

The Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers



Annual Report 2020

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	£7.00
	Junior	£1.00
	Senior	£4.00

Senior members are those of pensionable age who may choose to pay the reduced rate.

Non Resident Members	On election	£4.00
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Peal Fees	Each rope	£0.50
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Guild Website: carlisle-dgcbr.org.uk

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SUMMARY OF TOWERS AND PRACTICE NIGHTS

Eastern Branch

Appleby (Monday with Shap)
Bampton (Saturday)
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
Aspatria
Bridekirk (Monday)
Barrow-in-Furness (Wed)
Cockermouth (Wednesday)
Egremont (Thursday)
Hensingham (Tuesday)
Irtton (Monday)
Moresby (Tuesday)
St Bees (Wednesday)
Whitehaven (Friday)
Wigton (Monday)
Workington (Monday)

AFFILIATED TOWERS

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

Practice: Monday 7.30pm (alternating with Shap)

Enquiries: Sue Grainger, Laurel Bank, Kirkby Thore, Penrith CA10 1XN
(0787 640 3895)

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

Sunday: 3rd Sunday, 10.30am please check! **Practice:** No regular practice

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

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

Enquiries: The Vicar

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, St James the Great

8 bells, 12cwt (621kg) in F (SD194699)

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

Enquiries: Andy Pollock (07879 411824) email: ringing@barrowbells.org.uk
Website: www.barrowbells.org.uk

BAMPTON, St Patrick 6 bells, 5cwt (258kg) in D (NY521180)

Sunday: Yes (check for times). Not on 2nd Sunday of month. **Practice:** Saturday 11am

Enquiries: Bridget Kelly, Abbott House, Rosgill, Penrith, CA10 2QX
(01931 716822) email: email@bridgetkelly.me

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

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

Enquiries: Michael Hall email: michaelhall20@btinternet.com

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

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

Enquiries: Richard Green (01900 824311) email: ragreen987@gmail.com

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, (01228 513633) ronald.east@btinternet.com

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 (0758 741 2582) email: rowrah39@yahoo.co.uk

EGREMONT, Ss Mary and Michael 8 bells, 13¹/₂cwt (686kg) in F# (NY012105)
Sunday: 9.30am **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: Chris Lamb email: lamb_suilven@hotmail.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 E (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
or Nick Newby (01768 772742) email: nickjane.newby@gmail.com

KIRKBY STEPHEN, (dedication unknown) 8 bells, 15³/₄cwt (801kg) in F (NY775088)
Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Colin Belsey, Burntling, Heggarscale, Kaber, CA17 4HZ (01768 372139)
or (07938532735) email: colin.belsey@btinternet.com

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

MORESBY, St Bridget 8 bells, 5cwt (259kg) in D (NX982210)
Sunday: 10.15am (ringers MUST stay to the service; ringing can take place afterwards, for visitors for whom this is a problem, if requested in advance) **Practice:** Tuesday 7- 8.30pm Enquiries: Mrs Chris de Cordova, 35 Thornton Rd, Whitehaven CA28 6UW (01946 62986) email: chrisdecordova@gmail.com www.Moresbybells.uk

ORTON, All Saints 8 bells, 12³/₄cwt (648kg) in F# (GF) (NY622084)
Sunday: 3rd at 10am **Practice:** Friday 7.30pm
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 7.00 to 9.00pm

Enquiries: Valerie Bowen, 9 Carleton Hall Gardens, Penrith, CA10 2AL

(01768 210438) email: thevalerie.bowen@icloud.com

Note: For security reasons, the church is locked during the practice, after 7.45. Entry is via the South door. There is a doorbell on the West door, for use 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 7.30pm (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: 10.00 (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), 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt (1195kg) in E (NY110537)

Enquiries: The Vicar

THURSBY, St Andrew 6 bells, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt (343kg) in A (NY324503)

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

Enquiries: Cynthia James, 5 Church Terrace, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6PD

(01228 711926)

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

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, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt (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

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The year started normally enough; little did we know what it had in store.

Around 35 members attended the Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington in January, with a few more turning up at teatime. Four special methods had been chosen from the Ringing World Pathway: Single Oxford Bob Minor, Single Oxford Bob Triples, Beverley Surprise Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. With the usual call changes and Plain Bob, there was something for everyone whatever their level of ability. A spontaneous round of applause followed a beautifully-struck course of Double Norwich during the afternoon's proceedings.

The response to the Guild Training Day in February was very disappointing with only four students signing up before the closing date for applications. The final total was six, over half of whom travelled the very long distance from Bampton to Moresby. Given the poor uptake, the entire day had been reorganised with the morning session concentrating on handling, plain hunting and ringing Plain Bob Doubles, either on the treble or an inside bell, and the afternoon devoted more to the helpers.

Before the end of March, coronavirus reared its ugly head and the whole country went into lockdown. The East and West Branches of the Guild had managed to squeeze in their Annual General Meetings, but the Guild AGM fell foul of Government rules and regulations and had to be abandoned. Moresby would host in 2021.

As we went in and out of lockdown and other restrictions it became increasingly difficult to present the Young Ringer of 2019 Award. A number of plans were made and came to nothing. Bethany Cater finally received the trophy in November; even then the presentation had to be brought forward in order to escape a second lockdown, looming only a week away.

Everything had been in place for the Guild Striking Competition in May. That also fell by the wayside. Later in the year a virtual event was organised. Seven teams from six towers took part. Bampton 2 was the winner followed by Moresby, Carlisle and Wigton. The competition was judged by Simon Linford.

The Guild Committee met in January, June and October. The January meeting was the only 'real' event. It took a while, and a practice run, to get to grips with virtual meetings, but they soon became the new normality. They were not ideal, but were better than nothing. At the January meeting, Tony Ruberry indicated that he would be standing down as Eastern Branch Ringing Master. Hilary Chadwick and Ed Matthews followed suit with resignations as Western Branch Secretary and Western Branch Ringing Master respectively.

Work on Arlecdon bells stopped and restarted as coronavirus restrictions allowed. The hope had been to have them ringing again by Christmas, but that was not to be. The Guild Bells Adviser had contacted Taylor's about Silloth. That project also came to a temporary halt. A shortage of funds meant that the proposed demolition of the tower at Harraby would not be happening in the near future.

The 2019 quarter-peal analysis in *The Ringing World* revealed that 101 quarters had been rung in 29 towers in Cumbria. That accounted for 58% of the total number of towers. Brampton, with 21 quarter-peals, was the leading tower.

During the year we learned of the deaths of former Guild President, Canon William Roan (1986-1989); Life Member, Jack McTear (Whitehaven); Ken Twentyman

(Penrith) and, while not a resident Guild Member, a great friend of the Guild, Tom Metcalfe (Kirkby Ireleth). May they rest in peace.

Susan Sewell

WESTERN BRANCH REPORT

At last year's Branch AGM I stepped down from the role. With ringing stopping a few weeks later due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there hasn't really been a specific need for a Ringing Master role for the Branch, so this gap hasn't really been noticed; especially as I was elected to act as the Branch's BRF trustee.

As a result of having a year off and being keen to support the resumption of ringing across the Branch and the Guild, I stood for re-election at the online Branch AGM held on 7th March. I was elected and will do my best to support the return to ringing, both within the towers and through the continuance of online ringing activities where appropriate.

Ed Matthews

TRAINING and RINGING CENTRE

The training programme for 2020 came to an abrupt halt in March when the ringing ban was imposed as part of the COVID-19 lockdown measures. Two events were held at the start of the year.

The feedback from the 2019 Listening Course included a suggestion for a follow-up session to provide more listening practice on a simulator. At the time, use of a simulator for solo ringing was limited, although installed simulators were well used for tied bell practices. At the end of January, four ringers plus helpers met in Workington for a morning workout with Abel.

The second training event was the annual basic training day which has been well attended since its introduction in 1990. As fewer students signed up in 2020 it was decided to change the objectives. Students and individual tutors agreed a personalised plan, in advance. With three students in each group there was plenty of ringing time in an extended morning session. After lunch, the tutors and helpers from the groups met at Hensingham to ring some more, focussing on some less-familiar triples and major methods – Hunslet, Union, Double Norwich and Cornwall.

During the lockdowns and times of restricted ringing there was no opportunity for tower bell practising. I am impressed by how many groups and individuals have taken to armchair ringing on Ringing Room and other web platforms. It will be interesting to see how on-line skills can be integrated with real ringing. Looking ahead, I think Zoom may continue to be used as a way to share webinars without the need for travelling.

