

Young Persons' Striking Competition - 2009

This year the Young Persons' Striking Competition - for The Nibley Trophy - will be hosted by the Wotton-under-Edge Branch and take place

on: **Saturday 27 June 2009**

at: **Stone** - Map ref: 684955

starting at: **3.00 p.m.**

There's a set of rules below, but please be reassured that this is a relaxed and friendly afternoon, and the rules are for general guidance only. In previous years, lots of young ringers have come singly or in twos or threes, and we've always sorted out at least two teams for every one of them to ring in. Absolutely no one needs to provide a whole band. To the best of my belief everyone who's entered previously has enjoyed it, and I'm sure this year will be just as good.

As last year, in addition to the Nibley Trophy for the winners there'll also be The Barnwood Trophy for the band with the most ringers from the same tower. If two or more bands have the same number of ringers from the same tower, the highest placed of those bands will win it. Every band will receive a framed, illuminated certificate too.

Needless to say, supporters and spectators of all ages are very welcome.

As regards **Parking**, this is **NOT** allowed on the village green or in the driveway up to the Old Vicarage. **This is very important.** Instead, go past the Green – which will be on your right - and follow the road around to the left. You'll find ample parking on the right hand side – by *George Taylor's TV Rentals* – and in the estate around there. There is also a car park by the village school, and another for 4 or 5 cars by the main entrance to the church.

The Wotton Branch have arranged the traditional skittles afterwards at The Leyhill Prison Officers' Club. The cost for the skittles and food will cost the amazingly low figure of £4.00 per head. But the Branch really do need to have an idea of how many people will be coming. So please try to give me an indication of how many competitors will be entering from your Branch - and how many will be at the skittles afterwards. But that said, we'd much rather people came at the last minute than not at all.

And if anyone is thinking of coming but is doubtful that they will be good enough, they are most welcome to give me a ring so that I can reassure them that they most definitely **are** good enough. The bells at Stone are very easy indeed to handle, and competitors can have a friend or helper in the ringing room next to them if they wish.

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And for those who like a set of rules, here they are:

1. All team members must be under 19 on the day of the Competition;
2. Teams can represent, a Tower, a group of Towers, a Branch or a group of Branches;
3. There is no limit to the number of teams from any Tower or Branch but no two teams may have more than four ringers in common;
4. The test piece will be 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, or 4 minutes of Call Changes - any sequence you like;
5. Marking will start at the first call change or the start of the method - or after one minute of rounds if the opening rounds exceed one minute;
6. Each team will have five minutes to practise and adjust ropes;
7. The judge will be very nice, the weather will be sunny, and no one will be upset even if they have a really off day;
8. Everyone will wish everyone else luck;
9. Every team will receive - at the very least - a framed, illuminated certificate.