

K.C.A.C.R. LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER JULY 1993

Welcome to the July 1993 edition of the Lewisham District Newsletter. The Newsletter will once again be distributed to every tower in the District (via the tower secretary), so everyone in the District should know what is going on! (I still have not received money from some towers!). I am still short on information, articles etc for the Newsletter. If anything interesting has happened in your tower (e.g. an open day, an outing, work on the bells), let me know about it (see below for details).

Special practices have continued during this quarter, with more Stedman Triples, some Lincolnshire Major and a quarter-peal of Yorkshire Major. Another successful 10-bell practice was held at Beckenham. We are still not receiving many requests for these practices, so please, if you want a practice on any specific method, let Sonia, Peter or Andrew know. This quarterly meeting at Beckenham was the first of our new summer format, and seemed to work quite well. The service, preceded by a service touch from an invited band, was followed by the meeting and tea, with general ringing in the evening.

Program for the remainder of the year

July:	10	Quarterly meeting (Bromley Common) - see below.
September:	4	Special practice (Woolwich) 10am
	11	District 10 bell practice, Greenwich 7:00pm
October:	2	Special practice (Chislehurst St N) 10am
	9	Annual District Meeting, Dartford
	30	County Training Day on Raising and Lowering (see below)
November:	6	Special practice (Erith St J) 10am
	13	District call change contest (Tower to be decided)
December:	4	Special practice (Bexley) 10am
	11	Carol service (Foots Cray)

July Quarterly Meeting

4:30 Service at St. Luke, Bromley Common, preceded by a service touch rung by a picked band.

5:00 (approx) Quarterly meeting in St. Luke's Church Hall, followed by tea and general ringing at Bromley Common (all levels catered for, so please come along)

Names for tea to Alistair Scott (081-460-6230) by Wednesday 7th, please.

Articles for the Newsletter

Please send me any information you think could be included in the *Newsletter*. Without articles, there will be no *Newsletter*! I accept copy in almost any form (hand written, typed, word of mouth (but make sure I write it down!), 3.5" or 5.25" disk (preferably "Word Perfect" but ASCII will do)). Please send submissions for the next *Newsletter* to Andrew Young by **18th September, 1993**, at the latest, but the sooner you can get items to me, the easier it will be to get the next issue out on time.

STOP PRESS - County 8-bell competition. Lewisham District won! (see page 2)

Lewisham District Centenary Fund

The Centenary Fund total banked so far is up to £5,850. As yet I have not received any money raised for the fund from most members, nor from most of the towers within the District. I am sure that the fund raising is going on out there, and on the basis of the sums quoted many times before (i.e. £10 per member of the District plus £50 per tower), I am now confident that we are very close to our target of £10,000. On this assumption we are proposing to place the order within the next couple of months. So please start winding up your fund raising and get the money to me within the next few weeks.

Thanks to all of you for your efforts - hopefully we should soon have a ring of eight to be proud of through our joint effort.

Carols! Carols! Carols!

Yes I know it is a bit early, but here is advanced warning. Saturday 11th December is the date set for a Christmas Carol Service. I do not know yet what form it will take, so if you have any good ideas do let me have them. The service will start at 4:30p.m. at Foots Cray church, and I hope that the District choir will reconvene and produce the same exquisite sounds as previously. There will, of course be ringing and refreshments as part of the proceedings.

So book the date in your diary now, offer your services for singing and bear in mind that there will be some practices before the event.

Thanks a lot.

Margaret Macey (081-302-4992)

District Barn Dance

The District Barn Dance will be at Erith Church Hall, on Saturday 18th September. Unfortunately we were unable to book our usual band. However we have booked an alternative band who come highly recommended, and go by the highly unlikely name of "Melons for Ecstasy"! Refreshments will, as usual, be included in the price of the tickets (£6-00). These Barn Dances have been tremendous fun in the past, and I'm sure this will be no exception. So book the date now, and bring along your friends, including non-ringers.

County 8-bell striking competition

The band representing the Lewisham District were placed first in the County 8-bell competition held at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst on Saturday 26th June. This year's test piece was a plain course of Pudsey S. Major. The winning margin was 17 faults, with only 14 faults separating the team coming second from the team coming last. The band were : Ann Saunders, Peter Swift, Colin Reeves, Sonia Irwin, Andrew Young, Matthew Hilling, Nigel Parsons and Colin Wyld.

County Training Sub-committee.

This year's training day is aimed at teaching raising and lowering. It will be held on 30th October. Peter Hurcombe (Sussex C.A.) has agreed to come and be our "guest tutor" for the day. Numbers will necessarily be limited, so to avoid disappointment, book your place now. Details can be found on the red notices in your tower, or from Andrew Young or Catherine Lewis.

The 1994 training day will be another bell maintenance day, at the end of October 1994. Further details will be available about this time next year.

County Training Sub-committee (continued)

Following the success of the talks on conducting and coursing orders, which I gave during Holy Week, I have been asked to talk about bob-calling for beginners during Holy Week 1994 (probably Tuesday and Wednesday again). If you are interested then book the date now, and look out for more details nearer the time.