Gareth Evans

TREASURER'S REPORT

In spite of the unique difficulties encountered during 2020, Guild membership showed only a marginal fall. The Treasurer has been very grateful to tower organisers, who managed to collect subscriptions from their ringers and get them to her, in spite of the considerable difficulties involved. It was decided to postpone the proposal for an increase in subscriptions until the 2021 AGM, to take effect

from 2022, in view of the way that ringing activities had been reduced during the pandemic.

In view of several new bell projects which are under way, or likely to happen in the near future, we need to continue our efforts to boost the Bell Restoration Fund. The income from Gift Aided donations stayed at last year's level – many thanks to those who have made a regular commitment in this way. The need for this funding continues – if you can help by making a regular donation, please contact the Treasurer for the relevant forms, or download them from the Guild website.

There were no grants from the Bell Restoration Fund to Bell Restoration projects during 2020, probably due largely to the unique difficulties posed by Covid 19. There are still projects in the pipeline, so we hope for more progress in 2021.

Once again, a large contribution to the BRF has been raised from the 50-50 Club, helping us to continue to fund future bell restoration. Thanks are due to Anne East for her continuing hard work in keeping this running. New members for the club are always welcome.

As an experiment this year, the financial report is to be published as part of this annual report, not as a separate document.

Pat Evans

SAFEGUARDING

Hopefully, by the time this Annual Report is published, we will be closer to a return of a more normal situation in the world of bellringing – but just what that 'normal' will be is anybody's guess. I think we can be certain, however, that the 'normalcy' will probably be accompanied by the Diocese resuming its drive towards ensuring that the principles of Safeguarding are applied in all activities within the Church - and ensuring that adherence to Church Policy becomes the norm in all its associated organizations. It would seem to be appropriate to set out just where, as a Guild, we now are with the all-important matter of Safeguarding.

The Guild's **Safeguarding Policy 2.1** has been circulated to all members as the up-dated version of our policy statement. It can be accessed on the Guild website: **www.carlisle-dgcbr.org.uk**

Part 1 of the policy provides an overview of the Guild and the way in which it seeks to implement the whole range of Safeguarding Policy as set out in the Policy Statements of the Church of England. Part 1 is based upon a template or model recommended by the CCCBR.

Part 2 further expands upon some of the important issues set out in Part 1; its content is designed to meet the more specific needs of our own Carlisle Diocesan Guild. Specific reference is made to what are termed Guild Events: where the Guild visits Parish Churches for the purpose of ringing, and other activities. In this context, the Guild is acting as a 'visitor' to the local Church or belltower. In that circumstance, the Guild must be able to demonstrate that it is able to meet the requirements of the PCC and its Parish Policy i.e. with regard to Safeguarding.

Particular reference is made to the fact that the Guild's Policy is founded upon the same Policy base as that of the Local Parish Church. The principles of good management, processes and practices which are applied by the Guild are precisely the same as those in the Local Parish Policy; they are to be found in:

- The Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Parish Resources from the Church of England
- Safer Environments and Activities
- The Code of Safer Working Practice

Ringers in their own bell towers should be aware of Item 7 (page 6) in the Safeguarding Policy:

'It is essential that those in charge of bellringing, in their own local bell towers, recognise that the Safeguarding and Health and Safety regime, with which they must comply as a 'local band', is that of their local Church and PCC. This is set out in the Parish Policy of their own Local Church, which is based upon the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook* (PSH). Through its own Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, the Diocese monitors and ensures the matter of compliance with the Church of England's Policies. All ringers, Tower Captains, Trainers and Leaders must follow, in their own conduct, practices and processes, the requirements set out by their own PCCs in their Parish Policy'

G.Sewell (CDGCBR Safeguarding Officer)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Certainly this year has been very different from what I was expecting to be writing about when I was writing last year's first Health and Safety Officer's report. From that perspective, the focus on risk and mitigating measures that have been put in place as part of the response to Covid shows the response to the scale of the risk, but can also be reflected in the actions taken that many of us are now used to in our daily lives, for example in the shops.

Hopefully the measures put in place and the vaccination programme will ensure that we can resume ringing sometime during the summer, and with that in mind it will be worth noting this is the longest many ringers, even very experienced ones, will have gone without ringing. From my own perspective, I did ring when I was down visiting family in summer of 2020 and it was much physically harder than I was expecting.

Therefore, with even more time off since then I would urge everyone to refamiliarize yourselves with the tower, for any maintenance activities and for the ringing itself. It would be a good idea to do a visual inspection of the bells and the tower to ensure no issues. This might be a good time to revisit risk assessments for ringing just to ensure everyone is aware - there is a revised template available on the guild website which can assist if anyone wants to do a Risk Assessment from scratch. Depending on the nature of the return to ringing there may also need to be some measures in place to control potential virus transmission, but this will depend on the Government guidance and input from the Central Council combined with the view of the Parish.

Everyone will progress at their own pace but there will be a certain amount of bell time needed for everyone to get back to the physical condition that they had before - so please take care.

Ed Matthews

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY MARCH 2020

Guild members were invited to complete an on-line survey just before the lockdown began. From a membership of 249 there was a reasonable return of 69 replies, which may reflect the views of the more active members. A brief summary of the responses is given below, they will be considered by the Guild committee when planning future events.

Key points

- Enthusiasm – 57% of respondents rang nine or more times per month, with a further 25% ringing five to eight times. Roughly 70% regularly ring at their home tower on Sunday and practice night.
- Age group – 55% of respondents are 60 or over
- Experience – 39% of respondents have learnt or returned to ring since 2015 while 27% learnt before 1980.
- Methods rung – Call changes and Plain Hunt 11%; first method 7%; two methods, more than 2 methods, surprise and spliced all approximately 20%.

Training Day

The reduced interest in this year's Training Day was one reason for organising the survey, however the methods breakdown suggests that there may have only been a small number of potential students. The event has clearly been valuable in the past as 61 of the 69 respondents had participated in this or previous years' training day. A significant number said the date was inconvenient. Ringers at the handling to rounds stage may not be on the mailing list, so may not have known about the training day or the survey.

Workshops

Ringers were asked to rate the importance of the current workshops. Interest in basic skills, plain hunt and plain bob was low, perhaps indicating that these skills are adequately covered by home towers. Grandsire/Stedman was the highest rated, closely followed by treble bob and listening.

Feedback on Training

- Splitting Stedman and Grandsire workshops
- Building confidence during bell handling
- Improved advance information about objectives and course content followed up with pre-course notes and handouts on the day.
- Tailor the methods to the needs of the students attending while being flexible on the day.
- Good striking should come above learning more new methods. Constructive advice on striking at a workshop may have more impact than in a home practice.
- Group events to focus on a specific method until competent, then move to new method.

Event timings

Ringers were in favour of some events during the day on weekdays and on Sunday afternoons, but preference was still for events on Saturdays.

Guild Objectives

Objectives given the highest rating by more than 50% of respondents were:

- Raising standards of ringing
- Promoting best practise in all areas including teaching
- Providing opportunities to ring things not available in the home tower

Social events generally had lower ratings than those based on ringing. Progression towards goals was important to a number of respondents. There were very mixed opinions on the striking competition.

Organisation

- Guild event organisers need to be aware that that Guild events may be off-putting as less experienced ringers can feel intimidated by the approach taken. Less experienced ringers of all ages need to be welcomed and feel valued while ringing at their own level.
- Advance notice of what may be rung would also be highly valued.
- Local groups of towers should be encouraged to support each other and share expertise.
- Improving communication was a recurring theme - some respondents were unaware, for example, that the Guild has a website.

Gareth Evans

OBITUARY: JOHN (JACK) MCTEAR 1935 – 2020 – GUILD LIFE MEMBER

Ringers from Cumbria and further afield were saddened to learn of Jack's unexpected death in December. This obituary has been compiled from the many tributes and memories sent to the Carlisle D G newsletter.

Jack was born in Blackpool and moved to West Cumbria in his teens, learning to ring in Workington in the early fifties. He rang his first peal in 1953.

In 1978, seven of the eight bells from St. Alkmund, Derby were gifted to Whitehaven. Roger Wetenhall in Cumbria and Gordon Halls in Derby were responsible for initial planning and fund-raising. Jack worked as a shift manager at the Marchon chemical works. His superb management and people skills in this role equipped him to deal with the task of creating a band of ringers from a standing start. Out of nowhere Jack attracted and galvanised a team who began learn to ring at Arlecdon in 1976. The band included shift workers with time and skills to prepare the tower and install the bells.

