

# THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 104, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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

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

**Recorded performances, May 2025.**

**Beverley and District Ringing Society**

**Kingston-upon-Hull**

**33 Westbourne Avenue**

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2025,

**1260 Plain Bob Royal:**

Complib 117097

1–2 Karen A Lane

3–4 Timothy J Billings

5–6 Peter Church (C )

7–8 Heather LE Peachey

9–0 Barry F Peachey

Rung for VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations.

**Kingston-upon-Hull**

**33 Westbourne Avenue**

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025,

**1264 Plain Bob Major:**

Complib 74316

1–2 Barry F Peachey

3–4 Timothy J Billings

5–6 Karen A Lane

7–8 Peter Church (C )

Rung following the completion of Raphael's "The School of Athens" as a 3,000 piece jigsaw.

400<sup>th</sup> Quarter on physical handbells: 7–8.

**Market Weighton**

**26 Sancton Road**

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025,

**1260 Plain Bob Minor:**

720 & 540

1–2 James E Blackburn

3–4 Peter Church (C )

5–6 James R Startin

**Market Weighton**

**Mt Pleasant Junior School**

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025,

**1264 Plain Bob Major:**

Composed by G AC John

1–2 Jenny Hastings

3–4 James R Startin

5–6 Karen A Lane

7–8 Peter Church (C )

500th Quarter Peal: 5–6.

A birthday compliment to Karen.

## ***Out and about***

On the first Tuesday, after a quarter of Plain Bob Royal for VE day 80, we rang, much to Barry Peachey's surprise, a course of Double Bob Major!

And the WoW group meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> followed a substantial Plain Bob Major session for one rusty ringer with Oxford Treble Bob Minor and variants.

Congratulations to Sam Austin on ringing a peal of Bristol Surprise Royal in hand.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, a practice quarter of Plain Bob Major was despatched in the absence of Chris (M) and Heather, and was followed by Plain Courses of St. Clement's C.B. Little Bob, Double Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob.

Two sessions were run in parallel on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at Market Weighton. A quarter of Bob Minor on Jim's light 6 was followed by a head banging session of Single Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob.

It is interesting to note that Little Bob Major and Royal have become more prominent in our ringing. Little Bob is more challenging than Kent TB on these numbers; there's a lot of work to deal with, and spotting the half lead early enough can be a big challenge every 8 changes.

The Stedman Triples project continues to progress with a weekly online meeting, and a monthly physical meeting. We met in Knaresborough on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> with Timothy, Sue, Elaine, and Peters S and C, we were made most welcome, again, by John Leech.

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Penny Thorley also came over from Leeds to ring some Yorkshire S. Major. And there were enough ringers to ring courses of Norfolk Surprise Minor and Bourne (again?) Surprise Minor whilst the Surprise Major was being rung. Great stuff.

We also took the opportunity to review arrangements for the YACR Handbells day set for the Saturday (31<sup>st</sup>). Registration for 31<sup>st</sup> had closed on 19<sup>th</sup> and the 23 ringers arranged into 4 parallel streams, hopefully to give everyone their first choice of challenge whilst helping lesser experienced ringers to progress.

However, before that day could take place we met at Karen's school and rang a good quarter peal of Plain Bob Major which was Karen's 500<sup>th</sup> quarter and also a birthday compliment to her.

## ***YACR Handbells Day***

The day started with tutorial sessions addressing methods beyond Plain Bob, and Conducting, as well as a beginners session.

Jocasta Perry was the star of the beginners managing to ring all three pairs to Plain Courses of Plain Bob Minor before the end of the day.

The conducting workshop went very well with at least one "lightbulb" moment for Sue as well as engagement with the challenge by Karen and Timothy, and some excellent supportive comments by Iain Scott.

Other workshops covered Treble dodging Minor, much Double Norwich, and some Surprise Major.

The lunch break saw an unscheduled Stedman Triples session.

Many thanks to Elaine and John for their work in planning the day, for Karen for hosting the day (the school is perfect for a handbells day), and to Neil Donovan and Sam Austin for running workshops at short notice.

***Busy month***

## ***Food for Thought***

Oxford Treble Bob is a lovely method for the ringer, a little less so for the conductor. However, Oxford TB Minor also leads to 2 closely related methods, Sandal TB (Oxford with 5ths at the Half Lead) and Duke of Norfolk TB (Sandal with 2nds at the Lead End).

Sandal then leads to a couple of interesting Delight methods, Neasden Delight (Sandal with 4ths when Treble passes through 2-3), and 2nds place Neasden which is called Old Oxford Delight.

Old Oxford Delight and Neasden Delight have the same work above the treble as Westminster Group Surprise methods and Norwich Group Surprise methods respectively.

So, stepping stones to Norwich Surprise:

- Oxford Treble Bob
- Sandal Treble Bob
- Neasden Delight
- Norwich Surprise

So, stepping stones to Westminster Surprise:

- Oxford Treble Bob
- Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob
- Old Oxford Delight
- Westminster Surprise

Check out the most useful 4-way table ever:

[http://www.pchurch.org.uk/ringing/03\\_methods/06.02\\_treble\\_dodging\\_minor\\_table.html](http://www.pchurch.org.uk/ringing/03_methods/06.02_treble_dodging_minor_table.html)

**Peter Church**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.