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KENT SAINT PAUL - DREDFINGHAM

Hello, and welcome to the sixth edition of the newsletter. The past three months have been a busy time for several ringers in the district, with an evening seminar on conducting, the District Striking Competition and the County A.G.M.

Your editor has also moved house in the midst of all the activity. The new address for reports, news and veivs is:

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The district meeting at Deptford in January was a great success with 63 names being sent in for tea. Sonia Cartwright would like to thank all the ringers and friends who helped with the catering arrangements and the washing up.

Five new members were elected at this meeting and I would like to welcome them to the district, they are:

Roger Standingford.....	Bromley Common
Sally Brazier.....	Beckenham
Janet Costidell.....	Beckenham
Rei Ngatai.....	Eltham
Katherine Edwards.....	Sidcup

It was a pleasure to welcome the County Librarian - David Joyce - who reported that Margaret Bellinger had sold over £270 worth of books in the Lewisham District which took the County total over £1000. Well done Margaret! Keep up the good work.

CONDUCTING LECTURE.

On the evening of Tuesday January 31st, 23 ringers representing 10 towers descended on St Mary Cray to listen to Andrew Young talking about calling and conducting. We were guided through the mystical world of transposition and coursing orders and I think everyone went away the wiser about following basic compositions.

I would like to thank Andrew for giving up his evening to pass on all the information to the would be conductors of this district.

Whilst on the subject of education and learning within ringing, there will be a full report on the ringing schools at Hereford and Sparsholt in the next issue. All of you attending be warned, the editor is watching you!

SO YOU WANT TO RING BOB DOUBLES . . .

Before you attempt to ring Bob Doubles make sure that you can:

- a. Plain hunt the treble competently to, at least, a touch of 120 changes.
- b. Have rung the 2nd, 3rd and 4th to plain hunt on 5. You should be confident where to start, i.e. the even-numbered bells (2 and 4) move towards lead and the odd-numbered bell (3) moves away from lead.

The Plain Course

If you ring the 2nd, start by leading and plain hunt up to 5ths place and back to 3rds. At that point the treble is leading so you move back to 4ths place at backstroke. You now become 4th place bell. In other words, you plain hunt to lead in the same way as you would have done if you had been hunting the 4th. After leading you hunt to 5ths place, by which time the treble will be leading again, so you strike 4 blows in that place. You will strike these blows alternately over the two bells which are dodging together in 3 - 4, e.g.

35142
31524
13254
13524
31254
32145

Your last blow in 5ths marks the starting position of the 5th. Plain hunt to lead and then up to 4ths place, make a backstroke blow in 3rds (3 - 4 dodge up). Continue as if you were hunting the 3rd up to 5ths and down to lead. When you have led the treble will take you off and you will strike 2 blows in 2nds place over the treble.

Remember to count your places all the time, i.e. say to yourself - lead, lead, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, 5ths, 4ths, 3rds, 4ths, 3rds, 2nds, and so on.

Things to notice in a plain course

1. The coursing order - the order in which the bells comes to lead - is 2 4 5 3, so if you are ringing the 2nd:
 - a. You always take the 3rd off from lead.
 - b. Except when you make 2nds place, the 4th always takes you off from lead.
2. The dodges in 3 - 4, 2nds place, and the 2nd and 3rd blows of the 4 blows in 5ths are made while the treble is leading.
3. You dodge with the 5th in both 3 - 4 down and 3 - 4 up.
4. Your 4 blows in 5ths are over the 3rd and the 4th alternately.

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Bobs

The point of calling bobs is to allow longer (sometimes shorter) touches (pieces of ringing) than can be obtained from a plain course.

A bob alters the coursing order of 3 bells.

Before you try to ring a touch, ring the other working bells to a plain course, particularly the 3rd and the 4th. If you are really familiar with the starts of the 2nd, the 3rd and the 4th, you should have little difficulty in ringing touches.

The bell that was going to make 2nds place plain hunts when the treble is leading, so at the backstroke blow of the treble's lead it is in 3rds place instead of 2nds place. It therefore continues ringing the method from the starting position of the 3rd, i.e. it plain hunts out to 5ths, down to lead and makes 2nds place over the treble. See 3 in the diagram below.

The bell that was going to dodge 3 - 4 down plain hunts instead of dodging and ends up in 2nds place at the backstroke lead of the treble, so it becomes 2nds place bell. It plain hunts to 5ths place and then in to do a 3 - 4 down dodge. See 2 in the diagram below.