In December 1978, a contingent of ringers from Derby visited for the dedication of the new ten. Exactly a year later a celebratory peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by a band made up of Cumbrian and Derbyshire ringers. The peal, conducted by Gordon Halls, included Jack on the treble and John Harrison, one of the new recruits, on the tenor. The success of this peal led to an annual peal weekend in May, alternating between Cumbria and Derbyshire.

At the heart of these arrangements was Jack, always smiling, always very welcoming and above all, always enthusiastic. As West Cumbria had no tradition of ten-bell ringing these exchanges were a vital part of Jack's objective to produce a home-grown Sunday service band in Whitehaven.

One of Jack's great strengths was inspiring others, and he was very successful in recruiting new ringers. The rapid development of the new band was entirely due to Jack's enthusiasm and dedication. As a result of Jack's drive, it soon became normal to have ten bells ringing for Sunday service and the weekly Quarter Peal attempts before evensong often included a first for someone.

As the band gained experience, Jack persuaded them into peal ringing. Most notably these included a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1984 which was the first peal

rung by a Sunday Service band. This was followed later in the year with a peal of Plain Bob Royal which was Jack's first as conductor. Augmentatation to 12 for the Millennium was marked with a peal of Plain Bob Cinques.

Getting together after ringing was important to Jack, so ending up in the pub after practice night was just expected. He was a mine of general knowledge so everyone always wanted to be in his team for the Monday night quiz in the Sunnyhill. Jack's only shortcoming was that although he was good company in the pub, he was not a real ale fan.

Jack organised annual tower grabbing weekends which included visits to Edinburgh and Liverpool Cathedrals. He also enjoyed organising the annual tower dinner. Socialising was seen as an important part of maintaining a successful band, encouraging partners and families to join in. Jack's wife, Marjorie never wanted to ring but enjoyed being part of these events. She sat quietly collecting payment after the dinners, enjoyed the trips and was always there in the tower when the team rang the New Year in.

Most of Jack's 164 peals were rung while he was Whitehaven tower captain, where he rang 40. Two ringers he taught head the list of ringers he rang peals with and 12 other Whitehaven ringers also rang their first peals with Jack. He rang three peals for the College Youths. In recognition of his services to the Carlisle Guild he was elected a Life Member in 2001.

Jack's success at Whitehaven inspired other local bands and encouraged the Guild to host the 1988 Central Council meeting. Top of the bill was a pantomime starring well known Central Council figures.

Gordon Halls suggested to Jack that Whitehaven was the obvious centre for a Guild Training day. There was a cluster of nearby towers and good church facilities. Jack was keen that the day should be an inclusive package and masterminded a highly organised day with lunch and tea provided and community transport taking groups to the towers. It has evolved and become an annual event. I was in regular touch with him during the pandemic when he spoke about being able to get out to a pub for lunch, ringing again and, above all, seeing his family again.

Jack made everyone welcome at Whitehaven whether a local ringer, visitor or visiting peal band. His friendship has given us wonderful memories and he will be sadly missed.

Thank you, Jack, for being the right man in the right place.

Gareth Evans

Associated peals/quarters

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1413103>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1410107>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1409709>

TOWER REPORTS

APPLEBY

We have held weekly virtual practices using Zoom and the Ringing Room for the whole of the year since the pandemic broke out. Not everybody has enjoyed the virtual environment and we have found other ways to keep in touch with each other.

Our Monday practice alternates with Shap and we are usually joined by members from Orton and Bampton. The virtual practice has been well-supported. The number of ringers in the virtual ringing room has been manageable and it has been possible to bring learners up to speed quickly by practising brisk well-struck rounds with an open handstroke gap, then learning to position the bell accurately in the row in simple changes. We have moved on from a staple diet of plain hunting and bob doubles to ring courses of Bastow, Forward and Kent Little Court minor. Because these are very short, they take up minimum time in a practice yet they offer concentrated experience of counting places, making places, dodging and treble bobbing. They are 'busy' enough to keep everyone concentrating but we have found they do not over-strain the little grey cells.

Some of our ringers are very keen and participate in several virtual practices every week. Despite our inability to access the real tower, we have been able to develop our understanding and knowledge of methods. To ring these methods successfully in the real tower, we will need to remember what we have learned in the virtual practice and work hard on polishing faded skills at the end of the rope.

It's been a lean year for ringing in Appleby as everywhere else but we have escaped total famine and have planted the seeds of recovery. Thanks to everyone who has joined the virtual practices and welcome back, all those who have been preoccupied with more worrying concerns in threatening times.

Nick Harrop

BARROW-IN-FURNESS

2020 got off to a great start with three of our young ringers Jayden, Cameron and Iwan successfully ringing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor on 3rd January at Preston Minster with three other young ringers. Jaydon, who had only started learning to ring a year and a half before, arranged the quarter peal and conducted it himself. The average age of the band was under 15! So we have reason to have some optimism for future ringing with another 2 teenagers learning to ring at St James.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Holocaust Memorial Day to mark 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz and in remembrance of Mirjam Polak-Rabbie who was murdered in Auschwitz on 12/2/1943 (great grandmother of Tower Captain Andy) and most of her siblings and their families who perished in the death camps of Auschwitz, Sobibor, and Blechhammer.

We have slightly reduced numbers in 2020, with Ken Parkinson moving into a care home, Geoff Holme moving to Ulverston, Ray Marshall moving South, and no new

members recruited. A joint recruitment drive (with neighbouring tower) at the end of 2019 had a few potential new recruits that we were unable to follow up due to the COVID lockdown in spring.

Once Covid-19 arrived, our ringing stopped. Even where ringing of 2 or 3 bells in the confines of the tower was permissible, St James has an automated chiming mechanism which can chime all 8 bells to Grandsire Triples at the press of a button on a remote control. Although the chimes a poor comparison to the sound of all 8 bells rung properly, it is superior to ringing just 2 or 3 bells, and minimises the risk of infection for our ringers.

We are all looking forward to getting back to ringing when we can, hopefully in 2021, when we can pick up where we left off with more quarters, peals and recruitment.

Andy Pollock

BRAMPTON

For an annual report it seems very strange reporting on only the first eleven weeks of the year. My diary reminds me that I emailed our ringers on the 18th March to advise them that all ringing at Brampton was suspended until further notice. To date that instruction has prevailed.

Personally it was perhaps a relief that ringing ceased by external decree. It had been weeks of numerous emails in those first couple of months to see who could attend for practice. With only Katy, Steve and myself available as 'locals' it was with heartfelt thanks when ringers from the Cathedral joined us to make up a band for our two practices of the year on 13th February and 12th March. Following the lockdowns it seemed the most sensible action to bide our time, especially considering our age demographic and family members shielding. Except nearly a year has now elapsed since we last rung!

Like many other occasions throughout this pandemic we were unable to mark Katy's move to Hexham, upon Jan's retirement as vicar of Rockcliffe and Blackford. So for all those many years of support to Brampton a BIG THANK YOU Katy; for your knitting, your impromptu bursts of song & for being a very loyal and steady ringer - we will miss you.

Thanks to those who supported the 1/4 peals, the usual gang plus Ruth, Alan and Barry. Six in total with Katy ringing in two of them. All doubles with two of Plain Bob, the rest being Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington & my 650th Quarter, of St's Martin & Simon to mark my birthday.

What of the future? - it would be good to ring again if we can remember how. After the PM's briefing today, maybe June 2021 may let us once again be actual ringers and not simply virtual ones. However, Gwenneth's and my move to Skelton to live may see us as purely occasional visiting ringers in future.

Michael Hall

BRIDEKIRK & COCKERMOUTH

What a year!

The year started with our normal Wednesday practice evenings and Sunday service ringing. A regular monthly quarter peel slot had been established and accepted by our neighbours. This was intended to allow our more advanced ringers the chance to develop and when appropriate the opportunity to ring quarter peels with our beginners.

We were just gearing up for Easter ringing when unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic hit the nation. No ringing occurred in the tower for the rest of the year. However, contact was maintained with the various ringers and a tentative exploration into using the online *Ringin Room* was made. All agreed this was a good idea in principle but sadly it did not prove to be popular amongst the Cockermonth ringers.

