

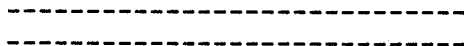
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+ Issue 5 January 1989 +  
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Welcome to this the first birthday issue. Yes we have been going a year. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletter over the past year, not only with articles but with ideas and constructive comments.

I would also like to thank everyone who has helped with the distribution of the newsletter. Without this help I would not be able to get a copy of the newsletter to every ringer in the district.

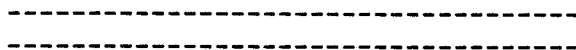
The cover this month was provided by Frank Gates, and for those of you who don't recognise it, it is Ss Peter and Paul Bromley Parish. Please keep your drawings coming in as I would like to produce a cover featuring a different tower from the district every issue.



Following the A.D.M at Bromley Parish there has been a change round in the officers - so here is the new list with telephone numbers and the officers local tower. Again I hope you will find it useful.

- Chairman.....Alan Hall.....01-850-4642.....Bexley
- Master.....Andrew Young.....0322-529964.....Erith
- Deputy Master.....Angela Brooks.....0689-34189.....Chislehurst (St Nich)
- Secretary.....Mary Andrews.....0322-523071.....Bexley
- Librarian.....Margaret Bellinger..0322-54804.....Bexley
- Committee.....Antony Baker.....01-318-6063.....Beckenham
- Committee.....Nigel Parsons.....03224-63375.....Greenwich
- Newsletter Editor...Allison Boyes.....01-318-6063.....Beckenham

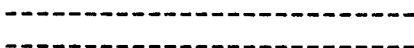
As you can see we have a new Deputy District Master and a new Committee Representative, I am sure you will join with me in wishing them an enjoyable year in office.



I would also like to welcome the new members elected at the Annual District Meeting at Bromley Parish, they are:-

- Miss D.Pratt.....Chislehurst (St Nicholas)
- Mrs S.Hill.....Eltham
- Mr G.Hill.....Eltham
- Mr L.Morley.....Eltham
- Miss R.Morley.....Eltham
- Miss S.Ockwell.....Eltham
- Mr D.Ockwell.....Eltham
- Ms M.Sisley.....Eltham
- Miss C.Hosking.....Foots Cray

I hope you all enjoy being members of the Association, and that you are able to attend the district events that are organised during the year.



Attached to the back of this issue of the newsletter you will find a copy of the District Representative's report on the Committee meeting held at Leeds in November, and a draft copy of the minutes of the A.D.M. held at Bromley Parish in October. Please bring these with you to the next district meeting.

## ASSOCIATION DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

On a very cold evening in October, several members of the Association and their families and friends gathered at Leeds Castle for the Association Dinner.

As they arrived the guests were treated to a floodlit view of the Castle as they drove through the grounds to the Fairfax Hall, where the meal was served.

The hall is a superb setting for a formal dinner - with oak beams and galleries around the room. The standard of the food was once again excellent, and as in previous years one person at every table was nominated to carve the joint. Once the "victim" had been selected the rest of the diners began to offer useful advice on the best way to carve the meat.

After the meal we were entertained by several excellent speeches. The editor of The Ringing World caused great hilarity during his speech by likening the County Secretary - Peter Romney - to Sergeant Bilko.

Once the more formal part of the evening was over everyone began to socialise and chat to old friends as well as making some new ones. It was at about this point in the evening that the County Librarian - David Joyce - nearly caused a riot, by revealing he had managed to obtain several copies of the new edition of "Dove's Guide". David managed to sell these very quickly.

The evening was very well organised with plenty of good food and wine for everyone.

The Lewisham District was once again well represented at the dinner with 11 ringers from 5 towers plus their families and friends being present.

I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves and that they are looking forward to the next dinner in two years time.

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I Taught the County Chairman to Ring...

.... Well almost! This comment was overheard during the teabreak at the Tower Captains' course held at Leeds on December 3rd 1988.

