

# THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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## ***News roundup: Recorded lengths.***

### ***Quarter Peals***

#### **Beverley & District Society**

##### **Kingston-upon-Hull**

33 Westbourne Avenue  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019

##### **1360 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**  
3-4 **Christopher LD Munday**  
5-6 **Neil Turner (C)**  
7-8 **Peter Church**

##### **Kingston-upon-Hull**

33 Westbourne Avenue  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

##### **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 **Christine M Church**  
3-4 **William Lennox**  
5-6 **Peter Church (C)**  
1<sup>st</sup> inside on handbells: 3-4.  
200<sup>th</sup> as conductor on handbells.  
Congratulations to Sam and Siân Austin on the birth of their second daughter, Anna Rose Austin, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

##### **Wilberfoss, East Yorkshire**

28 Millfield Close  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

##### **1360 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 **Jenny M Hastings**  
3-4 **Karen Lane**  
5-6 **Neil Turner (C)**  
7-8 **James R Startin**

##### **Beverley, East Yorkshire**

39 Morton Lane  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

##### **1272 Treble Bob Minor**

(720 Oxford TB, 552 Kent TB)  
1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**  
3-4 **Roderick R Horton**  
5-6 **Peter Church (C)**

Most TB Methods to a quarter: 1-2.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Quarter Peal for the Hull Handbells Project

##### **Kingston-upon-Hull**

33 Westbourne Avenue  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

##### **1272 Oxford T.B. Bob Minor**

1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**  
3-4 **Roderick R Horton**  
5-6 **Peter Church (C)**

##### **Melbourne, East Yorkshire**

1, Melbourne Park  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

##### **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 **James R Startin**  
3-4 **Jenny M Hastings**  
5-6 **Karen Lane (C)**  
1<sup>st</sup> away from trebles: 3-4.

##### **Kingston-upon-Hull**

33 Westbourne Avenue  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, 40 mins 15C

##### **1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

1-2 **Rebecca M Legowski**  
3-4 **Peter Church**  
5-6 **Christopher LD Munday (C)**  
First of Surprise: 1-2.

The second Quarter of Cambridge Minor for B&D, the first being in 1978.

##### **Wilberfoss, East Yorkshire**

28 Millfield Close  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

##### **1360 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 **Jenny M Hastings**  
3-4 **Karen Lane**  
5-6 **Neil Turner (C)**  
7-8 **James R Startin**  
25<sup>th</sup> Quarter in hand: 3-4.

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## **Historic Achievements**

**Kirk Ella**, 60 Riplingham Road

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

### **144 Kent T. B. Maximus**

**1-2 A John Atkinson**

**3-4 Heather L E Peachey**

**5-6 Peter Church**

**7-8 Roderick R Horton**

**9-0 Christopher L D Munday (C )**

**E-T Barry F Peachey**

The first known touch of Kent T.B. maximus in East Yorkshire.

**Kirk Ella**, 60 Riplingham Road,

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

### **224 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski

3-4 Peter Church

5-6 Christopher L D Munday (C )

7-8 Roderick R Horton

1<sup>st</sup> course of Surprise Major: 1-2.

1<sup>st</sup> in hand away from trebles: 3-4.

## ***Out and about.***

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October saw six people meeting at 33 Westbourne. Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and Kent T.B. Were as expected, however, at the request of Rebecca, and once Peter had found the right chip (i.e. not the Double Court chip) we rang some good courses of Double Oxford Bob Minor. A two course touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung to keep our hand in.

The original plot for the day was to ring a Date Touch of Minor for the Solar Gate, but it transpired we had 4 ringers so we upgraded to a QP of Plain Bob Major.

**Bill Lennox** called round to discuss B&D matters, and whilst in Hull put his hands on 3-4 and rang a quarter of Plain Bob Minor, a "first inside", well done Bill.

The following week as well as the necessary Plain Bob Minor and Major, we also rang St Clement's C.B. Minor, Kent TB Minor and Major, and several courses of Bourne Surprise Minor. (See Learning Curve below).

The "West of Weighton" group met on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and rang a quarter of Plain Bob Major, no footnotes, but still good to see the achievement.

