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2nd September 2017

Dear Secretary,

Sorry for the delay this year due to circumstances changing at the last minute.
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FROM THAT IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS.
Thomas Cooper Striking Competition 2017.

The Striking Competition this year will be a six bell competition to take place at **Eye** on **Saturday 14th October 2017.**

The draw will take place at **2:00pm.** to be followed by the competitive ringing. The service will follow, after which there will be the judges' report, and presentation of the trophy

The test piece will be 180 changes of St. Clements Bob Minor with the 6th called 3 times at home, any rounds rung before the 180 will not be judged. Judging will start immediately on going into the changes.

Any rounds rung after the 180 **will** be judged.

Entries should be sent in writing to the Competition Secretary, at the above address, by 7th October 2017 **at the latest.** Please be prompt.

Teas will be available during the course of the afternoon. **It will be assumed that teas will be required by all bands and judges unless otherwise stated.** If extra teas are required then please notify Mark Pugh no later than Saturday 7th October at,

85 South St.
Leominster, HR6 8JH
Tel . 01568 611848

Email markrhi2008@yahoo.co.uk

Parking is available by the church.

Please be prompt with your entry. We must have a closing date to be fair to all those involved in making the final arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Alec Osbaldiston.

RULES

- 1 The competition is open to bands representing the districts of The Guild.
Each district may enter more than one band, but it will be at the discretion of the committee as to whether the second band will be accepted should the total number of entries exceed 8 (ie.1 per district).
- 2 Each ringer shall be a paid up ringing member of The Guild.
- 3 No ringer shall be in more than one band.
- 4 Entries shall be sent in writing **by the specified date** to the Competition Secretary.
- 5 All ringers must be present for the official draw at the start of the competition.
6. **The test piece will be 180 changes of St. Clements Bob Minor with the 6th called 3 times at home, any rounds rung before the 180 will not be judged. Judging will start immediately on going into the changes.**
The intention of the rounds before the touch is to give each band a chance to settle down before going straight into the test piece. **Judging will start immediately on going into the changes.**
- 7 The start of the test is to be signalled by one whole pull on the treble.
- 8 Any rounds rung before the start of the 180 will not be judged, but any rounds rung after the 180 will be judged.
- 9 Each band will be allowed up to **FIVE** minutes practice ringing.
- 10 The decision of the committee regarding the interpretation of the rules is final.
- 11 Conductors are responsible for the band complying with the above rules. Non compliance may lead to disqualification.
- 12 The winners of the competition shall hold the Thomas Cooper Trophy for the ensuing 12 months and must return the Trophy in time for the next competition.

THOMAS COOPER STRIKING COMPETITION 2017 ENTRY FORM

District.....

Please enter clearly below details of your band.

Method to be rung: **180 changes of St. Clements Bob Minor with the 6th called 3 times at home,**.

Names of ringers

Treble.....

2.....

3.....

4.....

5.....

Tenor.....

Please send this form with your entry or hand in on the day.

Thank you.

Alec Osbaldiston
Mark Pugh