

## **News Items 2006**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Arrangements for the AGM on Saturday 27 January 2007 will be published on the website and sent to tower captains in the district either by email or post nearer the date and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

### **November 2006**

Our meeting at Sprotbrough was very well attended.

An excellent range of methods were rung including Plain Bob, Little Bob, Stedman, Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire.

As this was our last meeting of 2006 may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and peace and happiness in the New Year.

### **Conisbrough**

The bells at Conisbrough have been rehung and are a delight to ring!

A few minor tweaks here and there and a tidying up of the ringing room and they will be ready for visitors once more.

On behalf of the Conisbrough team - a heartfelt thank you to all who have helped raise money for this project or assisted in any other way.

I look forward to arranging a visit to Consibrough in the not too distant future.

Well done Pete for the huge commitment of time and resources, to bring the project together and thanks to Sheila for being so understanding about our passion for bells!

### **October 2006**

Our Blyth meeting was well attended with 17 ringers.

Ringings included Plain Hunt, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford and London Surprise.

Our thanks to Andy for arranging for us to ring at Blyth and providing access. Sorry to those who struggled to park - the notices at the end of the drive were new even to me and gave quite the wrong impression.

Our next meeting is at Sprotbrough on Saturday 25 November 2006 7.00 - 8.30 pm. See you there.

## **September 2006**

Our meeting at Tickhill had quite a low turnout of ringers, but was ideal to catch up on news!

Our grateful thanks to Derek for re-arranging a celebratory birthday meal to unlock the tower for us. He also informed us that Tickhill Tower Captain Ralph Watkinson is currently on ward 15 at D.R.I. awaiting a procedure following a series of tests. Our thoughts are with Ralph and Celia at this time. A card was signed by those present and delivered to his home address.

Also we wish Russ Stephenson of Barnby Dun a speedy recovery following his recent operation.

Ringling on 8 amounted to rounds and call changes and Grandsire Triples, also a touch of Cambridge Minor was called.

Thanks to all who turned out, hope to see everyone in October.

## **August 2006**

An excellent turn out of over 20 ringers, at Sutton.

The bells were a delight to ring, and the ground floor ring allowed social interaction whilst ringing progressed!

Methods included Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Rutland.

Our thanks to Bryan for opening the church and arranging for us to ring at Sutton.

Our next meeting is at Tickhill in September so please make a note in your diaries and hope to see you there.

## **July 2006**

As usual we received a very warm welcome from Joy and Harold at St Laurence, Adwick. A good turn out despite the sultry evening.

Methods rung included Cambridge, St Clements, Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob. We even managed Thelwall and Primrose - Terina's chosen methods for the evening - well done!

Delicious refreshments of hot and cold drinks, scones, blackberry and apple jam and cream and chocolate brownies finished the evening perfectly giving us all time to chat with friends. A huge thank you to Joy and Harold for their efforts, making our visit so pleasant.

Our next meeting is at Suttom Cum Lound on 26th August 2006. Hope to see you there.

## June Outing to Lincolnshire Review 2006

Despite very low numbers, we had a lovely day out in Lincolnshire.

Arriving early at St Botolph, Saxilby, we were very warmly welcomed by David Turner and his ringers.

A beautiful church set in a picturesque village. The bells were a pleasure to ring - we managed Cambridge, St Clements, Plain Bob, a touch of Kent and some rounds and call changes.

Our next tower St Giles, Lincoln, were a little heavy for our ringers so we settled for Grandsire, Rounds and Call Changes and Plain Hunt. When stood in the church listening to the bells ring there was an unusual tappety sound which our hostess Sue believes is due to the concrete lined tower.

The church itself was full of character. The component parts of the church had all been moved up the hill during redevelopment and the mixture of old pillars and external brickwork was unusual. The wooden balcony upon which stood the original organ, was beautiful. We also accessed the bells from here, but were shown the spiral stone staircase where the steps had been numbered in sequential order, prior to being moved. On replacing the steps - for some reason they were laid in a different order so the numbers are not now in sequence!

Heavy traffic as we left Lincoln and being unable to locate the pub for lunch set our schedule way off time!

A lovely lunch in a separate dining room enabled us all to relax for a while.

We arrived later than planned at Walsby with an uphill ten minute walk to reach All Saints. It would have been great if we were on schedule! The views of Lincoln Cathedral and the Humber Bridge didn't materialise. They could possibly be seen from top of tower not the top of the hill as I'd understood! However, the old church was delightful, its setting secluded and peaceful. I enjoyed the bells - we all rang Rounds and Call Changes as time was extremely limited.

The cafe provided welcome refreshments - many being in ice cream format to cool us down as we travelled to Middle Rasen.

St Peter and St Paul have a lovely ring of six, and although light in weight were easy to ring. The ground floor access was very welcome after our exertions at Walsby! Several methods were rung here.

Kirton in Lindsey is a pretty market town. We saw the centre first hand when we turned too early for the church... it was interesting trying to get the coach back out again!

Although we were a little late arriving our welcome at St Andrew's was warm and friendly and our visit extended a little to compensate for our late arrival, thanks to Brian Saunders.

The bells were lovely but the end of a long day was reflected by waning interest. Perhaps had more ringers joined us on the trip, it would have been less tiring for everyone.

We had a lovely day out - the Lincolnshire welcome and assistance in the planning stages at each tower could not have been warmer or more sincere. A successful outing - interesting and varied. Thank you all for your support.

## **June Outing**

Details of the June outing are now available on the download page.

## **May 2006**

Our May meeting at Arksey was fairly well attended with 14 ringers and 3 of Terina's learners, it was lovely to meet and welcome them.

