

North Cotswold Branch Striking Competition

Saturday 19th October 2024

How to enter and rules for the Striking Competition (*held in conjunction with the FSG Competition*)

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

6 Bell Competition (*Entry into Brazier Trophy*)

1. Ringers will be members of a Sunday Service Band from an affiliated tower of the North Cotswold Branch.
2. Each team shall comprise 6 members, including the conductor, and ringing shall be on 6 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.

6 Bell Competition (*Entry into Newing Shield*)

9. Eligibility to ring as for the Brazier Trophy.
10. The competition will be divided into three categories:
 - i) Raising the bells in peal, no false starts allowed.
 - ii) EITHER call changes of approximately 5 minutes duration containing at least 10 different changes and finishing in rounds, no false starts allowed;
 - iii) OR 120 changes in any method. One restart before the first 30 changes will be permitted with cancellation of faults recorded during those changes.
 - iv) Falling the bells in peal, no false starts allowed.

Awarding of G&B trophies

11. The best placed band from a NC G&B affiliated tower in the Newing Shield Competition win the Jack Webb Rose Bowl and will represent the branch at the G&B striking competition on 5th April 2025.
12. If no NC G&B band rings in Newing Shield, then the best band in the Brazier Trophy competition will win the Jack Webb Rose Bowl and will represent the branch at the G&B striking competition on 5th April 2025.
13. If the bowl is won in the Newing Shield, then The Les Joynes Memorial Salver would then be for the best novice NC G&B band in the Brazier Trophy.
14. If the bowl is won in the Brazier Trophy, then the Salver can be awarded at the G&B ringing master discretion as is at present.

8 Bell Competition

Following the striking competitions, the Ringing master will ascertain if there are a group of 8 ringers who may complete for the branch in the G&B Penn Trophy on 5th April 2025. As 2025 is an odd number year the method will be a triples method, so the branch should look to ring 224 changes of Grandsire Triples.

How to Enter

All towers wishing to take part should notify the Chair or Secretary by email by 10th October so that details can be passed to the FSG ringing master. Entries can be made on the day but notice of entry would be appreciated.