

Bulletin 6: 25 July 2022

Recent activity

A couple of firsts

Congratulations to Iwan Cotgreave from Barrow ringing his [first peal](#) a couple of days after his 18th birthday. The peal was also rung to celebrate Ron East and Geoff Pullin's (from the Lancashire Association) recent British Empire Medal awards for services to bellringing. And congratulations also to Ian Godfrey from Greystoke for ringing his [first quarter peal](#) a few weeks ago.

What are your ringing development goals?

On Sunday 24 July, the Guild's General Committee had a meeting with lots of positive conversation and decisions about what type of training and development would be appreciated by members, and how this could be delivered by branches, smaller local clusters or the wider Guild. In the near future, we will be circulating a simple form to Tower Captains for them to gather the developmental goals their tower members have. This will help Tower Captains articulate to the Guild what activities, training and support are needed by the tower and individual members. If you are more of a conversation than a form filling person, you can speak to real people too! You can attend the event at Workington on 6 August (see below) or alternatively contact Gareth Evans on martin.evans5@sky.com, 01900 824647, or Ruth Gilbert on ruth.m.gilbert@gmail.com, 07970 273242 to provide your thoughts..

Recruitment of new bellringers

Now that two teaching bell handling courses have been completed in Penrith and Workington, the recruitment project team in the Guild continues to move forward with plans to recruit new learners, particularly in towers where they are needed most. The next steps are about gathering publicity materials, perhaps revamping the website, and also utilising the successful approaches Chris de Cordova and the Cathedral have used to recruit new learners recently. Further information will be provided in due course.

New Eastern Branch secretary

We are delighted to announce that Amanda Rodger has recently been co-opted as Eastern branch secretary. Her, and other Officers' contact details, can be found [here](#).

Upcoming.....

Saturday 6 August - general ringing and information gathering at Workington, 14:00-16:00+

To kickstart ringing in the Western side of the Guild, there will be a general ringing practice at Workington followed by refreshments and an information gathering exercise to hear about how you want to improve your or your tower's ringing. Perhaps you want to improve your basic skills, get help to learn something new, or ring a quarter peal in a certain method? Further information including focus methods, can be found [here](#). Please confirm attendance to Gareth Evans on martin.evans5@sky.com, 01900 824647.

11-14 August - North West Ringing Course near Preston

The first [residential ringing course](#) in the north west of England has been advertised for quite some time now. Whilst most places for students are booked, there are still places for helpers for those able to commit to the whole time. If you're free and able to help, get in contact using the link above - it's an immersive and rewarding experience, with loads of extra-curricular talks, experiences and socialising.

Saturday 20 August - Surprise practice at Wigton, 16:00-17:30

There was good attendance at the recent first surprise major practice following lockdown with plenty of people trying Cambridge for the first time, refreshing Superlative, trying some simple spliced, plus some Bristol. Now that the cobwebs have started to be knocked off, the next practice will be held again at Wigton. Although we didn't attempt it last month, we will try the focus method, [Jubilee S Major](#), one more time. Further information can be found [here](#).

2-4 September - Central Council weekend in Nottingham

A reminder that the [CCCB's action packed weekend](#) at the beginning of September promises to be a fabulous weekend with an open-to-all ringing roadshow on Sunday 4th including talks, trade stands, demonstrations, mini-rings and more.

Finally - The latest 50/50 club winners

Tuesday 19 July saw the latest draw of the 50/50 club during Penrith practice. Thank you to everyone who contributed, especially those who chose to have more than one number. New members are welcome; please email Anne East at aeast65sr@btinternet.com for more information.

Congratulations to the prize winners!

Draw results	£25	£15	£10
May 2022	Alison Robinson	Judith Horne	Belinda Lloyd
June 2022	Christine Brennan	Colin Belsey	Margaret Nichol
July 2022	Mike Rodger	Nick Tithecott	Eileen Dunning