

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 61, November 1st, 2021.

For the record:

Hull Handbells Project

Hull, 33 Westbourne Avenue

Friday 1st October, 2021

1866 Spliced Plain & Little Bob Minor

1-2 William Lennox

3-4 Neil Turner

5-6 Peter Church (C)

Rung to mark the illumination of the Hull Solar Gate panel for **John Venn** (1834 - 1923) and the publication of "The Logic of Chance" in 1866. Venn was born in Hull and has one of the two original Hull University buildings in his name. Drypool bridge was decorated with Venn diagrams in 2017 when Hull was the UK City of Culture.

Rung as part of the Hull Handbells Solar Gate Project.

Hull, 33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday 5th October, 2021

1440 Plain Bob Royal

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski

3-4 Alison J Lucas

5-6 Peter Church

7-8 Christopher L D Munday (C)

9-0 James R Startin

300th on handbells for B&D: 5-6.

Hull, 33 Westbourne Avenue

Sunday 10th October, 2021

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Christine M Church

3-4 Jenny M Hastings

5-6 Karen A Lane (C)

The first ladies band quarter peal on handbells for the Society.

Elland, 24 Boxall Road, West Yorkshire

Tuesday 19th October, 2021, 15 in C

1344 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Damien C Garwood

3-4 Rebecca M Legowski

5-6 Peter Church

7-8 Christopher L D Munday (C)

First on real bells: 1-2.

Registered blind: 1-2, 3-4.

Hull, 33 Westbourne Avenue

Thursday, 21 October 2021 (14 in D)

1904 Plain Minor (2m)

464 Spliced: 408 Plain Bob and 56 Little Bob, 5 com (Complib 86639), and 2 x 720 Plain Bob.

1-2 Christine M Church

3-4 Neil Turner

5-6 Peter Church (C)

Rung to mark "**The Russian Outrage**".

On 21st October 1904 the Baltic Fleet of the Imperial Russian Navy mistook a British trawler fleet from Kingston upon Hull in the Dogger Bank area of the North Sea for Imperial Japanese Navy torpedo boats and fired on them. Two fishermen died, six more were injured and one trawler was sunk.

The incident led to a serious diplomatic conflict between Russia and Britain, with the Royal Navy preparing 28 battle ships for conflict. The incident was resolved by an International Commission of Enquiry in February 1905.

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Tuesday 26th October, 2021

1300 Plain Bob Royal

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski

3-4 Karen A Lane

5-6 Peter Church

7-8 Neil Turner

9-0 Christopher L D Munday (C)

Rung to celebrate 1,300 years since the town of **Beverley** was founded in 721AD.

Hull, 33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday 26th October, 2021

1260 Double Bob Minor

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski

3-4 James R Startin

5-6 Peter Church

First Double Bob "inside": 3-4.

500th Quarter: 5-6.

The date related touches have now been separated from the Solar Gate project on the website. See

http://www.pchurch.org.uk/ringing/7hi/05_hi_story_date_touches.html

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Out and about

YACR handbells day

Saturday 2nd October saw a good gathering of handbell ringers at the Mount Pleasant Junior School in Market Weighton. We had an excellent welcome from Karen Lane who then proceeded to take part throughout the day. The sessions included plentiful Plain Bob as well as Treble Bob Major and a variety of Surprise methods from Cambridge Minor to Yorkshire Royal.

There is great value in these “Open Days”, they provide opportunities that are otherwise hard to find.

A pebble in the pond, how far will the ripples go?

The pebble was Ben Duke, Peter Church, and Roddy Horton having coffee during the Central Council Meeting in 2015. Handbells were rung and Peter’s passion was re-ignited. It was too much for Roddy’s group to handle but resulted in the Hull Handbells Project, and the October 2016 workshop.

Regular (weekly) meetings are part of the project and immensely valuable. This is where the skills are burned into long term memory, this is where the teaching takes place.

The results can be seen in the recorded quarters and peals.

The two regular meetings one in Hull and one in Market Weighton area have formed the bedrock of progress since we held that beginners workshop back in October 2016.

But what has been achieved in that period?

Method ringing

Minor methods now regularly include the harder right place plain methods, some rare Treble Bob methods, and regularly Cambridge and Norwich Surprise.

The number of competent Treble Bob Major

ringers is growing nicely; and Surprise Major is starting to be rung.

Conducting

3 new conductors

Neil Turner (35)

Karen Lane (9)

Bill Lennox (3)

Teaching

A great amount of our learning has been to do with the memory and execution processes involved in bellringing. And having developed that understanding we have developed some valuable teaching techniques. Our learning is all published via the Change Ringing on Handbells website for which we often get a **thank you** from people learning to ring. The site gets hundreds of visitors each month.

Quarters per year

The volume of quarters rung was reduced by the Coronavirus pandemic, and whilst much ringing migrated to the internet.

2016 Nil

2017 10

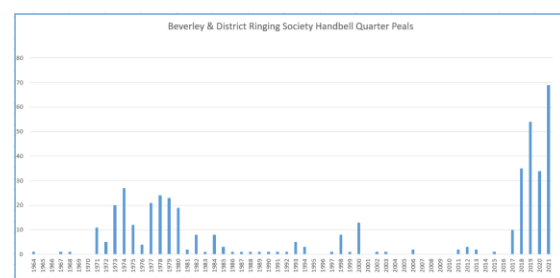
2018 35

2019 54

2020 34

2021 69 so far

Total: 202



B&D Handbell quarters year by year.

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Tuesday 26th October fell in half term, we had a full day gathering in Hull. I noted:

A lot of fun.

Much progressive Kent TB Minor, Major, and Royal, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal, and Norwich S Minor. We appreciated the mellow

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notes of the back 10 size 18G which had a rare outing.

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Some Plain Bob was rung but only to get us to the troublesome leads in Kent and Norwich.

I might open a local branch of "Puzzles Anonymous", I would be a founder member along with Karen and Neil.

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The Double Bob was Peter's 500th (339 C) quarter being 281 (225 C) on physical handbells, 53 (37 C) on simulated handbells, and 166 (77C) on towerbells.

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Peter Church

1st November 2021.

The Learning Curve

The references to **Lessness Surprise Major** were interesting. It's perfectly valid as a method and usefully part of the Pickled Egg 7 along with Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Cornwall, London & Bristol.

