

## Young Ringer's Award 2023

The Guild is welcoming nominations for the 2023 Young Ringer's Award. The award is presented annually at the Guild AGM and is open to any resident Guild member under the age of 21. It is a lovely way of recognising the commitment, attitude, progression and achievements of young people in ringing. Deadline for submissions of nomination is Friday 17 March.

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/young-ringers-award/>

## Guild towers in the news

Many keen eyed among you will have noticed the story of **Brough** bells in the news. As well as it being a restoration project, it is attracting national interest over whether they can claim to be the World's heaviest ring of four. Read more of the story here:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/update-on-the-worlds-heavy-four-at-brough/>

Many will have heard of the Antiques Road Trip featuring Natasha Raskin Sharp from lunchtime shows like 'Flog It!' and 'Bargain Hunt'. Their film crew were busy within the **Cathedral** belfry and their very own Barry Garrett was given the honours of teaching her (briefly) to handle a bell.

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/antiques-road-trip-visits-the-cathedral/>

## Congratulations to...

**Margaret Miller** for her [first quarter peal](#) ringing the tenor behind at Moresby.

**Jason Pollock** for his [first peal](#). Following on from his recent first quarter peal on 8, Jason has scored his first peal at the University Chapel of St Salvatore in St Andrews. He is now simultaneously a resident member of 3 geographic guilds/associations – CDGCBR, LACR and now SACR! The dedication was for an acquaintance of Jason's who he met on a walking trip with university friends in the Cairngorms, but sadly Oliver died in the Alps on a canoeing trip a few weeks later.

**Hilary Ward** for her [first of treble bob](#).

**Jeanne Clements** and **Margaret Miller**, members of the Workington band who attended the ART M1 Teaching bell handling course in July last year, who have successfully taught new ringers to the stage of LearningToRing Level1. The new ringers have started to join in the regular practice and rang for Christmas services.

## A couple of updates from our Treasurer

**Amazon Smile**

The Amazon Smile scheme, which some Guild members have been using to make small donations to the Guild when buying from Amazon, is ending on February 20th 2023. If you have any purchases to make before then, we will still get the donations, but it will stop after that date. Any final contributions you can make before then will be appreciated!

### **Non-ringing membership category**

At the recent Guild Committee meeting it was agreed that we should start using a new category of membership, for members who are no longer able to ring, for various reasons, but who want to continue to support and hear news about the Guild. This will be called non-ringing membership and will be listed as a separate category under their tower in the Guild report membership list. Subscriptions will be at the same rates as ringing members, £10 for adults, £5 for seniors and £1 for juniors.

Please can tower correspondents identify any of their tower members who come into this new category when they pay their subscriptions, so we can give a clearer picture of the distribution of ringing members within the Guild in the annual report. If you have paid your tower subscriptions for 2023 already, please let the treasurer know if you have included any non-ringing members in your list. Please email [patmevans5@gmail.com](mailto:patmevans5@gmail.com) with this information.

[Pat Evans]

## Upcoming.....

### **Saturday 11 February: [Open ringing, Egremont](#)**

We are hosting an open ringing practice at Egremont, 13:30 - 15:30 where the focus will be on ringing touches. We hope this allows you to give special attention to ringing Bobs and Singles in your favourite methods.

### **Saturday 18 February: [Surprise major practice, Wigton](#)**

Our regular surprise major practice is taking place at Wigton again, 16:00 - 17:30. As always, ringing will start at Cambridge and Yorkshire and progress through the standard eight.

### **Saturday 15 April: [Association of Ringing Teachers Module 2F, Appleby](#)**

Following our successful hosting of two M1 ART courses last year, we are delighted to be hosting the next stage of ART teaching courses at Appleby. This course shows new and experienced teachers how to support their students and develop the necessary foundation skills for good ringing and then move forward to ringing changes.

For further and to book:

<https://events.bellringing.org/events/courses/teaching-course-module-2f-appleby-in-west-morland-cumbria>

### **Saturday 22 April: Guild AGM**

Details to be finalised, but it is worth noting that the Guild AGM will be held on Saturday 22 April, probably in the east of the Guild.

**Saturday 13 May:** Guild Striking competition

Another placeholder for another Guild event. The annual striking competition will be held, also in the east of the Guild. Definitely something for your band to start planning for.

## Finally...

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the fundraising 50/50 club. New members are always welcome. Email Anne East at [aeast65sr@btinternet.com](mailto:aeast65sr@btinternet.com) for more information.

Congratulations to the November to January prize winners who were drawn at the Guild meeting in Workington on 14 January 2023:

Draw results	£25	£15	£10
November 2022	Lynne Sydes	Peg Eastwood	Hilary Chadwick
December 2022	Anne East	Mike Rodger	Brian Forster
January 2023	Bob Smith	Clair Crowther	Jennifer Graham