



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1995

The Editor:

Greetings! - You have a new Editor, for better or worse. At the July meeting I offered my services, as Sally Gentry had to give up owing to their move away, so that Michael can undergo his training for the ministry. We wish them well in the future.

Well, the content of the newsletter will depend very much on the import I receive from you all, so let the material roll in, with news of what you have done, what you intend to do and what you would like the district to do!

As the newsletter is intended to be produced in good time before the respective quarterly meetings, it is essential that I have anything for inclusion, at least 3 weeks before, so that I have ample time to prepare and distribute the newsletter to the towers (correspondents, please take note). Material for the next Newsletter should reach me by 18th December.

I shall make a point of buttonholing people at various times to write reports of district events - Striking competitions etc., so that the district as a whole knows what went on, and not just those who were able to attend. Please send anything for inclusion direct to me - Patrick Braund, 25 Green Farm Close, Orpington, Kent. BR6 6DJ (Telephone - 01689 850397).

Elsewhere the annual meeting is announced, but at the last District Meeting the chairman announced that he was not standing for re-election, also Ann Saunders, the Ringing Master, and Diana Young, the Press Representative have indicated that they will not

seek re-election. So thought must be given to their successors, as also to the other representatives you would wish to elect.

Job specifications are set out elsewhere in the newsletter, so if you know of anyone who 'fits the bill', please check that they are willing to stand and make the nomination to the Secretary, duly seconded of course!

Annual Meeting

The Annual District Meeting will be held at Bexley on Saturday 14th October. Because there is an afternoon wedding, the bells will not be available until 3.30 p.m. If you arrive early, please park in the village. The service will be at 4.30 p.m. and this will be followed by tea and the business meeting in the church. The bells will be available for evening ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by the previous Wednesday.

Mary Andrews
(01322 523071)

Job Specifications

Ringling Master

Conduct ringing at district meetings, organise training sessions, such as district practices, training days etc.

Press Representative

Deal with the sale of literature and goods at meetings, and publicity in general, both within the membership, and the public at large where appropriate.

Dates for your diary

1995

14th October - Annual District Meeting at Bexley (Details overleaf).

11th November - Call Change Competition Bickley - 2.30 p.m. (Rules appear elsewhere in the Newsletter)

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13th January - Quarterly Meeting at venue to be decided.



Kara "O.K."

It was with some trepidation that the Sidcup ringers and friends travelled to Christ Church, Erith for the Karaoke evening in aid of the Centenary Fund, not having been to one before. However, we soon began to enjoy ourselves, listening to the various numbers as they were sung by various individuals, or groups, with differing degrees of confidence and expertise. We even had the temerity to get up and sing ourselves, as a group, and one of our number as a solo (not knowing beforehand what she would be singing!). The highlights were undoubtedly, the group of Erith ringers and the chairman and Ruth Hardy in a duet. Our group were moderately successful in the raffle (3 prizes) and came away saying how much we had enjoyed it after all.

I'd like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the karaoke evening on 9th September. We all had a very enjoyable evening with lots of good singing, remarked on by Paul, our 'musical maestro', and marvellous food provided by Sara and friends. I think just about everyone who attended had a go, either alone or in a group, and had a good time.

The evening was organised for members of the Lewisham District and their families and friends as a change from the Barn Dances which have been losing popularity over the last year or

two. It was realised by the organisers that this type of event would not be to everyone's liking and so, when the posters were sent out, tower secretaries were asked to display them in the church, rather than the ringing chamber to achieve greater publicity. Considering the amount of effort we put into the event we were totally overwhelmed by the complete lack of response from the district. As it was, the evening turned into an Erith and Sidcup church social with the Beckenham ringers doing the food, indeed, if it was not for our church members the evening would have had to be cancelled with the loss of the deposits paid. In the event a small loss was made and it is hoped that this may be made up in some way, possibly by district members following the example of our organist who, being unable to come along himself, still donated the price of a ticket!

Handbells at Guildford

For those who love listening to music on handbells, the South East Region of H.R.G.B. are holding their annual Festival Service at Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 18th November. at 7.30 p.m. This is a chance to hear over 300 handbells ringing in concert, as well as various teams ringing solos. Entrance is free, with a retiring collection in aid of the Cathedral Fabric Fund. There will be at least 1 team from within the Lewisham District taking part, as well as other individuals who are members of teams outside the district. All are welcome.

Newsletter 1996

Those towers wishing to receive the Newsletter for 1996 are requested (politely, of course!), to let the Editor know as soon as possible, but in any case by the 18th December, together with the number of copies required. I propose to keep the cost the same as previously, i.e. £ 2.50 per copy. Any towers not letting me know, run the risk of not getting their copy, and thereby not being kept informed of what is happening in the District!

