

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 29, March 1st, 2019.

News roundup: Recorded lengths.

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Kingston-upon-Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Saturday 2nd February, 2019, in 34 mins, 13E

1440 St Clement's College Bob Minor

1-2 Rebecca Legowski

3-4 Christopher L D Munday

5-6 Peter Church (C)

First of St Clement's, 1-2.

The first recorded length of St Clement's on handbells for the Society since 1978.

Market Weighton

26 Sancton Road

Friday 8th February, 2019 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Jenny M Hastings

3-4 Karen Lane

5-6 Neil Turner (C)

Market Weighton

26 Sancton Road

Sunday 10th February, 2019 13E

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Christine M Church

3-4 Peter Church (C)

5-6 Karen Lane

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road

Thursday 14th February, 2019. 42 mins, 15C

1376 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Rebecca Legowski

3-4 Neil Donovan

5-6 Peter Church

7-8 Christopher L D Munday (C)

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road

Thursday 21st February, 2019. 15C

1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

1-2 Rebecca Legowski

3-4 Christopher L D Munday

5-6 Peter Church (C)

First of Treble Bob: 1-2.

Out and about.

Chris Munday donned walking boots and cold weather clothes in order to escape from snowy Kirk Ella and to take part in the quarter of S Clement's recorded above.

And the brilliant start to the month continued on the following Tuesday. Whilst we were down to 7 with just **Pat Donnelly, Chris Munday, Rebecca Legowski, Lesley Davies, Karen Lane and Chris Church**, we ploughed on, ringing: Plain Bob Minor and Major, St Clement's CB Minor (touches?), Little Bob Minor, Kent TB Minor courses and touches, courses of Bastow LB Major, 3 lead touches of Kent TB Major.

I also noted that my attempt to get us to ring Kent Little Bob Major was quite definitely unsuccessful!

However, later in the week in Melton Ross, following a neat touch of Plain Bob Minor and several courses of Kent TB Minor, Oxford TB Minor made an appearance. Whilst a proper touch of Kent TB came to grief after 8 leads, the ringing promised well for the future.

The handbell change ringers located in the mid-west (Wilberfoss / Melbourne / Weighton) turned out another quarter of Plain Bob Minor early in the month. It's good to see handbell ringing taking place without having to organise it!

A couple of days later we rang a training quarter peal with **Karen Lane** on 5-6, followed by a practice session that included some courses of Plain Bob Doubles, and Karen calling a 240 of Plain Bob Minor.

Two more days later was a gathering of "Older but no Wiser" in Hull. Nine ringers enjoyed a good session, Plain Bob Minor and Major, S Clement's College Bob, and Kent Treble Bob all the way.

With **Karen's** winter break from outdoor work, the "Melbourne Mob" have been practicing hard towards **Neil's** goal of a local Quarter of Plain Bob Major. We wish them very success.

A highly musical arrangement of Plain Bob

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Major was created by **Chris Munday** for a good quarter peal at Kirk Ella, composition details are on Bell Board.

Meanwhile, the articles produced by Peter's mentor, Simon Humphrey have borne fruit, in that **Peter** managed his first ever course of Surprise Major on (simulated) handbells. Bill Jackson's thoughts on learning to ring Surprise Major on handbells are available via our website downloads. The Ringing World readily gave permission for this.

Rebecca's persistent and extensive use of Handbell Manager and Abel enabled her to ring a first quarter of Kent Treble Bob Minor towards the end of the month.

Neil Turner, Bill Lennox, and Chris and Peter Church met at **Karen Lane's** home in Market Weighton. It was a productive session with a smidgin of St Clement's CB Minor, a good bash at Kent TB Minor, lots of Plain Bob Major, and a valuable set of courses of Bastow Little Bob Major. Kent Little Bob Major will fall next time.

The last Tuesday's Older but no Wiser meeting drew slightly lower numbers which enabled a bit more ringing for those who were there. No dramatic leaps forward, just solid practise time on the learning edge, S Clements, Bastow, Plain Bob.

The same night **Chris Munday** hosted a session with 5 handbells stalwarts, **John Atkinson, Ron Barclay, Neil Donovan, James Blackburn** and yours truly. Plain Bob Royal was the order of the night. Much rust and dust was blown away and several courses were achieved.

The following evening **Gwynneth Moffatt** and **Chris Church** finished a little business with Kent TB and then made a foray into Oxford Treble Bob Minor. There's more to come.

The last Thursday had a warm up with Plain Bob and Kent T.B., and then a thorough and successful exploration of Single Court as an exercise in Tracking the Treble through 2-3 and 3-2.

Statistics

The first meeting of the Hull Handbells Project was on Tuesday 15th March, 2015.

The first quarter peal for the Project was rung on 10th February 2017, and the total to date is now 60. 2 ringers have rung their first quarter peal and a further 6 have rung their first quarter on handbells. 1 ringer achieved first peal on handbells.

Plain Bob Major and Kent TB Minor is the level we have reached. Plain Bob Royal is within reach.

Techniques

A number of people are on the verge of ringing Treble Bob Minor methods. These are good methods to ring by the **rules**. As we move beyond Kent and Oxford the methods become more complicated and rules tend to be less useful.

Having had some success with the Bill Jackson method learning approach, I have applied and written up his technique for Norwich Surprise Minor, Norwich being perhaps the easiest step beyond Oxford Treble Bob.

This technique leads you into an intimate relationship with the method. There is less to memorise than with the double blue line approach, but it does demand good concentration. It's all on the website.

As ever, I crave your feedback on these gems of wisdom, especially your criticisms.

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Peter Church

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