

THE HULL HANDBELL PROJECT

Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout East Yorkshire

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News Roundup.

Out and about.

Regional Handbells Workshop, 1st July.

Just 4 people gathered for the session. After a bite of lunch we looked at various aspects of ringing methods beyond Plain Bob. Ringing techniques, method learning techniques were both looked at. Conducting we skipped past, but the relationship between methods one step along from Plain Bob (e.g. Double Bob, S Clements) and how those skills extend to Treble Bob and Surprise was discussed.

The session was followed by a good Plain Bob Major practice. Three courses were successfully rung, all credit to Chris, Lesley and Gwynneth for applying brains well to the task in hand.

Older but no wiser in Scotland

Chris and Pete met up with Nick Jones, Ian Turner and Sue Lynch at "Larchwood", near Tulloch for a session. A lot of Bob Minor was rung, to good effect, as well as some Bastow LB and Double Bob Minor. We also managed some Plain Hunting on 10 which was an achievement.

Larchwood is a very nice B&B run by Ian and Sue. There's a discount for Ringers, and (in our experience) handbell ringers are made very welcome.

Sutton

There was just one session in the month, a "fun" practice. We started with Double Bob and then went on to spliced Plain and Double. Then followed Reverse Bob and a touch of Reverse Bob. Reverse Bob led on to Original and then Single Court. Single Oxford and then St Clements both proved beyond us at that point in the evening, as did Kent TB.

However, a good touch of spliced Plain and Double Bob rounded off an evening of serious fun.

Barrow / Melton Ross,

We managed to squeeze in a practice between non-overlapping holidays. Daily sessions (on holiday) certainly had Improved Pat's ringing of 5-6 to Plain Bob. We managed a couple of good courses of Bob Major with Barry on 1-2 and Chris (C) on 7-8. We also gave Kent TB Minor a thrashing.

Beverley / Kirk Ella

"The assault on the complexity of London S Minor" commenced on physical bells on June 9th.

We met for the second time on June 30th only to discover that much of the progress made on June 9th had evaporated. But, with a bit of concerted practice, we managed to regain what was lost fairly quickly. Several courses were rung, but a digression to Cambridge (to let the neurons cool down) proved more difficult than expected.

We met again 3 days later and this time we were on it, first a course, and then two in a row without stopping, and then 3 without stopping. It was not all plain sailing, there were several times we dissected a fire up or crossed bells, or . . .

A bit of lunch, and back on it.

And we were no-where. We tried 240 Cambridge – nah! So we upped the stakes, 3 leads of spliced, London - Cambridge – London, OK, not too hard.

Then the Horton brainwave, one lead of Cambridge takes you to the troublesome 4th lead (56342) of London, yes. Mostly sorted!

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Sore hands, tired brains and one last excellent Plain Course of London Surprise Minor was it for the day.

Historical note.

Simon Humphrey – has now rung 350 peals on handbells.

Bernard Groves: has now rung 2,000 peals on handbells, the only person so far to have achieved this feat.

The Scottish Association (Glasgow) rang Horton's 4, London, Bristol, Glasgow, Belfast S Major in hand. Where does that fit on the scales?

Diary:

2017:

- Hull meetings: See website
- Regional Handbells Day no 5, Saturday 28th October, details to follow.

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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