

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
Peal Fees	Each rope	£0.50

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)
Irton (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

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 *Note: Practices are occasionally cancelled due to other functions, so please phone before visiting.*

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, St James the Great

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

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

1st Wednesday of the month 'Target' practice – extra visitors encouraged

5th Saturday in a month – simulator Saturday 10-12noon

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

Website: www.barrowbells.org.uk

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 7.00pm

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 ragreen987@gmail.com

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: Nick Newby, 18 Skiddaw St, Keswick, CA12 4BY (01768 772742 / 07736 853583 email: nickjane.newby@gmail.com
or Jenny Humphreys (07464 992038) email: robandjenhumphreys@outlook.com

KIRKBY STEPHEN, (dedication unknown) 8 bells, 15³/₄cwt (801kg) in F (NY775088)
Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm by arrangement
Enquiries: Colin Belsey, Burntling, Heggerscale, Kaber, CA17 4HZ (01768 372139)
or (07938532735) email: colinbelsey1207@gmail.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

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: Nix Ruberry email: penrith.bells.secretary@gmail.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), 23¹/₂cwt (1195kg) in E (NY110537)
Enquiries: The Vicar

THURSBY, St Andrew 6 bells, 6³/₄cwt (343kg) in A (NY324503)
Sunday: 10.30am **Practice:** Tuesday 7.00pm
Enquiries: Cynthia James, 5 Church Terrace, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6PD
(01228 711926)

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, 12¹/₂cwt (636kg) in F# (NX997289)
Sunday: 9.00am **Practice:** Monday 7.00pm
Enquiries: Gareth Evans, 69 High Brigham, Cockermouth, CA13 0TG
(01900 824647) email: martin.evans5@sky.com
Note: For security reasons the church is locked during practices. Please contact to arrange access before visiting.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Although Covid-19 remained in charge, we started the year in an optimistic frame of mind; the vaccine promised a return to normal life.

As early as February, the Central Council had produced a Roadmap to Ringing Resumption. Lockdown 3 was over by the end of March and we moved into the outdoor Rule of Six. Things were looking up as we then moved to an indoor Rule of Six. By midsummer, however, optimism was on the wane. The much-heralded 'Freedom Day' on July 19th was anything but. Central Council guidance erred on the side of caution and recommended continued use of facemasks, hand sanitiser and lateral flow tests. It also advised limiting the duration of ringing and numbers present and ventilating the ringing chamber as much as possible. This became the new normality. It was still in place at the end of the year.

There were no face-to-face Guild meetings during 2021 and the Young Ringer award was not made. The Guild's first virtual event took place in January. A new Study Group had been formed which aimed to maintain communication by providing a programme of online events. These would enable Guild members to stay in touch and keep on ringing, albeit artificially. Although they did not appeal to everyone, the presentations and discussions, backed up by Ringing Room sessions, did serve an important purpose.

In January, we learned of the untimely death of Jeremy Richardson, one of the best ringers that the Guild never had. Wigton members had known him for a number of years and were delighted when he chose to move into the area and become a Guild member. Sadly, only days after his election at the January meeting, he was killed in a cycling accident.

The Guild Annual General Meeting took place on Zoom at the end of April. John Proudfoot stood down from the Committee after many years of service. Margaret Miller stepped up to take his place. Julia Cater was elected as a Committee member and Guild Recovery Champion.

A virtual striking competition was held in June. Ron East constructed a splendid new trophy in honour of the occasion. Bampton, repeating their success of 2020, were its first recipients.

The Guild Committee met a record six times over the course of the year; all meetings were on Zoom. There was long-standing concern over the health of the Western Branch, also the management and organisation of the Guild Committee. A survey was sent out to Guild members in June. On the strength of a 36% response, the Committee voted for a Guild makeover. Simplification, diversification and inclusivity were to be the watchwords. A change to the Guild name was also being considered.

In September, our President began attending Committee meetings. He took on some of the Guild publicity and began work on a new Guild Prayer and Service. Despite Central Council policy not to support anything directly politically motivated, he pushed for COP26 ringing to take place. Consequently, several Guild towers joined in nationwide ringing on October 30th.

The Committee decided that Whitehaven should take the lead in setting up a memorial to Life Member, Jack McTear who died in December 2020. The tower AGM had agreed on a training dumbbell which would be located either in St James's Church or somewhere suitable close by.

This is my final report as General Secretary. I took over from Sue Smith in April 2011, and resigned, entirely due to changing circumstances, at the end of the calendar year.

