

Kimpton Cup 2019

The Kimpton cup this year was hosted by the Eastern district at Hertingfordbury. As with last year it was a sunny day, although due to the enormous spread of cakes in the church room, not many decided to stay outside. The local ringers had turned out in force and baked a number of cakes.

The judges were Alan Shepherd and Cameron White-Spunner both from Dunstable. They were seated in the vestry which allowed the bells to be clearly heard.

A total of 8 bands were due to compete this year. The contest started on time at 10am. The order of ringing was; Hitchin, Redbourn, Cheshunt, Bishops Stortford, Abbots Langley, Apsley End, Tewin & Norton due to ring last. As in previous years, the draw was held the week before.

All went well with all the band members on time, the ringing plus change overs were taking approximately 20 minutes each. Until Tewin were ringing their test piece, when approximately ½ way through their second 120, the tenor rope broke. It was quickly agreed with the judges that the 2nd 120 should be rung again but would only be marked from the 4th lead end. Thanks to Graham Lay for splicing the rope. All this however delayed when Norton, would ring, they decided that due to one of their members needed to be away, they could no longer ring and so withdrew from the contest. This was a great shame and apologies go to the band for having come along and not be able to participate.

The bands then retired to the pub for lunch. This was the Black Horse in Hertford, where the results were announced by the judges,

These were as follows

1st Tewin ringing Grandsire doubles with 15 faults

Judges comments – Very good start, fast but good. More faults after rope break, not as polished.

2nd Hitchin ringing Grandsire doubles with 56 faults

Judges comments – Rushed first half, second half better

3rd Redbourn ringing Plain Bob doubles with 61 faults

Judges comments – Better in second half, good ringing

4th Apsley End ringing Grandsire doubles with 75 faults

Judges comments – Too long ringing, method error occurred

5th Bishops Stortford ringing Grandsire doubles with 89 faults

Judges comments – Consistent throughout, second half better, there was a scattering of faults.

6th Cheshunt ringing call changes with 137 faults

Judges comments – Short spots of irregularities, too long ringing in some changes

7th Abbots Langley ringing Plain Bob doubles with 145 faults

Judges comments – Started well then drifted, there were some good points in the ringing

8 Norton withdrew due to time constraints

The judges handed out the cup and certificate and the President Claire May thanked the judges, also the Eastern district and the Hertingfordbury ringers for their organisation.



1st Tewin - Pat Lay, Julie Grimwade, Mark Hall, David Hall, Graham Lay (c), Andy Lay



2nd Hitchin – Trevor Groom, Anna Crawley, Liz Cranfield, Kevyn Hopkins, David Kemp, Mark Newbery



3rd Redbourn – Pauline Ridgewell, Mary Hughes, Rebecca Edwards, Liz Middleton (c), Ben Edwards, Malcolm Symon



**Mark Hall collecting the Kimpton cup from the judges,
Cameron White-Spunner & Alan Shepherd**