

## **Ralph Watkinson - Funeral and Quarter Peal**

Ralph's funeral was extremely well attended.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung in memory of Ralph and his father William at Tickhill on Saturday 1 December 2007 at 4.00 pm.

Ralph's family was given a tour of the belfry, listened to the ringing and then provided refreshments for the band. A very special day for everyone involved.

Thanks to Phil for taking care of all the arrangements.

## **Invite**

We have been invited to join Terina at Doncaster Greyhound Stadium Stainforth on Friday 7 December 2007.

Full details are available in PDF format on the download page.

## **November Meeting Review**

The last meeting of this year was held at Arksey with 17 ringers attending - unfortunately Anne was unable to ring - we wish her a speedy recovery.

Methods rung included: Plain Bob Triples, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Plain and Little Bob Major, Cambridge Minor, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

Our thanks to Terina for arranging for us to ring and providing some very welcome seasonal refreshments. A lovely end to the year's ringing together.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Saturday 26 January 2008. Details will be circulated nearer the date.

## **Announcement**

It is with sadness that I announce the death of Ralph Watkinson, tower captain of Tickhill.

Ralph passed away peacefully on Saturday 3 November 2007 following a long illness.

His funeral is to take place at 11.00 am on Monday 12 November 2007 at St. Mary's, Tickhill and afterwards at Rose Hill Crematorium at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please - donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation, care of W E Pinder and Son, 19 Thorne Road, Bawtry, Doncaster, DN10 6QL

Arrangements are being made to ring prior to the service.

## **October Meeting Review**

The October meeting at Clayworth and Gringley on the Hill went very well.

Although only 12 ringers attended we managed to have a lovely afternoon and evening ring.

Methods at Clayworth were not very advanced and included: Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Minor.

Gringley on the Hill village hall was ideal for our tea, just a short walk from the church.

Gringley on the Hill saw more variety of methods from Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Forward, Plain and Little Bob, Little Bob, Oxford, Kent and Double Court, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge.

Our next meeting is at Arksey on 24th November, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

## **September Meeting Review**

A very low turnout for our Sprotbrough meeting - just nine ringers turned out and the ratio of members to visitors was 2:1!

Our grateful thanks for their support tonight.

Ringling included: Plain Bob Major, Plain and Little Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Minor.

Our thanks to Ralph and Katie for arranging the tower and very welcome refreshments. Madeline's buns were delicious!

Thanks to Marian who once again deputised as our ringing master for the evening.

All in all a very social occasion.

Our next meeting is October 27th at Clayworth and Gringley on the Hill when names for tea will be required please.

## **August Meeting Review**

We had a lovely meeting at Harworth.

Thanks to Roger for arranging for our visit and hosting the evening's ringing too.

About 17 ringing members and visiting friends turned out and as a result we had an excellent attendance.

Ringling included Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Plain and Little Bob, St. Clements, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Stedman and the method of the month Killamarsh Surprise.

This was our first ring at Harworth since the kitchen area was fitted and the ring is now accessed via a short staircase.

We found a lovely smooth ring of six - Roger has obviously worked many additional hours in adjusting the ropes and preparing the bells after the building work to convert the former ground floor ring.

Our next meeting is at Sprotbrough on Saturday 29 September 7.00 - 8.30 pm.

## **August Website Updates**

A few short video clips of handbell ringing at the BBQ evening have been uploaded to the website. Select the movie format you would like to view them in.

We now have a bulletin board forum. Click on the forum Link.

## **July Meeting Review**

An excellent turnout for our July meeting.

Ringling included Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury, St. Clements, Sandall, Kent and Cambridge.

The two tower rings at Misson and Bawtry were followed by a BBQ attended by 30 ringers and friends.

Courtesy of Ralph at Tickhill and Eddie at Bawtry, handbells were available for the evening. Thanks to Neil for looking after this part of the evening. Neil and Anne also brought their bell plates which contributed greatly to the evening entertainment.

The weather held all day which was the icing on the cake for the organisers!

Special thanks to Annabelle, John and Tricia for all their help with preparation and numerous trips to the venue with chairs, equipment and food. Also thanks to all who helped on the day with cooking and clearing away.

Thank you for joining us - a lovely monthly meeting and social rolled into one.

See you in August at Harworth.

## July

Our next meeting will be held at Misson and Bawtry followed by a BBQ at Austerfield.

Please Download the tower notice and display in your tower and encourage as many ringers as possible to attend.

Names for the BBQ to Secretary by 24th July 2007 (please state if vegetarian option required).

I hope to borrow some handbells for the evening too.

## Outing to West Riding Review

Our outing to the Haworth area of Yorkshire was very well attended - the coach was almost full! Even the weather wasn't too bad - considering what had been forecast.

Five very different towers - each with its own individual characteristics, which make outings such fun. Some ringers made their first acquaintance with Yorkshire Tails - with varying responses.

