

Newsletter

KCACR

July 1994

Lewisham District

District Practices

Details of practices are available from the ringing master
Sara Phelps on 081-659-2631

Annual General Meeting - Mary Andrews

The Districts Annual Meeting is at West Wickham on Saturday 8th October.

As you know, the District's Officers are elected at the October meeting. In particular, we must elect a new Chairman, as Sonia Irwin has now left the District, and, in view of his many other ringing commitments, David Hilling would prefer not to continue as District Representative.

Christmas Carol Service 1994- Margaret Macey

It may not be Christmas yet but I shall be looking for volunteers to come and join the District Choir for this Annual Event.

This years service will be on

**Saturday 10th December 1994
at Christ Church Erith, 5pm.**

Volunteers to sing should phone me on 081-302-4992.

I hope to be overwhelmed with names (then arm twisting will not be necessary!!).



CONGRATULATIONS



To Sara Phelps and James Hardy who are getting married in August.

Best wishes to you both from the District.

From the Editor

Apologises for the lateness of this edition of the Newsletter. I had hoped to get it published before the quarterly meeting, but this was not possible for various reasons. With only one edition of the year to come lets try and make it a bumper edition with news from as many towers as possible.

There has been an increase in the number of articles and ideas this year for the newsletter but I still need more. Thanks to all those who have contributed. One must begin to question the purpose/usefulness of the newsletter, I would appreciate any comments in writing before the next edition.

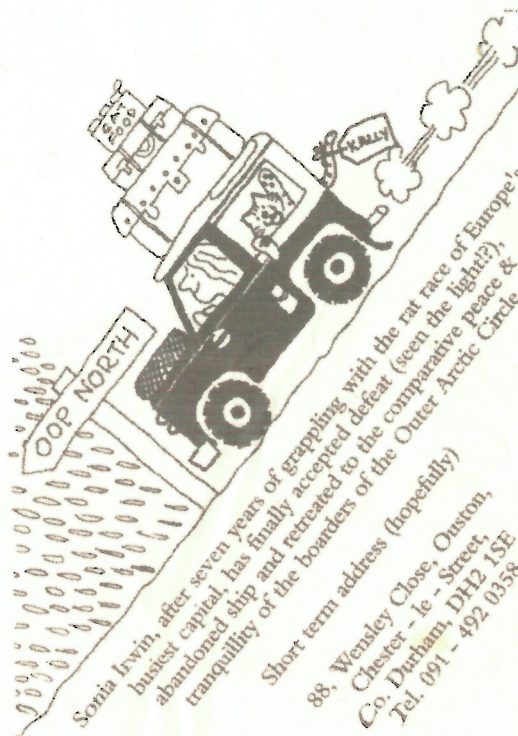
Last date for articles for the next edition - 17th September 1994

Articles received after this date may not be included in the edition

Middlesex and Surrey education committes and Pimlico and Docklands Ringing Centres

Your tower captain should have had details of the ringing school being held from 18th - 20th August.

Time is short so if you are interested in attending as a student or helper you will need to send off your application form now.



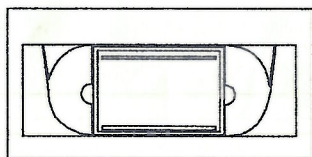
Bell Ringing Video Competition

Who may enter.

Because we wish to encourage as many entries as possible we have deliberately not confined it to Ringing Associations/Guilds, but to groups in general, and individual productions will be welcome. We will accept entries from professionals in the field.

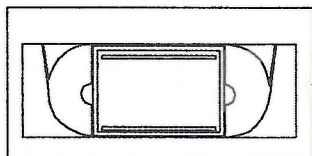
What to enter

We wish to encourage all styles from documentary to animation. The most important criteria for a successful video production is simply that it has a message to convey and that the audience understood the message. The video should get over to the general public what Bellringing is all about.



How to enter

Return the official entry form with entry by 31st December 1994. It is important for the selection panel to understand the context in which the video was made and the entry form should be accompanied by a supporting statement about the extent of collaboration with professional arts workers.

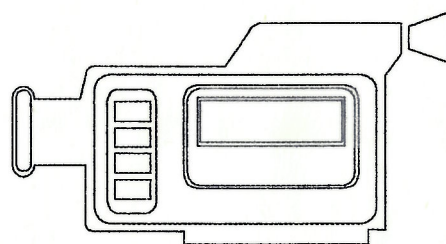


The Awards

There will be an award for the First, Second and Third placed entries. There will also be a "Highly Commended" category so that all entrants receive an award.

Further Details From

This competition is being run by the Central Council, Mary Andrews has only 1 application form which has all the details. Application forms are available from the Central Council.



