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Dear Catherine,

Church of St Edith, Bishop Wilton

Completion report for work carried out under Faculty 2020-055981 as required as a condition of the Faculty

Restoration of the church bells Completion visit 14th March 2023

Probably the best way to illustrate the work carried out is by before and after pictures which clearly illustrate the work.

Before



The bells with their derelict fittings and rot at the end of the headstocks



Wedge bolts and old blacksmiths strap bolts. (Only the visible parts had been painted!)

After the work



The new “dead stocks” of sepele fitted after the bells had been drilled for centre holes and the cast in staples removed as much as possible. Also the new galvanised supporting ironwork.



The old rope pulleys left in situ and the new pulleys for the lever safety clappers mounted on the floor. These pulleys are from the Bartol range designed for marine usage.



The new electromagnetic hammer units mounted firmly on the outside of the bells



The control unit mounted on the West wall adjacent to the tower doorway and a close up of the Apollo III control unit. These units now have touch screen operation.

I consider that the specification as set out by Whites of Appleton dated 7th December 2020 and which formed the basis of the Faculty has been complied with. The church now has a system of using their bells easily and still has the facility to safely chime them using bell ropes should they desire.

Everything has been well finished and the electrical engineer has tested and certified the electrical work

Best wishes,
John