

Bulletin 11: 26 October 2022

Virtual striking competition

In recent years, the Guild ran two virtual striking competitions to provide focus and some fun for those teams who continued to meet online during lockdowns. Both years were won by Bampton and Ron East made a fabulous trophy which sits in their tower.

We would like to canvas opinions about striking competitions for next year, and especially whether there is the appetite for holding another virtual striking competition.

Please share your opinion on this form - it will only take 1-2 minutes and is completely anonymous: <https://forms.gle/gZbt8npaCTcy3Piz9>. The form will stop taking responses on 27 November.

Recruitment of new bellringers

A national appeal for new bellringers to Ring for the King's coronation on 6 May 2023 is underway. As well as a large article in The Times, there was an excellent interview with Vicky Chapman of the CCCBR on the PM programme on Radio 4 at 17.00 on Saturday 22nd October. Here is a link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001dd7g>. The interview starts at about 25 minutes and 45 seconds in, and is available until mid-November.

The Guild has also produced some flyers (a tri-fold flyer and an A5 leaflet) a sample of which is being sent to Tower Captains/Tower Correspondents. With two Bellhandling courses recently completed in the Guild, there is more impetus for towers to start their recruitment efforts. If you have any ideas of how you want to handle this, or support you might need, please discuss with any Guild Officer.

Congratulations to.....

Imogen Carrie ringing her [first quarter of surprise](#) at Shap
Ian Godfrey for his [first quarter inside](#) at Greystoke, and
Iwan Cotgreave with his [first quarter as conductor](#) at Kirby in Furness.

Upcoming.....

Remembrance Ringing: Sunday 13 November

If any tower needs support to ring for Remembrance Sunday and can't find that support from contacts locally, or you find that you are available to provide support yourself, please get in touch with the two Ringing Officers [Gareth Evans and Ruth Gilbert](#). We know for example that Archdeacon Stewart Fyre has asked that the Aspatria bells be rung for the Town's Civic Service at 14:15 - 14:55, and a couple more ringers are required there.

Surprise Major practice: [Saturday 19 November, Wigton, 16:00 - 17:30](#).

"With 12 ringers at the October practice, we had a really good practice with Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, 4 spliced and Bristol all being rung in full and half courses, and everyone getting plenty of opportunity to practice what they had been learning.

This month's practice will again be at Wigton where we will focus on the standard 8, plus Glasgow as our special method". (Norman Brock)

Open ringing in the west of the Guild: [Saturday 26 November, Whitehaven, 13:30 - 15:30](#).

"The attendance at Hensingham last weekend clearly demonstrated there is a demand in the west of the Guild for a regular gathering. 17 ringers representing six towers has to be good news. As advertised, the ringing included call changes and surprise major and lots more. The focus methods proved popular and ringers had in many cases done their homework, in particular the bobs for Reverse Canterbury Doubles. Bastow Major was a special method, only announced on the day, as a route to multiple dodging on eight and caused some confusion until the rules were fully understood. Between touches there was an explosion of noise as friends greeted each other and tips and advice were exchanged.

In November, as well as the open meeting there will be a trial Treble Bob /Surprise minor practice. No practices are planned for December. The January meeting will be replaced by a Guild meeting at Workington on 14th January". (Gareth Evans)

As usual, although these events are open, it would be helpful to confirm attendance to Gareth Evans please (martin.evans5@sky.com, phone 01900 824647).

[Commonwealth Day: Monday 13 March 2023, 20:00](#)

A national initiative to mark the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Commonwealth Charter is being organised. Please follow the link for further information about the whole day and how to mark your activity.