

## 2024 Association Striking Competition Finals

The Striking Competition was this year hosted by our Northern District with the eight-bell taking place at St Mary the Virgin, Great Bardfield and the six-bell at St John and St Giles, Great Easton. It was a beautiful sunny day to spend with bell ringing friends from across the Association, soaking up the sounds of good striking in two very picturesque locations.

The judges were Kate and Paul Flavell from the Surrey Association, and Paul noted that this was his 100<sup>th</sup> competition as a judge. We would like to record our sincere thanks to Kate and Paul for all their hard work during the day and for their helpful feedback to each band.

### Eight bell competition

It was wonderful that all 6 districts fielded a team for this competition (up from 4 in 2023, and 3 in 2022). All were asked to ring the same test piece, Plain Bob Triples, and to include within the band at least one ringer who had not previously taken part in this Association competition.

Many congratulations to the winning band of the Southern District:



The full results were:

Placing	District	Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	Southern	84%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	South-Eastern	80%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northern	76%
4 <sup>th</sup>	North-Eastern	74%
5 <sup>th</sup>	South-Western	68%
6 <sup>th</sup>	North-Western	67%

### Six-bell Trophy

The Association was delighted to welcome eleven teams across our six districts; test pieces are chosen by each band and this produced a good mix to listen to including Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor.

Many congratulations to the winning band of Prittlewell:



The full results were:

Placing	District	Tower	Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	S	Prittlewell	86%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SE	Chelmsford	85%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	SE	Writtle	80%
4 <sup>th</sup>	NE	Ardleigh	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	N	Coggeshall	77%
6 <sup>th</sup>	SW	Hornchurch	75%
7 <sup>th</sup>	NW	Waltham Abbey	73%
8 <sup>th</sup>	SW	West Ham	72%
9 <sup>th</sup>	NE	Great Tey	69%
10 <sup>th</sup>	N	Wethersfield	66%
11 <sup>th</sup>	NW	Nazeing	DNF

The Association would like to record their sincere thanks to Tim Peckham, the Northern District Officers, and District ringers for the seamless organising of the day and to the Church communities of Great Bardfield and Great Easton for the warm welcome and all their hospitality.

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