PIMLICO RINGING CENTRE

The Pimlico Ringing centre, the brain-child of Laith Reynolds, is beginning to make an impact on teaching ringing in the London area. The well thought out arrangement of facilities makes most sessions very straightforward to organise and run. In particular, easy going bells with excellent sound control, separate access and a simulator attached to a dumb bell all mean several different activities can happen at the same time. Someone using the dumb bell can either watch the TV screen to see how the bell behaves, or practice ringing on the simulator, and all of this whilst a band upstairs may be ringing.

So far most of the activities have been associated with training courses - one day, half day, 3 day - and the usual sort of practice and outing ringing. The simulator has been much used and to some extent the video and TV cameras. As yet no one has commented on whether the different coloured sallies make plain hunting or covering easier, and not all the cameras have been made use of. The meeting room is fairly small but comfortable and heated, and has been used already for occasional committee meetings (e.g. first meeting of the Ringing Centres Committee).

In the future more training sessions are planned, including one on training teachers and also one on belfry maintenance. A large number of evening classes take place at the Pimlico School, next door, and possibly a bellringing class could be added. Looking a bit further ahead residential courses are a possibility, as Pimlico is full of reasonably priced hotels. One of Laith's main intentions was that the ringing centre should be available to a lot of people, as much as is possible; anyone interested should write to John Salvage, c/o St Saviours Church.

KCACR COMMITTEE MEETING 7TH MAY 1994

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: This long running topic has been resolved. Status quo maintained.

COUNTY DINNER: The Dinner will take place at the Tudor Park Hotel, Bearsted on Saturday 29th October 1994; ticket price in the region of £20.

INSURANCE: Ian Oram to advise. Wide ranging quotation to be obtained.

PSITTACOSIS: Risks and safeguards are to be noted in the handbook.

ANNUAL REPORT Canterbury District claimed a shortage of reports in 1994. More reports to be ordered in future years.

TRAINING REPORT: Bob calling presentation given. Maintenance day on 22nd October - arrangements progressing. Bell handling session planned for Holy Week 1995.

PUBLICITY REPORT: Sonia Irwin had resigned. The committee was sorry to lose her support. The current project, a flyer to go in churches, was in abeyance due to the loss of graphics services by Sonia.

BELL RESTORATION FUND: Grant of £3,000 recommended and agreed for Tunstall. Stansted had refunded £1,500 of their grant, being excess to needs.

EVENTS:

- * 25th June: County 8 Bell Competition at Staplehurst, Stedman Triples
- * 2nd July: Tonbridge District Barn dance
- * 9th July: 1812 Concert at Quex Park
- * nn September: Essex Trophy at Bletchingley.
- * 24th September County 6 Bell Competition at
- * 22nd October: Training day on maintenance.
- * 29th October: County Dinner

AOB:

- * Hon Sec: Alex advised meeting to consider candidates for Hon Sec, following his announcement not to seek re-election.
- * Central Council Representatives: The association is now entitled to five reps as a result of new C.C. rules.
- * Eight Bell Competition: Staplehurst bells are available for practice by competition bands.

David Hilling

SIMULATORS

The Central Council owns three sets of simulator equipment:

- 1) A kit to enable a BBC computer to be used as a simulator,
- 2) A Cummins Simulator
- 3) A Bagley Simulator

All three are capable of ringing a wide range of methods on up to 12 bells. The Cummins and Bagley machines are now both equipped with eight sensors, so that in addition to being used for individual practice by one ringer, they can also be configured to provide sound for up to eight silenced bells so that a tower can be used for extended practice with a conventional live band.

The simulators are available for borrowing for periods of up to one month, and prospective borrowers should get in touch with Phil Gay, Woodlands, Keele Road, Keele, Staffs, ST5 5AL (0782 750038).

Phil's booklet on the use of simulators in teaching should be available through the CC Publications Committee.

A TRIUMPH OF YOUTH - Edwin A Barnett



On April 21st, 1934 a band whose average age was 15 years 2 weeks rang a peal of Bob Major at St Paulinus, Crayford, thus creating a record which was to remain unbeaten for 47 years. One of the band, Arthur W Jones of Croydon was killed during the 1939-45 war and another Margaret Pack (now Munton), has lived in America for some 45 years, but the 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries have been celebrated by a reunion of the rest of the band, except that Joe Pack couldn't make it ten years ago. Another, Phylis Tillet (Marriott) of Ipswich, has not been up to peal ringing for many years but has always taken part in a preliminary ring with the others before another peal of Bob Major on each occasion, conducted by John Gilbert of Sheffield, who called the original peal.

