

YOUNG RINGER OF THE YEAR Competition Report

Once again our Association's young ringers have been working very hard to collect as many points as possible for this competition. The points system encourages them, first of all, to ring regularly at their own church and especially for service ringing, and then to ring at new towers and attend branch/association events.

At the same time the competition encourages them to progress in their ringing with points for ringing a new method, ringing a touch of a new method, calling a touch of a new method, and for ringing or calling quarter peals and peals.

Feedback received about the competition has been very good, and only one concern has been raised. This was that it was a long time from the end of the competition (August 31st) until the AGM (the following April) for the young ringers to wait for their prizes to be presented. The Education Officers, at their Committee Meeting in August, therefore decided that in future this competition should run from March 1st until February 28th/29th. In order to make this change, the Education Committee decided to extend this year's competition until February 28th 2013, rather than have a gap of six months before the next competition started. The results of this extended competition will therefore appear in next year's annual report.

The Education Committee also decided that they felt that all the young people who took part in this competition and achieved a good standard should receive an award. This was because, in order to do this, they had had to work very hard, which the committee felt should be rewarded. Therefore it was decided to award fifteen pounds to all those who amassed over 200 points during the year, assuming that they were not placed in the first three positions.

Until the end of next February, good luck to all the young ringers working hard for their points. Many thanks, also, to the people supporting them, for they play a major part in the progress, success and enjoyment of our young ringers.

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