Despite the freezing cold and driving rain 20 students arrived at Leeds Parish Church to learn the finer points of becoming a Tower Captain. Several "experts" had given their Saturday afternoon up to come along to teach us and help us.

The first lesson of the day was how to tie a bell. At this point it was discovered that all the pieces of rope to be used to tie the clappers had been cut too short.

Once this minor problem had been overcome, Colin Wilde from the Lewisham District began to teach us how to teach ringing. The first lesson was what to do if a learner loses control of a bell or drops the tail end - this made for a rather spectacular demonstration. Then came the moment the students had been dreading; it was our turn. Colin was pleased with our attempts and so we moved on to the next stage - ringing one handed.

Colin then demonstrated the basic teaching programme he uses. He took great care here to emphasise that there are several ways to teach, and that everyone

adopts the method which they find most comfortable.

Again the students were given a chance to "have a go". Here the experts came into their own, inventing handling faults and misinterpreting the students instructions. This proved very useful and made us all think about what we said when explaining the finer points of bell handling.

A message ascended to the ringing chamber at this juncture to let us know tea was ready. The learning process did not stop during the break as Colin was bombarded with questions, not only from students but also from some of the experts.

After tea we returned to the ringing chamber to assess ringing style. Several people were brave enough to admit handling faults and Colin came up with some very useful suggestions. The confidence of the students was boosted at this point by several of the experts confessing their handling faults.

Richard Offen then took over to talk about running a practice and relations with the Church and the Public. He offered useful advice and gave us all a great deal to think about. The afternoon ended with a lively discussion.

Several ringers adjourned to the local hostelry for a meal and to carry on chatting about what they had learnt.

I am sure all the other students would like to join with me in thanking the experts for their advice. Thanks also go to Phil and Ian Young for looking after the catering arrangements.

Once again the Lewisham district was very well represented with 8 members being present as students on the course. They were:-

Allison Boyes.....	Beckenham
Lynn Briers.....	Ash by Wrotham
Angela Brooks.....	Chislehurst (St Nicholas)
Veronica Grover.....	Foots Cray
Margaret Macey.....	Foots Cray
James Hardy.....	Beckenham
Mark Liebenrood.....	Greenwich
Bob Lawrence.....	Ash by Wrotham

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Whilst on the subject of one day ringing courses I have received the following note from Andrew Young - the District Master.

" Several people have expressed an interest in learning more about bob-calling and conducting. I have recently given a great deal of thought to the subject of how this can be taught, and I have come to the conclusion that the best starting point is away from the tower. I have therefore arranged a talk on bob-calling and conducting at St Mary Cray church hall (opposite the church) on Tuesday 31st January, starting at 8.15pm (the Brownies are in the Hall until 8.00pm, so please do not burst in on them.)

The talk will take the form of an informal seminar, and I anticipate it will last for about an hour, with plenty of time for discussion afterwards. I shall be talking on three main topics:

- 1 Calling a touch.
- 2 Calling a quarter peal.
- 3 What if someone goes wrong?

If you would like to attend, please let me know on 0322-529964 before Friday 27th January. If you cannot contact me by telephone then please write to me at: 18 Farm Place, Crayford, DA1 4LU.

This is an experiment and I would appreciate feedback either negative or positive on what you thought about the talk, whether it helped you and any other aspects you would like to see covered in future."

So if you are interested in becoming a conductor contact Andrew today before you forget.

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The ringing school which is held at Hereford every year is now being advertised in "The Ringing World". If you are interested in attending the course further details are available from either:

Mr John Goldrick  
Lichen Cottage  
Bosbury  
Ledbury  
Herefordshire  
HR8 1PX

OR

Mr Robert Cater  
8 Salters Acres  
Winchester  
Hants  
S022 5JW

Several members of the district have attended these weekend courses in the past and I am sure they will all recommend them as both a great social gathering and a very useful way of improving your ringing.

