help of ringers from Crayford, Greenwich and Surrey. Many thanks to all those who came to ring with us.

Sunday, 11 November 2018

600 Call changes in 20mins

1. Diane Reynolds (C)
2. Brenda Coode
3. Shelagh Norman
4. John Bonney
5. Mary Hayward
6. Eddie Coode

We manage to practice on most Thursdays, again with the help of local visiting ringers. If you are thinking of joining us on a Thursday please contact Mary Andrews or myself (Eddie Coode 01322523567) beforehand so that we can let you know if we are meeting

Eddie Coode

BROMLEY COMMON

For over a year now we have organised and hosted a monthly eight bell practice on the first Thursday of each month. This takes place instead of our weekly practice and is attended by ringers from local towers, including those who normally ring on just six bells. A variety of triples and major methods have been rung to date and the experience gained was put to good use on summer outings.

Along with towers across the nation, the eight bells of St Luke rang out at 12.30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One.

Sunday 11 November 2018

General ringing and call changes

1. Hannah Clark
2. Jackie Duke
3. Rob Duke
4. Chris Lawrance
5. John Perrin
6. Alastair Scott
7. Megan Smith
8. Pat Webb

Rung at 12.30pm as part of Ringing Remembers to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One.

Chris Lawrance

CRAYFORD

Over the last nine months we have been reporting regularly on the progress of our four new recruits, three of whom rang in the two teams we were able to enter for the call change competition at Farnborough in November. Neither of our teams won, but it was two very respectable pieces of ringing which we were very happy with, and it is to their credit that all three learners rang in the competition within their first year of learning. The same three also came on our November outing reported on elsewhere in the newsletter and rang for the morning service on 11th November. Since then, they have begun to ring regularly on Sunday mornings for

which we are very grateful as despite our practices being well attended by friends from other towers, our numbers on a Sunday had been somewhat depleted over the last few years.

Our fourth learner, Lee, was unable to take part as she was away on holiday for the first half of November and is also the last new recruit to be elected as a member of the KCACR, which are happy to be doing at the quarterly meeting at Sidcup.

Our Ringing Remembers effort included half-muffled ringing before the morning service, with a 1918 date touch comprising of 16 methods/variations rung 'open' after the service which took us up to 12.30pm as was requested. This was the most methods ever rung by any of the band, at the time.

Sunday, 11 November 2018

1918 Doubles (16m/v/p) in 65mins
(1p/4v/11m: 48 Stedman, 120 each St Remigius, Huntley, Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Noviomagus, St Osmund, Eynesbury, In Memoriam, St Martin's, Crayford, St Simon's, St Paulinus, Plain Bob and 190 Grandsire.)

1. Brenda Barton	2. Debra Say
3. Peter Skinner	4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)	6. Neville Wilding

Rung open to celebrate the end of The Great War a hundred years ago today.
Most methods for all.

Spurred on by the success of our 16 method date touch, we then went on to ring our annual date touch in December ringing 2018 changes made up of 18 methods/variations with the same inside ringers.

Sunday, 16 December 2018

2018 Doubles (18m/v/p) in 68mins
(1p/11m/6v: 48 Stedman, 50 Grandsire, 120 each St Remigius, Huntley, Winchendon Place, St Miles, St Nicholas, St Giles, St Osmund, Noviomagus, Eynesbury, In Memoriam, St Martin's, Crayford, St Simon's, St Paulinus, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury)

1. Brenda Barton	2. Debra Say
3. Peter Skinner	4. Andrew Sinclair
5. Rupert Cheeseman (C)	6. Cathy Cheeseman

The 10th annual date touch rung before 9 lessons and carols.
Most methods for all.

In addition to these two date touches, a further five quarters were rung for various services in December, including ringing Christmas Eve Doubles on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Doubles on Christmas Day. One quarter peal has already been rung this year, on New Years day, to celebrate the life of Brenda Barton's mother who sadly passed away earlier in December at the age of 103½.

Debra Say

DARTFORD

Sunday 11 November 2018

Rounds and Call Changes in 5mins

1. Deryck Jones	2. Colin Auton
3. Andy Evans	4. Graeme Jefferson
5. James Butler	6. Bethany Kirrage
7. Alex Britton (C)	

Rung on 1,3,4,5,6,7,8 for the national event of Ringing Remembers at 12.30pm.

ELTHAM

Sunday 11 November 2018

Call Changes

1. Lisa Cole	2. Chris Davine
3. Maralyn Evans	4. Tom Green
5. David Holdridge (C)	

Rung at 12.30pm for "Ringing Remembers".

ERITH, Christ Church

We have been quite busy at our tower. Some members of our band got together to form a team for the Friends of Christ Church quiz which was an enjoyable night out. We have also rung for a few weddings, hosted a district practice and welcomed a visiting band. They rang our bells beautifully – Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire and Kent.

