



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1996

The Editor:

Summer months are always very busy for bell-ringers, as it is the "wedding season", and we all know the problems of finding ringers available to ring for weddings; for some towers the problems are greater than others. And come August, when most people seem to be away on holiday things can get desperate. You've all at some time or other received the phone call on a Thursday or Friday evening: "I know it's short notice but....!"



At St. John's we only have on average 3 or 4 weddings a year, so I suppose we must consider ourselves lucky not have the problems others may have, but it is amazing how often we are asked to help out at another tower on the one Saturday that we have a wedding at our own church.

As most of you know, St. John's Church has a team of handbell ringers; and recently a couple, who were getting married at the U.R.C. church asked for bells at their wedding. We were asked to ring and fortunately there were enough of us to provide a band; indeed there were 8 of us available, so I decided that we would ring 16 bells (shades of "Birmingham!"). We set up the usual arrangements to ring rounds, Queens, Tittums, although in the short time available for practice, we did not get into Plain Hunting. However in arranging things, we noticed that there was an additional arrangement that could be rung, i.e.:

1,5,9,13,2,6,10,14,3,7,11,15,4,8,12,16 (a similar arrangement can also be rung on 12 bells), and we duly utilized this in our ringing.

This set us thinking about what the change

should be called, and whether it has been named already. Our thoughts, perhaps frivolously, bearing in mind that it is somewhere between Queens and Tittums, were either "Quittums" or "Tweens"; although in a more serious vein we also thought "Emmanuel", after the church where we rang it. I shall be interested to hear what others, know or might think.

I was interested to read in the Ringing World this week, an article about a "Car Treasure Hunt" arranged for another district in another county, where only a few people entered and the event had to be cancelled. It would seem that not only in the Lewisham District have such things gone 'out of fashion'.

Perhaps it is a sign of advancing age, but Annual Meetings seem to come round with remarkable rapidity. As was announced at the July Quarterly meeting Andrew Young indicated that he would not be standing for election as Ringing Master this year. So we must put on our thinking caps to consider who we want to replace him; similarly we must give thought to the other officers we shall be electing.

Finally, may I again remind towers, and individuals, that subscriptions for the newsletter are due for the year beginning October; my thanks to those who have already paid up. The cost is the same as last year, namely £ 2.50 per copy (including postage, where necessary). Cheques should be made payable to me, please.

Quarterly Meeting

The Annual District Meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday 12th October. The bells will be available from 3.00 p.m. and the service will be at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday to Sara Hardy, telephone 0181 659 2631.

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Bickley Restoration celebrated

So ran the headline to an article in the Ringing World of 21st June, 1996. The Lewisham District Centenary project has had plenty of publicity over the past few years and people are aware of what has been done in creating a peal of 8 bells at St. George's. However for those who do not read the Ringing World (shame on you!) it is worth recording here the fact (announced at the July Quarterly meeting) that a peal, the first on the bells, was rung to mark the closure of the Centenary Fund.

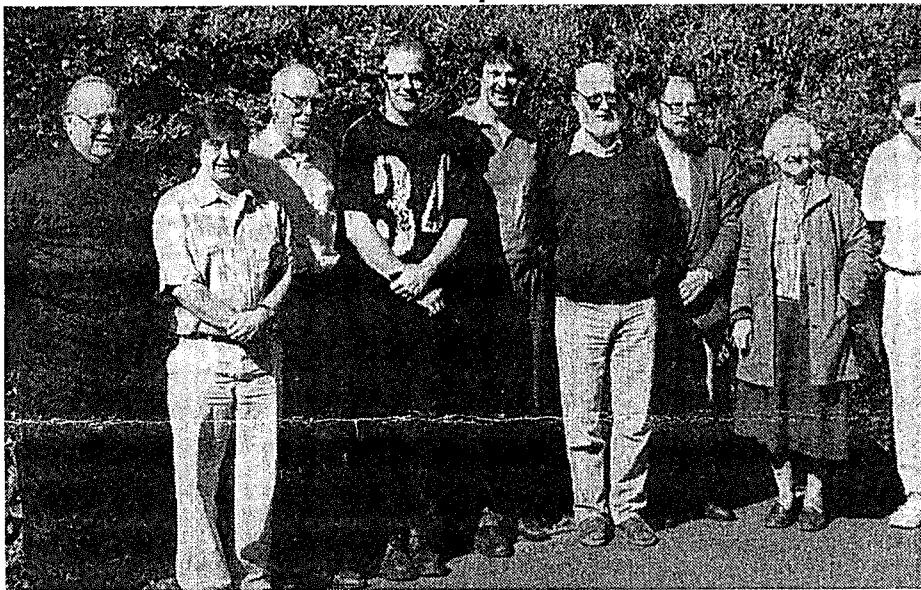
The peal was rung on Saturday 27th April, 1996, St. Georges Day and details are as follows:

