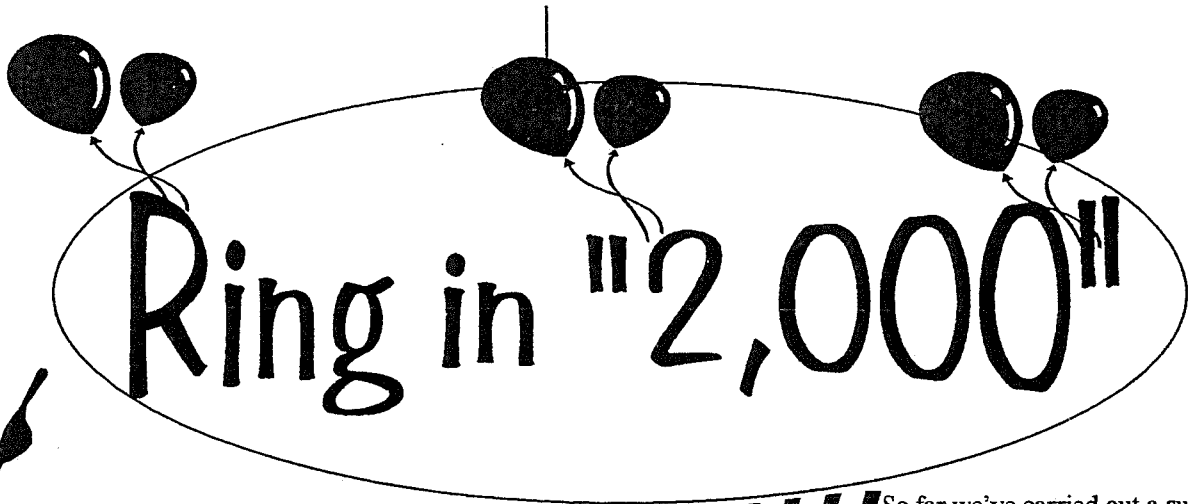




LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS



is coming!!!! So far we've carried out a survey of towers in the district, in order to assess the ringing going on in the district. The analysis of the results are eagerly awaited! You may have seen a questionnaire or possibly the covering letter that went with it.

We all know that the year 2,000 isn't far away. Computers are going to crash, alarms and if we're really lucky, cash machines will dispense cash at will. But with all the excitement surrounding the forthcoming millennium don't forget "Ring in 2,000"

What's it all about?

To clear up any confusion - the main object of this project is to get as many bells ringing before the noon-day services that churches will be holding to celebrate two thousand years since the birth of Christ on the 1st January 2,000.

Hopefully by focussing on this object now, we can train new ringers so that many currently silent towers will sound out once again and ringing will continue into the new millennium.

So what's the district doing about it?

In a fit of enthusiasm about a dozen like minded volunteers have formed a sub-committee to see what can be done to steer the district's "Ring in 2,000" preparations in the right direction.

In the meantime, if you have any idea's, suggestions as to how training, recruitment or any related matters should be carried out please have a word with your local committee member.

J.R.B.

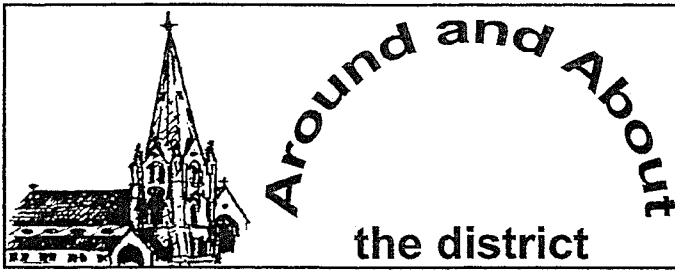
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Greenwich Fund Raiser ?

Around and About

Quarter and Peals in the last quarter

and lots more.....



Greenwich, Woolwich & Lewisham

Practices at the above towers are now on Wednesdays and are at the following locations:

- 1st Wednesday in the month - Woolwich
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th. Wednesdays - Greenwich
- 5th Wednesday in the month - Lewisham

If you are in any doubt phone Bill Lanyon or Freda Cannon

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Sara, James and Katherine Hardy on the arrival of Rebecca Charlotte on 27th February weighing 8lb 6oz.

Also congratulations are due to Sonia and Peter Thompson on the arrival of Elizabeth Alice, on 19th March weighing 8lb 5oz .

