



*The
Lewisham District
Newsletter*



Christmas 1991

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THE 7 APRIL!!!!

QUARTERLY MEETING

SIDCUP - 11 JANUARY

Bells 3.00. Service 4.30

Names for tea by previous Wednesday to:

Mr Patrick Braund - 0689 850397

QUIZ NIGHT, HOLY TRINITY DARTFORD.

On Saturday 25th January 1992, the Dartford ringers are organising a quiz night in aid of repair work that has to be done to the bells in the near future. We hope to run it along the same sort of lines as the very successful one held at Foots Cray back in September, but of course with different rounds and different questions!

We invite entries from teams of between six and eight people, either representing churches or bands of ringers, or just bring a group of friends along.

This will take place in the church hall starting at 7.30pm.

There will be an 'entry fee' of £3 per head, and this will include a buffet and cups of tea and coffee.

Entry forms are available from Alex Britton. If any further information is required, please contact him on 0322-225822.

1992 LEWISHAM DISTRICT BARN DANCE.

Yes, the Lewisham District Barn Dance is here again! It is being held on Saturday 7th March 1992 at Christ Church Erith Church Hall at 7.30pm, with the same band as before - "Wizzard Wheeze".

Tickets cost £4.75, and will be available from Alex Britton in the new year. In the meantime, book the date now for this very enjoyable (and now annual) event. Everyone who has been to the District Barn Dance before has had a very enjoyable evening, and no doubt those of you who have not been to it may well do so as well.

Any profit made from this event will be placed in the District Centenary Fund.

DISTRICT EVENTS IN 1992 FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Venue	Time
11th January	Quarterly Meeting	Sidcup	3.00pm Ringing 4.30pm Service
18th January	Surprise Practice	Bexley	10.00am
25th January	Dartford Quiz Night	Dartford Church Hall	7.30pm
8th February	Evening Practice	Woolwich	7.00pm
15th February	Surprise practice	West Wickham	10.00am
29th February	10 bell Striking Competition	Greenwich	Draw 2.30pm
7th March	District Barn Dance	Church Hall, CC Erith	
14th March*	District Striking Competition	Biggin Hill	4.15pm Draw
21st March	10 bell Practice	Greenwich	7.00pm
28th March	Training Day (Bob Doubles)	T.B.A.	
11th April	Quarterly Meeting	Crayford	3.00pm Ringing 4.30pm Service
20th April	County AGM	Meopham, Rochester district	
25th April*	Surprise Practice	Deptford	10.00am
4th May	Car Treasure Hunt	T.B.A.	
9th May*	Evening Practice	Ash	7.00pm
16th May	Surprise Practice	Chislehurst, Annunciation	10.00am
30th May	10 bell Practice	Beckenham	7.00pm
13th June*	Evening Practice	Shoreham	7.00pm
20th June	Surprise Practice	Chelsfield	10.00am
27th June	County 8 bell competition	Canterbury District	
11th July	Quarterly Meeting	Bickley	3.00pm Ringing 4.30pm Service
18th July	Surprise Practice	Eynsford	10.00am
31st August	District Open Day	All towers	
12th September	Evening Practice	CC Erith	7.00pm
19th September*	Surprise Practice	Chislehurst St. Nicholas	10.00am
26th September	County 6 bell striking Competition	T.B.A.	
	District Centenary Service and Tea	Lewisham	5.00pm Service
10th October	ADM	Bromley Parish Church	3.00pm Ringing 4.30pm Service
17th October	Surprise Practice	St. John, Erith	10.00am
31st October	County Dinner	Dartford, Holy Trinity	
		C of E Primary School	6.30 for 7.00pm
7th November	Call Change Competition	Eltham	
14th November*	Evening Practice	Hayes	7.00pm
21st November	10 bell Practice	Greenwich	10.00am
5th December*	Surprise Practice	Bromley Common	10.00am
12th December	Raising and Lowering Competition		
	Carol Service	Bexley	

* to be confirmed

PEALS

[1] 19/10 BROMLEY COMMON 5120 London Surprise Major

Congratulations to Matthew Hilling on ringing his first peal of London and on his election to the Ancient Society of College Youths for whom this peal was rung.

