

The Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers



St Kentigern, Crosthwaite, Keswick

Annual Report 2016

THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Patron: The Lord Bishop of Carlisle

President: The Venerable Dr Richard Pratt

The Carlisle Diocesan Guild was founded in 1975 in the areas formerly covered by the Cumberland Association, established in 1889, and the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association of Change Ringers, which was formed in 1947.

THE OBJECTS OF THE GUILD

The provision of good ringing for Church Services to the Glory of God. The recognition of ringing as an integral part of the Church's life and work. The furtherance of the art and science of change ringing, and the encouragement of new members.

The proper care of belfries, and the supply of reliable information when necessary.

PRAYERS

Before Service

Almighty God may the sound of these bells, which we ring to Thy Glory, cheer the sick, comfort the sorrowing, warn the heedless, and call all willing hearts to prayer and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Guild

Almighty God, the giver of strength and skill, you alone make us of one mind in an house; bless we pray the work of our Guild. We pray that you will so guide us in the exercise of our art that we may ring prosperity to your Church, peace and good neighbourhood to all our members and eternal glory to your Holy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FEES

Resident Members	Adult	£6.00
	Junior	£1.00
	Senior	£3.00
Senior members are those of pensionable age who may choose to pay the reduced rate.		
Non Resident Members	On election	£3.00
Peal Fees	Each rope	£0.50

Guild Website: cdgcbr.carlisle-dgcbr.org.uk

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SUMMARY OF TOWERS AND PRACTICE NIGHTS

Eastern Branch

Appleby (Monday with Shap)
Brampton (Thursday)
Cathedral (Friday)
Great Salkeld (Wed. with Lazonby)
Greystoke (Thursday)
Harraby
Keswick (Wednesday)
Kirkby Stephen (Thursday)
Lazonby (Wed. with Gt Salkeld)
Orton (Friday)
Penrith (Tuesday)
Shap (Monday with Appleby)
Thursby (Tuesday)

Western Branch

Arlecdon (occ. Thursday)
Aspatria
Bridekirk
Cleator Moor (Wednesday)
Cockermouth (Wednesday)
Egremont (Thursday)
Hensingham (Tuesday)
Irton (Monday)
St Bees (Wednesday)
Whitehaven (Friday)
Wigton (Monday)
Workington (Monday)

AFFILIATED TOWERS

APPLEBY, St Lawrence 6 bells, 10cwt (508Kg) in G (GF) (NY683205)

Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm (alternating with Shap)

Enquiries: Jim Archibald, Barbadoes Lodge, 8 Colby Lane, Appleby-in-Westmorland, CA16 6RH (017683 54194)

email: jamesjarchibald@aol.com

ARLECDON, St Michael 8 bells, 14¹/₄cwt (725kg) in F (NY052198)

Sunday: 3rd Sunday, 10.30am please check!

Practice: Thursday 7.00pm and 1st Saturday 10.30, please check!

Enquiries: Mrs Chris de Cordova, 35 Thornton Rd, Whitehaven CA28 6UW (01946 62986) email: chrisdecordova@gmail.com

Website: cumbriacamra.org.uk/cleatormoor

ASPATRIA, St Kentigern 8 bells, 14cwt (712kg) in F# (NY147419)

Sunday: 9.00am

Enquiries: Trevor Gear, Brandraw Mount, Market Square, Aspatria CA7 3HG (016973 21935) email: tgear@btinternet.com

BAMPTON, St Patrick 5 bells (unringable), 8cwt (407kg) in B (NY521180)

Enquiries: The Vicar

BRAMPTON, St Martin 6 bells, 9¹/₄cwt (470kg) in A (NY528610)

Sunday: 9.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Michael Hall, 501 Durdar Road, Carlisle CA2 4TU (01228 524077) email: michaelhall20@btinternet.com

BRIDEKIRK, St Bridget 6 bells, 11³/₄cwt (597kg) in G# (NY117337)

Sunday: 10.30am

Enquiries: David Johnson, (01900 822355) email: dj20@btinternet.com

Ringing Enquiries: Richard Green, (01900 824311) richard@rdghome.fsnet.co.uk

CARLISLE, Cathedral Church of the Holy & Undivided Trinity (NY398559)

13 bells, 21-0-6 (1071kg) in E flat Tower phone: 01228 597887

Sunday: 9.30am **Practice:** Friday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Anne East, 65 Scotby Road, Scotby, Carlisle, CA4 8BG (01228 513633) email: aeast65sr@btinternet.com

Veronica Taylor, (07929069186) email: veronicataylor@hotmail.co.uk

Note: Practices have occasionally to be cancelled because of a concert or other function, so please phone before visiting.

CARLISLE, St Elisabeth, Harraby 8 bells, 14cwt (712kg) in F (GF) (NY422545)

Unavailable. Enquiries: Ron East, 65 Scotby Road, Scotby, Carlisle, CA4 8BG (01228 513633) email: ronald.east@btinternet.com

CLEATOR MOOR, St John Evangelist 8 bells, 21¹/₂cwt (1093kg) E (NY015153)

Bells scheduled for removal April 2017

Enquiries: Mrs Chris de Cordova, (01946 62986) email: chrisdecordova@gmail.com

Website: cumbriacamra.org.uk/cleatormoor

COCKERMOUTH, All Saints 8 bells, 12¹/₂cwt (636kg) in F# (NY124306)

Sunday: 8.55am **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Mark Cubey, 39 Rowrah Rd, Rowrah, Frizington, CA26 3XJ
(01946 862972) or (07845 388361) email: rowrah39@yahoo.co.uk

EGREMONT, Ss Mary and Michael 8 bells, 13¹/₂cwt (686kg) in F# (NY012105)

Sunday: 9.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Colin Gates, 2 High Bank House, Egremont CA22 2DZ
(01946 820419 or 01946 820623)

GREAT SALKELD, St Cuthbert 6 bells, 12cwt (610kg) in F# (NY552368)

Sunday: 9.30am alt. Sundays **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm alt. with Lazonby

Enquiries: Mike Allison, 10 Barton Dale, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1BU
(01768 898806) email: allmickey@btinternet.com

GREYSTOKE, St Andrew 6 bells, 7¹/₄cwt (368kg) in A (NY443308)

Sunday: Occasional **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Wendy Theakston, Orchard Cottage, Church Rd. Greystoke,
CA11 0TW (01768 483264) email: wendy.theakston@gmail.com

HENSINGHAM, St John Evangelist 8 bells, 13³/₄cwt (699kg) in F# (NX985166)

Sunday: 10.30am **Practice:** Tuesday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Gordon Gray, 4 Hensingham Road, Whitehaven CA28 8PR
(01946 65224) email: hensingham@bell-ringing.co.uk
Website: www.bell-ringing.co.uk

IRTON, St Paul 8 bells, 16cwt (814kg) in F# (GF) (NY092005)

Sunday: Special services **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Kathleen Egglestone, Spindle Craft, Drigg Station, Holmrook CA19 1XQ
(01946 724335) (daytime)

KESWICK, St Kentigern, Crosthwaite 8 bells, 12¹/₂cwt (737kg) in F (GF)

Sunday: 9.30am **Practice:** Wed 7pm; visiting bands welcome (NY257243)

Enquiries: Jenny Humphreys, Maymyo, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5PB.
(017687 72063) email: robandjenhumphreys@outlook.com

KIRKBY STEPHEN, (dedication unknown) 8 bells, 15³/₄cwt (801kg) in F (NY775088)

Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Jo Keogh, 15 High Street, Kirkby Stephen, CA17 4SG
(01768 371124) email: jo@country-flavour.co.uk

LAZONBY, St Nicholas 4 bells, 7¹/₂cwt (369kg) in B ^{flat} (NY549398)

Sunday: 9.30am alt. Sundays **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm alt. with Gt Salkeld

Enquiries: As Great Salkeld

ORTON, All Saints 8 bells, 12³/₄cwt (648kg) in F# (GF) (NY622084)

Sunday: 3rd at 10am **Practice:** Friday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Enquiries: John Basnett, Howgill Lodge, Orton, CA10 3RE (015396 24525)
email: frust.ration@btinternet.com

PENRITH, St Andrew 8 bells, 19cwt (966kg) in E (NY516302)

Sunday: Usually 9.15am, ring to confirm **Practice:** Tuesday 7.00pm

Enquiries: Valerie Bowen, 9 Carleton Hall Gardens, PENRITH, CA10 2AL
(01768 210438) email: thevalerie.bowen@btinternet.com

Note: For security reasons, the church is locked during the practice, usually after around 7.45. Entry is normally via the South door. There is a doorbell on the West door, for use if the South door is locked.