District 6 Bell Striking Competition

On the 21st March St Mary Cray hosted the annual district 6 bell method competition. Five teams did battle for the honour of representing the district in the county competition. The results were as follows:

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| 1. Chelsfield | 63 | Faults |
| 2. Bexley | 80 | Faults |
| 3. Beckenham | 99 | Faults |
| 4. St John's Erith | 145 | Faults |
| 5. Crayford | 205 | Faults |

Thanks are due to Dickon Love our judge for the afternoon and also to Lyn and Don Pointer who kept us supplied with refreshments (**Excellent Bread Pudding - Yum**)

New Conductors in the making

Hannah Saunders - at the young age of 14, Hannah conducted her first quarter peal of 'Bob Doubles' successfully at Christ Church on 21st September last year. I was privileged to be in the band and we look forward to her calling many more quarters. Well done Hannah.

Cathy Hall - is only 21 and she too also conducted her first quarter peal of 'Bob Doubles' successfully at St Paulinus in

Crayford on 12th October. Again I was privileged to be in the band. May you call many more quarters.

Well done Cathy.

Who! may I ask of these two will be the first to call a quarter of Grandsire? We shall have to wait in anticipation but please don't leave it too long girls. **Carol Eastaugh**

Quarter Peal Week

Apologies for the lack of write up on the District Quarter Peal Week in the Ringing World - I did send one up however there was a degree of confusion at the Ringing World end. I include Tina Stoecklin's e-mail for information:

"Dear Jeremy

Thanks for your note on the Lewisham District quarter peal week. And sorry for the delay in getting them printed. I took the write up to mean that there were other quarter peals relating to the week due to come in, and so held the report in a vain effort to prevent the tens of phone calls from people who didn't see their District Week quarter in the right place.

Anyway, there it lay for quite a bit too long under rather too many other bits of quarter peal paper, and they will be printed in the issue of the 27 Feb., but without the write-up.

Sorry again

Tina Stoecklin"

Oh well - we'll just have to try harder this year!!!

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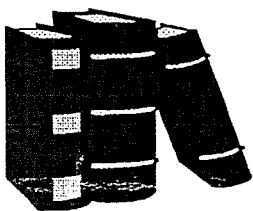
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Mid-week Wedding Ringers

The updated list of possible mid-week wedding ringers is as follows:

Mary Andrews	01322-523071
Freda Cannon	0181-697-0395
Carol Cornfoot	0181-462-5035
Carol Eastaugh	01322-342995
Sara Hardy	0181-659-2631
Mary Hill	01322-335062
David Hollis	0181-693-6703
Roger Long	0181-467-2062
Margaret Macey	0181-302-4992
Diana Morris	0181-306-1109
James Pailing	01689-856625
Don Pointer	01689-836799
Jim Rooke	01689-607166

If you would like your name added to this list please phone Sara Hardy.



Bookshop Bargains

The bookshop holds a useful stock of training information .

I was introduced to ringing using the "One per Learner" series, one of the Sherbourne Teaching Aids series. Many tower captains are aware of these, however don't forget that there are other useful items in this series, such as the "Bell Club" scheme. It's a useful pack including personal record cards for your learners and achievement badges to encourage your new recruits.

The record cards are particularly useful as they break down learning to handle into distinct stages. Learners can see that they are making progress even though they may come away from tied bell session a little dispirited.

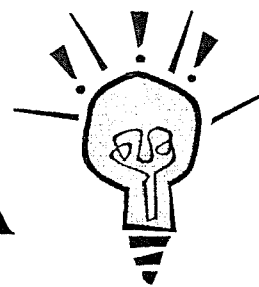
The "Bell Club" pack is available on the bookstall or alternatively direct by post from

Mrs P. Copson
40 Hammerton Way
Wellesbourne
Warwick
CV35 9NT

01789 - 841573

(All packs are £ 5 incl. P&P)

JUST AN IDEA



Back in January at the last District Meeting, Peter Swift mentioned to a number of the "soon to be members" of the "Ring in 2,000" committee a possible fund raising idea to go hand in hand with any other events the district might care to arrange.

Peter has kindly allowed the committee to run with it, and we would like to discuss our thoughts to date at the next district meeting.

Greenwich - "The Millennium Tower."

Since the district has within it, the ultimate "Millennium Tower" in the form of Greenwich, with all its associations with time and the Greenwich Meridian, perhaps this could form the basis of a fund raising event.

Peter Swift has said that he would be prepared to compose a special quarter peal of 2,000 changes to be rung on New Year's day 2,000. With the agreement of all the relevant parties this could become a fund raising project for the new millennium, with ropes being "sold or auctioned" off to ringers in the quarter.

The following points need to be considered:

1. **Fundraising** - is the district prepared to support such an event
2. **Suitable Projects** - the district needs to decide what project to support. These would appear to fall into two major categories:
 - **"Bricks & Mortar"** - a project to raise money for the refitting or improvement of a specific tower
 - **"People"** - a project to raise money to further the training of new ringers. A bursary scheme to help with costs of residential courses for ringers could be an option.
3. **How wide to cast the net** - to a lesser extent, how wide do we want to cast the fund raising net. District, County, or Country wide.