Susan Sewell

EASTERN BRANCH REPORT

2021 was another year in which Covid restrictions limited the amount of interaction between ringers and thus limited the amount of branch activities possible. Here's hoping that the current Covid projection continues and 2022 will finally be a return to ringing with each other.

Ruth Gilbert

WESTERN BRANCH REPORT

At last year's Branch AGM, 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.

Unfortunately, with the ongoing pandemic and lack of physical ringing going on at times during this, there haven't been many Guild in-person events. Hopefully people have enjoyed the online events and have been thinking up ideas for next year. Information has been circulated about potential for Clusters and ideas for increasing numbers of ringers to all Tower Captains so hopefully we can have a good discussion about this at the online Branch AGM in March.

Ed Matthews

REPORT FROM THE BELL ADVISER

Re:St Michael's Arlecdon, St Michael's Brough and St Elisabeth's, Harraby

Arlecdon

The work to restore the bells at Arlecdon has resumed after the winter period. The following timetable is planned for the completion of the project in 2022:

11 April	Bells returned from store
12-14 April	Bells prepared for display on open days over Easter
15-18 April	Bells on display on open day(s)
19-22 April	Bells hung for ringing
25 April - 6 May	Work begins on installing ceiling
7 May	Test ringing of bells
8 May	Bishop attends service of blessing of the bells
2-5 June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
	Bell ringing open day(s) at the church

Brough

An application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the 'heaviest four bells' at Brough has been successful. The work will begin shortly following the completion of a bat survey and the granting of an extension to the faculty from the Chancellor of the diocese following the Covid lockdown. The PCC refused an offer from the Keltek Trust for two treble bells to augment the bells to six but new steel grillage will allow for augmentation in the future.

Harraby

At the moment of writing, notice has been given of an intention to demolish the bell tower at Harraby later this year and remove the bells.

Bell Adviser to the Carlisle Diocese

I wish to give notice that I shall be resigning from the post of Bell Adviser at Easter 2023 after 24 years' service to the diocese. During that time, many interesting and often challenging projects (128 in total) have presented, ranging from a simple request for advice to the complete installation of a new rings of bells. For me, the greatest pleasure has been to visit so many beautiful churches scattered across the diocese and meet the remarkable and dedicated people who maintain them. Finally, may I gratefully acknowledge the advice and support of John Proudfoot during this period and, more recently of Mike Rodger and Barry Garrett, without whom many of the projects would not have been completed.

Ron East

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year, as last year, the Treasurer has been very grateful to tower organisers, who managed to collect subscriptions from their ringers and get them to her, despite the considerable difficulties caused by the pandemic. The 2021 membership is down about 10%, perhaps not surprising when there was no ringing during large parts of 2021. The increase in subscriptions previously reported was approved by the 2021 AGM and takes effect from 2022.

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 three grants made from the Bell Restoration Fund to Bell Restoration projects during 2021: a contribution towards rebushing the clappers at Penrith, a contribution to the locally organised rehangings of two bells at Great Salkeld and a donation to cover the cost of straight stays rather than Hastings stays at Arlecdon, when the refurbished bells are returned to the tower.

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.

A new source of BRF funds has come from Amazon Smile, which donates a small percentage of Amazon purchases from their customers who nominate the Guild as their preferred charity and make their purchases through the Amazon Smile website, instead of the ordinary Amazon website. This raised £18.78 during 2021. If you want more information as to how you can set this up, to increase the amount raised in this way, please contact the Treasurer, or look on the Guild website.

Following last year's trial, it has been decided to publish the Guild accounts in this report again, rather than as a separate document.

Pat Evans

CDGCBR FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – Year ending 31.12.21

INCOME	2021	2020
Subscriptions	1222.00	1149.00
Peal Fees		8.00
Book Sales		25.80
Training Day donations		20.00
Advertiser in Annual Report		50.00
Interest	0.12	1.10
Sale of Badges	5.00	
	1227.12	1253.90
EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Annual Report	150.00	150.00
Public Liability Insurance	185.89	174.85
Handbell Insurance	161.15	161.15
Young Ringer Voucher – already purchased in 2020		30.00
Engraving Young Ringer Trophy		5.00
Gift to Independent Examiner		8.00
Gift to virtual striking competition judges	22.50	27.50
Website hosting – Award Space	66.65	60.78
Gift for voluntary survey work	34.90	
Central Council Subscription for 2020	80.00	80.00
	701.09	697.28
Excess of income over expenditure	526.03	556.62

