
Kimpton Cup September 2024

On a bright and sunny day in late September the Hertfordshire County Association met for the six bell striking competition at Weston village, just north of Stevenage. Four districts put two bands forward each, so we were lucky to have eight bands of which two rang call changes. A lovely selection of cakes and refreshments were laid on by the Northern District.

The draw took place at Tewin on the 18th September, this allowed bands to turn up when they were needed, most stayed for lunch at the local pub, The Rising Sun.

Stuart Brant and Roger Baldwin were our judges from the Watford District were able to judge. Situated in the conservatory of the house opposite the church we had a bit of false start as they had to move outside into the garden in order to hear the bells properly. Luckily it was a sunny day and boosted by hot cups of tea, coffee and cake they were happy.

Every team rang well, and no one was certain who would come where. Congratulations to every one that rang.

The first band to ring were the Bishops Stortford District Bishop Stortford band who rang Plain Bob Minor.



Tim Needham, Claire May, Andrew Westwood, Nick Hughes, Jerry Piron, Stephen Bailey ©

The second band to ring were Royston representing the Northern District, who chose to ring Plain Bob Doubles.



Treble on left: Rachel Parsons, Bethany Lunn, Charlie Curtis, John Peverett, Alan Curtis, Jan Richards.

The third band to ring was Tewin representing the Eastern District, who chose to ring Grandsire Doubles.



Treble on left: David Rawlins, David Hall, Julie Grimwade, Kevyn Hopkins-Hall, Mark Hopkins-Hall, Jill Rudd.

The fourth band to ring was Hemel Hempstead representing the Western District who chose to ring Plain Bob Minor.



Treble on left: Su Gambling, Carolyn Crawley, David Gambling, Brian Crawley, Stephen Crawley, Thomas B Mack.

After the break, cake and refreshments.

The fifth band to ring was **Redbourn band representing** the Western district who chose to ring Plain Bob Doubles.



Treble on left: Pauline Rognell, Andrew Farnham, Mary Espley-Jones, Joe Edwards, Ben Edwards, Malcolm Symon.

The sixth band to ring was the **Bengeo band** ringing Call changes representing the Eastern District.



Treble on left: Elena Oliva, Donna Matthews, Kevyn Hopkins-Hall, Nadine Davidson, Juliette McNally, Mark Hopkins-Hall.

The seventh band to ring was **Standon band** ringing Call changes representing the Bishops Stortford District.



Treble on Left: Anne Brolly, Ali Poulter, Irene Pearman, Steve Lee, Tracey Coley, Ollie Lee.

The last band to ring was Sandon Band, representing the Northern District, who chose to ring Plain Bob Doubles.



Treble on left: Debbie Williamson, Margaret Horritt, Richard Edgar (missing from photo), Bob Weeden, Geoff Horritt, Elizabeth Latta.

The judges comments are below:-

Position	Rang		Method	Peal speed	Comments	Faults
1 st	4th	Hemel Hempstead	Plain Bob Minor	2hrs 46min	Set a good beat and pace. No method mistakes. Occasional errors at lead. Excellent tenor ringing.	68
2 nd	3rd	Tewin	Grandsire Doubles	2hrs 55min	Good ringing generally apart from the opening rounds. Some random striking errors but no major problems. Good tenor ringing.	71
3 rd	5th	Redbourn	Plain Bob Doubles	3hrs 6min	Uneven rows with the most faults at hand-stroke. A few method errors. Ringing would have been better faster. Good tenor ringing in the main, but not always consistent.	80
4 th	1st	Bishop's	Plain Bob	2hrs	Good beat, fairly even ringing. Good leading. 3 method	96

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		Stortford	Minor	49min	mistakes, treble quick at times.	
5 th	8th	Sandon	Plain Bob Doubles	2hrs 57min	The ringing didn't really settle, being inconsistent throughout, especially the leading.	145
6 th	2nd	Royston	Plain Bob Doubles	2hrs 58min	Good tenor ringing; set a good beat. Leading mainly good. A few method errors and ringing was not consistent.	148
7 th	6th	Bengeo	Call changes		A valiant effort. Rows were uneven and the treble leading was too quick at hand-stroke. The best change was 543216.	167
8 th	7th	Standon	Call changes		Generally uneven rows with poor leading. Some of the changes attempted were too ambitious. The best change was 543216.	172

Judges: Roger Baldwin and Stuart Brant

The trophy was awarded to Hemel Hempstead.

A big thank you to the judges for stepping in at the last minute, the Weston band and Northern District for hosting the event, and the vicar for letting us host the event at Weston.