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Reminder of Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on 29th August at Blyth (6 bells) from 7.30pm to 9pm. The special methods for experienced ringers are Single Oxford and Primrose.

Coach Outing on Saturday 26th September - Update

Details of our outing are on the web site, we have sold 17 tickets so far (cost £13 for adults, £6.50 for under 18). Good news from Marsden, we had been told that the clapper of the tenor was broken and that it would probably not be fixed in time for our visit. However Taylors Foundry have promised to complete the replacement clapper by the end of August and the Marsden tower contact is now confident that they can install the new clapper in time for our visit.

July Meeting Review

Our July meeting at Tickhill was enjoyable with 17 ringers including 2 visitors from Wakefield. Tickhill are bells of character and not easy to ring, but we did well with some good striking. We rang Yorkshire, Steadman triples, Grandsire, PB Major and call changes. Thanks to Derek and Jean for providing welcome refreshments.

St Mary's, Tickhill - New Years Eve 2009

At the July meeting Derek reminded ringers that New Year's Eve 2009 is a very special occasion for St Mary's Tickhill, it is the 900th Anniversary of the Church. There will be a service at 11.30pm and he asked for volunteers to ring for the service and also to ring in the New Year.

Reminder of Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Saturday 25th July at Tickhill (8 bells, 13cwt) 7.30-9pm. The special methods are Double Norwich Court Bob and Yorkshire.

Outing Update

All the towers on our coach outing on 26th September to Holmfirth and Marsden area are now confirmed and we have sold a number of tickets. However, to cover the cost of the coach we need to sell at least 30 tickets. Please spread the word and encourage as many ringers as possible to come along, tickets cost £13 for adults and £6.50 for children under 18. Details of the towers as follows (this information is available on the download page as a tower notice):-

8.30/8.40am pick up at Blyth village green/ then White Church, Warmsworth.

10.00- 10.45am New Mill (6 bells, 11 cwt)

11.10-12.00pm Holmfirth (8 bells, 12cwt) time to explore Holmfirth, optional pub lunch at Old Bridge Hotel, depart Holmfirth 1.30pm

1.50-2.35pm Meltham (6 bells, 12cwt)

3.00-3.55pm Marsden (10 bells, 26 cwt) time to explore Marsden, perhaps walk along the Huddersfield canal towpath to Standedge Tunnel and Visitors Centre with café, depart Marsden 4.50pm.

5.30-6.10pm Lindley, Huddersfield (8 bells, 18 cwt)

Approx 7.30pm return to Warmsworth & Blyth

June Meeting Review

Our June meeting at Rawmarsh was well attended, there were 23 ringers including 6 visitors. It was a warm summer's evening and there was a constant flow of ringers arriving at different times. Some of the ringing was very good, but there was plenty of opportunity for less experienced ringers to participate. We rang call changes, PB Major, Oxford Bob Triples, Bristol, Grandsire, Double Norwich & Stedman.

Reminder of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at St Mary, Rawmarsh (8 bells, 12 cwt) on Saturday 27th June from 7.00 to 8.30pm. The special methods are Oxford Bob Triples and Bristol Surprise Major. These bells could not be rung last year because of structural problems with the tower, which has now been strengthened; it is great to be able to enjoy them again.

Annual Coach Outing - Saturday 26th September 2009 - Holmfirth Area

Unfortunately the bells at Bridlington were unavailable, so we will have to postpone our trip to the Yorkshire coast for another time. Instead we are going to the Holmfirth and Marsden area. The coach will pick up at Blyth and the White church and we hope to ring at 5 towers (two 6 bell, two 8 bell and one 10 bell), an optional pub lunch has been arranged at Holmfirth and there will be plenty of free time to explore Holmfirth and also walk along the Huddersfield Canal at Marsden. Tickets are now available from Marian or Judith, price £13 for adults, £6.50 for children under 18.

