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EDITORIAL

Dear members,

As most of you now know, this will be the last copy of Striking Example which I will be producing. Thanks to all of you who have made contributions and supported me over the years. I am delighted with the books. Given to me at the ABM.

All future articles, events and photo's to be sent to Jenny who will include these on the Branch Website. The site is available online by typing **NDA EASTERN BRANCH WEB SITE**

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With all best wishes,

Michael.

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WHY JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus lives at the North Pole...JESUS is everywhere.

Santa Claus rides in a sleigh...

JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa Claus comes but once a year...

JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa Claus fills your stockings with goodies...

JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa Claus lets you sit on his lap...

JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa Claus says "You better not cry"...

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa Claus may make you chuckle but...

JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa Claus puts gifts under your tree...

JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

From the Secretary

A Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a good Christmas.

As this is Michael's last Striking Example I would like to wish him well in his "retirement" and I hope he enjoys the books which were given to him at the Annual Branch Meeting.

I would like to emphasise that the Striking Example will carry on but in a different format. It will also be on the web site where any pictures will be entered. I urge you to let me have your news or information of interest plus any photographs for the web site. Please do look at the site it will have up to date information and Branch news on it.

I haven't a lot to tell you this time as it is all in my Annual Report so I hope to see you at the Branch Meetings and Events in 2011.

Jenny Brunger

IVY ELLEN RISEBOROUGH

6th August 1922 - 20th May 2010

Ivy was born in Wolverhampton and brought up in Walsall, where she grew up and lived as a young girl, later working for Crabtrees, a local electrical firm. At "Bluecoats" school, at the age of 13, in the playground, Ivy suffered an accident in which she hurt her ankle, and after this she was diagnosed with tubercular osteomyelitis. She spent the rest of her school years in hospital fighting the disease.

Ivy's first husband unfortunately died young, and Ivy was left to bring up and provide for her three children alone.

Years later, George and Ivy met, and fell in love with one another, at Costessey, made their life together at Longmoor Farm Catfield, and were married for 37 years.

George worshipped at All Saints Catfield, and Jocelyn Gardiner encouraged George to learn to ring, with an invitation to "come and see", which is where he first met Gilbert, who was teaching learners there. Later on, at a quarterly meeting, Rosemary Charles apparently enquired of Ivy if she was a ringer, and upon Ivy's "no", Rosemary said it was about time that she did! So Ivy at the age of 60, took up the challenge. Gilbert taught her to ring at St. Marys Happisburgh, where she remained a member of the band for practice nights and Sunday service ringing (as well as a choir-member) until she broke her wrist badly. She never regained enough strength in her hand to return to ringing.

She became a member of the Association at Kessingland on 4th September 1982, and her framed certificate, signed by Jocelyn as President and Jim Morley as Secretary and Treasurer, proudly hangs on the wall of George and Ivy's sitting room to this day.

In 1984 Ivy rang her first quarter peal at St. Michael's at Shap in Cumberland, with George, and Gilbert and Joan and their sons Duncan and Philip. It was a surprise to Ivy as no-one had said they were going for a quarter. George and Gilbert hatched that one up between them! There were more quarters but none as memorable as the first.

Sadly Ivy's health began to fail and over the years she came to rely completely on George for her everyday needs. Finally Ivy became more unwell and collapsed, and after nearly a week in hospital, passed away on 20th May. Ivy was cremated at St. Faiths on 1st June, and this was followed by a well-attended memorial service, with some lovely hymns, at St. Mary's Happisburgh, with contributions in her memory to St. Mary's church fabric fund, for which the church was very thankful.

On 21st August, George, with Ivy's family, held a private prayer service at Longmoor Farm, Catfield, their old home, and then Ivy's ashes were offered up to the wind that blew over the surrounding Neolithic area and places that Ivy had loved.

Notes From Standing Committee Meeting – 2 October 2010

The Songs of Praise has been confirmed on 7 November 2010, and will take place at Swaffham commencing at 3.30pm with ringing from 3.00pm. The theme for the service will be "Make a Joyful Noise".

A discussion took place over the lack of support for the 6-bell striking competition. Various views were put forward for and against, and an informal vote to continue striking competitions was held resulting in an evenly divided show of hands. It was agreed that the Education Committee should review the situation and members were invited to contact the Ringing Master with any ideas or suggestions they may have.

The General Secretary reported that Keith Shaw had donated a collection of some sixty books and pamphlets, formerly the property of his father-in-law Nolan Golden, to the Association Library in Norwich Cathedral.

It was announced that Mr Leslie Cook, a ringing member at Ranworth, had agreed to become Librarian and would fill the post until formal election at the next AGM.

Two nominations for Association Trustees were received from Edward Curson and Dawn Pullan, and they would be duly elected at the next AGM.

