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Lewisham District Newsletter

July, 1992.

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If you think the cover page of this issue of our District Newsletter is boring, and not up to the usual standard, then why not do something about it for the next one? We rely on you to send us things to print in the Newsletter - including the cover pictures.

District Centenary

We are still not in a position to give details of the Centenary Project. This is largely because negotiations with one tower recently fell through at a very late stage. The committee hope that by the time of the quarterly meeting at Bickley we should have some firm alternative proposals. We hope that individual fund raising is going ahead despite these setbacks.

The District Open Day is to be held on Monday 31st August (Bank Holiday). All the towers will be open (subject to confirmation), and we look forward to welcoming visiting ringers from both inside and outside Kent to ring at our towers. Day tickets (£5-00) will be available from the morning towers. Admission to towers will be by day ticket or £1-00 on the door (£3-00 at Bickley).

The District Centenary Service is to be held at St. Mary's church, Lewisham on Saturday 26th September at 5-00 p.m.. It is being held after the County 6-bell striking competition final (at Beckenham 2-00 p.m. draw) and will be followed by tea and competition results. So why not come along and make a day of it - support your District band (Eynsford/Farningham) in the competition, come to the service to celebrate our centenary, and then enjoy a sumptuous tea? Even if you cannot make it for the whole day, please try to attend the service of celebration. **BOOK THE DATE NOW!!** Tickets for tea are available from Sonia Irwin (£2-00 each) **BEFORE 19th September** (Cheques payable to "Lewisham District Centenary Fund").

The County Dinner will be held at Holy Trinity School, Dartford on Saturday 31st October. Tickets are on sale now (£15-00) from Alex Britton, and a copy of the menu is also available for inspection. I hope our District will be well represented at the Dinner.

The Raising and Lowering Competition will be held at Bexley on 12th December, before the District Carol Service. We have extended an invitation to the other Districts of the Association to send a band each. The ringing will be organised into two groups, so that bands from towers within the District will compete against each other, and the only top band from the District will be compared with the bands from the other Districts. Details will be sent to each tower in due course.

The copy date for the next Newsletter is 28th September. Please send all material for inclusion to Samantha Lee on or before 26th September (Centenary Service).

Book Reviews

In response to popular demand, I have been spending my brief leisure time recently reviewing some of the ringing books currently available. All the titles reviewed below are available from the District bookstall, which makes an appearance at each quarterly meeting, or can be contacted at home at all sensible hours (Diana Young, 0322 529964).

One Per Learner

A very popular book with learners. At 50 pence each it is excellent value for money, and is a must for every learner. It takes the beginner through from very first principles of ringing, to ringing simple methods. I find the content of the book excellent, with clear explanations, in a format which allows you to carry it around with you wherever you go. Some find the informality of the presentation a plus for the book, but personally I find the hand-written format irritating. I think anyone who is doing any teaching would benefit from looking through this book too!

The Follow on Book

Written in the same format as the 'One per learner', with the same pluses and minuses. It is a mixture of more advanced topics, including sections on more complicated methods, calling bobs (not completely accurate!), striking, Devon call-changes, rope splicing and understanding the ringers' diary. Although I do not see this book as essential reading, there is something in it for everyone, learners and their teachers, and at only 50 pence each, it is a book that should have a place on all ringers' bookshelves.

The Ringers' Exercise Book

An excellent compliment to "One per Learner" and the "Follow on Book". It gives ready made grids etc. to guide the learner through his/her homework.

Will You Call a Touch Please Bob?

An excellent introduction to conducting. It emphasises the basics - the conductor's main aim is to ring the method correctly and to call the touch accurately. Ensuring that the striking is accurate, correcting other ringers' mistakes, use of coursing orders and transpositions are covered, but only as appendices to the main theme - calling the touch correctly. The book covers in detail the calling of Plain Bob Doubles from first principles, then extends it to Plain Bob on higher numbers. Grandsire Doubles and Triples are covered in detail. In addition to the appendices mentioned above a fourth appendix gives some useful short touches in standard methods. All in all an excellent introduction to conducting. For those who want to go further into coursing orders and what to do with them will not find what they want in this book and would be advised to move on to 'On Conducting' or 'Conducting for Beginners'. I would recommend this book as the best of the three as an introduction to conducting. If you only aspire to being a bob-caller, then you probably need go no further than this book. If your aims are high and you wish to conduct using coursing orders, then you should still start with this book and once you have understood it fully, move on to one of the ones which explains coursing orders.