The bell that was going to dodge 3 - 4 up makes 4ths place, over the two bells changing place in 2/3, returns to lead and then goes up to 5ths for 4 blows behind. (Remember 4ths, then 4 blows). See 5 in the diagram below.

The bell that was about to make 4 blows in 5ths is not affected by the bob. It does, however, ring once over the bell that, in a plain course, would have dodged 3 - 4 down, twice over the bell making the bob (4ths place), and finally over the bell that, in a plain course, would have made 2nds place. See 4 in the diagram below.

This diagram shows the affect of a bob (-) called at the end of the first lead of a plain course:

54321
53412
35142
31524 -
13254
12354
21534
25143
52413
54231

Singles

There are no singles in Bob Doubles. If a single were called the touch would be false, i.e. when the treble led at both handstroke and backstroke, the bells would be in the same order.

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Once a bob has been called the coursing order will change. Try to pick out and remember the new order, especially the bell you take off from lead.

IT IS ESSENTIAL to LISTEN to the ringing. Particularly LISTEN TO YOUR OWN STRIKING and try to pick out the treble. Remember that places and dodges are made when the treble leads. Good striking depends on every ringer listening to his or her bell ALL THE TIME. To achieve good ringing concentration and co-operation are essential.

The above article was written by Mary Andrews and next issue we will concentrate on Plain Bob Triples.

6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION.

The 1989 District Striking Competition, held at Ash on Saturday March 4th, attracted a considerably larger entry than previous years. Nine bands took part in the competition and, several ringers turned up to support the teams ringing.

The overall standard of ringing was high all nine bands completing the their test pieces, and only seven faults separating the top three teams, who represented:

- 1st Lewisham
- 2nd Bexley
- 3rd Beckenham

The judges Mr David Joyce and Miss Vanessa Martin both from Canterbury gave an amusing account of the afternoon's ringing, and Alan Hall thanked both the judges for attending and the local ringers for the use of the tower, and the most welcome refreshments they provided.

The new Striking Competition Trophy - made by Walter Dobbie - will be awarded to the winning team at the next district meeting.

AROUND THE TOWERS.

Beckenham.

There are moves afoot to change the practice night at Beckenham, although nothing has been decided yet please check before visiting, by phoning Samantha Lee on 01-658-4495.

.Chelsfield.

Most of you by now know that Anne Martin has moved out of the District and is living in Reigate. The new Tower Captain is Robert Pruden and I am sure visitors are still as welcome as when Anne was the boss.

Deptford.

I have received the following letter from Sonia Cartwright - the tower captain-

"Cyril Brett-Smith from Erith, one of the district's long standing ringers achieved one of his ambitions the other Sunday at St Johns Deptford.

Cyril used to ring at Deptford with his father back in the 1920's and the last time he rang on the bells was for a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1926.

Cyril returned to Deptford on March 12th, after a gap of 63 years, to ring in a quarter of 1260 Grandsire Triples for evensong. A steady and well struck quarter was achieved in 45 minutes by the following band:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Andrew Young | 5 James Normington |
| 2 Bill Lanyon | 6 Philip Irwin |
| 3 Cyril Brett-Smith | 7 Nigel Parsons (c) |
| 4 Sonia Cartwright | 8 Jon Fox |

Well done Cyril.

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"What do you mean 'he's just eaten his way through the whole menu' ?"

The fourth Trinity Youths dinner took place on the now customary monday of Holy Week. A total of twenty people attended, including the Deaconess of Greenwich, the Lewisham District Chairman and the District Ringing Master, five different towers being represented in all.

The evening proceeded more or less without incident, although the starters caused some people to admit that they were what they ate. (The waiter looked distinctly taken aback at cries of "I'm a melon" and "I'm a prawn cocktail")

Once again, the formula was just right. The organisation was excellent, thanks to Penny and Nigel Parsons, the company was good and most importantly of all, the food was good. (It must have been, for coffee at the end of the meal saw the steward devouring everything in sight with repeated protestations that no, he wasn't a dustbin really...).

RINGING TERMS EXPLAINED.

This is the time of year when open days and A.G.M.'s seem to abound. Below is a list of comments which are often overheard on these "tower grabs" and what they really mean.