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I have been asked by Andrew Young to remind everyone that the District 6-bell (method) striking competition will be held at Ash on Saturday 4th March.

As was the case last year "guest" teams (those not conforming with the rules laid down by the Association) will be allowed to enter at the discretion of the committee, but they will not be eligible to go forward to the final if they win. Similarly in the awarding of certificates, those bands conforming to K.C.A.C.R. rules will take precedence over guest teams.

So let's see a good turn out at Ash. If you nearly have a band but not quite, try and borrow one or more ringers from elsewhere and enter as a guest band, and start looking now - March is not very far away.

GOOD LUCK!

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

For those of you who have recently been elected members of the Association, which is known as the K.C.A.C.R. for short, the following brief notes are intended to provide an insight into how the Association is constituted and governed.

The K.C.A.C.R. has over a thousand members and embraces the whole of Kent and that part of London which was formerly in Kent (parts of the Lewisham District). The county is divided into six districts, namely Ashford, Canterbury, Lewisham, Maidstone, Rochester and Tonbridge.

At County level the K.C.A.C.R. is headed by a non-executive President, a number of senior clergy as Vice-Presidents and five former members elected Vice-Presidents in recognition of their services to the Association. The affairs of the County are administered by an elected Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and other officers. A full list of all the officers both at County and District level can be found in the Handbook which the K.C.A.C.R. produces each year.

The County holds an Annual General Meeting usually on Easter Monday. All members are encouraged to attend and vote for the election of the County officers and any other matters which are put to the vote. The venue of the A.G.M. is located in each of the six districts in turn. The Lewisham District will be the hosts in 1990.

At District level each District is administered by its own elected Chairman, Secretary, two District Representatives and other officers. Each District is required to hold business meetings each year at quarterly intervals with the last meeting of the year being an Annual General Meeting at which the officers are elected.

The affairs of the K.C.A.C.R. are governed by a General Committee which meets twice yearly in May and November. The Committee is presided over by the County Chairman and consists of the elected Vice-Presidents, the County officers, the District Secretaries, the Central Council Representatives, and two District Representatives from each district, the latter providing a direct link between the district membership and the General Committee and vice-versa.

The General Committee also administers the Bell Restoration Fund (which has charitable status) and considers and approves where appropriate applications for grants from the fund.

The K.C.A.C.R. Handbook referred to earlier is made available to the District Secretaries at the time of the County A.G.M. for distribution to the towers in their respective districts. Each paid up member is entitled to a free copy. The Handbook includes a report and accounts for the previous year, details of each ringing tower in the County and much other useful and interesting information.

Alan G.Hall

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If there are any last minute changes for the Handbook these can be accepted up to 20th January. Please contact Mary Andrews. Quarter peal forms should be returned to Mary by the 7th January.

Subscriptions for 1989 will remain at £3 for adults and £1.50 for senior citizens and junior members and are due on 1st January.

After chatting to some of the members of the Association, I thought it would be a good idea to interview some of the more senior members of the district, and find out what ringing used to be like in this area.

The first person chosen was Cyril Brett-Smith of Erith and below are extracts of an interview with Cyril which was recorded at his home in December.

Cyril is one of thirteen children - 7 boys and 6 girls. His parents married at Stanstead on Christmas day in 1894. They had two children while living here and then moved up to Kent at the turn of the century. Cyril thinks his father, Robert Brett-Smith, was a member of the Chislehurst band from 1901. There are peal boards in many of our local churches including Sidcup and Eynsford which Cyril's father rang in. These date from 1901. His father used to walk from Chislehurst to Eynsford to ring in peals and used to get up at 3 o'clock each morning for the same journey to work.

While living in Chislehurst, Cyril and nine other people formed the Labour Party there and at the age of 18, he was acting as parliamentary election agent to a parliamentary candidate.

