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EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this edition.

A special thank you for the report and all quarters rung in memory of Jocelyn Gardiner, A past President of the NDA who always welcomed every one to Catfield for ringing events and to the Church he served faithfully to the end. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time. May he rest in peace

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Please remember if you have changed your home address or e-mail to let me know. There are still one or two copies being returned to me as undelivered and not getting through to the e-mail address I have for them.

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

Thank you.

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KESSLAND HUMOUR

One night after ringing we ventured to the local for our usual pint(s) and the bar was unusually quiet, just us few ringers and a couple of regulars by the bar.

Eventually, one of them broke the silence. "At times like this," he joked, "I almost feel this place belongs to me."

The landlord was less than amused. "At times like this," came his caustic reply, "I wish it Did."

From the Secretary

We have had quite a busy summer and now autumn feels truly upon us with chilly mornings.

The Barn Dance held in July was a very enjoyable event and we thank the Stedman Stompers very much for playing for us. We made a profit of £200 which will be paid to the BRF.

We were very lucky with the weather again for the BBQ. While we were putting Brian Laing's tent up we had to dodge the rain, but the rain held off during the evening, so once again we had a dry BBQ. We had a very good evening and judging by the long queue for the pancakes, they were up to their usual high standard.

Twenty people signed the attendance book for the Quarterly Meeting held at Martham. There were no entries for the 6-bell striking competition so we had general ringing during the evening.

We now have a venue for the Eastern Branch Dinner. It will be held at Caldicott Hall, Fritton. Details will be sent out in the near future.

I hope to see you all at some or all of the branch events.

Jenny Brunger

IN MEMORIAM

JOCELYN GARDINER (1922 - 2008)

In his youth, Jocelyn was taken to the Manchester Town Hall, where the Police Guild rang, and from there started his love of bell ringing. He did all his early ringing in Cheshire.

As for so many, the war intervened, and Jocelyn saw service in China, all hush-hush, but he worked with the Americans and the Chinese, and formed lasting friendships with the Chinese people who sheltered him and helped him in his work. Indeed, in 2007, one of his Chinese friends came over to see him - she was 93!

After the war, Jocelyn, who had been training as an accountant before the war began, took up farming, first as manager of Catfield Farms. He and Ricky lived at Lessingham, and he served as Church Warden at Hempstead. When Gilbert got a band going at Happisburgh, Jocelyn would join him for Sunday morning service, after his own early morning service, and afterwards with the help of Andrew Harvey, who some might remember, they would ring 360 changes of Plain Bob Minor on the hand-bells.

When Catfield Farms was sold, Jocelyn managed to buy White House Farm at Catfield and settled down in earnest to the hard work of farming.

He was Church Warden at Catfield for many years, and he and Ricky served Catfield church selflessly. In 1984 they gave a treble bell to All Saints Church, Catfield to augment the five bells to a ring of six. Quarterly branch meeting teas there were legendary. He kept the band going at Catfield, and always encouraged learners.

He was elected as President of our Association, and serving on the same committees, we travelled to branch and association meetings together, the conversation always about farming or bell topics.

He was very supportive of bell restoration work and served on the Belfry Committee. His most satisfying achievement, I think, was in getting a suitable redundant bell shipped out to Norwich, America, to the delight of the church members there.

Jocelyn was a fine ringer, very reliable and an excellent striker. We shared a ringing friendship of over 50 years, and have many fond memories of him.

Joan and Gilbert Larter

SUSAN WAREHAM (1948 - 2008)

Susan was born 19.10.1948 in Hertfordshire. Married to Richard She was the Mother of two and had 3 grandchildren from a previous marriage.

Richard and Susan moved to Kessingland on the 1.12.1999 from Hertford.

Susan was a very creative person, loved gardening, making greetings cards, cooking and playing chess. She also had a great love of animals, especially her two dogs.

Richard and Susan started ringing after visiting St Edmunds Kessingland tower open day in 2004. They joined the NDA, and enjoyed practise and ringing outings. Susan wanted to carry on ringing at Kessingland but her health would not allow her to climb the staircase to the ringing chamber.

She did however ring at Pakefield for a short period but her illness prevented her from carrying on and she died of leukaemia on 15.01.08.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Richard and all her family. May she rest in peace.

C.M.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

RUMBURGH, Suffolk. St. Michael & All Angels & St. Felix.

On Saturday, 19th July, 2008, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes. Tenor: 7-0-19

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In Seven Methods, being one extent each of Single Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob

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| MAGGIE WOLVERSON | Treble | ELIZABETH A. ALLEN | 4 |
| # ANDREW J. LEACH | 2 | MICHAEL J. PARKER | 5 |
| + DIANA I. LEACH | 3 | DAVID R. McLEAN | Tenor |

* Conducted by DAVID R. McLEAN

Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Andrew Leach (14th July).

first peal.

+ most Minor methods to a peal.

* 500th peal.

SOUTH WALSHAM, Norfolk. S Mary the Virgin.

Saturday August 16 in 2Hours 40 Minutes Tenor 7-3-4

A PEAL OF 5040 Minor

In Seven Methods, being 1 ext each Norwich S, Double Oxford B, Oxford TB, St Clement's College B, Kent TB, Plain B, Cambridge S)

- 1 Peter Adcock
- 2 Michael J Parker
- 3 Owen A Needham
- 4 Aubrey S Forster
- 5 Gilbert E Larter
- 6 David R McLean (C)

In thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Gardiner, former President of the Association, 1982-1995, who died on the 21st July, 2008, aged 86.
100th peal as conductor

Quarter Peals – Remembering Jocelyn Gardiner

Kessingland, Suffolk. 24 Jul, PB Minor/Doubles: Laura Humprey 1, Caroline Maxwell 2, Nancy Taylor 3, Sharon Boatwright 4, Elizabeth Sutherland 5, Michael Parker (C) 6. Rung to the memory of Jocelyn Gardiner of Catfield who died peacefully on 21st July 2008. A Past President of the NDA and a great supporter of ringing especially at his beloved Catfield. Loved and respected by so many. May he rest peacefully.