A peal of 5,152 changes of PLAIN BOB MAJOR (arranged by C.H. Enzor) in 3 hours 4 minutes.

1. Lucile Corby
2. Peter V.D. Swift (cond.)
3. Jeremy Clitheroe
4. Frank W. Lewis
5. David H. Kingston
6. Alexander J. Britton
7. Andrew M.J. Young
8. Thomas M. Barlow

First peal - 3.

Rung for St. George's Day, and to celebrate the completion of the Lewisham District Centenary Fund, to provide two new trebles to complete the octave.



The peal band left to right: Fr. David Herbert, Rector of Bickley; Peter Swift, David Kingston, Jeremy Clitheroe, Andrew Young, Frank Lewis, Tom Barlow, Lucile Corby, Alex Britton (50%).

The photograph above also appeared in the Ringing World, with the accompanying caption, which prompted a letter in the Ringing World, from Alex Britton pointing out that despite the picture, he is "all there", although not as active as he has been in the past!

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| [1] 23/04 BECKENHAM | 1260 Plain Bob Doubles | 96/666 |
| [2] 07/05 BECKENHAM | 1280 Spliced Surp.Maj. Std.8 | 96/666 |
| [3] 14/05 BECKENHAM | 1260 Grandsire Triples | 96/666 |
| [4] 23/05 BECKENHAM | 1260 Grandsire Doubles | 96/666 |
| [5] 28/05 BECKENHAM | 1260 Doubles 5m. | 96/666 |
| [6] 04/06 BECKENHAM | 1260 Doubles 11m. | 96/666 |
| [7] 09/07 BECKENHAM | 1280 Spliced Surp. Maj. 5m. | 96/666 |
| [8] 30/07 BECKENHAM | 1260 Grandsire Triples | 96/666 |
| [9] 03/09 BECKENHAM | 1282 Cambridge Surprise Roy. | 96/666 |
| [10] 29/10 BECKENHAM | 1296 Cambridge Surprise Min. | 96/666 |
| [11] 12/11 BECKENHAM | 1259 Grandsire Caters | 96/666 |
| [12] 03/12 BECKENHAM | 1250 Lincolnshire Surp. Maj. | 96/666 |
| [13] 21/12 BECKENHAM | 1792 Spliced Surp.Maj. Std.8 | 96/666 |
| [14] 23/12 BECKENHAM | 1280 Spliced Surp.Maj. Std.8 | 96/666 |

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| [15] 12/05 CRAYFORD | 1280 Plain Bob Major | 96/666 |
| [16] 16/05 BEXLEY | 1260 Cambridge Surprise and and Plain Bob Minor | 96/644 |
| [17] 18/05 BROMLEY | 1260 Grandsire Triples | 96/714 |
| [18] 23/05 ST MARY CRAY | 1800 Cambridge Surprise Min. | 96/688 |
| [19] 26/05 BEXLEY | 1260 Stedman Triples | 96/789 |
| [20] 28/05 ERITH CH.CH. | 1260 Plain Bob Triples | 96/743 |
| [21] 29/05 FOOTS CRAY | 1260 Grandsire Doubles | 96/811 |
| [22] 09/06 BEXLEY | 1280 Lincolnshire Surp. Maj. | 96/789 |
| [23] 13/06 LEWISHAM | 1280 Oxford Treble Bob Major | 96/812 |
| [24] 16/06 BROMLEY | 1260 Grandsire Doubles | 96/811 |
| [25] 16/06 CRAYFORD | 1260 Plain Bob Triples | 96/888 |
| [26] 16/06 ERITH CH.CH. | 1280 Minor 2m. | 96/811 |
| [27] 22/06 BICKLEY | 1260 Grandsire Triples | 96/839 |
| [28] 03/07 WOOLWICH | 1260 Doubles 3m. | 96/839 |
| [29] 07/07 BECKENHAM | 1277 Grandsire Caters | 96/888 |
| [30] 07/07 ST MARY CRAY | 1320 Cambridge Surprise Min. | 96/889 |
| [31] 11/07 BROMLEY COMMON | 1260 Plain Bob Triples | 96/885 |
| [32] 14/07 CRAYFORD | 1269 Grandsire Doubles | 96/885 |

