

## November 2005

The last meeting of the year was held at Bawtry owing to some bell repair work, which has unfortunately put Conisbrough out of action temporarily.

Our thanks to Eddie Lodge for arranging for us to ring at Bawtry at short notice, and arranging a trestle table for our use afterwards.

Unfortunately on ringing up, the treble rope was found to be badly frayed - with no spare in the tower. The quick eyes of Matthew together with Anne's experience suggested the service rope may be of use.

Neil quickly and ably replaced the rope so ringing could continue on 6 - albeit with the aid of several boxes!

The evening was very well attended, methods included Plain Bob Doubles and Steadman whilst we had five bell ropes - followed by: Plain Hunt, Little Bob, Cambridge, Oxford, Original and London, with the replacement rope.

Ringling finished at 8.30 pm and was followed by festive refreshments in the church. It was a lovely opportunity to chat with friends old and new.

My very grateful thanks to all who helped on the night, especially Sheila, Annabelle and John. Without Annabelle's support and assistance in arranging the evening, collecting keys etc., the evening would not have run so smoothly or been such a success.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

Our next meeting is the AGM at St. George's in January; full details to be circulated to towers in the New Year.

See you all in 2006.

### **\*\*Important Information - November Meeting\*\***

**Our meeting at Conisbrough has had to be postponed as there is some bell repair work which has just come to our notice.**

**Please note that our meeting on Saturday 26th November 2005, will now be held at Bawtry (6) at the earlier time of 7 - 8.30 pm.**

All visitors welcome and seasonal refreshments will be served after ringing. Please feel free to bring partners, learners and friends. This will be our last Doncaster meeting before Christmas - a great chance to provide encouragement and to promote good fellowship amongst ringers.

Notices are to be sent to towers re the change of venue, please help me by making a note in your diary and then pass the message on!

## October 2005

Our October meeting was held at Adwick where as always, we received a very warm welcome from our hosts Harold and Joy.

Only three other Doncaster and District members attended, two having travelled from Howden and

Tickhill.

We had several guests from various areas, including Sutton in Ashfield, Eckington, Pontefract and the evening could not have run so smoothly without Brian Sanders who very kindly stepped in to act as Ringing Master for the evening.

My very grateful thanks to Brian for running the evening so well and to all our friends who have supported our meetings throughout this year.

Methods rung included Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Single Oxford, St Clements and Plain Bob Minor.

Thank you to everyone for making it such a lovely evening.

Our next meeting is at Consibrough on Saturday 26 November, 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

Following Terina's success last year, Pete and Sarah have invited us to share refreshments with all our members, visitors, partners and friends to end the year in style.

Please spread the word and let us see how many ringing friends we can reunite before 2005 comes to an end.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Consibrough.

## **September 2005**

A pleasant evening's ringing.

Our thanks to Roy for opening the tower and to Terina for arranging our visit.

We rang rounds and call changes, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Grandsire. An attempt at Cambridge Surprise Minor was unsuccessful this evening.

The attendance was low due to holidays and another ringing trip which was on the same day. Tower Captain Terina managed to boost numbers by four, with ringers from the trip being coaxed to fit 'just one more' tower in before returning home.

Our next meeting is to be held at Adwick on Saturday 29th October, 7.15 - 8.45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **August 2005**

The August meeting was quite well attended - even though it fell on the bank holiday weekend.

Our thanks to Katie for arranging the tower and to Cyril for standing in for the Ringing Master who was away.

Our methods for the evening were Grandsire and Yorkshire. Unfortunately despite several surprise ringers attending briefly during the evening, we were always just one short!

It was lovely to welcome our new 'regular' visitors again, they certainly helped to swell the numbers, and increased the range of methods possible.

Methods rung included Plain Hunts, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire, Little Bob, Stedman and Oxford

Treble Bob.

Our next meeting is to be held at Arksey on 24th September, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. Please make a note in your diary and encourage other ringers from your tower to attend.

## **July 2005**

Our July meeting was held at Gringley on the Hill.

A very slow start developed into a pleasant meeting. The turnout was low, I think many of our members must be away this weekend! However, thanks to our visitors, numbers swelled to around 15.

An assortment of methods from rounds and call changes, plain hunt, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, St Clements and Stedman were rung.

Our thanks to Ann Marie for organising the evening and to Terina for opening the church for us.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Sprotbrough in August

## **June 2005**

We had an excellent turn out to our June meeting at Tickhill.