QUARTERS PEALS

[1]	06/07	BECKENHAM	1260	Doubles 9m
[2]	07/07	BECKENHAM	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major
[3]	21/07	BECKENHAM	1298	York Surprise Minor
[4]	28/07	BECKENHAM	1272	Plain Bob Minimus
[5]	09/08	ASH BY WROTHAM	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[6]	18/08	BECKENHAM	1260	Plain Bob Royal
[7]	29/08	SHOREHAM	1260	Grandsire Triples
[8]	30/08	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Doubles 11m
[9]	01/09	ERITH CH CH	1260	Grandsire Triples
[10]	07/09	CRAYFORD St Paulinus Churchyard	1272	Minimus 11m
[11]	08/09	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[12]	08/09	BECKENHAM	1308	Plain Bob Minor
[13]	13/09	DEPTFORD	1440	Stedman Triples
[14]	15/09	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[15]	15/09	BECKENHAM	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[16]	22/09	EYNSFORD	1280	Cambridge Surprise Major
[17]	22/09	WEST WICKHAM	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[18]	26/09	ASH BY WROTHAM	1260	St Clements & Plain Bob Minor
[19]	29/09	BROMLEY	1260	Grandsire Triples
[20]	29/09	BECKENHAM	1269	Doubles 3m
[21]	01/10	BECKENHAM	1260	Doubles (Bluebell and Daffodil)
[22]	05/10	LEWISHAM	1260	Grandsire Triples
[23]	05/10	DEPTFORD	1288	Little Bob Major
[24]	05/10	ELTHAM	1264	Plain Bob Major
[25]	20/10	EYNSFORD	1260	Grandsire Triples
[26]	21/10	ERITH CH CH	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor
[27]	24/10	CHELSEFIELD	1274	Durham Surprise Minor
[28]	27/10	BECKENHAM	1260	Beckenham Bob Minor

Congratulations to T Stenning for ringing his first quarter[17]

To Janet Thomas[11] and R Carter[5] for their first inside and R Carter again for his first of Minor[18], to Kerry Jo Robinson for her first of Plain Bob Minor[15], and Jacqueline Mack[3], Bob Paterson[26] and M A S Jones[27] for their first of Treble Bob.

To Bob Paterson[25] and Margaret Macey, A D Saunders, Nigel Pointer and David Macey for their first of Grandsire Triples[7] which was also David's first on 8 and Jim Hardy's first Grandsire Triples as Conductor.

To Nigel Pointer[2] and Daphne Paterson and Martin Luffman[16] for their first of Surprise Major, and Jim Hardy for his first of Surprise Major as Conductor.

Nigel Pointer also rang 9 methods[1] followed by 11 methods[8], and Rupert Cheeseman and Richard Pearce rang their most methods (11) in-hand[10].

Margaret Macey, Sarah Farnham and Nigel Pointer rang their first blows of Beckenham Bob Minor[28].

[4] was the first of Minimus for all the band.
[3] the first of York Surprise Minor for all.
[27] the first blows of Durham Surprise Minor for all the
band.
[21] the first in the Variation for all the band.
and [25] the first of Little Bob Major for seven of the band.

Sara Phelps and David Macey rang their 25th quarter together[2]
as did Nigel Pointer and Jim Hardy[28].

The list covers all peals and quarter peals rung at towers in the District and published in the "Ringing World" up to and including issue no.4206 for December 6,1991. I must apologise for not using the first names of some of the participants mentioned in the 'congratulations'. However as you will see from the editorial on p.1127 of the "Ringing World", from 1st January 1992 male Christian names may be included in quarter peal reports in the interests of sexual equality !

Jim Rooke

CHURCH BELLS ON SUNDAY - RADIO 4

The General Secretary has recently been in correspondence with the producers of Morning has Broken - Bells on Sunday and given below is some information which may be of interest to members:

The programme is always on the look out for recordings of bells to broadcast. Tapes should be sent to:

Joanne Whitworth,
Bells on Sunday,
Room 301 Yalding House,
156 Great Portland Street,
London. W1N 6AJ

Information on the Recording of Bells (from the B.B.C.)

This can be done with an ordinary domestic cassette recorder. Just point the microphone at the bell-tower, on the side away from any traffic noise, and preferably when this is at its quietest. Do it on a calm, wind-free day. We would be glad to have up to 20 minutes of recording from which to take an excerpt. If you wish to record several different styles, be sure to leave a gap between them and record a spoken identification before each one.

Please send a brief written history (10 lines or so) of the church and its bells, and the name of what is being rung.

M.R.A.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT CELEBRATES THE RELEASE OF TERRY WAITE

The news of Terry Waite's release from captivity in Beirut was received with great joy throughout the whole country. Although it does not have a ring of bells, Terry Waite's home church of All Saints, Blackheath lies within the boundaries of the Lewisham District and it was therefore very appropriate that the bells of the District rang out in celebration of his release. The logistics of getting a band of ringers to every tower in the District on one evening, particularly at only a day's notice, proved too much. However, of the 28 towers in the District which are currently ringable, the bells at 25 were rung on either Monday 18th (the day of his release) or Tuesday 19th (the day of his return to England). At Erith (St. John) the bells were ringing at the moment he stepped off the plane. Five quarter-peals were attempted on the Tuesday evening, two of which, unfortunately, came to grief. One of these was at St. Alphege, Greenwich, the closest ring of bells to All Saints, Blackheath. In addition to ringing on Monday and Tuesday several bands also met later in the week to ring special quarter-peals in celebration of his return to freedom.

