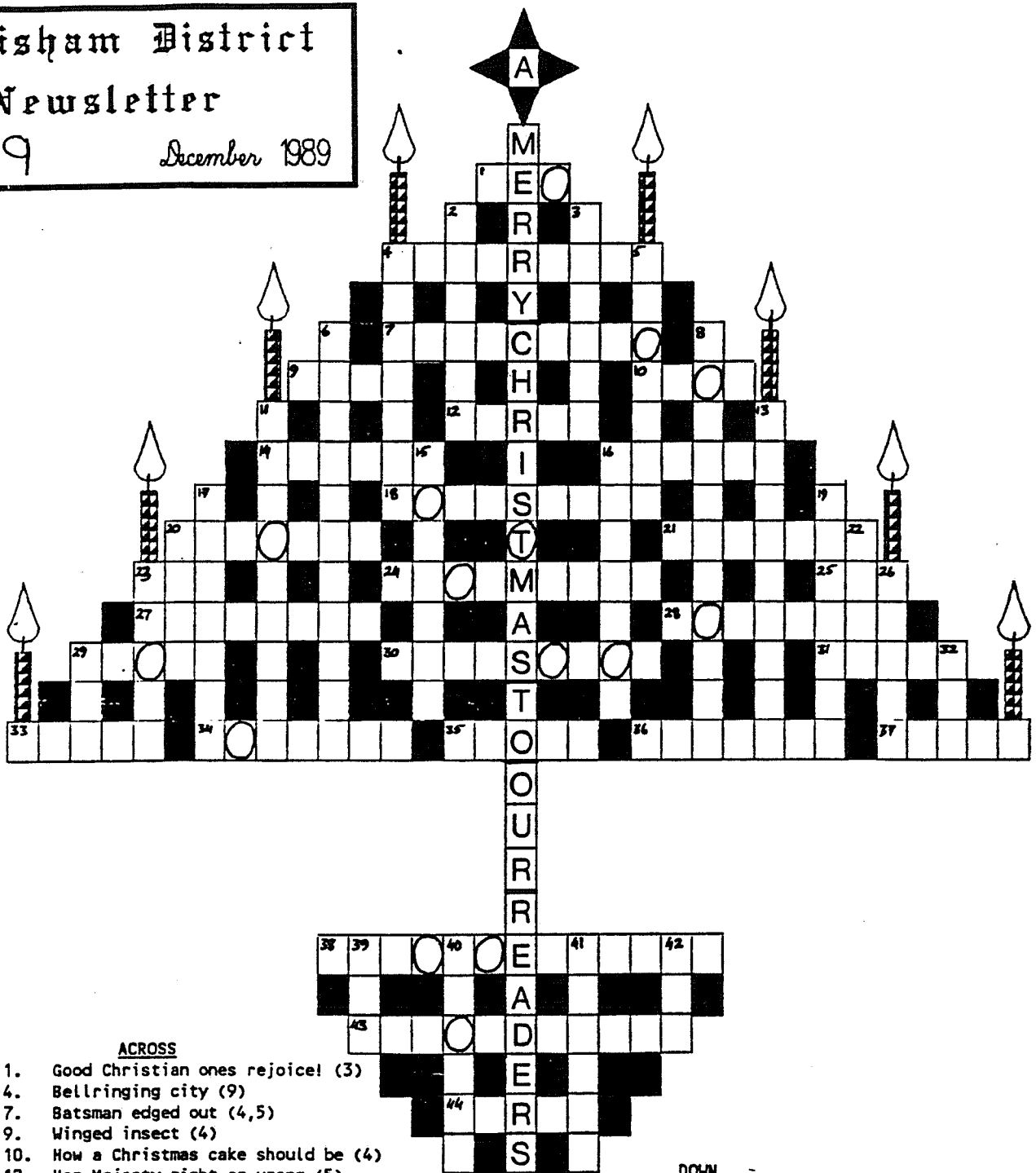


# Newisham District Newsletter

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December 1989



## ACROSS

1. Good Christian ones rejoice! (3)
4. Bellringing city (9)
7. Batsman edged out (4,5)
9. Winged insect (4)
10. How a Christmas cake should be (4)
12. Her Majesty right or wrong (5)
14. Cad's jumbled reply (6)
16. Girls sung at Christmas (6)
18. We like to do this for Christmas (5,4)
20. Here for Christmas? (7)
21. Book of Psalms (7)
23. Golfing peg (3)
24. Heavenly body in a ten mix for Levy (6,3)
25. Weep (3)
27. Does 31 again (8)
28. Fault finding 51 in arctic mix (8)
29. Fire? False? Burglar? (5)
30. Rue and animal mix in a communist and set one's mind at rest (9)
31. Pass a parliamentary bill (5)
33. In the ----- midwinter (5)
34. Nuns live here (7)
35. Do we want these owls for Christmas? (5)
36. Groomed point mixed in deeper (7)
37. Sugar lump transportation (5)
38. Welcome visitors (3,5,5)
43. All the time (3,3,5)
44. Here we are (5)

## DOWN

2. Judge (6)
3. We've got a new one (6)
4. Do you have this on your pudding? (7)
5. Drunken utterance in the rest becomes moral (7)
6. Innate (11)
8. Show devil before mixed goodies (11)
11. We had a long one in 1989 (3,6)
13. Solitude (9)
15. Small thing knitter gets in a mess (7)
16. Char (7)
17. Not a slave (4,3)
19. Come down (7)
20. Look closely at the queen doing physical education (4)
22. Mrs Batty in a spin to produce colour mixture (4)
23. Rail road (5)
26. Musical note at the end. Damn! (5)
29. Water is Adam's (3)
32. Royal commandments (3)
39. Brick carrier (3)
40. A doctor is one (6)
41. Dark chesspiece (6)
42. Intestine (3)

When you have finished the crossword, take the circled letters and arrange them to form an enjoyable event for 1990.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sat 13th Jan Surprise practice at BEXLEY (10:00-11:30)  
Methods : C,Y,S,Lo.
- Sat 27th Jan Quarterly meeting at ERITH (St. John)  
3:00 General Ringing  
4:30 Service  
5:15 Tea and meeting in St. John's church hall  
(West Street).  
7:00 (approx) General ringing at Christ Church  
until 8:30.  
NAMES FOR TEA by Wed. 24th Jan. to :  
Mary Hill, Dartford 335062.