Michael Clements was appointed as the NDA Representative on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

The Paul Cattermole Memorial Fund would be established within the Bell Restoration Fund. It was hoped that the five bells at Fundenhall church would be restored to a ringing condition as a lasting memorial to Paul.

A number of bell projects were reported by the Bell Restoration Committee, these included:

East Dereham, Litcham, Long Stratton, Walcott and Winterton-on-Sea. A redundant 8-bell frame, which had previously been stored on a farm in Deopham and now lay at the base of Deopham church tower was declared as unfit for installation the tower by an English Heritage representative. The possibility of using it at Blakeney church is being pursued.

Chris Harrison
(Eastern Branch Standing Committee representative)



Chairman's Report Eastern Branch Annual Meeting December 4th 2010

2010 has been another busy year in the Eastern Branch. We have welcomed new members, and sadly said goodbye to others. Meetings and most practices have been well attended.

A major innovation this year is the introduction of our own branch website, thanks to the hard work of our apparently indefatigable secretary, Jenny. This is an excellent way of sharing information about future events and past achievements. Please make sure you send all items to Jenny, including peals, ¼ peals etc, with photos if possible...and don't forget to check it regularly. Thanks must go to David and Ann Webb for the raffles they run at each meeting to finance the website.

The Annual Branch Outing in May, this year to Lincolnshire, was very successful and much enjoyed by all. Again we had 2 17-seater minibuses, and just 1 spare seat. Thanks to Lawrence, and perhaps I should thank the passengers on the other bus for letting me drive it! Thank you, Eric, for your organisation, and for all your work throughout the year.

This year's barbeque was hosted by Norman and Rachel Cossey due to the various indispositions of the Brunger ménage. (*Eric's finger is much improved, and Jen is still waiting patiently for her hip op*). It was well supported and again an enjoyable evening.

The Barn Dance was very disappointing. Unfortunately we were without our usual Stedman Stompers, and there was not the usual atmosphere.

Our Annual Branch Dinner was again in the very comfortable Club House at Caldecott Hall. Another well attended and most enjoyable occasion. Thanks go to Sybil Davey and David Webb who entertained us so well, in spite of competition from fireworks outside.

I would like to thank Mike Parker for producing *The Striking Example*, keeping us informed and entertained.

It just remains for me to thank Jenny for all her hard work throughout the year, making all these events happen smoothly and apparently effortlessly; and my personal thanks for keeping me in line and making my job so much easier.

And finally: thank you all for attending meetings and supporting events, and above all keeping the bells ringing for Sunday services.

Liz

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LODDON HOLY TRINITY, NORFOLK

WEDNESDAY, 29TH DECEMBER 2010 IN 2 HOURS 50 MINUTES

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

COMPOSED BY STEPHEN FENWICK

TREBLE- DAVID J STEED

2 - KATIE L WRIGHT

3 - LESLEY A WILSON

4 - MICHAEL J STOKES

5 - ANN M WEBB

6 - STEPHEN W RABONG

7 - DAVID F WEBB

TENOR - DAVID G SALTER (CONDUCTOR)

FIRST OF SURPRISE -2

FIRST IN METHOD - 2,3,6,7,

RUNG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

Norwich Diocesan Association

Gt.Yarmouth, St Nicholas, Norfolk
Saturday, 27th November 2010 in 3h 16mins (30cwt)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Composed- T. Hooley

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| 1. Diana I Leach | 6. Philip H Larter (Conductor) |
| 2. Norman P J Cossey | 7. Clare J Larter |
| 3. Kenneth E Frostwick | 8. Stephen W Rabong |
| 4. Michael J Stokes | 9. David R McLean |
| 5. Andrew J Leach | 10. Gilbert E Larter |

1st Caters: 1,5,8

70th Birthday compliments to Gilbert Larter, Michael Stokes and Jenny Brunger



Quarter Peals

Bergh Apton. 29 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Michael Stokes 1, Dawn Stokes 2, David McLean (C) 3, Norman Cossey 4, John Ash 5, Stephen Rabong 6. Birthday compliments to Michael Stokes and John Ash.

Lowestoft. 11 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m/4p): Peter Bradnam 1, Diane Leach 2, Craig Leach 3, Andrew Leach 4, David McLean (C) 5. Practice night quarter peal.

Lowestoft. 24 Oct, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Craig Leach 1, Diane Leach 2, Philip Gorrod 3, Maggie Ross 4, Stephen Rabong 5, David Webb 6, Andrew Leach 7, David McLean (C) 8. For Evensong as a graduation compliment to Andrew Leach, BA, and also as birthday compliments to Diane Leach (22nd October) and Craig Leach (23rd October).

