

CLAPPERS ARE BACK!



Clappers before work - you can see the worn areas on the balls. The tenor (largest bell) is a different colour as it has had some work done on it more recently than the others.
They always get a coat of paint at the foundry!



Clappers after work - ready to be put back into the bells.

After a couple of weeks of silence, the bells were ringing again on Sunday 26th May 2024 after their trip to John Taylor & Co in Loughborough. As well as rebushing (replacing the bearing surface which the clappers swing on) the worn flats on the clapper balls were machined off to provide a smooth surface and the angled profiles at the top of the shafts from 1 to 4 were rounded off.



Ready to be put back in the bells by the bell ringers and a church warden.
Size of clapper proportioned to size of person!



There is not much room between the bell and the floor so Bob is lying on the floor under the bell offering up the crown staple (top bit) through the top of the bell and the headstock with Nick waiting on top of the bell (you can just see his boot) to put the nut on the bolt as you can see in the photo on the left.