



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JULY 1996

The Editor:

The Annual meeting has come and gone, and by all accounts was very successful, and was enjoyed by those who attended. Judging by the letter received from the County General Secretary (published elsewhere in this newsletter) our efforts were very much appreciated by the County. I can also add that personal comments were made to me on the day regarding the excellence of the choir, and also on the inclusion of the handbells, which apparently was the first time they had been included (ringing tunes, of course).



I personally was grateful to those from the district who gave their services to help with lunch arrangements at Sidcup; I was not able to use their services as fully as I had hoped, because for once I was overwhelmed with offers of help.

On a more disappointing note, I am sorry that I had to cancel the District Car Treasure Hunt, because despite the apparent interest shown at the April meeting, I only received 5 entries. Having said that twelve was a minimum. in order to be able to cover all costs and leave something over for the Bell Restoration Fund, this was an inevitable conclusion. I can only conclude, having organised one two years running, without any appreciable interest being shown, that the District does not really want such an event. Accordingly there will not be one arranged for 1997.

This is my fourth issue of the Newsletter and the time has come round for deciding on the next 12 months issues. I can say that the price

of £ 2.50 per copy appears to be adequate and I will end the year with a very small surplus. Would tower secretaries please note that monies for the newsletter should be made payable to me and not to KCACR.

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Quarterly Meeting

The Summer Quarterly meeting will be held at Chelsfield on Saturday 13th July. There will be a service at 5.00 p.m. *, which will be preceded by a service touch rung by an invited band The business meeting will follow the service, then tea - names by the previous Wednesday (10th July), please to Jim Rooke on 01689 829800 - and general ringing.

* Please note change in time from that advertised in the Ringing World.

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Handbooks

Handbooks were available on Easter Monday and at the Quarterly meeting at Crayford. If you have not received your copy, it just might be that neither you, nor a representative from your tower, attended either meeting; or perhaps you have not paid your subscription!

A copy of the Handbook is available free of charge to all towers in union and to all paid-up members. Some families only want one copy between them, so if you have spares they can be returned to me.

M.R.Andrews.

Letter from the General Secretary

(received by Mary Andrews)

Following yesterday's KCACR Annual General Meeting at Sidcup, I write to you on behalf of the whole Association, to thank the Lewisham District for the most wonderful and sincere way you organised this meeting and for the kind hospitality and warm welcome you gave us all.

We congratulate you all on your superb organisation of the day's events, with special thank you's to the Vicar of Sidcup, The Revd. Barry Middleton, who was most ably assisted by our Stanley. In the course of our congratulations, we sincerely thank the organist, the designer of the church service and service sheets, the choir and Conductor, Handbell ringers, Lunch helpers and arrangements, and you local arrangements and helpers, the Ringing arrangements and those towers opened to us, and finally the Raffle organisers.

Congratulations, and Thank you all in the Lewisham District, for a truly happy and enjoyable ringers' day.

On a personal front, I can only re-iterate the above, and look forward to meeting you all again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Wraight.

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Congratulations

The Bexley ringers would like to congratulate Colin Jeal on ringing his first quarter peal of Stedman Triples on 26th May, a few weeks after his 75th birthday.

Association Sweatshirts etc.

Set out below are the sizes and prices of T-shirts. Polo-shirts and Sweatshirts duly printed with the County insignia:

T-shirts

Child:(26, 28, 30, 32 & 34") in Ash, Black, Natural, Navy Blue, Red, Royal Blue, White

S: Ash, Black, Navy Blue, White

M/L/XL: Ash, Black, Charcoal, Forest Green, Natural, Navy Blue, Oatmeal, Red, Royal Blue, Sports Cardinal, White, Yellow

XXL: Ash, Black, Navy Blue, Red, White

Polo-shirts:

Child:(26, 28, 30, 32, 34") in Black, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Burgundy, Navy Blue, Sky Blue, White, Winter Emerald