The Surprise Royal practices are held at Maidstone (All Saints) every other month (May, July, September, November). They are usually on the second Wednesday from about 7:30, but check the Ringing World or contact Andrew Young for any alterations to this schedule.

County Committee Meeting - 1st May, 1993.

The points discussed at the May meeting of the General Committee are summarised below.

- [1] Guidelines for the election of officers. The discussion centered on streamlining the committee and on the merits of the "extra six". A sub-committee comprising Tom Barlow (County Chairman) and Peter Romney was appointed to draft proposals for circulation to the districts.
- [2] Charitable status. The Association has applied for charitable status. The KCACR BRFs already registered.
- [3] KCACR Dinner. Five districts were supportive of holding a dinner (including our District). The sixth, Maidstone, reported minimal interest. The conclusion was that a dinner would be held in October 1994, probably in the Maidstone area.
- [4] Ten bell striking competition. Firstly, a decision was required on whether or not this competition should be perpetuated. Five districts responded positively, and suggested that the event should be held at two or three year intervals. Tonbridge District said that it was not enthusiastic about striking competitions!

Secondly, the future of the Lewisham District Centenary Trophy needed clarification, in view of the Ashford District's claim that it was theirs to keep. Andrew Young had written to the KCACR Secretary to place on record the intentions of the trophy's donor and of the District, stated at Greenwich, concerning the trophy's future. Ashford District agreed to consult their members and report to the next committee meeting.

- [5] Insurance. Cover for members attending KCACR arranged ringing needed to be considered. The Central Council was to be asked for further advice. Districts were asked to conduct a survey.
- [6] Training Sub-committee. Andrew Young had given two talks on conducting. A raising and lowering day was planned for October 1993. The training day in 1994 would be on bell maintenance.
- [7] Publicity Sub-committee. A ringing times notice for church porches was being prepared. Over 200 copies of the video "Anyone can be a ringer" still remain to be sold.
- [8] Bell Restoration Sub-committee. A grant of £1,600 towards the augmentation at Bickley was approved.
- [9] The year 2000. The proposal to invite the Central Council to Kent in the Year 2000 was defeated by a large majority. The KCACR had hosted the Council's 1981 meeting. The Rochester District recommended that a KCACR Festival Service should be held at Canterbury Cathedral in the year 2000.

David Hilling
(District Representative)

(The Lewisham District has six representatives on the County Committee: David Hilling and Bill Lanyon (District Reps.), Mary Andrews (District Secretary), Alex Britton (County Secretary), Sonia Irwin and Andrew Young ("extra six"). If you have any points to raise, you should see them.)

PEALS

1993

[1]	28/02	CHELSFIELD	5040	Minor 7m.
[2]	11/04	EYNSFORD	5152	Yorkshire Surprise Major

Congratulations :

First of Surprise

James Hardy [2]

First in method as Conductor

Matthew Hilling [2]

QUARTER PEALS

1993

[1]	03/01	BECKENHAM	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[2]	17/01	BECKENHAM	1259	Grandsire Caters
[3]	30/01	PENGE	1260	Penge Bob Minor
[4]	31/01	BECKENHAM	1250	Bristol Surprise Major
[5]	31/01	WEST WICKHAM	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[6]	07/02	CHELSFIELD	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[7]	13/02	HAYES	1320	Plain Bob Doubles
[8]	17/02	BECKENHAM	1280	London Surprise Royal
[9]	21/02	BEXLEY	1260	Doubles 3m incl Stedman
[10]	28/02	BECKENHAM	1272	London Surprise Minor
[11]	28/02	EYNSFORD	1272	London Surprise Minor
[12]	07/03	BECKENHAM	1320	Norwich Surprise Minor
[13]	07/03	BEXLEY	1260	Kent Treble Bob & Plain Bob Minor
[14]	07/03	BROMLEY	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[15]	14/03	BECKENHAM	1250	London Surprise Major
[16]	14/03	BEXLEY	1260	Stedman Triples
[17]	21/03	BECKENHAM	1260	Oxford Bob Triples
[18]	21/03	BECKENHAM	1250	Rutland Surprise Major
[19]	24/03	ERITH	1280	Spliced Surprise Major 8m.
[20]	28/03	BECKENHAM	1320	Kent Treble Bob Minor
[21]	28/03	BEXLEY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[22]	03/04	BIGGIN HILL	1320	Lightfoot Surprise Minor
[23]	04/04	BECKENHAM	1309	Doubles 11m.
[24]	04/04	CHISLEHURST ST N	1250	Pudsey Surprise Major
[25]	14/04	ERITH CH CH	1280	Double Norwich Court Bob Major
[26]	25/04	WEST WICKHAM	1260	Grandsire Doubles

Congratulations :

First quarter

Kevin Charsley [21] and R Asquith [26]

First as cover

Derek Lamb [9]

First Treble Bob Major

M A S Jones [18]

