

Kimpton Cup

This year's Kimpton Cup was held at Langleybury, hosted by the Watford district. A bright sunny day helped the proceedings, with Tea and cakes supplied by the local ringers.

This year we had 10 bands competing. The judge, Michael Sprackling, after having a ring on the bells, was installed at a location in the churchyard, where the bells could be heard clearly.

Following the competition the assembled company moved to the Kings Lodge Hotel for lunch and results.

The President Howard Collings thanked the Watford district and the local ringers for the excellent organisation and welcomed the judge Michael Sprackling and also the competing bands, after a brief biography he handed over to the judge.

Michael began by saying how wonderful it had been to be able to sit and listen to others ringing, and recommended that everyone should do this. His comments for each of the teams in order of ringing were as follows:

1. Hitchin rang Call Changes. Good general speed, tenor was sometimes erratic. Very few trips
2. Abbots Langley rang Grandsire Doubles. Good general speed, but a lot of method mistakes. There were periods of very good ringing
3. Tewin rang Grandsire Doubles. Confident ringing, good speed. Second 120 was very good
4. Bishops Stortford rang Plain Bob Doubles. Many Method mistakes disrupted the ringing. There was some good ringing within this
5. Apsley End rang Grandsire Doubles. Good speed, with good covering
6. Stevenage rang Plain Bob Doubles. Good speed, but there were a number of little trips
7. Cheshunt rang Call Changes. Good overall speed, but bells not always in the right place

8. Watford rang Grandsire Doubles. Rung in 2 halves, good speed but there were some irregularities
9. Albury rang Grandsire Doubles. Rather uneven, tenor sometimes erratic, there were some good patches
10. Redbourn rang Plain Bob Doubles. Very good ringing, good speed with very few irregularities.

The results were as follows;

1st with 16 faults Redbourne

2nd Tewin, 18 faults

3rd Apsley End, 18 ½ faults

4th Stevenage, 31 faults

5th Hitchin, 38 ½ faults

6th Watford, 48 faults

7th Cheshunt, 58 faults

8th Abbots Langley, 71 faults

9th Albury, 79 ½ faults

10th Bishops Stortford, 119 ½ faults

A thank you to Michael for judging the contest and to the Watford district and local ringers for organising the day.

1st place Rebourn



Fr: Mary Rixon, Mary Hughes, Rebecca Edwards. Br: Malcolm Symonds, Ben Edwards, Liz Middleton

2nd place Tewin



Fr: Pat Lay, Julie Grimwade, David Hall, Br: Mark Hall, Graham Lay, David Dalton

3rd place Apsley End



Fr: Sue Gill, Geof Fielding, Deirdre Watson, Br: Sue Basset, Penny Watson, Brian Watson