

Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers

News Items From 2011

Funeral Arrangements for Roy Clarke on Thursday 15 December 2011

The funeral service will be held at St John's, Greenfield Lane, Balby, on Thursday 15 December 2011 at 2.30 pm, followed by committal at Rose Hill Crematorium and afterwards at the Fairway Pub on Warmsworth Road, Balby.

Family flowers only please, donations to Cancer Research.

Announcement - 05 December 2011

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Roy Clarke. Although Roy has not been ringing for some time, he contributed greatly to our Society and had held the position of Ringing Master for many years. Following a short period of illness, Roy passed away on Sunday 04 December 2011. Our thoughts are with Joyce and his family at this sad time.

Funeral details will be announced later.

St George's Minster Repairs Completed

Repair work to remove unsafe stonework from the tower has now been completed and it is now safe to ring the bells again.

October (South Anston) Meeting Review

Our October meeting at South Anston was well attended, with 18 ringers participating (including 4 visitors). The Taylors bells (back six 1871, trebles 1928) went well and sounded nice. We rang call changes, plain hunt major, plain bob major, plain & little spliced, Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge Major and a touch of Kent.

Wragby Meeting Review

Our September meeting at Wragby was not well attended, with 11 ringers (including 3 visitors); however those that were present had an enjoyable afternoon, with interesting bells in beautiful surroundings. They rang PB Double and Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Little Bob, Plain and Little spliced, Oxford TB Minor, Kent and Oxford TB spliced and Original. Thanks to Cyril for organising the ringing.

Blyth Meeting Review

We had a very enjoyable meeting at Blyth with 20 ringers and some visitors, including Stuart Armeson and his wife Jennifer from Ecclesfield. Stuart was an old school friend of David Nichols and he told numerous tales of old ringing exploits in the pub afterwards.

The bells at Blyth are melodic but not easy to strike well and some of the ringing was very good, a couple of local people commented on how nice the bells sounded as we left the Church. We rang Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, St Clements College Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise.

Many thanks to Ted Steele for organising the ringing so efficiently and making sure that all levels were catered for. Thanks also to Andy Hall for obtaining permission for us to ring at Blyth and opening up the tower.

No Ringing at Todwick on 29 October 2011

There will be no ringing at Todwick due to a problem with the bells. Ringing will still take place 7pm-8.30pm at South Anston

No Ringing at St George's Minster Due to Falling Masonry

On 16th August, a large piece of masonry fell down from the south west corner of the tower. It has been decided that until further investigations have been carried out, it is not safe to ring the bells. Further details are on the press release available from the download page.

Sprotborough Meeting Review

Our last meeting at Sprotbrough on 30th July was attended by 13 ringers, although a number of our regular ringers (including myself) were on holiday. Those attending had a pleasant evening and rang rounds on 8, Plain Hunt on 5 & 7 bells, PB Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles, Oxford TB Minor, Spliced Plain & Little Bob Minor.

Outing Review

Our annual coach outing to the Grantham area was a lovely day out, enjoyed by all. A total of 29 ringers attended and on the financial side we almost covered the cost of the coach, tower donations & the broken stay. Many thanks to those who donated generously to the raffle.

Society Forum

Our Society now has a forum where members can post messages and exchange information about bell ringing, society events, requests for ringers and tower information etc. The forum is still under development by *George*, our webmaster.

Guests are able to view a limited number of boards on the forum. Registered Society members have full access to the forum and can view and post messages to a number of additional boards. Society members wishing to use the forum need to complete the registration process. Newly registered users have limited access, but can post messages, until confirmed as a Society member, when full access will be granted (normally within 24 hours).

If you have any questions about the forum or would like assistance to register, *George* can be contacted by clicking on the email address at the bottom of our web pages.

May Meeting Review

There were 20 ringers at our May meeting at the beautiful village of Wentworth (6 bells). We rang call changes, PB doubles & Minor, PB & Little Bob spliced, Grandsire, Kent, Cambridge & Norwich. Thanks to Ian for looking after the ringing so efficiently.

Quarter Peal

Non Association
Bawtry, South Yorkshire
St Nicholas
Saturday, 28 May 2011
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Judith Jopling
2. Kate Giddens (C)
3. Linda Peers
4. Annabelle Prebble
5. Ron Giddens
6. Eddie Lodge

Rung to celebrate 90 years of Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers. Also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Judith and George Jopling and Kate and Ron Giddens who were married in this church.

Revised Outing Poster

A revised poster for the outing to the Grantham area on the 25 June 2011 is available from the Download page.

April Meeting (30 April 2011) Review

Our last meeting on 30th April was poorly attended, many ringers being away (including myself) due to the Bank Holidays. There were only 5 ringers at Treeton (6 bells) and 6 ringers at Whiston (8 bells), although they were joined by 3 local ringers who very kindly provided refreshments. Those who did turn up got plenty of ringing and had an enjoyable evening.