- Sat 3rd Feb District Barn Dance in aid of B.R.F.  
At Erith (Christ Church) church hall  
Details and tickets from Alex Britton
- Sat 10th Feb Surprise Practice at ST. MARY CRAY (10:00-11:30)  
Methods : Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, York.
- Sat 3rd Mar 12-bell practice at EAST GRINSTEAD (6:30-8:30)  
Special method: Erin Cinques  
There will be a steeplage of 25p per adult (for donation to  
the tower).
- Sat 10th Mar Surprise Practice at CHISLEHURST (St.N.)  
(10:00-11:30). Methods : C,N,R,B.
- ditto - 6-bell striking competition (method) at  
FARNINGHAM (4:00 p.m. draw).
- Sat 24th Mar District Practice at LEWISHAM (7:00-8:30)  
\* \* TO BE CONFIRMED \* \*

ADVANCED NOTICE

- Sat 28th Apr Quarterly meeting at Foots Cary  
Mon 7th May Car Treasure hunt  
Sat 7th Jul District Outing

### SURPRISE PRACTICES

It appears that, once again, there is a demand in the District for surprise practices. I have therefore arranged a series of practices on Saturday mornings. I hope these will be better supported than the ones I organised two years ago! Subject to confirmation there are two 6-bell practices and five 8-bell practices. I shall designate special methods for each practice, which will allow people to focus their learning, and should give a structured approach to learning to ring the standard-8, as well as giving the more experienced ringers something to stretch their brains! I would recommend that everyone starts with Cambridge (which will be on the list for all of the practices) before moving on to other methods.

All the practices are on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30.

January	13th	Bexley	C,Y,S,L
February	10th	St. Mary Cray (6-bell)	c,b,s,n,y
March	10th	Chislehurst (St. N.)	C,N,R,B
April		No Practice	
** May	12th	Chelsfield (6-bell)	)
** June	9th	Bromley Parish	) Methods
July		No Practice	to
August		No Practice	be
Septemb.	8th	Eynsford	) Decided
** October	13th	Crayford	)

Major methods (UPPER CASE) :

C - Cambridge ; Y - Yorkshire ; S - Superlative

L - London ; R - Rutland ; B - Bristol

Minor methods (lower case) :

c - Cambridge ; b - Beverley ; s - Surfleet

n - Norwich ; y - York

\*\* - To be confirmed.

