



LEWISHAM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JULY 1997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS



At 7-30 a.m. on Bank Holiday Monday (that's earlier than I get up to go to work) I was rushing around ticking off items in my head

- ✓ Money
- ✓ Screwdriver and Spanners
- ✓ Headstock ?
- ✓ Bell Ropes
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Clapper
- ✓ Wheel

"Good - that's the lot I can go!"

"Where?"

"Hall Place of course"

"Why?"

"Craft Fair"

"Oh !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

If you're wondering what I'm talking about let me take you back to the last District meeting when Carol Eastaugh mentioned the possibility of the District running a stall at a Craft Fair at Hall Place Bexley on 26th May.

Andrew Young booked and transported the Jubi-Peal, Carol arranged the table with the organisers, the display boards were rescued from Nigel Pointer's tender care, and I was travelling with half the contents of a belfry.

Arrival on site heralded the unloading of a mass of bits and pieces, most daunting of all was the giant "Meccanno" set. The "Meccanno" or more correctly the Jubi-Peal is a portable ring of bells, originally handbells, which are hung for full circle ringing on a frame about 6ft 6in high.

The instructions consist solely of two items:

- a list of parts that you should have.
- a picture of what the finished item should look like.

No problem - our esteemed ringing master James Hardy, has had some experience of this contraption and took over supervision of its assembly (James - supervisors are supposed to stand around with a cup of tea directing operations - not actually do anything !!!!!)

A false start, putting the legs on upside down was soon rectified and by 10 a.m. the frame was up and bells were being hung in their various pits, pulley boxes fitted and ropes attached to wheels.

In the meantime the display boards had been assembled, various bits of belfry were on display, the bookstall was open for perusal, raffle tickets were being sold and the plant nursery division of the Lewisham District was open

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Due to the non availability of all the district officers on the original date of the 13th July the meeting has been rescheduled to

Saturday 26th July

The arrangements are now:

- 4p.m. Service - Eynsford
- Followed by
- Picnic Tea (i.e. bring your own) at Shoreham (if wet - Eynsford Village for shelter)
- 7-8 p.m. Ringing at Shoreham

the day for a small number of learners who will soon need other ringers to help them progress to rounds and call changes.

Practices will be by mutual arrangement and there is no weekly commitment. Please if you are available to help Margaret out give her a ring on ☎ 0181-302-4992



Editor's Column

It's about this time of year that polite requests for subscriptions are made, and as a result my thoughts have turned to the cost of putting this quarterly effort together.

A brief set of accounts are attached, and as you can see the newsletter is quite an expensive little item to produce.

The main costs of each issue are

- **Copying Costs** - these are currently running in the region of 50p an issue (dependant on the number of pages)
- **Postage Costs** - currently about 25p a copy sent by post (assuming no increase in second class post)

The annual cost of producing four copies and posting them out is running at about £ 3-00 per copy, assuming that there are no further cost increases (I trust the new Chancellor will not raise VAT or a special tax on ringing newsletters) in the forthcoming year.

Given the poor state of the "kitty" at the moment I will be proposing an increase in the annual subscription as follows:

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| First copy to any address/tower | £ 4-00 p.a. |
| Second or subsequent copies to the same address/tower | £ 3-00 p.a. |

I will be putting this resolution forward at the next quarterly district meeting for ratification. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the next meeting, so if you have any particularly strong views on this matter, please contact me directly and I will be more than happy to discuss any points you may wish to raise.

I trust that you consider the newsletter to be an asset and will support me in my request to increase subscriptions.

Finally I am enclosing a form with the newsletter, which I would appreciate it if you could complete and return to me (preferably with a cheque).

Please note the purpose is twofold, first to make sure I get

the subscriptions in, and second to ensure that I've got the right contact names and addresses to send the newsletters out to. So please help me by filling it in and returning it as soon as possible.