Tuesday 19th November

ERITH (Christ Church)	1260 Plain Bob Minor
FARNINGHAM	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
WEST WICKHAM	1260 Doubles (2m)
FOOTS CRAY	(Unsuccessful)
GREENWICH	(Unsuccessful)

Wednesday 20th November

CHISLEHURST (St. Nicholas)	1260 Grandsire Doubles
FOOTS CRAY	1260 Doubles (3m)

Thursday 21st November

ST. MARY CRAY	1264 Grandsire Minimus
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Sunday 24th November

BEXLEY	1260 Minor (2m)
HAYES	1260 Plain Bob Minor

All these quarter peals were rung to celebrate the release of Terry Waite from captivity in Beirut. Welcome home!

WORD SEARCH

The names of all 30 towers in the Lewisham District, together with the names of the other five Districts in the K.C.A.C.R. are hidden in this grid. The names read in straight lines, and can be either horizontal, vertical or diagonal. When you have found all the names, there will be a number of unused letters. Start with the first of these letters and then take every third one to see what we should all be taking part in in 1992.

L C H I S L E H U R S T S T N I C H O L A S
B L R E T D E D R O F T P E D H H W J Y I T
X C S A A E M W H K M F A E R V I D M S I J
N M D D Y S G X I A V I H I U S S O N S T O
O A A W F F E N R S R G S W O O L W I C H H
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M A H E R O H S A S H B Y W R O T F A M N

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 1991/2

At the Annual District Meeting at Greenwich, there was only one change to the District committee, with Peter Swift being elected as Deputy Ringing Master, thus Alex returns to wearing only one hat, that of District Rep.! To remind you who your committee are :

Chairman	-	Andrew Young	[0322] 529964
Secretary	-	Mary Andrews	[0322] 523071
Ringing Master	-	Sonia Irwin	081-697-7320
Deputy Master	-	Peter Swift	081-690-5103
Press Rep.	-	Diana Young	[0322] 529964
District Reps.	-	Alex Britton	[0322] 225822
	-	Daphne Paterson	[0322] 863171

Andrew, Mary, Alex and Daphne are also on the County General Committee, and Andrew is on the County Training Sub-committee.

DISTRICT BOOK STALL

After finding her feet as County Librarian, Hazel Basford is reviewing the stock of books held by each District. In the newsletter six months ago I reported a number of new additions to the stock, and now I have some more :

A Schedule of Regular Maintenance is a new Central Council publication and is much more comprehensive than the Maintenance Handbook already in stock. I believe it was reviewed favourably in a recent Ringing World article. Certainly, to my untrained eye, it looks easy to follow and has all sorts of maintenance records and charts to keep you on your toes.

Grandsire is one of the Jasper Snowdon series. It is a book that has been out of print for a while and has just reappeared on our list having been reprinted in 1989.

Bell Restoration Funds is another Central Council publication and one that has particular relevance in the coming year!

If anyone has any suggestions regarding books they would like to see in our stock please let me know and I shall pass the message on to Hazel.

Diana Young (District Press Representative)

ST. GEORGE, BICKLEY

It was with great pleasure that four members of the District joined some ringers from the County Bell-Restoration Committee and members of Whitechapel Bellfoundry, for the try out of the new ring of bells at St. George's, Bickley (6, 14cwt). Several of the new Bickley band (who are being taught at The Annunciation, Chislehurst, by District members) also attended to hear their new bells for the first time. For many of them it was also a first chance to see inside the church since it was gutted by the tragic fire nearly three years ago. It was generally agreed that they are an excellent ring of bells, although the extremely stretchy ropes did cause problems to begin with, and that they will be a joy to ring in the future, particularly with the outlook from the ringing gallery over the beautifully restored church. Several minor faults were discovered, which hopefully will be corrected before the festival of rededication of the church, in the middle of December. We look forward to welcoming the ringers from Bickley into the District in the near future.

COUNTY TRAINING DAY

The theme for this year's County Training Day, held on Saturday 30th November, was "Teaching". The few people from the Lewisham District who attended found it both informative and thoroughly enjoyable. The day was based around Leeds, and started with a talk by our guests for the day, John Wells and Len Palfrey from the Oxford Guild. These two have masterminded similar events in their home Guild, and it was a great pleasure to welcome them to Kent to share their experience. They made some general points about teaching learners, mentioned some of the common mistakes and omissions made by tutors and discussed in general terms how best to put the information over to your pupils.

The company then divided into five groups and dispersed to local pubs for lunch, after which each group assembled in a local tower to turn the words into actions. Over the next two hours the tutors were allowed to teach some real learners on tied bells. The level of experience of the tutors varied from the complete novices, who had never taught, and were keen to know how to go about it, to very experienced teachers who hoped to pick up some useful tips on improving their teaching method. The practical session continued under the watchful eyes of the group leader, with only short pauses to discuss problems as they arose. I personally found this interaction with people of various levels of experience very valuable. For the final half hour the bells were rung open and each learner had an opportunity to try their hand at some rounds. This exercise not only gave a boost to the learners, some of whom had never heard their bell, but also gave the tutors a chance to learn what they should be looking out for when their learners first try ringing in rounds.

Most people then returned to Leeds for tea and cakes, during which Nick Davies showed the video of the days events. Finally John and Len closed the proceedings with a brief summary of some of the points which were raised during the day. The assembled company then thanked John and Len for travelling to Kent to run our training day, Diana Wraight, who not only attended the course, but also manned the tea urn and Catherine Lewis, the convenor of the County Training Sub-committee, for her hard work in organising the whole event.

