

THE HULL HANDBELL PROJECT

Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout East Yorkshire

Newsletter Number 14, December 2017.

News Roundup.

Recorded lengths.

Preparation for a peal of Plain Bob Royal faltered when **Heather Peachey** needed to put family first, and other members of the band struggled with diary pressure. **Simon Humphrey** was also unavailable owing to starting treatment for cataracts. The outcome was that we rang one quarter peal of Plain Bob Major viz:

Thursday 9th November

60 Riplingham Road, Kirk Ella.

1360 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Neil Donovan

3-4 Peter Church

5-6 Chris Munday (C)

7-8 Barry F Peachey

A peal attempt by the same band two days later ran to about 2,800 changes before we stopped.

Out and about.

Older but no wiser in Hull

We keep on keeping on, with slow but sure progress. **Ros Baxter** and **Pat Donnelly** are both progressing, and **Lesley Davies** is expected to bounce back towards the end of the year.

Much appreciated visits by **Chris Munday** enable us to ring Kent TB Minor, and Plain Bob Major with **Hilary Barclay**.

Market Weighton

We had a first combined session incorporating **Bill Lennox** from North Cave and **Karen Lane** from Market Weighton. We got more out of the meeting than was expected, and this bodes well for the future.

Sutton

In spite of family and City of Culture time demands, we have managed to ring with **Gwynneth Moffat**. Touches of Double Bob Minor are now becoming normal, and Kent T.B. Minor will fall our way ere long.

Kirk Ella / Rawcliffe

We had some sessions booked with Ron and **Hilary Barclay**, but these were curtailed by **Ron** breaking his left arm in a fall. Needless to say, his ringing is out of the question for the moment. Best wishes to **Ron** for a speedy recovery.

Churchy's Challenge

Just when I thought we had wrapped up handbells for November, an e-mail dropped into my inbox:

"Hey, I would like to learn handbell ringing, please may I join your group? I am blind."

Well, that's a challenge and no mistake!

It's not as if handbell ringing is easy in the first place, but being blind is nowhere near as bad as being deaf. If you have any relevant experience with visually impaired people and bellringing, please let me know.

Reflection

In one of my careers I taught self-image psychology to a bunch of computer scientists. At the heart of this activity I recognised that there was a Venn diagram of knowledge, skill, and motivation.

Knowledge we can impart, skill can be taught so long as people will trust their brains. The difficult part is the motivation.

What are you trying to achieve when you pick up a pair of bells?

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The most frequent cause of not achieving your goals is not to set any in the first place. So, with new year's resolutions coming up in the next few weeks, what do you want to achieve on handbells in 2018?

We have proved that knowledge and skill can be imparted, let's achieve some more goals together in 2018.

2017:

See Website www.handbellringing.org.uk for meetings. (NB. There are some technology problems with the website updates right now. So some updates may be late.)

2018:

Saturday January 27th:

Regional Handbells day No 6.

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