

Stoke Gabriel Bellringers

Dear Tower Captain,

Combined Stoke Gabriel and Collaton St Mary Bell Ringing Competition:-

For the E.O.H Hill, Bill Hine and Arthur Seymour Memorial Trophies

To be held on the 8th July 2023

We are pleased to invite your tower to the competitions to be held at **Stoke Gabriel** and at **Collaton St Mary** on **8th July 2023**. Please find overleaf the rules for these events.

These will be a timed competitions starting at **2pm**. Please contact the undersigned for the appropriate time slots between 2pm and 8pm.

At **Stoke Gabriel** from **3pm** there will be a **Developing Section**, ringing for the Horace Clements Shield. This competition is to encourage learners and developing teams to gain experience in competition ringing.

This particular section will be judged as half of the traditional "sixty on thirds" peal rung off the stay.

All times will be agreed on a "first come first serve" basis.

The entry fee for each competition will be £6 per team. Teas will be available between **4pm and 6pm** in the Old Schoolroom, Stoke Gabriel, and approximate numbers for tea with your reply would be appreciated. To book your time and confirm entry, please contact me by 1st July 2023.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to anyone you think may wish to attend. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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**RULES FOR ST. MARY AND ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, STOKE GABRIEL
SIX BELL RINGING COMPETITION**

For the St Mary and St. Gabriel Perpetual Shield presented by E.O.H. Hill and "Bill" Hine Memorial
Cup presented by Mrs W. Hine

1. Two Ringers may be borrowed provided they do not ring Treble or Tenor.
2. The Judges' decision shall be final.
3. Teams are to ring the peal known as "Sixty on Thirds".
4. The duration of the peal including Rise and Fall must not be less than fifteen minutes.
5. No practise will be allowed for this competition.
6. The Entrance Fee will be £6.00 per team.
7. The Church Council and Bell Ringers will not be held responsible for any accidents that may occur.
8. Teas will be available.

**RULES FOR THE ARTHUR SEYMOUR MEMORIAL TROPHY
To be held this year at COLLATON ST MARY**

1. Rules as shown above include
2. £6 entrance fee for each team AND
3. The trophy will be held by the winner for twelve months.
4. The winner shall have the option of arranging the competition the following year at a tower of their choosing.
5. No team shall compete in their home tower.
6. All competitors must be regular church service ringers of the tower they represent.
7. The tower holding the competition will not be responsible for any accident or injury to a ringer taking part.
8. PLEASE NOTE RULE 4.

**RULES FOR ST. MARY AND ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, STOKE GABRIEL
SIX BELL RINGING COMPETITION – DEVELOPMENT SECTION**

The aim of this event is to encourage and have fun. These rules are a guide, with the main theme concentrating on the spirit of the competition – the competition organisers reserve the right to disqualify any teams seen to be abusing the nature of this development section.

- Teams should consist of 6 ringers who are regular service ringers for that tower.
- Where a tower wishes to enter two teams, it is suggested that there should be at least 10 ringers.
- Teams may borrow one ringer, but not to ring treble or tenor.
- Entry will be £6 for each team.
- This competition will involve top ringing only: there will be no rising or lowering
- The judges' decision will be final.
- Certificates will be awarded to all competing teams.
- This competition will be timed, with ringing commencing at 3pm.
- Teams will be expected to ring HALF a peal of SIXTY ON THIRDS. They may ring the first or second half.
- Teams will be allowed ONE minute of rounds to settle, and then must start changing. Judging will commence at the first change and cease once the bells get back into rounds.
- There will be a maximum limit of 10 minutes for the change ringing and a suggested minimum of 5 minutes. Please return the bells back on their stays once ringing has been completed.

- The results for this section will be announced at the end of the ringing for this section, at approximately 5:15pm.