

Striking Competition 2019

This year the Association striking competition finals were held on Saturday 13th July. The Southern District hosted the event and the judges for both the 6-bell and 8-bell competitions were Tom Lawrance and Elizabeth LeMoine.

The 6 bell competition was held at St Laurence & All Saints at Eastwood, the church is located at the alongside the runway at Southend airport which made for some great plane spotting and interesting ringing. Ten teams entered with representation from every district, there was some very good ringing despite a rather odd struck tenor. The results were:



1. Chelmsford Cathedral, 76%;
2. Kirby-le-Soken, 73%;
3. Coggeshall, 72%;
4. Writtle, 71%;
5. Prittlewell and Bishops Stortford 64%;
7. West Ham, 63%;
8. Shenfield, 62%;
9. Mistley, 59%;
10. Willingale, 53%.

The judges gave their views and comments after an epic bell-ringers' tea in Eastwood Church hall, with thanks to Beth Johnson for organising the event and the Tower captain Peter Knight for manning the tower.

After tea the judges and those competing in the inter-district 8 bell competition retired to St Andrew's Church, Rochford for the 8 bell draw. This year's test piece was Alderney Surprise Major, the judges rang the bells and noted that the bells were very light and therefore hard to ring. Despite this the five teams rang well, the results were:



1. South-East, 73%
2. Southern, 72%
3. South-West, 65%
4. North-Eastern, 63%
5. North-West, 59%