

# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## Newbury Branch 6-bell Striking Competition

The wording of this document is based on the Guild document for striking competitions, but adapted for the Newbury Branch

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Newbury Branch Striking Competition is to encourage Sunday Service Bands to come together to listen to each other's ringing and to encourage good striking. It is an important social event as well as a competition.

It is the tool for choosing a band to represent the Branch at the Guild 6-bell striking competition.

### RULES

A Tower Band shall consist mainly of members of one tower and shall be chosen by the Tower in any way it thinks fit.

Up to two members shall be permitted who are not members of the tower but are members of the Newbury Branch. Ringers may ring in two different bands. 'Scratch' teams, not representing any particular tower, may enter but will not be included in the competition results.

The order of ringing of the teams shall be drawn at the start of the competition.

Up to two minutes practice will be allowed to each team immediately prior to the test piece, after which the bells must be stood.

Two whole-pulls on the treble bell will signify that the band is about to ring the test piece.

The test piece shall consist of one minute's rounds followed by 120 changes of any method of Doubles or Minor, or 5 minutes of call changes. If a method is rung then plain courses will be acceptable. If call changes are rung then at least 12 changes must be called, including Queens (135246) and Tittums (142536).

A marshal shall be present in the ringing room to assist in time-keeping.

### GENERAL

The decision of the judge(s) shall be final.

The tower who wins the competition will normally go forward to represent the Branch at the Guild 6-bell striking competition. However, if this is not possible then the assembled branch members shall choose the tower to go forward. Note that the Guild rules for the 6-bell competition allow only one member who is not normally in the Sunday Service band to be included, and the test piece comprises 240 changes. For call-change bands 240 rows must be rung, with at least 30 different rows, and each of the front 5 bells being called to lead.

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