In November 1914, just after his 8th birthday, Cyril's father introduced him and 4 of his brothers to bellringing. He got out a wooden box which had been delivered by carrier, opened it and inside were eight handbells. He gave them one each, showed them how to strike it and then explained rounds to them. They used to practise for 20 or 30 minutes at a time, twice the first week and then weekly. They then went on to learn Plain Bob minor and Oxford treble bob. After his father had taught them to call bobs and to ring two in hand they progressed on to ring major methods and finally on to tune ringing. They would now practise change ringing on a Tuesday and tune ringing on a Thursday, but his father would only let them practise for half an hour at a time.

At Christmas time they used to go out and ring the handbells outside the "gentlemens" houses in Chislehurst and collect money to buy presents or even a new pair of boots.

In 1920 two of his brothers were already members of the St Nicholas band and half way through the year Cyril himself was taught to ring here. At this time there were no rope guides so there was 60 feet of unguided rope. Later on he became in charge of the tune handbell ringing which they also used to practise at St Nicholas'.

He got married in 1930 and stayed with the St Nicholas band until he moved to Beckenham in 1934 and became a member of the St Georges band. He was at Beckenham when they added the two trebles. At times during the depression Cyril and his wife were homeless and slept wherever they could find shelter - even under haystacks.

After he and his wife had settled down Cyril became a member of the Crayford and Erith bands where he still rings today. He is now coming up to 75 years of ringing.

FIRST QUARTER PEAL

Derek Grainge	Treble to Plain Bob Doubles	26-10-88	Foots Cray
David Macey	Treble to Grandsire Doubles	23-11-88	Foots Cray

FIRST IN METHOD

Ruth Hardy	Plain Bob Royal	2-10-88	Beckenham
James Hardy	Plain Bob Royal	2-10-88	Beckenham
Ruth Hardy	Grandsire Triples	9-10-88	Beckenham
Janet Costidell	Southrepps Doubles	16-10-88	Beckenham
Janet Costidell	Grandsire Doubles	30-10-88	Beckenham
Sonia Cartwright	Quedgeley S.Major	9-11-88	Erith (SJ)
Philippa Rooke	Quedgeley S.Major	9-11-88	Erith (SJ)
Philip Irwin	Quedgeley S.Major	9-11-88	Erith (SJ)
Mark Liebenrood	Quedgeley S.Major	9-11-88	Erith (SJ)
Andrew Young	Quedgeley S.Major	9-11-88	Erith (SJ)
Janet Costidell	Plain Bob Triples	20-11-88	Beckenham
Dave Miller	Yorkshire S. Major	29-11-88	Erith (CC)
Ruth Hardy	All Saints Doubles	4-12-88	Beckenham
Sara Phelps	All Saints Doubles	4-12-88	Beckenham
James Hardy	All Saints Doubles	4-12-88	Beckenham
Allison Boyes	Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles	18-12-88	Beckenham
Sara Phelps	Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles	18-12-88	Beckenham
James Hardy	Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles	18-12-88	Beckenham
Ruth Hardy	St Clements Minor	27-12-88	Farningham

FIRST IN METHOD AS CONDUCTOR

Mark Liebenrood	Plain Bob Royal	2-10-88	Beckenham
James Hardy	Grandsire Doubles	30-10-88	Beckenham
Mary Andrews	Plain Bob Triples	19-11-88	Bexley
Ruth Hardy	Plain Bob Triples	20-11-88	Beckenham
Allison Boyes	Plain Bob Minor	27-11-88	Beckenham
Sara Phelps	Grandsire Doubles	11-12-88	Beckenham
Tony Baker	Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles	18-12-88	Beckenham
Ruth Hardy	Plain Bob Minor	27-12-88	Shorne

FIRST TREBLE BOB

Ruth Hardy	Treble to Yorkshire S.Major	29-11-88	Erith (CC)
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FIRST SURPRISE

James Hardy	Yorkshire S.Major	29-11-88	Erith (CC)
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Margaret Bellinger	Plain Bob Royal	2-10-88	Beckenham
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FIRST MINOR

Samantha Lee	Treble to Plain Bob Minor	6-11-88	Beckenham
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FIRST AS COVER

Alex Britton	11 m/v Doubles	27-12-88	Hoo
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## AROUND THE TOWERS

### PENGE

As Penge is suffering from a shortage of ringers at the moment, practices have reverted to a 'by arrangement' basis. Intending visitors will be welcomed there on a Tuesday evening, but please telephone Sara Phelps on 01-778-3787 beforehand to save a wasted journey.

