

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 85, November 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

26 Sancton Road

Friday 13th October, 2023

1926 Plain Major (15 in C)

6 Un-Saiph Little Bob & 1920 Plain Bob

1–2 James R Startin

3–4 Karen A Lane

5–6 Neil Turner

7–8 Peter Church (C)

The foundation stone for the Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, was laid on 13th October, 1926 by the Prince of Wales (later to become King Edward VIII). The Gallery hosted the Turner Prize in 2017 during the UK City of Culture Year and in which there were 519,000 visitors.

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road Rd

Tuesday, 31st October, 2023 (15 in C)

1344 Plain Bob Major

1–2 Peter Church

3–4 Neil Turner

5–6 Christopher LD Munday (C)

7–8 Barry F Peachey

Out and about

Peter Church had a day in Glasgow on 7th October, ringing with Stoecklin and Gay, and Nick Jones as well as a number of assorted Scottish handbell ringers. The event was well organised in spite of weather related travelling problems. Much Cambridge Minor, Kent Major, and Yorkshire Major was rung by PC, and there were some learning points.

October saw the return to school for Holly and the start of University for Mark Smith. Mark has been joining the Tuesday sessions in Hull and is making progress with Plain Hunting and Plain Bob Minor.

WoW, the West of Weighton group (that has stopped meeting West of Weighton and now meets at 26 Sancton Road, (but I refuse to rename them "SoW"), has continued to meet regularly.

Activities over the summer period have been curtailed owing to away breaks and attention to Version 10 of the handbell ringing website.

The new version has a more methods and a structure that is significantly more flexible. The method population will continue to grow until we have the basics covered up to London S Major and Stedman Cinques.

Do have a browse, when you spot errors large or small please let me know. Whatever you do, don't Just ignore them.

We had a "round the kitchen table discussion" one Tuesday morning on what does a towerbell ringer need to do to become a handbell ringer. Lots of good points were made, including:

Motivation: You will know more about the methods and how the bells work together than anyone who does not ring handbells, handbell change-ringing makes the towerbell ringer more knowledgeable and more reliable, with **extra items in his or her toolkit**.

Getting into handbell ringing requires a bit of humility, the experienced tower bell ringer needs to swallow a lot of pride, and accept that they needs to backwards **and become a learner once more**, with all the trips and mistakes which are the learning opportunities.

Even worse, the tower bell ringer needs to **find a way of putting all that valuable towerbell knowledge up on the shelf** for a period and start afresh with something completely different. For one local ringer, it was tuition by the late, great, Hamish McNaughton that enabled her to see the way that structure in methods can be used for ringing a pair of bells simultaneously.

Once the mental approach of navigating a pair as a single unit has been accepted, then various parts of the tower bell toolkit, earned by the hours spent in freezing cold or sweaty-hot belfries with blisters as a bonus, can be dusted off and integrated with the structural knowledge gained through the handbell experience.

General agreement: Handbell Skills make towerbell ringers into better method ringers.

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Our friend and mentor, Simon Humphrey, has had a torrid time over the summer with muscles and nerves and possibly tendons causing severe pain. Simon, we wish you health and happiness.

Peter Church

1st November 2023.