It was very disappointing that so few members of the Lewisham District supported this event. I find it hard to believe that only five of us attended as tutors, with another seven attending as learners. In order that the enormous benefit of such a training day can be spread beyond those who put in the effort to attend, I have made some brief notes on some of the important points which came out of the day.

[1] Safety is paramount. The learner must be aware of the potential dangers in the ringing chamber - I am always astonished to see how many people sit cross-legged in a ringing chamber!

[2] Learners should always be shown the bells where possible and the workings of a bell should be explained. The tutor should relate what goes on in the bell chamber with what goes on in the ringing chamber. In addition to seeing the bells themselves, a model is extremely useful, so that you can demonstrate quickly and easily, in the ringing chamber, what the bell is doing. Many towers are lucky enough to have elaborate scale models of a bell, but if your tower is not so lucky, then there is an excellent half-relief wooden bell available for about £20. There is one in the District Training Library, which I would be pleased to show to anyone who is interested.

[3] The learner's stance is very important. Feet should be slightly apart with the right foot (if ringing right handed) slightly in front of the left. Make sure the learner is not standing to the side of the rope hole, and is about 8 to 10 inches back from the rope.

[4] Tutors should bear in mind that catching the sally above the learner can force the learner to catch the sally too low, in order to keep clear of the tutor's hands. The recommended way to avoid this is to catch below the learner. However this can be problematic for tall tutors!!

[5] Get learners to practice rope control on a 'down' bell before letting them loose

on an 'up' bell.

[6] Beware of ambiguous instructions. As an example of what I mean, when one of the learners got into difficulties, the tutor wanted him to stop and his instruction was "Hang on". We know what he meant, but on the spur of the moment, had the learner taken the tutor's instruction literally, it could have ended in disaster. This is an extreme case, but I have come across many similar instances in the past.

[7] Make sure that when controlling the rope for the pupil, you do not pull it towards you (and therefore away from your pupil). At best this would make it impossible for the pupil to learn to control the bell themselves, at worst it can pull them off balance. Always pull straight down - you keep telling your learners to do so, so the least you can do is to do it yourself!!

[8] Be flexible. Not all learners are the same, so be willing to try different approaches if you don't seem to be getting anywhere with your learner.

[9] It is very useful to have another experienced ringer present to help in demonstrations etc.

[10] Do you have emergency lighting? Can your lights be switched off from outside the ringing chamber (e.g. from downstairs) as well as inside? If so, does your emergency lighting come on when this external light switch is switched off? (The answer to the last question is almost certainly "No"). Any of you who have been ringing when the lights go off will know that it is fairly alarming. When teaching a learner it is potentially disastrous!

[11] Learners must be encouraged to listen to their bell from the very start. In some cases you may find, as tutors, that you are not sure how to teach a learner how to listen. If you can manage to work that one out you should not only improve your teaching, but also your own ringing!

I hope these notes will be helpful. The theme of the day was not so much "This is how it should be done" as "This is how I do it and it works (or in some cases doesn't work!)". It certainly provided a lot of food for thought and I'm sure that the five tutors and seven learners who attended from this District will have found it very valuable.

Andrew Young (County Training Sub-committee)

DISTRICT PLAIN BOB DOUBLES TRAINING DAY

I am organising a District training day on Saturday 28th March, 1992, on the subject of PLAIN BOB DOUBLES. The day will start at around 10:00 with a general introduction to the aims of the day, after which we will split up into groups and visit towers for practical sessions. I would hope to meet up again for lunch and discussion of progress, after which we will divide up into groups again for more practical sessions, finishing at about 4:30.

There are two categories of students which I am looking for on this day. Firstly, the beginners, who are making their first inroads into ringing Bob Doubles, and secondly more experienced learners, who can basically ring the method, but need lots of practice. I would hope that there will also be the opportunity for the more experienced ones to get some practice at calling touches if they want. In addition to these two categories of students, I shall be wanting some experienced helpers.

If you are interested in attending this course, or somebody in your tower is interested, please let me know as soon as possible (in any case at or before the January quarterly meeting). The cost for the day will be around £2-00 each. I shall circulate further details and forms to individuals after the January meeting. I would hope that transport can be arranged for those without their own wheels, so don't allow that to be an excuse!

Andrew Young
(District Chairman & County Training Sub-committee)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Report on the General Committee meeting on Saturday, 23rd November 1991 in the Leeds Village Hall. The Lewisham District was represented by Mary Andrews, Alex Britton, Daphne Paterson and Andrew Young.