### CHISLEHURST (St Nicholas)

The work on the bells having now been completed, normal ringing has resumed

### BECKENHAM

Most readers are aware that a quarter peal is attempted every Sunday afternoon at 4-15 p.m. for evensong. If you would like to join in and try a quarter, whatever the method, on 6, 8, or 10 bells, give Tony Baker a ring on 01-318-6063 and he will do his best to arrange a suitable band for you.

The practice on Thursday, March 30th and Sunday ringing on Sunday 2nd April are cancelled, as several members of the band will be away for the week-end.

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Philippa Rooke of Chelsfield and Mark Liebenrood of Greenwich have both recently scored their 100th quarter peal. Congratulations !

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The offer made in the first newsletter a year ago is still open !

If you need a lift to a practice or meeting - don't be shy ! Ring one of the district officers, whose telephone numbers are listed elsewhere in this issue, and ask for help. We can't approach all of you individually, but you can approach us !

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As some of our towers rang early on Christmas day, and some will be ringing in the New Year, I wonder if we will arouse sentiments similar to those of a former parish clerk at St Peter's Norwich -

"Ye rascally ringers, inveterate foes,  
Disturbers of those who are fond of repose.  
I wish, for the peace and the quiet of these lands  
That ye had round your necks what ye pull with your hands."

I hope not - but do we always consider our neighbours feelings ?

Here are the diary dates for the next few months;

Saturday 28th January.....DISTRICT MEETING AT DEPTFORD

Ringling 3-00 p.m.....Service 4-30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting  
Evening ringling until 8-30 p.m. Special Method - Pudsey S.Major

Names for tea to Sonia Cartwright on 01-690-4559 by Wed. 25th January

Draft copies of the minutes of the last meeting are included in this  
newsletter and will not be available at Deptford,so BRING THEM WITH YOU.

Tuesday 31st January.....CONDUCTING SEMINAR AT ST MARY CRAY

see separate notice

Saturday 18th February.....DISTRICT PRACTICE AT CHISLEHURST (St Nicholas)

Ringling from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. Special Method - Superlative S.Major

Saturday 4th March.....6-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION AT ASH

Method ringling competition - further details to be circulated

Saturday 18th March.....DISTRICT PRACTICE AT FARNINGHAM

Ringling from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. Special Method - Double Oxford Minor

\*\* Venue to be confirmed \*\*

Easter Monday 27th March.....ASSOCIATION A.G.M. AT BIRCHINGTON

Watch "The Ringling World" for ringling arrangements

Saturday 22nd April.....DISTRICT MEETING AT FOOTS CRAY

Special Methods - All Saints Doubles and Foots Cray Treble Place Doubles  
Details in April Newsletter

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Items for the next newsletter to me by Easter Monday - 27th March

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## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The General Committee of the Association met on Saturday 26th November 1988 in the tower room at Leeds.

After the usual formalities of apologies and minutes, the members received reports from three sub-committees, viz;

Publicity - the sub-committee had had a preliminary meeting in October, at which every district was represented.

Different forms of publicity were discussed - the display stands are being well used all over the county, and signs of wear are beginning to show. It is proposed that the stands should be overhauled and updated at the next sub-committee meeting in April.

The meeting decided that, as the media is a very specialised field, help from any Association member with expertise in the field would be desirable, and they would be pleased to hear from any such member.

Newsletters are now being published in four of the six districts, and it is to be hoped that all the county will soon be covered, as internal communications are also important.