The six of us duly met again at Crayford on April 23rd to mark the 60th anniversary in the same way previously. Unfortunately the peal attempt was unsuccessful, but we rang a quarter peal subsequently and everyone was quite content with that. The three reinforcements (Phylis having had her usual brief ring) were provided by Walter Dobbie's wife Sheila, a "regular" on these occasions, Michael Gentry, the local tower captain and Alex Britton, now Secretary of the Kent County Association who, along with Simon Davies, Master of the Cumberlands, had been the "two very promising local boys" who had rung in the 1984 peal.

An extract from an article in the ringing world
MAY 13th 1994

Peals**1994**

[1]	14/02	FOOTS CRAY	5040	Stedman Doubles
[2]	04/04	EYNSFORD	5040	Stedman Triples
[3]	17/04	WOOLWICH	5040	Grandsire Triples

Congratulations to :-

David Macey 1st of Stedmand Triples and Matthew Hilling 1st of Stedman as Conductor [2]

Quarter Peals**1993**

[1]	11/12	ERITH CH CH	1250	Lincolnshire Surprise Major
[2]	11/12	ERITH ST JOHN	1280	Spliced Surprise Major 3m.
[3]	12/12	EYNSFORD	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major
[4]	20/12	ST MARY CRAY	1269	Grandsire Doubles
[5]	23/12	ST MARY CRAY	1320	Spliced Surprise Minor 8m.
[6]	25/12	ST MARY CRAY	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[7]	27/12	BROMLEY	1260	Stedman Triples
[8]	28/12	BIGGIN HILL	1260	Single Oxford Bob Minor

1994

[9]	04/01	CHELSEFIELD	1260	St Clements Bob Minor
[10]	04/01	FARNINGHAM	1272	Carlisle Surprise Minor
[11]	04/01	ST MARY CRAY	1320	Spliced Surprise Minor
[12]	09/01	EYNSFORD	1260	Grandsire Triples
[13]	16/01	WEST WICKHAM	1260	Doubles 2m.
[14]	18/01	PENGE	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor
[15]	25/01	WOOLWICH	1260	Plain Bob Triples
[16]	30/01	EYNSFORD	1260	Stedman Triples
[17]	13/02	CRAYFORD	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[18]	22/02	FARNINGHAM	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
[19]	02/03	ASH BY WROTHAM	1260	Single Oxford Bob Minor
[20]	06/03	WEST WICKHAM	1260	Doubles 3m.
[21]	22/03	FARNINGHAM	1320	Allendale Surprise Minor
[22]	26/03	BROMLEY	1280	Spliced Surprise Major Std.8
[23]	27/03	FARNINGHAM	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[24]	31/03	BEXLEY	1260	Stedman Triples
[25]	03/04	EYNSFORD	1260	Plain Bob Triples
[26]	16/04	SIDCUP	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[27]	23/04	CRAYFORD	1344	Plain Bob Major
[28]	01/05	EYNSFORD	1260	Grandsire Triples
[29]	08/05	FARNINGHAM	1260	Grandsire Doubles
[30]	22/05	CHELSEFIELD	1260	Plain Bob Minor
[31]	10/06	CHELSEFIELD	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor

Congratulations to :-

Hannah Saunders: 1st quarter aged 10 [18] and 1st of Minor [23]

M B Ferro: 1st quarter [17]

Jackie Toulmin: 1st quarter [20]

T Warner: 1st on a working bell [17]

R Asquith: 1st inside [13]

Michael Townsend: 1st in method [1] and 1st spliced [2]

Nigel Pointer : 1st spliced as conductor [5]

Nigel Pointer : 1st in method and

James Sawle: 1st in method as Conductor [10]

Sam Hovey: 1st Surprise Minor [14]

Daphne Paterson : 1st Stedmand and

Margaret Macey: 1st Stedman Triples [16]

Ruth Hardy and Nigel Pointer, David Macey, Matthew Hilling and James Hardy:

Most spliced Surprise Minor [5]

Catherine Lewis, Ann Saunders, Diana Young, Sonia Irwin, Frank Lewis and Andrew Young:

1st in method [21]

Matthew Hilling: 100th quarter [23]

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Chelsfield on
Saturday, 9th April 1994

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Hardy, Miss R Hardy and Miss S. Phelps Beckenham, Mrs. M. Evans of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, Mr. A. J. Britton of Dartford Mr. L. G. A. Dumper of Eltham, Miss C. Eastaugh of Christ Church, Erith, Mr. D. P. Hilling and Mr. M. J. Hilling of Eynsford, Mrs. M. Macey and Mr. D. Macey of Foots Cray, Miss F. Cannon and Dr. P. V. D. Swift of Greenwich, Mr. D. G. H. Hollis of Lewisham and Mr. N. Pointer of St. Mary Cray.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

After amending page 4 the names in the penultimate sentence of the paragraph headed "Bickley" to read Mr. David Macey (not Kingston) and Mr. Jim Rooke (not James Hardy) the minutes were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Psittacosis

Dr. Andrew Young drew attention to the fact that the promised article on psittacosis was in the current District Newsletter. He pointed out the following amendments to the text: paragraph 3 should read *recently renamed Ornithosis* and paragraph 7 "chest inhalation is irritant" should read *dust inhalation is an irritant*.

