

## **The National 12 bell Striking Contest, Aston, B6 6QA.**

### **Access, accommodation and Friday après ringing venue**

**Travel by road** – The church is within 1 mile of Junction 6 of the M6 motorway. This is known as Spaghetti Junction. Leave the motorway at Junction 6. From the island beneath the motorway follow the signs to Birmingham City Centre. At the second traffic lights (they are for turning right traffic only) turn right (road leaves at 2 o'clock). This is Aston Hall Road, pass under the two railway bridges, the church is on the right.

**Parking (cars)** – there is limited parking off Aston Hall Road in a cul-de-sac in front of the church. The better option is to turn right at the traffic lights, either turn left into Trinity Road and park or go straight ahead and park alongside the Football Ground.

**Parking (coaches)** – Arrangements have been made to park coaches at Aston Hall. After dropping passengers at the bus stop in Witton Lane immediately after the zebra crossing, turn left into the park. At the top of the hill turn left, the parking area is 50 yards on the left.

**Public Transport** – The church has excellent public transport connections. Aston station has 8 trains per hour from/to Birmingham New Street. Their destination is Lichfield, Four Oaks or Walsall (not all Walsall trains stop at Aston station).

Buses 65 and 67 from the Priory Queensway in the City Centre to Aston Station. From Aston station walk past the Seventh Day Adventist church and turn right into Grosvenor Road, second left into Queens Road. The church spire is visible from this point.

Bus 7 is an alternative bus route from the City (loads in Livery Street by Snow Hill Station) also the 11 Outer Circle is a radial route to Witton Square. Use Witton Lane to reach the church. The spire is visible from Witton Square.

**Accommodation** – There are a number of hotels in Aston and many more in the City Centre.

Within walking distance of the church

Holiday Inn Express, Cuckoo Road, B7 5BS  
Shanahans. B&B in one of Aston's listed Victorian buildings, Rocky Lane, B7 5EP  
Campanile Hotel, Aston Locks, Chester Street B6 4BE  
Premier Inn, Richard Street, B7 4AA

Good access by Public transport to the church

Hotel @ Conference Aston University, Aston Street, B4 7ET (a)  
Hotel La Tour, Albert Street, B5 5JE (a)  
Premier Inn, Waterloo Street, B2 5PG, (b)  
Briar Rose, Bennetts Hill B2 5RE, (b) or any City Centre Travelodge

(a) Short walk to the Woodman (b) short walk to the Wellington

**Friday evening Pub** - The Woodman, New Canal Street B5 5LG, The grade 2 listed building is at Millennium Point opposite the grade 1 listed Curzon Street former railway station entrance.

## 25 June Programme and activities



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**The competition** – The draw will be made by the Bishop of Aston at 11 am. The competition begins at 11 30am. The 9 teams should finish ringing at 4 30pm

**Refreshments**      Breakfast from 09 30 to 11 am (Bacon Butties)  
Lunch from 12 noon (BBQ chicken etc)  
Cream Teas 3pm to 5pm.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks available from 09 30am to 5 pm  
Bar from 11 30am until dry

**Family programme**      Children's craft activities from 11 30 until 5pm  
Bouncy castle 11 30 to 5pm

### **Special attractions**

**Aston Hall** - From 11 am to 3pm visit Aston Hall, a stately home in Aston Park. It was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and is owned by Birmingham City Council. There is a voucher printed in the programme giving special reduced price entrance for adults. With the voucher accompanied children are free.

**Villa Park** - At 12 30pm, 1 30pm and 3 30pm there are guided tours of Villa Park. Numbers are limited and tickets go on sale after the draw. The cost is £1.50 per person.

**Choir** – At 4 30pm or when the ringing stops “Voices Entwined” a local choir will sing in the church.

**Hand bells ringing** – These are available from 5 15pm in the church

**Remembering Henry Johnson** – The famous ringer and composer was a ringer at Aston and is buried in the churchyard. At 5pm there will be a short memorial ceremony at his grave led by The Dean of Birmingham the Very Revd Catherine Ogle and Simon Linford Master of the St Martin's Guild.

**For further information phone 0121 327 3880**