

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout East Yorkshire

Newsletter Number 20, June 2018.

News roundup: Recorded lengths.

Saturday 26th May, Tenor: 13E

The Terrace, Cave Castle Hotel,
South Cave, East Yorkshire.

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 A John Atkinson
3-4 Christine M Church
5-6 Peter Church (C)

On the occasion and at the location of the Society Annual Dinner.

Monday 28th May, Tenor: 11G#

26 Sancton Road, Market Weighton, East Yorkshire.

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Karen A Lane
3-4 Christine M Church
5-6 Peter Church (C)
First known Quarter on the "Mark Lane" handbells. Mark dedicated his retirement to the art of bellringing and bequeathed his bells, originally from Nunburnholme, to the ringer of 1-2.

Tuesday 29th May, Tenor: 13E

39 Westbourne Avenue, Hull

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Lesley A Davies
3-4 Christine M Church
5-6 Peter Church (C)

First Quarter Peal 1-2.

The 25th Quarter Peal of the Hull Handbells Project.

Thursday 31st May, Tenor: 15C#

The Old School, Melton Ross

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Barry F. Peachey
3-4 Heather L.E. Peachey
5-6 Peter Church (C)

Out and about.

Older but no wiser in Hull.

Our first gathering in May saw us polishing Plain Bob Minor and Major with the usual suspects, including **Chris Church, Neil Turner, Ros Baxter, Pat Donnelly** and **Lesley Davies**.

The following day we had a practice session with **Rebecca** where we added more insight to her understanding of bobs and singles in 1-2 to Plain Bob Minor. We rang a variety of touches up to a 240.

The builders then finally descended on the Church household which suppressed handbell ringing temporarily, it re-surfaced chez **Ros Baxter** on 15th May. A very busy session included some stonkingly good Plain Bob, and a course of Kent TB Minor for **Chris (C)** on 5-6.

The capability in this group is growing and we look forward to some more recorded lengths during the year.

The following week we were without **Neil** and **Rebecca**, but we did have a visitor from Oxford, **Lindsay Palmer**. Lindsay's presence was very welcome, she enabled several courses of PB Major which otherwise might not have taken place.

Chris (C) has started learning how to call touches on handbells.

Lesley Davies scored her first quarter peal near the end of the month with an excellent performance on 1-2 to Plain Bob Minor. Well done Lesley.

On our last Tuesday in the month and the third week where we rang at the home of Ros and Barry Baxter we again met with a total of 8 ringers. We tried splitting across two rooms to make the most of the time, but we were just not quite strong enough to make two bands work properly.

Sutton

Gwynneth Moffatt is back on the ringing treadmill with some Kent TB Minor, all pairs, and touches of Double Bob. We also took the bells out to Hornsea for the entertainment of **Ron Ducker**, mid-month. We managed Bastow, Kent Little Bob, Kent TB, and a course of St Clement's Bob Minor!

Market Weighton / South Cave

We met with **Karen Lane** and **Bill Lennox** towards the end of the month. Having proved that we all still know something about Plain

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Bob Minor, we set about ringing some courses of Plain Bob Major. The upshot was that **Bill** rang several courses on 1-2 and 7-8, **Karen** moved around amongst 1-2, 3-4 and 7-8, and **Chris (Church)** had a solid go at 5-6. This represented significant progress for all concerned.

Karen let slip that she would be “home alone” on Bank Holiday Monday, so we jumped in and rang a quarter on her handbells. Her father, **Mark**, would have been delighted.

Barrow / Melton Ross.

It was right at the end of the month that we managed to gather round the bells at the Old School, home of **Barry** and **Heather Peachey**. We rang a brisk but uneventful (=enjoyable) quarter of Bob Minor and a couple of courses of Kent TB Minor.

Rebecca Legowski

“**Becky**” gave us a big wow with a perfect course of Plain Bob Minor on 1-2 which was witnessed by an assembled company that was rendered speechless by the exceptional quality of the ringing. She also rang a couple of good courses of Plain Bob Major. Mind you, her hands were shaking with the concentration, but it was the first time she had rung on 8 handbells for real!

The B&D Dinner, Cave Castle Hotel

Saturday 26th May was blessed with fine weather, so the early birds in the garden were tucked away just round the corner of the terrace to ring a fine quarter peal to mark the occasion. (See above).

Two courses of spliced Plain and Little Bob Major with **Heather** and **Barry Peachey** entertained the assembled company between food and speeches, and whilst a course of Plain Bob Major in near darkness outside the bar was easily achieved, the three leads of Kent TB Major were a shock to **David Smith** who was unaware that he could ring that on 3-4. We did need **James Blackburn** to make the band, and Dinner Steward **John Atkinson** took part in all of the Dinner Day handbell ringing.

Notes.

Q: What do consenting adults do in private on a Saturday night in Hull?

A: Ring 10 handbells

Ringing on the higher numbers is a rare treat so following the gathering in Holy Week we met again early in May. **Heather** and **Barry Peachey** together with **Pat Donnelly** met with **John Atkinson, James Blackburn, Gwynneth Moffatt**, at **Chris** and **Peter Church**'s place for a practice session. None of the band had any current 10-bell experience so the evening was spent brushing up on Plain Hunting patterns with everyone managing to get into a 10 bell rhythm.

Talking about rhythm.

Some ringers have a natural ability to hear a beat and take to it, others need to work hard to get into the groove.

If your striking isn't as accurate as you would like, then your best friend is the simulator.

We have seen some good results from an **Active Listening** exercise coupled with the accuracy of Abel, and our notes on how to use the exercise are on the website on the “Using a Simulator” page.

<https://tinyurl.com/y6vaaajpu>

The simulator is not the answer to every problem, and indeed it can cause problems as well. If you have experience or views on Abel for handbells we would love to hear from you.

Our website

www.handbellringing.org.uk

is performing a valuable function in capturing knowledge about handbell ringing and about the learning process for handbell ringing. We have been contacted by various people in far flung places who have been helped along by this resource material.

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