May Meeting Review

We had a lovely sunny evening for our visit to Axholme. The bells at Belton were a tuneful mixture of 3 very old bells (1663 & 1748), the 11 cwt tenor was cast in 1845 (Mears) and the two trebles were modern Taylors bells. Although there were only 10 ringers, we managed a variety of methods including Oxford, Cambridge, Plain Bob Minor, Plain Hunting & Call Changes.

The tower contact Melvyn Rose had kindly organised tea and cakes for us Epworth and these were much appreciated. The 8 bells (16 cwt tenor) were cast by Taylors in 1937, they were long draft with noisy fittings and were not easy to hear distinctly and strike well. There were 19 ringers at different times during the evening (including 6 ringers from West Lindsey Branch) and methods included Cambridge Major, St Simons Triples, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain & Little Bob Major & call changes.

Thanks to Ian Kingston and David Nichols for taking charge of the ringing.

Reminder of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 30th May as follows:

6.00 - 7.00pm Belton in the Isle of Axholme, All Saints (6 bells, 11 cwt)

Travel to the next tower is only 10 minutes so there is time for a quick pub stop etc.

7.30-8.30pm Epworth, St Andrew (8 bells, 16 cwt)

We will be joined by members of the West Lindsay Branch; the special methods are Double Bob Minor, London Scholars Treble Bob Minor, St Simons Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major.

April Meeting Review

Our April meeting was a very enjoyable. For eight of us the ringing started at Conisbrough for the wedding of Peter Henderson and Margaret. It was a lovely, moving ceremony and everyone was invited to the reception at the church hall close by. We wish them every happiness in the future.

Our first tower, Hickleton was a quaint interesting ground floor ring, with the 3 bells arranged around the organ. We managed to ring plain hunting and Stedman slow work.

We were joined by a total 17 ringers at various times during the afternoon including 3 visitors from distant parts.

The 5 bells are Barnburgh sounded lovely and we rang St Simons, Reverse Canterbury and St Osmund as well as Plain Bob, Grandsire & Call Changes.

Many thanks to Mike King for organising tea at Wath. At Wath they were experimenting with some sound control, because of complaints received about peal ringing. This muted the sound outside quite successfully. We rang Stedman, St Simons Triples, Grandsire & Plain & Little Bob.

Reminder of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 25th April:

A tower poster is available from the [Download](#) page.

4.00-4.30pm Hickleton (3 bells, 6cwt) an interesting ground floor ring
4.45-5.45pm St Peter, Barnburgh (5 bells , 9cwt)
6.00-6.30pm light refreshments will be available at All Saints, Wath upon Dearne (toilets in church)
6.30-8.00pm All Saints, Wath upon Dearne (8 bells, 12cwt)

Special methods: Stedman slow work (3), Reverse Canterbury Doubles, St Osmund Doubles, Double Norwich College Bob Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Rutland Surprise Major.

March Meeting Review

Our March meeting was very enjoyable and successful, we rang at 2 six bell towers , there was a good turn out of 22 ringers. We received a warm welcome at Everton from Fred Webster, the lovely village church was delightful and the bells handled well and sounded great.

Tea at Everton village Hall went well, the hall has recently been refurbished and there was just the right amount of time to appreciate everyone's baking. Thanks to Judith, Annabelle and Ralph for their help getting everything ready.

The bells at Bawtry are always a pleasure to ring, thanks to Annabelle for arranging access.

We rang the special methods- Double Court and Morning Star Treble Bob Minor several times, also Cambridge , Norwich, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, on it's own and spliced with Little Bob, Plain Hunting and plenty of Call Changes. David Nichols took charge of the ringing.

Reminder of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 28th March as follows:

4.00-5.30pm Holy Trinity, Everton (6 bells)
5.30-7.00pm tea at Everton Village Hall
7.00-8.00pm St Nicholas, Bawtry (6 bells)

Special methods- Double Court Minor & Morning Star Treble Bob Minor

Names for tea to Marian Thomas by Thursday 26th March, any offers of cakes, sandwiches, savories etc. would be appreciated.

