

# North Cotswold Branch Striking Competition

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

How to enter and rules for the Striking Competition

Entries are welcome from **ALL** affiliated towers or teams made up of ringers from several affiliated towers (individual ringers do not need to be individual members of the G&B).

### 6 Bell Competition

1. Ringers will be members of a Sunday Service Band from an affiliated tower of the North Cotswold Branch.
2. Each team shall comprise six members, including the conductor, and ringing shall be on six bells.
3. Joint teams from two or more towers may enter.
4. A tower may enter more than one team, but only two ringers shall be permitted to participate in both teams.
5. The competition shall comprise the following elements:
  - a) One minute of ringing to assess the need to adjust ropes.
  - b) Two minutes of ringing to get used to the bells. Not marked
  - c) EITHER a minimum of four minutes of call changes starting and finishing in rounds, with a minimum of 12 different changes.  
OR 12 extents of Plain Hunting on 5 bells  
OR 120 changes of a method, either plain courses or a touch
  - d) The conductor will inform the organiser of what will be rung during the draw.
6. The order of ringing will be determined by a draw and the judges will be informed of what the band will ring once the draw is completed with the band being allocated an alphabetic identifier.
7. The judges shall consider:
  - a) The speed at which the bells are rung, in accordance with the weight and 'go' of the bells.
  - b) The evenness of the intervals between the bells
  - c) The ringing of the bells in rows of 12, with open handstroke leads and closed backstroke leads.
  - d) The ability of the band to stand the bells as one
8. The rounds before and after the test piece shall not be marked; the decision of the judges shall be final.
9. The trophy for 1st place is the Jack Webb Rose Bowl, with the winners representing the branch in the Croome Trophy in April 2024. In addition, The Les Joynes Memorial Salver will be awarded at the Ringing Master's discretion to the band which has shown notable activity and progress over the year.

### 8 Bell Competition

On the day of the striking competition bands of 8 ringers may be formed from the ringers in attendance and compete against each other to determine if the branch has a group of 8 ringers who may compete for the branch in the G&B Penn Trophy on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024. As 2024 is an even number year the method will be a major method, so the branch should look to ring 224 changes of Plain Bob Major.

### How to Enter

All towers wishing to take part in the competition should notify the Chair or Secretary by email by 15 November 2023.