

East Yorkshire Handbells Day, Saturday 22nd October, 2016.

Some fifteen ringers converged on All Saints Church, North Cave for the first handbells day in the area. Some were new to double handed change ringing, some were “old hands”, all enjoyed meeting and sharing their knowledge and experience.

All Saints Church, North Cave is the East Riding Ringing Centre. The foot of the tower is an ideal, closed off space where the group met as a whole to work through the theory of how to ring a pair of bells as a unit and with a single thought for each change row. And for the practical side, the kitchen and the ringing chamber gave us three separated ringing locations.

Some people were handling handbells for the first time so the gentle introduction of Rounds and Call changes was needed. However, the main focus of the day was Plain Hunting and Plain Bob Minor, with excursions into touches and into Plain Bob Major. There were enough capable people to have a shot at a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, but time defeated us on this occasion.

Within three hours of starting, our major objective of getting each “learner” up one step in their double handed ringing ability had been achieved.

Chris Munday brought along a laptop running Abel and Handbell Manager and a number of people had a shot at ringing two simulated bells.

There are many ingredients that make for success and enjoyment, but the support of the experienced ringers, Chris Munday, Heather and Barry Peachey, James Blackburn, Chris Church and Lesley Davies, together with the warm welcome and endless cups of coffee provided by Simon Plows and the North Cave Team, were major contributions to the day.

And in the future? Certainly we will set up another handbells day early in the new year. In the meantime we will also set up sufficient practice time to preserve the learning gains that have been made.

Peter Church, 24th October 2016. www.handbellringing.org.uk