Congratulations :

Sally Davis

Andrew Holmes

William Rudge

Kathy Hall

Jeremy Byers

Colin Jeal

Philip Jarvis, Mary Andrews
and Percy Hicks

1st quarter [31]

1st away from cover [1]

1st on 8 [27]

1st Cambridge [30]

1st Grandsire [32]

1st in more than one method [5]

1st in 11 methods [6]

1st Grandsire Triples [8]

1st Surprise minor [10]

1st Stedman [19]

1st in method [22]

Margaret Macey

Most methods spliced [7]

1st 8-spliced [14]

Mark Jones

1st spliced Surprise major [13]

Reggie Gillard

1st 8-spliced [13]

David Kingston

1st 8-spliced [14]

Nigel Pointer

1st Grandsire Triples as Conductor [3]

1st spliced major as Conductor [7]

1st 8-spliced as Conductor [13]

David Macey

1st spliced as Conductor [14]

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[1] 15/06 BECKENHAM

5152 Spliced Surp. Maj. 7m.

96/738

[2] 30/06 FOOTS CRAY

5040 Doubles 7m.

96/829

[3] 06/07 ST MARY CRAY

5040 Minor 7m.

96/830

[4] 13/07 WOOLWICH

5056 Plumstead Surprise Maj.

96/807

[5] 29/07 SIDCUP, 131 Wren Road

5040 Plain Bob Major

96/884

Congratulations :

David Macey and Matthew Hilling

1st attempt in hand [5]

Richard Pearce

1st attempt in hand as Conductor [5]

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September 6, 1996. E. & O.E.

Jim Rooke

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Look up your Tower Records

Hazel Basford, the County Librarian, is doing some research into Kent Ringers who lost their lives in World War 1, with the intention of depositing the information in the Association's Library. She has produced a preliminary report on the results of her research, and a copy of the details for Lewisham District towers is attached to this newsletter. If anyone can shed further light on those mentioned, or can add to the list she will be pleased to know. In particular regarding Bryan Dewes, of St. Margaret's Lee, she would like extra confirmation that she has the right man, as the annual report just lists him as B. Dewes.

Hazel writes:

"I enclose a list of 12 men from nine Lewisham District Towers. To date my sources of information have been the annual reports of the 1914 - 18 period which listed

'service members' and casualties, "The Ringing World" of the period and, in a few cases, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. I would be grateful if the towers mentioned in my list could check the names against any local information they have - particularly the local War Memorial and the certificate which the KCACR made available after the war for towers to record their service members' names, if they have it still - and get in touch with me. Of course, if other towers know about casualties not on my list I would like to hear from them too".

For convenience, I think it might be better if any further details could be forwarded through myself. Please let me have them **in writing please**, and I will forward them to Hazel Basford. When Hazel has produced the final report, I will arrange for a copy to be sent to us to keep with our own archives.