Diana Green

CATHEDRAL

I have taken this opportunity to write at perhaps greater length than might be expected for a year in which so little bell ringing has taken place. Covid-19 has fundamentally changed society in 2020 and may continue to do so in years to come. This is just one small window on that momentous change that I feel should be preserved for the future.

The March lockdown ended ringing for services and also the Friday evening open practice and the intermediate tied practices using the simulator. The AGM of the Cathedral Guild was also cancelled. Traditionally it has been held on the last Friday evening before Holy Week in the Bidding Room at the Auctioneer on Rosehill. Canon Warden Jan Simpson has overseen the work of the bell ringers on behalf of the Dean and Chapter and always chaired the meeting. Her husband, John, would also join us for the meal beforehand and we grew to know both Jan and John very well over the years. Sadly, Jan became ill in the summer and had to retire at the end of 2020 so 2021 will bring a new Canon Warden. We sent Canon Jan flowers and chocolates from the ringers during her illness and presented her when she retired with a pen and pencil set made by Mike Rodger from a broken stay.

When lockdown was eased in July the opportunity arose to ring for services again but in a very restricted way. Measurement of the rope fall of the twelve bells showed that we could ring the even numbered bells and maintain social distance when ringing. Further risk assessments were agreed with the Dean down to the finest detail such as everyone providing their own pen for signing in and the key holder propping open the doors so that no one needed to touch them on the way to the ringing room. Of course, sanitising of hands and the wearing of masks were a given. Only six people were allowed in the ringing room and each ringer handled only their own rope. We also had to leave the bells raised from week to week (just raising the six even bells would have taken longer than the 15 minutes ringing time

allowed) and warning notices with a contact telephone number were displayed on doors and ropes.

We were now a part of worship again. The sound of the bells was unusual and we called them into simple call changes to make the ringing of more interest. However, we were missing the opportunities of ringing together and of the social interaction between everyone. Then two pieces of software became available on the Internet - 'Ringing Room', developed by ringers in the States, and 'Zoom' and we quickly began using them. Our ringing on 'Ringing Room' was quite poor to begin with as we got used to the software and the different skills needed to sound the bells but as I write this report in January 2021, many have progressed to ringing plain courses of Little Bob major, Grandsire caters and Superlative surprise major and touches of Stedman doubles, Cambridge surprise minor and Grandsire triples, usually under the guidance of Andrew Warboys. However, there are always opportunities to ring in rounds or ring plain hunt for those who wish. We usually have three 1½ hour practices each week.

In November, the country went into Lockdown again so the bells were lowered and ringing ended. However, special provision was then allowed to ring for services at Christmas. Once again, the six even bells were raised and we rang for the two 'Festival of Readings and Carols' services that preceded Christmas day and, of course, for the Christmas day eucharist with Bishop James in attendance.

So, we are back in lockdown and the bells are lowered and silent again. Whatever 2021 may bring we shall be there to ring for services again if and when the restrictions are eased and will continue a great tradition of ringing for more than 850 years at the Cathedral.

Ron East

HENSINGHAM

When Lockdown was announced I spent time preparing the Ellecombe chiming system which allows one or two people to operate the bells, all be it at a reduced volume. We are fortunate to have this facility and it also allows us to ring tunes as well as rounds and changes. Soo and I were able to access the church within the rules to check the building and wind the clock. We used this as an opportunity to play hymn tunes at 12 o'clock each Sunday and before service when church was open. We also rang for Remembrance day and Christmas⁷. We know from several people that this was an encouragement to those that heard them. We ceased ringing when the clock stopped working. It is now back in action and we intend to recommence chiming at Easter. We have no plans to resume full circle ringing until restrictions are lifted and our teaching can restart. In the meantime several of us have joined with Egremont for Ringing Room sessions.

Gordon Gray

IRTON

Carols were chimed single handed on the tower bells and on handbells for a drive-in, sing from the car evening, and also for the midnight candlelit Christmas service. The Irtton ringers took turns, aided by Susan Lister, Keith and Jill Hudson, to whom many thanks. Particular thanks to Geoff Holland for fettling the chiming gear.

VR Goodwin

KESWICK, CROSTHWAITE

2020 started off so well. We had full turnouts with our usual happy can do attitude ringing all 8 bells every Sunday; then the news came from China. In the first lockdown we were not allowed access to the church so, unable to carry out the planned rope maintenance we twiddled our thumbs. Following the guidelines made it almost impossible to do any meaningful ringing on the tower bells BUT the old Ellacombe chiming system was possible if we could get the pulleys to work and renew the ropes.

As soon as we were allowed back in church we set about refurbishing the system which had never been used in the 60 years that I have known Crosthwaite. Hammer, drift, chisel, spanners, grease, oil, hope and a new set of ropes rendered the chimes fit for purpose with extra lighting and a board to attach sheet music completing the job in time to ring for our one wedding of the year, postponed from June until church and guest access could be restored. We made it just in time for an easing of lockdown and the wedding went ahead on Sept 19th making this our first chance to ring all 8 bells on the chimes welcoming the bride and groom.

Jane looked for hymns that could be rung on our E scale octave, writing them out and laminating, General hymns, Advent hymns and Carols. As an organist in a previous life, she is a natural on the Ellacombe chimes.

The Church is getting it's roof repaired as well as a new boiler system and for the first in a long time the ringing chamber radiator works along with another back to back against the screen which means that in winter we can once again warm our hands and bums on Sunday mornings.

With such a plethora of method ringing shown on television, counting places and watching ropes repeatedly seems to be an excellent means of practicing and improving ropesight until we can once again once again get back to the real thing. Who Knows what 2021 will bring?

Nick Newby

KIRKBY THORE *(1 bell, 13cwt. Can be chimed on!)*

The bell at St Michaels has only recently been brought back into use. The bell is unique, known as Great Tom and cast in 1530 in York. It came from Shap Abbey after the dissolution of the monasteries, arranged by the Abbot of the abbey who was also the rector of St Michaels in Kirkby Thore. It has been rung over the years but has 2 great pieces missing from opposite sides of the bell due to being rung rather vigorously I presume. When the clock hammer strikes the bell on the hour

it has a very flat note due to the damage, but when it is chimed it has a much more resonant sound.

The bell has only been used to tell the hour for many years but as I had been learning to ring tower bells at St Lawrence's in Appleby I was interested to know more about the church bell in my own village.

After I had seen the bell and seen what the damage was I was given permission to ask Ron East to look at it. Partly because of its history and partly because of its mounting he was keen to give it a thorough overhaul and enable it to be chimed safely. All this has happened during lockdown and therefore Great Tom, sadly, has only been rung once on Christmas Day.

Finally, not only is the bell unique, but I am in the unique position of being the 'tower captain' in a tower with 1 bell and in a team with 1 ringer- and that's me! I'm looking forward to chiming this bell when we are eventually allowed to ring church bells again.

Sue Grainger

MORESBY

After the abrupt halt to bellringing mid-March, in 2020, an interactive online tower, called ringingroom.com, was set up by two innovative folk in the USA, which they generously shared with the world. By mid-April, I was having a go to see how it worked, and invited Moresby ringers to their new online tower at the beginning of May.

Around half did not want to participate in this or were busy with childcare or work, but four have been strong supporters and their learning has progressed massively. With the help of ringers from London, Edinburgh and Dunblane, and others who drop in every now and again, all four can ring the treble to doubles and cover, with good striking. One has been doing a few doubles methods inside and two more have rung touches of several different doubles methods, inside, eg All Saints, Rev Canterbury, Cloister with singles.

In the tower before lockdown, our change-ringing journey had got as far as trying hunting then Bastow (both on four bells) at the most, with one inside learning ringer, a treble and two steady ringers, so this is a massive leap for them. It will be most interesting to see how all this helps when we go back to ringing for real, as they had not gained ropesight by then and will have yet to do so.

With the help of another ringer in the London area, two of them have learned to ring handbells and are now able to ring all three pairs to Bob Minor; the trebles or tenors to touches; all pairs each for treble bob hunting, Bastow Little Bob and Forward, and at the time of writing, were having first goes at Kent Minor! Another practice with Jane Holland, each week, to consolidate their learning, has helped them make massive progress, quickly! One of these was still learning to ring a real bell, before lockdown! I imagine that when permitted, these skills will transfer readily to ringing with real handbells!

Like other towers, I suspect that some ringers may not want to or be able to return to ringing or to learn new stuff to catch up if they do, when towers are allowed to ring again, and we will all have to do some more recruiting. Ringingroom is an opportunity to get them engaged.