On the 22nd September we rang for the Collation of Reverend Monica which was a joyous occasion and it was lovely to welcome her.



On November 3rd came the much anticipated visit to see Mark and Rachel Backhouse in Thatcham with the added bonus of visiting their new church for some bellringing.. Early that morning most of the band boarded Denis's taxi and he was a hero as he tried to avoid all the traffic jams and queues on both the M3 and M4. On arriving at Mark and Rachel's they enjoyed a splendid lunch and then on to the tower. There are 60 steps up to the ringing chamber and the spiral staircase goes the opposite way to the steps at Christ Church. There are ten bells at the church and with the help of two other ringers from the tower they were able to ring call changes on 8 and 10 bells and some Plain Bob Doubles. They then had a short walk to a pleasant

nature reserve before returning to the house for a cup of tea and a slice (or more!) of Mark's excellent cakes. It was a brilliant day out.

Before the service on Remembrance Sunday the bells were rung half muffled and the band rang Whole Pull Plain Hunt followed by call changes. At 12.30 there was open ringing in celebration of peace to mark the Centenary of the Armistice.. The bells were rung again at 19.05 as part of "Battle's Over – a Nation's Tribute" in celebration of peace.

Shirley Scarth

FARNBOROUGH

Sunday ringing 9.30-10.00am. Practices one Sunday afternoon per month (usually the first Sunday) and most Wednesday afternoons, 3.30-4.30pm but check before attending.

We are excited to have just taken delivery of a Simulator and are in the process of installing it. Once operational we will hope to increase our ringing teaching opportunities and have more flexibility on practice times.

Sunday 11 November 2018

100 Rounds and Call Changes half muffled

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Audrey Allaway | 2. William Allaway |
| 3. Anne Taylor | 4. Alex Moore |
| 5. Jacqui Moore | 6. Nicholas Wilkins (C) |

Bells rung between 9.20 and 10.

Sunday 11th November 2018

5040 Minor (2 extents Kent TB, Cambridge S, Plain Bob and 1 extent St Clement's CB)

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| 1. Nicholas Wilkins (C) | 2 Ann Saunders |
| 3. Ian Mills | 4. Lesley Barclay |
| 5. Jonathan Fry | 6. Martin Turner |

Rung open to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice.

Nick Wilkins

FARNINGHAM & EYNSFORD

Sunday 11th November 2018 marked both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Both have long served to provide moments of recollection and reflection for the fallen of the Great War and all subsequent conflict.

Date and day combined for the 100th anniversary of the WWI armistice to be commemorated through a number of initiatives including 'Ringing Remembers'.

Having fulfilled our usual commitment of ringing half-muffled for the morning service at St Martin's, the E&F Band fielded ringers for a programme of 100 called changes at both our Eynsford and Farningham towers.

The lunchtime ring at Eynsford was conducted by Jack Barker and featured our latest recruit, James Barker (no relation) who joined the Band as part of the Central Council's scheme to recruit 1400 new ringers in memory



At Eynsford (photo to left), L to R: Hannah Barker, Blanche Griffin, Mark Baldwin, Jack Barker, Daphne Paterson, Joanna McGarvey, James Barker, Marion Bond, Dave Horne

Evening ring at SS Peter and Paul, Farningham L to R: Mark Baldwin, Blanche Griffin, Hannah Barker, Joanna McGarvey, Jack Barker, James Barker, Dave Horne.

Also attending were Caroline Gould and Daphne Paterson



Every entrant to our towers on 11/11/18 was presented with a 1918 1d Coin as a keepsake.

Both bands were ably assisted by Ahmadrahah Zakhil, who kept an accurate count of the calls.

The end of a long but very moving day saw elements of the band retiring to a local hostelry. At this point, we considered ourselves inured to hundred year events until spotting our conductor getting the drinks in for all!

Dave Horne

HORTON KIRBY

We rang morning and evening for Ringing Remembers and the band included 4 new members who have recently joined us. They bring much enthusiasm to the tower. Thursday practice 8-9.30, visitors welcome.

Lesley Barclay

LEWISHAM

Thanks to all that rang at St Mary's Lewisham at 12.30.

Sunday, 11 November 2018

Rounds and Call Changes

- 1 Julia Pring
- 2 James Ivackovic
- 3 Christine Webb
- 4 Aleks Ivackovic
- 5 Pauline Symons
- 6 Matthew Amos (C)

Half-muffled ringing at 12.30pm after remembrance service.



Sunday, 18 November 2018 in 46m (21-1-14)
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Edward Gormley 2 Ed J Webb
3 Gillian Harris 4 Matthew Amos
5 Edmund J Wratten (C)6 Trisha Shannon
1st on treble (1)

This quarter peal is dedicated to all the volunteers at Southwark Cathedral. Edward Gormley went to the volunteer team leaders' meeting there this afternoon.

