

Kimpton Cup 2025.

This year's Kimpton Cup was hosted by the Watford district and held at Langleybury. There were 7 teams entering with 4 districts represented, which was slightly less than last year. The day started brightly but began to cloud over later in the morning, by which time most of the bands had completed their test piece. As in previous years, the draw was held the week before to allow bands to arrive at their allotted time. The judge was Stuart Brant who was positioned in the porch of the church which allowed the bells to be heard clearly. All the bands arrived on time and the competition went smoothly. The competition started at 10am.

First to ring were Bengoe who elected to ring call changes, band 2 were Redbourn, ringing Plain Bob Doubles, next were Tewin who rang Cambridge Surprise Minor, band 4 were Sandon ringing Plain Bob Doubles. There was a short break for the judge after which Hemel Hempstead rang Plain Bob Minor, band 6 were Bishops Stortford ringing Plain Bob Minor. The last team to ring were Standon ringing Plain Bob Doubles.

On completion of the ringing the ringers retired to the Unicorn for lunch and results.

The judge, Stuart gave the following comments on each band before giving the results.

Band 1, The ringing did not settle, it became uneven after a change then settled, backstroke leads tended to be early, Hand strokes were quite good

Band 2. Generally good even leading, but took time to settle, the second 120 was better

Band 3. Good even ringing, One lapse but was quickly put right.

Band 4. Inconsistent leading, with some backstroke gaps. Did not settle.

Band 5. Settled very quickly, very good leading and excellent rhythm

Band 6. Very good band, very even ringing with occasional unevenness

Band 7. Ringing did not settle, but tenor was good.

The judge, Stuart read out the results in reverse order

7th Band 7 – Standon with 116 faults

6th Band 1 – Bengoe with 103 faults

5th Band 4 – Sandon with 62 faults

4th Band 2 – Redbourn with 30 faults

3rd Band 3 – Tewin with 21 faults

2nd Band 6 – Bishops Stortford with 16 faults

1st Band 5 – Hemel Hempstead with 7 faults

So last year's winners Hemel Hempstead were awarded the trophy. Congratulations to them and thank you to Watford district and Langleybury ringers for hosting the competition, and thank you to Stuart Brant for judging the contest.

1st Hemel Hempstead



Su Gambling, Carolyn Crawley, David Gambling, Brian Crawley, Stephen Crawley, Tom Mack

2nd Bishops Stortford



Andrew Westwood, Claire May, Nick Hughes, Jerry Piron, Russel Brown, Stephen Bailey

3rd Tewin



Pat Lay, David Hall, Julie Grimwade, Kevyn Hopkins-Hall, Mark Hopkins-Hall, Graham Lay

4th Redbourn



Andrew Farnham, Liz Middleton, Rebecca Edwards, Mary Espley-Jones, Ben Edwards, Malcolm Symon
5th Sandon



Debbie Williamson, Margaret Horritt, Richard Edgar, Bob Weedon, Geoff Horritt, Elizabeth Latta

6th Bengoe



Claire, Dorna, Nadine, James, Adam, Elena

7th Standon



Angela Coster, Tracey Coley, Ro Kelsal, Anne Brolly, Steve Lee, Oliver Lee