We would like a decision from the members of the district on this suggestion. The "Ring in 2,000" committee have discussed this and the general feelings are that we should go

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ahead with such a fund raiser. The project should be used to raise funds specifically to support a training bursary, with the bursary being open to members of the K.C.A.C.R to apply for.

Clearly details will need to be thrashed out in the coming months, however outline support at this stage is needed before researching the matter further.

Please come to the meeting with your thoughts - we will be interested to hear them.

District Practices

Apologies if you haven't received details of the District Practices lately - both James and myself have been rather busy.

However we are trying to make amends and accordingly please note down the following dates for your diary. As you may recall we are arranging District Practices on a request basis this year. If you would like any special method practices, please let either myself, James or Sara know and we will try and organise them. (A written note tends to jog the memory better)

Date	Tower
9th May	Bexley
27th June	St Mary Cray
25th July	Chelsfield

Times are usually 7-00 to 9-00 p.m.

August Training Day

Volunteer helpers and towers will be required for the proposed training day - watch out for more information.

Ring in "2,000" Committee

Attached is a list of members of the "Ring in 2,000". The district has been nominally divided up into blocks of two, three or four towers with a committee member appointed to liaise with those towers.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please direct them at

your local committee member, or alternatively send them to Jeremy Byers.

Any suggestions or offers of assistance will be gratefully received.

Chelsfield, Cudham, Downe	(Chelsfield)
Dartford, Eynsford, Farningham, Shoreham	Keith Tolputt (Dartford)
Sidcup, St Mary Cray Foots Cray	Margaret Macey (Foots Cray)
Bromley Parish, Bromley Common, Bickley, Hayes	Ruth Pointer (Beckenham)
St Nicholas Chislehurst, The Annunciation Chislehurst, Eltham, Biggin Hill	Mark Jones (Chislehurst)
Crayford, St John's Erith, Christ Church Erith, Bexley	Rupert Cheeseman & Cathy Hall (Crayford)
Beckenham, Penge, West Wickham	Jeremy Byers (Beckenham)
Deptford, Woolwich, Lewisham	Len Morley (Eltham)

In addition Sara Hardy and Jessica Vale are also on the committee.

Any Other Business



District Meeting

The next district meeting is to be held at Hayes on Saturday 25th April.

The service will be at 4-30 p.m. followed by meeting tea and ringing. Due to other local commitments ringing must finish by 7-30 p.m.

May Day Peal

The Children's Society is looking for towers to assist them in their May Day fund raising. If you are interested, details can be obtained from Mary Andrews.

QUARTER PEALS

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[1]	14/07	BECKENHAM	1260	Grandsire Triples	98/41
[2]	11/09	GREENWICH	1260	Grandsire Triples	98/216
[3]	13/09	BICKLEY	1260	Plain Bob Minor	98/215
[4]	14/09	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	98/217
[5]	21/09	BECKENHAM	1300	Plain Bob Doubles	98/189
[6]	12/10	BECKENHAM	1260	Grandsire Triples	98/41
[7]	19/10	ERITH CH CH	1260	Plain Bob Minor	97/1226
[8]	02/11	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Doubles 3m.	98/143
[9]	02/11	CHISLEHURST	1260	Plain Bob Triples	97/1226
[10]	02/11	EYNSFORD	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major	97/1226
[11]	09/11	BECKENHAM	1273	Grandsire Triples	98/41
[12]	16/11	CRAYFORD	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	97/1226
[13]	16/11	ERITH CH CH	1260	Grandsire Triples	98/41
[14]	23/11	BROMLEY	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major	97/1284
[15]	30/11	ERITH CH CH	1260	Grandsire Doubles	98/91
[16]	06/12	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Grandsire Doubles	98/144
[17]	14/12	BEXLEY	1260	Stedman Triples	98/194
[18]	14/12	BROMLEY	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major	98/143
[19]	16/12	DARTFORD	1260	Stedman Triples	98/191
[20]	21/12	EYNSFORD	1260	Grandsire Triples	98/191
[21]	21/12	GREENWICH	1259	Grandsire Caters	98/171
[22]	28/12	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Doubles 5m.	98/189

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[23]	18/01	BROMLEY	1260	Stedman Doubles	98/215
[24]	18/01	ERITH CH CH	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	98/216
[25]	25/01	WEST WICKHAM	1440	Plain Bob Minor	98/265
[26]	01/02	BEXLEY	1260	Stedman Triples	98/263
[27]	01/02	BROMLEY	1260	Grandsire Doubles	98/215
[28]	15/02	ERITH CH CH	1260	Plain Bob Minor	98/294
[29]	22/02	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Doubles 5m.	