Julia Pring



LULLINGSTONE

The single bell at Lullingstone was rung 100 times.

Sunday 11th November 2018 in 10mins
100 Rounds on one

1. George Comer
To mark the centenary of the WW1 Armistice and rung during the Cenotaph march past.

That was some weekend!

David Hilling

SIDCUP

Sunday 11 November 2018

100 Plain Bob Doubles in 4mins

1. Svetlana Sokolova 2. Alexander Runting
3. Louise Price 4. Peter Norwood
5. Alexander Fishburn 6. Deborah Runting

Rung at 7.05pm as part of "Battle's Over: Ringing Out for Peace".

ST MARY CRAY

Sunday 11 November 2018

Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Bob Doubles and diminishing rounds

1. Katy Weller 2. Matthew Weller
3. Louise Price 4. Peter Norwood
5. Don Pointer 6. Jon Richards
7. Peter Moyle 8. Tasmin Pointer
9. Nigel Pointer 10. Andrew McLaughlin

By the local band: half muffled ringing leading up to the 11.00 silence, followed by open ringing after the service as part of the nationwide "Ringing Remembers"

campaign. Andrew is a RR recruit and rang in the rounds at 12:30pm.

WEST WICKHAM

Sunday 11 November 2018

Rounds, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandsire Doubles

Ringing for the Centenary of the WW1 Armistice.

WOOLWICH, GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

The Meridian Ringers

We have continued with our normal ringing pattern, with our usual practice night on Wednesdays, 8pm-9.30pm, at Greenwich, but occasionally at St. John's, Deptford or Woolwich if Greenwich is not available. We usually ring for the monthly Choral Evensong at Greenwich and also for Evening Worship at St. John's, Deptford once a month [check the website for dates]. We occasionally ring at Woolwich for practices. Ringing for the Sunday morning Choral Eucharist Service at Greenwich is continuing on a regular basis and we rang for two weddings at Greenwich on 5th & 6th October.

There was a special midweek Eucharist which we rang for in October. This was for the Anglican Schools Conference which was held nearby.

We have some 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. Special methods of the month included All Saints for November and Antelope Doubles for December. Our learners are making good progress and have achieved Levels 1 & 2 on the Learning the Ropes scheme. Since August we have had another three recruits and also in December yet another learner - they have made a very good start. Some of the recruits were able to join in for the Ringing Remembers Special Ringing at Greenwich on 11th November.

Greenwich, St Alfege

Sunday, 11 November 2018 (23-2-14 in D)

Rounds, Bob Doubles

1. Alan Munden	2. Jim Odell
3. Hazel Bing	4. Bill Lanyon (C)
5. JJ Aiston	6. Emma Roberts
7. David Connearn	8. Naoko Nakatani
9. Stephen Webb	10. Lily Tang
11. Justina Pupeikyte	12. Sacha Neugarten *
13. Lina Pupeikiene	14. Steven Neugarten
15. Caroline White*	16. Lynn Dobson*
17. Christina Skaife*	

* A recruit for Ringing Remembers. Linda Willis (non-ringer was in attendance).

We only had one former ringer who died whilst in service during The First World War. This was Herbert White, who was a ringer at St John's, Deptford.

Deptford, St John

Thursday 11th October 2018 (14-0-18 in F)
1260 Grandsire Triples In 46 minutes

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| 1. Lesley Barclay | 5. Philippa Rooke |
| 2. Ann M Saunders | 6. Nicholas Wilkins (C) |
| 3. Jacqueline M Barlow | 7. Rupert Cheeseman |
| 4. Debra Say | 8. Graham Long |

First World War Commemoration. In memory of Lance Corporal Herbert Edward White, a ringer at this church, who died 11th October 1918, age 41. Military Police Corps Military Foot Police. Commemorated at Deptford (Brockley) Cemetery. He rang his first peal on 31/12/1907, ringing the 4th to Grandsire Triples at St John's, Deptford, conducted by William J. Jeffries. He rang further peals at Deptford on 31/12/1908, 31/12/1909, 19/02/1910 and 20/05/1910; he rang the 4th to all of the peals, all conducted by William J. Jeffries. During the war he rang quarter peals of Grandsire Triples at Deptford on 03/06/1916 and 01/01/1918.

A band from Derby visited Greenwich on Trafalgar Day and rang a peal of Cape Trafalgar Royal (a new method). Another band from the Maidstone and Tonbridge areas made a visit to Deptford to ring a quarter of Plain Bob Royal in November.

Unfortunately, several people were away over Christmas so we were unable to have any ringing for the Christmas Services although we did celebrate The New Year with our usual Welcome the New Year Ringing at 12 noon on New Year's Day.



Greenwich, St Alfege

Tuesday, 1 January 2019 (23-2-14 in D)

Plain Bob Triples, Rounds, Call Changes and Firing to welcome The New Year.

