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Thanks all of you who contribute to the Striking Example.

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KESSLAND HUMOUR

One night after ringing practice we had just settled down at our table in the local.
Suddenly the door flew open and this guy runs in and up to the bar and says "Quick, gimme a beer before the trouble starts!" The barman looks around the sleepy bar, shrugs and hands the guy a bottle of beer.

The guy drinks it fast. "Quick! gimme another beer before the trouble starts!"
The barman looks at the guy oddly but hands him another beer.

Again, the guy drinks it fast. "Quick another beer before the trouble starts!"
The barman replies, "Look pal, exactly what trouble are you talking about?"

"I haven't got any money!"

M.J.P.

From the Secretary

What a good start to the year! Despite the very cold weather almost 40 people came to Great Yarmouth in February for the Practice Meeting. The ringing ranged from Call Changes to methods on 10 and 12 bells. It was a really enjoyable evening.

The March Quarterly Meeting at Bergh Apton was well attended with 30 members signing the attendance book. Again, we had a wide range of ringing to cater for all abilities. Patricia Waters and her band made us very welcome, and the tea they had prepared was excellent. The Vicar of Bergh Apton, the Revd. Dr. Peter Knights, conducted the service, Mrs Linda Cushing played the organ and Mrs Elizabeth Burrage read the lesson. Our thanks to all of them.

I hope that most of you will have looked at the web site. Please look at it regularly as from time to time there will be important news and announcements. The site is your web site so please send quarter peals, snippets, articles or photographs to me for inclusion on the site. Ann and David Webb are running a raffle at each Eastern Branch event to pay for the rent of the site. So far we have had two raffles and these have been very successful.

The next event in our calendar is the NDA AGM on 1st May which the Eastern Branch is hosting. Full programme details in NOTICES.

Do come to this meeting if you possibly can, as there are some major issues ahead for the Association and its members:

The A G M - important business at this year's meeting
The role of the Trustees - why it is changing and expanding
The Association Rules - the changes that are being proposed and the reasons why

We have had three special birthdays so far this year, and we send them our congratulations. Anna Frostwick who was 21 on 30th January 2010, Kenny Frostwick was 65 on February 13th 2010 and Katie Wright who was 21 on the 25th February 2010.

I look forward to seeing you at all or some of the Branch events.

Jenny Brunger



REPORT FOR ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING MONDAY 8TH. MARCH 2010

Each year I attempt to be brief and to the point with my report but seem to fail miserably with this, however I may be making some progress but may be it is because there has not been a great deal of change since the 2009 report.

Our regular Ringing Band continues to be Helen Woodrow, Ron Farrow and myself. Gill Scaysbrook remains a ringer helping out on most occasions when asked. Although I was quite confident that I would be able to report that Daniel Valentine & Daniel Chaplin would be ringing on a fairly regular basis this has not happened. Although they had become able to handle a bell reasonably well, since then it has been difficult to get them together at a time suitable for them in order to enhance their ringing.

There has been no necessity for a re-introduction of a regular practice night at St. Nicholas.

However, as I mentioned in my 2009 report, I was arranging a beginners practice at St. Andrew's, Gorleston and I have now been running this on Wednesdays at 5.30pm. for some months, teaching five young people two of which are members of Bradwell. Connor Delaney has reached a level sufficiently enough to be able to ring here at St. Nicholas although not as yet for any service. It don't think it will be long though before he does and I am working on it. Connor Green has done really well and is handling a bell on his own most of the time but he may have to wait for may be another year before he would be able to manage the more heavier bells here at St. Nicholas. Enthusiasm will never be an issue with him and following a brief instruction he has already had the responsibility of tolling the tenor bell for morning services when otherwise the bells would have been silent, especially during last month, I really do thank him for that. A separate chiming rope is used for this rather than the main bell rope which moves the bell. There is no danger with this method of tolling as the bell remains static in the lowered position and a hammer strikes the bell.

Following a request through Ron (Canon Tuck) I have arranged to meet six members of the Great Yarmouth ATC Squadron here on Monday 15th. March as an introduction to a possible course of bellringing lessons. Interest had been expressed in bellringing as part of an award scheme. Who knows, it may be they will be ringing for their own Carol Service next Christmas.

Again most of the 10:00 Sunday Services have had the three bells but there still remains the isolated case where this has not been possible. I am always hopeful of course for improvement when the bells would never be completely silent. I still have future expectations to be able to ring the bells for the 6.30pm. Sunday service but we will just have to wait and listen.

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The three bells were rung following 18 wedding ceremonies in 2009. Charges continued unchanged at £50. £12 payment to each of the three ringers and £14 to church funds the latter totalling £252. There were two Friday ceremonies and one Sunday. Ringing additionally welcomed the bride for the last service on Saturday 19th. September when by prior arrangement the Groom's Father (I think) being a ringer joined us.