S/M/L/XL/

XXL: Birch, Black, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Burgundy, Navy Blue, Raspberry, Sky Blue, White, Winter Emerald, Yellow

Sweatshirts

Child/S/M/

L/XL/XXL: Birch, Black, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Burgundy, Light Oxford, Navy Blue, Raspberry, Sky Blue, White, Winter Emerald, Yellow

	Prices (£)			
	<u>Child</u>	<u>S/M/L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>XXL</u>
<u>T-Shirts</u>				
White	4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00
Colour	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00
<u>Polo-Shirts</u>				
White	8.50	10.50	11.00	11.50
Colour	8.50	11.00	11.50	12.00
<u>Sweatshirts</u>				
White	10.00	11.50	12.00	12.50
Colour	10.00	12.00	12.50	13.00

Please send orders to: Dr. Sue Atkinson, 52, Maxton Rd. Dover, Kent. CT17 9JL

Please note that orders cannot be guaranteed for a certain date as Sue needs a minimum order size of 10 items.

QUARTER PEALS**1995**

- [1] 09/04 BEXLEY 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[2] 13/04 BEXLEY 1260 Plain Bob Triples
[3] 30/12 CHISLEHURST ANN. 1280 Bristol Surprise Major

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- [4] 14/01 CRAYFORD 1260 Plain Bob Minor
[5] 21/01 ERITH CH.CH. 1264 Plain Bob Major
[6] 28/01 BEXLEY 1260 Minor 2m.
[7] 03/02 BROMLEY 1260 Grandsire Triples
[8] 04/02 BEXLEY 1260 Plain Bob Triples
[9] 04/02 WEST WICKHAM 1440 Minor 2m.
[10] 11/02 BEXLEY 1280 Superlative Surprise Major
[11] 11/02 CRAYFORD 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
[12] 20/02 CRAYFORD 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[13] 25/02 BECKENHAM 1273 Grandsire Triples
[14] 29/02 BEXLEY 1260 Plain Bob Triples
[15] 09/03 BIGGIN HILL 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[16] 09/03 SIDCUP 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[17] 10/03 BEXLEY 1260 Stedman Triples
[18] 10/03 CRAYFORD 1260 Plain Bob Minor
[19] 17/03 ERITH CH.CH. 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
[20] 17/03 FOOTS CRAY 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[21] 23/03 ERITH CH.CH. 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[22] 23/03 SIDCUP 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[23] 25/03 EYNSFORD 1280 Spliced Surprise Major 6m.
[24] 31/03 CRAYFORD 1260 Plain Bob Minor
[25] 31/03 FOOTS CRAY 1260 Doubles 5m.
[26] 04/04 BEXLEY 1440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor
[27] 07/04 BEXLEY 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major
[28] 09/04 SIDCUP 1260 Plain Bob Minor
[29] 14/04 HAYES 1260 April Day Doubles
[30] 15/04 ST MARY CRAY 1260 Plain Bob Minor
[31] 17/04 FOOTS CRAY 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
[32] 21/04 BROMLEY 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major
[33] 21/04 ELTHAM 1260 Doubles 2m.
[34] 21/04 ERITH CH CH 1280 Plain Bob Major
[35] 28/04 EYNSFORD 1260 Plain Bob Minor
[36] 05/05 ERITH CH CH 1260 Grandsire Triples

Congratulations for:

- 1st attempt Hilary Lander [29]
1st quarter Hilary Gay [15] and David Rawlings [21]
1st inside Felicity Hayden [30]
1st Doubles Felicity Hayden [31]
1st Minor Nancy Robins [18]
1st Treble Bob Cathy Hall [11]
1st Triples Derek Lamb [2]
1st Grandsire Triples Carol Easthaugh [36]

1st Surprise Minor inside	Hannah Saunders [19]	
1st Surprise Major	Jeremy Byers [32]	
1st in method	Mary Andrews and Percy Hicks [10]	
1st Minor as Conductor	Mark Jones [30]	
1st Triples as Conductor	Philip Jarvis [8]	
Circled tower	Mark Jones [30]	
	Circled tower 10 times	Nigel Pointer [30]

