

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

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

Newsletter Number 66, April 1st, 2022.

For the record: QUARTER PEALS

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road

Tuesday 1st March 2022

1440 Plain Bob Royal

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski

3-4 Alison J Lucas

5-6 Christopher L D Munday (C)

7-8 Peter Church

9-10 Heather LE Peachey

Ringling Room

Friday 11th March, 2022

1260 Double Bob Minor

720 & 540

1-2 Rebecca M Legowski (East Hull)

3-4 Damien C Garwood (Elland)

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

First Double Bob "inside": 3-4.

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road

Friday 11th March, 2022

1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor

720 & 540

1-2 William Lennox

3-4 Christopher L D Munday

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

First Double Oxford Bob on handbells: 1-2.

Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Saturday 12th March, 2022

1972 Plain & Little Bob Minor

1440 & 532

1-2 Christine M Church

3-4 Neil Turner

5-6 Peter Church (C)

A 50th birthday compliment to Hull Truck Theatre.

Market Weighton

26 Sancton Road

Sunday 27th March, 2022

1320 St Clement's College Bob Minor

720, 60 & 540

1-2 Neil Turner

3-4 Karen A Lane

5-6 Peter Church (C)

First St Clement's on handbells away from Trebles: 3-4.

Ringling Room

Wednesday 30th March, 2022

1440 Treble Bob Minor

720 each Kent and Oxford

1-2 Damien C Garwood (Elland)

3-4 Rebecca M Legowski (East Hull)

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

First 2 Treble Bob: 1-2.

Out and about

We are still suffering from the impact of coronavirus, with West of Weighton ringers depleted, and those that are left are "fighting" with St Clement's CB Minor. Noting the persistence of this group, St Clement's will come before long.

There have been some practise sessions during the month which pushed our boundaries along; Little Bob Major proved more of a challenge than expected, but a course of St. Clement's College Bob Major came to us quite quickly. In the middle of the month we had a practise session that included Gainsborough Little Bob Major as well as some quality time on Norwich Surprise Minor and two courses of Stedman Doubles.

The peals that got away

Both Plain Bob Royal and Kent TB Major continued to prove elusive beyond about 1,000 changes.

Quarter Peals in Progress

As I write there are 16 handbell quarters rung in 2022. See

http://www.pchurch.org.uk/ringing/7hi/02_hi_story_quarters.html

Of those 4 are Plain Bob (1 Royal, 2 Major, 1 Minor).

At the end of March 2020 the list shows 13 quarter peals, of which 10 were Plain Bob (4 Minor, 6 Major).

Progress!

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The Learning Curve

The time spent with Norwich this month led to the writing of summary papers for Norwich and Cambridge, both accessible for blind people. These papers are useful for sighted ringers as well and are available from the downloads page on the website.

A further paper on ringing Stedman on handbells has been drafted and circulated, but needs more work to incorporate calls before publishing to “the world”.

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The Learning Resources

There are several key resources for handbell change ringers:

The website

www.handbellringing.org.uk

The site gets between 300 and 500 hits per month which justifies the effort taken to keep it up-to-date. The ringing information can always be improved, and indeed, as a group we are continuing to learn. Many of the lessons appear under “The Learning Curve” and then make their way to the website.

Suggestions for improvement are always welcomed.

The books.

Tina Stoecklin’s recent book is great as a starting point, highly recommended. But the old books work as well.

People.

There’s a wealth of knowledge tucked away in memory, you only need to ask the right questions and it will come pouring out.

Peter Church

1st April 2022.