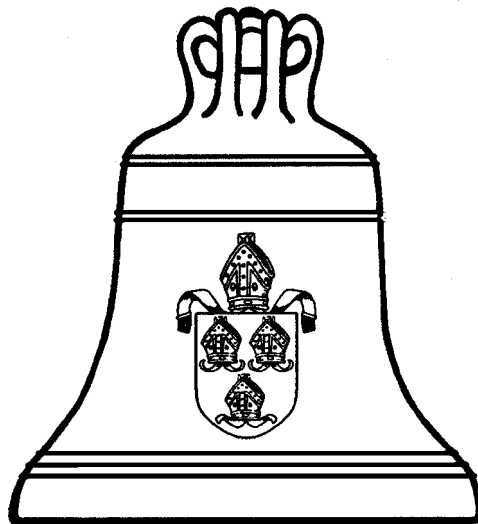


**The Striking Example**  
**The News Letter of the Eastern Branch of the NDA**  
**December 2011**



Dear Members,

What a successful year we have had; good attendances at all our meetings in particular the Annual Branch Meeting where 51 signed the attendance book. During the Meeting we welcomed 9 new members, 1 returning member and 3 ratifications of belfry elections prior to peals. The Pakefield ringers gave us an excellent tea for which we thank them.

New Members elected during the meeting.

### **Branch Members**

Judith Betts and Graham Betts ringing members from Pakefield,  
Jenny Rackham, Sabina Priest, Joy Miller, ringing members from Surlingham and Ollie Miller and Zofia Miller junior members from Surlingham.

Kate Moon-Pechey, junior member from Blofield

Laura Humphrey a returning ringing member from Kessingland.

Rona Sporle as a non resident member who usually rings at Loddon.

### **Belfry elections**

Oliver Thompson from Surrey, Roderic Bickerton from Watford and George Salter from Ipswich

We welcome them all to the N.D.A. and hope to see them at future Branch and Association events.

There was no change to the Committee for 2012.

The proposed Programme for 2012 was approved and a copy will be found at the end of this news letter.

A donation of £100 was made out of Eastern Branch funds to the Paul Cattermole Fund.

The next meeting will be the Practice Meeting at Great Yarmouth. I look forward to seeing you there,

I do hope you look at the Branch's web site as you will see photographs and fuller reports of events.

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Jenny Brunger*

### **Notes from Standing Committee Meeting – 1 October 2011**

The General Secretary had received communication from the Lord Bishop of Norwich thanking the Association for his copy of the annual report.

The Gen Sec also received notification from the Central Council about a forthcoming national conference on "Change Ringing for the Future" to be held in Wellesbourne on 12 Nov 2011. Dawn Pullan & Maureen Gardiner declared their interest in being the representatives from the NDA.

The President also urged the Association's membership to promote 'The Ringing World' at tower level.

Dates for events during 2012 were approved by the committee as follows:

4 Feb 2012	Standing Committee meeting
3 Mar 2012	Training Day (Hethersett) catering by Eastern Branch
8-15 Apr 2012	Quarter Peal Week
6 May 2012	AGM – Southern Branch venue tbc
22 Sep 2012	8-bell Striking Comp – Western Branch venue tbc
6 Oct 2012	Standing Committee meeting
4 Nov 2012	Songs of Praise – Northern Branch venue tbc

The Ringing Master reported that the six-bell training day last March was very successful with over 50 students. The 6-bell striking competition held after the AGM was well attended, as too had the 8-bell training day for Cambridge Major prior to the Striking Competition in September.

The Association had for the first time won the regional Ridgman Trophy for the 10-bell striking competition, and thanked Simon Rudd for co-ordinating and training the winning band.

The Treasurer reported that there had been one recent claim on the personal accident insurance, and the President mentioned that a record of successful claims was helpful in promoting the benefits of the Associations membership subscriptions.

The Librarian reported that he had earmarked 36 books requiring full conservation work in the future, and that he had made a prepared a full record of the entire collection in pdf format for future publication on the Association's website.

