

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 52, February 1st, 2021.

For the record:

Beverley & District Society

Hull Handbells Project

Ringling Room

Wednesday 13th January, 2021

1260 Double Bob Minor

1-2 Neil Turner (Wilberfoss)

3-4 Rebecca M Legowski (E Hull)

5-6 Peter Church (W Hull) (C)

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

The second quarter of Double Bob for B&D, the first being on 14th January 1979.

Ringling Room

Monday 18th January, 2021

1260 Double Bob Minor

1-2 William Lennox (N Cave)

3-4 Neil Turner (Wilberfoss)

5-6 Peter Church (W Hull) (C)

First in the method: 1-2.

The 150th Quarter for the Hull Handbells Project.

Ringling Room

Thursday 21st January, 2021

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski (E Hull)

3-4 Neil Turner (Wilberfoss)

5-6 Peter Church (W Hull) (C)

Dedicated to the memory of Ronald "Ron" Ducker who passed away aged 89 on 19th January 2021. Ron was a Sutton ringer and a strong and loyal member of the B&D and YACR.

Ringling Room

Wednesday 27th January, 2021

1260 Double Bob Minor

1-2 Neil Turner (Wilberfoss)

3-4 Rebecca M Legowski (E Hull)

5-6 Peter Church (W Hull) (C)

50th in hand: 1-2.

300th as Conductor.

At home during January

As I write, we are plunged into full lockdown once more, committed to using the internet for our ringing. Indeed, it's not clear that everyone sees Ringling Room, or Handbell Stadium or handbell ringing as ringing for that matter. Certainly the enormous achievements of the West of Weighton people in the autumn of 2020 have gone unacknowledged by the B&D committee.

Our first practise session of 2021 had 5 ringers, on real bells we would have at least rung some hunting on 10, as it was we couldn't readily get to the end of a course of Bob Major, such is the challenge of internet ringing. Plain Bob Minor, and Double Bob Minor were successful, and it was good to have Jim Startin and his e-bells.

E-bells and Handbell Stadium give a more realistic image than motion controllers and Abel / Ringling Room.

Simon Linford's (CCCB President) e-mail in late January advised of subsidies to enable youngsters to afford the e-bells. And the Hull Handbells project will happily provide training and support.

The B&D website revamp is now under way and in so doing has swept away the hundreds of errors that had been presented by the old database.

The Learning Curve

Why Double Bob I hear?

Stepping away from Plain Bob requires some more skills, essentially the ability to navigate the more complicated method structures. Most of what we ring is Treble dominated, so being able to use the position of the treble as a key to method structure is a neat idea. Double Bob is by far the easiest method after Plain Bob, BUT. Whilst the method structure is defined by the treble in 6ths place, you can't ring it that way; you have to see the treble in 4-5 so that you are ready to dodge or make the 5ths at the next pair of changes. This is remarkably hard until you can do it!

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New Year – New Hobby?

Now is the ideal time for anyone to get going on double-handed change ringing. We can do all of the theory work online via zoom or discord, and we can support and coach people as the summer comes on and restrictions are lifted.

Whilst the internet is global, real bells needs real people to meet up, so East Yorkshire is the main area of focus.

People who learn double handed ringing have extra skills, knowing their methods much more intimately than a pure blue-line ringer, and understanding the work of the bells around them, as well as sharpened listening skills and an acute sense of rhythm.

They also have a lot of fun in the comfort of a living room rather than a cool belfry.

There are three keys to success at handbell ringing:

- Getting started
- Learning lots of stuff
- Practise, practise, practise

Can you encourage someone to “have a go”?

At the other end of the scale:

Blindfold ringers randomly draw bells from a box and ring a course of College Bob IV Delight Minor, see them on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3yYbauC7NY>

Peter Church

3rd February 2021.