

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 93, July 1st, 2024.

A full list of Project performances for 2024 is on Bellboard at:

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Beverley and District Ringing Society

Kingston upon Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday, 4th June, 2024 (15 in C)

1312 Kent Treble Bob Major

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 Heather L E Peachey

5-6 Timothy J Billings

7-8 Christopher LD Munday (C)

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road

Thursday, 6th June, 2024 (15 in C)

1260 Plain Bob Royal:

1-2 Christopher LD Munday

3-4 Karen A Lane

5-6 Peter Church(C)

7-8 Heather L E Peachey

9-0 Barry F Peachey

Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Kingston upon Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday, 25th June, 2024 (15 in C)

1260 Plain Bob Royal:

1-2 Heather L E Peachey

3-4 Karen A Lane

5-6 Peter Church

7-8 Christopher LD Munday (C)

9-0 Barry F Peachey

Rung with the best wishes of the band to H.R.H. The Princess Royal for a speedy recovery..

Out and about

Our first session of the month we welcomed a new-to-the-area handbell ringer, Timothy Billings. Timothy has relocated from the island of Arran and currently lives in Caistor. It was really good to have Timothy in the mix, and the ringing included a Quarter Peal of Kent TB Major, Double Norwich SBM, Duffield, and a **couple of Leads of Yorkshire S Major**. There is more to come in the Surprise Major area.

Equally important: we encouraged Mark, (Karen's son) to ring Plain Bob Minor more accurately, progress is slow but movement is in the right direction.

Today's learners are tomorrows leaders.

There was a good session at 60 Riplingham Road on 18th June, PLP Maximus, PLP Royal with calls Kent TB Royal.

The last Tuesday session, 25th, was also busy, with a quarter of Plain Bob Royal and a good bash at the start of Yorkshire S Major.

The WoW group was saved from trying to ring Inverse Little Bob Major on Friday 28th, by a shortage of available ringers, a concerted head bangin' Minor session of Oxford TB, Original, Single Court, Double Court, College Bob and St. Clement's College Bob was interspersed with some great discussions on method learning techniques.

Later in the same day, Timothy was online, ringing a quarter of Cambridge S. Minor, his first of Surprise Minor in hand. Good stuff.

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The Learning Curve

Skills.

Change ringing is a skilled activity, even “mere” plain hunting requires the basics of memory techniques and execution skills. And when we aspire to harder methods the number of skills brought into play increases.

A strong ringer will have a variety of memory and execution techniques and know when each one works best for them.

Learning double lines is a great way to start going beyond Plain Bob, but the time cost of just using this one technique for every method is huge. It’s much better to have a range of memory and ringing techniques and know how and when to use them.

Ringing techniques and method learning approaches are all tied up together by “just ringing a lot”.

- Bedrock is good rhythm, Plain Hunting, dodging.
- The first building is Plain Bob Minor.
- Recreational spaces: Little Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement’s.
- Add in Treble Bobbing and a wide variety of building blocks becomes available.

Whilst mostly we ring treble dominated methods the skill of seeing the treble position and knowing which piece of method structure is related to the work of the treble is fundamental to all that follows.

The upshot for people who ring Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford (all rules based methods), is “watch the treble all the time, even when you don’t need to”.

Peter Church

1st July 2024.