So imagine yourself in a strange tower with a group of strangers, ringing a method too complicated for the band's collective ability.

The comments might sound something like this:

Keep the little bells moving.....I can't keep the tenor up.
Let's have a bit of concentration.....I'm lost as well.
This bell is really odd struck.....I can't strike it properly.
Listen to it.....

...I know the striking is awful but I can't tell why.

CAN YOU FIND ALL THE PARTS OF A BELL?

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.C D F W T H B C Z N S T A Y T H I J E C B G G Q R G C S V H N J I .
.W A W F H U J B C F W X N K J T B F E D S V U H V F X T U I Y R H .
.Q S N F T H N M L P O K H F D E S X C P W A D Y U T R E W D V G J .
.G H T N D G U J N B G T H F G K H T A T I P G E L E R H I K J H I .
.E T K G O R H C L A P P E R D G R R K B G E E W L J F G J L O Y N .
.Y J S D A N Q G J I U T A A S D T G C T O Y O L A C V E G J N T S .
.A E H T U F S S Y F R E D I L S T B R S O U N D B O W S F G Y J C .
.Z S L B O W T E G H J X S O U N D O K I F R A M E S C B H J K R R .
.K B G L V R M L H E A D T G A R T E R A C R O T I O N A C V O M I .
.T I O N U S C H M D L M O U L D I N G W I R E S H E A V A W B M P .
.B O W T B P R I N G S S G C A B I B E A R C O B O H I N G N K O M T .
.E E B H K T D C I L C I K U O M P M A R F P B O S O S T A V H B I .
.A R I N G G B N B E A R C E N H T F R A M E H E A D U S O U N D O .
.R V H N D R V S U M B V C H O L E L W H E L L I R H D L B A N D N .
.I P U L L E Y B H O D A G U D G E I C L A P P P I Y R H D L J L B .
.N L E E H G I L T R R S T R A S K G F L I G T A Y S J W H E E L A .
.G S L I D E Y R J B B G A R T E R H O L E F L I J H M B R U R I N .
.S L I P P P P R H O L E C A N N G T S T I R K B R A B C K Y G C D .
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GARTERHOLE
WHEEL
INSCRIPTION BAND
FRAMEHEAD
STRUT
BRACE
CILL
ROPE
GROUND PULLEY
SLIDER
CLAPPER
FLIGHT

HEADSTOCK
STAY
CANNONS
CROWN
SHOULDER
GUDGEON
BEARINGS
WAIST
MOULDING WIRES
SOUND-BOW
LIP
STRAPS

If you have any ideas for puzzles, jokes or cartoons please send them to me for the next issue.

FIRST QUARTER

4-12-88	Rupert Cheeseman	Plain Bob Triples	Crayford
4-12-88	Richard Pearce	Plain Bob Triples	Crayford
28-1-89	Bob Patison	Plain Bob Doubles	Farningham
28-1-89	Daphne Patison	Plain Bob Doubles	Farningham
28-1-89	Jane Patison	Plain Bob Doubles	Farningham

FIRST QUARTER AWAY FROM COVER

17-2-89	Bob Patison	Plain Bob Doubles	Farningham
	John Hills	St Martins Doubles	St Mary Cray

FIRST QUARTER INSIDE

1-1-89	Samantha Lee	Plain Bob Doubles	Beckenham
	John Hills	Plain Bob Doubles	St Mary Cray

FIRST AS CONDUCTOR

1-1-89	Dave Miller	Plain Bob Triples	Bexley
12-2-89	Janet Costidell	Plain Bob Triples	Beckenham
26-2-89	Samantha Lee	Plain Bob Doubles	Beckenham

FIRST IN METHOD AS CONDUCTOR

15-1-89	Ruth Hardy	Plain Bob Doubles	Beckenham
22-1-89	Allison Boyes	Plain Bob Triples	Beckenham

FIRST ON TEN AS CONDUCTOR

5-2-89	Alex Britton	Plain Bob Royal	Beckenham
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FIRST MINOR AS CONDUCTOR

19-2-89	Sara Phelps	Plain Bob Minor	Beckenham
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FIRST SURPRISE AS CONDUCTOR

31-12-88	Alex Britton	Cambridge S.Minor	Ash-by-Wrotham
26-2-89	Mark Liebenrood	Yorkshire S.Major	Greenwich