Training - Effort had centred around the tower captains course to be held at Leeds on 3rd December, with plans being made for further courses.

Bell Restoration - Wormshill now has a ring of four (3-1-15 in E) in a six bell frame. The bells are tuned as 1,2,3 and 6 of the eventual six, and suitable bells to complete the ring are being actively sought.

The spire at Minster in Thanet, destroyed by the storm in October 1987, is to be rebuilt, and the bells will then be ringable once more.

Ringling has stopped at New Romney, due to concern about the state of the tower, and the frame at Smarden has been found to be in poor condition during the quinquennial survey. The bell foundry has judged the two trebles at Borden to be cracked, as is the mediaeval third at Newington next Sittingbourne.

Rehanging is imminent at Teynham and Hoo, and ringing gallery projects at Appledore, Lenham and Wingham are likely to be completed in 1989.

The treasurer reported that the scheme for covenanting subscriptions had had little response from members, and urged that every member should think about this. He pointed out that for every three covenants, the Association received the equivalent of four ordinary subscriptions.

The following dates were confirmed for Association events;

- Annual General Meeting 1989 - 27th March 1989 at Birchington
- Annual General Meeting 1990 - 16th April 1990 at Beckenham
- 8-bell Striking competition - 24th June 1989 in Rochester District  
(Touch of Double Norwich C.B.Major)
- County Striking Competition - 30th September 1989 in Tonbridge District

With the 1989 Handbook now in preparation, advertisements are now being sought. The rate is £20 per full page and pro rata.

It is intended to propose the Right Reverend David Say, the recently retired Bishop of Rochester, as an Honorary Member of the Association at the Annual General Meeting at Easter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at SS Peter & Paul, Bromley,  
on Saturday, 22 October 1988.

The Chairman, Mr. A. G. Hall, opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Peter Romney, the General Secretary, and Mr. David Joyce, Association Librarian, and Mrs. Joyce.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Beckenham band, who were away on a ringing holiday (half-term week), Mr. J. Rooke of Chelsfield, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hill of Christ Church, Erith, Miss R. Farmer and Mr. N. Grover of Foots Cray, and Mr. G. D. A. Long of St. Mary Cray.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

After altering Mr. Baker's initials under Election of New Members to read A. S. the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary had received -

A card from Miss Vanessa Watts of Foots Cray thanking the District for sponsoring her on the Central Council Ringing School and saying how much she had enjoyed it.

A letter from Mr. Tony Baker of Beckenham, which she read to the meeting. An extract from this letter reads:

Allison and I have been asked by several members whether we would accept some payment for the work we do on the newsletter, either from the district to cover expenses or by making a small charge per copy. We are both determined that this should not be so. The time is gladly given, the copying is free, and several Beckenham ringers collate, staple and distribute copies, making it quite a social occasion! We are also concerned that, should a charge be made, some of the ringers in the district would not receive a copy, and we feel that everyone should have their own personal copy.

A letter from Mr. Malcolm Lodwick about the training course for Tower Captains at Leeds on 3 December.

5. REPORTS

a. District Representatives

There was no report from the District Representatives.

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5. REPORTS (continued)

b. Ringling Master

The Ringling Master's report was circulated.

c. Secretary

The Secretary, whose report had also been circulated, asked members to add Bromley Common the list of towers with no paid-up members and to amend the figure for 2 Reports under Sales in the Financial Statement to read £4.00. Mr. Brett-Smith pointed out that the total for postage and telephone should be amended to £10.50, making a final credit balance of £534.70.

The reports of the Ringling Master and the Secretary were accepted.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman. Mr. Romney took the chair for this election.

Mr. A. G. Hall

Proposed - Mr. C. Brett-Smith  
Seconded - Mr. P. G. Braund.