After apologies for absence had been received, and three small errors in the previous meeting's minutes corrected, they were accepted and signed. There were a number of matters arising.

a) County Dinner 1992. As expected Alex has the arrangements proceeding apace. There was some discussion about speakers, refreshments and the licence and all is shaping up well. More information later but keep Oct. 31st 1992 free.

b) Calendar 1993. Disappointing news. If the KCAOR proceeded with the production of the calendar in conjunction with The Ringing World, the county would have to undertake to sell at least 2/3rds of their allocation of 1,500 calendars - on top of the 1,000 The Ringing World distribute - before they would cover the initial outlay, never mind making any profit. In these times of give away business calendars it was felt to be too risky to undertake and the committee decided not to proceed.

c) Inventory of Peel Boards. As the information was coming in so slowly it was decided to distribute forms which could be completed and returned in the hope that this would stimulate some response.

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| d) Half-yearly Subscriptions |) | |
| e) Application for Charitable Status |) | After short discussions on |
| f) The Bert Luck Memorial |) | each topic all seems to be |
| g) The Headstones of James Barham |) | proceeding as expected. |
| and Joseph Hatch. |) | |

INTERIM REPORTS

a) The Treasurer reported that there was about £800 in the General Fund at present, however about the same amount had just been paid out for stocks of sweatshirts, ties and various publications and these should last us for 4 years. From the budget of £1,000 for the production of our new publicity video, £650 has so far been spent.

b) The Peel Secretary reported that some people had been very active this year, and 145 peals have been recorded. This indicates that the number for 1991 will be about 20 more than last year's total of 158.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Training. A lot of organisation has gone into the Bell Handling Day on Sat.30th Nov.'91 and the course has a full complement of student learners and student teachers although Catherine Lewis was disappointed that the initial publicity did not appear to have reached all the towers.

Some work has also been done towards producing a card which can be left after ringing to thank towers for the use of their bells.

b) Publicity. David Manger reported that filming for the promotional video, targeted at non-ringers, had been completed. Some very hard work had gone into it, especially from the three professionals, and at first viewing there was enough material to make a first class video which could be sold on a commercial basis. There was a draw back of course - professional editing had been strongly recommended and this would raise the total cost to about £2,000. This cost would include production and the sleeve, and after some discussion the treasurer said that the funds could afford this especially as there was a strong likelihood that the county could make a substantial profit with this innovative enterprise. A further £1,000 was therefore granted.

The display boards continue to be successful, and in constant use, despite some of the information being out of date.

The chairman thanked Mr Manger for all his hard work despite lack of time due to pressure of work.

c) **Bell Restoration Fund.** Work has already been completed at Bickley, Chiddingstone and Kemsing but a great deal is still going on. At Beckenham, Boughton Monchelsea, Chelsfield, Headcorn and Stansted work is either in progress or scheduled for the near future. Work is also planned soon at Dartford, Brasted and some nine other towers, and advice given to Shipbourne, Wouldham, Bonnington, Iwade and Folkstone, St Saviour.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following grants were sanctioned by the committee

Headcorn	£150	New bearing plates for tenor
Dartford	£500	New gudgeons to tenor plus other minor work
Chelsfield	£1,700	Turn bells & rehang, new headstocks + some fittings
Hythe	£2,000	Recasting of tenor
Woodchurch	£2,250	Rehang with new frictional parts
Beckenham	£3,500	Rehang 3-9, strengthen frame + two new treble clappers
Sturry	£6,000	Retune, rehang, lower + new fittings and frame

It should be noted that these grants are significantly higher than any previous grants due to the augmentation of the B.R.F. by Bert Luck's bequest and the new policy adopted by the committee to use not only the interest earned by the money, but also some of the capital.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat. 29th Feb. 1992	Inter district 10 bell competition.
Sat. 7th March 1992	Lewisham District Barn Dance, Erith
Mon. 20th April 1992	County AGM, Meopham
Sat. 27th June 1992	County 8 bell competition, Canterbury District (Stedman Triples)
Sat. 4th July 1992	Tonbridge District Barn Dance
Sat. 18th July 1992	Barbecue, Quex
Mon. 31st Aug. 1992	Lewisham District OPEN DAY
Sat. 26th Sept. 1992	County 6 bell competition & Lewisham District Centenary Service.
Sat. 31st Oct. 1992	County Dinner, Dartford.
Sat. 12th Dec. 1992	Lewisham District 6 bell raising and lowering competition. This is also our Carol Service, Bexley.

One band from each of the other districts has been invited to join us.

HANDBOOK 1992

Frank Lewis reported that he expected the production cost of the handbook to rise by about 7% and that the cost of advertising would go up accordingly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

After some discussion on the subject the Committee directed the secretary, Phil Young to send a letter to the Central Council stating their views on the proposed reorganisation of membership. The main feeling was that the Council should try to be inclusive rather than exclusive, especially in regard to younger ringers (e.g. the universities) who had much to offer.

It was agreed that the Chairman's badge of office should be inscribed with the names of all past Chairmen of the Association.

Walter Dobbie (who crafted the badge) is to be proposed as a Vice President of the Association at the next A.G.M.

Stansted, on having its bells installed, will probably come under the Maidstone District.

Sutton-at-Hone, although manual chiming only, is to move from the Rochester District to Lewisham!

The proposal to hold a residential ringing school in Kent was considered, but on a vote, was substantially defeated.