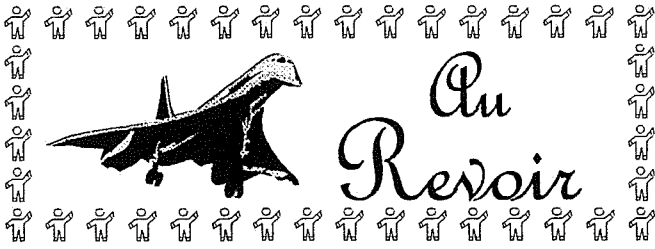
| Accounts of the Lewisham District Newsletter For the Period 1st January 1997 to 31st May 1997 | |
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| Income | |
| Subscriptions collected 1/1/97 to 31/5/97 | 17.00 |
| Expenditure | |
| Stationery | 4.50 |
| Postage | 10.00 |
| Copying Costs | 40.00 |
| | -54.50 |
| Actual Net Deficit to 31st May 1997 | |
| | -37.50 |
| Anticipated costs of producing July Newsletter | |
| Stationery | 1.25 |
| Postage | 3.00 |
| Copying Costs | 20.00 |
| | -24.25 |
| Projected Deficit to 31st July 1997 | |
| | -61.75 |

The next copy deadline is **Friday 5th September**. Please send all articles, letters, complaints and suggestions to

Jeremy Byers
2 Carlton Court
23 Beckenham Road
Beckenham
Kent
BR3 4PP
☎ 0181-289-5675

One gets used to the odd unusual instructions about keys for obtaining access to towers, but the lady who handed over the key at a tower in Somerset prior to our quarter peal attempt had thought of everything: "Lock yourself in; if you can't unlock the door when you come down there's a screwdriver on the ledge so you can take the lock off"!

J.B.



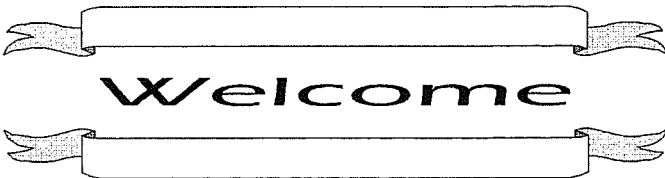
As you may have already heard on the grape vine, Andrew, Diane, Nicholas and Rebecca Young are moving away from the district in the near future.

Unfortunately Andrew's work on schizophrenia takes him to the midlands as part of his research group's search for fame and fortune. There is apparently an inter university transfer market but rumours of an Alan Shearer sized transfer fee of 15 Million pounds have been denied.

Andrew and Diane have been regular attendees at district events for several years and this has inevitably resulted in promotion at various times to District ringing Master, Press Representative, and member of the County Education Committee. Oh yes attendance at Christ Church Erith as well !!

Many thanks for your support, encouragement and general involvement over the years, (mainly before I became a ringer) and we all hope the move goes smoothly.

J.R.B.



At the last district meeting we were pleased to welcome the ringers of St John's Erith in to the district. Please come to as many district events as you can get to - we would encourage district members to pop over to give them a hand on practice night (currently held jointly with Christ Church - but phone to avoid a wasted journey).

The following is an article published in St John's Church magazine about the new band's exploits to date:

The Bellringers of St John's

"The Bellringers of St. John's have been together for eighteen months and we have good news to report.

On April 12th 1997, Andrew Young from Christ Church Erith and the team visited St John the Baptist at West Wickham for the Annual General Meeting of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. Diana Morris, Margaret Heald, Barbara Edwards, John Morris, George Rose, Chris Hills, Rodney Hughes and Alan Hills were all

duly elected to become members of the association. This was proposed by Andrew Young and seconded by Mrs Carol Eastaugh of Christ Church Erith.

The afternoon started with evensong followed by the election and a delicious tea. We then rang the bells over the meadows on a beautiful Saturday evening. We would like to thank all the committee members on the K.C.A.C.R for their time and also to St John the Baptist at West Wickham for their hospitality.

On Saturday April 26th, we joined with Christ Church Erith on a bellringing outing, visiting the hop country. The first church was St Michael at East Peckham, a redundant church. Bells were last rung there in September 1996. The next church should have been St Mary The Virgin at Nettlestead but the owls got there first and built a nest, so it was on to St John the Baptist at Wateringbury. Next stop was SS Peter and Paul at Yalding (fishing rods were not allowed in the cars), St Mary at Hunton and to end the day the Parish Church at East Farleigh. We all appreciated the experience of ringing the different bells, some more difficult than others and have gained a lot more confidence from it.

Thank you Andrew for your time in preparing this outing. We all enjoyed ourselves and we hope we did not let you down. The evening finished with a cool drink in "The Farleigh Bull".

