

# **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

## **WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH**

### **6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION RULES**

1. There will be two competitions. One for method ringing and one for call-changes.
2. The method competition will consist of either a touch, or plain courses, producing 120 changes in a doubles or minor method, starting and ending in rounds. The preliminary rounds will be judged as part of the test piece.
3. The call-changes competition will consist of 5 minutes of call-changes including preliminary rounds.
4. Open hand-strokes will always be assumed and ringing judged as such.
5. Each team will be allowed two minutes practice before the start of the test piece. The judges to be notified of the commencement of the test piece by two whole pulls on the treble.
6. The order of ringing will be decided by a draw before the commencement of the competition.
7. Teams must be entered under the name of a tower within the Witney & Woodstock branch.
8. The composition of tower teams must be made up of ringers who have a close association with the named tower, and ring there regularly, at least once a month, either for practice or Sunday service. No ringer can ring for more than two towers in either competition, but may ring in both method and call-change competitions.
9. Teams intending to enter a competition must inform the branch Ringing Master at least 48 hours prior to the competition.
10. Trophies held by winning towers must be returned to the branch Ringing Master at least two weeks prior to the competition.

The aim of the competition is to promote the improvement of striking within individual towers, and to encourage as many ringers as possible to take part. It should not be seen as a “win at all costs” exercise, Teams should therefore reflect, as far as is possible and practical, the normal membership of ringers within individual towers.