Coach Outing to the Grantham Area on Saturday 25 June 2011

A notice for the coach outing to the Grantham area on Saturday 25 June 2011 is now available on the download page. The programme page has also been updated with the details.

Tickets go on sale at our April meeting at Treeton and Whiston. A deposit of £5 will secure a seat on the coach. Ringers need to indicate if they will be boarding the coach at Warmsworth or Blyth and if they want the pub lunch (highly recommended - all food freshly prepared).

April Meeting (02 April 2011) Review

Our April meeting at Campsall was well attended, with at least 5 visitors and our old friends Anne & Neil Westman. It was the first time we had rung the Gillet and Johnson bells at Campsall since 2002; they went very well and sounded gorgeous. We had a warm reception from the local people who met us and were pleased to hear their bells being rung again. We rang rounds & call changes, Plain Hunt, PB Triples, PB Major, Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Oxford TB Major & Yorkshire. Thanks to Ted Steele for taking charge of the ringing.

Mini-Outing to Manchester Review

Our ringing outing to Manchester on 26th February was dedicated to the memory of David Nichols, our late Ringing Master, who planned the trip. Twenty seven of us (including 4 non ringers) caught the train from Doncaster at 8.40am, a further 3 ringers from Barnsley joined us at the first tower.

Unfortunately Greater Manchester Public Transport had chosen that very weekend to suspend the Bury tram service because of engineering works and replace it by buses (which take much longer), this meant that we were at least 30 minutes late for every tower and the pub lunch. The tower contacts were very patient and gave us longer ringing time, which meant we were even later for the next tower. At Bury, when the stay on the treble was accidentally broken Marilyn (the tower contact) was very understanding and refused to let us pay for a replacement. The bells at Sacred Trinity, Salford were a delight to ring, but the highlight was ringing the 10 bells at Manchester Cathedral, they are really magnificent. After we finished ringing at the Cathedral we took photographs of the group and held one minute's silent reflection in memory of David.

A.G.M. 2011 Review

Our AGM on 29th January was well attended, with 28 members present at the meeting, 17 ringers at St George's and 16 ringers afterwards at Arksey. The Revd Canon Paul Shackerley (our new President) chaired the meeting and took the bell ringers service. Two members of the Society who had recently died - David Nichols and Revd Julian McCready were remembered in our prayers during the service.

The business meeting lasted 50 minutes (minutes of the meeting are now on the website), Sprotbrough won the Walker cup with a 94% Sunday ringing record during 2010. The meeting was followed by a delicious tea which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Sarah Hackett for organising the tea (ably assisted by Peter & Margaret) and for baking the wonderful 90th anniversary cake in the shape of a bell & headstock - it was such a shame to cut it up, but it tasted good.

There are pictures on the website of the anniversary cake, of Madeline receiving the walker cup on behalf of Sprotbrough and Roger demonstrating good bell handling to Jay, a new recruit.

Change of Web Hosting Provider

George, our webmaster, has changed web hosting providers. The change over has been completed successfully. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Further to the recent Newsletter, this news page is the most popular page visited on the website, followed by the two others.

Mini-Outing to Manchester on 26 February 2011

An amended flyer with full details of the mini-outing to Manchester is now available on the download page.

Funeral Arrangements for David Nichols on Friday 28 January 2011

The funeral service will be held at St Mary's, Sprotborough, on Friday 28 January 2011 at 3.00 pm, followed by committal at Rose Hill Crematorium at 3.55 pm.

St. Mary's church bells will be rung from 2.15 pm, all who knew David are welcome to ring. There will be open ringing after the funeral service. The bells will not be muffled as the family wish this to be a celebration of David's life.

A buffet will be provided at Palfreys Lodge, Acacia Road, Cantley DN4 6NR from around 4.15-4.30 pm.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu will be shared between Scouting and Bell Ringing.

A collection plate will be available in Church and all proceeds from this will go to St. Mary's itself. Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of David can either donate at Rose Hill or by donating directly to our family, details of donations and memorials will be publicised later.

Helen has sent the following message...

"Thank you for your kind words. To us David was the 'best'. He was was an amazing person; a brilliant dad, fabulous Ggrandad & a wonderful husband. We are devastated & heartbroken as he was taken from us so quickly & no chance to say goodbye. Thank you to everyone for the cards & flowers, they have been so comforting." Helen & family.

Announcement - 09 January 2011

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our Ringing Master, David Nichols. He suffered a massive heart attack whilst on his way to work yesterday (8th January) and died in hospital, he was 64. Our thoughts are with Helen and his family at this sad time. He was a lovely person, excellent ringer and friend and we will miss him terribly.

Once we know the funeral arrangements we will circulate the details.

Website Update

George (our Webmaster) is currently in the process of archiving and updating the website to the next major revision of the HTML standard (HTML5). Not all Web Browsers fully support this standard yet. Please let George know if you notice any issues with the web pages in your browser, such as text overlaying other text etc.

The news page for 2010 is now available as a PDF document on the Archive page.

All downloadable items from 2010 have been moved to the Archive page.