ST BEES, Priory Church of SS Mary and Bega 8 bells, 13cwt (661kg) in F

Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Wednesday 8.00pm (NX968121)

Enquiries: Doug Sim, 31 Main Street, St Bees CA27 0AA (01946 824898)
email: doug.sim@btinternet.com

SHAP, St Michael 6 bells, 8cwt (407kg) in G# (NY564154)

Sunday: 10.30 (1st) and special services

Practice: Monday 7.30pm alt. with Appleby

Enquiries: Jan Labram, Spout House, Keld, Shap, Penrith, CA10 3QF
(01931 716311) email: janetlabram@btinternet.com

SILLOTH, Christ Church 8 bells (unringable), 23¹/₂cwt (1195kg) in E (NY110537)

Enquiries: The Vicar

THURSBY, St Andrew 6 bells, 6³/₄cwt (343kg) in A (NY324503)

Sunday: 10.30am **Practice:** Tuesday 7.00pm

Enquiries: Cynthia James, 5 Church Terrace, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6PD
(01228 711926) email: mjcynthia5@hotmail.co.uk

WHITEHAVEN, St James 12 bells, 16cwt (814kg) in F (NX977184)

Sunday: 9.30am, 5.30pm

Practice: Friday 7.30pm Beginners taught to handle separately. Contact for details.

Enquiries: Brian Forster, 25 Elizabeth Crescent, Whitehaven, CA28 6JQ
(01946 67335) email: forster691@btinternet.com

Note: Quarters are often rung on Sunday afternoons for evening service.

WIGTON, St Mary 8 bells, 8cwt (407kg) in A (NY256483)

Sunday: 9.00am, 6.00pm (by arrangement) **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Martin Snape, 3 Greenfoot, Mealsgate, Wigton, CA7 1DF
(01697 371437) email: mary.snape1@btinternet.com

WORKINGTON, St Michael 8 bells, 12¹/₂cwt (636kg) in F# (NX997289)

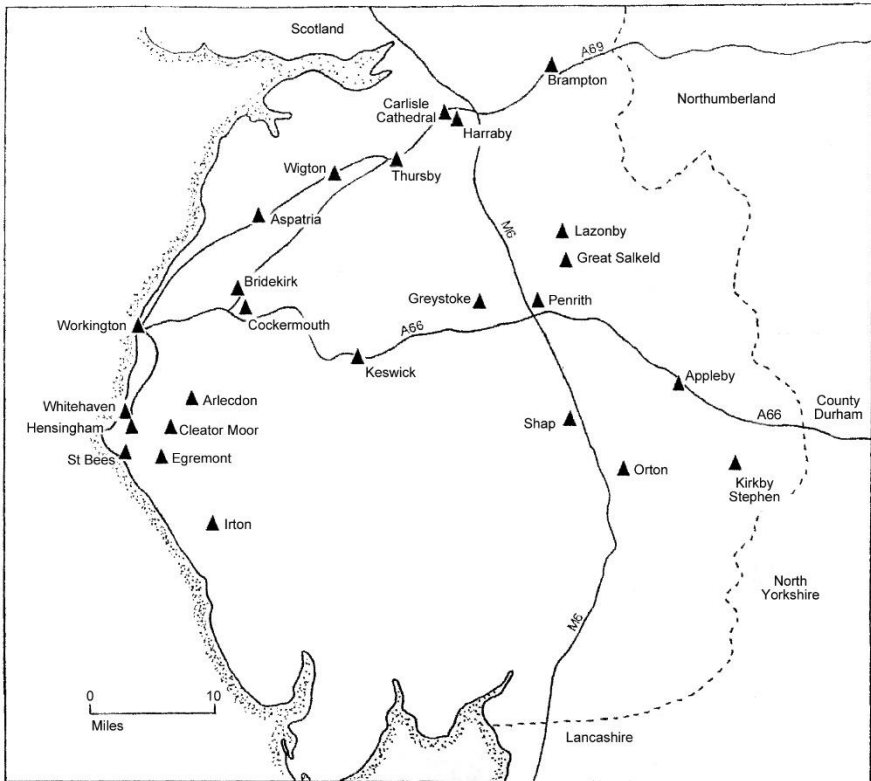
Sunday: 9.00am

Practice: Monday 7.15pm (simulator by prior arrangement) 7.30pm (open ringing)

Enquiries: Gareth Evans, 69 High Brigham, Cockermouth, CA13 0TG
(01900 824647) email: martin.evans5@sky.com

Note: For security reasons the church is locked during practices. Please contact to arrange access before visiting.

LOCATION OF RINGING TOWERS AFFILIATED TO THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD



POSTCODES OF RINGING TOWERS

Appleby	CA16 6QW	Irton	CA19 1YH
Arlecdon	CA14 4RT	Keswick	CA12 5QG
Aspatria	CA7 3AL	Kirkby Stephen	CA17 4QX
Brampton	CA8 1NU	Lazonby	CA10 1BW
Bridekirk	CA13 0PF	Orton	CA10 3RH
Cathedral	CA3 8TZ	Penrith	CA11 7YA
Cleator Moor	CA25 5BT	St Bees	CA27 0DR
Cockermouth	CA13 9PJ	Shap	CA10 3LA
Egremont	CA22 2AY	Thursby	CA5 6PF
Great Salkeld	CA11 9NA	Whitehaven	CA28 7PY
Greystoke	CA11 0TL	Wigton	CA7 9AU
Hensingham	CA28 8QW	Workington	CA14 2EZ

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Many in the Guild were glad to put 2015 behind them and look forward to what could only be a better 2016.

The Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington in January was an opportunity to swap horror stories about floods, flu and other unwelcome visitations - a time to indulge in comfort food and get back to some sense of normality in warm surroundings. Ringing fare was basic. The mix of those attending was top-heavy with rounds ringers, plain hunters and Plain Bob/Grandsire seekers. Plain courses of Yorkshire and Cambridge Major were the only surprise methods that could be managed. Ringing continued for 45 minutes after tea.

Training Day was based at Moresby. There were 23 helpers, some attending for half a day, 11 tutors and 15 students. The youngest participant was aged nine, the oldest over 80. The four groups concentrated on the activities, *Changing Place*, *Ropesight Skills* and *First Methods*. The date of Training Day is now fixed at the first Saturday in February.

The Guild AGM on St George's Day at St Bees was poorly attended. Only 16 people spent the afternoon in the ringing chamber and two of those were visitors from Kirkby Lonsdale. Numbers rose for the service and tea, and rose again for the business meeting. An attempt was made to force through a vote to include hand bells in the Bell Restoration Fund. This was unsuccessful; any change to the Guild Constitution requires an Extraordinary General Meeting. The hope had been that the Guild hand bells would enjoy the same privileges as tower bells in the BRF.

The Young Ringer trophy for 2015 was awarded jointly to Imogen Carrie and Sadie Slack of Penrith. The presentation was made at an Eastern Branch Meeting later in the year.

Our two Central Council Representatives travelled to Portsmouth in May for the AGM. They reported a more positive atmosphere than at previous meetings. The Council was looking to modernise and had formed the Central Council Review and Action Group (CRAG) to carry out a consultation exercise with ringers everywhere.

The aforementioned EGM was held before the Guild Striking Competition at Great Salkeld during the June half-term. Around 25 members squeezed into the back of the church to vote through two changes to the Guild Constitution - the creation of a Guild Safeguarding Officer and the addition of a clause to the BRF to cover hand bells owned by the Guild. Some of the refurbished hand bells on display were well used during the afternoon.

On what must have been one of the hottest days of the year, competition entrants basked in the churchyard, caught up on the craic, admired the cottage gardens and/or sampled the local ales. Nick Harrop was the judge and declared last year's runners-up, Egremont, the winners with 40 penalty points. Second was Crosslacon, a cross-tower scratch band with 54. Penrith bands were third and fourth (60 and 70). Eleven teams took part, but only five towers were represented. The bring-and-share tea was a magnificent affair; the locals worked really hard to make it extra special.

It was a busy day at Great Salkeld with a Guild Committee meeting immediately before the EGM and striking competition. The committee decided that, in future, the striking competition would take place on the second Saturday in May. Competition rules would be amended and separate trophies awarded for call changes and method ringing. With so few people taking part, little could be done about the duplication of personnel within particular bands.