He also made an appeal for members to loan copies of works by Paul Cattermole for display at the forthcoming launch of the Paul Cattermole Memorial Fund at Wymondham Abbey on 30 Oct 2011. A list of required publications would be circulated to branch secretaries for dissemination to members.

The Peal secretary reported a total of 27 peals had so far been rung in 2011.

Inter-Branch transfer – the committee approved the transfer, with immediate effect, of Wroxham tower to the Eastern Branch from the Northern Branch after no objections had been made.

A discussion was held, and the final decision would be made at the next meeting, about the celebratory events to take place over the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2012. This would allow towers and Branches to have the opportunity of discussing the matter beforehand.

The report by the Chairman of the Belfry Advisory Committee stated that Tasburgh was now the focus for the Paul Cattermole Fund, and that a structural engineer had given a favourable report for augmenting the ring of 5 up to six bells.

Wroxham bells had been repaired using local labour with parts purchased from Whitechapel bell foundry and were now in a satisfactory condition.

The frame that had been in storage at Deopham for a number of years would be transferred back to Norwich, St John de Sepulchre for safekeeping.

Work on Long Stratton bells had received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and would commence in the New Year after the annual Christmas peal.

It was hoped that after tower repairs had been completed at St Michael at Coslany they would be available for ringing once again next year 2012.

Due to roof repairs, the bells at Holme Hale would be out of action for 18-24 months. During this time it is hoped that wheel repairs would be carried out.

Finally, after many years of silence, the bells of Necton will once again be available for ringing very soon after the harvest festival service.

In AOB the subject of replacement ropes was brought up. Eric Brunger asked if any other towers, beside Martham, were interested in participating in purchasing a bulk order of synthetic rope for top ends. Owen Needham made reference to a past practice where towers with long drafts could pass on their old ropes to towers with shorter requirements. The President suggested that the coordination of bulk purchases and rope exchange could be undertaken by the Branch Technical Advisors.

The meeting closed at 4pm.  
(Chris Harrison)

### Quarter Peals rung by Eastern Branch Members

**Carlton Colville**, St Peter, Suffolk. Friday 15 July 2011 in 43 (12-1-26) 1260 3M Minor. 360 St Clements College Bob. 360 Double Oxford Bob 540 Plain Bob. 1 Peter Bradnam 2 Diana Leach 3 Michael Parker 4 David Mclean 5 Craig Leach 6 Andrew Leach (C)  
Birthday Compliments for - 1. & 6. (12th & 14th July) Most Methods as Conductor.

**Norton Subcourse**, St Mary & St Margaret, Norfolk. Friday 22 July 2011 in 42 (10-1-15). 1260 Cambridge Surprise & Plain Bob Minor. 720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob. 1 Leonard Raphael 2 Diana Leach 3 Stephen Rabong 4 David Webb 5 Craig Leach 6 Andrew Leach ( C ). 22nd Birthday Compliment to 6.

**Carlton Colville**, St Peter, Suffolk. Friday 19 August 2011 in 45 (12-1-26) 1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

1 Peter Bradnam 2 Craig Leach 3 Michael Parker 4 Christopher Mclean 5 Andrew Leach  
6 David Mclean ( C ) First in Method -2.

**Carlton Colville**, St Peter, Suffolk. Friday 16 September 2011 in 44 (12-1-26) 1272 Ipswich Surprise Minor  
1 Stephen Rabong 2 Diana Leach 3 Michael Parker 4 Craig Leach 5 Andrew Leach  
6 David McLean ( C ) In memory of Elizabeth Harrod who died a year ago (20/09/2010). A former bell-ringer & active member of the Church of St Peters. First in Method by All.

**Blofield**, St Andrew & St Peter, on 18/9/11 1280 Kent T.B. Major. 1. Craig Leach. 2. Diana Leach. 3. Katie Wright.  
4. Ann-M Webb. 5. Andrew Leach. 6. David McLean. 7. Stephen Rabong. 8. David Webb ( c ).