Philip Anthony Corby, 1917 - 1992

The death of Phil Corby on 9 June came as a major shock to all who knew him. His funeral on 19 June at Chiddingstone was attended by well over 300 friends from all areas of his vast interests, but especially from the world of ringing.

The ringing at Chid was all open - Phil thought that bells were there to be rung, not muffled. A celebration of a life, not a dirge for a death. Fittingly amongst the ringing before the service were rounds for the youngsters Phil had been teaching over the past few months. After the burial handbells were rung beside the grave.

There were refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards - as John Lee, Rector of Chiddingstone, had said, an occasion to meet old friends and make new ones just as Phil would have wanted. Meanwhile in the background a band of Past Masters of the College Youths (of which he himself had been Master in 1967) rang a peal of Stedman Triples.

Any attempt to pay due tribute to the man would be futile, but John did his best in his address. Phil often said to John, "One day you'll be doing me, my boy - and mind you make a good job of it!" John knew that each time Phil mentioned his own passing it was not entirely in jest. Each attack of asthma with the associated emphysema was more of a strain though he kept it well hidden - he was that sort of man. He had a dread of oxygen bottles and invalidity, so in spite of the shock for Lucile, Andrew and Judith, we know he left us in the way he really wanted to go: "Out with a bang and not a whimper" in his beloved kitchen at Puckden. Exactly as he would have wished and prayed for.

Phil was born near Ely in 1917. In 1931 he learnt to ring at Langdon Hills in Essex, where there was a callchange band, but by visiting other towers learnt to ring Grandsire Triples. He moved to Sydenham in 1935 and rang his first peal at Cudham in 1936. He conducted his first peal at Swanscombe in 1937.

Phil and Lucile, having met in the tower (where else?) at Walthamstow, married on 10 April 1947 and moved to Forest Hill, where another love developed. The whole of one side of the garden was lined with deep litter poultry houses and many a ringing practice ended with eggs and chips at the Corbys, which at a time of severe rationing was regarded as a great treat.

After a time in Melton Mowbray Phil and Lucile moved back to Sevenoaks. He became tower captain and supervised the restoration of the bells. A recast fifth bell was given by John (his brother) and Phil in memory of their mother.

He was a member of the Central Council for 40 years, representing various societies, and was elected a life member. He was President from 1985 to 1987.

He was a Vice President of the KCACR, having been the first Peal Secretary in 1947 and subsequently General Secretary and Chairman. In 1975 at Edenbridge Phil rang his 1000th peal. He was a supernumerary at Westminster Abbey.

Professionally he was a Fellow of the Institute of Builders. His real concern in building was for social housing. One result of his charitable activities is a road of housing for the disabled near Margate called Philip Corby Close.

He was on the Rochester Diocesan Advisory Committee and took particular responsibility for anything relating to bells and belfries.

Locally, he had so recently been the driving force behind the tuning and rehanging of Chiddingstone bells. He had been really pleased to have rung the tenor to a peal of Double Norwich (his last peal) only this April.

Phil, we're going to miss you - whatever we said when you were with us.

Frank Lewis (reprinted from Tonbridge District Newsletter)



The Kent County Association of Change Ringers



KCACR Training

“CARRY ON TEACHING”

Saturday 14 November 1992, 9.30 - 6.00

This will carry on where last year's successful Bell Handling Day left off and will be for anyone concerned with teaching ringing.

We will cover moving on to ringing with others, rounds and call changes, and other preliminaries to method ringing.

If you would like to come please give your name and address to your District Secretary (Mary Andrews 0322-523071) by **14 SEPTEMBER**.

ROPE SPLICING

Would you like to be able to make your ropes last longer?

Ever wanted to help by mending ropes which break when you are on an outing?

There have been requests for further help with learning to do both long and short splices. Rather than wait to include this again in a county-wide event, we are planning to arrange small more local sessions according to demand. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

ADVANCE NOTICE

RAISING AND LOWERING DAY - Saturday 30 October 1993

Next year's major training event. Ideas for effective teaching from first attempts to raising and lowering in peal, with practical sessions. Book the date in the back of your 1992 diary NOW!

