

NATIONAL TWELVE-BELL STRIKING
CONTEST

London Eliminators



For the Taylor Trophy

Saturday 22nd. March 2014

at

St. Giles' Cripplegate

&

St. Sepulchre's Holborn

THE TIMETABLE

Time

10:00am	Test ringing by Judges and non-combatants.
11:00am	Welcome and Draw in church
11:30am	Band A
12:00 midday	Band B
12:30pm	Band C
1:00pm	Band D
1:30pm	Band E
2:00pm	Band F
2:30pm	Band G
4:00pm	Results at the Butchers Hook and Cleaver

Each team should meet outside the tower door 15 minutes before their turn to ring.

THE BUTCHERS HOOK AND CLEAVER



60-63 West Smithfield
London
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This is headquarters. It will be open from 11:30am serving a wide range of Fullers' beers and a selection of the Butchers' Hook's famous pies (Steak and Ale, Chicken and Ham, Rabbit and Bacon, Goats Cheese, Sweet Potato and Spinach) as well as some snack dishes.

BREAKFAST

West Smithfield is home to many restaurants and cafés varying from the 24x7 Smithfield Café on Long Lane, beloved of motorcycle couriers, to the places where “a man like David House” eats. For breakfast before the draw we recommend

- Caffé Nero, St Paul's Tube Station (open from 7:30am)
- Starbucks, Paternoster Square (open from 8am)
- Pret A Manger, Paternoster Square (open from 9am)
- The Fox & Anchor, 155 Charterhouse Street – breakfast/bar (open 8:30-11am)
- Smiths of Smithfield, 67-77 Charterhouse St (open from 9:30am)
- Smithfield Sainsburys, Paternoster Square
- Tesco, Cheapside (near St. Paul's station)

The Fox and Anchor is a famous breakfast venue. It specialises in large fry-ups and serves alcoholic drinks.

The Barbican Arts Centre offers a choice of restaurants (open from 9:00am) and claims the City's most extensive gin list at the Gin Joint. Their lakeside terrace is the best place to listen to Cripplegate bells.

ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN

BELLS

There has been a ring of bells at St Sepulchre since at least 1539. The church and tower were gutted in the Great Fire, with a new six cast in 1667. The current bells date from 1739 onwards, and were augmented to twelve in 1985.

The first recorded peal took place in the tower on January 7th 1690, 5040 Plain Bob Triples being rung by the College Youths in three and three quarter hours. The peal ringing tradition at St Seps continues, with the tower being a leading peal venue since the 1980s restoration and augmentation.

The church has a link with the former Newgate Prison which stood on the other side of Newgate Street. The bells are named as those of Old Bailey in the nursery rhyme Oranges and Lemons, and the tenor was for many years rung to mark executions at Newgate. St Seps also has a happier association with music, as the National Musicians' Church. The Musicians' Chapel contains the ashes of Sir Henry Wood, founder of the Promenade Concerts. The church, the largest in the City of London, remains an active rehearsal and concert venue.

TOILETS

The church toilets are reserved for the judges. Please use the facilities in the Butcher's Hook or in the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral.

ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE

BELLS

The church and tower were gutted in a WW2 air raid on 29th. December 1940. The bells fell to the ground, five disappeared and the remaining seven were taken to the Whitechapel foundry in 1949.

In August 1954 the present ring of twelve bells were hung in the tower although the church itself was not restored for another two years. Until the Barbican was developed as residential accommodation in the early sixties, the bells rang out over the bombsite. Older ringers remember a fine sound and easy go. Owing to complaints ringing was limited until the mid-1990s when effective sound control was installed and peal ringing was permitted. Later, to improve the internal acoustics a sound lantern was installed by CY volunteers, under the leadership of David Town, and once again ringers could enjoy the "fine sound". Unfortunately the "easy go" is just a memory.

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BOOK FAIR

Secondhand books will be on sale. Proceeds to Christian Aid, St. Giles' Cripplegate and Help4HurtingChildren.