Tower : Crayford, St Paulinus

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---|
| Audsley | William Thomas | Crayford, St Paulinus | 50th Bty. 34th Bde. Royal Field A | Gunner | ROH 1918 Died February 1917. CWC - Son of Edward & Ann Audsley, 72 High St, Crayford. KIA. Aged 20. Visited 29/6/96 ROH 1919 |
| Eames | H or W | Crayford, St Paulinus | Coldstream Guards | Private | |

Tower : Deptford, St John Evangelist

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------|-------------------------|
| White | H E | Deptford, St John Evangelist | Military Police | | ROH 1919 "Died in 1918" |

Tower : Eynsford, St Martin

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---|
| Gates | Alfred | Eynsford, St Martin | D Coy. 8th Bn. Royal West Kent | Private | ROH 1918. CWC - Aged 38. Husband of Annie Agnes Gates, 2 Bank Cottages, Eynsford. Visited 29/6/96 |

Tower : Beckenham, St George

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|---|
| Lovell | John Bawden | Beckenham, St George | RFA, 119th Heavy Battery | Gunner | CWC - Aged 41. Vlamerfinghe, Belgium. Son of John & Charlotte Lovell of 4 Forest View, Southampton. Native of Beckenham, Kent. |

Tower : Bromley, SS Peter & Paul

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Filtness | Eric George | Bromley, SS Peter & Paul | 390th Bty. 37th Bde. RFA | Bombardier | ROH 1918 "Killed in Palestine July 1918". CWC - Aged 23. Son of Charles Wm & Mary Filtness, husband of Florence Emily of Ribstone, Lower Gravel Rd, Bromley Common. |
| James Sen | Alfred Henry | Bromley, SS Peter & Paul | Royal West Kent Regiment, 1st Bn | Private | ROH 1917 "Fell in action in France". CWC - no further information. |

Tower : Chislehurst, St Nicholas

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Mitcham | John Henry | Chislehurst, St Nicholas | London Regiment, 'D' Coy. 2nd/4th Bn | Lance Corporal | Aged 21. ROH 1917 "Killed in France". CWC - only son of James John & EA Mitcham of the Tea Rooms, Chislehurst Common. Died of accidental injuries. |

Tower : Lee, St Margaret

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Dewes | Bryan Osmond | Lee, St Margaret | Middlesex Regiment, 1st Battalion | 2nd Lieutenant | ROH 1916 "somewhere in France". CWC - Son of Hugh William & Alice Jane Dewes, The Grey House, Shiplake, Oxon. Killed in action. Needs confirmation. Visited 30/6/96. |

Tower : Lewisham, St Mary

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Warnett | Merrick Raymond | Lewisham, St Mary | London Regiment, 20th Bn. | Lance Corporal | Aged 25. ROH 1918 "Killed in action". CWC - Husband of E M Warnett of 8 Lochaber Road, Lewisham. |

Tower : Hayes, St Mary the Virgin

| Surname | First name | Tower | Unit | Rank | Notes |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---|
| Cassam | Arthur Edmund | Hayes, St Mary the Virgin | 1st Bn. Royal West Kent Regime | Private | ROH 1918 "Killed in France" CWC - Husband of AA Cassam, Bolney common, Bolney. Visited 29/6/96 Hayward Heath, Sx. Aged 25. ROH 1918 |
| Williams | Herbert W | Hayes, St Mary the Virgin | Royal Naval Reserve | AB | |

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

Amendment to KCACR Rules

At our A.D.M., we have been asked by the General Secretary, Tim Wraight, to discuss the following addition to **Rule 8**.

(iii) The chairman may, in exceptional circumstances, call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, and he shall be required to summon such a meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twenty Practising Members. Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given in the Ringing World no later than three weeks before the meeting.

This rule addition has been proposed by Peter Dale (Great Mongeham) and seconded by Keith Roberts (Eastry) of the Canterbury District and will be put before members at the Annual General Meeting at Wrotham on Easter Monday, 31st March, 1997.

Lewisham District Supreme!

At the July Quarterly Meeting, Andrew Young reported that a band from the Lewisham District had won the recent 8-bell striking competition. The District now held all three striking competition trophies; the first time that all 3 have been held by one district.



Call Change Competition

Your attention is drawn to the Call Change Competition, due to take place at St. Mary Cray on the 9th November. Entry forms for this will be available at the Annual District Meeting.

