

WESTERN DISTRICT 6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION.

The Western District 6 Bell Competition will be held at Gwinear on Saturday, 14 June, 2025, commencing at Noon.

There will be 3 categories as follows:

1. Method.
2. Rounds.
3. Call Changes.

Prizes are in the form of certificates, and the following cups:

- Charles Ball Memorial cup, for the best band in the Rounds section.
- Harry Miles Memorial cup, for the best Call Change band.
- St.Pol-de-Leon cup, for the best band in the Method ringing section.

The rules are as follows:

1. This competition is open to Western District towers only.
2. Bands competing in the Rounds section must all be members of the tower they are representing (i.e. Ringers must have attended regular Sunday ringing/ attended their tower practice sessions whenever possible).
3. More than one band may be submitted by a tower in a particular category, provided these bands have no more than two ringers in common e.g. band A from Sennen can have ringers a, b, c, d, e and f and band B from Sennen can have ringers a, b, g, h, i and j.
4. A ringer may take part in more than one Western District band, provided they regularly attend Sunday service ringing/ practice sessions or are an officer of that tower.
5. Each competing band must fill in one entry form before each of their test pieces. Please write names of your band as you would want recorded on any certificates awarded.
6. A maximum of 3 minutes practice prior to the test piece will be permitted. This need not be continuous.
7. Test pieces will be of 4 minutes duration for the Rounds ringing,
34 changes of the 1st part of 60 on 3rds in the Call Change section & 120 changes in the Method one.

8. Rounds & Call Changes may have open or closed hand stroke leads provided that this is consistent. Method ringing will be open hand-stroke leads.
9. Method ringing can be doubles or minor. Details of the touch must be submitted on the entry form submitted to the organisers prior to the test piece being performed.
10. Timing & number of changes will be refereed by a timekeeper in the tower.
11. Cups can only be awarded to teams comprising of entirely Western District members.
12. Judging will be by appointed persons, and their decisions are final.
13. Entry fee per rope is £1. Any profits will go to TDQR Bell RF. A separate charge will be made for refreshments.
14. Bands wishing to compete should notify Miranda Penhaligon (MP) at steve.penhaligon@btinternet.com of the categories & number of teams entering by 7th June, 2025.
15. Order of ringing within each section will be determined by a draw to be conducted on Sunday 8th June, 2025. Any band which does not notify MP steve.penhaligon@btinternet.com of their intention to compete by 7th June, 2025, will be allocated a time at the end of each particular section.

16. Numbers of those requiring refreshments... tea/coffee & pasty to MP steve.penhaligon@btinternet.com by Saturday 7th June.

17. The organisers of the competition are the WD Chairman & Ringing Master or nominated Officer, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

Bob Woods (Chairman).