

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 100, February 2nd, 2025.

A full list of Project performances for 2025 is on Bellboard at:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=20167>

Recorded performances, January 2025.

Kingston upon Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday, 7th January 2025, Tenor: 15 in C.

112 Spiced Plain and Little Bob Maximus:

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 Heather LE Peachey

5-6 Peter Church (c)

7-8 Christopher LD Munday

9-10 Timothy J Billings

11-12 Barry F Peachey

A statement of intent for 2025

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Market Weighton

26 Sancton Road

Friday, 10th January 2025, Tenor: 8 in C.

1260 Plain Bob Minor:

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 James E Blackburn

5-6 Peter Church (c)

400th as conductor for B&DRS: 5-6.

Barrow and District Society

Wootton Lincs.,

4 Dunkirk Cottages

Saturday 11th January, Tenor 14 D

1272 Minor (2m)

552 Kent T.B., 720 Plain Bob

1-2 Barry F Peachey

3-4 Heather LE Peachey

5-6 Peter Church (c)

The first quarter at this address, and the first on handbells in this parish.

Yorkshire Association

Knaresborough, St John The Baptist

Thursday 23rd January, Tenor 15 in C

84 Stedman Triples

1-2 Sue Carpenter (Kendal)

3-4 Elaine Scott (Sheffield)

5-6 Alison Lucas (Gargrave)

7-8 Peter Church (Hull)

Rung in the presence of Peter Scott and John Leech at the first in-person meeting of the Yorkshire Stedman handbell group. The ringers rotated through and swapped pairs.

With many thanks to John for hosting the meeting.

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Market Weighton

The Bay Horse

Saturday, 25th January 2025, Tenor: 9 in Bb.

60 Plain Bob Minor:

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 Samuel M Austin

5-6 Siân E Austin

Rung at the Market Weighton ringers' dinner.

Barrow and District Society

Wootton Lincs.,

4 Dunkirk Cottages

Monday 27th January, Tenor 14 D

1260 Plain Bob Minor

720 and 540

1-2 Barry F Peachey

3-4 Heather LE Peachey

5-6 Peter Church (c)

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

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Out and about

Our first meeting of the year proved very productive with Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, followed by Plain Bob Royal with Barry Peachey on 7-8 for the first time.

Yorkshire S. Major was OK but Cambridge S. eluded us as we ran out of time.

The Stedman session on the same day was less successful (at least so for Peter). Thankfully Wheatley came to the rescue.

At the request of James Blackburn (who wanted to consolidate ringing 3-4) we rang a good quarter of Plain Bob Minor during our WoW meeting on 10th January. Peter seems to have ticked up to 400 as conductor for the locals.

Barry and Heather Peachey have settled in their new home in the parish of Wootton although Mr Peachey had a close "shave" with a chain saw that required stitching. A quarter was rung to christen the "tower", and a further attempt to ring Little Bob proved to be a big challenge. We might have trouble fitting in a Royal band indoors, but Major should be OK when Timothy emerges from his training as an electrician.

Timothy also missed out on the first meeting of the Yorkshire Stedman group. This was at the invitation of John Leech and took place at St John's, Knaresborough. The gathering included Alison Lucas from Gargrave, Sue Carpenter from Kendal, and Peter and Elaine Scott from Sheffield. It was good to meet properly at last, and much Stedman practice was performed.

The regular Tuesday sessions are invaluable. The last session concentrated on Kent TB Royal, and much progress was made. There is great value in being able to share our knowledge of double handed ringing.

Moving onwards and upwards

As we turned towards 2025 an e-mail appeared viz:

"My name is Will Norton, and I am ringer from Leicester. I am writing to thank you, because I have found your handbell instruction website invaluable in recent years.

I have been teaching myself to ring handbells at home using microswitches and Abel. I have had a few attempts at this, and have now mastered ringing plain methods in hand, with a view to ringing some quarters with real people this year.

At the moment I am tackling Kent TB, but it does seem much harder than the plain methods. I hope that if I get used to the TB movement of the treble then it will be easier to track the second bell when ringing.

Anyway, all of this is to say thank you for providing such a well-written and encouraging website. I would not have made it this far without the help, and I hope to continue progressing into other treble dodging minor methods over time. "

Which gave me a nice little glow of gratitude that the site is performing a useful function.

Peter Church

1st February 2025.