

THE HULL HANDBELL PROJECT

Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout East Yorkshire

Newsletter Number 13, November 2017.

News Roundup.

Out and about.

Regional handbells day, 28th October.

10 ringers took part starting at 10:00am and finishing around 17:00. With about an hour for lunch we had 6 hours solid ringing, with parallel sessions some of the time.

We were short of the experienced ringers needed to push the boundaries out, but we did get serious practice where people needed it in Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent TB Minor, and Double Bob Minor.

The list of methods may not look very impressive, but in truth, it is really important to repeatedly ring what you can ring, so that it changes the structure of your brain. It's only when you can ring a method "on automatic" and not get lost when others make mistakes that you can relax. At that point you can begin to add in course bells, coursing order, etc.

Older but no wiser in Hull

Lesley's bereavement and Ros's family commitments knocked us back, early in the month, but at least Pat got some serious Bob Minor practice time. She demonstrates the great virtue of persistence with her Plain Bob Minor.

When the diary permits we are being joined by Ron and Hilary Barclay, so we have rung on 12 bells but more often we are ringing Plain Bob Minor. It's the first 1,000 courses that count the most.

Towards the end of the month we had 7 ringers pushing on with Plain Bob Major and Minor, Kent TB Major, and Kent and Oxford TB Minor; this created some more entries in the list of firsts. Ros Baxter and Hilary Barclay

will be shooting for a first quarter in hand before long.

Market Weighton

Two hours of fun on a Sunday lunchtime produced 6 items for the B&D month of firsts! We have never seen Karen Lane laugh so much, and a lot of progress was made.

Sutton

A rare gap opened up in the City of Culture, it was plugged with a handbell session. Much to everyone's surprise we rang a good course of Kent with minimal conducting support. Two weeks later whilst we had trouble with touches of Double Bob, a simple touch of Kent TB went very well.

Barrow / Melton Ross,

Time pressures still are curtailing our activities, and our visiting guru, Simon Humphrey, is out of action for 6 months or until his eyesight is restored. Nevertheless, practices are being slotted in where possible and Barry Peachey is progressing, see the list of firsts.

An intensive 6 bell session with Heather Peachey saw us ringing Oxford TB, a touch of Kent TB, courses of St Clements, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, and a touch of original that came round at handstroke. The purpose of all this was to explore different ways of looking at method structure in the context of handbell change ringing.

Rawcliffe

With a rare chance to ring on a Thursday evening, Chris and Pete accepted the invitation of Ron and Hilary Barclay to their (opulent) barn in Rawcliffe. In 90 minutes we progressed well into Plain Bob Major and Kent TB Minor.

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Reflection

We held the beginners workshop (Plain Hunting and Plain Bob Minor) in October 2016, and several of the people in the workshop have stuck to improving their handbell ringing in spite of their family commitments.

Karen Lane and Gwynneth Moffat have both progressed well in the period, ringing their first quarters on handbells along the way.

Barry Peachey raised his game and rang a handbell peal.

Many courses of London Surprise Minor have been rung.

Chris Church has been a stalwart supporter not because of Peter, but because she has become an addict. At over 70 she is now ringing Kent TB Minor, and Plain Bob Major for the first time in 40 years. In so doing has also enabled much of the progress that other people have made.

The value of the handbells days is immense.

B&D Month of (handbells) firsts:

Sunday 8th Oct

Karen Lane (with Chris and Peter Church)

- Touch of Plain Bob Minor on an inside pair
- Course of Reverse Bob Minor
- Course of Little Bob Minor
- Course of Single Court Minor
- Course of Single Oxford Minor
- Valiant attempt at a course of S Clements CB Minor

Wednesday 11th Oct

Plain Course Kent TB Minor

- 1-2 Chris Church
- 3-4 Gwynneth Moffat
- 5-6 Peter Church

Probably the first East Riding course of Kent TB for about 40 years that included neither Roddy Horton nor Chris Munday.

Thursday 12th Oct

Barry Peachey

- 3-4 to Plain Bob Major
- 1-2 to Kent TB Minor
- 1-2 to Oxford TB Minor

Chris Church

- 7-8 Plain Bob Major

Thursday 19th Oct

Hilary Barclay

- 1-2 to Plain Bob Major

Ron Barclay

- 5-6 Kent TB Minor (first since about 1985)

Tuesday 24th oct

Ros Baxter

- 1-2 Treble bob hunting on 6

Chris Church

- 7-8 3 leads of Kent TB Major (1st touch of Treble Bob)

Ron Barclay

- 1-2 Oxford TB Minor, (1st since 1982)

Chris Church, Pat Donnelly, Ros Baxter

- Plain hunting on 6 of 10 bells

Wednesday 25th October

Chris Church, Gwynneth Moffat

- Touch of Kent TB Minor

Thursday 26th October

Heather Peachey

- Ringing methods: S Clements, S Court, D Court, Double Oxford by method structure (i.e. a visual interpretation of place notation), not by blue line.

Saturday 28th October

Ron Barclay

- Double Bob (first since about 1985)

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Bill Lennox

- 5-6 Plain Bob Minor

Hilary Barclay

- 7-8 Plain Bob Major

Tuesday 31st October

Ros Baxter

- 7-8 Plain Bob Major

Diary:

2017:

See Website www.handbellringing.org.uk for meetings.

2018:

Saturday January 27th:

Regional Handbells day No 6.

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Best wishes to Simon Humphrey for a speedy return to full eyesight! Simon taught Peter Church to ring handbells in July 1965.

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