

Repairs for Big Ben

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London: Our cameraman had a nerve-wracking appointment with time when he journeyed through the maze of scaffolding that now shrouds the Clock Tower of the Palace of Westminster.

Yes, it's Big Ben - now undergoing a lengthy overhaul - surrounded by 150,000 feet of scaffolding.

Standing on top of the 316 foot tower, our cameraman filmed these magnificent views of the Capital - the first to be taken from the pinnacle. Nearby, Ministry of Works officers were examining the orb and the cross. After a detailed survey, repairs will be carried out to the stonework of the Tower - which was damaged in the war.

Three faces of the clock are to be re-glazed and the mechanism overhauled. In ~~fact~~, "Big Ben" is ^{OF COURSE} ~~actually~~ the name of the great bell, which weighs 13½ tons. SOUND.

~~It will be closed for two months with a final check for twenty one days.~~