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Ann, David, Stephen and Michelle from Loddon met up with Lesley Wilson and David Steed from Stowmarket for a day ringing Quarter Peal's near Diss. We began by ringing a well-struck Quarter of Westminster Surprise Minor on the 10 cwt six at Redgrave. A first in method for all the band. After lunch at the Bressingham steam museum restaurant, we headed to the 20 cwt six at St. Andrew's, South Lopham. Kent Treble Bob was the chosen method here and the 1320 changes came back into rounds after 51 minutes much to the delight of the boys on the heavy end! Well struck again and very enjoyable. After a well-earned cup of tea we finished with a flawless Quarter of Norfolk Surprise Minor on the 8 cwt six at Blo' Norton. Another first for all except David Webb. A very enjoyable day's ringing with three successful Quarters at the end.

**Redgrave**- Suffolk. 1320 Westminster Surprise Minor. 1. Stephen Rabong 2. Michelle Clutten  
3. Ann-M Webb 4. David Steed. 5. Lesley Wilson 6. David Webb (C)

**South Lopham**, St Andrew -Norfolk 1320 Kent T B Minor. 1. Lesley Wilson 2. Michelle Clutten  
3. Ann- M Webb (C) 4. David Steed 5. Stephen Rabong 6. David Webb

**Blo' Norton**, St Andrew Norfolk 1276 Norfolk Surprise Minor. 1. Michelle Clutten 2. Ann-M Webb  
3. David Steed 4. Stephen Rabong 5. David Webb 6. Lesley Wilson. ( C )

**Lowestoft**, Suffolk. 25 Sep, 1288 Minor (4m): Liz Sutherland 1, Diane Leach 2, Elizabeth Allen  
3, Craig Leach 4, Andrew Leach 5, David McLean (C) 6. For Harvest Festival Sung Eucharist.

**East Rudham**, St Mary Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. 1260 Double Court Bob Minor. 1. Jenny Brunger  
2. Liz Sutherland 3. Norman Cossey 4. Chris Harrison 5. Brian Laing 6. Kenny Frostwick ( c )  
First in Method 1.2.4.5. A birthday compliment to Catharine Bundock.

**Loddon**, Holy Trinity, Norfolk. 2 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Michael Stokes 1, Michelle Clutten 2, Diana Leach 3, Stephen Rabong 4, Craig Leach 5, Andrew Leach 6, David McLean ( C ) 7, Christopher Plummer  
8. Rung to celebrate the Ordination of Ros Hoffmann as priest by the Bishop of Thetford today at Holy Trinity.

**Great Yarmouth**, St Nicholas, Saturday 8th October 1260 Plain Bob Doubles. 1 Ann Womack  
2 Tony Knight 3 Isabel Rivers 4 Ray Rivers 5 Dorothy Knight 6 Brenda Taylor  
To celebrate the life of Denis Pycroft who died 22nd September, father of Ann And father-in-law of David  
Womack. Also 50th birthday compliment to Ann (2/10), 50th Wedding Anniversary of Brenda & Mike Taylor  
(30/9), 45th Wedding Anniversary of Dorothy & Tony Knight (4/10). Jointly conducted by 3,4 & 5.

**Lowestoft**, Suffolk. 23 Oct, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Michael Stokes 1, Michael Parker 2, Christopher McLean  
3, Liz Sutherland 4, Diane Leach 5, Craig Leach 6, Andrew Leach 7, David McLean (1200th Q as C) 8. For  
Sung Eucharist and as a compliment to Craig Leach on his 17th birthday and also a birthday compliment to  
Diane Leach (22/10).

**Lowestoft**, Suffolk. 30 Oct. 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Liz Sutherland 1, Jo Asquith 2, Judith Allen 3, Diane  
Leach 4, Elizabeth Allen 5, Craig Leach 6, David McLean (C) 7, Andrew Leach 8. To celebrate the launch,  
later in the day at Wymondham Abbey, of the Paul Cattermole Fund.