Mini Outing to York Review

The mini outing to York was a great day out, with 21 ringers attending. We were joined by Ron & Doreen Sanderson, who used to ring at Bentley before moving to Huntington, York in 1968 and a visitor from Basingstoke.

York has a number of beautiful medieval churches and our 4 towers were all interesting and rewarding. The bomb damaged church of St Martins in the main shopping area was a marvelous place to ring, the lightweight ground floor ring handled very well and sounded lovely. We were watched by numbers of fascinated foreign tourists. The best ring of the day was the 10 bells of St Wilfrid (RC), right in the shadow of York Minster. All Saints North St, were very a light ground floor ring and something of a handling challenge for inexperienced ringers but they sounded very nice.

We rang rounds & call changes, plain hunting on 8 & 9, Plain Bob Cators, Major & Minor, Grandsire Cators, Triples & Doubles, Kent Major, Stedman triples and various other methods. Thanks to Ian Kingston, Cyril Toyne and Ted Steele for taking charge of the ringing.

We actually made a slight profit from donations from ringers and gave it to our final tower of the day All Saints, North Street; we donated the money for 2 re-production medieval alter tiles for the church.

Lincolnshire Bells and Bellfounders Book

We have been asked to publicise the 2nd edition of the book "Lincolnshire Bells and Bellfounders" by John Ketteringham, this new edition contains a considerable amount of additional information to the 1st edition, published in 2000. If you are interested in buying a copy, please contact the author for more details e-mail:john.ketteringham27@ntlworld.com or by letter to 27 Bunkers Hill, Lincoln LN2 4QS.

Website Information

George has changed hosting providers and our website is now hosted by Justhost.

AGM Meeting Review

Our AGM meeting on 31st January was well quite attended and enjoyable.

There were 21 ringers at St George's including some young learners and we rang call changes, PB Major, Cambridge Major and a lovely service touch of Stedman Triples, thanks to Roger Smith for organising the ringing.

Rev. Canon Christopher Smith, our President, took the Service and then chaired our AGM. The minutes of the meeting will shortly be available on the web site. The meeting was followed by the traditional pie and pea supper and some delicious cakes.

Evening ringing took place at Arksey, with 15 ringers attending. The light easy going bells were in great contrast to the majestic but difficult bells of St George's. The Arksey bells have an improved tone thanks to the efforts of Terina, Tim & Mark who spent several Saturdays removing rust from the bells. We rang lots of call changes, plain hunting on 8, PB Major, Grandsire Triples and Plain & Little Bob spliced. At one point, the rope on the 4th bell dramatically slipped off its wheel, however the problem was quickly sorted out, with only 5 minutes interruption to ringing. Thanks to Cyril Toyne, for taking charge.

Mini Outing to York

Our next meeting is a mini outing to York. A full itinerary is available from the [Download](#) page.

Please contact the Secretary as soon as possible to confirm your attendance. Contact details are on the itinerary document.

Website Information

Our website has been 'hacked' a few times recently.

The home page of the website (other pages are not affected) was maliciously altered in such a way that when visitors view it, an attempt is made to download a trojan program onto the viewing computer. This hacking was quickly spotted and rectified by George.

It is highly recommended that your computer has anti-virus software installed and it is regularly updated.

This matter has been reported to the hosting provider (Hostexcellence) and measures have been taken to prevent this happening again.

AGM 2009

The website has been updated with a notice for our AGM (available from the **Download** page), which is on Saturday 31st January, please could you remind ringers in your tower and display the notice. The itinerary is as follows:

3.00-4.30pm Ringing at St George's Minster
4.30-5.00pm Service in Minster
5.00pm AGM in St George's House, followed by pie & pea supper
7.30-8.45pm evening ringing at Arksey

Donations of cakes and raffles prizes are most welcome. Please e-mail or phone me with names for tea by Wed 28th Jan, state whether meat or vegetable pie required. Also please send me all walker cup entry forms by 28th Jan.

Hope to see you all at the AGM