Other churches we have rung at are SS Peter & Paul at Shorne and St Alfege at Greenwich.

St John's Bellringers send their very best wishes to John Hill of Christ Church Erith who is waiting for a bypass. We will keep you, your wife Mary and your family in our prayers and hope you will soon be back with us, if not in ringing, perhaps in your valued advice.

We will continue to keep you informed on our progress. DIANA MORRIS."



The Bell Doctor

Professor Ground Pulley writes.....

Now is a good time to get into the belfry to do some basic checks. Summer temperatures might mean that metal components have expanded and nuts and bolts may need tightening.

Particular attention should be given to clappers, which have a tendency to fall out, if nuts aren't checked for tightness on a periodic basis.

Checking the strike point of the clapper on the bell is also

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useful. The strike point is normally a point of bright metal where the clapper hits the bell. If this point is wide it may indicate that the clapper staple is loose in the bell, or that the clapper bearing is worn and may need re-bushing.

It's also a good time to spend time checking the strike of bells. Ringing them up on the wheel (rope removed) and letting them ring down is a good way of checking evenness of strike. If the bell clappers evenly all the way down, the bell is evenly struck. Adjustment is by tapered washer between the top of the bell and the staple or alternatively by using adjuster bolts (Twiddle pins) if they are fitted.

A Word of Warning, if you have twiddle pins fitted, don't forget to loosen these off before adjusting the clapper staple, otherwise you could damage the staple or the pins.

Please remember you should always work on bells that are down!!!!

Please send your letters to:
Professor Ground Pulley,
c/o J Hardy,
68, Birkbeck Road,
Beckenham,
Kent.BR3 4SP
☎ 0181-659-2631

A Lovely Healthy Weekend

The third weekend in May was approaching too slowly. I wanted to be on the Guild of Medical Ringer's Summer Meeting weekend NOW! At last it came and I found myself on my way to Suffolk straight after work on the Friday evening. Fortunately my cousin kindly said I could kip overnight with her and her family in their cottage in Hollesley, South Suffolk. I caught up with their news then reluctantly but with excited anticipation I left them at the unsociable time of 9.30 am Saturday morning to get to the first tower of the day.

Halesworth was a ground floor ring of eight, not ten as our itinerary had lead us to believe(but we'll forgive the organiser as he is normally very efficient). It was a good tower to start the day off.

Blythburgh used to be a busy fishing, trading and sheep centre which would explain why this now tiny village has such a vast church known as "Cathedral of the Marshes". Historically it is a very interesting church - one of the carved wooden angels in the roof was restored and found to have bullet holes in it from Oliver Cromwell's men's

weapons. Although it is Spartan inside, it brought a welcome coolness from the muggy heat outside the day we visited this ground floor ring of six easy to ring bells.

It was then onto Southwold for a delicious pub lunch followed by a dessert of ringing in the Church. Another huge church, this one was highly decorated with a wonderful medieval painted rood screen. There was plenty of flint flushwork decorating the church, a memorable feature. There were eight bells here, again easy to ring.

Kessingland next stop. This church, with it's thatched nave, was undergoing major works in the pew area where various ancient coins had been excavated. To raise funds they were selling them to those who were interested. Upon taking a proper look one was made to feel old - they were mainly sixpence's and old style 10p and 5p pieces! The tower steps were very narrow with extremely steep treads but the ring we got from these 6 bells was worth the mountainous climb.

Along the coast a little further to Pakefield. Here was an historically fascinating church! Originally it was built as two separate churches side-by-side to enable two different denominations to worship at the same time. Now it has become one. Another ground floor ring each bell was labelled as to its number which was very helpful for us visitors. Upon choosing the one we wanted we pulled off and immediately felt the damp salty sallies. We could tell the church was only 500yards from the sea. The coast in these parts is being eroded pretty rapidly - at a rate of *1metre a month* - this must be one of the few places where the house prices are falling! Originally the church was 2 miles inland, but with the beach so close our itinerary warned us

"The coast in this area is subject to heavy erosion, but it is not clear whether this places the ringing of long touches in danger."

All I would say is that it is well worth a grab but make sure you do it within the next decade!

All change at Beccles! Well not before we'd all had a ring in the tower. I say tower and not church because it is totally separate from the church, now maintained by the Town Council. After a quick grab of this ten bell tower I went to find the bed and breakfast accommodation I had booked so I could unpack and change for the evening do. We were booked for a meal in a lovely old-fashioned country hotel on the riverside called Waveney House Hotel.

