

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 109, November 1st, 2025.

Project performances 2025:

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

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Kingston upon Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Sunday, 12 October 2025 in 2h 9 (13 in E)

5040 Mixed Minor (5m)

Extents: 1, Oxford T.B.; 2, Kent T.B.; 3, Double Bob; 4 & 5 St. Clement's College Bob; 6 & 7, Plain Bob.

1–2 Karen A Lane

3–4 Timothy J Billings

5–6 Peter Church (C)

Barrow & District Society

Kingston upon Hull

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Saturday, 25 October 2025 (15 in C#)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

720 & 540

1–2 Timothy J Billings

3–4 Catherine A Williams

5–6 Heather L E Peachey (C)

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720 & 540

1–2 Christine M Church

3–4 Peter Church

5–6 Karen A Lane (C)

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Saturday, 25 October 2025 (15 in C#)

1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor

720 & 540

1–2 Karen A Lane

3–4 Timothy J Billings

5–6 Peter Church (C)

First in the method: 1-2, 3-4.

First in the method on physical bells and

450th as Conductor: 5-6.

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First Minor in hand as conductor.

Out and about

The West of Weighton Group is depleted by the loss of Neil Turner and Jenny Hastings, and now Jim Startin has family demands which take priority. Friday 3rd turned into a heavy head-banging Plain Methods session for Chris Church and Karen Lane including Plain, Double, Little, Reverse, St Clement's College, and College Bob.

Lane, Billings and Church finally managed to meet round a set of bells in amongst the demands of life. A fine peal of mixed Minor methods was rung at a steady speed of 2hrs 9 minutes with only 3 or 4 trips and no conducting needed other than the 70 bobs and 26 singles and 5 changes of method.

An excellent session was held on Tuesday 14th developing our ability to ring Maximus in hand as well as extending the number that can ring any pair to PB Royal. We ventured into Oxford TB Royal and enjoyed both the novelty and the challenge. Combermere Delight Minor was rung (N.B. London above the Treble). This was complemented by Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, Old Oxford Delight, Neasden Delight, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The WoW meeting on Friday 24th saw the welcome return of Jim Startin. A variety of methods were rung giving Chris C some Major practice and Sandal TB Minor was given a work-over.

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We returned to ringing Maximus on the last Tuesday session (28th), Plain Royal was fine, better than the Yorkshire S Major. Duffield was rung as a treat.

“Up stumps” for October took place on 31st in Market Weighton to the tune of Reverse Bob Minor, Kent TB Minor, Little Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. The Hostess with added bells was Karen, and Jim and Chris (C) provided a panoply of facial expressions in response to the methods.

Handbells Day, Saturday 25th October

There was a lot of competing demand for the ringers we needed for a fully configured handbells day so we thought that we would have 9 ringers. In the end after further losses to family commitments and illness, we met as 7.

We maximised the benefit to be gained and gave Heather Peachey and Karen Lane some conducting practice, and Catherine Williams took the opportunity to call her first quarter of Minor on handbells.

Chris Church polished up her ringing of St Clement’s CB Minor, spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor and Plain Bob Major.

The attempt for a quarter of Duke of Norfolk TB Minor was unsuccessful but the several hundred changes that were rung were cause for confidence for the future.

Other method highlights included a good couple of courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor and a surprise in the form of Wath Delight which was a step too far towards the end of the day.

Stedman Triples project:

You can’t win when the virus checker slaps a great big black rectangle on top of your Ringing Room display, and you’re holding an e-bell in each hand.

The Learning Curve

There is no substitute for just ringing a lot on handbells

Food for Thought

Check out the most useful 4-way table ever:

<https://tinyurl.com/y76ccja6>

for handbell ringers and towerbell ringers alike. All 147 regular methods are fully indexed. Compositions, all with Abel code and Complib links are being extended.

Peter Church

31st October 2025.