Methods rung included plain hunts, Grandsire Triples, Little Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

Our thanks to Ralph for arranging our evening and to Neil for a varied programme.

Our next meeting in July is at Gringley on the Hill commencing at 7 pm. Hope to see you there!

## **Outing 2005 Review**

Our annual coach outing was on Saturday 28th May 2005, to Derbyshire.

We arrived early in Hathersage, to find a busy bustling village.

Craig our driver, dropped us in the centre and arranged to collect us later after ringing. Our tower contact Sue, had left clear directions to the church via a footpath, which crossed fields. Although a bit of a 'pull' up the gated path, the views were magnificent. We were joined by Derek and Jean from Darfield and they accompanied us to each tower during the day. Hathersage has a beautiful church with a lovely ring of six.

Our ringing catered for the whole party, from rounds, call changes and plain hunts, through Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Little Bob, to Stedman and Cambridge.

Our thanks to Sue for arranging our visit, her thoughtful directions and for attending at church early on a Saturday morning to let us in.

We were a little late leaving Hathersage and therefore a few minutes late arriving at our next tower.

A warm welcome awaited us in Bakewell. Their spiral staircase was a delight - the steps so smooth and evenly spaced. The tower was light and airy. Ringing included rounds and call changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A lovely ring of eight which sounded delightful outside.

The Wheatsheaf Hotel on Bridge Street was our next port of call.

Despite arranging our visit several days earlier, it appeared our booking had been overlooked. A phone call to confirm details, gave the staff sufficient time to reserve us seats and provide 33 quality meals well within our time schedule. Some people even managed desserts and coffee!

By 1.30 pm we were all at the Coach Park and we set off for Youlgreave.

A beautiful village - spoilt only by the vast numbers of parked cars along the narrow roads. We found a small lane where the road widened sufficiently to drop us off.

A walk through the village, past the stone reservoir dated 1829 and a collection of curiously named cottages brought us to the lovely church. We were greeted by David Camm and were also joined by our ringing Master Neil and his family. We enjoyed our visit, with several of our novice ringers experiencing 10 bells for the first time.

A selection of methods included rounds and call changes, Plain Hunts, Little Bob Royal, Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters.

A steady walk back to await pick-up by the coach brought our visit to Youlgreave to a close.

Once we had negotiated the street parking - our route took us through Chastsworth Park - with stunning views, to the estate church at Edensor.

A lovely light ring of six in a very warm and welcoming church.

Some visitors from Austria requested to see the ringers and ringing room. They were fascinated to see the ancient art 'in action' and we explained how they could find out more about ringing.

From Edensor we travelled up the road to Baslow. A beautiful church nestling at the side of the river Wye. A Kingfisher was nesting in a willow close to the riverbank.

The access to the tower was by a short staircase outside and a few steps inside the tower. The ringing room was quaint like an old cottage. The ceiling was so low we thought our taller members would touch it whilst catching the sallies!

The bell I rang was almost under a ladder and my shoulder connected with it on the backstroke, if I turned slightly. However, a delightful ring - we took it in turns to fill the small room!

A visit to the local cafe to sample their delicious coffee, returning in time to speak with Jenny, who had kindly made all the arrangements for our visit to Baslow.

After a thoroughly charming visit to Baslow we boarded the coach for our cross country ride to our last tower.

At Eckington we were greeted by a paint covered team of locals who had been busy decorating in church all day. Don showed us into the tower, and we were left to enjoy a thoroughly pleasant ring of eight. Again, ringing catered for each group from novice to the more experienced, we rang various methods including half a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

We bade farewell to Jean and Derek at this point and also to Neil, Anne and the boys.

The bus ticket draw prize - a 'Bakewell Tart' from The Original Bakewell Pudding Company went to Katie. Thanks to several donated raffle prizes we were kept busy from the motorway to Blyth distributing

them!

A lovely day in all. The weather was mild, fresh and sunny, great food, excellent towers and the services of a first rate driver!

Thank you to everyone for making this a special day.

Judith Jopling - Secretary

## Outing 2005

The interary for the 2005 outing to Derbyshire is now available for download on the Download page.

## April 2005

Our April meeting was well attended with 13 ringers at Fishlake, where we rang rounds and call changes, Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob.

We travelled to Thorne where a pre-arranged tea was being prepared by Jim. This was popular and we were joined by more ringers.