Also please read the Competition Rules (included in this Newsletter), as they are the current rules as amended by agreement at the January District Quarterly Meeting, *and will be strictly adhered to!*

Kent County Association of Change Ringers Lewisham District

Call Change Competition Rules

1. The Competition may be held annually for Sunday Service Bands within the Lewisham District.
2. Each tower shall normally be 'in union' with the Association. However, at the discretion of the District Officers, new bands may be allowed to enter for the first time only without being in union.
3. No band shall have more than 3 people in it who have previously ring a peal.
4. A tower shall be allowed to enter any number of bands, but no ringer may ring for more than one band. If a ringer rings for Sunday Service at more than one tower, then the home tower takes precedence.
5. Any tower wishing to enter, finding itself short of one ringer, can notify the District Ringing Master or Deputy Ringing Master, who can supply the extra member. The extra member must not have already entered the competition.
6. The conductor shall call the changes from memory. No visual aids will be allowed.
7. Each team must ring call changes. No method will be permitted.
8. Call changes are to be made, on average, every fifth handstroke with the change made at the following handstroke.
9. Each team will be allowed two minutes practice rounds and call changes (this will not be judged), standing the bells at the end of the rounds.
10. Each team will be judged on 120 rows, a handstroke and backstroke counting as two rows. A maximum of 12 whole pulls of rounds will be allowed for 'settling down' before the start of the call changes. A steward in the tower will count the rows and inform the conductor when the required number has been reached. The conductor should then call 'stand' as soon as possible, having first - if necessary - brought the bells back into rounds. The opening rounds, up to 12 whole pulls, and the changes after 120 rows will not be judged. Failure to stand will not be faulted, but will be noted and taken into account in the event of a tie.
11. All ringing must be carried out with open handstroke leads. Faults will be awarded for closed handstroke leading.
12. *The entry forms for the Competition must be received by the District Secretary at least seven clear days before the date of the Competition; neither late nor telephone entries will be accepted.*
13. The ringing will be judged by a competent judge from outside the District.
14. Any dispute or difficulty should be referred to the District Officers before the end of the Competition.
15. If a tower enters and subsequently has to withdraw their entry fee will not be refunded.
16. The names of those taking part (up to nine in all) must be given on the entry form.
17. A representative of each tower should be available for the draw and the order adhered to, unless the band had a prior commitment for service ringing at their own church.

KENT COUNTRY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Chelsfield on Saturday, 13th July 1996.

The Chairman, Mr. J. J. Rooke, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Chelsfield.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Jeal and Miss J. Vale of Bexley, Mr. N. Wilkins of Chelsfield, Mr. R. Long of Chislehurst, Mrs. J. Cass and Mr. D. Macey of Foots Cray, Miss F. Cannon of Greenwich and Mr. D. G. H. Hollis of Lewisham.

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. A. M. J. Young, seconded by Mrs. M. Hill.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Car Treasure Hunt

Mr. P. G. Braund said that he had only received five entries for the Car Treasure Hunt and that he had wanted a minimum of twelve. He reminded members that this was the second time that he had made the arrangements and had had to cancel them due to lack of support. Although he was prepared to hand on his plans to someone else, he said that he did not feel inclined to take this on again as he felt there was not sufficient interest in the District as a whole.

Miss P. Rooke wondered whether the reason for the cancellation of this event was more a problem of agreeing a date. Dr. Young said that the date for the event had been discussed at length. He felt that members did not always 'honour' their commitments.

Ringling Programme

Dr. Young said that the ringling programme had been cut back because only three members had attended one practice and there had only been 'locals' at another. The practice at Southwark Cathedral had been a good one and well supported.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Database

Copies of the Membership Database Working Group Report (KCABase) dated 28th April 1996 sent to the Secretary by the General Secretary had been provided for all members of the District Committee and a copy of the Report Summary and Membership Application Form had been included in the current Newsletter. This item was discussed and the following were among the comments made:

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4. CORRESPONDENCE (CONTINUED)

Database (continued)

- a. There was no section on the application form for the District to be shown. Information should be available on a District basis. (Mr. Braund)
- b. Concern was expressed, from an administrative point of view, about the need for junior members to obtain the permission of parent or legal guardian. (Mrs. Hardy)
- c. If a proportion of members do not allow their details to be recorded on computer, the value of the Database would be very considerably reduced. (Mr. Braund)

The Secretary was asked what she felt about the proposals. She replied that she thought they would create considerable extra work for District Secretaries and that the gain to the Association would be minimal.