BALANCE SHEET AT 31.12.21

	2021	2020
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	2785.49	
Nat West Bank Business Reserve a/c	1248.84	
Cash in hand	10.05	
	<u>4044.38</u>	<u>3518.35</u>
Total Assets	<u>4835.58</u>	<u>4309.55</u>

Represented By:
Accumulated Fund

Balance at 1 st January 2021	4309.55	3752.93
Add excess of income over expenditure	526.03	556.62
	<u>4835.58</u>	<u>4309.55</u>

BELL RESTORATION FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – Year ending 31.12.21

INCOME	2021	2020
Interest	1.67	13.09
Donations (gift aid)	841.65	918.78
CAF Donation	25.00	25.00
Income tax rebate re 2019 Gift Aid		236.08
Donation from sale of Cleator Moor sallies		46.00
Donations re various admin		106.97
50/50 draw profit	640.00	676.00
Amazon Smile donations	18.78	
Donation from meeting teas		55.00
Virtual Striking competition fees		22.50
	1548.60	1992.45
EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Penrith clapper refurbishment	450.00	
Great Salkeld rehangng	1000.00	
Arlecdon stay conversion	1920.00	
	3370.00	0.00
Excess of income over expenditure	-1821.40	1992.45

BALANCE SHEET AT 31.12.21

	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Nat West Bank Charities Reserve a/c	15520.87	17342.27
Cash in hand	2.25	2.25
	15523.12	17344.52
Accumulated Fund		
Balance at 1 st January 2021	17344.52	15352.07
Excess of income over expenditure	-1821.40	1992.45
	15523.12	17344.52

SAFEGUARDING

The most significant recent developments to do with Safeguarding have been those associated with the *Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework 2021* which was published on 23 April 2021 by the National Safeguarding Team (NST). Some of the details to do with the updating of that document were made known in December of 2021; the implications for ringers, at least as understood by the CCCBR, were transmitted to Local Associations and Guilds in the early part of this year.

Many ringers will be well aware of some of the changes that have already taken place, some of them already being applied by the PCC for their own Parish Church: including the changes to management procedures regarding DBS certification – and the switch to online courses for meeting Safeguarding requirements; certain elements of those requirements now appear to be likely to be changed in the future. Before attempting to summarise some of those possible changes, it would be as well to recall the statement made in our own ***Guild Safeguarding Policy 2.1 Item 7 (page 6)***:

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 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. All visiting ringers, as members of the Guild or otherwise, must comply with the Safeguarding Policy of the PCC for a local Church where ringing takes place.

The Guild organises and manages a number of events in various local bell towers. 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.

Changes to Safeguarding Training requirements as notified by the National Safeguarding Team

The first major update to the Training and Development Framework introduced a number of new elements which included changes to what used to be the 'C' (now Core Pathway) modules. The C0 module is now called Basic Awareness, the C1 module is now called Foundation, and the old C2 and C3 modules were rolled into a new Leadership module. The Basic Awareness module and the Foundation module are now available. The expectation is that most people needing to complete Basic Awareness and/or Foundation will do so online.

The question for most bell ringers is: What will be the requirement for them, i.e. personally?

The relevant part of the Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework is section 3.3 on p.22. It is clear that all ringers are required to do Basic Awareness – and many will also need to do Foundation depending on local circumstances. For Leadership, a conversation needs to happen between Dioceses and Diocesan

Associations of bell ringers around their level of “culture setting”. There is no ‘blanket mandate’ that all Tower Captains have to complete the Leadership Pathway.

Future training for bell ringers and Tower Captains *may* therefore look something like this:

All bell ringers: To complete Basic Awareness

Tower captains and those teaching children: To complete Foundation

Tower Captains at prominent towers - including cathedrals and towers with frequent visitors or people learning. Also District Chairs and Safeguarding

Leads: To complete Leadership

The NST guidance also points out that it should also be noted that in all matters regarding safeguarding training, it is the DSA and their team who should make the decisions as to how to apply the Framework and no individual parish should be making decisions on this that are outside of the policy adopted by the diocese.

All of these on-going developments and initiatives point to the fact that, as far as safeguarding is concerned, there remains a great deal of work still needing to be done.