FIRST SURPRISE MINOR AS CONDUCTOR

18-3-89	Mark Liebenrood	Cambridge S.Minor	Deptford
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FIRST SPLICED AS CONDUCTOR

11-3-89	Mark Liebenrood	Doubles (20 methods)	West Wickham
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FIRST IN METHOD

2-1-89	Ruth Hardy	Stedman Triples	Putney
2-1-89	James Hardy	Stedman Triples	Putney
4-2-89	Rupert Cheeseman	Grandsire Triples	Chislehurst (Ann)
12-2-89	Mark Liebenrood	Little Bob Royal	St.Clement Danes
19-2-89	Mark Liebenrood	Bristol S.Major	Lewisham
28-2-89	Cyril Brett-Smith	Yorkshire S.Major	Erith (C.C)
	Andrew Hills	St Martins Doubles	St.Mary Cray

FIRST DOUBLES

17-2-89	Rupert Cheeseman	Plain Bob Doubles	Farningham
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FIRST MINOR

9-3-89	Gary Hill	Plain Bob Minor	Beckenham
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FIRST MINOR INSIDE

9-3-89	Samantha Lee	Plain Bob Minor	Beckenham
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FIRST ON SIX

31-12-88	Rupert Cheeseman	Plain Bob Minor	St Mary Cray
31-12-88	Richard Pearce	Cambridge S. Minor	Ash-by-Wrotham

FIRST ON EIGHT

4-2-89	Andrew Hills	Grandsire Triples	Chislehurst (Ann)
5-2-89	Alison Warner	Plain Bob Triples	Crayford

FIRST ON EIGHT INSIDE

4-12-88	Michael Gentry	Plain Bob Triples	Crayford
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FIRST MAJOR

10-3-89	Samantha Lee	Plain Bob Major	Greenwich
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FIRST MAJOR INSIDE

10-3-89	Jim Rooke	Plain Bob Major	Greenwich
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FIRST ROYAL

5-2-89	Janet Costidell	Plain Bob Royal	Beckenham
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FIRST MAXIMUS

29-1-89	Mark Liebenrood	Cambridge S.Max	St Martins/Fields
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FIRST AS COVER

4-2-89	Andrew Hills	Grandsire Triples	Chislehurst (Ann)
17-2-89	Daphne Patison	Plain Bob Doubles	Farningham

FIRST SURPRISE INSIDE

31-12-88	Andrew Hills	Cambridge S.Minor	Ash-by Wrotham
18-3-89	Allison Boyes	Cambridge S.Minor	Deptford

FIRST TREBLE BOB

31-12-88	Richard Pearce	Cambridge S.Minor	Ash-by-Wrotham
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FIRST SURPRISE MINOR

31-12-88	James Hardy	Cambridge S.Minor	Ash-by-Wrotham
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FIRST DOUBLES

17-2-89 Rupert Cheeseman Plain Bob Doubles Farningham

FIRST FOUR SPLICED

10-2-89 Mark Liebenrood S.Major (C,S,B,L.) Chislehurst (Ann)
 10-2-89 James Normington S.Major (C,S,B,L.) Chislehurst (Ann)

MOST METHODS

11-3-89 James Hardy Doubles (5m) Greenwich
 11-3-89 Philippa Rooke Doubles (20m) West Wickham
 11-3-89 James Normington Doubles (20m) West Wickham
 11-3-89 Mark Liebenrood Doubles (20m) West Wickham

CIRCLED TOWER

12-3-89 Nigel Pointer St.Mary Cray
 Tony Baker Woolwich
 19-3-89 Mark Liebenrood Greenwich

Also congratulations to Mark Liebenrood on ringing the standard eight surprise major methods to quarter peals.

Whilst on the subject of quarter peals the Association Handbook lists the quarter peals rung in the County during the year. Below is the league table for the Lewisham District for 1988.

Beckenham.....	25
Bexley.....	15
Erith (Christchurch).....	10
Greenwich.....	10
Lewisham.....	10
St Mary Cray.....	8
Bromley.....	7
Chelsfield.....	6
Foots Cray.....	5
Eltham.....	4
Woolwich.....	4
Erith (St John).....	3
Hayes.....	2
Ash.....	1
Biggin Hill.....	1
Bromley Common.....	1
Chislehurst (Annunciation).....	1
Chislehurst (St Nicholas).....	1
Crayford.....	1
Dartford.....	1
Deptford.....	1
Downe.....	1
Farningham.....	1
Penge.....	1
Sidcup.....	1
West Wickham.....	1

The leading tower in our district is also 5th overall in the County, the top four all being in the Canterbury district, so lets see if we can do even better this year.