It has been good to see other towers start to use Ringingroom and progress their ringers' learning through online ringing, and to meet up with and make new friends all over the world, as they join in virtual bellringing practices

Chris de Cordova

ORTON

Practice nights at Orton from January to March consisted of the 6 Orton band members plus some very enthusiastic ringers from Appleby, Shap and Bampton, we usually have between 10 and 14 ringers. Not only are the bells nice to ring but tea and homemade cakes are a bit of a draw as well. Most of us are of a similar standard, able to ring Bob Doubles and Grandsire reasonably well, with a couple more experienced ringers to help out the less experienced amongst us.

When lockdown came it was with great sadness that we couldn't have our usual Friday night ringing sessions. Then along came Zoom meetings and The Ringing Room. After a few weeks of trying to get to grips with new technology and putting up with internet glitches we slowly began to get the hang of it. Unfortunately it isn't for everyone, some tried it for a few weeks and gave up for whatever reason, some just make occasional guest appearances. There have been a group of about 6 or 7 from Orton, Appleby, Shap and Bampton who meet up on Monday and Friday nights, several others join in when they can. Tuesday night is ladies only, a more informal evening with lots of laughter and a bit of ringing. These sessions have opened up our ringing repertoire to include Reverse Court Minimus, Cloister Doubles and Bastow Little Bob Major to name but a few. Not sure how many of these we will be ringing when we eventually get back into the tower.

When the services resumed and we could have rung for 15 minutes we decided not to. As a family of 4 we could have rung without having to worry about social distancing but it would have taken us longer to get to and from the church and work commitments made it difficult to get everyone there on a Sunday morning.

A band of 4 did ring in the tower at Orton on Christmas Eve at 6pm. This was quite a strange but wonderful experience after not having had a bell rope in our hands for several months.

Susan Thorpe

ST BEES

For over 40 years I have invariably written in the tower report that "this has been a year of progress rather than consolidation", other years I have written "this has been a year of consolidation rather than progress", and one year I actually said "it has been a year of both progress and consolidation". But 2020 has been none of these. Instead, little happened - inside the tower.

One of our ringers was stranded in Vienna, and had to sit it out for several months before they could complete their house move back to the village, and another was stranded in Nordfriesland, just inside the German border with Denmark. Two recruits have been put into suspended animation, eagerly awaiting ringing tail and

sally for 12 months. One phenomena that sprang up in the first lock-down was the 'St Bees Community Radio', which took off like wildfire. Initially a personal initiative by some activists in the village, it eventually achieved over 100k unique listeners. Two of our ringers have contributed regular podcasts and another has his own vinyl slot twice a week. It is an internet station that still broadcasts 24/7. Just google "St Bees Radio" to listen. This week we hear it has been nominated for County COVID innovation awards. The tower has been floodlit for one year now, with a large LED cross looking south over the village. Normally this is done only Advent to Candlemas, but our Vicar was enthusiastic to have a beacon of hope shining, and some ringers have been at the centre of this. Ascension Day 2021 is the latest deadline to switch off.

We did manage to ring for service after the first lock-down came off, and due to the size of the tower and the ability to have household bubbles. I have kept up a weekly newsletter, which has ranged far and wide over topics vaguely associated with ringing, but it's difficult now to say anything which does not have the noun Covid in it, and it's frequency has decreased.

Let's wait until we emerge from the metaphorical tunnel - ringing will spring back again - and the pub!

Doug Sim

WIGTON

What a difficult year! I'm sure this will be echoed throughout the Guild. We didn't ring the New Year in at the end of 2019 – we didn't have a band to do it perhaps an omen for 2020! The year started relatively normally with ringing 6 on Sundays and practicing on Mondays with the help of ringers from the cathedral – many thanks to them.

There were 2 peals rung, both of Yorkshire Surprise Major, in January and February and 2 quarters of Plain Bob Triples and Stedman Doubles as well as a date touch of 2020 Doubles in February and March. Codgers came to Wigton also in February.

Then in March came the first lockdown which was a shock. Closing churches for worship and therefore ringing was both unexpected and upsetting. Everything was cancelled.

I think our first foray into Ringing Room was in June at Andrew Warboy's instigation for which we thank Andrew unreservedly! Not all of our ringers felt able to tackle the technology but with a few Wigton Ringers and more from the Cathedral we ventured into the unknown...Our first attempts were abysmal with total collapses frequent and struggles to even plain hunt...but we have improved and are still there. It has been invaluable in keeping in touch with one another as well as keeping us thinking!

We did return to Tower bell ringing for Sunday Services only in July with strict biosecurity, safe distancing with masks and hand sanitizer just on 4 bells which was somewhat limiting but at least the bells were heard and appreciated. We even rang for 2 weddings – on 4. By August the choir were even able to sing for Sunday

services but we were shut down again in November returning briefly to 4 bell ringing in the run up to Christmas and on 5 Christmas Eve and Day. The bells have not been heard since.

The Virtual Striking Competition was taxing but entertaining and very well organised thanks to Chris De Cordova.

A welcome addition to the band has been Jeremy Richardson, an 'old' friend down from Scotland and settling in Wigton in September.

With vaccinations on the horizon there are hopes that we may be able to return to Tower Bell ringing some time in 2021 but till then we will try to hone our skills on the keyboard.

Mary Snape

Post script – Tragically Jeremy died of a heart attack whilst riding his bicycle in mid-January 2021 and we mourn his passing.

WORKINGTON

Looking back, 2020 was an unusual and hopefully, atypical ringing year.

The year started very brightly with the annual guild meeting in Workington on 11 January. Double Norwich Court Bob Major rang out rhythmically and cheerfully before we settled down to tea.

New ropes were delivered and while all have since been hung, they remain patiently waiting for us to return to ringing. Service ringing on six or eight with rounds, call changes, plain hunt doubles, and plain bob rang out on Sundays.

Monday practice was well attended and enjoyed by the local band. Sue and Gerald Sewell, Andrew Moncrieff and Sally and Robert Nicols were also regular attendees, bringing expertise and learning to the mix.

On Tuesday afternoons Gareth Evans continued to lead practice simulator sessions for learners in the Workington and Cockermouth bands. This enabled beginners to practise handling, listening and bell control while ringing rounds, call changes plain hunt and dodging in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie.

On 2nd February, the bells rang out to welcome the Very Rev Dr Frances Ward (Frankie), as parish priest for St Michael's and St John's, with a half and half service taking place in both churches. The band and their friends and family also enjoyed their Christmas night out to the Gin House on 3rd February!

And then March was upon us. The national lockdown, announced on 23rd March, introduced us to practice nights on Ringing Room and Zoom, with Scattergories for afters so that band members can chat and have fun, even if they or their internet don't like Ringing Room. Gradually we have become more familiar and confident with the technology and we have rung the following methods: plain courses of Plain Hunt, Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and What You Please. As with tower bells, we do better with odd bell methods. Plain Hunt on six still eludes us as we strive to remember to count places, listen and remember the handstroke gap. And then there's the challenges of internet traffic and bandwidth!

Due to lockdown restrictions, the annual striking competition was a virtual event on Ringing Room. Ringing rounds and call changes, culminating in Queens, we did our best and managed sixth place.

In between lockdowns, and complete with masks, hand sanitiser and social distancing, we've rung real bells for services, a wedding, and to commemorate VJ day.

On 2nd July, Gareth tolled the tenor at Andy Smith's funeral, the first under Covid secure arrangements. Andy and his wife, Eileen learned to ring in 1985 and were core members of the Workington band until Eileen died in 2006.

At Christmas, Pat and Gareth introduced us to hand bells on Ringing Room. This was a new experience for some of us. However, we did manage to ring some well-known seasonal carols.

Following revised risk assessments, the band went ahead with Christmas ringing on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and 27th December. This was hugely significant for members of the band, all of whom wanted to ring - it was wonderful to be allowed back up the tower.

We look forward to being able to continue the tradition of Church Bell Ringing as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we continue to meet weekly for virtual ringing and games. After all, the band that plays together, stays together.

On a final note, the band gratefully acknowledges the generosity and patience of our Tower Captain, Gareth Evans and his wife, Pat. They have done a great job in keeping us informed, involved and motivated ready for our return to Tower Bell ringing.