5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Barbara Bishop of Cudham and Mrs. Ann Barnes of Sidcup were elected on the proposition of Mr. P. G. Braund, seconded by Mr. A. J. Hill.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Database

Mr. J. J. Hardy commented that he felt the proposals would involve a large expenditure and a great deal of effort for something that only happened once a year.

Dr. A. J. Young said that Mr. Mark Gilham, when he was the Association's Treasurer, had contended that it would not be possible to get covenanting set up without a Database.

Mr. W. Lanyon, who had been in touch with the Association's Treasurer about encouraging covenanting within the District, said that he did not consider that a Database would be of any help. The important thing was to be able to track a member's subscription through the accounts.

Newsletter

Mr. Braund said that he did not receive much Newsletter feed-back. He was, however, pleased that all towers except one had contributed towards the cost. Subscriptions for the next year could remain at £2.50 for four issues for towers and individuals. [Technically, the year runs from October to July.] It would not be possible to provide coloured front pages since these took three minutes per page to copy.

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6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Finances

Mrs. M. Hill expressed considerable concern that the Association's accounts for 1994 and for 1995 had still not been audited and proposed that a letter should be sent to the Association Chairman and to the General Secretary asking what action was being taken. Mr. A. J. Hill enquired whether anyone was legally responsible for the accounts. Dr. Young replied that the responsibility probably rested with the Trustees. The General Committee had agreed dates for auditing but the work had still not been done. Mr. Gilham had drawn the attention of the General Secretary to a large discrepancy in the number of videos (eighty were missing) but this was not relevant to the 1994 accounts. Dr. Young also mentioned that the ex-Treasurer (Mr. Gilham) would not reply to his letter about the Centenary Fund since he 'did not like the tone of it'.

Concluding the discussion on this topic, Mr. P. G. Braund proposed that the Association's Officer should take immediate action to obtain a satisfactory resolution to the auditing of the accounts for 1994 and 1995. This was seconded by Mrs. M. Hill and carried nem con.

Training

Dr. Young drew attention to the Training Day "Teaching to Listen" to be held on 2nd November. The Association had been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. John Harrison from the Oxford Guild to help with this venture. A poster would be available shortly.

Surrey Association - Welcome Pack

Mrs. S. Hardy said that when her husband joined the Surrey Association he had been given a 'Welcome Pack' containing a letter from the Association's Master, a copy of the Association's Report, a list of District practices, and a list of Association events. She felt that the K.C.A. might give consideration to producing something similar.

Practice at Southwark

Mr. J. J. Hardy enquired whether there would be any interest in another practice at Southwark towards the end of the year. It was felt that this could well be popular and possible arrangements would be discussed between Mr. Hardy and Dr. Young.

Striking Competition Trophies

Dr. Young informed the meeting that a band representing the District had won the recent eight-bell Striking Competition. The District already held the ten and six-bell trophies.

Ringling Master

Dr. Young gave notice that he did not wish to stand for re-election as Ringling Master at the Annual District Meeting in October.

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6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Newsletter - Quarter Peals

The Chairman said that any comments about the listing in the Newsletter of quarter peals rung in the District would be welcome. It had been suggested that he should include the Ringing World page number, and this would be done.

Bickley

Dr. Young said that the peal attempt at Bickley to celebrate the closing of the Centenary Fund had been successful and a write-up could be found in The Ringing World. Mr. Braund enquired whether copyright would be infringed if an extract from The Ringing World report was included in the next Newsletter. Dr. Young felt sure there would no problem about this.

Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Hardy

The District's congratulations were offered to Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Hardy on the birth of their daughter.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. A. J. Hill proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Chelsfield, the Rev. Canon L. G. Virgo for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to Mr. Andrew Jones for playing the organ, and to the local ringers for providing an excellent tea.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting. Members then had tea and returned to the church for evening ringing.

Mr. J. J. Rooke

The meeting was reconvened briefly during tea in order to congratulate the Chairman on the birth, the previous Tuesday, of his first granddaughter.