UNDER 21'S QUARTER PEALS.

From Alex Britton - Dartford-

On New Years Eve 1988, seven members of the district (all aged under 21) met to ring two quarter peals.

It all started when I was browsing through some old "Ringing Worlds" and I found that the young ringers of the Tonbridge District had rung an under 21's quarter peal. I wondered if such a thing would be possible in the Lewisham District. On making initial enquiries I discovered that Mark Liebenrood of Greenwich had had a similar idea. So there was nothing to stop us trying.

The scene of the first quarter peal on New Years Eve was Ash-by-Wrotham, where a reasonable but fast quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor was duly rung in 39 minutes, conducted by myself.

Then on to St Mary Cray where Plain Bob Minor was scored in 38 minutes conducted by Mark Liebenrood. A report of the day was printed in "The Ringing World" of March the 10th, where Mark aged 2 years within the space of 1 hour!

Our next attempt was at Chislehurst Annunciation on February 4th, with the same ringers plus one. A good quarter of Grandsire Triples was sedately rung on these glorious bells in 47 minutes.

A number of firsts have been scored, and we hope to go on. The next attempt will be Plain Bob Caters at some stage during the year. It would be nice to include as many people as possible in these quarters, enabling more firsts to be scored. If you would like to take part please contact me and I will do my best to arrange it for you depending on the availabilty of ringers and towers.

We can only go on!

COUNTY A.G.M

Despite the weatherman's gloomy predictions Easter Monday was a gloriously sunny day. Our hosts for the A.G.M. this year were the Canterbury District with the days events centred on The Isle of Thanet.

The ringing arrangements for the day were excellent with all the towers opened as advertised, and some open early to accomodate the hardened tower grabbers.

The meeting itself was based on Birchington and we all met at All Saints for the service taken by the Rev. Smale.

The Birchington band under instruction from Jo Horton provided an excellent lunch and the boys quite looked the part wearing their bow ties as they waited on us.

The meeting itself went very smoothly with all the officers except one being re-elected for another year. The post of secretary has been taken over by Mrs.Phil Young from the Canterbury District, Peter Romney the former secretary

has finally been allowed to stand down after six years hard work.

The Central Council Representatives for the next session were also elected and they are:

Frank Lewis
Malcolm Lodwick
David Manger
Donald Niblett

Two members of the Lewisham District were presented with certificates to mark 50 years membership of the Association - Congratulations to Alan Hall and Ken Medhurst -.

The Lewisham District was well represented with 25 members representing 10 different towers present. It was very encouraging to see so many of the young ringers from the district present.

Once the meeting was closed everyone raced off to ring at more towers, before a large number of ringers gathered in the Gate Inn at Marshside for liquid refreshment before heading home.

Next year we are hosting the A.G.M and I only hope we can produce the sort of teamwork that was evident in the Canterbury District.

1989 DISTRICT TREASURE HUNT.

This years car treasure hunt will be running along similar lines to previous years, all of which were ably organised by Sue Fisher of Hayes. It is being held on Mayday Bank Holiday (Monday May 1st) and starts at 2pm at Fawkham Green. The cost this year will be £5 per car, with all proceeds going towards the Bell Restoration Fund. As usual there will be a mystery tower open at the end for general ringing.

Please do support this event. It has been great fun in the past, and it is also something non-ringing family can join in.

If you wish to take part, please contact Alex Britton or Dave Miller by the time of the Quarterly Meeting at Foots Cray. The £5 fee will be payable on the day.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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I have been asked by Margaret Bellinger to remind you that if you bought any books from her last year and paid by cheque, could you please see whether the cheque has been cashed, as several got lost in the post. Most of the money has been accounted for but there is still £25 missing.

Here are the diary dates for the next few months.

Saturday 22nd April.....DISTRICT MEETING AT FOOTSCRAY

 Ringing 3-00 p.m.....Service 4-30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting
 Evening Ringing until 8-30 p.m.