A brief business meeting followed the meal just to up date members on what was happening in the Guild and then as is customary the handbells came out. We all went our separate ways sufficiently late to make it difficult to get out of bed the following morning but early enough not to make it

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impossible.

After a wonderful night's sleep, a superb full English breakfast, the next stop took me just over the border into Norfolk to Lodden. I just made it in time for the service. Oops! Anyway the Tower Captain very kindly held up the vicar so I could get a grab in this ground floor ring. This marked the end of the Medical Guild Summer Meeting weekend but not the end of mine - I was able to get back to Beckenham in time to join in with Katherine Hardy's first birthday party. Congratulations Katherine and thank you to Sara for putting on such a wonderful spread of food. I was glad I was able to help you eat it all!

The next Medical Guild event is their AGM in London in November. The next Hardy event is a wedding in August. (I wonder who's that could be!) I think I'm in for a good time this year!

Fiona Price



Press Rep's Notes

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in the display and Jubi-peal at the Bexley Arts Fayre on May 26th. A true case of bringing ringing out into the open - fortunately the weather was kind.

I now have hundreds of free KCACR yellow leaflets which I will be happy to make available to towers in the district; they may be particularly useful at parish fetes, church flower festivals, open days and the like. I've also got 40 of the green Sherbourne leaflet "Twenty Questions about English Bellringing" for sale (70p for 10).

RING IN 2000

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has now officially taken up the idea of ringing all bells at noon on 1st January 2000, and produced some new leaflets about recruitment, training of new ringers and public relations. A new training video should be circulating soon. Tim Wraight, Hon. Secretary of KCACR is the countywide coordinator for this. The Central Council will launch a national recruiting campaign for new and "resting" ringers this autumn, having already begun to train the trainers.

So what does this all mean for the Lewisham District? Are there any silent or under-subscribed towers in our district (thinking also of those which have combined bands)? Do we need more ringing trainers and tower captains? Central Council are willing at the moment to organise local one-day courses on tower management, so do we take up the offer while it's going? Do we have any volunteers who would

be prepared to make up a band to ring away from their home tower on the day itself? Do we need to identify now any key bell improvement/restoration projects which would make a critical difference to RING IN 2000? Being a newcomer to the District, I would welcome voluntary feedback on all this from ringers and tower captains, rather than send round a dry fact-finding questionnaire.

Jessica Vale

District Press Officer

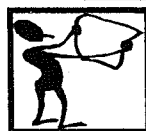
outhwark Cathedral

The district practice up at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 25th June saw a good turn out of district ringers - twenty - the resulting standard of ringing was however variable.

We had a crack at Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal, Bristol Major, Plain Hunt on eleven and rounds and call changes to name but a few.

Overall, we seemed to be a couple of ringers short for most things, and the attendance was a little disappointing as few of the "probables" or the "I think I should make it" failed to show.

Please remember, that from our experiences this year, we know that there are lots of people keen to improve, however we do need more experienced ringers to attend practices to strengthen bands and pass on their experience.



Hang on to your County Reports

Hazel Basford, Hon. Librarian of KCACR, will be pleased to receive back numbers of the KCACR Annual Handbook, both to stock the Association's Library bookshelves, and to sell at national bell-ringing events to raise funds for the Association.

So if you are having a clear-out and no longer want to keep your old handbooks I will be pleased to put you in touch with, Hazel, or we can have a District-wide collection shortly before each year's County AGM., which seems to be the best exchange point of the year.

Copies of the current KCACR handbook are available on the District bookstall, price £2, if any non-members want to buy one.