Congratulations :

Simon Morris	First attempt [4]
Caroline Poll	First attempt [22]
Louise Fox	First quarter [5]
Neil Fagin	First quarter [27]
Helen Benzinski	First inside [25]
Kathleen Knowles	First on tenor [26]
Jeremy Ducker	First away from the tenor [13]
Rupert Ogilvie	First Triples [10]
Emma Harrison	First in method [17]
Carol Eastaugh	First Surprise inside [24]
Andrew Young	Circled tower [16]
Mark Jones	Circled tower [11]

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[1]	20/12	CHISLEHURST ANN.	5056	Yorkshire Surprise Major	98/85
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[2]	06/01	EYNSFORD	5088	Cambridge Surprise Major	98/139
[3]	14/02	BROMLEY	5056	Spliced Surprise Major 8m.	98/258

Congratulations :

Matthew Hilling Circled tower [2]

From Ringing World up to and including edition No. 4534, March 20, 1998.

Jim Rooke

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**LEWISHAM DISTRICT**

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at The Annunciation, Chislehurst,
on Saturday, 10th January 1998

The Chairman, Mr. J. J. Rooke, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, particularly Mr. & Mrs. I. H. Oram and their daughter.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Britton of Bexley, Miss M. J. Wilkins of Chelsfield, Mr. M. Jones of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, Mrs. R. Backhouse of Christ Church, Erith, Mr. & Mrs. J. Morris of St. John's, Erith, and Mr. N. Pointer of St. Mary Cray.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**Welcome Pack for New Members**

Mrs. Hill, in her capacity as District Representative, explained that she had been unable to stay until the end of the General Committee Meeting so had not raised the question of the Association having a welcome pack for new members. She did, however, point out that since a decision had been taken not to raise subscriptions in 1999, the Association was working to a very tight budget and she felt it was unlikely that funds would be available for this purpose.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary had received:

- a. ... a letter from Mr. Britton asking her to convey his (as the 1997 District Carol Service's Choir Conductor) thanks to everyone who supported the Carol Service at Bexley in December, particularly choir members and those who read the lessons.
- b. ... an invitation from the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers to take part in an International Striking Competition in April 2001. There appeared to be no interest in this proposal.
- c. ... training notices had been received from Mrs. Catherine Lewis for individual towers and these had been distributed as far as possible.

5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

BECKENHAM Miss Penelope A. Lawton

P. Mr. J. R. Byers
S. Mr. J. J. Hardy

ELTHAM Mr. David Holdridge
Mrs. Ruth M. Holdridge

) P. Mr. L. G. A. Morley
) S. Mr. L. A. Dumper

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Votes of Thanks

Mr. R. D. Bing proposed votes of thanks to Mr. Don Hopgood, a Pastoral Assistant at The Annunciation, for conducting the service, to Mr. Frank Seabrook for playing the organ and to Mr. R. A. Long and the Chislehurst ringers for preparing and serving an excellent tea.

Collection

The collection which had been taken at the service amounted to just over £43.00 and was to be given to Bromley Welfare.

Training and District Practices

Mr. Hardy said that he planned to run a Bob Doubles Training Day on 29th August. A general practice had been arranged for 31st January from 7 - 9 p.m. at St. Mary Cray. At this he hoped to receive feed-back about future practices that members of the District would like him to arrange. He expressed himself happy to arrange practices but only if they were going to be well supported.

Arts Fair

Mrs. Eastaugh referred to her suggestion made at the Annual Meeting that the District should consider joining the Bexley Arts Council so that a stand could be taken at the Hall Place Arts Fair in Bexley at a reduced rate (£15.00) to promote ringing in the area. There seemed little interest in this suggestion and Mrs. Hardy, who had offered to investigate the Live Craft programme, said that this was still to be published.

Quarter Peals

Mr. Byers said that he and the Ringing Master would be happy to arrange quarter peals for anyone who wanted to ring one.

Leaflets

Miss Vale mentioned that she had a supply of free yellow leaflets about the Association and Mr. Byers had produced a recruitment leaflet which could be adapted for the requirements of individual towers.

Millennium Recruitment and Ringing

Prompted by Mrs. Hill there was a discussion about millennium recruitment and ringing and it was agreed to form a small committee to consider the implications. Specific suggestions included the proposal that Miss Rooke should be invited to act as Co-ordinator of the group (Miss Rooke said that at present work commitments would prevent this but that she would be interested in becoming involved later in the year), that good use should be made of the fact that Greenwich was in the District, and that a feature should appear in the free papers. Initially, it was decided on the proposition of Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Pointer, that anyone interested should wait behind after the meeting to have a further brief discussion.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting and members went to St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, for evening ringing.