**2015 Secretary Report**

Achievements: The team placed third in the Championship at DERT having learnt a new dance which is much harder than Jubilee. Overall the team seems to be dancing to a higher standard and are becoming increasingly well known.

**Events:**

Tower Ravens have been invited to over 21 dance outs since the AGM last year (21 is the number we actually considered on the sign-up sheet)

Attended: 6

Declined: 13

* Due to location: 4; Due to lack of numbers: 7 (around half of which were due to illness and injuries post DERT); due to clashing with other invites: 2

Cancelled by organiser: 2

Crawls: 8, plus a Whitby crawl

Number of public appearances since last AGM: 16

* Looking at the numbers we have excellent attendance during the run-up to DERT (which is great) but something of a drop off afterwards. This year was partly due to illness and injury, as well as only the DERT set knowing the new dance and Trad set knowing Westerhope. Hopefully this year we will be in a better position as we will be healthy and have larger numbers knowing all of our dances. Although summer is a hard season for numbers it really is worth making these events as they are so public and will spread the team’s reputation.

**Members:**

Currently have 13 regular members (sadly decreasing to 12 with Sinead leaving)

In the last year we have lost 4 members (2 for personal reasons and 2 due to moving away)

We currently have 10 members who would probably be considered zone9ers, but this includes people who are very unlikely to dance with us again- do we have a cut-off point where people should be taken off the mailing list?

In the last year (approximately) we have gained 4 members (Hannah, Laura W., Reesha and Kate- although I suspect some of you have been here a little longer-apologies!)