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## **EDITORIAL**

My thanks for your contributions to this edition.

As I sit on this Easter Monday I look out and everywhere is white with the snow gently falling. I am blessed as I was before, that I can see the whole of the church from the back garden of my new abode. This is a wonderful site especially when the tower is lit in the evening.

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Please let me have any items for the next edition by 21st June 2008.

Thank you.

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## **KESSLAND HUMOUR**

Fred: Morning everyone. I got you all a little treat as thas Easter Agin.

Tom: O hev ya, Whas that then ?

Fred: The wifes sent ya some easter eggs.

Tom: Thas nice of har Fred but I dont like chocolate.

Fred: ( With his usual grin and sparkle in the eye ) O thar not chocalate eggs.

The old hens hev bin a laying sa many lately we got some eggs bin laying around 2 or 3 weeks. Rather than sling em out she thiught you might be erble to make use of em.!

## **FRONT PICTURE**

Kessingland, Suffolk. March 24th 2008

## REMEMBERING "BILLY" DE-VILLE



THIS MODEL WAS BUILT BY THOMAS WILLIAM DE-VILLE (1916 - 1985) AT HIS HOME IN HALVERGATE NORFOLK AND COMPLETED IN JUNE 1974. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS FOR 50 YEARS. THE BELL WAS ENTRUSTED TO LAWRENCE E. HASSALL AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP EDUCATE IN THE ART OF BELLRINGING TO WHICH "BILLY" WAS SO DEVOTED

The model which stands about 6 feet high is kept in the ringing room at St. Nicholas Church Bradwell.

It is always available for use by anyone who wishes to borrow it for a display or function or any initial teaching that may be found necessary.

The bell in its frame does unbolt from the stand to ease transportation. The stand too can be taken apart but it does save a lot of trouble if it can be kept intact which means this has to be taken into consideration when arranging transport.

So please do get in touch if you think it may be useful to you for the purpose it was built.

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## BRANCH NOTICES

### 3<sup>rd</sup> May Association AGM

To be held at Redenhall – details to be announced

### 10<sup>th</sup> May Branch Outing

This will be around the Rutland area.

The towers applied for are Preston, Braunston, Oakham, Exton and All Saints and St. Martins Stamford. It is proposed to have two mini buses, one will depart from Great Yarmouth and the other will depart from Lowestoft. Members were asked to book as soon as possible so that we can book the mini buses.

### 7<sup>th</sup> June Quarterly Meeting

To be held at Loddon and Norton Subcourse  
Tea and Meeting will be at Loddon

### 5<sup>th</sup> July Barn Dance

South Walsham Village Hall  
Dancing to the Stedman Stompers

### 12<sup>th</sup> July BBQ

To be held at Broadway Ranworth  
Please bring your own meat to cook on the BBQs  
Rolls, onions, pancake, tea and coffee will be available in the entrance price

### TOWER OPEN DAY

St Nicholas, Great Yarmouth  
Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May  
10am - 4 pm

If you haven't seen the view from the top  
come along and bring your camera!

10.30am - guided tour of the church  
led by historian Dr Paul Davies

There will be a variety of stalls inside the church  
and light refreshments will be served all day.

Proceeds divided between Bells Appeal Fund and Church Fund.

## From the Secretary

### QUARTER PEALS

**Lowestoft.** 3 Feb, 1260 P B Triples: Craig Leach (1st attempt) 1, Diane Leach 2, Judith Allen 3, Liz Sutherland 4, Elizabeth Allen 5, Norman Cossey 6, David McLean (C) 7, Andrew Leach 8. For All Age Eucharist for Candlemass and as a birthday compliment to Norman Cossey (1/2).

**Lowestoft.** 2 Mar, 1260 Doubles (1p/5m/5v): Liz Sutherland 1, Judith Allen 2, Elizabeth Allen 3, Diane Leach 4, David McLean (C) 5, Andrew Leach 6. For the Mothering Sunday Service as a farewell compliment to the Reverend Sybil Wetton, on her retirement, and also as a birthday compliment to Andrew Crowe (27/2).

**Lowestoft.** 16 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Diane Leach 1, Elizabeth Allen 2, Norman Cossey 3, Liz Sutherland 4, David Ely 5, Andrew Crowe 6, Andrew Leach 7, David McLean (C) 8. For Palm Sunday Eucharist, and as a birthday compliment to Liz Sutherland.

**Great Yarmouth,** 27th January. 1264 Plain Bob Major  
1 Dorothy Knight, 2 Norman Cossey, 3 Isabel Rivers, 4 Judy Frostwick, 5 Ray Rivers, 6 Kenny Frostwick(C), 7 Tony Crawford, 8 Gavin Welton.  
Rung before the Civic Service to welcome the Norfolk Company of the Royal Anglian Regiment, after their Afghanistan Tour of Duty.

**Great Yarmouth,** 16th March. 1260 Grandsire Triples  
1 Gavin Welton, 2 Dorothy Knight, 3 Isabel Rivers, 4 Norman Cossey, 5 Tony Crawford, 6 Ray Rivers, 7 David McLean(C), 8 Lawrence Hassell  
Rung before the Civic Service to mark the 800th year of King John's Charter to the town.  
Also for Palm Sunday.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

As they were on their way to church service a Sunday school teacher asked her children, " Why is it necessary for you to be quiet in church " One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping "

Contributed by Joan Larter.

Thanks Joan.

The first meeting of the year was the Practice Meeting at Great Yarmouth in February. We were pleased to see number of learners from South Walsham and they were able to ring for the first time on 12 bells. We had a good variety of ringing during the evening.

Our first Quarterly Meeting was held at Lowestoft in March where 37 members signed the attendance book. Liz and her helpers organised a splendid tea for us.

A moments silence was held in memory of two Eastern Branch Members, Trudie Bradnam from Carlton Colville and Sue Wareham from Kessingland who had died since our last meeting. We also remembered Shirley Drew, a past President of the Association who had recently died.

We welcome Michael and Helen Horn as members of Norton Sub-course, Karen Comerford, Ian Wright, Stacy Rayson and Matthew Wright of Great Yarmouth and Paul Cubitt of Blofield. We look forward to seeing them at future events.

Eric told the Meeting that the Branch Outing would be in the Rutland area. The towers applied for are Preston, Braunston, Oakham, Exton and All saints and St. Martins in Stamford. It is proposed to have two mini buses. One will start from Lowestoft and the other one will start from Great Yarmouth. Members were urged to book as soon as possible in order that the mini buses can be booked.

It is proposed to hold a Branch "Striking Workshop" sometime during the year. Further details will be sent to members as soon as it has been arranged.

We are still holding the Branch mini training days. If there is anyone who would like a day learning a method, please contact me or Eric and we will arrange a day for you.

I hope to see you all at some or all of the events planned for 2008.

*Jenny Brunger*