G.Sewell

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Unfortunately, this year has been different from what I was hoping to be writing about as we’ve not fully got back to open ringing, particularly from a Guild 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, and for me it has been interesting to see how these have adapted as the vaccination programme has progressed and elements of normal life have resumed.

Hopefully many of us have now managed to do some ringing since my last report but it is still worth noting that for any that haven’t that it is much physically demanding than might be recalled, to say little for how many methods have escaped the collective consciousness.

With more ringing resuming, I would urge everyone to refamiliarize yourselves with the tower, for any maintenance activities and for the ringing itself. 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.

Some control measures are likely to remain in place; but this will depend on the Government guidance, input from the Central Council both combined with the view of the Parish.

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

Ed Matthews

TOWER REPORTS

APPLEBY

At the time of writing (end January 2022), we are still mourning the sudden death of Jim Archibald., our tower captain until February, 2020. With the help of Jim's closest ringing friends, we managed some brisk, confident ringing to bid him farewell. We remember Jim for his gentlemanly, second-row-forward bearing, his calm and reassuring approach to teaching and his patient good humour during our practices.

Various 'false dawns' have punctuated the covid story and given us opportunity to get together cautiously in the belfry. Zoom and the Ringing Room enabled us to explore elementary change ringing. Even our newest ringers came on well and became confident performers in the virtual belfry but the question on everybody's lips was, "*We can do it in the Ringing Room but will we able to do it in the tower* " Weddings in July and an apparent lull in the Covid storm gave us legitimate reason to dust thick and dusty cobwebs off our handling skills. We held a series of intensive, one to one teaching sessions with silenced bells for each individual ringer, eventually followed by silent rounds on six with the whole band. Since then, we decided to resume our fortnightly practice at Appleby but to continue suspension of shared practices, to minimise crowding.

The lifting of national 'Plan B' restrictions in January leaves us sceptical and unwilling to throw all caution to the winds. Another new variant of the omicron strain was worrying at first but later seemed less so. If the trend allows, we hope will be back to normal by Easter, alternating our Monday practice with Shap and sharing our Appleby sessions once more with ringers from Orton and Brampton as well.

To be hoped, our diligent work on re-honing basic ringing skills will pay dividends when we get to grips with change ringing again at last.

Nick Harrop

BAMPTON

During lockdown, as a means of 'entertainment' and to further our learning, we met online once a week to ring bells in our 'virtual' Bampton Ringing Room. We found the ringing room to be an excellent tool for learning and understanding methods, listening and counting place skills, great fun and a wonderful way to keep in touch. Depending on availability, we would have between 6 and 10 'virtual' ringers each week along with additional 'virtual' visiting ringers who joined us from time to time.

Prior to the lockdown our level of ringing was a mixture of Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Doubles. Ringing Room enabled us to move on to ringing Stedman Doubles and Triples, Little Bob Minor, Plain Bob Major along with many other methods. We also managed to get QPs on BellBoard and 1 QP in 2021 rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the first female to ring a tower bell peal!

We were delighted to win the Virtual Striking Competition in 2020 and to our surprise and absolute delight, we won again in 2021. We arranged a get together of ringers and friends, in the gardens of a local tea room, when we had the striking

competition trophy presented to us. The Trophy is on show in our real ringing room and we are extremely proud of what we have all accomplished. We are enjoying our return to real bells but the virtual ringing room is a keeper for learning.

Bridget Kelly

BARROW-IN-FURNESS

Coronavirus restrictions meant during the first 6 months ringing was limited to one ringer tolling a tenor half muffled for Captain Sir Tom Moore (27 Feb), the Duke of Edinburgh (17th April), and a local school teacher Julian Milner (20th May).

Our first service ringing took place on 13th June, and after 11th July service the clock chimes were 'played' from the controller unit to the tune of "3 Lions – football's coming home" ahead of the delayed Euro 2020 competition and was clearly popular in social media!

Our practices resumed in July but were limited to the 6 person rule using the simulator to keep to social distancing rules (and ventilation, hand sanitising, track and trace etc), while still allowing opportunity to practice challenging ringing with a virtual band.

Quarter peal successes – congratulations to all involved:

- A quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung in July for the Patronal Festival and 150th anniversary of the Shipyard; and
- One of our promising young ringers Jayden Milby not only rang his first quarter peal of major, but also conducted the quarter at Kirkby-in-Furness and dedicated it to Tom Metcalfe.
- Another of our ringers Kyle Harrison rang his first quarter peal on the tenor to Plain Bob Doubles on Christmas Eve for Crib service.