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| 1 Justina Pupeikyte | 9 Alan Munden |
| 2 Shelagh Norman | 10 Edward Gormley |
| 3 Hazel Bing | 11 Jan Odell |
| 4 Brenda Coode | 12 Lily Tang |
| 5 Eddie Coode | 13 Natalie Slator |
| 6 Jim Odell | 14 Dorinda Ostermann |
| 7 Graham Long (C) | 15 Maria Hardy |
| 8 David Connearn | 16 Neil Coode |

Everyone is most welcome to any of our ringing events – please check our website for further details.

www.meridianbells.webs.com

Graham Long

Call Change Competition 2018

On Saturday 17th November, 5 bands gathered at Farnborough for the annual Call Change Competition. It was good to see that a number of people were taking part in their first competition and overall the standard of ringing was high.

The result was:

1st	Farnborough	93%
2nd	Bronmley	87%
3rd	Crayford R	81%
4th	Crayford A	80%
5th	Chelsfield	(91%)

So Farnborough won the trophy for the first time. They probably also had the oldest and youngest competitors. Audrey Allaway (nee Diserens) was 88 on Sunday, the day after the competition and Helen Scarlett is still at school. There's 75 years difference between Helen and Audrey!



Bellringing on Blue Peter

Kent (along with Sussex and Derbyshire) Young Ringers will feature on the BBC's Blue Peter programme on Thursday 10th January 2019 (17.30, CBBC channel).

Presenter Lindsey Russell was filmed having a "learn the ropes" session, then featured in a mini striking competition with the SCACR, Kent and Derbyshire youth striking competition teams. Filming took place during the Ringing World National Youth Contest in July and I'm told the programme may contain a few surprises!

Blue Peter airs a few times during the week and is available for replay for a month afterwards. As many of you will know, this feature was due to be shown last year but was delayed several times. However, it looks like it will definitely be on this week, so do take a look and share with as many people as possible as this is great publicity for ringing.

Jen Thomas

Crayford Outing

We hadn't had an outing at Crayford for a number of years until April 2018 and following the success of that event, we vowed to have a second outing before the year was over. Having taken a poll, the date that best suited the majority was Saturday 10th November and after all, there was no other ringing which needed to be done that weekend, was there?!

So, despite our plans for "Ringing Remembers" the following day, we headed off to East Kent, telling ourselves it would be good practice for three of our new recruits who were ringing the following day and for the more experienced to practice some of the sixteen methods we had planned for our 1918 date touch. We set off towards Bekesbourne on a very damp and overcast autumnal morning with the forecast threatening heavy rain later.

Bekesbourne turned out to be a beautiful, though isolated, 12th century church, with a nice ground floor ring of six (7-2-16) which had been augmented from two bells in the late 19th century and restored in 2003, with the plain bearings being replaced. Our learners coped very well with ringing these bells and they rang some respectable rounds and call changes. It was when practising for our date touch here that I realised I really should have done a bit more homework and hoped that by the end of the day, I would feel a bit more confident about the challenge we had set ourselves for the following day.

Waltham followed next, another ground floor ring of six (8-2-2), strangely hung in the arched chancel crossing. These were not easy bells to ring and I think it would be fair to say that some of the less experienced ringers struggled here. Nevertheless, everybody had a go and did as much as they were comfortable doing. The bells here were augmented from four to six for the millennium and the fifth is the oldest Joseph Hatch bell in Kent, dating from 1602. The church itself is Norman in origin but is quite plain inside and its most notable feature is probably its Georgian gallery.

After Waltham we headed to Selling, the first eight bell tower of the day, where Eddie and Brenda Coode joined us to fortify our numbers after the excitement of having their flu vaccinations earlier that morning. The access to the ringing room was up a steep but straight staircase from outside so



we didn't get to see the inside of the church but having arrived upstairs, we smiled when we saw that a shelf all around the ringing room was full of empty alcohol bottles! Being so light (5-3-26) we thought these might be challenging but our learners rang really well and we also managed some Grandsire and Stedman triples.

Lunch beckoned after this tower so off we went just down the road to the White Lion in Selling where we had pre-ordered food. On entering the pub, our eyes were immediately drawn to the huge inglenook fireplace and more specifically to the toybox inside. Opening the lid we spied a pack a Uno cards amongst other pastimes and several competitive games were enjoyed before and after eating.

After lunch the first tower of the afternoon was a short drive away in Boughton-under-Blean (11-0-6) but unfortunately, the ringing here was a little compromised to start with as one car in our group went to the church in the village which incidentally has no bells, whereas the church of St Peter & St Paul we were due to ring at, was located a little way from the village itself. This gave us plenty of time to ring some rounds and call changes and as these bells were probably the closest in feel to those at Crayford, they were the easiest of the day to ring.