Jessica Vale

Bob and Sally's Page

Irma Ringer was the only person brave enough to enter our wordsearch competition. This was her reply:
Thank you for the Easter wordsearch in the last newsletter. It took me ages, not doing the wordsearch itself but finding all the words associated with Easter not on the list. These were the ones I found:

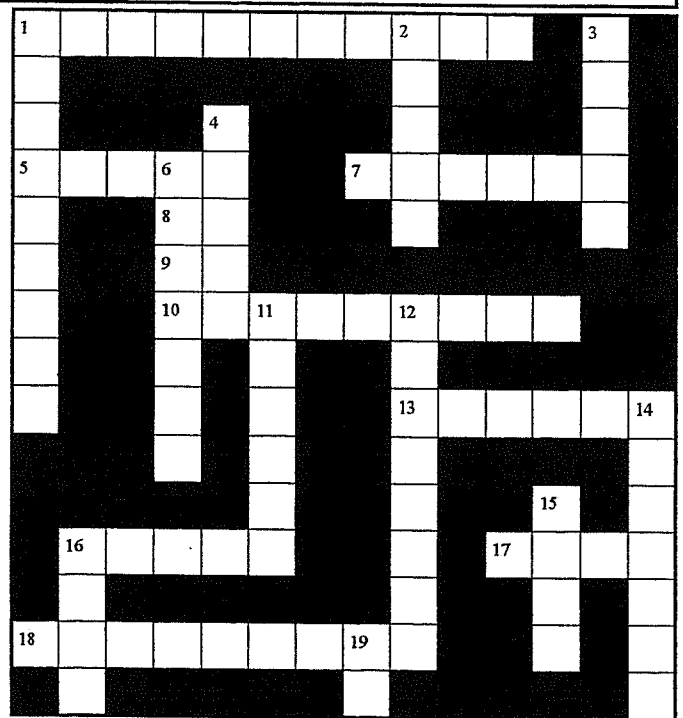
- PEST - child on school holiday
BEE - in the spring flower, and your picnic
(and in your bonnet - Ed.)
FOAL - frolicking in the field, mind the....oops,
too late!
LAZY - well its that time of year isn't it?
NICE - where everyone seems to be going just now!
ILL - what you feel like after all those Easter eggs!
DIE - what you'll do if you eat any more Easter
eggs!!
HAG - the mother-in-law is coming to dinner!
IRAN - now we're being silly!
JESUS - THIS must be the one you are looking for?!

Yes, Irma, "Jesus" is the word we wanted you to find.
CONGRATULATIONS! You are the winner. Your prize
is on its way. Now, I understand you were too shy to send
it in yourself so Diana Young did it for you. Sadly the
Young family will be leaving the District soon for pastures
new so Irma if you or anyone else for that matter are too
scared to take part in Bob and Sally's Page - be BRAVE!
You're in with a good chance of winning a prize!

No jokes this quarter - instead a cutting from the comic.

Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval
Operations 10-10-95.

- Americans* Please divert your course 15degrees to
the North to avoid a collision.
Canadians Recommend you divert, YOUR course
15 degrees to the South to avoid a colli-
sion.
Americans This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I
say again divert YOUR course.
Canadians I say again, you divert YOUR course.
Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS
MISSOURI, WE ARE A LARGE WAR-
SHIP OF THE US NAVY DIVERT
YOUR COURSE NOW!
Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



Across

- 1 Make sure these are released before starting a practice.
(5,6)
5 An artful verb. What the Dickens does that mean?(5)
7 First two words used to start ringing
8 What the French might call the treble.(2)
9 Just do!!(2)
10 A thousand gentlemen.(9)
13 Ringers who can't set their bell during practice might
well have to buy these afterwards.(6)
16 Ragdoll in Worzel Gummage. (5)
17 Wave this in front of a dog's nose, then use it as
intended. (4)
18 About the time the Archers hit this town.(9)

Down

- 1 Lightening absorber?? (9)
2 One down from a colonel. (5)
3 Under aged method.(5)
4 Two fivers
6 Pin your hopes on this fish.(7)
11 A mental state suffered by many Lewisham District
Members (6)
12 Throwing a secret party is one method for getting this.
(8)
14 A male trapeze artist not wearing a pair "Y" fronts. (7)
15 Prolongs everyone's active life - initially.(4)
16 These used to keep whales and women in shape (4)
19 Ringers jargon to start a method (2)

