

Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers

Established 1921

Secretary's Report for the Year 2008

2008 has been an enjoyable year. We had a varied programme, ringing at some of our usual towers close to home but also visiting towers that the Society had not rung at for a number of years, but still within a 15 mile radius of Doncaster. These were Wentworth, Wickersley, Whiston, Darfield & Haxey.

Meetings were generally quite well attended with typically 15-20 ringers, including those meetings further afield. Only the meeting at Haxey in July was disappointing with just 5 ringers; this was due to the sunny weather (we did have some), ringers being on holiday and the distance from Doncaster when fuel prices were high.

The standard of ringing was variable but on occasion could be very good, with some harder methods including Superlative and Bristol being rung well.

In September our coach outing to Derbyshire attracted 32 people. It was a wonderful sunny day, we rang at 5 very different towers and the highlight was ringing on the gorgeous 10 bells at Chesterfield, then climbing to the base of the crooked spire and seeing the huge twisted beams of wood.

Ringling at St George's Church- at the start of the year it had been the intention to ring on the first Sunday of every month. Unfortunately to do a shortage of ringers and commitments to other towers, we did miss a number of Sundays. However, we did manage to ring for most of the 150th Anniversary events including the Thanksgiving Service on 15th October.

I would like to thank the committee and all ringers for their support over the last year, but especially Judith Jopling, the past secretary, who has given me a tremendous amount of help and encouragement.

I also want to thank George Jopling our web master, who has spent many hours maintaining the web site, keeping news items up to date and sending out e-mail newsletters.

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