Lowestoft. 31 Oct, 1296 Minor (5m): Craig Leach 1, Liz Sutherland 2, Elizabeth Allen 3, Diane Leach 4, Andrew Leach 5, David McLean (C) 6. For Sung Eucharist and in celebration of the wedding, on the previous day, of Chrissie Gray and Michael McLean at the Hope Church, Orwell Centre, Ipswich.

Lowestoft. 14 Nov, 1260 Doubles (2m): Liz Sutherland 1, Craig Leach 2, Diane Leach 3, Tony Crawford 4, David McLean (C) 5. Rung half muffled for Sung Eucharist on Remembrance Sunday.

Kessingland, Suffolk. 23 Dec. 1260 Doubles (7 methods) Caroline Maxwell 1, Elizabeth Sutherland 2, Diane Leach 3, Michael J. Parker (C) 4, Craig Leach 5, For Christmas. Also to celebrate 50 years since the re-hanging of the bells by Whitechapel, remembering Trevor N.J. Bailey and Harry Parkes (bell-hangers)

RINGING MASTER'S REPORT

Viewed in a certain light this has been quite a special year for the Branch, we have had a Birthday quarter peal for the 65 year olds and a peal for the 70 year olds and I would like to take this opportunity of adding my personal congratulation to all the birthday persons.

Whilst handing out congratulation we have had several first 'quarterers' and 'pealers' plus a number of '1^{sts}', I congratulate all of these as it shows that some are making progress.

I would also like to welcome those who have joined during the year.

My thanks also to you all for your service ringing and attendance at meetings and helping to fulfil the objects of the Association.

Our meetings have on the whole been well attended and we have had some good ringing. The exception has been the October Practice Meeting where once again so many members found it clashed with Harvest celebrations resulting in very poor attendance and as this has been the case for several years the Committee has decided to remove this meeting from our calendar.

I would also like to thank all who acted as Helpers at the NDA Training Day, this event has become a very important part of the Associations Calendar and contributes greatly towards bringing on those who wish to learn and practice more. You will, if you have not already been approached to see if you will volunteer your services for Training Day 2011.

Finally, but not least amongst my thanks must go to Ann and David Webb for taking over the Eastern Branch 8 Bell Striking Competition Band whilst I was somewhat 'hors de combat'

Our Branch outing to Lincolnshire was a considerable success, the highlight of which was Boston Stump, but perhaps some thought it to be the magnificent tea laid on at the Five Bells at Tydd St Mary. I cannot recollect seeing a better one on an outing. However by far the major part of the success was due to our two drivers Liz and Lawrence, to whom I thank on behalf of all who came on the outing. I do this in the hope that they will volunteer their services for the 2011 Outing which is being planned to cover central Cambridge, this will mean a little more walking than usual as the intention is to deal with central Cambridge on foot but the distances are not very great.

RINGING MASTERS REPORT (Cont)

As Ringing Master perhaps I should leave you with a couple of thoughts on ringing matters:

We are all well used to the fact that when we ring a method it does not matter where we ring it the method will be the same. Methods are a universal standard if anyone tries their own version it simply does not work. Can the same be said of our handling? It is an unfortunate fact that unless great care is taken when teaching learners the standard appears to deteriorate, this means that when these learners, and beyond, go and ring elsewhere their handling may well be considered below an acceptable standard. The Central Council have produced an excellent DVD which more or less lays down the bench marks for handling and bell control to which I strongly commend to all involved in teaching. This in effect means all ringers for it is us that the learners emulate, especially the bad points. Why not get together, perhaps on a tower basis, and obtain a copy of this DVD and indulge in mutual fault correction, perhaps with the use of video. It is far easier to progress if ones handling and bell control is good. Good handling and bell control is a form of communication by which you tell other ringers what you are doing and when. It is similar to rowing in that if one rower handles in a poor manner it is very difficult for others to know exactly what that unorthodox rower is doing. It also makes ringing by rhythm much easier.

One last thing, at one of our practice meetings there was quite a discussion over rope fees for weddings, since then the minimum wage rate has risen to almost £6 per hour, fuel costs have risen and are liable to rise yet further, to ring for a wedding generally means that that is a least half a day incursion into your time when you cannot do something else and it is my personal view that it is an insult to expect ringers to turn up and perform for less than £15 per rope at present and this should be heading towards £20 in the very near future, that's only £160 for an 8 bell tower! We are highly trained personnel and should not sell our services at unrealistic low rates as can lead to under appreciation. With the average cost of weddings (internet figures) as between £11,000 and £25,000 (photography and video element alone being quoted at around £1,800 or about 10%) this is still a very modest amount and of course for genuine circumstances the fee can always be waived. If the tower or church require an element for use of the bells this should be in addition to the ringers fee.

Eric