PEALS 1996

[1] 17/02 CHISLEHURST ANN.	5088 Bristol Surprise Major
[2] 24/02 BROMLEY	5088 Spliced Surprise Major 8m.
[3] 30/03 EYNSFORD	5056 Bristol Surprise Major
[4] 07/04 FARNINGHAM	5040 Minor 7m.
[5] 13/04 BECKENHAM	5040 Valley Surprise Royal
[6] 13/04 BROMLEY COMMON	5088 Ystradyfwg Surprise Major
[7] 13/04 CHISLEHURST ANN.	5024 Spliced Surprise Major 4m.
[8] 27/04 BICKLEY	5152 Plain Bob Major

Congratulations for:

1st peal	Jeremy Clitheroe [8]
1st peal of 8-spliced	David Kingston [2]

From Ringing World up to and including edition No. 4443 for June 21, 1996. E. & O.E.

Jim Rooke

The Ringing World

The following are extracts from a letter received in March, from David Thorne and Anne Carpenter, The Editor and Assistant Editor of the Ringing World:

Notices

These can be sent at any time, but, to be included in the Notices section for a particular week, must be with us at least 8 days prior to the Friday publication date.

Late Notices

Notices received by 09.30 on the Monday of the publication week can (if space permits) be included on the back page. No extra charge is made, but we cannot always guarantee publication.

News items

Brief up-to-date news items for the back page 'Around and about' section are always welcome. These too are required at the latest by 09.30 on Monday for publication in that week's issue. Messages can be left on the answerphone (01483 569535) or sent by fax (01483 567876). The Ringing World office is normally manned from about 07.45 on a Monday if you would prefer to speak to a live (if somewhat drowsy) person.

Notice forms and subscription forms were sent with the letter and copies are available from me on request. The letter concluded with a request to District Secretaries to encourage write-ups of special people or events. The Ringing World staff consists of the Editor and Assistant Editor. We are their 'eyes and ears'.

Mary Andrews.

May I add my 'penn'orth to the above and say that I, too, would appreciate short items about what you are up to in your individual towers, as I am sometimes hard put to find enough interesting material for the Newsletter: what about it!

Editor

Bickley

Jean has taken over as secretary at Bickley. Full details are as follow (please amend your Handbooks):

Miss J.D.Brown
9, Beechfield Road,
Bromley. BR1 3BT

Tel: 0181 460 1286

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Database

A copy of the Association's Database Working Group Report has been received from Tim Wraight and copies have been sent to all District Officers. In this Newsletter you will find a copy of the Report Summary and the suggested Membership Application Form. Any comments will be welcome when this matter is dealt with under 'Correspondence' at the Quarterly Meeting at Chelsfield.

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Subscriptions

Thank you to all those who have paid their subscriptions for 1996. All cash and cheques have been paid in and receipts will be written as soon as a receipt book is available. I propose to write one receipt for each tower. If anyone particularly wants an individual receipt, would they please let me know and send a s.a.e. if they want the receipt posted. I had a constructive and amiable telephone conversation with the new Treasurer, Cathryn Hills, recently and she assured me that 24 receipt books are on order. In this respect, the future appears much brighter than the past, although she has some big problems to sort out and deserves, and I am sure will get, our co-operation and support, particularly during the next few months.

Mary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Crayford on Saturday, 13th April 1996

The Chairman, Mr. Jim Rooke, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, particularly the General Secretary, Mr. Tim Wraight, and Mrs. Wraight.