Excluding the Christmas period, ringing has taken place for the following 2009 events. Thursday & Friday 2nd. & 3rd. April, Woodlands School Easter Services. Monday 24th. August Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Rout. Thursday 3rd September, Mother's Union Holy Communion Service. Tuesday 29th. September & Thursday 1st. October, Homefield School Harvest Thanksgiving Services and Friday 2nd. October for Hillside School Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Unfortunately, I have to admit to missing the Mother's Union Deanery Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 24th. June and due to unavailability of ringers the bells were unable to be rung for our Children's Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3pm. on Sunday 20th. September.

During the Christmas period, ringing took place on Monday 14th. December for Woodlands School Christmas Service. Tuesday & Thursday 15th. & 17th. December for Homefield School Christmas Services. Before both Carol Services on Sunday 20th. December. Before the ATC Enrolment & Carol Service on Monday 21st. December. Before the children's Carol Service on Christmas Eve and to round the year off at midnight on Monday 31st. December into Tuesday 1st. January for our usual welcome to the New Year 2010.

In last years report I mentioned that I intend to ask for a small expenditure to purchase three leather mufflers for the bell clappers. These fit on to the clappers covering one side giving a muffled echo. The sound given is very respectful and effective, generally used for funeral services and Remembrance Day. I am pleased to say that following replacement of muffles at St. Nicholas Great Yarmouth I have acquired three from there suitable for St. Nicholas Bradwell. These were in actual fact in time for use at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th. November. This I think too was the first occasion when the three bells were rung for this service.

I repeat my usual sincere thanks to Helen and Ron Farrow without who's strong support and commitment, regular ringing would not be possible. Also as usual, I would also like to thank those ringers from other parishes who have given there time to help out here at Bradwell on various occasions. Isobel and Ray Rivers and Jackie Cole from St. Nicholas Great Yarmouth, Richard & Linda Vickers from St. Andrew's Gorleston, Norman Cossey from St. Margaret's Lowestoft and Tony Crawford from Somerleyton.

On Saturday morning 23rd. January I was pleased to welcome a visiting group of Bellringers who as part of their tour wanted to ring the three bells here at Bradwell. There were around 20 visitors who had travelled from various parts of the UK including Derbyshire and Kent. I had approached Fran to ask if she could help me with providing some tea & coffee for them but true to her style this was exceeded and they were met with a selection of toasted sandwiches as well as the tea, coffee and biscuits. This did coincide with a coffee morning which Fran had arranged in aid of the Haiti disaster. One of the ringers said that in the whole of his 40 years in ringing he had never had such a warm welcome anywhere. I must thank Fran very much for all the help and work she did in making the welcome extra special

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I have to mention that amongst what I can only describe as a very experienced and knowledgeable group of ringers was the secretary of the Keltek Trust which holds a stock of redundant bells. He in actual fact took a recording of our bells and very quickly had sent me the tonal analysis details. He was also quick to say that he had one bell in stock already that would be suitable for Bradwell. Yes of course I had mentioned that perhaps one day would see the three bells being augmented to five but please do not get the idea things are happening, they are not and currently can not, it is just in thought. The subject of augmentation does of course remain in my mind but following the sad death of Dr. Paul Cattermole who was to have helped me with a presentation, this has been delayed. The production of this to the P.C.C. will be the first serious step into this project which will initially set the ground for either proceeding or not with any proposals. I really have no idea yet when this will be ready.

An excellent job has been done with fabric repairs in the tower. The new stainless steel wire mesh behind the louvre windows has ensured good protection from problems with nesting and unwanted visitors. There is however still remaining some electrical work to be done with the lighting above the bell frame. Whilst I have met with the electrician before Christmas who confirmed what he intends to do I am aware that this outstanding item is known about.

The usual regular basic maintenance and inspections continue to be carried out to the bell fittings and frame and there is nothing to report which requires noting specially. A new metal ladder has been purchased to replace the wooden one allowing access from the ringing room to the tower. Some of the rungs were very thin and potentially dangerous. The new extending ladder awaits to be put in position and the wooden one disposed of. This will be done in due course. The four remaining ladders in the tower between the other floors are in a satisfactory condition

Sorry Martin, still haven't managed "See how they run" One day!

Thank you Ron (Canon Tuck) and the P.C.C. again for their usual support over the last 12 months and as Tower Captain. I hope I have fulfilled my duties to the satisfaction of the P.C.C.



Lawrence E. Hassall
Tower Captain.
8th. March 2010

QUARTER PEALS

CARLTON COLVILLE Suffolk. 5th February 2010.
1320 St Clements College Bob Minor

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Stephen Rabong | 2. Craig Leach * |
| 3. Diana Leach** | 4. David Webb |
| 5. David Mclean | 6. Andrew Leach *** (C) |
- * First in Method. ** 275th Quarter Peal . *** First in method as Conductor.