Halfway through the session our geographically-challenged ringers arrived and we were able to move on to ringing some triples and continue the practice for the Sunday's date touch.

By the time we started on the drive to the last tower, the sky was already gloomy and darkness had fallen by the time we reached Sheldwich where we almost drove straight past with the church hidden among many trees. St James' is a grade II* listed church dating from 1070 with a very nice ring of eight bells (7-0-26) although the front two bells in particular were very flighty. The ringing room was full of peal boards and certificates and was located on a curtained off gallery overlooking the body of the church. We managed a good selection of rounds and call changes, doubles and triples and it was here that we took our group photo before leaving.



Our itinerary had a local pub listed for a drink before heading home but as our timings had drifted, it was already getting late and the weather had started to take a definite turn for the worse, so we said our goodbyes and left for home, knowing that we would all be back for Ringing Remembers the next morning.

Debra Say

TRAINING 2019

As the new training officer for the District, I am keen to gauge the training needs of the towers and ringers within the Lewisham District. I am currently planning to organise approximately one full training day per quarter for 2019 - though this will depend on demand - and some regular bell handling workshops if there is enthusiasm for this. The training days will be on Saturdays, bell handling workshops can be organised on weekday evenings or at weekends to suit.

I have written a list of some potential topics for training days in 2019. If you are keen to come on a training day this year - or know someone in your band who might like to do so - could you please email me back at some point with which of the following you would find helpful. I will then work out a programme for the year based on your responses.

Raising and lowering in peal
Plain hunt (Doubles-Triples)
Plain Bob Doubles
Grandsire Doubles
Beyond Bob Doubles (ie different Doubles methods)
Stedman Doubles
Plain Bob Minor
Breaking into Surprise Minor
Advanced Surprise Minor
Grandsire Triples
Stedman Triples
Surprise Major
Ringing on higher numbers (10 and/or 12)

I will be back in contact soon with further details of the training plans for the District in the coming year.

Best wishes,
Tom the training officer
training@lewishamdistrict.org.uk



Sixty years ago...

Sixty years ago, on the 3rd January 1959, a peal was rung at St John the Baptist Eltham, dedicated to the memory of Geoff Hurrell, a ringer at that tower. Both his grandfather (Jim) and father (Frederick) were also members of the band, and his death at a tragically early age was regretted by all who knew him.

It was also significant in being the first peal for two of the ringers: Edward Coode and Brenda Slark (who would later that same year become Mrs Coode). Brenda herself conducted the peal, joining the select company of ringers who have called their own first peal. Even more impressively, she called the famously complicated "Original" one-part composition by John Holt, whose 150 seemingly random calls have defeated many experienced conductors. Brenda remembers being coached in this challenging feat of memory by another Eltham ringer, Ernest Crowder, who had himself called the composition several times in the 1950s.

It seemed appropriate to mark this significant anniversary with a quarter-peal: of Grandsire Triples, of course, although on this occasion Brenda delegated the conducting duties to Ian Mills. A sparkling quarter was rung at Eltham, sixty years to the day since the original peal, with a band made of a few of Eddie and Brenda's many friends from the District.

Details of the quarter, and the original peal, are as follows:

Thursday 3 January 2019
1260 Grandsire Triples in 45m
1 Brenda Coode
2 Andrew Sinclair
3 Diane Reynolds
4 Rupert Cheeseman
5 Eddie Coode
6 David Holdridge
7 Ian G Mills (C)
8 Graham Long

To mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal for Brenda and Eddie Coode, rung in this tower on 3 January 1959

Kent County Association
Saturday 3 January 1959
5040 Grandsire Triples in 2h 50m
Composed by J Holt (the Original)

1 Kenneth D Small
2 Edward J Coode
3 George B Beebe
4 Jim Hurrell
5 Brenda U Slark (C)
6 Ernest B Crowder
7 Frederick J Hurrell
8 Robin E Clarke

1st peal; 2,5.

1st peal for the Sunday Service Band

To the memory of Geoffrey John Hurrell, member of this tower



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
LEWISHAM DISTRICT



Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting, SS Peter & Paul, Ash

by Wrotham, 13th October 2018

25 people attended representing 9 towers, 2 unattached member and 1 from Rochester Dist.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Maralyn Evans (Chislehurst), Ian Mills (Eltham), Margaret Heald (Erith, St John), Tom Hinks & Helena Mattingly (Bromley Parish), Debra Say (Crayford), Nancy & Doug Fisher (Chelsfield), Ann Saunders & Alex Britton (U/A).