During the lockdown Alan Jones and Andy Pollock were able to install solid metal rope bosses which has achieved the desired reduction in rope noise that some visiting ringers had commented about.

We have lost some of our ringers over 2020/2021 either lapsed or to ill health; and rely heavily on Dalton ringers to support our practice for which we are very grateful, and must recruit in 2022 ahead of more of our young ringers leaving for college/university.

We now have regular 'special' practices introduced in 2021 – First Wednesday each month is 'Target' practice where we invite additional support from extra visitors to help make more progress – please feel free to join us; and Fifth Saturday (about 4 a year) a Simulator practice 10am to noon (please check places available beforehand).

Andy Pollock

BRAMPTON

I get the sense of being the 'Caretaker Manager' presently for Brampton. Unfortunately, the year was to see **NO** ringing take place, which is a sad reflection on the times that we find ourselves living in.

During the course of the year two of our elder statesmen of the band decided that it was the time, sadly, to 'Stand' for the last time and end their ringing careers. My

personal thanks to Dr John and Ken for their years of loyalty to both the band and to their Sunday Service ringing. I will treasure happy memories of our times ringing together.

Thanks also to Steve for his stoic clock winding duties (3 times a week) during the year.

It was good to see (via emailed photographs) the installation of the replacement wooden ladder from the ringing room to the clock chamber in October, along with a new drop down step ladder to floor level from the ladder shaft.

We now have only three of the band left and with two of us living so far away, the time is fast approaching to decide a course of action for the future of ringing in the tower.

Michael Hall

BRIDEKIRK & COCKERMOUTH

As COVID restrictions allowed, ringing resumed in the summer of 2021. Initially 4 ringers returned to the towers, gradually increasing to a regular core group of 5 or 6 ringers practicing most weeks at All Saint's and Bridekirk. A "method of the month" regime has been introduced to dust off the cobwebs and to swell our repertoire, reducing our reliance on bob doubles. Some of us have become very proficient at ringing minimus methods on nights when numbers of ringers were low.

Unfortunately, we to have lost quite a few of our relatively new ringers to "other pastimes" during COVID lockdowns and, as yet, have not been able to persuade them back.

In September we held an open day at All Saint's to raise the profile of bell ringing and tempt new ringers to join us. This was another really successful day. There was a continuous flow of visitors and a genuine interest in bell ringing with lots of vocal support for the work we do. The day concluded with 2 new learners joining us who have progressed very quickly and have recently started ringing with other people.

Sunday service ringing has not yet resumed at either All Saint's or Bridekirk due to other Sunday morning time commitments for quite a few of the ringers.

There has been a few visitors at All Saint's practice nights and a group of visiting ringers rang a QP in October.

Our aims for this next year are to:

- be more creative & courageous
- strengthen our team - recruitment - possibly an open day at Bridekirk later in the year?
- improve our repertoire - method of the month.

Over the past few years the condition of the ringing and bell chambers at All Saint's have been badly affected by severe water ingress. More recently there has been lighting failures in the tower stairwell and ringing room, probably due to damp as well, which has caused the tower to be temporarily closed. All Saint's church DCC

are trying to organise repairs to the tower to address various maintenance issues and to resolve the water ingress.

Richard Green

CATHEDRAL

Lockdown prevented any ringing at the start of 2021, even at the New Year, until ringing began again on the six even bells for the Eucharist service on Sunday, 30 May. A full inspection of the bells and ropes was undertaken before ringing resumed and the wearing of face masks and sanitising of hands continued throughout the year.

We continued to ring for Sunday services and on Tuesday, 1 June the first tied practice was held in the afternoon. The requirement for social distancing was eventually relaxed and, in the week beginning 19 July, we rang on the eight, lighter weight 'Bega' bells for the practices and the Sunday service. A programme for a return to ringing allowed the ringers to gradually recover skills in bell handling. On Sunday, 1 August, the back, heavy weight bells were rung followed by Sunday, 22 August when ten bells and finally Sunday 3 October when twelve bells were rung for the first time for the service.

Ringling events for this year include:

- Saturday, 10 April - tenor bell tolled, half muffled, to mark the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh
- Saturday, 17 April - tenor bell tolled, half muffled, for one hour to mark the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh
- Thursday, 24 June - Dean Rashdall's birthday
- Saturday 11 September - Heritage Open Day
- Sunday, 19 September - Battle of Britain service
- Saturday, 25 September - wedding
- Friday, 15 October - wedding
- Saturday, 30 October - COP26

Following the easing of lockdown, four new recruits to ringing joined the tower. Teaching is time consuming for the Leaders instructing and for second ringer who acts as a chaperone and safety officer in the event of an incident. In the event, three of the recruits stayed the course and are now ringing for Sunday services. Tower membership presently stands at 21 active ringers.