**Lowestoft**, Suffolk. 11 Nov. 1320 Doubles (11 m/v): Judith Allen 1, Liz Sutherland 2, Diane Leach 3, Andrew  
Leach 4, David McLean (C) 5, Craig Leach 6. Rung half muffled for Sung Eucharist on Remembrance Day:  
11 different extents for 11/11/11. Also a birthday compliment to Sybil McLean (11/11).

**Loddon**, Norfolk. (Holy Trinity) 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 1260 Grandsire Triples. 1. Katie Wright.2. Rona  
Sporle.3. Michelle Clutten. 4. Stephen Rabong. 5. Ann-M Webb. 6. David Webb. 7. Richard Salisbury (c). 8.  
John Green. Half muffled for Remembrance.

**Loddon** Norfolk. (Holy Trinity) 15/11/11 1260 Plain Bob Triples. 1. Katie Wright. 2. Val Counter.  
3. Jeannine Roe. 4. Ann-M Webb. 5. Michelle Clutten. 6. Stephen Rabong. 7. David Webb (c).  
8. Peter Bates.

**Carlton Colville**, St Peter, Suffolk. Friday 21 October 2011 in 45 (12-1-26) 1260 Cambridge Surprise &  
Plain Bob Minor 720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob. 1 Peter Bradnam 2 Elizabeth Allen 3 Michael Parker 4  
Craig Leach 5 Maggie Ross 6 Andrew Leach (C) 175th Q.P – 6. Rung as a 17th Birthday compliment to 4  
(23/10). Also as a birthday compliment to Diana Leach (22/10).

**Carlton Colville**, St Peter, Suffolk Friday 18 November 2011 in 45 (12-1-26) 1320 Bourne Surprise Minor  
1 Peter Bradnam 2 Diana Leach 3 Michael Parker 4 Craig Leach 5 David Mclean 6 Andrew Leach (C)  
First in Method - 2, 4 & as (C) 6. Rung as a 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary compliment to Diana & Graham Leach  
(09/11)

**Martham**, St Mary the Virgin (12-2-8). Sunday 4th December 2011 1320 Bourne Surprise Minor in 46 mins  
1.Jenny Brunger. 2. Judy Frostwick. 3. Nicola Hems. 4 Richard Hems. 5. Chris Harrison.  
6. Kenny Frostwick ( C ). First in method 1,2,4,5,6 A 50th birthday compliment to Richard Hems (19 Nov)  
And birthday compliment to Judy Frostwick (04 Dec)

**Loddon** Holy Trinity Tuesday 29/11/11. 1250 Lincolnshire S Major. 1. Jeannine Roe. 2. Rona Sporle.  
3. Katie Wright. 4. Michelle Clutten. 5. Chris Plummer. 6. Ann- M Webb (c). 7. Stephen Rabong.  
8.David Webb. First in method 2. First Surprise as conductor. Rung in support of the White Ribbon  
Campaign 'Breaking the Silence'.

**Loddon** Holy Trinity Tuesday 6/12/11. 1320 Bourne S Minor. 1. Jeannine Roe. 2. Michelle Clutten.  
3. Katie Wright. 4. Ann-M Webb. 5. Stephen Rabong (c). 6. David Webb. First in method 2.

# EASTERN BRANCH PROGRAMME 2012

11th February	Practice Meeting	Great Yarmouth
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Association 6-bell Training Day – catering by the Eastern Branch	
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Quarterly Meeting	Carlton Colville
8 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Association Quarter Peal Week	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Association AGM and 6-bell Striking Competition	Woodton
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Eastern Branch Outing	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Quarterly Meeting	Wroxham
7 <sup>th</sup> July	BBQ	Rachel and Norman Cossey's Garden
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Practice Meeting	Lowestoft
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Quarterly Meeting	Happisburgh
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Association 8-bell training day and 8-bell inter Branch Striking Competition	Western Branch
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Association Songs of Praise	Northern Branch
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Eastern Branch Dinner	TBA
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Annual Branch Meeting	Loddon

Association 10-bell Practices every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Venues TBA