

Results of the South-Eastern District 6-bell Striking Competition held at Great Totham on Saturday 18 May 2013

Five teams took part in the competition including some of the Essex Young Eagles who entered to have an opportunity of practising together in a competition environment in preparation for ringing in the Ringing World National Youth Competition to be held at St Lawrence, York on 6 July.

Judges

Stephen Bailey of Great Notley (who rings mainly in London) and David Cloake of Camberwell, SE5.

Stephen Bailey said that judging the competition had not been straightforward. The standard of ringing had been good; however, the sound of the bells was very clear which made spotting faults easy. Stephen thought that the odd-struckness of some of the bells had caused problems for more than one of the bands.

David Cloake apologised for the fact that they had taken so long to deliberate and announce the results. They had found that the teams in second and third places were very close in score so, wanting to make sure that they had the marking right, had revisited their recordings of the test pieces.

The winning order and marks

1. **Chelmsford Cathedral**, Grandsire Doubles (peal speed 2hrs 40mins) - 89%
2. **Writtle**, Grandsire Doubles (peal speed 2hrs 43mins) – 82%
3. **Inworth & Great Totham**, Plain Bob Doubles (peal speed 2hrs 45 mins) – 80%
4. **Essex Young Eagles**, Plain Bob Doubles (peal speed 2hrs 46mins) – 73%
5. **Great Baddow**, Plain Bob Doubles (peal speed 2hrs 50mins) – 71%

Chelmsford Cathedral, Writtle and Inworth/Great Totham were presented with certificates and Peter Eves accepted the trophy for the Cathedral band. Christina Brewster congratulated all the teams that had rung in the competition.

Chelmsford Cathedral and Writtle go through to the Association finals in July.

The District Master expressed her appreciation to Stephen and David for judging the competition and for their comments, and thanked them with a presentation pack of selected beers.

Christina also thanked the Rector, Revd. Jonathan Pearce and the Churchwardens for allowing us to hold the competition at St Peter's; Richard Wilson for acting as tower steward and the Great Totham ringers and friends for making preparations for the afternoon and providing refreshments.

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