

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

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

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=18198>

Recorded performances, November 2024.

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Kingston upon Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Wednesday, 20th November 2024, in 2h 5m,
Tenor size 13 in E.

5040 Kent Treble Bob Minor:

1–2 Karen A Lane

3–4 Timothy J Billings

5–6 Peter Church (C)

First Peal of pure Treble Bob on handbells: 1-2.

First Peal on handbells: 3-4.

Out and about

We don't record the minutiae of every practice session, but one stood out on 19th November, when we rang a Plain course, and two serious attempts at a touch of Double Norwich CB Major.

<https://complib.org/composition/108526>

There is a spin-off benefit associated with the handbell practice sessions, - we talk about bellringing during the coffee break; this is an important sharing opportunity. Frustrations, achievements, conducting hints and tips, method knowledge all get propagated at these sessions.

A good peal was rung towards the end of the month with Karen ringing a peal length of Treble Bob for the first time, and Timothy ringing a handbell peal for the first time.

Moving onwards and upwards

Ringing changes on handbells is a multi-skilled activity. Even "lowly" Plain Bob calls for rhythm and counting skills and method

knowledge, and becoming reliable as a Plain Bob ringer is a worthy achievement.

Several of our long term handbell team gathered on the last Saturday to look at the skills and knowledge involved in moving on from Plain Bob and simpler Treble Bob methods.

The structures and experience of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were matched against the demands of the 44 regular Treble Dodging Minor methods, and the necessary memory and ringing techniques were examined.

Following a refresh of energy levels we experienced how a single change of method structure can turn a familiar method into a "car crash". We took Oxford TB Minor and changed the half lead from 16 into 56, the result was, initially, catastrophic. Just how could such a simple change cause so much chaos?

With persistence, encouragement, and coaching all aspiring participants in the workshop managed to ring inside pairs to courses of the new-to-them method, Sandal T.B.,

Then we moved on to Morning Star. This was a similar level of challenge to Sandal, having the places moved in the 5-6 Section, and a 2nds Place Lead End introduced.

3 methods rung, 41 to go.

The workshop notes are available to download from the website.

Peter Church

1st December 2024.