Ron East

GREYSTOKE

We started tower practises again in July '21 after getting on for 18 months of Ringing Room practising.

In addition, the "real" tower ringing in 2021 included tolling in remembrance of the Duke of Edinburgh, Easter, a wedding in July, ringing for COP26, Remembrance and Christmas services.

Ringling Room was a positive exercise for some, who found it helpful for developing place counting and understanding and ringing new methods. I think we all agreed it was not a substitute for ringing actual tower bells but was a good way of staying in touch.

We now have a fantastic warming device to keep the ropes dry and pliable, all Chris Lamb's work.

We are currently feeling our way forward and will discuss our ideas for the future at an AGM to be held shortly.

Katherine Prince

HENSINGHAM

Tuesday 17th March 2020 was not just St Patrick's Day: it also marked an unprecedented valediction, when regular ringers Gordon and Soo Gray, Eleanor Perrott, Stuart Burgess and Keith and Rosalind Amey rang the bells for the last time before, a mere six days later, the first Corona lockdown began in earnest. Nobody knew then that it would be another year and fifteen weeks (that's 470 days - makes it sound even longer!) before the bells would ring again, when Gordon, Soo, Ben and Josh Gillson, Keith and Rosalind practised for a wedding.

Sunday service ringing resumed on 18th July, but Tuesday practices not until 17th August. Sadly, these practices have not been held weekly, as miscellaneous issues such as on-going concerns about Covid safety, holidays, family commitments, abdominal surgery and same-night pantomime rehearsals all mitigated against enough ringers always being available for a viable practice. Nevertheless, the somewhat depleted home band of Gordon, Soo, Stuart, Keith, Rosalind and Donald Brownrigg, frequently assisted by honorary Hensingham ringers, the afore-mentioned Eleanor (Irton), Richard Last (Whitehaven), Geoff Holland (Irton), and Andrew Moncrief (Moresby) have continued to make as joyful a noise as possible in the unprecedented circumstances. Tim and Heather Naylor continue to ring for services when they can and help out when required. If the bells themselves (regularly checked by Gordon during their dormant period) weren't rusty, the ringers certainly were! However, at the time of writing all the previous methods are again peeling out as they were before lockdown and some ringers, notably Soo and Keith have made progress by respectively ringing Stedman and a touch of Plain Bob.

The wedding mentioned above took place on Saturday 30th June and has been followed by two others on July 10th and September 4th. There have also been a few visitors: a couple from St Anne's on October 31st and two from London on Boxing Day. Their comment was "lovely bells" - always good to hear.

In conclusion, many, many thanks must go to Gordon and Soo, who have provided the tower with much tlc (tender loving care) during the months of enforced closure. Not only have they regularly checked the condition of the bells, they have also rung them on the Ellacombe for services, tolled a single bell to mark the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, wound the clock, done small maintenance

jobs and regularly emptied the dehumidifier. Without them, we would not have been able to pick up where we left off.

So, as Hensingham ringers, along with everyone else, ringer or not, whose life has been affected by the pandemic look forward to the "new normality" and as a campaign is being launched to train more ringing teachers (and, consequently, recruit more ringers), here's the first verse of a ringing hymn (author anonymous) to remind us who and what lies at the heart of it all:

Fling, ye bells your songs to Heaven, Ring your music to the sky.

Sing the everlasting Gospel. Lift your hearts to God on high.

Rosalind Amey.

IRTON

The band returned to St Paul's in August, chiming for services and ringing for special occasions. Practises have been much aided by the regular help of Gordon and Soo Gray of Hensingham. Thanks are due also to Ed Matthews and the Holland family. Sue Lister is doing well and two learners are progressing. Interested non ringers now visit, which makes for convivial practise evenings. Geoff Holland and David Batten have attended to maintenance, an awkward job in the cramped conditions of St Paul's tower.

VR Goodwin

KESWICK, CROSTHWAITE

2020 started off so well. We had full turnouts with our usual happy can-do attitude. We have made good progress during the year with many improvements to safety within the tower. Access to the clock gallery has been improved by fitting a new handrail next to the trap door, cutting away some of the "T & G" bulkhead, enabling the climber to place a full foot on the top two steps of the vertical ladder which was not previously possible.