LODDON Norfolk. 2nd February 2010. 1260 of Plain Bob Triples.

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Val Counter. | 2. Michael Stokes. |
| 3. Michelle Clutten. | 4. Ann-M Webb. |
| 5. Katie Wright. | 6. Adrian Edwards. |
| 7. Stephen Rabong © | 8. David Webb. |
- For Candlemas
First of Triples 1.

LODDON Norfolk. 16th February 2010. 1260 of Plain bob Triples.

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| 1. Katie Wright | 2. Craig leach. |
| 3. Diana Leach. | 4. Michelle Clutten. |
| 5. Ann-M Webb. | 6. Andrew Leach. |
| 7. Adrian Edwards © | 8. David Webb. |
- For Shrove Tuesday.

LODDON Norfolk. 23rd February 2010. 1344 of Rutland S Major.

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| 1. Helen Sutton. | 2. Michelle Clutten. |
| 3. Katie Wright. | 4. Michael Stokes. |
| 5. Ann-M Webb © | 6. Stephen Rabong. |
| 7. David McLean. | 8. David Webb. |

LODDON Norfolk. 2nd March 2010. 1296 of Little Bob Major.

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| 1. Michael Stokes. | 2. Craig Leach. |
| 3. Katie Wright. | 4. Michelle Clutten. |
| 5. Ann-M Webb. | 6. Andrew Leach. |
| 7. Stephen Rabong. | 8. David Webb ©. |
- 21st Birthday Compliment to Katie Wright.
First Little Bob Major 2,3,6.

LODDON Norfolk. 16th March 2010 1260 of Plain Bob Triples.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Michael Stokes. | 2. Val Counter. |
| 3. Michelle Clutten. | 4. Katie Wright. |
| 5. Ann-M Webb. | 6. Stephen Rabong. |
| 7. David Webb ©. | 8. Richard Salisbury. |
- First Plain Bob Triples inside 2.

NOTICES

Association Quarter Peal Week

4th – 11th April

Please let David McLean have details of all quarters rung during this week

Blythburgh, Suffolk Holy Trinity. Monday, 15 February 2010 (10-1-10)

1260 Doubles (5 Methods)

240 changes each of St Martin's, St Simon's, St Osmund and Eynesbury. 300 changes of Plain Bob.

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ann Webb | 2 Craig Leach |
| 3 Katie Wright | 4 Philip Moyse (C) |
| 5 David Webb | 6 Andrew Leach |

Most Methods: 2 & 4

Reydon, Suffolk St Margaret. Monday, 15 February 2010 (10-0-20)

1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Craig Leach | 2 Ann Webb |
| 3 Katie Wright | 4 Philip Moyse |
| 5 David Webb | 6 Andrew Leach (C) * |

* First in Method as Conductor

Blofield, Norfolk. 16th Feb 1280 Spliced S Major (5m C.Y.N.S.P)

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| Owen Needham 1, | Jim Morley 2, |
| Jennie Forster 3, | Judy Frostwick 4, |
| Jennie Brunger 5, | Anna Frostwick 6, |
| Kenny Frostwick 7(C) , | Robert Harris 8. |

First of 5spliced S 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. Birthday compliment to Anna Frostwick 30/01(21yrs), Stephen Frostwick 31/01, Norman Cossey 1/02 (65yrs), Jenny Forster 5/02, Eric Brunger 8/02, Kenny Frostwick 13/02 (65yrs).

Carlton Colville, Suffolk. 26 February 2010. 1320 Single Oxford Bob Minor

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| 1. David Webb | 2. Craig Leach* |
| 3. Ann Webb | 4. Diana Leach |
| 5. Michael J. Parker | 6. Andrew Leach (C) |

* First in Method

** First in Method as Conductor

For the Marriage of Bryan Swann & Karen Mcaleese on the 19th February - Sister to 4. 21st Birthday Compliment to Katie Wright.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk.Friday, 19th March 2010.

1296 Double Court Minor

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| 1 Craig Leach | 2 Andrew Leach |
| 3 Maggie Ross | 4 Diana Leach |
| 5 Michael J. Parker | 6 Philip Gorrod (C) |

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT GT YARMOUTH - SATURDAY 1st MAY 2010

The programme is	Blofield	12.30 to 13.30
	South Walsham	13.15 to 14.15
	Acle	14.00 to 15.00
	Great Yarmouth	15.00 to 16.10
	Service	16.15 to 17.00 (approx)
	Tea	17.00 to 18.00 (approx)
	Meeting	18.00 (approx)

Lunch is available at Blofield from 12 noon
Names for lunch and tea to Bel Rivers bel.rivers1@btinternet.com
or 01502 581737 by Weds 28th April 2010

Quarterly Meeting 5th June to be held at Somerleyton

Further details will be available nearer the date.