Catherine Lewis (0732 450526)
Convenor Training Subcommittee
27 June 1992

PEALS

			1991	
[1]	23/11	CHISLEHURST ANN.	5056	Bristol Surprise Major
[2]	23/11	ELTHAM	5024	Halstead Surprise Major
[3]	01/12	CUDHAM	5040	Plain Bob Royal
[4]	29/12	EYNSFORD	5056	Cambridge Surprise Major
[5]	30/12	CHISLEHURST ANN.	5088	Spliced Surprise Major 4m.
			1992	
[6]	03/01	CHELSEFIELD	5040	Surfleet Surprise Minor
[7]	03/01	FOOTS CRAY	5040	Doubles 7m
[8]	05/01	CRAYFORD	5152	Spliced Surprise Major 16m.
[9]	08/03	BEXLEY	5024	Double Norwich Court Bob Major

Congratulations to:

Martin Luffman	1st of treble bob [4]
Rupert Cheeseman	1st on six bells [6]
Alex Britton	Most methods to a peal [8]
Richard Pearce	50th peal [6]
David Hilling	555th peal [4]
Michael Moreton	999th peal [4]

QUARTERS

			1991	
[1]	20/09	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[2]	27/09	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[3]	13/10	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[4]	13/10	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[5]	30/10	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[6]	02/11	ERITH CH CH	1320	Kent Treble Bob Minor
[7]	03/11	LEWISHAM	1280	Pudsey Surprise Major
[8]	04/11	FARNINGHAM	1284	Plain Bob Minor
[9]	10/11	EYNSFORD	1260	Plain Bob Triples
[10]	10/11	FOOTS CRAY	1260	St Simon Doubles
[11]	17/11	ASH BY WROTHAM	1320	Annables London Surprise Minor
[12]	19/11	ERITH CH CH	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[13]	19/11	FARNINGHAM	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[14]	19/11	WEST WICKHAM	1260	Doubles 2m.
[15]	20/11	CHISLEHURST ST N	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[16]	20/11	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Doubles 3m.
[17]	21/11	ST MARY CRAY	1264	Grandsire Minimus
[18]	24/11	BEXLEY	1260	Minor 2m.
[19]	24/11	HAYES	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[20]	26/11	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[21]	28/11	FARNINGHAM	1260	Minor 2m.
[22]	29/11	ASH BY WROTHAM	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[23]	01/12	GREENWICH	1250	Superlative Surprise Major
[24]	01/12	HAYES	1260	Doubles 3m/v
[25]	21/12	BICKLEY	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor
[26]	24/12	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[27]	26/12	BROMLEY	1264	Plain Bob Major
			1992	
[28]	02/01	ST MARY CRAY	1296	Surfleet Surprise Minor
[29]	04/01	CRAYFORD	1250	Pudsey Surprise Major
[30]	05/01	BEXLEY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[31]	11/01	BROMLEY COMMON	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[32]	16/01	BIGGIN HILL	1260	Double Oxford Bob Minor
[33]	17/01	ASH BY WROTHAM	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[34]	18/01	SHOREHAM	1260	Grandsire Triples