QUARTER PEALS

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| | | | | <u>1996</u> | |
|------|-------|-----------------|------|----------------------------|--------|
| [1] | 15/12 | ERITH CH CH | 1260 | St Simons Doubles | 97/351 |
| [2] | 22/12 | ERITH CH CH | 1440 | Plain and Little Bob Major | 97/351 |
| | | | | <u>1997</u> | |
| [3] | 19/01 | BECKENHAM | 1602 | Spliced Surprise Royal 4m. | 97/381 |
| [4] | 26/01 | BEXLEY | 1344 | Rutland Surprise Major | 97/408 |
| [5] | 26/01 | EYNSFORD | 1260 | Grandsire Triples | 97/409 |
| [6] | 02/02 | CHELSEFIELD | 1260 | St Martins Doubles | 97/463 |
| [7] | 09/02 | BEXLEY | 1280 | Yorkshire Surprise Major | 97/458 |
| [8] | 09/02 | CRAYFORD | 1269 | Grandsire Doubles | 97/491 |
| [9] | 12/02 | CRAYFORD | 1260 | Grandsire Doubles | 97/325 |
| [10] | 15/02 | BECKENHAM | 1260 | Grandsire Caters | 97/463 |
| [11] | ? | ERITH CH CH | 1260 | Grandsire Triples | 97/437 |
| [12] | 19/02 | CRAYFORD | 1260 | Stedman Doubles | 97/324 |
| [13] | 02/03 | BEXLEY | 1260 | Plain Bob Minor | 97/490 |
| [14] | 05/03 | CRAYFORD | 1284 | Plain Bob Minor | 97/564 |
| [15] | 09/03 | CRAYFORD | 1260 | Doubles 2m. | 97/564 |
| [16] | 19/03 | CHELSEFIELD | 1320 | Lightfoot Surprise Minor | 97/486 |
| [17] | 23/03 | ERITH CH CH | 1260 | Plain Bob Minor | 97/363 |
| [18] | 23/03 | EYNSFORD | 1250 | Cambridge Surprise Major | 97/542 |
| [19] | 30/03 | CRAYFORD | 1260 | Plain Bob Triples | 97/564 |
| [20] | 06/04 | ASH BY WROTHAM | 1284 | Plain Bob Minor | 97/594 |
| [21] | 06/04 | EYNSFORD | 1260 | Mixed Doubles 2m. | 97/435 |
| [22] | 12/04 | CHISLEHURST STN | 1260 | Plain Bob Doubles | 97/593 |
| [23] | 20/04 | CHELSEFIELD | 1260 | Plain Bob Minor | ----- |
| [24] | 11/05 | WEST WICKHAM | 1260 | Doubles 2m. | 97/637 |
| [25] | ? | FOOTS CRAY | 1269 | Doubles 2m. | 97/619 |

Congratulations :

1st attempt - Jeremy Ducker [9] , Elizabeth Stoneham [21] and
 Helena Benzinski [24]
 1st quarter - Rupert Ogilvie [22] and David Asquith [24]
 1st in method - Berkeley Ferro [8]
 1st Stedman - Nancy Robins [12]
 1st Minor - Sally Davis [23]
 1st Plain Bob Minor inside - Emma Harrison [13]
 1st Plain Bob Minor as Conductor - Phil Jarvis [13]
 1st in method - Mary Andrews [4]
 1st Spliced Surprise Royal - Nigel Pointer and James Hardy [3]
 1st in method for all - [16]
 25th together - David Kingston and Rupert Cheeseman [15]

PEALS

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| | | | | <u>1997</u> | |
|-----|-------|----------------|------|--------------------------------|--------|
| [1] | 25/01 | BROMLEY COMMON | 5024 | Spliced Surprise Major 4m. | 97/267 |
| [2] | 25/01 | WOOLWICH | 5056 | Yorkshire Surprise Major | 97/267 |
| [3] | 26/01 | CRAYFORD | 5120 | Double Norwich Court Bob Major | 97/267 |
| [4] | 30/03 | EYNSFORD | 5088 | Rutland Surprise Major | 97/454 |
| [5] | 26/04 | BICKLEY | 5024 | Rutland Surprise Major | 97/611 |
| [6] | 17/05 | BECKENHAM | 5120 | Spliced Surprise Royal 5m. | 97/636 |

Congratulations :

Circled tower - David Macey [4]

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 Jim Rooke

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at West Wickham
on Saturday, 12th April 1997

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Hardy of Beckenham, Mr. A. J. Britton of Bexley, Mrs. M. Evans and Mr. M. Murray of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Hill of Christ Church, Erith, and Mr. D. G. H. Hollis of Lewisham.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Hill was in hospital and asked Dr. Young to convey best wishes to him from the meeting.