Wroxham, Norfolk. 2 Aug, 1296 S Minor (2m): Owen Needham 1, Anna Frostwick 2, Judith Frostwick 3, Jenny Brunger 4, Kenneth Frostwick (C) 5, Neil Thomas 6. In memory of Jocelyn Gardiner, a Vice-President and for the beginning of Norfolk Open Churches Week.

Somerleyton, Suffolk. 5 Aug, 1260 Minor (2m): Lawrence Hassall 1, Leonard Raphael 2, Rachel Cossey 3, Dorothy Knight 4, Norman Cossey 5, Tony Crawford (C) 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Gardiner.

Catfield, Norfolk. 7 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Michael Stokes 1, Norman Cossey 2, James Morley 3, Aubrey Forster 4, Gilbert Larter 5, David McLean (C) 6. Following a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of Jocelyn Bradbury Gardiner, a Vice-President and Past President of the NDA (1982-1995), who died on the 21st July, aged 86. By six NDA Vice-Presidents, all from Jocelyn's Eastern Branch.

Martham, Norfolk. 9 Aug, 1296 S Minor (2m): Kenneth Frostwick 1, Judith Frostwick 2, Nicola Hems 3, Edward Hems 4, Chris Harrison 5, Richard Hems (1st as C) 6. In memory of Jocelyn Gardiner.

Lowestoft, Suffolk. 10 Aug, 1386 Grandsire Triples: Craig Leach 1, Diane Leach 2, Judith Allen 3, Norman Cossey 4, Christopher McLean (700th Q) 5, Andrew Crowe 6, David McLean (C) 7, Andrew Leach 8. For Sung Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Gardiner, Vice-President and Past President of the Association.

Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. 23 Aug, 1260 P B Royal: Isabel Rivers 1, Ray Rivers 2, Norman Cossey 3, James Morley 4, Kenneth Frostwick 5, Michael Stokes 6, Owen Needham 7, Tony Crawford 8, David McLean (C) 9, Neil Thomas 10. In thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Gardiner, former President of the Association, 1985-1992, who died on the 21st July, 2008, aged 86. By resident members of Jocelyn's Eastern Branch.

Loddon, Norfolk. 26 Aug, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Jeannine Whiffen 1, Michelle Clutten 2, Ann Webb 3, Michael Stokes 4, Richard Salisbury (1st in m) 5, Stephen Rabong 6, David Webb 7, David McLean (C) 8. In memory of Jocelyn Gardiner, Vice-President and former President (1982-1995) of the NDA.

Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. 27 Aug, 1260 Minor (2m): Tony Knight 1, Isabel Rivers 2, Vanessa Crawford, Ray Rivers 4, Dorothy Knight 5, Tony Crawford (C) 6. To celebrate the life of Jocelyn Gardiner, past President of the NDA and friend of this tower, who died on 21st July. 350th together: 2 & 4.

QUARTER PEALS

Norton Subcourse. 8 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: Leonard Raphael 1, Kenneth Frostwick 2, Judith Frostwick 3, Michael Stokes 4, Michael Parker 5, David McLean (C) 6. Half-muffled for the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Gladys Hilda Cossey, a life dedicated to the church and the community at Norton Subcourse.

Lowestoft. 20 April, 1260 Doubles (3m): Craig Leach (1st on 6 bells) 1, Diane Leach 2, Norman Cossey 3, Andrew Crowe 4, David McLean (C) 5, Andrew Leach 6. For Sung Eucharist and as a birthday compliment to Elizabeth Allen (17/4).

Kessingland, Suffolk 28th June 2008. 1260 Plain Bob Doubles.
Laura Humprey 1 Caroline Maxwell 2 Nancy Taylor 3
Sharon Boatwright 4 Michael J. Parker (C) 5 Rev John Blacker 6
First Quarter - 1. On Church Fete Day.

Lowestoft. 13 Jul, 1272 Spl Pl Minor (3m): Judith Allen 1, Liz Sutherland 2, Norman Cossey 3, Andrew Crowe 4, Andrew Leach 5, David McLean (C) 6. For Sung Eucharist on Choir Sunday, for the beginning of the Patronal Festival.

Lowestoft. 31 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Elizabeth Allen 1, Diane Leach 2, Norman Cossey 3, Andrew Crowe 4, Andrew Leach 5, David McLean (C) 6. For the Fun Week Service and to celebrate the birth (19/8) of Ernest Arthur George Saggars, a second grandson for David and Sybil McLean.

Lowestoft. 14 Sep, 1284 Minor (4m): Tony Crawford 1, Diane Leach 2, Norman Cossey 3, Andrew Crowe 4, Andrew Leach 5, David McLean (C) 6. For Sung Eucharist on Holy Cross Sunday and as a compliment to David and Sybil McLean on the 40th anniversary of their wedding at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Hellingly, Sussex. Also a compliment to Paul and Marie Carson, also married on the 14/9/68, at St. Philip's Church, Werrington, Stoke-on-Trent.

NOTICES

4th Oct - Practice Meeting

Gorleston
7.00pm to 9.00pm

2nd November - Association Songs of Praise

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Details to follow

8th November – Eastern Branch Annual Dinner

Caldicott Hall, Fritton
Cost per head £15 – Menu to follow

6th December – Branch Annual Meeting

Happisburgh
Ringing from 3.30pm. Details to follow.