Margaret Miller

CDGCBR FINANCIAL REPORT**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – Year ending 31.12.20**

INCOME	2020	2019
Subscriptions	1149.00	1272.00
Peal Fees	8.00	15.00
Book Sales	25.80	162.85
Refund on Whiting book order		5.00
Training Day donations	20.00	100.00
Listening course donations		20.00
Arlecdon Tower Fund (designated Fund)		30.00
Advertiser in Annual Report	50.00	
Interest	1.10	2.49
Sale of Badges		32.00
	1253.90	1639.34
EXPENDITURE	2020	2019
Annual Report	150.00	135.00
Public Liability Insurance	174.85	164.95
Handbell Insurance	161.15	161.15
Book Purchases		223.75
Young Ringer Voucher	30.00	30.00
Engraving Young Ringer Trophy	5.00	5.00
Gift to Independent Examiner	8.00	8.00
Gift to virtual striking competition judges	27.50	16.00
Website hosting – Award Space	60.78	47.97
Central Council Subscription for 2020	80.00	80.00
CC Rep's expenses		157.20
Vicar's travel expenses to AGM		25.60
	697.28	1054.62
Excess of income over expenditure	556.62	584.72

BALANCE SHEET AT 31.12.20

	2020	2019
Fixed Asset – President's Medallion and bars		
Previous valuation	236.92	
Increase in valuation	276.64	
Bars at cost	185.25	
Additional bar	41.89	
	<u>740.70</u>	<u>740.70</u>
Fixtures and Fittings		
	<u>50.50</u>	<u>50.50</u>
	<u>791.20</u>	<u>791.20</u>
Current Assets		
National Westminster Bank Current A/c	2259.58	1704.06
Nat West Bank Business Reserve a/c	1248.72	1247.62
Cash in hand	10.05	10.05
	<u>3518.35</u>	<u>10.05</u>
Total Assets	4309.55	3752.93

Represented By:

Accumulated Fund

Balance at 1 st January 2020	3752.93	3168.21
Add excess of income over expenditure	556.62	584.72
	4309.55	3752.93

BELL RESTORATION FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – Year ending 31.12.20

INCOME	2020	2019
Interest	13.09	26.84
Donation: Barrow-in-Furness		20.00
Donations (gift aid)	918.78	815.00
CAF Donation	25.00	25.00
Income tax rebate re 2019 Gift Aid	236.08	218.36
Donation from Arlecdon donor		200.00
Donation from sale of Cleator Moor sallies	46.00	
Donations re various admin		106.97
50/50 draw profit	676.00	636.00
Income tax rebate re 2018 Gift Aid		220.91
Donation from meeting teas	55.00	89.50
Virtual Striking competition fees	22.50	39.00
	1992.45	2397.58
EXPENDITURE	2020	2019
Moresby donation re Bell Chamber access ladder		870.00
Expenses re Silloth inspection		60.94
	0.00	930.94
Excess of income over expenditure	1992.45	1466.64

BALANCE SHEET AT 31.12.20

	2020	2019
Current Assets		
Nat West Bank Charities Reserve a/c	17342.27	15349.82
Cash in hand	2.25	2.25
	17344.52	15352.07
Accumulated Fund		
Balance at 1 st January 2020	15352.07	13885.43
Excess of income over expenditure	1992.45	1466.64
	17344.52	15352.07

PEALS 2020

Thursby, St Andrew

Thursday, 9 January 2020 in 2h 39 (6–2–22 in A)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

One extent each Bourne, Hull, Dylan Thomas, Kelvinbridge, Cambridge, Primrose and Norwich.

- 1 Ruth M Gilbert
- 2 Jane Holland
- 3 Andrew J Holland
- 4 Peter H Gardner
- 5 Kevin M Price (C)
- 6 Raymond A Hutchings

Remembering Nigel Gilbert, whose 50th Birthday would have been today.

Peal withdrawn:-

Dylan Thomas Surprise, Kelvinbridge

Surprise are false in a 720.

This peal is believed to have been false.

Wigton, St Mary

Saturday, 18 January 2020 in 2h 57 (8–0–0 in A)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

C C Monson (arranged A M Barber)

- 1 Edwin C Matthews
- 2 Ruth M Gilbert
- 3 Patricia M Evans
- 4 Andrew J Holland
- 5 M Gareth Evans
- 6 David A Horne
- 7 Norman M Brock
- 8 Jeremy R Housden (C)

First on 8: 1.

First 'inside' on 8: 2.

Celebrating 50 years of ringing for Norman Brock.

Wigton, St Mary

Saturday, 29 February 2020 in 2h 57 (8–0–0 in A)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by Traditional

- 1 John J Proudfoot
- 2 Jane Holland
- 3 Norman M Brock
- 4 Nicholas C Tithecott
- 5 Ruth M Gilbert
- 6 Andrew J Holland
- 7 Andrew P Warboys
- 8 David A Horne (C)

First peal as conductor

Moresby, St Bridget

Saturday, 29 February 2020 in 2h 49 (5–0–11 in D)

5040 Grandsire Triples

12 part, 7th Obs.

J. J. Parker

- 1 Pat M Evans
- 2 John J Proudfoot
- 3 Jane Holland
- 4 Christine B J de Cordova
- 5 Edwin C Matthews
- 6 M Gareth Evans
- 7 Andrew J Holland (C)
- 8 Gordon E H Gray

First peal on the bells.

First peal: 8. First Triples: 5.

Just before the bells were cast, local ringers were very much saddened by the early death of a much loved, local ringer, Edwin Perrott. Ed had helped with the ringing at Cleator Moor, had booked to go on the trip to Loughborough to watch the castings, and he had intended to help with the teaching of new ringers at St Bridget's. The 5th bell is named after him and the first peal on the bells is dedicated to him.

We also dedicate this first peal to those who are 'commemorated' in inscriptions on the bells:

Isabella Dixon

Hannah Tinkler

Ellie de Cordova

The 77 children, as young as 8, who died in the local pits

The local men who gave their lives in WW1

Those who died in local mines, including over 300 at the nearby William Pit. 104 local men died in a single disaster in 1947.

And finally,

The people of St John's Cleator Moor, past and present, who gave the gift of bells, and those in the parish of St Bridget, Moresby, who received them.

Rung by members of the Guild redundant bells committee, the 'Bells for St Bridgets' project team, the installation team and those who have helped in the tower since the bells were installed.

2020 GUILD MEMBERSHIP (237)

Appleby (6)

J Archibald N Harrop
S Grainger B Parkin
E Lynes G Waive

Arlecdon (2)

D Hoyle C Lane

Bampton (8)

C Crowther D Pitt
J Crowther H Pitt
A Donaoghue J Shepherd
B Kelly J Storey

Barrow-in-Furness (11)

C Caroe G Murfet
I Cotgreave A Painter
S Fryer A Pollock
K Harrison C Pollock
A Jones J Pollock
J Milby

Brampton (6)

G Hall J Hopkins
M Hall K Siddle
S Hall K Van den Berg

Carlisle Cathedral (25)

C Brennan O Northwood
N Brock J Proudfoot
T Collins A Rodger
B Coulthard M Rodger
T Coulthard C Sadler
A East A Smith
R East T Smith
B Garrett S Starkey
R Gilbert V Taylor
L Greenhalgh S Thomas
D Horne A Warboys
J Horne H Ward
R Lebon

Cockermouth (13)

M Cubey R Horrocks
M Fleming-Williams
D Green J Ingrams
R Green D Mead
P Harrington R Nicols
S Harris S Nicols
A Hewitt J Yeoman

Egremont (7)

A Dunning R Lee
C Gates E Matthews
A Holland L Sutton
J Holland

Greystoke (9)

B Barnes P Lillington
A Brock K Prince
T James W Theakston
C Lamb M Tomlinson
L Lamb

Hensingham (13)

K Amey G Gray
R Amey S Gray
D Brownrigg A Holburt
S Burgess A Naylor
R Choy H Naylor
B Gillson T Naylor
J Gillson

Irton (7)

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

Keswick (12)

E Barraclough K Newby
J Humphreys N Newby
R Humphreys G Roberts
D Lowe C Sears
Dr N Moss R Shirreff
J Newby S Thomas

Kirkby Stephen (4)

C Belsay A Jorysz
W Belsay J Keogh

Lazonby/Great Salkeld (7)

M Allison E Liptrot
W Colclough L Pink-Dangerfield
E Dunning S Porter
F Hoy

Moresby (10)

J Barwise P Grierson
R Barwise A Grierson
C de Cordova J Rudman
A Denwood B Southwell
B Penny A Strachan

Orton (6)