2. Minutes of last meeting (14th July 2018 at Crayford)

Posted to website and circulated in the Newsletter. Agreed as a correct and accurate record once the 120 club winners were added (inc. in newsletter version). Proposed: Rupert Cheeseman Seconded: Lesley Barclay. Voted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere – Nil

4. Election of New Members

New Member	Tower	Proposed by	Seconded by
Elizabeth Morris	Crayford	Rupert Cheeseman	Debra Say
Peter Morris	Crayford	Rupert Cheeseman	Debra Say

A warm welcome was given to Pete and Liz who were present at the meeting.

5. Officer Reports

Ringling Master, Nick Wilkins. Practices have been held monthly and I am still trying to ensure that all the towers in the district are visited. I am keen to reach out to more ringers across the District as although the practices are generally well attended I was disappointed that only 6 ringers attended the practice at The Annunciation, Chislehurst. However, 20+ attended Farningham. Ringing is tailored to who attends so should be inclusive. The Chelsfield Surprise Major practice has recently been re-branded as a District practice but has more or less remained with the same ringers attending. If you'd like to ring Surprise Major come along on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 8 – 9.30pm where you will be made very welcome.

The Lewisham District entered the County 6 bell, 8 bell striking Competitions, and the Essex 10 bell trophy. The district call change competition was won by Crayford last November. Eltham won the district striking competition in Downe in March. I would encourage as many towers as possible to enter the district call-change competition in November and the striking competition in the New Year.

Nineteen quarter peals in 16 different towers were rung in Quarter Peal week 9th – 18th March.

I have concerns are the silent towers (5) identified in the County survey from November 2017. Some could just be that a return wasn't sent but how can we help our neighbouring towers?

The County young ringers are very active and as the district young persons' rep I encourage you to muster your young ringers to get involved. Jen Thomas is arranging lots of County wide activities.

Training Officer, Lesley Barclay. My main focus has been on basic bell handling and those starting out in ringing. I've visited towers and taught learners at my home tower, Horton Kirby. I will continue this focus even though I am standing down from the role.

The Chair formally thanked Lesley for all her hard work during her time in the role.

Newsletter Editor, Rupert Cheeseman. Thank you for all who contribute to the content of the newsletter, it is appreciated. The newsletter is what you make it, the more items submitted make a better newsletter. Rupert was thanked for continuing to compile it for us.

120 Club, Liz Brett. Liz informed the meeting that 103 of the 120 shares were sold this year and she will start selling the shares for 2019 from the January meeting. Despite the challenges set before her by Bromley and Sevenoaks Licencing, she eventually got there and is formally registered to administer the club.

6. KCACR Report from 28th July 2018 & Proposed rule changes

- Proposed Rule Changes - A number of rule changes for decision at the AGM 2019 Easter Monday 22nd April are envisaged. Details will be circulated to District Secretaries by 1st September 2018 for consideration at Annual District Meetings this October. To date the proposed rule changes relate to:-
- Quorum of General Committee to be reduced from 8 to 6 to reflect the reduced size of the committee agreed at last year's AGM.
- To ensure that at least two of the three BRF Trustees be present when grant decisions are made.
- Subscription category changes in order to generate sufficient funds to balance income against expenditure.