A delightful spread awaited us - our thanks to Jim for his time and effort and to Terina who brought some delicious homemade cakes which finished things off nicely.

It was lovely to have the time and opportunity to chat with friends. The interval for tea ran on a little and we were slightly late commencing ringing - however, more ringers joined us and we rang rounds and call changes, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Sandall and Yorkshire Surprise.

An excellent meeting, which was in a way an experiment - it has been quite some time since we have had an early afternoon meeting with tea. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout.

A reminder that next month is our outing to the Bakewell area. Tickets now available from the Secretary - at least book your seat! £12 adults, £6 children. Please help us fill the coach - a few more ringers would also be appreciated. See you all in May.

## Reminders

All the revised times for our 2005 programme have been circulated to local tower Captains. The website has also been updated and a PDF document is available for download. Please circulate to all tower members.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 30 April 2005.

Fishlake (6) 4.00 - 4.45 pm.

Tea in Thorne Church 5.00 pm. **\*Names to Secretary by 24 April please\***

Followed by ringing at Thorne (8) 5.45 - 7.00 pm.

The outing this year is to the Bakewell area of Derbyshire. Tickets for the coach (includes tower donations) are **on sale now** from the Secretary. Prices are £12 adults and £6 for under 16 years.

We must all take responsibility for helping to fill the coach - so please spread the word and help to make this trip a success.

## March 2005 (held on Saturday 2 April)

Although not held on our normal 'Last Saturday in the Month', our meeting was well attended. Our thanks to Neil Semley for opening the church for us.

Sixteen ringers attended and methods included St. Simons, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles and Orpheus. A spliced touch of St. Simons, St. Martins, Winchendon Place and St Nicholas was a pleasure to listen to.

## **February 2005**

Thanks to Dorothy for opening the church early to facilitate our committee meeting, and to Roger for hosting our evening.

An excellent turnout of 20, including visitors from Kirkby in Ashfield and Pontefract. Towers represented included: Arksey, Barnby Dun, Bawtry, Blyth, Conisbrough, Harworth, Howden, Mattersey, Sprotborough and Thorne.

Methods ranged from Plain Hunts to Plain Bob, Kent, Sandal, Cambridge and London Surprise.

A warm and friendly meeting, thanks to all who turned out on such a chilly evening.

## **Committee Meeting**

Several issues were discussed at the committee meeting.

We are considering for this year moving the outing to May - details to be released later, depending on coach availability!

Text messaging is available to us whereby updates can be sent from the Secretary to mobile phones in text format, and replies received by text in email format. Messages have to be bought in blocks and as a Society we cannot fund this - however, if anyone is interested in receiving reminder/updates/methods for the month in text format - we can arrange to send one per month for a small subscription of £1.50p per annum.

It would also facilitate cancellations and changes of venue at short notice etc., without the hassle of trying to contact everyone by phone. A single message to all mobile phones in a list would be a huge saving in time. Each message costs 10p per mobile number. Replies via this system would be charged at your mobile provider's text messaging rate - normally 10p.

We need details of all interested parties before this can be launched. Please circulate details to all members/interested parties and ask them to contact the Secretary as soon as possible. If sufficient interest - this can be a live system very quickly.

If anyone would like regular updates and has an email address, please sign up to receive our Newsletter, this is fast and saves postage and administration costs.

**Reminder - our next meeting is at Barnburgh on Saturday 2nd April 2005 (the end of March being Easter)**

Methods will be Stedman and Grandsire, but please brush up on as many doubles methods and variations as possible, as we hope to cover a wide range of double methods.

## **A.G.M. at St. George's - January 2005**

A fantastic turnout for the ringing and meeting alike.

An assortment of methods were rung during the two sessions of ringing, I particularly enjoyed listening to the Yorkshire Surprise Major rung during the evening.

The service was very well attended with prayers of remembrance for Ernest Padgett and John Laughton. During the meeting the President Cannon Chris Smith gave thanks for all the work John had done for the Society.

We welcomed four new members from Conisbrough.

The Walker Cup was presented to Bawtry this year with 94.2% attendance for Sunday service ringing. Well Done Bawtry!

Our next meeting is at Harworth 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Special methods being Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge.

## **January 2005**

A draft ringing programme for 2005 is now available. Click on the Programme 2005 link. The programme can also be downloaded in PDF format from the Download page. **Please note that there are some amended times shown.**