The Guild Committee met four times during the year. Meetings of the Redundant Bells Committee slowed as the year went on. Arlecdon and Cleator Moor bells were still in situ. Closure was moving ahead at Cleator Moor, but the Arlecdon project was on hold. Following a consultation exercise, a reprieve of one year had been granted. The local community had been given until the end of 2017 to implement a proposed rescue package. This effectively also put on hold the Allhallows, Mealsgate project /Arlecdon exchange deal agreed with Taylor's Foundry.

Across the Guild area several other bell projects were at different stages, planned or in progress. Bampton was set for a new light ring of six. The new eight at Moresby would go ahead after the removal of Cleator Moor bells. The planned demolition of the tower at Harraby meant that the bells would need to be relocated. The PCC at SS Stephen & Herbert, Carlisle was interested in returning the bells to their original home. There was even talk of a campanile in the grounds of the church. Silloth PCC wanted to explore what could be done with the bells there. The Cockermouth band organised an Open Day and revived regular ringing at Bridekirk. All in all, while there was sadness at the loss of two of our long-established towers, there was every reason to view the future with optimism.

I could not close without mentioning the loss of Diana Handley who died on 05-07-16. She was a long-time friend of the Guild, a first-class ringer and an all-round lovely lady. We shall miss her.

Susan Sewell

EASTERN BRANCH REPORT

Branch practices were held at each tower on their practice night during 2016. After feedback, the rota was changed to fit in better with the needs of each tower and of course the unpredictable Cumbrian weather. Attendance at the practices has been rather better this year than previously, a very heartening development. Without the regular supporters, and those who manage to get along occasionally, we would not be able to help the individual towers achieve their objectives. It is always good to see a wider range of ringers supporting the host towers, I know it's not everyone's "cup of tea" but if you haven't tried it, you can't know whether you would enjoy it or not – so do make an effort because you might well find it a rewarding experience.

The Western Branch won the Guild Striking competition held at Great Salkeld on a warm sunny day, thanks to an excellent performance from Egremont, but Penrith put up a strong contest. Hopefully we will get our own back in 2017!

Mention must be made of Keswick, where Nick Newby continues to do a sterling job recruiting and teaching a number of learners, and as a result there is now a regular band and ringing again – no mean feat considering the distance to the nearest other towers.

Penrith goes from strength to strength with the arrival of 3 experienced ringers in the shape of the Ruberry family, and the continued teaching of younger learners, at least two of whom are now ringing to an advanced level.

Shap, Orton and Appleby continue to run combined practices, which enables them to support each other more effectively than holding their own practices independently.

Ringing at the monthly Farmer's Market at Orton has continued most months throughout the year and is very popular across the region – not just the ringing (although it is certainly a pleasure to ring on the bells); the attractions of cream teas, the Market itself, and the general friendliness of everyone are difficult to resist.

A welcome development is the planned installation of a new ring of bells at Bampton, due in large to the enthusiasm and hard work of a local group in the village, and they should be in and ringing in 2017. Teaching of a new band is taking place, with Penrith being the focus for the efforts.

David Horne

WESTERN BRANCH REPORT

For 2016-17, we've attended various towers once in the year to support ringers in their home towers on their practice night.

Some of these practices have been very well attended and we have given the local ringers the opportunity to ring something in their own tower which they might not always be able to ring. I would like to encourage everyone to make an effort to attend their practice when the branch is there to get an opportunity to ring something on their bells that there might not normally be enough people for. If your tower's turn is coming up, please do get in touch to let us know if there is a specific method you would like to be rung so we can arrange help.

I'd like to thank the ringers that regularly come along for your continued support and look forward to your input at next year's meetings.

The Western Branch "beginners" surprise practices were run intermittently during the year, with a few missed due to the first Saturday having other events on. We'll be expecting to run these again and I know Chris has been running similar practices on some Thursdays at Arlecdon.

We know now that by the end of the spring, St John's Cleator Moor will have been closed. Plans are in place for the removal of the bells to be replaced with a lighter ring installed at Moresby. Hopefully by the time of the AGM next year these bells will be available to ring, or at least very close to being so.

Ed Matthews

RINGING CENTRE and TRAINING

The weekly practice at your local tower is an important part of the ringing tradition. As a young ringer I would have not progressed beyond call changes without the help of a group of ringers who came and patiently taught us to plain hunt and then encouraged the keener ones to go to a regular training practice at a silent tower. May I start my local Guild report by thanking the organisers, tutors and helpers from all over the area without whom training events would not happen.

In October Judith Frye from Dunblane delivered the ART Module One course to a group of trainee teachers and their mentors. The group spanned a wide range of experience and age. I hope the enthusiasm and good humour evident in the practical sessions is still there when the teachers are working with a real learner. The scheme is more than a one day course as each teacher is expected to find a new learner and teach them the basic skills needed to ring a bell safely and under control. A teaching lesson observed by an independent assessor completes the module and leads to ART accreditation.

Five of the six workshops arranged by the Ringing Centre took place as planned at several venues. Lack of support led to the cancellation of the session on plain hunting.

Two new subjects were tried this year:-

The Skills workshop was aimed at beginners who were offered an opportunity to work on anything that gets left out in a normal practice such as style improvement, raising and lowering and bell control exercises.

The Calling Touches workshop was for the more experienced ringer who wished to get some practice at calling simple touches.

This year we put two methods together to make sure of having enough students. Grandsire was paired with Stedman and the Treble Bob session was open to students wanting to ring the treble right through to Cambridge.

Raising and Lowering as always was oversubscribed. Maybe we should consider holding more than one session each year.

Surprise minor and major practices in the East and West have provided opportunities to explore both easy and more difficult methods. The Eastern branch also ran regular intermediate practices.

Gareth Evans

PRO'S REPORT

Publicising ringing has continued this year, mainly through newspaper articles and open days, often excellently organised by individual towers.

This will be my last PRO report as, after 14 years, I'm sure it's time for someone with fresh ideas to take over. My thanks to all who have helped me. I shall, of course, remain willing to assist with any publicity, especially with producing written material.

Wendy Graham

TREASURER'S REPORT

Subscriptions continued to fund the everyday expenses of the Guild, while allowing extra expenditure when needed. There was a continuing focus on training, with ITTS courses now an accepted part of helping the next generation of ringing tutors to develop their skills here in the Guild area. As well as hosting a Module 1 Training course, we also supported the Association of Ringing Training (ART) financially in the administration of these training schemes.

In view of a number of new bell installation projects which are likely to happen in the near future, we need to boost the Bell Restoration Fund. To help with this, a new gift aid campaign was launched at the 2016 AGM, which brought in a number of new regular donations from members to the BRF. The need for this funding continues – if you can help in this way, please see the Treasurer for the relevant forms, or download them from the Guild website.

The set of handbells donated to the Guild was successfully restored. Most of the cost of this was covered by donations given specifically for that purpose. These handbells are now available for use by Guild members – please see Chris de Cordova if you have a project in mind for using them.

Once again, a large contribution to the BRF has been raised from the 50-50 Club, enabling us to continue to fund all aspects of bell restoration. Thanks are due to Chris Ellison for her continuing hard work in keeping this running. Any new members for the club are always welcome.

Pat Evans

SAFEGUARDING

By now, most Guild members will be aware of the significance of the step taken by the Diocese in producing its Safeguarding People Policy. Local Parish Safeguarding Policy is in accordance with the Diocesan Policy which, in itself, accords with Safeguarding Guidance from the Church of England.

The Guild's own Safeguarding Policy is intended to:

1. Indicate how the Bell Ringers' Guild, in terms of its Policy towards practices and processes, is compatible with the Safeguarding Policy of the Carlisle Diocese and also with the Local Parish Safeguarding Policy in any location where a Guild Ringing Event takes place.
2. Provide an overview, written partly in the form of a checklist approach, of the overarching Policy and Guidance statements regarding Safeguarding.
3. Provide, for Guild members and bell ringers in their own towers, a means of accessing the relevant Safeguarding documentation.

Towards the end of 2016, the Diocese received the document '*Promoting a Safer Church: The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and adults*'. This was published in the form of a draft for consultation ending 11th November 2016 and will lead to alterations to the main Diocesan Policy.

Members are reminded that (Ref. Policies P14 and P15) the Policy Statement will be the subject of ongoing and annual review. With the certainty that the Diocese will be making changes to its overarching Policy at some point in the future, there is also the certainty that the Guild will need to make further adjustments to its own Safeguarding Policy.