 Special Methods.....Footscray Treble Place Doubles
 All Saints Doubles

 Names for tea to Margaret Macey on 01-302-4992 OR
 Veronica Grover on 01-302-2983 by Wednesday 19th April

Monday 1st May.....CAR TREASURE HUNT

 Details from Alex Britton on 0322-25822

Saturday 20th May.....DISTRICT PRACTICE AT GREENWICH

 Ringing from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.

 Special Methods.....Little Bob Royal
 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Saturday 24th June.....DISTRICT PRACTICE AT HAYES

 Ringing from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.

 Special Method.....Stedman Doubles

Saturday 22nd July.....DISTRICT MEETING AT WOOLWICH

 Special Method.....Stedman Triples

 Details in July Newsletter

Items for next newsletter to me by Saturday 1st July

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LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Deptford on
Saturday, 28 January 1989

The Chairman, Mr. A. G. Hall, opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to Mr. D. M. Joyce, the Association's Librarian.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. A. M. Brookes of Chislehurst, Mr. A. J. Britton of Dartford, Mr. F. C. Rogers of Eynsford, Mr. S. Gill, Mrs. A. P. Marshall, Mr. D. E. Pointer and Mr. N. Pointer of St. Mary Cray, and Mr. R. D. Bing of Woolwich.

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

Programme for 1989

The Ringing Master reported that it had not been possible to arrange a 12-bell practice at Croydon and sought members' views of the possibility of trying to get either Shoreditch or East Grinstead. On a show of hands, preference was expressed for the latter.

Call Change Competition

The Secretary announced that, in order to fit in with local arrangements at St. Mary Cray, it had been necessary to move the date of the Call Change Competition to 30 September.

4. REPORT ON THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LEEDS ON 26 NOVEMBER

The report on the General Committee Meeting which had been circulated, was accepted on the proposition of Dr. A. M. J. Young, seconded by Mr. A. S. Baker.

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

There was general discussion of the possibility of sponsoring, and representatives of several towers said that their members might wish to take advantage of it, if it were available. There had, however, been no actual applications for help. The Chairman pointed out that the intention had been to enable a ringer to attend the School who might not otherwise be able to afford to do so. Mrs. A. L. Martin said that she would like the matter to be dropped. She explained that when she had arranged sponsorship for the 1988

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5. SPONSORING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL RINGING SCHOOL (continued)

School, it had not been her intention that this should be organized on an annual basis. Mr. P. G. Braund agreed with Mrs. Martin. He felt it was now widely known that a subscription could be raised if there was a real need. It was agreed to take no further action on this question.

6. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

BROMLEY COMMON	Mr. R. M. Standingford	P. Mr. C. D. Lawrance S. Mr. A. S. Baker
BECKENHAM	Miss Sally Brazier (jnr.)) Miss Janet Costidell (jnr.))	P. Mr. A. S. Baker S. Dr. A. M. J. Young
ELTHAM	Mrs. R. Ngatai	P. Mr. I. G. Mills S. Mrs. L. J. Mills
SIDCUP	Miss Katherine Edwards (jnr.)	P. Mr. P. G. Braund S. Mrs. O. Green

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Car Treasure Hunt

Mr. D. T. Miller announced that the Car Treasure Hunt on 1 May would start from Fawkham Green at 2 p.m. There would be a charge of £5 per car and any profit would go to the Bell Restoration Fund.

Missing Cheques

Mr. Joyce drew members' attention to the fact that some cheques given to Miss M. E. Bellinger for sales of books etc. since the previous October had gone astray in the post. He asked members to examine their bank statements. If they had written a cheque that had not been cleared they were requested to contact Miss Bellinger as soon as possible. Mr. Joyce also took the opportunity of congratulating Miss Bellinger on her excellent sales record, which had helped the Association achieve a record sales figure for the last year of over £1,000.

Course for Conductors

Dr. Young reminded members that the course he had arranged for conductors was to be held at St. Mary Cray the following Tuesday evening.

10-Bell Practice

Mrs. Martin pointed out that details of the next 10-bell practice at Maidstone had been published in the current edition of The Ringing World.

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Mrs. A. L. Martin

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Martin, who was shortly to move out of the area, for her considerable contribution to District affairs.

Votes of Thanks

Mr. P. G. Braund moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Deptford, The Rev. Barry Grimster, for permission to hold the meeting at his church - the first there for many years - for conducting the service and for the use of the bells; to Mr. Roger Long for playing the organ; and to Miss Sonia Cartwright and her helpers for an excellent tea.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.