Full details of the practices later in the year will be published in the District Newsletter.

### K.C.A.C.R. LEWISHAM DISTRICT LIBRARY

*At the end of the ADM at Downe the intention of setting up a district library was mentioned. Since no details regarding the library were given, I have decided to take the opportunity of using this news letter to set out the ideas and aims involved in forming the library. The idea for the library came from Philippa Rooke who came into possession of a copy of Wilson : Change Ringing and, having a copy already, decided to donate it to the district. It is hoped that this book will now form a basis for the development of a larger collection which will be available for the use of the whole District.*

*In order to avoid having to buy books to stock the library we will be looking to members of the District for 'donations'. It is possible for both individuals and towers to accumulate books of all kinds, standards and ages that, after an initial reading, become relegated to a cupboard and are forgotten although they may be of great use to other members of the exercise. It is hoped, therefore, that these books will provide the bulk of the collection, either by their being given or lent to the library.*

*Having acquired a stock of literature it will then be possible to send a list out with the quarterly news letters and, for anyone who wants to, to get in touch with me to arrange borrowing a book. I have not yet finalised the details regarding length of borrowing time etc. but would be keen to hear of any ideas you may have. I hope that the organisation of this project will be firm but flexible, as I hope that you can see that we don't want to just move books from one dusty cupboard to another!*

*I hope that these proposals meet with the approval of the District and that you will let me know of any ideas you have as well as any books you feel able to donate whether on a permanent or a loan basis.*

Diana Young tel 0322 529964

PEALS RUNG IN THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT \*

24	Sept	FOOTS CRAY	5040 Doubles (7 methods)
14	Oct.	ASH-BY-WROTHAM	5040 Cambridge S. Minor

FOOTNOTES

First Peal

Nigel Grover	29/4 at Foots Cray (Doubles - 7m ; treble)
James Hardy	29/4 at Foots Cray (Doubles - 7m ; inside)
Samantha Lee	14/10 at Ash (Cambridge Minor ; inside)

First Peal as Conductor

Alex Britton	29/9 at Foots Cray (Doubles - 7m)
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QUARTER PEALS RUNG IN THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT \*

20	July	BECKENHAM	1260 St. Nicholas Doubles
28	July	BIGGIN HILL	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1	Aug.	ERITH (CC)	1298 Cambridge S. Minor
22	Aug.	DARTFORD	1260 Stedman Triples
29	Aug.	ERITH (CC)	1320 Kent T.B. Minor
7	Sept	ERITH (CC)	1296 Erith L.B. Major
17	Sept	BEXLEY	1260 Stedman Triples
19	Sept	FARNINGHAM	1320 Plain Bob Doubles
20	Sept	GREENWICH	1320 Norwich S. Minor
24	Sept	HAYES	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
27	Sept	FOOTS CRAY	1380 Plain Bob Doubles
1	Oct.	CHELSFIELD	1260 St. Martin's Doubles
1	Oct.	CRAYFORD	1260 Plain Bob Triples
3	Oct.	FARNINGHAM	1260 Grandsire Doubles
8	Oct.	BROMLEY (Parish)	1320 Stedman Doubles
8	Oct.	DEPTFORD	1260 Plain Bob Triples

FOOTNOTES

First Quarter

Matthew Hilling	19/9 at Farningham (Plain Bob Doubles ; inside)
Ben Cordingley	3/10 at Farningham (Grandsire Doubles ; treble)
Caroline Gould	3/10 at Farningham (Grandsire Doubles ; cover)
Katie Parker	24/9 at Hayes (Plain Bob Doubles ; treble)

First Quarter as Conductor

Richard Pearce	1/10 at Crayford (Plain Bob Triples)
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As well as ringing Plain Bob Doubles inside for his first quarter, Matthew Hilling also rang inside to Grandsire Doubles three weeks later (at Farningham). The quarter at Foots Cray (27/9) was David Macey's first inside, Christine Hoskins' first on treble, and the first on the bells by a local band. Other firsts were scored by Alex Britton (1st Stedman Triples as conductor; Dartford), Mark Liebenrood (1st Norwich Minor as conductor; Greenwich), Jon Fox (1st blows of Norwich Minor; Greenwich) and Helen Montague (1st inside on 8; Deptford). The quarters of St. Nicholas Doubles (Beckenham) and Erith L.B. Major (Erith) were 'first in method' for all members of both bands.