Members ought to be fully aware that attention should continue to be focused on the need to comply with a number of requirements; these include:

- The need for individuals in positions of responsibility to undergo appropriate training.
- The requirement to have appropriate DBS clearance certification.
- The need for Tower Captains to ensure that Permission to Ring documentation (applying to Young People) is reviewed, updated and renewed each year (ref. Guild Policy P8.1). The CCCBR has emphasised the importance of this process.

We are now able to point to our own Guild Safeguarding Policy statement as an indication of our firm resolve with regard to applying the principles set out in Diocesan and wider Church of England Safeguarding Policy. Clearly, however, there remains a great deal of work to be done.

Gerald Sewell

TOWER REPORTS

APPLEBY

We still have the same problem of numbers of ringers that has been reported over recent years and, as a result, we are unable to ring for Sunday services. However, with the help of our colleagues from Shap and Orton we have provided a band for all of the weddings and some special events at St. Lawrence. We held another Open Day at the time of the Heritage Weekend and this attracted some interest but this was from visitors to the town and not from local people. We are currently working with two learners and have plans to attract others during the course of 2017 – perhaps we'll have better news on this question at the end of the year!

We continue to have the good relationship with the Shap and Orton towers and the combined practices are usually well attended.

St. Lawrence Church was selected for the Radio Cumbria Carols Concert in December and a strong band which included ringers from the Cathedral, Orton as well as Appleby were recorded ringing at the very start and during the service. This band also rang (not recorded) for half an hour before the service and as the congregation left the Church, we received a number of positive comments about the quality of the ringing with the bells sounding at their best on a crisp frosty evening.

The development plan for the Church when it goes ahead will have a major impact on the bells/bellringing. The plan to install toilets in the current ringing room means that a new floor will have to be installed above with a staircase and trapdoor arrangement to admit the ringers. The bell ropes will then be considerably shorter in length which means that the handling of the bells should be easier particularly for learners. As we currently have a big problem in hearing the bells if the organ is playing we are hopeful that the plan will include adequate sound-proofing to help this problem.

Jim Archibald

ARLECDON

Four ringers have tried to maintain Sunday ringing at least once a month; only call changes are rung, sometimes with outside help, and these tend to be very well struck and much appreciated by the church-goers! Since the people of Arlecdon formally objected to the closure of the church, a well-attended meeting with the Archdeacon in October led to agreement to see what needs to be done to improve the state of the building and to work to build up the congregation in the next year. Since then, numbers attending services have increased, money has been pledged and a group, 'the Friends of St Michael's' has been formed.

Thursdays have seen beginner surprise practices continue once or twice a month, to try to develop this aspect of ringing in the area. Up to the time of writing, it has mostly been surprise minor, with five people who have learned Cambridge, then Norwich; one ringer learning to treble, and the helpers enjoying London, all three methods in spliced and also learning to ring by combining known methods with different works over and under the treble. Eg Oswald. Cambridge Major has had some airing, too, as those learning Minor have led to seeing how it extends.

Monthly planned Branch surprise major nights, on the first Saturday of each month, have not always happened because of clashes with guild events, but have been well-supported when they have taken place.

Andrew Holland was immensely helpful with tower maintenance, changing light bulbs, fixing door hinges, oiling the bells and changing broken ropes. This has been so very much appreciated but now the parish want the church to stay open, they are going to have to find one of their own to do this work!

The handbells were used by the year 5 and 6 children in the village school at Christmas and their teacher is interested in more long term use. The children also came up the tower to watch us ring the bells for their Carol service, and many would love to learn, so this is something we are going to work on in the spring. Hopefully there will be some fathers who want to learn too, and do the clambering around upstairs when needed!

The PCC and congregation are all very appreciative of all ringing, especially for their services, which included Christmas Day! Ringing has been freely allowed and enjoyed and we owe our thanks in return!

Chris de Cordova

BRAMPTON

Epiphany reminds us of three wise men visiting a child bearing their gifts and perhaps their talents to a young family celebrating their firstborn, but with a passionate fact of light shining out to a darkened world.

This theme of 'three' is very much apparent at Brampton this year as various ringers make their way to ring at our tower. We comprise three distinct groupings viz., the Sunday service, the practice and finally the Quarter Peal bands.

Tom who has been a stalwart of the band for many years had to give up ringing due to health issues at the beginning of year, we miss his quiet but dependable presence both at practice and for service ringing. Ken also has had to take a 'back seat' for the majority of this year apart from a couple of the summer months. The cumulative effect has been that our Service ringing band now comprises only 4 ringers & depends upon us all being available to call people to service. There have unfortunately been weeks of no service ringing which frustrates me. We have on the rare occasions been able to ring on more with visitors and friends bolstering the numbers. Calum (7), Steve's grandson, has however become our service prayer leader & ringer of the service bell, hopefully a recruit in the making - we have been known to pray for the HEADLESS of the Parish!

Practice nights see the six Brampton ringers come together with Gwenneth & Katy travelling considerable distances to attend. We are all indebted to Sally & John for their constant support of our practices - without them our ringing repertoire of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire & St Simon / Martin Doubles would be very limited & frustrating. So taking these factors into account we continue to move forward but at a pace which I feel sometimes thwarts us. However, we still have fun, appreciate one another's efforts & of course learn from Katy's knitting workshops. After practice drinks have also continued at the renamed Bistro 34.

Efforts have been made to attract new ringers, an amusing article about THE BELLS, THE BELLS by Jim Wattaclott in the Brampton - The Voice, unfortunately did not realise any interest. I think we are experiencing the national trend & decline in bell ringing.

The Quarter Peal band must be thanked for 'feeding in' Brampton ringers to give them more opportunity and progressing their skills. My personal thanks to Alison, Susan, Gerald & John for their tireless support and for honing my conducting. We rang 26 during the course of the year, 3 of Minor including Double Oxford conducted by Stephen, 20 of Doubles & 3 of Minimus. Of the doubles only four were repeated methods, 13 were of separate methods & 3 of two methods. The three Minimus (yes counting to 53 again) along with one of Plain Bob Doubles were rung at practice when we met short.

There were firsts for many of the ringers either to method or to ringing inside especially in the case of Gwenneth & Sally - well done you two. One of the Plain Bob Minor marked my 400th as Conductor & Susan celebrated her 500th and first on cover bell to Kennington & Plain Bob Doubles. Finally Katy & I rang our 200th together. All in all the Quarter Peals have been a useful teaching tool.

Our remaining two new ropes were fitted in April so apart from splicing what we have, investment in some new ropes is essential.

So what of our coming year, I live in hope that our period of low service ringing numbers may end and that six bells may once again challenge the community to respond to HIS call. Clearly with our three groupings we have the mechanisms to progress, we just lack numbers. Maybe I should reflect on those three wise men - we must see his light shine brightly out on all our efforts & have that surety and knowledge that it will work out.

Michael Hall

BRIDEKIRK

Ringing resumed in January 2016 with an aim of recruiting some local ringers and establishing a viable team for Sunday service ringing. Practice nights were set on a Monday evening as the best fit for the majority of people who volunteered to ring. A small dedicated group have been ringing there ever since. Easter Day 2016 was our first Sunday service ringing and we now manage to ring most Sundays - even if sometimes it is only 3 ringers: the congregation are really appreciative of the ringing. A huge thanks to the ringers from All Saints' Cockermouth who regularly swell our numbers to maintain both practice nights & service ringing.

We had an open afternoon in July where 27 people visited the tower to see, experience and discuss bell ringing. As a result of that open afternoon three people showed interest in learning more, with training starting in the autumn. A great thanks to the people who came along to help with the ringing and to the Bridekirk hospitality team for keeping everyone supplied with tea & cakes. Another open day is being planned for Spring 2017.

Richard Green

CATHEDRAL

The membership of the Cathedral Society is presently 20. Our ringers are very loyal and we are nearly always able to ring ten bells, and very often all twelve bells, for Sunday services. Several members of the band have rung one or more quarter peals this year under the guidance of Sally and Duncan Walker. Ringing also takes place for the Evensong services on other Sundays when a Cathedral band can be raised.