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 Mr. J. J. Hardy.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary said that she had received a Newsletter and the 1997 Training Directory from the Central Council of Church Bellringers. This was available if anyone wished to look at it after the meeting. She had also received a letter from Mrs. S. Braund thanking the Association for the donation sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in memory of her husband, Patrick.

5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:

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| Chelsfield | Miss A. Davis | P. | Miss P. Rooke |
| | | S. | Mrs. A. Osborn |
| St. John's, Erith | Mrs. B. Edwards |) | |
| | Mrs. M. Heald* |) | |
| | Mr. C. Hill |) | |
| | Mr. A. Hills (jnr.) |) | P. |
| | Mr. R. Hughes |) | Dr. A. M. J. Young |
| | Mr. J. Morris |) | S. |
| | Mrs. M. D. Morris |) | Mrs. C. Eastaugh |
| | Mr. G. Rose |) | |

* re-election

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5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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|----------|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| Eynsford | Mrs. E. Stoneham | P. | Mr. M. Luffman |
| | | S. | Mrs. J. Luffman |
| Hayes | Mrs. H. Burtonshaw | P. | Miss S. Fisher |
| | | S. | Mrs. S. Webb |

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Practices and July Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Hardy confirmed the arrangements for the practices at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, and at Southwark Cathedral. With regard to the July Quarterly Meeting he said that he had obtained permission for one hour's ringing at Shoreham and for members to have a picnic tea in the churchyard. He was trying to arrange for the service to be held at Eynsford and would confirm this as soon as possible.

Craft Fair - Hall Place, Bexley, on 26th May

Mrs. Eastaugh mentioned that for £35.00 it would be possible to have a pitch at the Craft Fair at Hall Place on Bank Holiday Monday. She thought this would provide an excellent opportunity to promote ringing, particularly in local towers and wondered whether it would be possible to have the use of the Jubi Peal. There was some discussion about this suggestion and it was decided to make a personal approach to various members of the District to see whether there would be sufficient support for this venture.

Dr. & Mrs. A. M. J. Young and Family

Dr. Young said that he and his family would be moving away from the area in the summer as he would be taking up an appointment at the University of Leicester in September. He was looking for a volunteer to take over from him on the County Training Sub-Committee. This involved attending four meetings and two events each year. Anyone interested was asked to contact Dr. Young or Mrs. C. Lewis, another member of the Committee.

Mr. N. Pointer

Mr. Pointer drew attention to his remarks in the Newsletter when he had suggested that officers who were elected at the Annual District Meeting in October should not take over their duties until the following January. There was discussion about this and it was generally agreed that, in practice, this was already happening.

Votes of Thanks

Mr. W. Lanyon proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Rev. John Poole, Rector of West Wickham for the use of the church and the bells, and for conducting the service; also to Mrs. Poole for playing the piano, and to the West Wickham ringers for making the local arrangements and providing and serving an excellent tea.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting and members went to the tower for evening ringing.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

1997 PROGRAMME

| DATE | VENUE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Saturday 19 th July | SS Peter & Paul Ash by Wrotham | 7-00 to 9-00 pm | Moving on into Surprise Minor Kent Bob, Cambridge, Norwich and London !!!!! Stedman Doubles - for a change |
| Saturday 26 th July | St Martin Eynsford & SS Peter & Paul Shoreham | 4 pm 7-00 to 8-00 pm | Service District Meeting Move to Shoreham for Picnic if weather fine Open Ringing |
| Saturday 16 th August | St Nicholas* Chislehurst | 7-00 to 9-00 pm | Plain Bob and Grandsire Revisited Doubles to Major |
| Saturday 20 th September | St John's * Deptford | 7-00 to 9-00 pm | Plain Bob and Grandsire doubles to major Little Bob Major Continuing with Treble Bob, Kent and Cam- bridge |
| Saturday 6th September to Sunday 14th September | <h1>Quarter Peal Week</h1> | | |
| Saturday 11th October | Holy Trinity* Dartford | | Annual District Meeting |
| Saturday 25th October | Christ Church* Erith | 7-00 to 9-00 pm | Treble Bobbing, Kent and Cambridge Cambridge and into the Standard Eight |

* denotes To be Confirmed

If you have any queries, or would like further information on any of the district events please contact James Hardy (0181-659-2631) or Jeremy Byers (0181-289-5675) for more information.