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ENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at Downe on  
Saturday, 28 October 1989

The Chairman, Mr. A. G. Hall, opened the meeting by welcoming the General Secretary, Mrs. Phil Young, and her husband, Ian. He then presented Call Change Competition certificates to the winning band, Eynsford/Farningham, and to the runners-up, St. Mary Cray and Foots Cray.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. L. Briers of Ash, Mr. R. D. Bing of Woolwich, Mr. P. G. Braund of Sidcup, Mr. J. J. Hardy and Miss R. E. Hardy of Beckenham, Mr. G. Hill of Eltham, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hill of Erith, Mr. R. A. Long and Mr. C. Wyld of Chislehurst, Mr. D. G. Hollis and Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Mason of Lewisham, Mr. D. Macey of Foots Cray, Mr. N. R. Parsons of Greenwich and Miss S. C. Phelps of Penge.

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

The Chairman reminded members that it had been agreed to take a retiring collection for the Quex Appeal and asked for a volunteer to be responsible for this after the meeting. Miss A. Boyes kindly offered to do this.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary had received letters from the following:

- a. Mrs. Niblett inviting a band from the District to ring at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 26 November. The invitation had been accepted and the matter was being dealt with by the Ringing Master.
- b. The Quex Park Society in response to her letter saying that a collection was to be taken following the A.D.M.
- c. Mr. W. Lanyon of Woolwich saying that he had taken over from Mr. Bing as Secretary of that tower. Practices would continue on Wednesday evenings at 8.00 p.m. and visitors would be most welcome. They were, however, advised to check with him (01-858 3761) before going to the tower.
- d. Mrs. Young concerning the arrangements for the 1990 County Dinner.

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- e. Mrs. Young enclosing a copy of a letter from the Canterbury District which read -

The Canterbury District of the K.C.A.C.R. intend to propose a motion at the Annual General Meeting at Beckenham on 16 April 1990, that funds are made available from the General Fund on the recommendation of the Bell Restoration sub-committee for repair of the ninth bell at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park

Members indicated that they were in favour of this suggestion and the District Representatives were instructed to put forward this view at the General Committee Meeting in November.

Mr. Young explained that the anticipated cost of the repair to the bell was £3,000 plus an additional amount for structural repairs. To date £2,000 had been collected and the bell had been/would be re-cast at the same time as the Headcorn tenor.

#### 5. REPORTS

The Ringing Master and the Secretary had both submitted reports and these had been circulated. The Ringing Master added remarks about the Call Change Competition and the County Striking Competition as both events had taken place after he had written his report. The former had been well supported and very successful: in the latter the Lewisham band had been placed third.

The Secretary did not wish to add anything to her report but her remarks on the Bell Restoration Fund were reiterated by Mr. C. Brett-Smith who pointed out that if ringing was to continue it must be self-supporting. He urged members to support fund-raising events by buying a ticket or paying an entrance fee, even if they were unable to attend the function in question.

#### 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected:

Chairman	Mr. A. G. Hall	P. Dr. A. M. J. Young S. Mr. C. F. Jeal
District Representatives	Mr. A. J. Britton  Mr. J. J. Hardy	P. Miss M. E. Bellinger S. Mrs. V. Grover  P. Dr. A. M. J. Young S. Mr. C. Brett-Smith
Ringing Master	Dr. A. M. J. Young	P. Miss M. R. Andrews S. Miss M. E. Bellinger
Press Representative	Miss M. E. Bellinger	P. Dr. A. M. J. Young S. Miss A. Boyes
Secretary	Miss M. R. Andrews	P. Miss P. Rooke S. Mrs. L. J. Mills

3.

In the case of the Assistant Ringing Master, Miss S. Cartwright was proposed by Mr. A. J. Britton, seconded by Mr. J. Fox. Mr. I. Mills was proposed by Mrs. A. M. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. R. Ngatai. A vote was taken and Miss Cartwright was elected.

