

# THE HULL HANDBELL PROJECT

## *Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout East Yorkshire*

Newsletter Number 2, December 2016.

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### **The Tuesday practice:**

Our Tuesday morning gathering has its highs and lows. Ros Baxter and Simon Plows are recent and very welcome additions to the group taking us to six. However, we have been afflicted by a cataract operation (Chris), multiple family severe illnesses and a fall (Lesley) and so on.

We will persist and overcome the difficulties. The upside is that when we can gather, the rhythm is good which makes the ringing very enjoyable.

### **Market Weighton**

With the assistance of Heather and Barry from across the bridge, a useful practice was held (Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) leading to touches of Plain Bob Minor on 1-2 and Plain courses on 5-6 for Karen and Lynn, rounds on 6 for Mark Lane Jnr., and a course of Kent T.B. Minor, which Barry claimed as a personal first! Some Plain Hunting on 8 was also rung.

At some point, not sure who said it, but there was an apology for "having to watch the treble to find out when to dodge".

I don't think any apology is needed for that, it kept the touch or course on the rails. Indeed it demonstrates the value of having the extra knowledge of the method available when needed. Handbell ringing is like that, it encourages an intimate relationship with the method, and the more complex the method, the more there is to learn.

Developing an awareness of the treble is a key skill in handbell change ringing.

An attempted quarter of Plain Bob Minor peal broke down after 8 courses.

### **North Cave**

Simon, Bill and Carolyn are meeting on an opportunistic basis. I haven't heard of any results from this yet.

I understand that some movement detectors are being purchased so that double handed handbell simulation can be run on Abel.

### **Sutton**

Ron Ducker, who rang in the first handbell peal for the B&D on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1961 has had a fall and needed to be fitted with a sort of metal splint. We understand that he is back at home, and the family is rallying round.

We hope to see Gwynneth wielding a pair of handbells before long.

### **Barrow-upon-Humber**

Barry's aching back scotched a quarter peal attempt. We are looking for another slot, and the opportunity to get Pat Donnelly moving forward with double handed ringing.

### **Website updates**

The Hull Project Website is intended to help people into double handed ringing on 6 bells, and up to London Surprise Minor.

Following some recent questions the information on **Cambridge Surprise** has been extended to show different approaches including method structure, double blue lines, and Place Notation.

The information on **London Surprise** has also been extended to explore the method structure in more detail, and to cover all of the 15 leads.

Feedback on any aspect of the website would be appreciated.

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## **Diary:**

### **2016**

- Hull meetings: See website
- Wed 28th: M Weighton To Be Confirmed

### **2017:**

- Hull meetings: See website
- Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>: Handbells Day, North Lincolnshire.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> B&D AGM
- March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> ART Conference, Basingstoke.

The Sunday conference activity will focus on handbell change ringing, both from a teaching aspect and separately from a learning aspect. Attendees are welcomed irrespective of handbell experience.

<http://ringingteachers.org/news/conference>

## **Handbell Change ringers wanted:**

Do you want to start handbell change ringing at your tower? And don't know how to start? Drop me a line, we can help.

## **Handbells Journalists wanted**

Send in your news snippets, we would love to hear from you.

Who is ringing what?

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## **References:**

1 Hull Handbell Project Website: [www.handbellringing.org.uk](http://www.handbellringing.org.uk)

2 Learning to Ring Handbells: [www.handbellringing.co.uk/topic/handbell-days](http://www.handbellringing.co.uk/topic/handbell-days)