[35]	26/01	BEXLEY	1260	Plain Bob Triples
[36]	26/01	GREENWICH	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major
[37]	31/01	GREENWICH	1269	Plain Bob Caters
[38]	02/02	LEWISHAM	1250	Pudsey Surprise Major
[39]	04/02	DARTFORD	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[40]	09/02	EYNSFORD	1260	Grandsire Triples
[41]	13/02	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[42]	15/02	ERITH CH CH	1260	Single Oxford Bob Triples
[43]	16/02	BEXLEY	1280	Double Norwich Court Bob Major
[44]	16/02	ST MARY CRAY	1266	Stedman Doubles
[45]	18/02	SIDCUP	1320	Sandiacre Surprise Minor
[46]	20/02	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Doubles 11m.
[47]	20/02	GREENWICH	1277	Grandsire Caters
[48]	23/02	ST MARY CRAY	1320	Bourne Surprise Minor
[49]	01/03	BEXLEY	1260	Doubles 2m.
[50]	01/03	LEWISHAM	1280	Bristol Surprise Major
[51]	01/03	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[52]	07/03	CRAYFORD	1250	Pudsey Surprise Major
[53]	10/03	FARNINGHAM	1320	Wearmouth Surprise Minor
[54]	14/03	FOOTS CRAY	1260	Stedman Doubles
[55]	14/03	PENGE	1272	London Surprise Minor
[56]	15/03	BEXLEY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[57]	15/03	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Zyleverne College Bob Minor
[58]	19/03	FARNINGHAM	1260	Doubles 2m.
[59]	21/03	BROMLEY COMMON	1260	Grandsire Triples
[60]	21/03	CHISLEHURST ANNUN.	1344	Grandsire Major
[61]	22/03	BEXLEY	1260	Stedman Triples
[62]	22/03	EYNSFORD	1264	Plain Bob Major
[63]	22/03	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Stedman Doubles
[64]	29/03	KEMSING	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[65]	31/03	FARNINGHAM	1320	London Surprise Minor
[66]	04/04	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[67]	11/04	BIGGIN HILL	1320	Doubles 22m.
[68]	11/04	HAYES	1320	Doubles 22m.
[69]	12/04	DEPTFORD	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major
[70]	12/04	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[71]	19/04	BEXLEY	1440	Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor
[72]	19/04	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[73]	23/04	ASH BY WROTHAM	1296	Spliced Surprise Minor London and Cambridge
[74]	26/04	BICKLEY	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[75]	26/04	DEPTFORD	1280	Plain Bob Major
[76]	27/04	EYNSFORD	1280	Rutland Surprise Major
[77]	03/05	BEXLEY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[78]	10/05	EYNSFORD	1260	Plain Bob Triples
[79]	13/05	LEWISHAM	1280	Painswick Surprise Major

Congratulations to:

Barry Foale [4]
Penny Stenning [14]
Derek Lamb [30]
R M Standingford [31]
David Mack [35]
J Gillilend [36]
Kathleen Knowles [56]
Godfrey Croughton [64]
Janet Eaton [64]

all 1st quarters

David Mack [49]	1st doubles
B Makeham [14]	1st inside
A N Paterson [8]	1st of minor
Neil Paterson	1st of Grandsire Triples inside
Robert Paterson	1st of major
Jacqui Mack [6]	
Philip Irwin [7]	
Nigel Pointer [28]	
Margaret Macey [28]	
Rupert Cheeseman [28]	
David Macey [29]	
Rupert Cheeseman [29]	
Helen Normington [29]	
David Macey [32]	
Nigel Pointer [32]	
James Hardy [32]	all 1st in method
Margaret Macey [48]	
Nigel Pointer [48]	
A D Saunders [48]	
Philip Irwin [50]	
Ruth Bedford [52]	
Diana Young [52]	
Stephen Young [52]	
A D Saunders [55]	
E J Webb [55]	
Jacki Mack [61]	
Jacki Mack [69]	
Geoff Long [44]	1st of Stedman
Helen Normington [63]	
J R S Sawle [54]	Completes Stedman family
Jane Paterson [65]	1st of London
Daphne Paterson [65]	
Nigel Pointer [41]	1st on treble as Conductor and Circled tower as Conductor
Matthew Hilling [62]	1st major as Conductor
Nigel Pointer [20]	1st in method as Conductor
Alex Britton [43]	
Matthew Hilling [40]	1st Grandsire Triples as Conductor
Margaret Macey [46]	1st in more than one method as Conductor
N W Jones [67]	150th as Conductor
Sara Phelps [72]	
James Hardy [63]	Circled tower
Richard Pearce [29]	
Rupert Cheeseman [29]	

Alex Britton [65]	Circled tower twice
Nigel Pointer [41]	Circled tower three times
Nigel Pointer [63]	Circled tower four times
John Hills [70]	25th quarter
David Macey [66]	125th quarter
James Hardy [20]	200th quarter
M C Bennett [54]	200th quarter
Alex Britton [65]	200th quarter
Sara Phelps [21]	300th quarter
Tim Wraight [76]	300th quarter
Nigel Pointer [41]	25th on the bells
Don Pointer [51]	

Information extracted from all peals and quarter peals rung at towers in the District and published in Ringing World up to No.4234 for June 19,1992. (E. & O.E.)

