

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 81, July 1st, 2023.

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

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

Market Weighton, East Yorkshire

26 Sancton Rd

Friday, 16 June 2023 (15 in C)

1344 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 Peter Church

5-6 Neil Turner

7-8 James E Blackburn (C)

First Quarter in hand as conductor.

Birthday compliment to the conductor.

Market Weighton, East Yorkshire

26 Sancton Rd

Wednesday, 21st June 2023 (13 in E)

2023 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 Neil Turner

5-6 Peter Church (C)

For the summer solstice.

100th on handbells: 1-2.

Market Weighton, East Yorkshire

26 Sancton Rd

Thursday, 22nd June 2023 (13 in E)

1633 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Heather LE Peachey

3-4 Karen A Lane

5-6 Peter Church (C)

For the Hull Solar Gate commemorating the house imprisonment of Galileo for supporting heliocentrism, 22nd Jun 1633.

400th Quarter for the Hull Handbells Project.

The Learning Curve

A comment was made during one of our sessions that certain ringers are risk averse, not wishing to be seen to not be perfect at ringing a method. Well, none of us wish to screw up a piece of ringing but “nothing ventured, nothing gained”, some degree of risk is inevitable. I can identify with three stages of ringing a method:

- 1) Getting going
- 2) Getting good at it
- 3) Being on top

“**Getting going**” could even be described as learning how to learn the method. Some techniques work well for some methods and not so well for others. Techniques include:

- Spaces from lead / spaces apart
- Double lines
- Grid
- Treble driven structure
- Rules
- Coursing order
- Double Place bells
- Place notation

And some techniques are also better for some ringers; if you’re a visual person double lines might be better than rules.

Horses for courses

Spaces from lead works well for Plain Bob Minor, not so well for more highly structured methods, but good for Kent Places and London 1-2. Etc.

The techniques overlap of course, and no-one learns just the place notation for method ringing, it’s too fragile.

Once you have “got going” and can ring the pairs to a plain course by a favourite technique, then “**getting good at it**” kicks in. Ring a load of courses (I am currently on about 140 courses of Double Norwich) and you will start to pick up patterns that are helpful. DNCB is a classic in this respect; with preserving the natural coursing order perfectly both at the half lead and again at the lead end

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the hunting spaces apart becomes visible.

And there are lots of other coursing order expressions to help.

“On top” only comes with focus, concentration and hard work.

Question: “How are you going to get so good that you can recover from trips”?

Answer: Because you can ring the method reliably on auto-pilot, and can follow the structure and flow of the ringing. In Plain Bob based methods like Double Norwich, coursing order becomes part of staying right. In more relaxed methods like Cambridge, double place bells is a very valuable technique, especially allied to finding or learning the handrails.

Out and about

It was **Chris Munday** wot started it, Duffield that is.

The latest event is a 720 of Duffield Major rung in Ringing Room by our American friends which is the longest recorded length of Duffield in hand so far.

Where are we with Double Norwich? – Just starting to ring touches.

There were two sessions on Friday 30th. The “West of Weighton” group concentrated heavily on ringing Kent TB Major, with much Bastow and Kent Little Bob also rung as well as all but one lead of Kent TB Major. Persistence pays dividends.

And joy of joys, **Rebecca and Damien** are working their way back into circulation. Oxford, Kent, Little Bob, St Clement’s were all despatched with ease. Buxton Bob eluded us but will be sorted next time we meet.

Quarter Peal Diaries

Congratulations to:

- **James Blackburn** for calling his first quarter on handbells
- **Karen Lane** for reaching 100 quarters in hand

Quarter Peal Location League Table:

- 160 Hull
- 57 Market Weighton
- 53 Beverley
- 46 Kirk Ella
- 38 Elloughton

Noting 59 Quarters rung online

Peter Church

1st July 2023.