The White Lion Hotel catered well for our coach party, providing a varied lunchtime menu. I particularly liked our being seated together in the function room as a private party.

The Keighley and Worth Valley Steam Railway was a real step into history and although brief was a wonderful addition to the outing.

Our thanks to Marian for arranging the outing, coordinating the tower visits with the train timetable and luncheon options at the White Lion will have been quite a juggling act.

Thanks to Pete for organising the coach and raffle. Very special thanks to the North Notts Association of Change Ringers for advertising our outing at their meetings and towers. Their support gave us much more flexibility and the opportunity to ring more advanced methods.

This was an ideal opportunity to meet ringers from other areas and make new friends. May I thank everyone, for their part in making this outing so successful.

## Outing

The outing is now fully booked!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday. Let's hope rain doesn't stop play. It should be a really good outing.

## May Meeting Review

A lovely meeting was held at Barnby Dun. An attempt was made to ring Oswald Delight - other methods included Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Hunt, Rounds and Call Changes.

Our thanks to John for opening the tower for us and to Marian for taking charge of the ringing.

June is our annual outing, tickets on sale now. Please contact the Secretary by email or phone to reserve your seat. There are only 18 tickets left! Details of the outing are available on the website from the download page.

## Outing

Marian is well on with arranging our annual outing. A coach has been booked for Saturday 30 June 2007 and will pick up at Blyth and at the White Church. Tickets are on sale now. £12 adults. £6 for under 16 years.

Although not all towers are confirmed we are heading to the Saltaire/Howarth area of the West Riding of Yorkshire. We need as many ringers as possible to purchase tickets before the end of May. Should we still be a few passengers short to make the trip viable we shall be advertising spare seats through local churches at the beginning of June.

Please spread the word and encourage as many ringers as possible to contact Marian or myself to book their seat. We need to know which pickup point and whether the optional pub lunch will be required.

**Updated 12 May 2007.** Further information and contact details are on Marian's notice available on the download page. Please display a notice in your tower.

## **April Meeting Review**

The meeting at Thorne was disappointing. Only eight members turned out on a lovely spring evening. We rang Gransire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, St. Clements, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Original and Plain Bob Major.

Our thanks to Jim for arranging the evening.

Our Next Meeting is Saturday 26 May 2007 at Barnby Dun from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.

## **March Meeting Review**

A good turnout for our experiment at Conisbrough. With ringers arriving and leaving at different times there was a constant flow of helpers on hand. Our thanks to Peter for arranging the bells and rooms for our use all afternoon. Thanks to Marian for her help with Plain Bob, to Sheila and the Conisbrough ladies for supplying tea and refreshments. Also I would like to express a special thank you to Ralph who ran the tower so expertly all afternoon. Without his guidance the afternoon would have been far less successful.

Following tea we visited Thrybergh where about twelve ringers rang several methods including the methods of the month. Our thanks to Mark for arranging access for the evening and to Pat for arranging our visit to the tower.

On the whole an interesting afternoon, for which I would like to personally thank all who attended for their interest and participation. Our next meeting is the April meeting at Thorne on the 28th. See you there.

## March 2007

Our March meeting is to be divided between two towers, Conisbrough and Thrybergh. Conisbrough has been booked from 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm to facilitate novice ringers being helped with understanding Plain Hunt or Plain Bob Doubles. We have access to the Church rooms across the car park from St. Peter's and the tower itself. Ringers will have to street park until tea time as I believe there is a market held in the car park during the day.

We hope to offer simple instruction, hints and tips and then tower practice to our novice ringers. The emphasis being on building confidence, friendships and offering the opportunity to practice with a competent team to aid ropesight and rhythm.

Tea will be held in Conisbrough Church Rooms for which a small charge will be made on the day. Names to secretary as soon as possible please. The deadline being 26th March 2007. Please indicate the level at which you require assistance or what you are prepared to help with on the day. No application form is required for this event.

We know Rome wasn't built in a day but small actions can have large consequences. Please join us.

## February Meeting Review

Quite a good turnout with 12 ringers. A number of towers were represented and we were joined by 3 visitors. A selection of methods including: Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Norwich, Single Court and Cambridge were rung.

Our thanks to Harold and Joy for facilitating a committee meeting and the ringing meeting and for providing refreshments throughout the evening.

Our March meeting will be at Conisbrough and Thrybergh. Details to be published soon.

## **AGM Review**

The AGM was well attended with support for ringing both before and after the meeting. Methods during the day included Rounds and Call Changes, Grandsire, Plain Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman.

Thanks to all who made this day so successful; Cannon C. Smith and his willing team, the officers of the Society our friends and supporters and of course our members.

Let us make 2007 an outstanding year. Please enter the Walker Cup even if you only ring for a few Sundays a year. Forms available from the download page.