

# THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

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## ***Performances for the record:***

A full list of Project performances for 2023 is on Bellboard at:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=16089>

### **Beverley and District Society Kirk Ella, 60 Riplingham Road**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

#### **5040 Plain Bob Royal**

1-2 Rebecca Legowski

3-4 Neil Donovan

5-6 Peter Church

7-8 Christopher L D Munday (C)

9-0 Barry F Peachey

First on 10: 1-2.

First on 10 Handbells: 9-10.

### **Barrow and District Society Melton Ross, 3 West Holme**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023

#### **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Barry F Peachey

3-4 Heather LE Peachey

5-6 Peter Church (C)

### **Beverley and District Society Cherry Burton, Little Orchard**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

#### **1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 A John Atkinson

3-4 Neil Donovan

5-6 Christopher L D Munday (C)

7-8 James E Blackburn

Rung in memory of Val Blackburn, mother of

7-8.

### **Beverley and District Society Hull, 33 Westbourne Avenue**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

#### **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Barry F Peachey

3-4 Heather LE Peachey

5-6 Peter Church (C)

## ***Out and about***

The West of Weighton group got the year started; **Neil Turner** had a bungalow full for the first practise as he also had **Phil and Sue** from Kippax.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> had 8 people meeting to ring Maximus. This is hard stuff. The bells in a pair can be a long way apart but the bells within the changes are close together. We achieved a lot in the 2 hours with people on pairs at the limit of their ability. PLP and 3 leads of Kent TB Maximus; great start to the year.

An online session on the following day had Rhona ringing 1-2 to Plain Bob Minor with the support of Neil Turner and Jim Startin. Unfortunately the internet caused great difficulties and the session had to be abandoned.

The weekend saw a concerted effort to ring Oxford Treble Bob. For handbells, Oxford is simpler to ring than Kent, but conducting Oxford is a little bit trickier. **Karen Lane** from Market Weighton, and **Barry Peachey** of Barrow both had a concerted session and made good progress.

The Tuesday Peal band met for Plain Bob Royal as the month progressed. A lot of the peal was excellent, a lot was very good, a small amount, unfortunately near the end, needed conductor's intervention to keep it on the rails. The peal was an achievement given the footnotes, and the general stresses and tiredness felt by over half of the band.

Less than a week later we met and succeeded in ringing an extent of Oxford TB Minor with **Barry Peachey** on 1-2. Well done Barry, in spite of your protestations you are becoming a handbell ringer. The quarter of Plain Bob was rung to celebrate.

Later that week, ringers from Beverley St Mary's met and rang a quarter of PB Major in memory of Val Blackburn, James's mother. The quarter was not specifically published for the Hull Handbells Project (which is fine), but is recorded here for completeness of the handbell ringing records in East Yorkshire.

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Persistence and patience are valuable qualities for a handbell team. Neil Turner and Karen Lane are well versed in these attributes, so whilst some of their progress may not be lightning fast, you can be confident that when they declare a goal it will be achieved. Treble Bob Minor is their current bleeding edge of the learning curve.

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Persistence and patience is also needed for Treble Bob in Melton Ross, but the rejoinder is the same: ***“Stick to it folks, learn the spacings for the Kent Places, ring 1,000 courses”***.

With the prospect of **Alison Lucas** travelling over from Skipton way, and her declared objective of ringing the Pickled Egg methods this year [https://wiki.changeringing.co.uk/Project Pickled Egg](https://wiki.changeringing.co.uk/Project_Pickled_Egg). Peter chose to focus on Cornwall for the methods and skills session on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Let's just suffice to say that the grid of Cornwall is seductively simple, but the ringing thereof needs shed loads of learning and Abelling to make picking up a pair of bells worthwhile.

We met, we rang Oxford TB Major, and a lot of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. There was much learning for most of us and a lot of enjoyable ringing, and a lot of progress.

## ***Learning points:***

Don't frighten people off by declaring an objective that is “stratospheric” even if you try to re-assure them that they can ring whatever is their current level.

Follow trodden footsteps: Norwich S and Bourne S. both have Major stage structures that are easier to navigate than even Cambridge and Yorkshire.

## ***The Learning Curve***

Fun food and friends, count the smiles per day: Steve Wozniak

Kent and Oxford TB Minor

The standard 720 uses the tenor as the observation bell, and calls as this bell goes into the slow work and out of the slow work are the standard.

The simplest touch is two courses, 240 changes, call the tenor In, Out, In, Out.

To make a 720, omit the last bob out giving 142356 at the course and part end. Then ring 2 more identical parts to get 720.

Shorten the 720 to 552 by calling tenor 4ths & In, either in part 1, or in part 2

A practise strategy for the three parts and the shortened part is to jump, either to the first part end – call one bob home, or to the second part end, call 2 bobs home, to begin with.

## ***The hard core methods are:***

Minor: Plain, Double, Little, St Clement's, Single & Double Court, Kent, Oxford, Norwich, Cambridge, Bourne, and the rest of the Standard 41

Major: Plain, Double, Little, St Clement's, Double Norwich CB, Kent, Oxford, Norwich, Cambridge, Bourne, and the rest of the standard seven Pickled Egg methods Yorkshire, Superlative, Cornwall, Lessness, London, Bristol

Royal and Maximus: Plain, Double, Little, Kent, Oxford, Bourne, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol.

## **Peter Church**

1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.