#### 7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected:

EYNSFORD/FARNINGHAM	M. J. Hilling (jnr.) ) B. J. Cordingley (jnr.) )	P. Mr. F. C. Rogers S. Mr. M. Luffman
GREENWICH	Miss H. Montague	P. Miss A. Boyes S. Mr. J. R. D. Normington

The election of Mr. Jason W. Hughes of Rhyll was ratified on the proposition of Dr. A. M. J. Young.

#### 8. PROGRAMME FOR 1990

The following programme was agreed subject to permission being obtained from the towers concerned:

27 January	Quarterly Meeting at Christ Church, Erith.
3 February	Barn Dance in aid of the B.R.F. Venue to be advised.
3 March	12-bell practice at East Grinstead.
10 March	Striking Competition at Farningham, 4 p.m. start.
16 April	Annual General Meeting at Beckenham.
28 April	Quarterly Meeting at Foots Cray, 6 p.m. start.
7 May	Car Treasure Hunt in aid of the B.R.F.
7 July	Outing to the Peterborough area.
28 July	Quarterly Meeting at Chelsfield, 6 p.m. start.
13 October	Call Change Competition at West Wickham, 3 p.m. start.
27 October	County Dinner at Eliot College, Canterbury
3 November	Annual District Meeting at Bexley.
8 December	Carol Service at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst.

The new starting time for the April and July meetings had been proposed by the Ringing Master because so many members found it difficult to get to the summer meetings owing to wedding ringing commitments.

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#### 9. STRIKING AND CALL CHANGE COMPETITION RULES

The Ringing Master felt that there were a few points in the District Competition Rules which needed clarifying, among them the maximum number of whole pulls allowed before the start of the method in the Striking Competition, and the point at which the number of rows in the Call Change Competition should be reduced from 160 to 120. After some discussion it was agreed that the Ringing Master should re-draft the Rules and present them for consideration at the next meeting.

#### 10. NEWSLETTER

The Chairman drew members' attention to the fact that since Mr. A. S. Baker had left the District and Miss Boyes would probably be doing so in the New Year, it was necessary to find someone to be responsible for the Newsletter and, also, that it would no longer be possible to issue it free of charge. Miss Samantha Lee had volunteered to produce the Newsletter and it had been calculated that this could be done at a cost of 25p per copy. Members indicated that they would be prepared to pay for the Newsletter and it was agreed that the Secretary should send a letter to all towers asking for a subscription of £1 for the next four issues of the Newsletter for all members of their tower who were interested in receiving a copy.

A warm vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Baker and Miss Boyes for all their work in starting this venture, and to all those who had helped with the distribution of copies.

#### 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

##### District Officers

Miss F. Cannon asked that thanks should be recorded to all the officers who had served the District during the past year.

##### District Practices

The Ringing Master said that he proposed to continue Saturday practices but to hold them from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. He also planned to arrange advanced practices for surprise ringing on Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30 a.m. It was agreed to hold a quarter peal week in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund, date to be arranged, and to hold further talks on conducting.

##### Deptford

Miss Cartwright expressed appreciation to those who had helped with the ringing each month at Deptford.

##### Foots Cray

Mrs. Macey informed members that Foots Cray had achieved their first quarter with their own band and expressed warm thanks to Mrs. Anne Martin and Dr. Andrew Young for all their help and encouragement.

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



A message from the Chairman

Christmas and New Year Greetings to one and all.

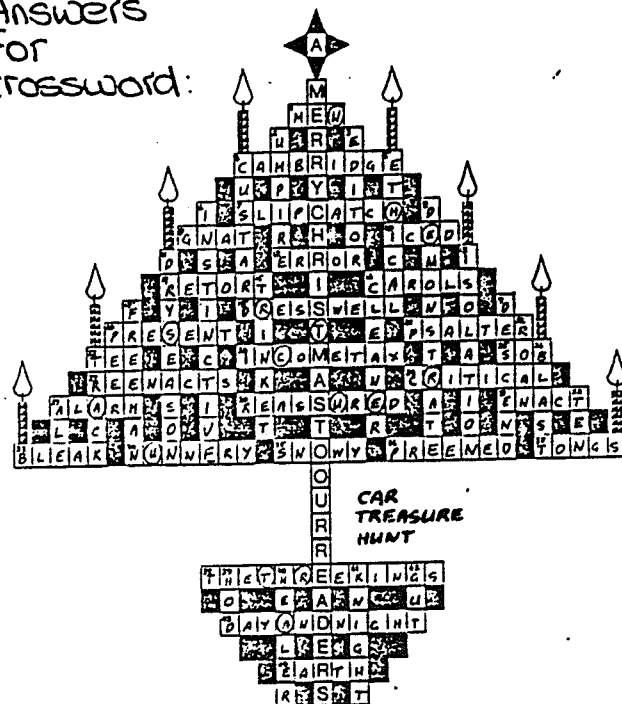
In this, the first issue of the Newsletter to be produced by our new Editor, Samantha Lee. I would like to thank her on behalf of the District Members for taking on this somewhat daunting task and to wish her success in this venture.