Alex Britton and Daphne Paterson.
Lewisham District Representatives.

CENTENARY YEAR

With the help of Mary Jeal from Bexley and Hazel Basford, the Association's Librarian, I have compiled a list of all the towers at which the District's Quarterly and Annual Meetings have been held since its formation at Greenwich on 30 May 1892. From that list - which will be available at the January Quarterly Meeting - the details for each tower are as follows:

ASH-BY-WROTHAM

22 October 1977
26 October 1985
23 July 1988
27 April 1991

BECKENHAM

28 January 1905
28 January 1911
27 January 1917
24 April 1920
26 April 1924
26 October 1929
21 July 1934
24 July 1937
6 May 1944
31 January 1953
26 July 1958
24 January 1959
20 April 1968
26 April 1980

BEXLEY

23 July 1938
16 August 1941
17 July 1943
21 October 1944
22 April 1950
31 October 1953
25 October 1958
23 January 1965
22 January 1972
26 July 1975
22 July 1978
26 January 1980
3 November 1990

BIGGIN HILL

24 April 1976
28 April 1984

BROMLEY

26 November 1892
13 October 1894
15 January 1898
27 October 1900
23 January 1904
27 October 1906
30 January 1909
26 October 1912
30 January 1915
19 January 1918
25 October 1924
1 May 1926
24 January 1931
12 October 1935
26 January 1952
3 November 1956
25 April 1959
24 April 1965
25 October 1969
26 April 1975
22 April 1978
24 April 1982
22 October 1988

BROMLEY COMMON

29 April 1911
22 January 1916
22 October 1921
28 April 1923
28 January 1928
14 October 1933
2 May 1936
20 October 1948
30 October 1954
22 July 1961
24 July 1965
26 January 1974
27 January 1979
23 January 1988

CHELSEFIELD

17 April 1937
26 July 1952
30 April 1960
26 October 1963
22 April 1972
23 April 1977
24 January 1981
28 July 1990

CHISLEHURST (THE ANNUNCIATION)

10 October 1936
30 April 1938
25 October 1941
23 October 1943
28 January 1967
28 July 1973
23 October 1976
27 April 1985

CHISLEHURST (ST. NICHOLAS)*

18 July 1896
28 July 1899
27 July 1901
15 August 1903
24 October 1903
22 January 1910
26 April 1913
24 July 1915
3 November 1917
7 August 1920
26 July 1924
25 January 1930
7 May 1932
4 February 1939
1 May 1948
26 January 1957
27 April 1963
26 October 1968
23 October 1971
27 July 1974
25 July 1981
28 January 1984

CRAYFORD

19 January 1895
16 January 1897
28 January 1899
28 October 1899
29 July 1905
27 July 1907
31 April 1910
25 October 1913
27 April 1918
25 October 1919
21 July 1923
23 July 1927
29 October 1932
1 February 1936

CRAYFORD (continued)

25 January 1947
25 July 1959
28 October 1967
28 October 1972
22 January 1977
1 November 1980
23 April 1988

CUDHAM

25 July 1931
23 July 1948
30 April 1955
28 July 1956
27 July 1963
27 July 1968
23 July 1983

DARTFORD

11 February 1893
21 July 1884
28 July 1900
22 October 1904
31 October 1908
28 July 1917
29 January 1921
9 February 1924
29 January 1927
3 May 1930
20 May 1933
22 October 1938
27 January 1940
31 January 1942
29 July 1944
27 October 1945
27 October 1951
26 October 1957
22 April 1961
28 April 1962
27 January 1973
23 July 1977
2 May 1981
1 November 1986

DEPTFORD

6 November 1897 (St. John)
27 January 1900 (St. John)
12 April 1902
6 May 1905 (St. Nicholas)
12 January 1907 (St. Nicholas)
19 October 1907 (St. John)
2 May 1908 (St. Nicholas)

DEPTFORD (continued)

30 October 1909 (St. Nicholas)
25 January 1912 (St. Nicholas)
8 May 1915 (St. John)
19 October 1918
30 October 1920 (St. Nicholas)
28 January 1922
25 April 1925 (St. Nicholas)
31 October 1925 (St. John)
26 January 1929 (St. John)
24 October 1931 (St. John)
30 January 1937 (St. Nicholas)
5 February 1949 (St. John)
23 January 1960 (St. John)
27 January 1962 (St. John)
27 January 1968 (St. John)
28 January 1989 (St. John)

DOWNE

28 July 1945
24 July 1954
23 July 1960
25 April 1970
28 October 1989

ELTHAM

2 May 1903
29 October 1927
27 April 1946
21 April 1951
3 November 1984

ERITH (Christ Church)

25 January 1919
31 January 1925
28 April 1928
30 January 1932
26 January 1935
21 April 1945
29 October 1949
27 April 1957
24 October 1959
25 April 1964
23 October 1965
26 April 1969
28 January 1978
24 October 1981
19 July 1986
27 January 1990

ERITH (St. John)