DEATH

Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Alan Hall of Bexley who died on 18th February.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Ann Saunders and Miss Hannah Saunders of Bexley, Mr. John Hill of Christ Church, Erith, and Mr. Bill Lanyon of Woolwich.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposition of Dr. Andrew Young, seconded by Miss Freda Cannon.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Carol Service on 14th December

Mrs. Nancy Robins offered to see whether it would be possible to hold the Carol Service at Crayford and, failing this, the Secretary undertook to approach the Vicar of Bexley to see if it could be held at St. Mary's. This arrangement was accepted by a majority.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read to the meeting two letters which the Secretary had received from the General Secretary, the first expressing condolences to the Bexley ringers and to the District on the death of Mr. Alan Hall, and informing her that a peal of Glasgow had been rung at St. Michael's, Maidstone, in his memory; and the second expressing a very warm vote of thanks to everyone who had been involved in the arrangements for the Association's Annual General Meeting, which had been held at Sidcup the previous Monday.

The Secretary had also received some information from The Ringing World regarding notices and news items. She said that she had given an extract from this letter to Mr. Patrick Braund for the District's next Newsletter.

5. a. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

No new members were elected.

b. RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS MADE PREVIOUS TO PEALS

The election of Mr. Nicholas Wilkins and Miss Angela Wilkins of Chelsfield prior to a peal attempt on 2nd March was ratified on the proposition of Mr. Jim Rooke, seconded by Miss Philippa Rooke.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Car Treasure Hunt

Mr. Braund said that he had with him entry forms for the Car Treasure Hunt and stressed that a minimum of twelve entries were needed for this event to run successfully and make a worthwhile profit for the Bell Restoration Fund. In view of the fact that it had been decided to hold the Treasure Hunt on a Sunday afternoon, Mr. Braund enquired

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6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Car Treasure Hunt (continued)

whether members wanted him to arrange a 'mystery tower'. Since members seemed undecided about this, Dr. Young suggested, and it was agreed, that members should indicate on their entry forms whether or not they had to return to their own tower for evening ringing.

Sweat Shirts

Miss Jessica Vale reminded members about the Association's sweat shirts etc. and asked that orders should be given to her.

10-Bell Striking Competition

Dr. Young informed the meeting that the District had re-gained the 10-bell Striking Competition trophy in a Competition at Ashford. The trophy had been placed in the ringing room at Beckenham.

Ringing Programme

Dr. Young had brought to the meeting, and distributed, new ringing programmes. It was pointed out that the Plain Bob Workshop in August was on the 10th, not the 8th, and that the date chosen for the Carol Service was 14th December, not the 7th.

Bickley

Dr. Young explained that when the District received the tax rebate from the county, which was still being calculated, we would have reached the target for the Appeal. A plaque would be placed in the belfry at St. George's and if there was any surplus in the fund it would be given to the Bell Restoration Fund. Arrangements had been made for a peal attempt at Bickley later in the month to mark the closing of the Appeal. The dedication of the plaque would take place in the course of a service during the summer.

Safety

Mr. Wraight gave details of a ringing accident where someone had been carrying out maintenance on his own in a tower and had fallen down a ladder and ended up in hospital for several days. He stressed the advisability of always having two people in a tower while maintenance was being carried out. If this was impossible, then the person carrying out the work should tell someone to look for him/her if he/she was not back by a specified time. Dr. Young suggested that it was wise to leave someone in the ringing room, particularly if it was not possible to lock the tower door. Also on the subject of safety, Mr. Braund said that trap doors often gave cause for concern. Arrangements were in hand for a new trap door and a new ladder to be provided at Cudham to avoid the problems of a vertical ladder and a heavy trap door. Other safety suggestions were that the Steeplekeeper might carry a mobile phone; and that a ring could be placed round a ladder, thus providing something on which to lean while operating a trap door.

Handbells

Mr. David Osenton said that the Crayford ringers would be interested in borrowing, or possibly buying, a set of handbells.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Young proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Paulinus, the Rev. Paul Wright, for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to Mr. Jeremy Ducker, one of the local ringers, for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Robins and the Crayford band for making the local arrangements and providing tea.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING 4TH MAY 1996

A seminar entitled Sharing Good Practice is to be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 12th October. CCCB are organising this.

A letter was received from Rainham suggesting that a levy of £10 per tower be paid into the BRF. This was put on hold until more serious financial matters had been discussed and resolved.