D Merritt J Thorpe
J Renwick-Smith J Thorpe
E Thorpe SThorpe

Penrith (25)

J Bell H Ruberry
P Bell N Ruberry
V Bowen T Ruberry
I Carrie S Slack
B Cater S Smith
J Cater D Speechley
P Cater N Tithecott
M Cumstey N Tomlinson
J Graham K Twentyman
J Lawson D Walker
B Lloyd S Walker
G Powell A Walton
D Ridley

Shap (7)

B Edwards H Patrick
J Hampson J Smith
J Labram I Tatters
D Newsome

St Bees (18)

A Bell D Hope
N Bettinson Y Leech
H Chadwick D McMullen
S Davidson D Sim
E Haile E Sim
J Haile H Strong
A Hewetson P Turpin
B Hewetson V Turpin
J Hale C Yule

Thursby (9)

A Branch W Kwiatkowski
P Eastwood R Stakim
A Edwards R Swindells
S Foulger
C James

Whitehaven (12)

E Doran M Last
M Finlinson R Last
B Foster L Leech
A Last S Leech
E Last J McTear (LM)
J Last A Moncrief

Wigton (8)

W Graham A Robinson
G Haraldson P Shingler
M Huntington M Snape
L Poole M Snape

Workington (10)

J Clements E Martin
M Edger Z Martin
G Evans M Miller
P Evans M Nichol
C Hadfield H Speight

Unattached (2)

G Sewell
S Sewell

GUILD BOOKSTALL

Central Council

Beginners changeringing on handbells	£2.50	Service touches	£0.30
Beginners Grandsire	£1.50	Service touches (revised 1999)	£1.50
Beginners Handbook	£2.50	Standard 8 surprise major	£4.00
Beginners Plain Bob	£1.50	The Learning Curve Vol 1 1999-2001	£3.00
Changeringing on handbells	£2.50	The Learning Curve Vol 2 2002-2003	£3.00
Conducting Stedman	£2.00	The Learning Curve Vol 3 2004-2005	£3.00
Doubles & minor for beginners	£3.50	The Learning Curve Vol 4 2006-2007	£3.00
Learning Methods	£2.50	The New Ringer's Book	£9.50
Method splicing	£3.00	Towards better striking	£1.50
Raising and lowering in peal	£2.00	Triples & major for beginners	£3.50
Ringling Basics for Beginners	£2.50	Understanding place notation	£1.00
Ringling Circles	£4.00	Will you call a touch please bob	£2.50
Ringling Jargon leaflets	£0.30	Teaching from rounds to bob doubles	£1.50
Kaleidoscope Ringing	£2.50	Teaching Tips	£4.00
One way to teach handling	£2.00	Teaching Unravelled	£3.00
Simulators and teaching	£2.50	Tower captains handbook	£2.00
Starting a new band	£2.00	Tutors handbook	£4.50
Teaching beyond bell-handling	£2.00	Organising an Outing	£1.50
Getting it Right - Ringing Society guidelines	£4.00	Striking the right note	£6.00
Judging striking competitions	£3.50	Schedule of regular maintenance	£2.50
Church tower interactions	£5.00	Sound Management	£1.50
Conservation of Bell frames	£2.95	Splicing Bell Ropes Illustrated	£4.00
D-I-Y guidelines	£1.50	The Bell Adviser	£1.50
Organising a bell restoration project	£4.00	Listen to Ringing 2 (Live) CD	£9.00
Listen to Ringing 1 CD	£8.00	Listen to Ringing 2 (Live) Tape	£6.50
Listen to Ringing 1 Tape	£6.50	Plain Methods 2nd Ed	£7.50
Collection of minor methods	£2.00	Plain minor Methods (1999)	£3.00
Collection of principles	£4.00	Treble Dodging Minor methods	£3.00
Doubles collection	£2.00	Spliced minor collection	£3.00
Collection of Grandsire Compositions	£6.00	Stedman and Erin	£3.00
Compositions in Popular Major Methods	£4.50	Universal Compositions in Major Methods	£4.50
Handbook of Composition	£5.50	The New Ringer's Book	£10.00

Sherbourne

One Per Learner	£1.00	Bell Club Kit	£10.00
Follow On	£1.00	Easy stages Grandsire Doubles	£0.40
Ringers Exercise Book	£1.00	Easy stages Plain Bob Doubles	£0.40

Yorkshire Association

Diagrams	£12.00	Ropesight	£7.00
Standard Methods	£8.00	Grandsire	£8.00

Sotheran

Longridge

Method 300	£3.95	Composition 500	£3.95
Treble Bob Variations	£1.95	Composition 501	£3.95
Conducting and Coursing Order	£7.50	Composition 502	£3.95
Raising and Lowering	£3.75	Composition 2000 CD	£5.95
		Standard 90	£7.50

Coleman

Bellringers Early Companion	£14.95	Method Ringer's Companion	£14.95
Bellringers Bedside Companion	£14.95	Bob Caller's Companion	£14.95
The Ringing in History Companion	£14.95		

Whiting Society

Carry on counting	£3.00	How to Learn Methods	£4.00
Bob Doubles or Quit	£6.00	Ringing Down Ere - Devon Call Changes	£4.00
Exploring Plain Minor Methods	£4.50	Discovering Twin Hunt Triples Methods	£3.50
Intro to Multi-method Doubles	£3.00	Touches of spliced Minor (1A)	£3.00
Intro to Multi-method spliced TB minor (1)	£5.00	Intermediate Spliced TB Minor (2)	£5.00
Bob Minor - a Mine of Information	£6.00	Come on Listen to it (with DVD)	£15.00
From Rounds to Ropesight (with DVD)	£10.00	Method splicing	£5.00

ART

Discover Bellringing	£4.00	A Ringer's Guide to Learning the ropes	£6.80
Ringing on a simulator	£2.50		

Guild Badges	£2.00
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THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS CONSTITUTION

1. The Guild shall be known as
THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.
2. The Guild shall consist of (a) resident (b) non resident and (c) life members.

(a) Resident members may be elected at any General, Committee or Branch business meeting of the Guild; they shall be proposed and seconded and the proposer shall be responsible for the payment of the subscription of the person proposed. Those admitted as ringing members must be able to ring rounds proficiently on tower bells. Resident members may be ringing members or non ringing members.
The rates of fees and subscriptions shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extra ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, and shall come into force on 1st January following.

(b) Non resident members are those not normally resident in the Diocese. They shall be elected in the manner provided in paragraph 2(a), or admitted to membership as hereinafter provided (paragraph 10), on payment of a single fee. Those who live in the Diocese but in an area not covered by the former Cumberland and North Westmorland Association may be either non resident members, or become resident members by election in the normal way. Resident members who leave the area shall become non resident members provided their subscriptions or donations amount to not less than two years' subscriptions. Non resident members shall have no vote at any meeting.

(c) Life membership shall be an honour conferred by the Guild at the Annual General Meeting. Life members will not be asked to pay any further subscriptions.

(d) The Committee shall have the power to expel any member who fails to comply with the rules of the Guild as stated in the Constitution and its amendments or who in the opinion of the Committee renders himself or herself unfit for membership. No member shall be expelled without having an opportunity to appear before the Committee to explain and defend any conduct under question. Any such member shall be given at least seven clear days' notice in writing by the General Secretary to attend a Committee Meeting and may be accompanied by one other person.
3. The Officers of the Guild shall be the President, General Secretary, Peal Secretary, Treasurer, Training Officer, Safeguarding Officer, Health and Safety Officer and Public Relations Officer. The management of the Guild shall be in the hands of the Officers and not more than 4 resident members elected annually to form the committee. The two Branch Ringing Masters and Branch Secretaries, and any representatives of the Guild on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers shall also be members of the Committee.
If the Guild is entitled to more than one Central Council Representative then, when possible, there should be equal representation from each Branch.
The Guild shall maintain associated policies for specific topics as appropriate, including Safeguarding and Health and Safety.
The Committee shall have power to co opt a member to fulfil a specific role until the next AGM. Any seven members shall form a quorum.
The Committee shall have power to reduce subscriptions for resident members who are younger and older and to adjust subscriptions for particular circumstances.
The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, the retiring members being eligible for re election. If there are more candidates than there are available positions, there shall be an election by secret ballot.
An Independent Examiner shall be appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting.
The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year not later than the first Saturday in May at a place to be decided at the previous Annual General Meeting.
4. Trustees: The Trustees shall be the Committee. The General Secretary and Treasurer plus up to two other Trustees elected by Committee shall be authorised as signatories. The Trustees shall

invest or otherwise deal with such monies or other assets as the Guild shall place in their hands in such a manner as the Committee shall direct.

