

Clapper Talk 2011-12



Dear Members,

A Very Happy Christmas to all our members. May the Christmas ringing be inspiring, and the New Year be full of the joyful sound of bells.

Following the November annual meeting I thought it would be a good time to update everyone on your new committee.

Also I would like your help in keeping the website accurate and interesting, so I am sending this newsletter with a report on the AGM. And the first of the print outs from the website tower details are shown below.

It is also a good opportunity to let you know what is coming up in the branch, so keep this newsletter by you and I look forward to seeing you in the next twelve months. All the information is also on the website so check in there if you prefer.

Finally, please can you help me by checking the annual report for 2010 and letting me know any changes for the 2011 report as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Gale

The next event is the Carol Service at Wilby 7.30pm on Friday 16th December.

The January practice meeting will be at Scole on January 21st 2pm to 4pm, when methods will alternate between plain methods and Surprise Minor.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Pulham Market on 18th February.

77th Annual General Meeting of the Southern Branch

This took place at Great Ellingham on 20th August 2011. Twenty six ringers met at 5.30pm for the meeting at Great Ellingham. Prior to the meeting members and friends had rung a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob Doubles to Norwich Surprise. The tower captain, Jeremy Warren, lead us in prayers, readings and worship for Christ the King as well as a couple of stirring hymns. The Ringers in the Shelrock Benefice provided an excellent tea, including a warming soup which was very welcome on a cold misty November day.

Betty Baines reported that The Paul Cattermole Fund launch had exceeded expectations. The open day raised £800, and the fund was currently up to at least £7000. Ted Curson congratulated all the organisers on a wonderful afternoon at Wymondham Abbey, a sentiment heartily endorsed by the meeting.

Eight people agreed to attend the Surprise practice for 22nd November at New Buckenham, following which they will be suspended for the winter.

Jeremy Jones was elected to Pulham Market tower. Delia Golding and Angela Packer were elected as unattached members.

It was recognised by the meeting that we are very short of representation from the Eastern end of the branch. Brooke members stated that they were very happy to help in any practical way that they could but would prefer not to be on the committee. It was suggested that the committee could co-opt during the year if a suitable member came forward. The programme of events for the year was drafted and left to the committee to finalise at their January meeting.

Personalia

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Southern Branch Technical Adviser: Tony Baines;		
Education Officer: Michael Hodgkinson;		
Standing Committee representatives: Anita Wilson and Michael Hodgkinson;		
Branch Committee: Christine Hales, Brian Carr, Grant Pilcher.		

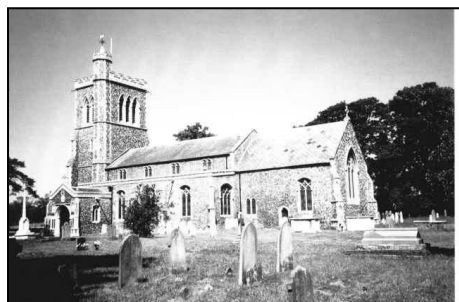
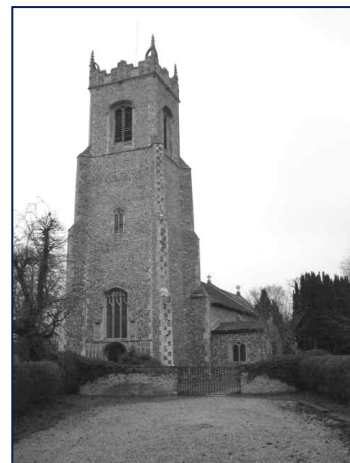
What's on in 2012

January 21 st	Practice meeting	Scole	2 – 4 pm
February 18 th	Quarterly Meeting	Pulham Market	2.30-4 ringing followed by service, tea and meeting
May 19 th	Quarterly Meeting	Winfarthing and Shelfanger TBC	
August 18 th	Quarterly Meeting	Brooke	6.30 ringing with meeting approx 7.30pm
October 20 th	Annual dinner		lunchtime
November 19 th	Southern Branch AGM	Bunwell TBC	
December 14 th or 21 st	Carol Service	Quidenham TBC	

Tower Focus:

**ALBURGH, ALL SAINTS; TM270873 8 BELLS 9-3-12 IN G;
CONDITION: GOOD**

Correspondent: M. Walland, 30 Links Way, Thurlton, Norwich NR14 6RF
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**BROCKDISH, ST PETER AND ST PAUL
TM203795; 6 BELLS 12 CWT IN G
CONDITION: GOOD**

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P. Thompson, White House Farm, Brockdish, Diss, IP21 4JL
Telephone: 01379 668279
Service ringing by arrangement.

The roomy ringing chamber is reached via a spiral staircase, through a door on the outside of the tower close to the South porch.

BUNWELL, ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

TM125927

6 BELLS

9 CWT IN A

CONDITION FAIR

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Practice night, Wednesday, rotates between the towers of the Pilgrim Benefice.

Service ringing is arranged on the preceding Wednesday at the practice.



These are the details which appear on the website. If members have anything they would like to alter or add please let me know. Check it out at www.southnorfolkringers.org