Church towers were never built with Covid in mind and many different solutions have been found to increase air flow. Keswick has no direct access to outside air, no doors or windows to open. A partial solution has been a pulley system up to a second trap door bringing air down from the bell chamber. The downside of this, whilst it improves the air flow, allows an unacceptable sound increase if opened too far. We have purchased a CO2 monitor with tower funds to keep a check on air quality.

THE BAND

One of our stalwart ringers, Elizabeth Barraclough who took up ringing at 82 years of age has sadly died 23/01/2022 aged 88. Active to the end Elizabeth was enthusiastic, attending Diocesan training days and has been a solid member, rarely missing either Sunday or practice nights. A two minute silence was observed before the Wednesday practice. She will be sorely missed.

We have two new ringers, Richard and Kristen Corder, both are progressing well and are a joy to teach.

Following a members' meeting, we requested a fee rise for ringing at weddings. This will help pay our band and ringers who have to travel to help out when our own ringers are unavailable, any surplus goes towards the tower fund.

We have ordered new bell ropes to replace the old ropes which have needed constant attention and splicing. These are scheduled for delivery at the end of June. A contribution of £500 from the tower fund will go towards the cost of the new ropes.

We rang for five weddings during 2021 and also rang in support of NHS and Cop 26. Ringing in the New Year, we "fired" the bells at midnight, followed by a glass of fizz and mince pies

Nick Newby

KIRKBY STEPHEN

Kirkby Stephen's four regular ringers continue to keep the bells ringing on Sunday mornings and we have recently been joined by a ringer from Suffolk, Simon, who has moved to the area. Thanks to Ron and Barry, we have carried out some work on the ropes which should make the bells easier to ring. We were pleased to have successfully rung a local band quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles in September in memory of a church member and prominent local councillor who sadly died of Covid-19. Then in March we welcomed our first visiting band since the pandemic, a group from Somerset who scored a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. There have already been six requests for wedding ringing this year, so we will be looking for help!

Colin Belsey

MORESBY

The tower report for St Bridget's Moresby, last year, (2020) was very upbeat, with lots of learning and practising online, in Ringing Room. We had FUN!!!

This has happily continued throughout 2021, with much progress being made, by all of us! Yes - me included!!! Edmund Wratten was our guide and coach, and joined us every week - this has been so much appreciated!

We have rung lots of doubles and minor methods, some new to me, and all have worked on good striking, ringing touches, even **calling** touches!!! I was always encouraged to ring two bells, and have rung lots of things I would never have dreamt I could, on two bells!!! Barbara and Brian have continued to be gently encouraged and helped to ring on two bells, too. Lots of theory has been taught and understood, and will all be very helpful when we start to pick up real ringing and gain ropesight!

We have not got back to ringing as a band in the tower yet, because of fears about health and the very small tower, but a clear aim for the 2022 report is to have trained at least another four ringers, as some have decided that they will not return, for one reason or another. This has already started!

Chris de Cordova

PENRITH

During 2021, Covid-19 continued to have a significant impact on our usual activities. In the first part of the year, we were unable to meet in person to ring for practices or services. Our regular Tuesday night practices became 'virtual' meetings and we became familiar with using Ringing Room to practice. We had mixed success in terms of improving our method ringing, but we all enjoyed the opportunity to chat with friends during a difficult time. For Sunday services and other significant events, we used our Ellacombe chimes, with either one individual or a family group ringing a mix of call changes and hymns appropriate to the season. In April 2021, the 7th bell (called Mortus) was tolled 99 times half-muffled to mark the passing of Prince Philip.

As restrictions eased, we were delighted to be able to start meeting again in person, for both practices and service ringing. Initially, numbers were restricted and ringing became a much chillier experience than we all remembered, as we ensured appropriate ventilation and CO2 levels in the ringing room. Later in the year, as things began to resemble some sort of pre-pandemic normality, we organised a mini-outing for our young ringers in the October half term. We also rang a quarter peal of Bob Triples in November 2021, as a mark of respect for the late Ken Twentyman, our tower President and long-term stalwart of ringing at Penrith, who sadly died in December 2020 at the age of 91. His constant presence in the tower on practice nights and Sunday mornings is very much missed by our entire band.

