

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

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For the record:

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QUARTER PEALS

Market Weighton

26 Sancton Road

Tuesday 7th December, 2021 (13 in E)

1272 Kent TB Minor

1-2 Karen A Lane

3-4 Neil Turner

5-6 Peter Church (C)

Wilberfoss

61 Moorfield Way

Thursday 23rd December, 2021 (11 in G)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

Out and About

After a purposeful if exhausting November, December started life as a mess. With pandemic pings, dark days, and the pressure of Christmas, and technology it was hard to get a good meeting together.

We did manage to get Jim through all the pairs of Kent Minor, plus a good touch of St Clement's Minor at the meeting before we stopped for Christmas.

And just like 2020, it was the "West of Weighton" group that kept the show on the road and the quarters rolling in.

Reflection

We (re-)started handbell ringing back in 2016

with a memorable course at All Saints North Cave. In that year we did not ring any handbell quarters compared with 192 on tower bells. In 2021 we rang 79 handbells quarters compared with just 83 on towerbells.

Peal ringing is now at a low ebb, 2 on handbells in the year, zero on towerbells again.

If this is a "Ringing Society" should we be doing more ringing?

79 handbell quarters is the most ever rung by the society in one year.

The Learning Curve.

"Anything you can ring on towerbells you should be able to ring on a pair of handbells".

Back in the 1970s the gap was from Plain Bob Major and Royal on handbells, to Spliced Surprise Maximus on towerbells, and we had so little knowledge of the learning process that we thought the two disciplines were forever separate.

And whilst there was no shortage of enthusiasm, it never occurred to us that it was possible for us to ring Surprise Maximus on handbells.

The gap now is from simple Treble Bob Major, and we know just how to close the gap. What we are short of is some youthful enthusiasm and exuberance. Leadership should be for 30 year olds, not those past 70.

The real challenge is to find some "youths" and get them "hooked".

What to do in 2022?.

Well we need to push on towards Surprise Major, but also there has never been a recorded length of Stedman on handbells.

Peter Church

1st January 2022.