Assets insurance still has to be assessed and will be discussed further with Ian Oram

There has been no volunteer to organise the 100 Club and this item has been closed for the present.

Dr. Sue Atkinson will be responsible for the future ordering of sweatshirts but at present discussions are taking place as to the possibility of using other suppliers/ manufacturers.

It was reported that the 'Teaching to Teach' training sessions held in Holy Week were successful although there was a low take up in numbers attending. Districts reported that it had been a useful exercise. Two more training days have been arranged. Details from Andrew Young.

The publicity committee has not met for some time but it was felt that we should do more to publicise the works and aims of the KCACR. We are looking at other associations to see how they handle their publicity.

The BRF has purchased a second-hand 2 ton Chain Lift which would improve the removing/replacing of heavier bells. The association is looking for secure storage for valuable bell items.

A full and detailed report was given by the Working Parties concerning Database. Basically what we are aiming to do is to keep accurate records of our membership and all that this entails. There will be a few copies of this report at the July meeting.

There was a very full discussion concerning the associations finances. We are hoping that the 1994 accounts will be audited by the ~~by the~~ 31st July and the 1995 accounts by the 31st August. Once these have been done the new Treasurer will be able to take over all the accounts and call for an Extra Meeting should it be necessary. There is an increasing workload in dealing with the finances and it could be that the Treasurer will need assistance. Lewisham District is still waiting for confirmation of the rebate on the Centenary Fund.

To clear the stock of videos it was agreed to charge £4 to members of the association and £5 to non-members.

The General Secretary drew the meeting's attention to a tower accident which could have been very serious. He advised members when working on bells to 1) always have at least two people working together, and 2) if unable to have two people present, always inform some person, and agree the time period you will be in the tower.

KCABase

A Membership database for The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Prepared by:

Janice Lecke Stuart Palin
Frank Lewis David Sheekey
28-Apr-1996

Summary

This Working Group was set up at the November 1995 County Committee meeting to investigate the issues concerning the implementation of a computerised membership database by January 1997. We have completed our initial review and believe it is feasible, and in the interests of the Association, to have such a system. Because a computer system dedicated solely to the Association's use would be disproportionately expensive, and grossly under-utilized we believe the most appropriate course is for a Membership Secretary to be appointed who will not only be responsible for administering the database but also able to provide the computing resources. The Association would be responsible for defraying general expenses (such as printing paper, floppy disks for storage etc.).

In setting up such a system care must be taken to ensure the Association acts within the law and is able to support this system over a long period of time. We believe it is not necessary for the Association to register itself as a Data User under the Data Protection Act; this does not mean we do not have to consider the Act, on the contrary by not registering we have certain legal duties. Initially the Association's best interests are likely to be served by implementing the database using a general database application hosted on a commonly available Personal Computer.

A Membership Secretary should be selected, and if necessary co-opted onto the County Committee. The Working Group and Membership Secretary should be tasked with providing a detailed implementation of the database system in time for the November Committee meeting. The Association should adopt a formal membership application form such as that indicated in Appendix B. The suggestions in this report on how the database might be used to help administer the Association's business should be considered by the County and District Committees and any comments forwarded to the Working Group as soon as possible.

Appendix B Association Membership Application Form Content

The Kent County Association of Change Ringers Membership Application Form

I wish to become a member of The Kent County Association of Change Ringers (KCACR). I have read and agree with the conditions for membership (not provided with this report). (If you object to your details being recorded on a computer for the sole use of The KCACR please tick this box).

Name signed
If under 18 years of age please obtain the approval of your parent or legal guardian.

Parent or signed
Legal Guardian

Membership Practising/Life/Associate/Non-Resident Life
Category

Proposed signed

Seconded signed

Full Name

Title For Emeritus Date of

Home Birth

Address

Postcode Telephone ()

Main Tower

Associated

Towers

Duly elected a member of The KCACR at on / /
Meeting Place Chair