- Peal Fee Review – Decision deferred to 23rd February 2019 General Committee but understood that any excess peal fees would be used for the Training Fund. Full details from or comments to the Association Chairman Phil Barnes.
- Role Descriptions – The Chairman is developing a list of essential tasks that need to be undertaken at District Level with a suggested division of such tasks amongst the officers in a typical district.
- General Data Protection Regulations – To ensure the Association is fully compliant with the GDPR an annual check for consents would be undertaken at the same time as Membership Subscription renewals.
- Reinvigorating Ringing in Kent – Association Chairman Phil Barnes has met with District Officers to review and share information and ideas about what is happening in each district. Common issues emerged; importance of maintaining interest amongst ringers at every level of experience, training structures, activities across-district boundaries, improving basic ringing training, group teaching hubs, co-ordination of teaching and development of trainers. A second meeting focused on recruitment, effective teaching of bell-handling with the aim of one ringer per rope in the Association by the AGM 2021, proactive approach to training events, advanced practices and improved communication. Please contact Phil Barnes to support and engage with reinvigorating ringing in Kent.
- Mid-week 10 bell practices on Association-wide basis – Dates will be circulated shortly for bi-monthly 10-bell practices with an initial focus on Stedman and simple surprise.
- Treasurer Notice – Margaret Funnell reminds members that she would be standing down as Association Treasurer at the AGM 2019. Please speak with Margaret if you wish to know more and/or offer yourself for nomination to this important role.
- Training Officer – David Grimwood hopes to help increase the number of accredited Mentors in Kent to support those undertaking ARTS training courses. Course fee funding is available from the Association. A Leadership Skills Course is envisaged on 17th November 2018, location to be confirmed. David Grimwood encourages ringers to contact him with requests or ideas for training events and to share experience on recruitment and retention.
- Safeguarding – David Grimwood and Nigel Spencer have an impressive grasp of safeguarding issues. Dioceses are providing online Safeguarding training for all ringers through courses C0 and C1 and a half-day course C2 for those who are required to have a clear DBS check. Dates and venues for District C2 courses will be circulated shortly. The Rochester Diocese is organising C2 Safeguarding courses on Monday 1st October and Saturday 1st December (venues to be confirmed).
- Youth Activities – Kent Young Ringers have been extremely busy over the past three months – follow this [link](#) to the Kent Youth pages for details. Another quarter peal day is being organised by the young people on 6th August. A Young Ringers' Programme for 2019 is being drawn up. Work to create a Youth Competition Trophy is progressing. A practice band to take part in the County 6-bell competition is yet to be confirmed. A change in the competition rules may be needed in future for them to compete in their own right.
- Bell Restoration – Follow the [link](#) to the latest Bell Restoration Report by Brian Butcher. A grant of £490 was approved for the repair of the Lydd tenor clapper.
- Milton Regis Ringing Centre – Association support was requested to secure Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) to develop Milton Regis into a ringing centre. The Association has provided a grant for the rehang project which is now well under way. Additional works are envisaged to provide social/teaching space with a kitchen and other facilities for wider community use. A letter from the Association would encourage HLF support for the Ringing Centre.
- Mobile Ring project – Follow this [link](#) to the full report on the project to date. Design work would continue and a full report was requested for the November General Committee to include detailed design and implementation proposals, confirmation that it was fit for purposes, storage and operation proposals to conform to the original agreed outline.
- Ringing for the Centenary of the Armistice – 11th November 2018 – Full details had now been circulated nationwide follow [links](#). Ringers should liaise with their local churches and communities in order to participate fully and appropriately.
- Ringing Competitions – A Kent band would take part in the Essex Trophy on 8th September at Horsham. The County 6-bell competition is on 22nd September 2018 at Upchurch, 9.45am draw. Kent Young Ringers will take part in an inter-District Youth competition on 3rd November 2018 at Kingsnorth, 1.45pm draw. Kent ringers up to the age of 25 would be eligible to take part.
- London Ringers' Advent Carol Service 03/12/2018 - 19:30 at St Giles in the Field, Holborn. Members of the KCACR have been invited to take part in this event. Please contact Margaret Peirce peircemargaret@aol.com direct if you wish to attend.
- Frank Lewis Memorial Board – The design of the Peal Board was agreed and the cost had been mainly covered by donations. A full report would be contained in the next Handbook.
- South East England Youth Striking Competition – KCACR will be hosting this event on 6th April 2019. Six to eight teams from across the South East could be expected. Volunteers to help run the day will be needed – please contact Youth Officer, Jen Thomas to offer your assistance.
- AGM 2020 alternative date – It was suggested that the AGM be moved away from Bank Holiday Easter Monday from 2020. Doug Davis offered to write a proposal for the 24th November Committee, so please let him have ideas or views.
- Dates of next General Committee meetings - 24th November 2018. General Committee dates for 2019 were agreed as 23/02/2019, 27/04/2019, 27/07/2019 & 30/11/2019.

Points raised on some of the above points :-

- There are places still available for the C2 Safeguarding training taking place on 1st December – contact David Grimwood if you are a Tower Captain that still hasn't booked a place or you wish to attend.
- There are transferrable DBS checks, but they are more expensive.
- The only Job description/role requirements that have been received from the county Chair is that which relates to the Youth

officer. Passed to Nick Wilkins our rep.

- The County Chair texted Philippa Rooke and Sue Cameron on Friday evening requesting 3 – 4 officers from the district make themselves available for a Leadership Training Course being held on 17th November. Unfortunately, this date clashes with our district Call-Change competition. In principle the idea is great, however not so easy in practice especially with this short notice.
- The membership fee changes were discussed. There is a full report in the latest newsletter for your information and the reasoning behind the changes. Insurance does not cover ringers beyond the age of 79. The view of those that spoke was that the price increase was inevitable and at the end of the day it is still a very small price to pay in comparison to subscriptions to other organisations/ hobbies. One question was raised asking if it is recorded anywhere when a member qualifies for free or reduced membership but pays the full price. One tower present has two members who pay by choice. Our membership secretary doesn't mark this up, just that they have paid. The current membership application requests DoB for new members who are claiming one of the discounted fees.
- Lewisham are due to host the County AGM in 2020 which may be the first year that the AGM moves away from the traditional date of Easter Monday. We will have to seek out a venue to host this meeting (approx. 100 attend).
- We don't know yet when it is proposed to move it to. Possibly November.

7. Election of Officers

Cathy Cheeseman (Rochester District) took the chair for the appointment of the Chair.