The ringers also rang for the following occasions during 2016: New Year, Candlemas service, Marmalade Day(!), St George's Day, Dean Rashdall's birthday (traditional), Battle of Britain Service, Readers' Service, Remembrance Day and Eden Valley Hospice service

There are usually two tied practices during the week. Our youngest ringers are 8 and 9 years and both have achieved Level 2 SmART Ringer certificates. Another tower member has completed the ITTS Teacher's Module 1 and has already trained our latest recruit to ring in rounds on twelve bells for the New Year. Five members of the tower are now either accredited teachers or mentors in the ITTS scheme.

There have been articles about ringing at the Cathedral in both the News and Star and the Cumberland News this year. Richard Corrie of BBC Radio Cumbria has broadcast a series of interviews with the tower captain and the BBC reporter Mark MacAlindon made a news item about ringing for the BBC Regional News Programme. The live CCTV broadcast of the bells and the ringing on a Sunday morning continues to enthral both visitors and congregation. Three open days were held during the year and the tower was also opened to visitors on the Heritage Open Day in September. More than 200 people this year have seen a bell being rung and learned something of the history of the Cathedral and the art of bell ringing.

The ringers celebrated the New Year and Burns' Night and there were two gatherings at Powfoot when an eight-bell mini-ring was assembled in the garden and the bells rung, much to the interest and bemusement of passers-by. The AGM, with a meal, took place in March with Canon Warden Jan Kearton in the chair. The tower outing in October took the ringers to Edinburgh and the day ended with a meal in Gretna.

Ron East

CLEATOR MOOR

Ringling and learning continued through 2016 at Cleator Moor, and our thanks for amazing help must go to Jane and Andrew Holland, Ed and Eleanor Perrott and Ken Quick, who have continued to be hugely supportive on practice nights. Chris, Duncan and Martin are all progressing steadily, thanks to their help! Our priority is excellent striking and we are often awed at what we can do when we try! Sundays may only have us ringing the front four, but they are rung beautifully evenly, even when ringing up and down now! Late in the year, Martin's son, Harry wanted to learn but I initially taught him at St James, for various reasons. However, he rang for the first time at St John's, for Christmas!

Sunday ringing was usually monthly, on the 3rd Sunday, with the help of Stuart Burgess, and John and Rose Wilkinson when they were at home, and although always just call changes, tended to be of striking competition winning quality. The Rector, Jacqueline Curtis, herself a ringer, was always very supportive and even allowed two peals in a week! Both had excellent ringing though and I'm sure the locals enjoyed hearing their bells rung so well! We were sad that Jacqueline and Peter moved down south to take up new roles there, in a large benefice with several rings of bells. Jacqueline rang occasionally with us, and hoped to be able to do more in her new post.

The tower has remained damp and the rope heater has been valued but there have been times when we have been glad we lay plastic sheeting over the computer systems as rain pouring through the ceiling has been very heavy!

More teaching continued on many Tuesday afternoons, with lengthy sessions using the simulator. Work done included improving bell control, striking in rounds, leading and hunting skills, ringing a bell up and down - getting that first/last coil done right!!! A bit of 'mirroring' also proved useful in showing how much the speeds need to change when dodging. Always, the emphasis was on listening and correct changes of speed. These sessions were open to all and so far ringers from Cockermouth, Greystoke, Hensingham, Workington, Whitehaven and Egremont have taken part, though not all on the same day! Sessions were tailored to individual needs; each person had individual coaching and usually went home knowing they achieved something/made progress/had fun! The software allows analysis of errors and can be really helpful.

Sadly, by the time you read this, the last peal, the last practice, the last ringing and the closure service will have taken place and the bells' removal planned.

The loss of those glorious bells saddens all of us greatly, but like a phoenix something new and beautiful may be born from the flames! (metaphorically speaking, of course!)

Chris de Cordova

COCKERMOUTH

2016 has been a very successful year for Cockermouth. The year started with the team joining together to ring in the New Year.

General ringing has improved within the tower, with a much wider variety of methods being tackled. Sunday service ringing sees a consistent number of members attending with 6 of the 8 bells being rung most weeks. Wedding ringing has been very limited this year with the band being required for only four at Cockermouth and three at Bridekirk. The team were pleased to mark the Queen's celebrations in June by ringing several long extents.

Following the purchase and blessing of new bell ropes the team welcomed a new couple to the tower. Although very busy people they have taken on the challenge of the ART training scheme, making significant progress more recently and will be attending the next Guild training day.

A quarter peal was rung for the church's Nine Lessons and Carols service. This was the first quarter to be rung by the home band and on home territory for more than 12

years. It was also the first to be called by the conductor - Richard Green. A huge achievement and highlight of the year.

At the start of the autumn a few of the team set about joining in with the Heritage Open Days and taking part in the 500 Challenge. The tower was open for the full 4 days of the event, with support from the church congregation who provided much welcome refreshments. There were approximately 150 visitors to the tower with lots of positive feedback, both about the event and the general ringing. Visitors to the tower were able to view displays about the bells, a working simulator, see and hear the bells in action and each had the opportunity of pulling the bell off the stay. Those showing an interest in learning more were invited to attend a couple of additional sessions on a tied bell a couple of weeks later. This has resulted in Richard taking on 4 new ringers, who are showing great potential.

The 'jewel in the crown' of the Heritage Open Day event was Joan Ingrams, a member of the church congregation and a recent recruit to the tower since the event. She confessed to being a lapsed ringer of 53 years, who had been invited to join us many times before by various members of the band. Picking up the skills again very quickly, she is extremely enthusiastic and wishes she had returned much earlier - so much so she has opted out of other Church events which also fell on Wednesday evenings and were preventing her joining the practice night. That's what I call commitment!

Although the number of visitors to the tower was down on usual, we did host Codgers in July and welcomed the University of London society and a ringer from Perth, Australia.

Sadly, the local branch practice night was very poorly attended by non-Cockermouth members. However, several of the team have regularly attended the Western Branch Surprise practice nights at Arlecdon and have made significant progress with these more demanding methods.

Following the enjoyment of previous years, Gillian Powell met with other ringers from around the country to attend the Bradfield Training week as a helper.

Finally we are indebted to Pat and Gareth who have come through to the tower on many weeks to support, encourage and help the team to grow. Pat, yet again, demonstrated her brilliant organisation skills by planning the Cockermouth/Workington tower outing to the South Lakes area. A fantastic day out and enjoyed by all.

Diana Green

HENSINGHAM

Despite the changes (no pun intended!) imposed on the Sunday ringing band, it is doubtful whether anyone has noticed, or even heard, a difference in the sounds emanating week by week from the tower. This is because, even without Keith and Rosalind Amey, a very respectable six ringers can almost be guaranteed, with a grand total of ten having appeared one Sunday in March. Ten, however, is not unusual for a Tuesday practice when the home band of Gordon and Soo Gray, Rebecca Choy, Stuart Burgess, Alan Naylor, Keith and Rosalind Amey, Sam Ford-Powell, Ben and Josh Gilson and James Buchan are regularly joined by honorary ringers from other towers, namely Tony Dunning from Whitehaven (also a Sunday stalwart), Whitehaven's captain Richard Last, his sons James and Matthew when they're available/home from university, Ed and Eleanor Perrot from Irton, Holly Cartmell-Browne from Egremont and of course Ken Quick from Rothbury, who brings much expertise and patient teaching to inspire and encourage us. Sadly, we have had to say said "Goodbye" to Quasimodo, who has returned to Paris to swell the Notre Dame team and try his luck again with Esmeralda.

The year has been devoid of weddings (although at least six - one of which is the vicar's son and his fiancée - are on the board for the coming year); nor have we had many visitors, although a newly-engaged couple from Ludlow rang with us in July and a visitor from Skevington, Leics on Christmas Day. Closer to home, the Cumbrian Codgers rang our bells beautifully in September, shortly after Gordon and Soo had joined them for their three-

day summer jaunt to the Peak District. Finally, a couple from Cockermouth came in October. As usual, St John's was the venue for the annual Training Day in February, when two groups of learners from across the diocese had the opportunity to ring our beautiful bells with their ball-bearing mounts.

We always love to tell people about the bells and give them an insight into the intricacies of English ringing, so it was with great pleasure that we entertained a group of French visitors and their hosts (here in May with WEVA - the Western Valleys Twinning Association). The French - and not a few English as well - were quite amazed by what they saw and learned, many of them saying that they'd had no previous idea of what bell ringing entails. If you'd like to see some photos, we can forward the address of a French website, where St John's tower features.