District Representatives

Mr. A. S. Baker

Proposed - Dr. A. M. J. Young  
Seconded - Mr. R. Long

Mr. N. R. Parsons

Proposed - Mr. P. G. Braund  
Seconded - Miss F. Cannon

Ringling Master

Dr. A. M. J. Young

Proposed - Miss M. R. Andrews  
Seconded - Mr. C. Brett-Smith

Assistant Ringling Master

Mrs. A. M. Brookes

Proposed - Mrs. A. L. Martin  
Seconded - Mrs. M. Macey

Press Representative

Miss M. E. Bellinger

Proposed - Mr. P. G. Braund  
Seconded - Miss F. Cannon

Secretary

Miss M. R. Andrews

Proposed - Miss M. E. Bellinger  
Seconded - Miss F. Cannon

On behalf of the meeting Miss Cannon expressed appreciation for their work during the past year to all those who had served as officers during the year.

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7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

CHISLEHURST (St. Nicholas)

Miss D. Pratt

Proposed - Mr. R. Long  
Seconded - Mrs. A. M. Brookes

ELTHAM

Mrs. S. Hill

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Mr. G. Hill

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Mr. L. Morley

) Proposed - Mrs. L. J. Mills

Miss R. Morley (Jnr.)

) Seconded - Mr. I. G. Mills

Miss S. Ockwell (Jnr.)

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Mr. D. Ockwell (Jnr.)

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Ms. M. Sisley

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FOOTS CRAY

Miss C. Hosking (Jnr.)

Proposed - Mrs. V. Grover,  
Seconded - Miss V. Watts

8. PROGRAMME FOR 1989

28 January	Quarterly Meeting	Deptford or Greenwich
4 March	Striking Competition	Ash
22 April	Quarterly Meeting	Foots Cray
1 May	Car Treasure Hunt	
22 July	Quarterly Meeting	Woolwich
23 September	Call Change Competition	St. Mary Cray
28 October	Annual Meeting	Downe and Cudham
9 December	Carol Service	Beckenham or Dartford

With the agreement of the Rector of Beckenham, an invitation had been extended by Mr. Baker to hold the Association's Annual General Meeting at Beckenham on Easter Monday 1990 and this was gladly accepted.

The Ringing Master said that he proposed to arrange practices in the months in which there were not quarterly meetings, but did not intend to continue with workshops. There was some discussion about, and interest in, the possibility of arranging another 12-bell practice. It was generally agreed that Croydon was the most suitable tower. Dr. Young agreed to try and make the necessary arrangements.

9. SPONSORING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL RINGING SCHOOL.

In the discussion about this matter Mrs. Grover asked if it could be raised again if any Tower Captains felt they would like the District to consider the possibility of sponsoring one of their ringers. The Chairman suggested that if any names were put forward at the January Quarterly Meeting, a collection should be made at the April meeting. This was agreed and mention of this would be put in the next Newsletter.

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#### 10. STRIKING COMPETITION TROPHY

Miss Andrews said that she had for some time regretted that the District did not have a Striking Competition Trophy. She wondered whether members shared her views, and if so she would like to present a trophy to the District. The meeting was in favour of this suggestion and thanked Miss Andrews for her kind offer.

#### 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Association Dinner - Leeds Castle. Mrs. Martin said that she still had tickets for the Association Dinner.

#### Ten-bell Practice

The next 10-bell practice (mainly surprise) would be at Maidstone on 7 December.

#### Training Afternoon

Dr. Young was arranging a training afternoon - probably doubles. Details would be available in the near future.

#### Carol Service

The bells would be available for one hour before the Carol Service at Hayes on 10 December. Tea would be served after the service and evening ringing could be arranged if required.

#### Newsletter

The Chairman expressed a warm vote of thanks to Miss Boyes and Mr. Baker for all their work in producing an excellent Newsletter. He went on to remind members that the continued success of this venture depended on a regular supply of information being sent to Miss Boyes..

#### Votes of Thanks

Miss Cannon expressed a warm vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bromley for taking the service and for the use of the bells, to the Organist, and to the local ringers for preparing and serving an excellent tea.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting and members returned to the tower for further ringing.