QUARTER PEALS

1995

[1] 24/04 Crayford 65 Heathview Avenue	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[2] 27/04 LEWISHAM	1376 Rutland Surprise Major
[3] 30/04 SIDCUP	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[4] 11/05 EYNSFORD	1280 Spliced Surprise Major 4m. (B,C,L,S)
[5] 14/05 HAYES	1260 Grandsire Doubles
[6] 25/05 BEXLEY	1260 Plain Bob Triples
[7] 29/05 CRAYFORD	1260 Grandsire Doubles
[8] 31/05 ERITH Ch.Ch.	1280 Glasgow Surprise Major
[9] 04/06 BEXLEY	1440 Cambridge & Oxford T.B. Minor
[10] 06/06 DARTFORD	1260 Grandsire Triples
[11] 08/06 BROMLEY	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[12] 10/06 BROMLEY	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[13] 11/06 BEXLEY	1260 Plain Bob Triples
[14] 11/06 BROMLEY	1264 Plain Bob Major
[15] 13/06 WOOLWICH	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[16] 15/06 LEWISHAM	1344 Rutland Surprise Major
[17] 17/06 FARNINGHAM	1320 Plain and Little Bob Minor
[18] 19/06 ERITH Ch.Ch.	1260 Plain Bob Triples
[19] 24/06 WEST WICKHAM	1260 Doubles 3m.
[20] 02/07 BROMLEY	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[21] 03/07 DARTFORD	1280 Rutland Surprise Major
[22] 05/07 Sidcup 131 Wren Road	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[23] 09/07 BECKENHAM	1280 Spliced Surprise Major 5m. (R,S,C,Y,N)
[24] 10/07 ST MARY CRAY	1320 London Surprise Minor
[25] 16/07 ERITH Ch.Ch.	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[26] 16/07 FARNINGHAM	1260 Plain Bob Minor
[27] 19/07 ERITH Ch.Ch.	1408 Belfast Surprise Major
[28] 06/08 BEXLEY	1280 Oxford Treble Bob Major

Congratulations to:-

James Anderson : 1st quarter [15]

Mike Christie : 1st inside [19]

J. Hemper : 1st minor [26]

Carol Easthaugh : 1st minor inside [25]

Jeremy Clitheroe : 1st major [14]

Hannah Saunders and Colin Jeal : 1st spliced [17]

Emma Harrison [5], Katy Day and Den Murray [7], Diana Young,

Ann Saunders and Alex Britton [8] and Ann Saunders, Diana

Young, Ian Mills, Matthew Hilling and Andrew Young [27],

all : 1st in method.

Rupert Cheeseman [7], Andrew Young [8] and David Macey [10],

all : 1st in method as Conductor.

Margaret Macey : most spliced surprise major [23]

Nigel Pointer : 1st spliced surprise major as Conductor [23]

PEALS

1995

[1] 22/01 GREAT ILFORD	5050 Spliced Major 2m.
[2] 27/05 CHELSFIELD	5040 Minor 4m.
[3] 25/06 FARNINGHAM	5040 Minor 6m.
[4] 07/08 CUDHAM	5055 Stedman Caters
[5] 10/08 BROMLEY COMMON	5040 Stedman Triples
[6] 12/08 BECKENHAM	5005 Stedman Caters

[1] was rung outside the District by 'The Friends of Margaret Macey' for her birthday the previous day and included 26 changes of 'Kent County Association of Change Ringers Alliance', the number of changes produced possibly having a special significance!

[2] was rung prior to the wedding of Bob Pruden, the Tower Captain at Chelsfield, to Clare Denison on 29th May.

[4],[5] and [6] were rung 'Non-association' by the John Pladdys visiting band but included David Macey, David Kingston and Matthew Hilling.

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Jim Rooke



Congratulations

On the 26th September, 1995, Frank Gates, of SS. Peter & Paul, Bromley, celebrated his 80th birthday. Although not frequently seen at District events, we understand that he is still active in his own tower. We send him our best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

Also on the 19th September, 1995, John Hills, of St. Mary Cray/Sidcup celebrated the birth of a third grandchild. He will no doubt be kept fully occupied performing the usual grandfatherly duties!

Whitechapel Bell Foundry

Some of you may already know that after a period of not doing so, the foundry have recommenced their practice of allowing visits to the bell foundry on Saturday mornings. The visits start at 10.00 a.m. and last about one and a half hours. The cost is £ 3.00 a head and parties are limited to 25 people.

Anyone wishing to arrange such a visit should contact the foundry direct.