

# Coburn Trophy 2022

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This was the first Coburn Trophy in 3 years, having been previously cancelled due to Covid19. This year's contest was hosted by the Eastern district and was held at Broxbourne on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The judges were Stephanie Pattenden and Cathy Hampson. There were entries from 4 districts with 2 districts unable to raise a band, this is the lowest turnout for the Coburn trophy, and reflects the slow return to normal after the various lockdowns. It was a brilliant sunny day and tea and cake were provided by the eastern district members. Due to a wedding reception being held in the church hall, the tea and cakes were served outside. As in previous years, the draw was held the week before. The judges were positioned in the church grounds where the bells could be clearly heard. Although the choice of method was open, each band elected to ring Grandsire triples, and were given 25 minutes slot to complete their practice and test piece.

First band to ring were Northern district, the band were (from treble to tenor); Carole Kendall, Elizabeth Cranfield, Geoff Horritt, Chris Forster, Owen Davis, Alan Curtis, John Peverett, David Kemp.



They were followed by Western; Jo Ainsworth, Liz Middleton, Val Mills, Deirdre Watson, Mike Below, Brian Crowley, Brian Watson, Ben Edwards



3<sup>rd</sup> band were Bishops Stortford; Ro Kelsell, Mary Bone, Tracey Coley, Claire May, Nick Hughes, Jerry Piron, Fred Bone, Andrew Westwood.



Last in were Eastern district; Roger Pascoe, Julie Grimwade, Anne Donaldson, John Rank, Kevyn Hopkins-Hall, Mark Hopkins-Hall, Graham Lay, David Hall



After the contest, all adjourned to the Bull in Broxbourne, a short walk through the park. The judges elected to read the results at the start.

The judges' comments were as follows

General comments; thanks for the tea and cakes provided through the contest. The bells presented some challenges and were not easy to strike well with oddstruckness. This caused some problems throughout. Outside the bells were loud and clear. In general all bands did well.

Band 1 had a nice start although there was some erratic leading early on, there was some unevenness and some clips through the ringing.

Band 2 Were less confident with some major and minor faults, they also rang for longer, there was good striking in places and managed to recover from a major trip.

Band 3. Also not a confident start, there was some erratic leading and some clips, the speed of ringing varied.

Band 4. Had a very confident start, there were some striking errors, but generally good ringing.

The results were in reverse order 4<sup>th</sup> band 2 with 58%, 3<sup>rd</sup> band 3 with 67%, 2<sup>nd</sup> band 1 with 75% and the winners band 4 with 80%, so Eastern district were declared the winners