



Eight Bell Striking Competition for the Pat Cannon Trophy 2023

The **Eight Bell Striking Competition** for the Pat Cannon Trophy will be held on **Saturday 7th October** at St Mary the Virgin, Bell Road, **EAST MOLESEY, KT8 0SS** commencing at **2pm**. All towers are invited to enter a band. Please let me know if you wish to enter a band **by Saturday 23rd September**

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Rules

- 1 The tower band may compete as long as it includes a minimum of four members of the Sunday service band or band that regularly rings together at the tower. The addition of up to four ringers who are current members of the Association to the band to make up numbers shall not affect the tower's entitlement to compete for the trophy. No person may ring more than twice. No team may contain more than three persons who have already rung in this year's competition.
- 2 There will be no entry fee and no prizes, but the winning band will be awarded the Pat Cannon Trophy. Certificates will be awarded to all bands who enter.
- 3 The names of the ringers in each band, together with the method to be rung, shall be given in writing to the General Master or their nominee prior to ringing.
- 4 A preliminary period of up to two minutes ringing will be allowed to try the bells during which the ropes may be adjusted (not included in the two minutes). The bells may be stood and restarted once.
- 5 When a band is ready for its competition piece, two whole pulls on the treble shall signal to the judge that they are about to start. Judging will commence when the bells go into changes or after two minutes of rounds, whichever is the sooner. There shall be at least three whole pulls of rounds at the end of the required changes, all of which will also be judged. Failure to stand may incur a penalty at the judge's discretion.
- 6 The test piece shall be a true touch of at least 224 changes of Triples or Major. The choice of method and composition is left to the discretion of the conductor but should be advised to the General Master or their nominee prior to ringing.
- 7 When the judge has taken up their judging position, no-one may approach them except with the express permission of the General Master or their nominee. The judge's decision is final.