The ringing consisted of mainly of Rounds and Call Changes, Plain and Little Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Plain Bob Major and Steadman.

Light refreshments were served in church afterwards. Our thanks to Terina for the bells at Arksey, the refreshments and running our ringing for the evening!

## **April 2006**

A fair turnout of 14 ringers to our April meeting. Sunshine, picture postcard churches in village settings and a feast of beauty all around us!

Grateful thanks for Ian's help at Mattersey, getting the hall ready and making himself available early to accommodate us. Also thanks to Pete and Sheila whose help behind the scenes as usual, made the event run smoothly.

Ringing included Plain Hunt, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simons and Stedman.

Tea in the hall went well, however, a little longer would have given time to really appreciate everyone's baking. \*Note to self - longer tea breaks!\*

We were welcomed warmly at Everton by Fred who unfortunately was unable to join us due to his finger injury.

Methods included Plain and Little Bob, Grandsire, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Ipswich and Norwich Surprise.

It was lovely to welcome friends from near and far. A very successful meeting, thanks to all who supported us today.

Our next meeting is at Arksey 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm on Saturday 27 May 2006. Look forward to seeing you there.

## **March 2006**

A very warm welcome greeted us at Rawmarsh. Our thanks to Michael for arranging for us to ring there and to James for his hospitality on the night. The bells as usual were a delight to ring.

Quite a good turnout for a very wet evening! It was lovely to have some of the Rawmarsh ringers join us. They have a small enthusiastic new band and practice on Tuesday nights, if anyone wishes to join them.

Our evening consisted of Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Cambridge Minor.

We raised £12.80p in a collection for Conisbrough bell repair fund.

Our next meeting on 29 April 2006 is at Mattersey and Everton. Please download the reminder notice and display prominently in local towers and encourage ringers to attend. Names are required for tea. See notice for details. One or two people have queried where these towers are. Brief directions are on the reminder notice.

## **February 2006**

Thirteen ringers attended our February meeting. Ringing included: Plain Hunts, Plain Bob, St. Clements, Little Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge.

Afterwards refreshments were served and there was a sale of biscuits and buns in aid of the Conisbrough Bell Repair Fund. An excellent £18.35p was raised on the night.

Our grateful thanks to Tim for all his assistance on the night and to his mum for her kind donation of cheese scones which were extremely popular.

The evening gave everyone the opportunity to discuss many issues which our normal meeting times preclude

Our next meeting is at Rawmarsh on Saturday 25 March 2006, 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm. Methods are Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire. See you there.

## **Alan Jewitt**

Alan Jewitt passed away on Saturday 18 February 2006, after a long illness. Alan had been a member of this society for many years, although due to his illness he was unable to ring, his passion for ringing remained. He will be sadly missed.

## **Conisbrough Bell Repair Fund**

As you may be aware Conisbrough need to raise £12,000 bell repair money. It is proposed that in addition to our tower donation collection, that we hold a separate Conisbrough BRF collection after each of our meetings. In order to vary this theme, occasionally a raffle, game or sale of items such as home baking will be offered at towers.

## **AGM at St. George's - January 2006**

Quite a good turn out for our A.G.M. in January, with 19 ringers for afternoon ringing, this included 3 visitors from Leicester who were a welcome addition. Afternoon ringing included Call Changes, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major with the service touch being Stedman Triples.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Christopher Smith who also kindly played the piano to accompany our hymns. The readings were read by Harold Johnson and Tricia Jopling.

Cyril Toyne was awarded Life Membership in recognition of his continued support and service to the Society.

A huge thank you to Sarah and Annabelle for their efforts behind the scenes all day, in order to provide such an excellent tea for us!

Congratulations to our new Ringing Master Terina Bielby, who within 24 hrs of election to her post has planned 'Methods of the Month' for each of our meetings. I hope this structured approach will help ringing in Doncaster to progress and interest ringers from outside the Society to join our meetings. I hope to have this list placed on the website soon and for it to be available for download.

Evening ringing - only 8 ringers stayed for evening ringing but several methods were rung together with a few rounds to enable people to ring slightly heavier bells than would normally try! Evening ringing concluded at 8.30pm.

It is planned to hold morning service ringing at St. George's on the last Sunday of the month. Anyone who feels able to offer to ring please contact either Mary or Terina who will coordinate names for each Sunday. Again I hope to publish details on the website shortly.

As Arksey have no resident band as yet, they plan to hold a practice evening on the last Friday of each month. Any enquiries to Terina please. It is hoped that the people who have expressed interest in learning to ring at Doncaster St George's, will be able to be taught at Arksey with Terina and Roy, this will most likely be on a different evening during the week.

This year the outing will be on Saturday 24th June 2006. Please book the date in your diary and details will be circulated when arrangements have been made.

Our next meeting is at Barnby Dun on Saturday 25th February 2006 6.30pm to 8.00pm. See You there!

## **Annual General Meeting**

The A.G.M. will be held at St. George's on Saturday 28th January 2006.

Ringling 3.00 pm.

Service 4.30 pm.

A.G.M. 5.00 pm - followed by tea.

Evening ringling 7.00 pm (if sufficient ringers).

Names for tea to the Secretary by 25 January 2006. Please state meat or vegetable pie. Donations of cakes welcome, or small raffle prize.

All Walker Cup entries to reach me by Thursday 26th January 2006. Computer users can alternatively download a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that has been specifically designed to automatically calculate the totals and percentage score; you only need to enter the Tower details. This spreadsheet can be downloaded from the download page and emailed back to the secretary at the website address.

Please encourage as many ringers as possible to attend the meeting.

## **January 2006**

A **draft** ringling programme for 2006 is now available. Click on the programme 2006 link. The programme can also be downloaded in PDF format from the Download page.