

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers

Six-bell striking competition

At the General Committee meeting in March 2024 it was agreed the six-bell competition would now be a single round with each branch able to enter one team only. The competition would be hosted by the Chew Branch.

The competition is to be held on the last Saturday in June (29th) at St Mary's, Walton, Clevedon with Kathryn L Carter, from Bristol, as the chief judge. Ringing will start at 2.30 pm with draws at 2.15 pm and 3.15 pm.

Rules

Teams must consist of members of the Branch they are representing and be paid-up members of the Association. A ringer may ring for only one Branch.

There will be two classes of entry: Doubles or Minor and there will be separate awards for each. Branches should indicate which class they are ringing in on the entry form.

The test piece will consist of 240 changes of Doubles or Minor, preceded by and terminated with rounds (including at least one whole pull at the end).

All the rounds and the test piece will be judged but failure to set at the end will not be penalised.

A team failing to complete the test piece will not be given a score

Two minutes practice ringing will be allowed for each team immediately prior to their test piece. This will be supervised by a time-keeper who will advise the band when the time is running out and call stand if the time limit is exceeded.

The treble will be rung for two whole pulls to signal the start of the test piece.

The order of ringing will be decided in two draws, the earlier one for the nearer Branches, and the later one for the more distant Branches.

There is an entry fee of £6 per band to cover a tower donation and other expenses and an entry form must be submitted to the organiser at least 3 days before the competition.

General considerations

The 2.15 draw will consist of the following Branches:
Axbridge, Bath, Bridgwater, Chew and Glaston

The 3.15 draw will consist of the following Branches:
Cary, Crewkerne, Dunster, Frome, Ilchester and Taunton

Drinks and cake will be available during the ringing.

Requests to ring at a particular time will be considered but cannot be guaranteed and should be made at least a week before the competition.