

Ringling Plain Hunt on a single handbell

This activity gets everyone moving around and is quickly learned. Each ringer has one handbell.

Explanation

Stand in a row, making sure that there is a little space for people to physically move. Explain that there are two commands, what these commands are, and practise each.

- Starting from rounds, ask each adjacent pair (1-2, 3-4, and 5-6) to change places with each other and then each ring their handbell from left to right. The call is 'three pairs change'.
- Explain that from now on if they are ringing in first place or last place they have to stay in that place one more time whilst the middle pairs (in 2-3 and 4-5) change places with each other). This call is 'middle bells change'.

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Start off by ringing rounds	1 2 3 4 5 6
3 pairs change	2 1 4 3 6 5
Middle pairs change	2 4 1 6 3 5
3 pairs change	4 2 6 1 5 3
Middle pairs change	4 6 2 5 1 3
3 pairs change	6 4 5 2 3 1
Middle pairs change	6 5 4 3 2 1
3 pairs change	5 6 3 4 1 2
Middle pairs change	5 3 6 1 4 2
3 pairs change	3 5 1 6 2 4
Middle pairs change	3 1 5 2 6 4
3 pairs change	1 3 2 5 4 6
Middle pairs change	1 2 3 4 5 6

Extension

You can ring Plain Hunt in this way on any even number of bells.