There have been a number of quarter peals and a few peals this year. One quarter was rung in October in memory of June Tomlinson, a Hensingham ringer for many years, and was a first inside for Soo and Rosalind as well as the very first for Stuart on the tenor.
Rosalind Amey

IRTON

Another good year. Thanks to our regular visitors all eight bells were rung to celebrate Christmas. The ringers again made a fine arrangement of about 300 candles to light the service. Bells were rung for all major festivals, plus :- St Paul's day, All Hallows and All Souls, Remembrance, a confirmation service; and also as a mark of respect on the 90th birthday of The Queen. The ringers have repaired the chiming mechanism but ringing for regular services has been infrequent. The old custom of ringing in the New Year has been revived.

The Lake District is popular for holidaymaking ringers and St Paul's continues to attract about half a dozen visiting bands a year. Visitors have enabled the Irton band to try Grandsire triples.

Irton entertained the Gosforth Scouts a couple of years ago, and were pleased to accept a request from Gosforth Cubs to celebrate the centenary of their founding. Parents, leaders and cubs had a go at chiming and were entertained by the ringers.
VR Goodwin

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK

Crosthwaite has had a very successful year with remarkable improvements in handling and striking. We also have new ringers starting out on the Ringing Journey. During the year we have been joined by Nicholas Moss an existing ringer who has moved to Keswick.

We thought we were going to join York Minster over Christmas when the Church heating packed up in November. Church Services were transferred to the Parish Room which is not near the Church, so no Sunday ringing. British Gas said the boiler was irreparable though they had fitted the original, in their wisdom have decided they no longer do commercial heating. Notwithstanding, an estimate of sixteen thousand pounds was a figure produced for a new boiler which would have to be raised before the Church would once again be warm. Space heaters had previously been used but proved to be too noisy. A miracle happened when a heating engineer came from afar and "lo and behold" repaired the boiler for a modest fee. Ringing back on for Christmas. All 8 bells are ringing almost every Sunday, though visiting ringers are always very welcome.

A quarter peal was rung in memory of Keswick ringers, Sergeant Robert Usher and Sergeant Frank Gardiner, both of the King's Own Border Regiment who fell during the "Great War".

We have rung for five weddings during the year. Our Wednesday 7pm Practice is well attended when we have fun trying different learning skills.

Nick Newby has taken over from Jenny Humphreys as Tower Captain. Jenny remains the main point of contact.

Nick Newby

PENRITH

We are lucky we continue to have a strong band at Penrith. This meant that during 2016 we could ring for all regular services and special events in church. Our practice nights were also busy and successful, with progress being made by all members of the band during the year. We are grateful to our regular visitors, who help us to improve the standard of our ringing, both on practice nights and for service ringing.

Several of our ringers attended an ITTS module 1 course in October 2016 and are now actively involved in teaching new people to learn to ring, including several youngsters.

We rang several quarter peals during the year to help members of the band progress in their change ringing, from Bob Doubles up to 4 Spliced Surprise Major. On the first Sunday of each month we rang for evensong and used this opportunity to organise targeted training sessions for 2-3 members of the band.

We had a busy social programme during 2016, including an annual tower outing, Christmas Dinner and several other lively social events.

Sally Walker

ST BEES

2016 has been a year of both consolidation and progress, and we have been able to invariably ring all 8 bells for Sunday service, usually with spare ringers.

On Armistice Day we revived a custom instituted by King George V after the Great War. This was to read out the roll of honour of the fallen from the village. This was done in the ringing chamber and after each name the tenor was tolled twice. This generated a good deal of local interest. It was well-publicised and being a bright sunny day, a number of villagers assembled in the church grounds or on the playing fields to hear the bells. We rang half-muffled up to 11.00, then two minutes' silence, then the roll of honour. The video can be seen on Youtube: search "st bees bells armistice".

Our well-supported annual dinner was held in the "Queens" in early December. At New Year it was the usual open house in the belfry to ring by candlelight, the muffles being taken off at midnight. Tennyson's "Ring out wild bells!" was read to the assembled company immediately up to 12 strikes of the tenor at midnight. Punch was served to members of the public.

Although happening in 2017, we must mention we had a great January trip to Hexham Abbey by train in alpine conditions. We were made most welcome and enjoyed the 10 bells, the refectory, and the pint in the "North Briton".

Again, we are very grateful for Soo and Gordon Gray joining us for practice, and Hilary Chadwick joining us for practice and Sunday ringing. We welcome Charles Yule and Jennifer Robinson into the belfry as new ringers.

Doug Sim

WIGTON

Our bells have continued to ring out every Sunday though our numbers have been stretched at times. Practice nights thrive thanks to our regular visitors from the Cathedral – many thanks to all – also for the regular supply of jelly babies etc. which keep appearing on the table. We can only hope that the energy expended in ringing compensates for the calories consumed every week!

Sally's band regularly ring quarters for Evensong which is much welcomed by the church and often favourable comments are forthcoming.

There was one peal scored, by the St Blaise Society and rung to celebrate 25 years ministry for our Vicar Geoffrey Ravalde. Other notable events were a quarter in memoriam for Diana Handley and one to commemorate the Battle of Britain. Only one visiting band this year, from the University of London on their Summer Tour.

Some possible new recruits started at the end of the year so we hope they will continue into 2017!

Mary Snape

WORKINGTON

In addition to weekly service and practice ringing we rang on the major weekday church festivals. We also supported several of the events arranged nationally during the year including the Queen's 90th birthday in April and June, the BBC Music Day and the Heritage Open Day.

The year started with the traditional Guild Meeting in January. This is always a popular social event with ringing continuing after the tea.

Monday practices have again been supported by ringers from other towers. With their help we have been able to ring surprise minor and bob triples regularly. Our young ringers have made good progress during the year. Mia Edger quickly became a key member of the Sunday morning band and by the year end could plain hunt reliably and cover. Zoe Martin attended the ART Module 1 course in the autumn and Daniel Braniff arrived at the right moment to be her student. By the end of the year Zoe, with Pat as mentor, was close to being ready for assessment as a teacher.

Despite early planning the first convenient date for the joint outing with Cockermouth was in October. This year we provided another challenging day for our coach driver as he negotiated the narrow roads between Flookburgh, Cartmel, Silverdale, Milnthorpe and Beetham. The home run up the M6 for a meal at Eamont Bridge was less demanding.

On the Sunday after the trip the handbell group performed at a charity concert arranged by Zoe and friends in the Theatre Royal. October is a bit early for Christmas tunes so we had to learn something different. This was our only performance of the year as this year's church Christmas social had a movie theme which didn't fit with our usual repertoire of Christmas carols.

Gareth Evans

PEALS 2016

EGREMONT, Cumbria, St Mary

Thursday 21 April, 2016 in 2h49 (13cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 diff exts)

- 1 Colin F Gates
- 2 Jane Holland
- 3 Douglas T Sim
- 4 Edwin C Matthews
- 5 Andrew J Holland
- 6 Kevin M Price (C)

To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday today.

After meeting short for Triples, Anthony E Dunning kindly standing down.

First peal since 1984: 1.

First peal since 1996: 3.

First peal: 4.

The conductor has called each ringer's first peal, except 1: 2-1981, 3-1970, 5-1972, 6-1965.

SHAP, Cumbria, St Michael & All Angels

Tuesday 10 May, 2016 in 2h43 (8cwt)

5040 Minor (7m)

(Cambridge S, Kent TB, Oxford TB, St Clements College B, College B, Single Oxford B, Plain B)

- 1 John J Proudfoot
- 2 Jane Holland
- 3 Christine B J de Cordova
- 4 Thomas F Metcalfe
- 5 Andrew J Holland
- 6 Kevin M Price (C)

In memory of Rita Daniels (4/3/1944 to 26/4/2016), mother of Revd L Martin Daniels.

CARLISLE, Cumbria, Cathedral Church of The Holy & Undivided Trinity

Monday 29 August, 2016 in 3h17 (21cwt)

5050 Stedman Caters

Comp: Robert M Kilby (No.1)

- 1 G Jessica Durham
- 2 James Crowther
- 3 Jessie H Hetherington
- 4 Duncan G Walker
- 5 Peter H Gardner
- 6 David A Horne
- 7 Matthew J L Durham (C)
- 8 James E Blackburn
- 9 Matthew D Hetherington
- 10 Nicholas C Tithecott

To celebrate the birth of Rupert James Blackburn.

Also a 50th birthday compliment to Duncan Walker.

QUARTER PEAL REPORT

("Health warning": Once again, this analysis is based on information gleaned from Bellboard and (before its sad demise) Campanophile. I make no claim to the accuracy of the results, so please don't shoot the messenger! – and please **do** post your quarters on Bellboard, otherwise they won't be included).