Quiz

Dr. Young said that the quiz would be held in the autumn. The date would be announced soon as possible.

10-Bell Competition

Dr. Young enquired whether arrangements had been made for this Competition.

Barn Dance

Dr. Young said that the Eynsford ringers were unable to help with the Barn Dance but the Beckenham ringers were prepared to arrange this event, which would probably be on 19th November.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Joint Meeting with the Maidstone District

The Secretary said that she had received a letter from the Secretary of the Maidstone District about the Joint Meeting to be held at Ash and Stansted on 14th May. This event would be advertised in "The Ringing World" in the usual way.

Quarter Peal - Canterbury Cathedral

The District had been invited to attempt a quarter peal at Canterbury Cathedral on 13th March. This invitation had been accepted with pleasure and a quarter of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Mr. James Hardy, had been rung.

Quex Prom

The Secretary had been given a handbill advertising the Quex Prom to be held on Saturday, 9th July.

5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

On the proposition of Mrs. P. Stenning, seconded by Mr. P. G. Braund, the following new members from West Wickham were elected:

Mr. Ross Asquith (jnr.)
Mrs. Ann James
Mrs. Jackie Toulmin

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

District Chairman

The Chairman, Mrs. Sonia Irwin, told the meeting that she had recently become engaged and would be leaving the District at the end of May, when she would be moving to Newcastle. Mrs. Irwin explained that she did not, of course, anticipate leaving the area when she accepted nomination as District Chairman at the 1994 Annual Meeting. Dr. Andrew Young had kindly agreed to take the chair at the July Quarterly Meeting and the Annual Meeting in October.

6-Bell Striking Competition

The Chairman offered her congratulations to the band at Crayford who won the 6-bell Striking Competition.

10-Bell Striking Competition

Members' attention was drawn to the marquetry plaque, made by Dr. Andrew Young, to commemorate the 10-bell Striking Competition which had been held at Greenwich in 1992. This was handed to Mr. Bill Lanyon, who had agreed to take it to Greenwich for display in the ringing room.

Striking Competition Certificates

The Chairman suggested that the District might consider having some of the competition certificates which she had designed printed. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and Dr. Young offered to raise the matter at the General Committee Meeting to see if other Districts were interested in having copies.

K.C.A.C.R. Centenary Handbooks

Mrs. Diana Young said that she had a number of copies of the county Centenary Handbooks on the bookstall and that these were available free of charge to anyone who was interested in having a copy.

District Chairman

On behalf of the District, Dr. Young offered congratulations to Mrs. Sonia Irwin and thanked her for all the work she had done in the District.

District Practices

Dr. Young enquired as to why there was no list of District Practices in the Newsletter.

Bickley

Dr. Young said that there was still a deficit on the Centenary Fund of £1,800. Some members had given generously to this Fund and others had not given at all. He urged members to do everything possible to clear this debt. Tax could be reclaimed on gifts of £250 and over.

Wedding Fees

Dr. Young drew attention to the results of the wedding fee survey, which were published in the Newsletter.

Training

Dr. Young said that the main county training event would be a Bell Maintenance Day on 22nd October. During Holy Week in 1995, training on raising and lowering, and general handling would be available. The training during Holy Week this year had been well supported, except by the Lewisham District. The Training Day in 1995 would concentrate on bridging the gap between 6 and 8-bell ringing, and between simple methods (Plain Bob and Grandsire) and methods like St. Clements and Kent.

Advanced Practices

For a trial period, advanced practices (simple surprise major) were being held at Christ Church, Erith, on the second Monday of each month from 8.15 - 9.30.

Lewisham

Mr. Hollis had asked the Secretary to mention that ringing had been suspended at Lewisham for an indefinite period whilst asbestos was removed from the church.

Subscriptions

The Secretary said she was sorry she was unable to pay in cheques as she was still awaiting the return of paying-in books from the Association Treasurer. At the Annual General Meeting members had been informed that the Association's accounts had been audited, so she anticipated that paying-in books should be returned shortly. A few towers had still not paid their subscriptions, which were due on 1st January.

Votes of Thanks

Mr. Bill Lanyon proposed a vote of thanks to The Rev. Canon Virgo, Rector of Chelsfield, for taking the service and for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Ann Blatcher, who assisted at the service, to Mr. Andrew Jones for playing the organ, and to the Chelsfield ringers for tea, to which everyone was looking forward.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting and members went to Chelsfield Pastoral Centre for tea, and subsequently returned to the church for evening ringing.