Each Tower in the District should by now have received a copy of the District Secretary's letter outlining the arrangements agreed at the District AGM in October in regard to future funding of the Newsletter. I hope everyone will give as much support as possible to this.

Unlike some Newspapers a Newsletter Editor is not expected to invent news items in order to increase circulation and can only rely on members to provide "copy". So why not consider making a contribution for the next issue; air your views or criticisms in "a letter to the Editor"; let the District know whether your Tower could do with help in your ringing activities and from the more expert ringers why not pass on some of your knowledge in the form of feature articles.

Please help the Editor to make the Newsletter a worthwhile venture.

Answers  
for  
crossword:



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

17, Derwent Close,  
Dartford,  
KENT.  
DA1 2TT.  
Tel: Dtfld (0322) 25822.  
December 1989.

Dear Tower Secretary,

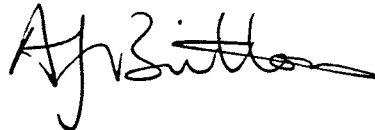
As announced at the Annual District Meeting at Downe on 28 th October 1989, the Lewisham District is holding a Barn Dance on Saturday 3rd February 1990. This is to be at Christ Church Erith Church Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The event is being held in aid of the Association Bell Restoration Fund, and tickets cost £4.00, and are available from myself at the above address. PLEASE SEND A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, and enclose the form below.

This is an event to which ringers can bring along non-ringing members of their family and friends, instead of "leaving them out in the cold". The more the merrier, and all the more that goes into the Bell Restoration Fund!

Please do come to this event. It can be successful only with your support. If it all goes successfully, it is possible that the event will be repeated at some stage in 1991.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Britton,  
District Representative.

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To:- A.J.Britton, 17 Derwent Close, Dartford, KENT. DA1 2TT.  
K.C.A.C.R. Lewisham District Barn Dance Sat.3rd.February 1990  
Christ Church Church Hall, Erith.

Please send me ..... tickets @ £4.00 each for the above event.

I enclose a cheque/P.O. for £..... made payable to "A.J.Britton", and a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

Name.....Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Telephone no:.....

From the desk of Mark Liebenrood

**Martyr to the Eternal Cause of Getting people off their backsides and onto the ends of ropes!**

Below is something that may help some of you to get the hang of Grandsire (bobs and singles). It really isn't hard to put into practice. (Honest!).

When a bob is called.

1. If you are above thirds place, double dodge where you are. Then carry on in the direction you were going.

For example:

- a. If the bob is called when you are in 4ths place on the way up, double dodge 4-5 up.
  - b. If the bob is called when you are in 7ths place and about to go down, double dodge in 6-7 down.
2. If you are below thirds place, make thirds and go back to lead again.

Next Time.

1. If you double dodge at the bob, then note where you are dodging and then carry on to do the next piece of work.

For example:

If you double dodged 4-5 up at the bob, make thirds next time.

2. If you made thirds at the bob, see which bell you take off lead.

- a. If you lead after the treble, you have become the hunt bell, and will remain in the hunt until there is another call.
- b. If you lead after any other bell, dodge 4-5 down next time.

When a single is called.

1. If you are above 3rds place, then do the same as you would at a bob.
2. If you are below thirds place:
  - a. If you are leading when the single is called, make seconds over the treble and become the hunt bell.
  - b. If you are not leading, do four blows in thirds, go back to lead and then dodge 4-5 down next time.

If that all looks a bit complicated, just read it through again and it should make a bit more sense. It really is quite simple when you get the hang of it. Just to give you a bit of encouragement, there are some quite experienced ringers who still have difficulty with Grandsire. I am sure you can crack it with a small amount of practise.

**Mark**