5. The year (financial or otherwise) of the Guild shall end on December 31st and the Annual General Meeting of the Guild shall take place as hereinbefore stipulated for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee and the statement of Accounts by the Treasurer and for the transaction of the normal business of the Guild in manner as herein appearing.

The Committee shall have power to call other General Meetings at such times as they shall consider necessary for the transaction of business and for other purposes or other matters concerning the art and science of change ringing.

An Extra ordinary Meeting may be called at any time by the General Secretary on the request of the President, Committee or of any twenty resident members. The members of the Guild shall have at least three weeks' notice of such meetings with particulars of the business to be transacted, and such notice shall be deemed to be given by sending a copy to each affiliated tower to be displayed in the belfry, together with advertisement in "The Ringing World". Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be similarly advertised.

6. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution, except at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting specifically called for that purpose. One calendar month's notice shall be given in writing to the General Secretary of the proposed amendment before a motion shall go to the vote as required under this Constitution.

7. The Guild shall abide by the decisions of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

8. Any avoidable damage done at a Guild meeting to bells or fittings by members shall be made good by the Guild.

9. The Guild may be divided into convenient branches, the management of which shall be conducted as hereinafter provided:-

(a) The management of each branch shall be in the hands of the Secretary and Ringing Master who shall be elected by the members of that branch only.

(b) The Branch Secretary shall keep the General Secretary of the Guild informed of any matter that is within the province of the Guild and its business. Branch Secretaries and Branch Ringing Masters shall be members of the Committee ex officio. The Branch Ringing Master shall take charge of the ringing at all branch meetings, be responsible for the conduct of business at such meetings, and act as chairman if necessary.

(c) The Annual Meeting of each branch shall be held before the Annual General Meeting of the Guild.

(d) No tower shall be transferred from one branch to another without the written consent of a majority of the members of the Guild who are attached to that tower. Any such request for a transfer must have the approval of the majority of members present at a General Meeting of the Guild.

(e) Affiliated towers are those listed in the current Annual Report and consisting traditionally the Eastern and Western Branches. Any other tower in the Diocese of Carlisle wishing by a majority of its ringers to be affiliated to and to join a branch of the Guild must submit a written request at least one month before an Annual General Meeting of the Guild to the General Secretary and this must be proposed and seconded by adult resident members of the Guild.

(f) For the purpose of conducting branch meetings, this Constitution shall be considered the Constitution of each branch.

10. No person shall take part in a Guild peal if not a member of the Guild; the tower election of such a person shall be valid provided it is subsequently ratified by a Committee, Branch or General Meeting of the Guild.
11. Records of all peals and other matters of ringing interest shall be kept by the Guild.
12. A peal booking fee shall be charged in respect of any peal which is to be recorded as a Guild Peal.
13. The Guild shall establish and maintain a Bell Restoration Fund. The rules of the fund shall be as hereinafter stated:
1. The fund shall be known as THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS BELL RESTORATION FUND.
2. The object of the fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to Churches in the Diocese of Carlisle for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by making grants to them. Maintenance and improvement of a bell installation shall be deemed to include the following:
- (a) taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting the bells and erecting the same.
 - (b) taking out, overhauling and reclapping existing bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fitting and erecting bells.
 - (c) taking out existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, recasting, or overhauling and reclapping same and re erecting.
 - (d) augmentation and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings into an adequate state of repair.
 - (e) other major repairs to bells, frames, fittings and towers.
 - (f) the provision of bells, frames and fittings and erection of the same in Churches which previously had none.
 - (g) the acquisition of bells from Churches within the Diocese of Carlisle declared redundant, for subsequent redeployment and/or recasting.
 - (h) the restoration of any set of change or tune ringing handbells belonging to the Guild.
3. The membership of the Fund shall be that of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild as defined in the rules thereof.
4. (a) The Fund shall be administered by the Management Committee of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall have the power, after considering an application submitted to it in writing, to approve a grant from the Fund.
 - (c) The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub committees which shall report back their actions fully and promptly to the Committee.
 - (d) The Committee shall have the power to co opt such persons as it considers necessary to assist in its deliberations. The number of co opted persons at any one meeting of the Committee shall not exceed three.
 - (e) The management of the Bell Restoration Fund shall be an item on the agenda of every Committee meeting.
5. (a) The General Secretary and the Treasurer of the Guild, and the Eastern and Western Branch Ringing Masters shall be ex officio Trustees of the Fund.
- (b) Such bank accounts as may be required shall be opened in the name of the Fund. Any two of the four nominated Trustees shall have the power to sign cheques.
 - (c) Any outstanding monies in the hands of the Committee not required for the immediate purposes of the Fund shall be invested in any manner the Trustees may think fit in the best interests of the Fund.

(d) The Committee and its sub committees shall have the power to raise funds in any manner they see fit as long as permanent trading is not engaged in.

(e) The Fund shall be set up by the total transfer to it of the balance of those monies collected, made available or ear marked for Bell Restoration by the Guild.

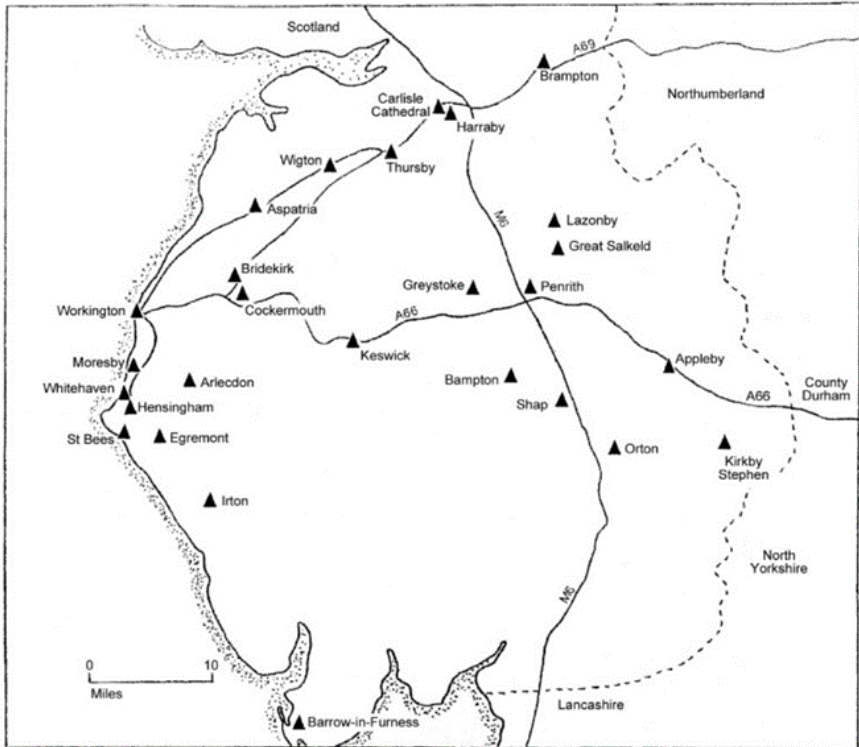
6. In the event of the dissolution of the Fund the assets of the Fund shall be distributed equally among those Churches which at the time of the dissolution were in union with the Guild for the purpose of bell maintenance and restoration.

7. The Treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet as at 31st December in each year and an income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date which shall be audited by an independent examiner appointed by the members of the Guild at their Annual General Meeting of the Guild first held after 31st December in which the Fund's accounts are prepared.

8. No alteration or addition or deletion of these rules shall be made so as to cause the Fund at any time to cease to be charity in law. No alteration, addition or deletion shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting of the Guild or at an Extra ordinary General Meeting especially called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed addition to or deletion from these rules shall be given to the General Secretary of the Guild at least one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting or Extra ordinary General Meeting.

Amended April 2019

**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
Aspatia	CA7 3AL	Kirkby Stephen	CA17 4QX
Barrow-in-Furness	LA14 5UE	Lazonby	CA10 1BW
Bampton	CA10 2QR	Moresby	CA28 6PJ
Brampton	CA8 1NU	Orton	CA10 3RH
Bridekirk	CA13 0PF	Penrith	CA11 7YA
Cathedral	CA3 8TZ	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
Harraby	CA1 3QA	Workington	CA14 2EZ
Hensingham	CA28 8QW		