67 tower-bell Quarters were rung for the Guild in the year (there were no hand bell quarters this year). This is six fewer than in 2015 but still a good performance for such a small guild.

The most popular methods rung to Quarters were, as last year, plain bob doubles (13) and triples (7) followed by plain bob minor (4). But there was a good variety of methods rung to quarters this year, so congratulations to those ringers and conductors who pushed the boat out a bit. We saw Double Oxford minor, Kent & Oxford treble bob minor, Southrepps, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, May Day, Royston and Winchendon Place doubles, Norwich S minor, Bristol S major, 6-spliced major (twice) and 8-spliced major (twice). Special mention must be made of the Quarter of Julie McDonnell bob doubles, rung at Whitehaven by Gordon Grey, Chris de Cordova, Andrew & Jane Holland, Richard Last and Tony Dunning; not an easy blue line!

Brampton again takes the "quarter peal factory" title this year, with no fewer than 26 quarters from the prolific hand of the Halls – father and son – no fewer than 3 of these were minimus; full marks for determination, how **does** he count all those extents? Second place goes to Carlisle Cathedral (13), then Wigton (12). Then we have Whitehaven (5), Penrith (4), Cleator Moor (2), and one each at Cockermonth, Greystoke, Hensingham, Keswick and St. Bees).

The most and least popular months for Quarters were November & December (8 each) and October (3). Absolutely no pattern here, and no correlation with 2015.

Worthy of note was the quarter of bob doubles at Cockermonth, which was not only the first by a home band since 2002, but also the first quarter on treble for Michael Green and the first quarter as conductor for Richard Green – congratulations to the Cockermonth band! Another noteworthy effort was a Quarter rung at St Bees marking the 60th anniversary of the opening of Calder Hall by The Queen, as all ringers are or were associated with the nuclear industry.

Three Quarters were rung in memory of Diana Handley, at Wigton, Whitehaven and Carlisle. Three were rung to mark the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II, at Brampton, Carlisle and Penrith. Quarters were rung at Keswick and Carlisle commemorating soldiers from the locality who fell in WW I.

Congratulations to those who rang their first Quarter this year - Matthew Blackman, Emma Doran, Michael Green and Judith Edmondson. (Apologies if I have missed anyone but I can only go on the footnotes provided with each Quarter). Other firsts inside, on cover or in new methods, were scored by Sally Starkey, Jeanne Clements, Ruth Gilbert, Maureen Flett, Judith Edmondson, Margaret (Peg) Eastwood, Robin Swindells, Jennifer Graham, Stuart Burgess, Rosalind Amey, Soo Grey, Gwenneth Bowie, Steve Long, Susan & Gerald Sewell, Alison Robinson, John Hopkins, John Proudfoot.

Mike Hall passed his 550th Quarter and 400th as conductor. Susan Sewell passed her 500th Quarter. Nix Ruberry passed her 90th Quarter, and Tony & Helen Ruberry both rang 4 spliced S major for the first time. Sadie Slack and Gillian Powell rang their first Quarters of surprise inside. Imogen Carrie and Ruth Gilbert rang their first Quarters of treble bob hunt (TB minor and Yorkshire S major respectively).

Ron East worked his way up from 1 to 4 spliced S major, and Ben East rang his first Quarter of spliced S major (6 methods). Although not a member of the Guild, Keith Hackney rang his first spliced S major at Carlisle (and that was 6 spliced) which was also his 70th birthday compliment.

The most prolific conductors were Duncan Walker (29), Michael Hall (25) and Andrew Holland (5). Several others conducted Quarters – Richard Last, Stephen Hall and David Cloake (2 each), and with 1 each Richard Green, Andrew Warboys and David Horne. All told, nine ringers shared the conducting, two fewer than last year. As always it would be good to see more “taking the plunge” in 2017 as it gives more ringers the opportunity to ring Quarters and improves the skills of those conducting through force of necessity.

22 Quarters were rung in Western Branch towers (25 last year) and 45 in Eastern Branch towers (45 last year). As far as I can tell, we rang no quarters at non Carlisle Guild towers this year, compared to two last year.

The “top 10” Quarter peal ringers were Duncan Walker (29), John Proudfoot (28), Mike Hall & Susan Sewell (27 each), Anne East (26), Gerald Sewell (25), David Horne (23), Alison Robinson (22), Sally Walker (17), and John Hopkins and Nix Ruberry (15 each).

We rang Quarters on all numbers from 4 to 8. No caters or above this year. On the other hand, we did ring two quarters of Bristol S major, two each of 8- and 6-spliced S major and one of 4-spliced S major. Finally, on a personal note of mourning, only two Quarters of Grandsire doubles and one of triples were rung this year, and notable by their complete absence (again) were Stedman and Double Norwich.

David Horne

Date	Location	Method	Rank	Conductor	Notes
17/01/16	Brampton	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	For week of prayer for Christian unity.
24/01/16	Carlisle	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Duncan Walker	1st Q Judith Edmondson
24/01/16	Wigton	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Duncan Walker	1st Q away from cover Sally Starkey
31/01/16	Brampton	1260 Reverse Canterbury bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	Thanksgiving for the life of Brian "Bunger" Hall, uncle of C
07/02/16	Brampton	1260 plain bob	Minor	Michael Hall	For 64th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Accession.
13/02/16	Cleator Moor	1260 Yorkshire S	Major	David Coakle	
21/02/16	Brampton	1260 Southtrepps	Doubles	Michael Hall	50th birthday compliment to Gwenneth Bowie
21/02/16	Carlisle	1280 spliced S (cymrp)	Major	Duncan Walker	1st spliced Ben East
21/02/16	Wigton	1280 spliced S (8 methods)	Major	Duncan Walker	
28/02/16	Whitehaven	1296 Norwich S	Minor	David Coakle	
13/03/16	Brampton	1260 St Simon's	Doubles	Michael Hall	1st in method on treble Gwenneth Bowie. 59th birthday compliment to C
20/03/16	Brampton	1260 Kennington	Doubles	Michael Hall	First in method on treble Sally Starkey
20/03/16	Carlisle	1320 Kent treble bob	Minor	Duncan Walker	1st treble bob inside Imogen Carrie. For 11th Dalemain International Marmalade Festival.
20/03/16	Wigton	1320 Cambridge S	Minor	Duncan Walker	1st surprise inside Sadie Slack
30/03/16	Cleator Moor	1320 plain bob	Doubles	Andrew Holland	1st Q inside Jeanne Clements
03/04/16	Brampton	1260 April Day	Doubles	Michael Hall	
17/04/16	Brampton	1260 grantsire	Doubles	Michael Hall	To celebrate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II
24/04/16	Carlisle	1274 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	1st Q inside Ruth Gilbert. 1st Q on cover Neureen Flett
24/04/16	Wigton	1274 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	1st Q on 8 Peg Eastwood (treble) Robin Swindells (tenor)
01/05/16	Brampton	1260 May Day	Doubles	Michael Hall	For May Day & 4th anniversary of Hazel Hall's service of thanksgiving for her life.
08/05/16	Whitehaven	1344 Kent & Oxford treble bob	Minor	Andrew Holland	For VE day
15/05/16	Brampton	1260 Clifford's pleasure	Doubles	Michael Hall	1st in method on treble John Hopkins.
22/05/16	Whitehaven	1260 doubles (13m / 28y)	Doubles	Andrew Holland	1st Q Emma Doran. For Trinity Sunday
22/05/16	Carlisle	1280 spliced S (8 methods)	Major	Duncan Walker	For Trinity Sunday & Patronal festival.
22/05/16	Wigton	1274 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	1st on 8 away from cover Robin Swindells. 1st on cover Peg Eastwood.
29/05/16	Brampton	1260 Royston	Doubles	Michael Hall	1st in method Susan Sewell, Gerald Sewell, John Proudfoot, John Hopkins. On the centenary of the Battle of Jutland.
03/06/16	Carlisle	1260 plain bob	Doubles	David Home	For BBC Music Day 2016 and to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II
05/06/16	Brampton	1260 St Martins	Doubles	Michael Hall	550th Q Michael Hall. 21st birthday compliment to Fiona Porter, niece of C
12/06/16	Pennith	1280 Yorkshire S	Major	Duncan Walker	To celebrate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II
19/06/16	Greystoke	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Duncan Walker	For the village fundraising event for "Blood for Bikes Cumbria"
26/06/16	Carlisle	1280 Bristol S	Major	Duncan Walker	Rung for the Ordination service for new deacons and priests.
26/06/16	Wigton	1280 Pudsey S	Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method Ron East. To celebrate 40th wedding anniversary of Martin & Mary Snape.
03/07/16	Brampton	1260 St Nicholas	Doubles	Michael Hall	1st blows in method Susan Sewell, John Proudfoot & Gerald Sewell. 60th birthday compliment to John Brownings.