6 July 1895
30 April 1898
19 July 1902
25 October 1902
29 October 1910
18 July 1914
23 April 1921
6 February 1926
27 April 1929
28 October 1939
29 January 1944
25 October 1947
25 October 1952
26 January 1963
24 January 1970
24 January 1976

EYNSFORD

30 April 1904
24 July 1909
27 July 1912
21 October 1916
20 July 1918
28 July 1928
26 July 1930
19 August 1933
25 July 1936
27 July 1946
24 July 1948
26 April 1958
22 January 1966
26 July 1969
27 April 1974
24 July 1976
28 July 1979
26 July 1980
28 July 1984
27 July 1985
18 July 1987
13 July 1991

FARNINGHAM

28 July 1906
19 July 1913
6 August 1921
24 July 1926
28 July 1935
25 April 1953
25 July 1955
24 October 1964
25 July 1970

FOOTS CRAY

28 April 1979
25 January 1986
22 April 1989
28 April 1990
26 January 1991

GREENWICH

30 May 1892
15 April 1893
18 November 1893
25 January 1896
18 April 1896
23 February 1901
25 January 1902
28 April 1906
25 January 1913
30 October 1915
31 January 1920
20 January 1923
28 January 1933
29 April 1939
29 January 1955
28 October 1961
22 October 1966
27 October 1973
27 October 1979
26 January 1985
24 October 1987
26 October 1991

HAYES

1 May 1897
25 July 1908
25 April 1914
29 July 1950
28 April 1956
23 April 1966
22 July 1972
28 October 1978
22 October 1983
26 April 1986

LEE

26 October 1901
27 April 1912
24 October 1914
26 October 1946

LEWISHAM

22 August 1892
24 September 1892
21 April 1894
20 April 1895
17 October 1896
29 April 1899
27 April 1901
11 November 1905
28 October 1911
17 January 1914
3 May 1919
27 October 1923
23 October 1926
1 November 1930
27 January 1934
16 October 1937
27 January 1945
28 October 1950
28 January 1956
10 November 1962
23 January 1971
23 January 1982

PENGE

24 April 1909
31 January 1948
24 April 1971

ST. MARY CRAY

22 July 1916
6 May 1922
30 April 1927
25 April 1931
13 April 1935
27 April 1940
30 April 1949
27 January 1951
29 October 1955
28 January 1961
22 April 1967
24 July 1971
25 January 1975
22 January 1983
11 April 1987

SHOREHAM

22 July 1911
26 July 1919
22 July 1922
25 July 1925

SHOREHAM (continued)

27 July 1929
8 May 1943
26 July 1947
28 July 1951
25 July 1953
27 July 1957
28 July 1962
23 July 1966
23 April 1983

SIDCUP

23 July 1904
1 February 1908
13 May 1916
14 April 1934
29 July 1939
30 January 1954
25 July 1964
24 October 1970
25 October 1975
24 January 1987

WEST WICKHAM

23 July 1932
26 April 1947
26 April 1952
25 January 1969
27 October 1974

WOOLWICH

4 February 1894
19 October 1895
28 August 1897
15 September 1898
22 October 1898
28 April 1900
31 January 1903
20 January 1906
20 April 1907
16 July 1910
28 April 1917
28 October 1922
27 October 1928
13 October 1934
29 January 1938
24 October 1942
30 January 1943
19 January 1946
28 January 1950
24 April 1954
18 January 1958

WOOLWICH (continued)

22 October 1958
22 October 1960
25 January 1964
22 July 1967
28 April 1973
23 October 1982
22 July 1989

It should be noted that this list is of the towers at which business meetings were held and does not include additional towers which may have been open for ringing.

I shall be pleased to receive amendments or additional information as the list will eventually be submitted for inclusion in the Association's archives.

M.R.A.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at Greenwich on
Saturday, 26 October 1991

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Jack Euston of Streatham.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. Long of Chislehurst, Mr. L. A. Dumper of Eltham, Mr. D. P. Hilling and Mr. M. J. Hilling of Eynsford, the Foots Cray band, Mr. D. G. Hollis and Mr. J. R. D. Normington of Lewisham, Mrs. J. R. D. Normington of Greenwich, and from Miss S. Lee, an Unattached Member.

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

Brasso Competition

The Chairman told members that in addition to winning the County 8-bell Striking Competition, the District had also won the Brasso Competition.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary had received a letter from the Association Treasurer, Mr. Mark Gilham, about charitable status and she read this to the meeting; also a letter from Mrs. Phil Young, the General Secretary, concerning the restatement of Rule 4(i)c. Miss Andrews explained that this concerned the practice of collecting subscriptions at half rate after the 30 June, which had been inadvertently been omitted the last time the Rules had been re-printed. Miss Andrews had also received a letter concerning a Central Council Steeplekeeping Seminar at Stanwell on 23 November.

5. REPORTS

The Chairman congratulated the Officers on their Reports, which had been circulated, and went on to point out that the sum raised for the Centenary Fund was £55 as shown in the Secretary's Report. The amount mentioned in the minutes, £50, had been correctly recorded but had been wrongly reported. Mr. Britton drew attention to his remarks regarding the County Dinner at Dartford and stressed the need for maximum support for this venture.

