

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout the East Yorkshire region.

Newsletter Number 32, June 1st, 2019.

News roundup: Recorded lengths.

Quarter Peals

Barrow and District Ringing Society

Melton Ross, Lincolnshire

3 West Holme

Thursday 2nd May, 2019, 14D#

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **Heather LE Peachey**

3-4 **Barry F Peachey**

5-6 **Peter Church (C)**

Rung on the bells by Robert Wells of Aldbourne.

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Kingston-upon-Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Friday 3rd May, 2019, 15C

1344 Kent TB Major

1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**

3-4 **Christopher LD Munday**

5-6 **Peter Church(C)**

7-8 **Roderick R Horton**

First TB Major, 1-2.

First TB Major for the Society since 1975

33 Westbourne Avenue

Friday 3rd May, 2019, 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **William Lennox**

3-4 **Christine M Church**

5-6 **Peter Church(C)**

33 Westbourne Avenue

Saturday 4th May, 2019, 15C

1360 Plain Bob Major

1-2 **Jenny M Hastings**

3-4 **Karen A Lane**

5-6 **Neil Turner (C)**

7-8 **Peter Church**

First Major in hand, 1-2, 3-4.

First Major in hand as conductor.

300th handbell quarter for the Society.

33 Westbourne Avenue

Saturday 4th, 2019, 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **Hilary J Barclay**

3-4 **Ronald S Barclay**

5-6 **Peter Church(C)**

Market Weighton

26 Sancton road

Sunday 5th, 2019, 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **Christine M Church**

3-4 **Peter Church(C)**

5-6 **Karen A Lane**

Kingston-upon-Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday 7th May, 2019, 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **Patricia A Donnelly**

3-4 **Christine M Church**

5-6 **Peter Church(C)**

33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday 7th May, 2019, 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **Neil Turner**

3-4 **Rebecca M Legowski**

5-6 **Christopher LD Munday (C)**

Wilberfoss, E. Yorkshire

28 Millfield Close

Thursday 9th May, 2019, 12F

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 **Jenny M Hastings**

3-4 **Karen A Lane**

5-6 **Neil Turner (C)**

Market Weighton

26 Sancton road

Thursday 23rd, 2019, 15C

1360 Plain Bob Major

1-2 **Jenny M Hastings**

3-4 **Karen A Lane**

5-6 **Peter Church (C)**

7-8 **James R Startin**

1st on 8 handbells: 7-8.

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Monday 27th, 2019, 13E
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 **Christine M Church**
3-4 **Peter Church**
5-6 **Karen A Lane(C)**
First as conductor on handbells: 5-6.

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road
Thursday 29th May, 2019, 15C
1272 Oxford TB Minor
1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**
3-4 **Christopher LD Munday**
5-6 **Peter Church(C)**
First of Oxford: 1-2.
The first handbell quarter purely of Oxford TB for the Society.

Peal

Barrow and District Ringing Society

Melton Ross, Lincolnshire

3 West Holme
Saturday 25th May, 2019, 14D#, in 1h 59
5040 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 **Barry F Peachey**
3-4 **Heather LE Peachey**
5-6 **Peter Church (C)**
1st hand bell Peal for the Society. 1st Peal of Minor in hand 1-2. 1st Peal for the Society 5-6. 421st Peal together and the first on hand bells 1-2, 3-4.
1st Peal on these 1784 Robert Wells of Aldbourne, Wiltshire bells in the 43 years that 1-2 has owned them and, as they were derelict for many years before that, possibly ever.

Out and about.

We had an excellent start to the month with a bunch of quarter peals leading to some valuable firsts, **Rebecca** first of TB Major, **Karen** and **Jenny** first Major in hand, and **Neil** first Major in hand as conductor. The Plain Bob Minor ringing was also very valuable, cementing the rhythm and structure in place in preparation for ringing more highly structured methods.

With the impact of holidays and accidents, the number of people gathering on a Tuesday morning has been a little lower and hence more easily manageable. The method apex has been **Norwich Surprise** rung by **Peter Church, Chris Munday and Rebecca Legowski**, Kent TB has become standard fare and Oxford TB is rung when the skill level allows.

Towards the middle of the month a couple of quarter peal attempts failed to reach their desired conclusion, Oxford TB Minor after about 1,200 changes, and Plain Bob Major around the half-way mark. Lessons learned: conducting Oxford properly needs thorough preparation, and Plain Bob Major needs full concentration.

The spare time following the failed major was usefully used in ringing a course of Kent TB Major and a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

B&D Dinner Ringing

The irrepressible Rebecca was joined by Peter, Chris (M) and John for a couple of pre-prandial courses of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. James Blackburn's new bells were given an airing after the dinner, sweet bells but no match for the rampant saxophones.

Owing to numerous diversions we were again lower on numbers on Tuesday 21st May. Even so we rang some Treble Bob Minor, and attempted to ring Norwich. Major methods included Bastow Little Bob and Little Bob.

Thursday of the same week saw a gathering at Karen Lane's place in Market Weighton enabling **Jim Startin** to score his first quarter of Major on handbells.

First known peal on the bells.

Saturday morning, 25th May saw a much anticipated peal being scored at **Heather and Barry Peachey's** home in Melton Ross, the 7 extents coming round in just under 2 hours.

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It was rung on **Barry Peachey's** handbells, which were cast in 1784, the year in which William Wilberforce became member of Parliament for Yorkshire.

Two days later **Karen Lane** joined **Chris and Peter Church**, and **called** her first quarter peal on handbells. Peter worked with Karen's dad at British Aerospace for many years, he would have been very pleased with the achievement.

10-bell session

After lunch the threesome were extended by to eight with the addition of **Rebecca Legowski, Roddy Horton, Chris Munday, and Heather and Barry Peachey**. Plain Hunting, several Plain Courses of Plain Bob Royal, some touches of Spliced Plain and Little Royal were rung.

A full course of Plain Bob Maximus was beyond us, but a course of PLP was rung.

Beverley and District Ringing Society **Kingston-upon-Hull**

33 Westbourne Avenue
Monday 27th May, 2019, 15C

56 Spliced Plain & Little Bob Maximus

1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**
3-4 **Heather LE Peachey**
5-6 **Peter Church(C)**
7-8 **Christopher LD Munday**
9-0 **Roderick R Horton**
E-T **Barry Peachey**

The first handbell touch of Maximus for the project.

Later in the week saw a visit to 60 Riplingham Road and a Quarter of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This was the first at the "tower" following the kitchen renovation and the first purely of Oxford TB on handbells for the Society.

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Thinks.

Why do my fingers type *cursing order* when my brain says *coursing order*?

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Techniques

1-2 is a specialist calling, some people revel in ringing the pair, others are nervous about swapping them over and destroying the touch. Both attitudes can be modified by "just ringing a lot".

Ringing "inside" pairs is a different matter. There are degrees of difficulty which can be manipulated by appropriate choice of composition. Many handbell compositions of Plain Bob Major keep 5&6 either coursing or in their home places for much of the time, and it's rare for 3-4 to ring the 5-6 pattern.

Whatever.

The whole trick is to concentrate on the pair, and whilst more attention should be given to the bell ringing first in your pair, nevertheless the focus has to be on ringing one pair of bells not on two separate blue lines.

Each change-row needs to be rung with a single thought.

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Peter Church

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