Jim Rooke

QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting will be at St. George's, Bickley, on Saturday, 11th July. Bells 3.00. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Monica Sanderson 081-460 8503.

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 District Centenary Service and Tea	TBA <i>Bechtel Hall</i> 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

Proposed Route and Times for the Lewisham
District Open Day Monday 31st August 1992

Ash	9.00
Farningham	9.30
Eynsford	9.45
Shoreham	10.00
Chelsfield	10.30
St Mary Cray	10.45
Chislehurst, St Nicholas	11.00
Chislehurst, Annunciation	11.15
Eltham	11.45
Sidcup	12.15
Foots Cray	12.30
Bexley	1.00
Dartford	1.30
Crayford	2.00
Erith, CC	2.15
Erith, St John	2.30
Woolwich	3.00
Greenwich	3.15
Deptford	3.30
Lewisham	3.45
Penge	4.15 ?
Beckenham	4.30
Bromley Parish	4.45
Bickley	5.00
Bromley Common	5.15
Hayes	5.30
West Wickham	5.45
Biggin Hill	6.15
Downe	6.30
Cudham	6.45

All towers will be open for 1 hour

LEWISHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

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16	24183657	46172835	68154723	87136542	75128364	53147286	32165478	25837164	
X	42816375	64718253	86517432	78315624	57213846	35412768	23614587	52381746	
56	24186357	46178235	68157423	87135642	75123864	53142786	32164578	53287164	
X	42813675	64712853	86514732	78316524	57218346	35417268	23615487	35821746	
36	24831657	46721835	68541723	87361542	75281364	53471286	32651478	53812764	
X	42386175	64278153	86457132	78635124	57823146	35742168	23564187	35187246	
14	43281657	62471835	84651723	76831542	58721364	37541286	25361478	53817264	
X	34826175	26748153	48567132	67385124	85273146	73452168	52634187	35182746	
1258	34286715	26478513	48657312	67835214	85723416	73542618	52364817	31528764	
X	43827651	62745831	84563721	76382541	58274361	37456281	25638471	13257846	
34	34826715	26748513	48567312	67385214	85273416	73452618	52634817	31527486	
X	43287651	62475831	84653721	76832541	58724361	37546281	25368471	13254768	
38	34278561	26457381	48635271	67823451	85742631	73564821	52386741	12357486	
	43725816	62543718	84362517	76284315	58476213	37658412	25837614	21534768	
	34728561	26547381	48365271	67283451	85472631	73654821	52836741	12354678	
	43275816	62453718	84632517	76824315	58746213	37568412	25387614	21536487	
	43725186	62543178	84362157	76284135	58476123	37658142	25837164	25163478	
	34271568	26451387	48631275	67821453	85741632	73561824	52381746	52614387	
	32475186	44653178	46832157	68724135	87546123	75368142	53287164	25164378	
	23741568	42561387	46381275	86271453	78451632	57631824	35821746	52613487	
	32714586	24516378	46318257	68217435	87415623	75613842	53812764	25631478	
	23175468	42153687	64132875	86124753	78146532	57168324	35187246	52364187	
	32715486	24513678	46312857	68214735	87416523	75618342	53817264	53261478	
	23174568	42156387	64138275	86127453	78145632	57163824	35182746	35624187	
	21347586	41265378	61483257	81672435	71854623	51736842	31528764	35264817	
	12435768	14623587	16842375	18764253	17586432	15378624	13257846	53628471	
	21345678	41263857	61482735	81674523	71856342	51738264	31527486	35624817	
	12436587	14628375	16847253	18765432	17583624	15372846	13254768	53268471	
18	14263857	16482735	18674523	17856342	15738264	13527486	12345678	35286741	

This is an 8ths place lead-end method, and the sequence of lead-end place bells is the same as in Rutland, Bristol and London. 8th place bell runs straight in to 3:4, while 6th place bell does 5:6 places, like Pudsey. Course bells dodge together in 7:8. All places are made at backstroke, no backward hunting. Bobs are lead-lengthening, as in Bristol, and make 5,6,7 & 8th place bells repeat the work of the previous lead, while 2nd & 3rd place bells are not affected.