First as Conductor

Alys Helm [5]

First blows in method

All the band [3]

First in method

T M Guntrip [1]
Nigel Pointer [4]
Sarah Farnham [10]
David Macey [12]
Margaret Macey, Nigel Pointer, David Macey and
James Hardy [15]
Daphne Paterson, Martin Luffman, P Jarvis and
Matthew Hilling [17]
Sara Guntrip [20]
Mary Hill [25]
P Showell [26]

First in method as Conductor

James Hardy [4]
Nigel Pointer [20]

Completes Standard 8

Nigel Pointer, David Macey and James Hardy [15]
Margaret Macey [18]

Completes Standard 8 as Conductor

James Hardy [15]

First 8 Spliced

Sonia Irwin [19]

First London Surprise Minor

Ann Saunders, Margaret Macey and Matthew Hilling [11]

First Royal in method

Sonia Irwin and Andrew Young [8]

Landmarks

100th quarter	Margaret Macey [4]
225th quarter	Alex Britton [4]
75th together	Nigel Pointer and David Macey [12]
100th together	Nigel Pointer and Sara Phelps [15]
100th on the bells	James Hardy [2] and Sara Phelps [18]

Information taken from The Ringing World up to and including
No.4286 for June 18,1993 but only taking the 1993 quarters from
the "Beckenham Collection" !

Jim Rooke.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Beckenham
on Saturday, 24th April 1993.

After welcoming everyone to the meeting, the Chairman, Dr. Andrew Young, asked members to stand in memory of Mr. Michael Sanderson of Bickley who had died the previous February. Michael had started to learn to ring with the Bickley band and, in his position as a Churchwarden at St. George's, had been instrumental in getting the new ring of bells at that tower.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the meeting in seeing Mr. Alan Hall back in circulation after his recent illness.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Miss L. Evans, Mrs. M. Evans, Mr. M. Jones, Mr. M. Murray and Mr. C. Wyld of St. Nicholas Chislehurst, Mr. A. J. Britton of Dartford, Mrs. S. A. Irwin of Deptford, Mr. L. A. Dumper, Mrs. P. O'Meara and Miss R. Morley of Eltham, Mr. D. P. Hilling of Eynsford, Mrs. J. P. Cass, Mr. R. Cass, Mr. P. Cornish, Miss R. Farmer, Mr. D. Grainge and Mr. D. Macey of Fooks Cray and Miss F. Cannon of Greenwich.

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

There were no matters arising.

4. COUNTY A.G.M.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Tom Barlow had been appointed County Chairman. Mrs. Sonia Irwin had been elected as one of the "Extra Six" and he had been re-elected; otherwise the Committee was largely unchanged. From the 1st January 1994, subscriptions would be increased to £5 for adult members and £2 for junior members. In reply to a question from Dr. Peter Swift, the Chairman said that no decision had been made about Life Membership.

5. CENTENARY FUND

The Chairman reminded members that the target for the Fund was approximately £10,000 and of this £4,028.84 had been raised. The appeal had been boosted greatly by the memorial funds for Philip Corby, Philip Irwin, and, particularly, for Michael Sanderson. A sum of about £800 had been raised by the District. All those engaged in fund raising for this project were asked to see that donations were sent as soon as possible to the Chairman, the Secretary of the General Secretary, all of whom had Centenary Fund paying-in books. Mr. Hall enquired whether this project had been brought to the attention of the Central Council and was assured that this was in hand.

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6. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

BECKENHAM	Miss Sarah Farnham	P. Mr. J. Hardy	S. Miss S. Phelps
WOOLWICH	Mr. A. Neale	P. Mr. W. Lanyon	S. Mr. R. Bing

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Quarter Peals to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's accession

Mr. Bing pointed out that the 2nd June was the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's accession and suggested that as many towers as possible should ring quarter peals to mark this occasion, and that details of these should be sent to Buckingham Palace.

District Striking Competition

Mr. M. Gentry of Crayford commented on the negative attitude of the judges of the District's recent Striking Competition. The sentiments he expressed received support from members of several other towers.

Bickley

The Chairman said that the band at Bickley was making good progress and that more help on Wednesday evenings, either on a regular or occasional basis, would be welcome.

Weddings

Beckenham and Penge and the two Erith towers were short of ringers for weddings and anyone who might be available to help out was asked to contact the Chairman, or the towers direct.

County Eight-bell Striking Competition

Members were encouraged to support this Competition which was due to be held at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, on Saturday, 26th June. The draw was to be held at 4.30 and the teams would be ringing Pudsey Surprise Major.

Barn Dance

A band had been engaged for the Barn Dance which would be held on 18th September in Christ Church Erith Church Hall.

Votes of Thanks

The Chairman proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. Derek Carpenter, Rector of Beckenham, for the use of the bells, to Mr. Steffen Conway (Lay Reader) for taking the service, to Mr. Alan Saunders for playing the organ and to the Beckenham ringers for providing tea and making the local arrangements.

There being no further business, members went to the tower for evening ringing.