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6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected:

Chairman	Dr. A. M. J. Young	Proposed: Miss M. R. Andrews Seconded: Mr. A. J. Britton
Ringling Master	Mrs. S. A. Irwin	Proposed: Dr. A. M. J. Young Seconded: Mrs. A. M. Brookes
Assistant Ringling Master	Dr. P. V. D. Swift	Proposed: Mr. A. J. Britton Seconded Mrs. S. A. Irwin
District Representatives:	Mr. A. J. Britton) Mrs. D. Paterson)	Proposed: Dr. A. M. J. Young Seconded: Mrs. S. A. Irwin
Press Representative:	Mrs. D. M. Young	Proposed: Mrs. S. A. Irwin Seconded: Mrs. D. Paterson
Secretary	Miss M. R. Andrews	Proposed: Miss F. Cannon Seconded: Mr. P. G. Braund

7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

BECKENHAM	Miss G. Morphy (jnr.)	Proposed: Mr. J. Hardy Seconded: Miss S. C. Phelps
GREENWICH	Mr. C. Reeves	Proposed: Mrs. S. A. Irwin Seconded: Miss F. Cannon

8. RESIDENTIAL RINGING SCHOOL IN KENT

The Chairman explained that since Kent was so well represented at the major ringing schools, it had been suggested at a Training Sub-Committee Meeting that consideration should be given to holding one in the county in 1993, about 15 helpers would be needed from each District. This event would probably be held in parallel with one of the other Ringing Schools. There was some discussion about this and it was generally agreed that such a course would be helpful and members were in favour of Mr. Britton's suggestion that the School should be open to all but that if it were over-subscribed then preference should be given to Kent ringers.

9. PROGRAMME FOR 1991

The Chairman said that the officers felt it would be wise to switch the quarterly meeting date from the fourth to the second Saturday of January, April, July, and October. The Secretary suggested that this should be for an experimental period of one year, the matter to be reviewed at the next Annual District Meeting. This was agreed.

3.

The following provisional programme was then arranged:

11 January	Quarterly Meeting	Sidcup
29 February	10-bell Striking Competition	
7 March	Barn Dance (Christ Church Hall)	Erith
14 March	6-bell Striking Competition	Biggin Hill (2.30)
11 April	Quarterly Meeting	Crayford
4 May	Car Treasure Hunt	
11 July	Quarterly Meeting	Bickley or West Wickham
31 August	Open Day	
26 September	Centenary Service and County 6-bell Competition	
10 October	Annual District Meeting	Bromley or Christ Church, Erith
7 November	Call Change Competition	Eltham
12 December	Raising and Lowering Competition and Carol Service	Bexley

The Chairman was planning a Bob Doubles Training Day. This would probably be held in March and details would be given in the Newsletter.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Barn Dance

Mr. Britton urged members to support the Barn Dance on 7 March. He hoped to book the same band as previously and the proceeds would go to the Centenary Fund.

Practices

Mrs. Irwin said that she proposed to continue the surprise practices on Saturday mornings. It was felt that fewer minor practices would be needed in the coming year. There would be no 12-bell practice in 1992. It was, however, proposed to hold more 10-bell practices.

Terry Waite

Mr. Morley suggested that in view of the anticipated release from captivity in the Middle East of the hostage, Terry Waite, the District should arrange to ring the bells of as many as possible of the churches on the day that he arrived back in this country. This was agreed and the Secretary offered to act as co-ordinator.

Call Change Competition

Mr. Paterson received the Arthur Richards Cup on behalf of the Eynsford band who had won the recent Call Change Competition. Certificates for Eynsford and the runner-up, Foots Cray, were being prepared. There was some discussion as to the reason for the poor support for this Competition, which had previously had been popular.

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Cubitt Town

Miss Cannon announced that the Cubitt Town bells would be re-hung the following week, and that the additional two bells at Bermondsey would be hung shortly.

Collection

The Chairman had been asked to announce that the collection taken at the service would be given to the Church Restoration Fund. Current projects were for re-wiring, redecorating and work on the bells.

Wedding

Mr. & Mrs. Normington were congratulated on their wedding at Pentre on 19 October.

Newsletter

The Chairman said that 70 members from 15 towers had ordered the Newsletter the previous year and that the account was £1.76 in credit. He urged members to complete the renewal form in the current Newsletter and return it to Miss Lee with the subscription of £1.50 for the next four issues as soon as possible.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Morley proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Greenwich for the use of the church and bells, to the Rev. K. Shakell for taking the service, and to Miss Cannon, Mrs. Irwin and their helpers for an excellent tea.

The Late Mr. Bert Luck

The Chairman said that, as agreed at the A.D.M. in 1990, a retiring collection in memory of the late Mr. Bert Luck would be taken as members left the hall. The proceeds of this would go to the Bell Restoration Fund.

There being no further business members returned to the tower for further ringing.