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Philippa Rooke	Lesley Barclay	Natalie Slator
Secretary	Debra Say	Lesley Barclay	Nick Wilkins
Membership Secretary	Rupert Cheeseman	Chris Goldsmith	Shelagh Norman
Ringing Master	Nick Wilkins	Rupert Cheeseman	Natalie Slator
Asst Ringing Master	Diane Reynolds	Nick Wilkins	Lesley Barclay
Training Officer	Tom Hinks	Sue Cameron	Rupert Cheeseman
District Rep	Chris Davine / Natalie Slator	Liz Brett	Les Brett
120 Club	Liz Brett	Natalie Slator	Julia Kilfoyle
120 Club Asst	Deryck Jones	Julia Kilfoyle	Chris Davine
Newsletter	Rupert Cheeseman	Nick Wilkins	Shelagh Nornam
Sales	Chris Davine	Shelagh Norman	Chris Goldsmith
	Natalie Slator		

Philippa Rooke thanked Sue Cameron for her hard work as Secretary and Bethany presented her with a gift and card signed by many present. Sue thanked everyone for the kind and very unexpected gift. Philippa Rooke thanked those both standing down and those remaining in post, welcoming those new to their roles. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. NB – only one Rep is actually required and only one can attend any County meeting.

6. Events update Previous and upcoming

- Eltham represented Lewisham at the County 6 Bell, unfortunately we came 6th.
- Thanks go to Nick Wilkins for organising the joint outing with Tonbridge District in the summer which was very well attended. Towers visited were Greenwich, Isle of Dogs, Limehouse, Poplar and Deptford. It is Tonbridge's turn to organise next year.
- The call-change completion will be held at Farnborough on 17th November with the draw taking place at 2.30pm. Please do enter a team or join with another tower if you don't have enough ringers.
- Venues are required for April, July and October district meetings. Sidcup are hosting in January. Graham Long has offered Greenwich for April or July. Those present were grateful for this offer and request the secretary request April as the first choice. **SEC NOTE** :- Graham Long emailed to request April.
- Natalie Slator will explore the possibility of Erith Ch Ch hosting in July or October.
- Remembrance Sunday ringing commemorating the centenary. Regular service ringing. National commemoration at 12.30pm OPEN. Battle's over 7.05pm open or muffled. Philippa Rooke will circulate a poll to see who is ringing at which times and if any require any assistance to enable more towers to ring.
- 19th October District Practice Eynsford 8 – 9.30pm
- 3rd November Inter District Youth comp TBC
- 10th November Remembrance ringing
- 14th November Surprise Major Practice Chelsfield 8 – 9.30pm

- 17th November Call change competition Farnborough 2.30pm
- 3rd December Advent Carol Concert St Giles, London evening
- 7th December District Practice Dartford **TBC** 8 – 9.30pm
- 12th January Quarterly Meeting Sidcup 3.30pm

9. 120 Club draw

	No	Prize	Name	Tower
1st	72	£20	Jim Rooke	Chelsfield
2nd	84	£10	Mick McDonnell	Horton Kirby
3rd	22	£10	Janis Roddy	Sidcup
4th	42	£5	Chris Davine	Eltham

10. Any Other Business

- Clothing can be ordered from Catherine Lewis via the bookstore/sales reps.
- Rupert Cheeseman thanked the contributors to the newsletter

11. Vote of thanks

Shelagh Norman gave a vote of thanks to Susan Heads (local ringer) for taking the service and Jenny Paddy (wife of local ringer) for accompanying on the piano. A big thank you to the Ash band for laying on such a wonderful spread.

Next meeting will be Saturday 12th January 2019 at Sidcup.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT EVENTS 2019

- Sat 12th Jan Quarterly Meeting: Sidcup, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Sat 26th Jan District Practice: Chislehurst, St Nics, 10.00am - 12.00
- Fri 15th Feb District Practice: Eltham, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Thur 28th Feb District 10 bell Practice: Beckenham, 8.00 - 9.30pm (date, time and venue still tbc)
- Sat 2nd Mar District 6-bell Striking Competition: West Wickham (tbc), 2.30pm draw
- Fri 22nd Mar District Practice: Chislehurst, Annuciation, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Fri 5th Apr District Practice: Hayes, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 13th Apr Quarterly Meeting: Greenwich, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Fri 17th May District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Fri 28th Jun District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 13th Jul Quarterly Meeting: Cudham, 3.30pm Bells, 4.30p.m. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Send names for tea to names4tea@lewishamdistrict.org.uk
- Fri 26th Jul District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 10th Aug District Outing with Tonbridge: TBC, all day
- Fri 13th Sep District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 12th Oct 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
- Fri 18th Oct District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Fri 8th Nov District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm
- Sat 16nd Nov District 6-bell Call Change Competition: Horton Kirby, 2.30pm draw
- Fri 6th Dec District Practice: TBC, 8.00 - 9.30pm

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 Nick on master@lewishamdistrict.org.uk

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

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