14/07/16	Brampton	1272 plain bob	Minimus	Michael Hall	1st in method Steve Long & Gwerneth Bowie. Wedding compliment to Sophie & Darryn.
17/07/16	Carlisle	1280 Cambridge S	Major	Duncan Walker	1st S Major Saddle Slack. In memory Diana J Handley.
17/07/16	Wigton	1280 Yorkshire S	Major	Duncan Walker	1st treble bob hunt Ruth Gilbert. In memory Diana J Handley.
24/07/16	Whitehaven	1296 Cambridge S	Minor	Andrew Holland	1st Surprise Gillian Powell. Remembering Diana J Handley.
28/07/16	Brampton	1272 St Nicholas	Minimus	Michael Hall	65th birthday compliment to Eric Griffiths.
31/07/16	Brampton	1260 Winchendon place	Doubles	Michael Hall	Birthday compliment to Alison Robinson
04/08/16	Brampton	1272 plain bob	Minimus	Michael Hall	1st inside to doubles Sally Starkey. 200th together Michael Hall & Kay Van Den Berg.
14/08/16	Brampton	1320 plain bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	1st inside to doubles Sally Starkey. 59th birthday compliment to John A Slee.
21/08/16	Carlisle	1344 plain bob	Major	Duncan Walker	1st bob major inside Jennifer Graham
21/08/16	Wigton	1260 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	
04/09/16	Pennith	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Duncan Walker	1st Q (1st attempt) Matthew Blackman. 90th Q Nix Rubery
18/09/16	Carlisle	1280 spliced S (cynsp)	Major	Duncan Walker	1st spliced S major and 70th birthday compliment Keith Hackney. For Battle of Britain service.
18/09/16	Wigton	1260 plain bob	Minor	Duncan Walker	1st Q bob Minor Ruth Gilbert
05/10/16	Hensingham	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Richard Last	1st Q on tenor Stuart Burgess. 1st inside Rosalind Amey. 1st affected inside Soo Gray
16/10/16	Carlisle	1274 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	1st triples on treble Judith Edmondson and 2nd birthday compliment to grand daughter Lilly.
16/10/16	Wigton	1274 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	1st triples on treble Sally Starkey
18/10/16	St Bees	1296 plain bob	Minor	Richard Last	To mark 60th anniversary of opening of Calder Hall by HM Queen Elizabeth. All ringers associated with the nuclear industry.
30/10/16	Brampton	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	Birthday compliment to Joyce Richardson, mother of C
02/11/16	Keswick	1264 plain bob	Major	Duncan Walker	Commemorating the deaths of Sgt Frank Gardiner & Robert Usher who fell in WW 1, ringers at Keswick
06/11/16	Brampton	1260 St Simon & St Martin	Doubles	Michael Hall	30th birthday compliment to Kate le Chevalier
13/11/16	Brampton	1260 Southrepps & plain bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	Half muffled prior to Brampton Town remembrance service
13/11/16	Whitehaven	1320 Julie McDonnell bob	Doubles	Andrew Holland	Bellingers' strike back against blood cancer" challenge
20/11/16	Brampton	1260 grandsire	Doubles	Michael Hall	1st in method Gwerneth Bowie & retirement compliment to C
20/11/16	Pennith	1274 plain bob	Triples	Duncan Walker	For the Ringing to Remember service.
27/11/16	Carlisle	1280 Bristol S	Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method Ben East. To the memory of all Carlisle soldiers who gave their lives during WW 1
27/11/16	Wigton	1280 Superlative S	Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method Ron East
04/12/16	Brampton	1260 plain bob	Minor	Michael Hall	400th Q as C
09/12/16	Carlisle	1100 plain bob	Doubles	Andrew Warboys	
11/12/16	Brampton	1260 Kemington & plain bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	500th Q Susan Sewell
17/12/16	Pennith	1280 spliced S (cynr)	Major	Duncan Walker	1st spliced Ron East. most spliced Helen & Tony Rubery
18/12/16	Cockermouth	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Richard Green	1st Q Michael Green. 1st as C. 1st Q by home band since 2002. Rung for 9 lessons & carols service.
18/12/16	Brampton	1260 double Oxford bob	Minor	Stephen Hall	
24/12/16	Wigton	1260 grandsire	Triples	Stephen Hall	Rung for the crib service
29/12/16	Brampton	1260 plain bob	Doubles	Michael Hall	

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Appleby (5)

J Archibald B Parkin
P Cox G Waive
N Harrop,

Aspatria (3)

D Forsyth E Szandurski
T Gear

Bampton (2)

C Crowther J Crowther

Brampton (7)

E Griffiths T Parkinson
M Hall K Siddle
S Hall K Van den Berg
J Hopkins

Carlisle Cathedral (17)

J Berry J Horne
R Betton O Northwood
N Brock J Proudfoot
A East A Rodger
R East M Rodger
J Edmondson S Starkey
M Flett V Taylor
R Gilbert A Warboys
D Horne

Cleator Moor (5)

C de Cordova J Hoyle
M Finlinson C Lane
D Hoyle

Cockermouth (9)

M Cubey R Nicols
M Fleming-Williams
D Green S Nicols
R Green G Powell
R Horrocks J Yeoman

Egremont (7)

J Burgess A Holland
H Chadwick R Lee
C Gates E Matthews
J Holland

Greystoke (7)

B Barnes M M McHale
A Brock M Montgomery
T James W Theakston
M J McHale

Hensingham (13)

K Amey D Holburt
R Amey A Naylor
S Burgess H Naylor
R Choy T Naylor
G Gray G Ray
S Gray J Tomlinson
A Holburt

Irton (7)

D Batten E Perrot
K Eggleston E Perrot
V Goodwin K Quick
J Hosfield

Keswick (15)

E Barraclough D Lowe
R Coan N Moss
A Hogarth N Newby
J Humphreys S Robinson
R Humphreys C Sears
E Lawley R Shirreff
P Lillington S Thomas
P Lillington

Kirkby Stephen (3)

S Green
A Jorysz
J Keogh

Lazonby/Great Salkeld (7)

M Allison F Hoy
W Colclough S Porter
E Dunning K Reay
S Evans

Orton (9)

D Aspden J Thorpe
J Basnett J Thorpe
D Merritt S Thorpe
J Robinson L Wren
E Thorpe

Penrith (27)

M Blackman
 V Bowen
 I Carrie
 J Cater
 B Cater
 M Cumpstey
 E Fear
 J Graham
 D Jones
 J Lawson
 K Lawson
 B Lloyd
 D Ridley
 H Ruberry

N Ruberry
 T Ruberry
 A Shead
 D Slack
 S Slack
 S Smith
 D Speechley
 D Thompson
 N Tithecott
 K Twentyman
 D Walker
 S Walker
 A Walton

Workington (12)

L Collins	C Hadfield
J Clements	E Martin
J Douglas	Z Martin
M Edgar	M Nichol
G Evans	H Speight
P Evans	L Stabler

Unattached (6)

J Blackburn	G Sewell
D Cloake	S Sewell
A Pollock	J Sweeney

Shap (5)

C Childs
 J Labram
 D Newsome

J Smith
 I Tatters

Non Resident (2)

J Blackburn
 D Cloake

St Bees (17)

A Bell
 N Bettinson
 D Brownrigg
 S Davidson
 E Haile
 J Haile
 A Hewetson
 B Hewetson
 D Hope

Y Leech
 D McMullen
 J Oldham
 D Sim
 E Sim
 H Strong
 V Turpin
 P Turpin

Thursby (9)

P Eastwood
 A Edwards
 S Foulger
 J Hine
 C James

G Latimer
 H Latimer
 O Latimer
 R Swindells

Whitehaven (11)

P Cox
 E Doran
 A Dunning
 B Foster
 A Last
 J Last

M Last
 R Last
 L Leech
 S Leech
 D Stewart

Wigton (9)

T Barthelmes
 W Graham
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 P Parkes
 L Poole

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