Further east, almost within sight of Beverley S Mary's, Cambridge Minor was a tad difficult to ring with the grass strimmer accompaniment, but some courses of Bourne were managed as well as a course of Hull Surprise Minor. The afternoon was rounded off with a good quarter of Oxford and Kent TB Minor, the 100<sup>th</sup> quarter peal for the project.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> saw a gathering of **Peter, Chris C, Chris M, Rebecca, Pat, and Neil**. More Plain Bob was rung, of course, but also some Kent TB Minor, a full Course of Kent TB Major, and a 3 lead touch of Oxford TB Major. The course of Primrose Surprise Minor proved harder than the course of Bourne Surprise.

A gathering in Kirk Ella later the same day started with some Plain Hunting on 12 and a few courses of Plain-Little-Plain Bob Maximus. An attempt to ring 3 leads of Kent initially failed, but following a caffeine upgrade, was rung successfully. We think that's the first touch of T.B. Maximus on handbells in the area.

The "West of Weighton" (WoW?) group were without **Neil Turner**, their normal conductor, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. **Karen Lane** stepped into the role and called while **Jenny Hastings** nervously rang 3-4 for the first time. This success is a real reward for months of patient persistent practise sessions.

Whilst **Karen** was in action in Melbourne, the curse of Cambridge Minor struck again in Hull where **Rebecca, Roddy and Peter** had to revert to good old faithful Oxford Treble Bob for a quarter peal.

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## ***One swallow does not a summer make.***

**Rebecca, Peter, Chris (M) and Roddy** met with Yorkshire Surprise Major in mind (**Sam Austin** was not available). Like so many things, when you can do it, it's easy, when you can't, it seems impossible. All we wanted was to ring one course all of the way through but that took well over an hour of solid practise, restart after restart.

The course was eventually rung, **Rebecca's** first of Surprise Major, **Peter's** first away from 1-2. An achievement, yes, but we're a long way from claiming we can ring Yorkshire.

There was a Kent TB Minor practise on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. **Karen Lane and Gwyneth Moffatt** joined **Pete and Chris**, for numerous Plain Courses, and some challenging touches. The coffee break included a "Calling Plain Bob Major tutorial".

Moving on to 22<sup>nd</sup>, we again met as 6, but exchanged **Chris M** for **Jenny**. We rang Major all the way, with Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Bastow L.B. Exploring the pairs and touches provided both challenge and variety.

The same evening saw a gathering of 5 out at Kirk Ella. The pairs in Plain Bob Royal proved harder than expected, but the practise was more valuable than just repeating what had gone before. The session included Kent TB Royal and Little Bob Royal.

## ***A Cigar (?) this time.***

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> was a notable day. **Rebecca, Chris Munday and Peter** rang the Quarter of Cambridge that had been so elusive over the last month. The challenge of right place Surprise methods is a step up from rule based Treble Bob like Kent and Oxford.

The first and only previous Quarter of Cambridge was called by **Roddy Horton** back in October 1978. Both Quarter Peals required extensive practise and persistence; Roddy supported a number of recent practise sessions and quarter attempts over the last month.

Over the Humber Bridge, later the same day we rang a 720 of Kent TB Minor, chopped into chunks in order to iron out the kinks in the places. **Barry** had a lot of trouble hunting all the way up to 5ths place bell until we worked on it. **Heather's** problems were with the coursing pair.

And the following week started with the last Tuesday morning session. It would have been better if yours truly had been "firing on all 4 cylinders" but in spite of that we rang a couple of courses of Kent TB Major, some excellent Kent TB Minor, and creditable Plain Bob both Major and Minor. ("We" = **Chris Munday, Jenny Hastings, Neil Turner, Pat Donnelly, Rebecca Legowski, and Chris and Peter Church**).

The West of Weighton band met again on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, and repeated the performance of 1,360 Plain Bob Major.

That also brings Karen up to 25 in hand, good going for a person that has a family to look after and has to earn a living as well.

Pumpkins and spooks were on show a-plenty while we exercised with Kent TB Minor out at Kirk Ella on the last evening of the month. Good practise, but no prizes yet!

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## *The Learning Curve*

Bourne Surprise Minor was described (by yours truly) as Cambridge over the nearest thing to St. Clements.

### Wrong.

In S Clements after making 2nds over the treble, you lead full and then dodge 3 times in 1-2 **Up**.

In Bourne, 2nds place bell dodges with the treble, leads full, makes 2nds place, and then dodges 5 times in 1-2 **DOWN**. Duuh.

You need to try it on handbells to know how hard it is.

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Peter Church

1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

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