

Bulletin 4: 30 June 2022

Recent activity

Queen's Platinum Jubilee ringing

In total there were 22 submitted performances across the Guild over the platinum jubilee weekend involving 81 different ringers. Amazing involvement! Also of note is that it was the first time that there had been ringing at Egremont since the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

Ron East

Congratulations to Ron East, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in this June's Jubilee Birthday Honours for services to bellringing and church bell conservation in Cumbria. A full write up of this lovely honour can be read [here](#).

Upcoming

Saturday 9 July - Bridekirk open day

Bridekirk Tower is having an Open Day on 9th July from 1pm and the last tour will be at 4pm. The Open Day is primarily to encourage new recruits. Guild members will be most welcome and hopefully offer encouragement to any potential new ringers. If attending, please enter through the main church door. There will be cake!

Saturday 16 July - Teaching bellhandling training course, Workington

There are just two places left on the ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) Module 1 training course in Workington. The recent course in Penrith was excellent and well received. If you want to grab one of the final places, please apply on the [ART event booking site](#). Lynne Sydes who was a participant on the Penrith course wrote:

"How was one day going to convert me from a rather scared - how on earth do you do it? - student into a person who could start to teach straight away? Not possible - but I now believe it is possible with the help of a day's course from ART. We began with a simple exercise moving arms up and down a stationary rope to mimic the real movement; a brilliantly simple thing I wish I had started with. And then the student (fellow ringer) handling the sally only, feeling the tension and exerting weight to slowly ring the bell upwards with the teacher (me) on the tail end, trying to find the words to talk reassuringly, whilst watching and correcting in a gentle encouraging way. Straightaway I was working in a pair doing that - teaching! As the day progressed, the exercises got more tricky as we moved onto teaching ringing down, but the onus is on me to read the literature, use the ART website, and practice with my mentor. And be brave and launch myself into teaching."

Saturday 16 July - Surprise major practice, Wigton

July will see the start of monthly surprise major practices on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 16:00 - 17:30, as a replacement of the previous advanced practices. The minimum standard is Cambridge or Yorkshire with the aim of ringing up to 8 spliced plus Glasgow and Belfast. Special method for July is [Jubilee S Major](#). Further information can be found on the [website](#).

Finally....

Mobile belfry

The Central Council has launched a Crowdfunding campaign to enable individual ringers to be part of the Mobile Belfry 2.0 project and contribute to it. Full details of the project, including an introductory video, can be found [here](#).

Funding for this project is coming from a number of sources, most notably the donation of the bells themselves by the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust, funds from the Central Council, and donations pledged from Guilds and Associations, including our own. The Funding from individual ringers and other interested parties will complete the project, with plans for its first appearance at the Council's Roadshow in Nottingham in September.