We were pleased to be able to ring the bells for all the services and civic events associated with Remembrance Day, Christmas and New Year. In the bell chamber, routine maintenance continued and our steeple keeper has been busy painting the bell frame.

We look forward to a return to normality in 2022. Our plans to date include teaching new learners who have just started and mastering the method Penrith Surprise Major!

Sally Walker

ST BEES

A litany of COVID ups and downs would be tedious. The main thing looking forward is that we are ringing with only slightly diminished numbers, but with new vigour. On practice night: rounds for new recruits, call changes for Sunday ringing, PB triples to get maximum learning density, and Stedman doubles for ambitious ringers. We are helped on practice night by ringers outwith the parish, but Sunday numbers are also good. We rang the New Year in, but without public in the belfry.

Doug Sim

THURSBY

St Andrew's ringers continued to 'ring' together via zoom and Ringing Room throughout last summer and into the autumn. We would like to thank Andrew,

Hilary and Christine from the Cathedral for regularly joining us. Since the ringing room in St Andrew's is small, it was not until October that most of the ringers were comfortable to ring before Sunday services. A large fan had been purchased, and the trap to the bells was left open, so there was plenty of ventilation. We have continued this system, as well as wearing masks and taking a lateral flow test before coming along – all of which has made everyone more comfortable – if not particularly warm!

Tuesday practices at the tower began again in November, and we are gradually getting back into the routine. With Hilary, Christine and Barry able to join us most weeks, our small number is able to pick up on methods we had been familiar with ringing prior to March 2020. We are very grateful for their continued enthusiasm in coming out to us to supplement our numbers. At present there are seven Guild members of St Andrew's tower, including one who is a joint member with a tower outside the area.

We are looking forward to ringing for a couple of weddings scheduled for later this year.

Peg Eastwood

WIGTON

Personally, the year started badly and ended worse, with the unexpected deaths of Jeremy Richardson in January and our son Andrew in September.

Ringing for services continued throughout the year with invaluable help from Cathedral ringers and Sally from Cockermouth, to whom we are truly grateful. We were and still are, down to 5 regulars of our own and only 4 able to ring on Monday nights as well. Here again, Cathedral ringers and Sally have come to our rescue and as soon as we were able to, we started Monday night practices with precautions such as leaving the window open for extra ventilation (extra layers needed as we moved into winter!), hand sanitising and as much social distancing as possible given the space available.

Christmas Services at St Mary's were held with as near normality as possible with ringing only in the morning.

As we move into 2022, we can only hope for a better year.

Mary Snape

WORKINGTON

The third national lockdown announced on 6 January 2021 resulted in a resumption of virtual ringing on Ringing Room and Zoom Scattergories in lieu of service ringing and practice nights in the tower.

On Sunday 4 April, five socially distanced, mask wearing ringers raised and lowered the bells and rang rounds and call changes to celebrate Easter.

Following the death of the Duke of Edinburgh on 9 April, Eric Martin tolled the tenor 99 times on 10 April at noon to remember and celebrate the life of His Royal Highness.

The government's announcement of the partial lifting of coronavirus restrictions effective from 17 May meant that, at last, up to six of us could return to ringing in the tower for services and up to 45 minutes on practice nights. Initially, there was a rota for ringing, but following the lifting of all restrictions from 19 July, eight of us have been able to ring.

We have continued to ring rounds, call changes and simple methods for services and national and local events. On Armistice Day on 14 November, half muffled ringing took place.

Our open day on 18th September, attracted around 25 visitors to the tower. Many enjoyed a spectacular view from the tower of a steam train in Workington Station. Sadly, we were unable to recruit any new ringers, but well struck rounds and call changes made the day enjoyable and worthwhile for all. Special thanks go to Andrew Moncrief for helping out on the day and taking people on the roof.

Christmas ringing in 2021 was a real success, as we managed to ring at all services. And once again, out came the handbells at practice nights for seasonal renditions of Jingle Bells, Good King Wenceslas and other carols.

Going forward, we are optimistic. We know we have a very loyal band of people that do want to ring. However, we are, by and large, the wrong side of forty! It would be nice to think that in 2022 we could attract returners or new recruits to the wonderful world of Church bell ringing.

Margaret Miller

QUARTER PEAL REPORT

2021 was an extremely quiet year for the branch, and it would seem also for quarter peals and peals rung by the guild.

As far as I can identify from "bellboard", there were five quarters and zero peals rung in 2021. Sadly, three of the five were rung in memory of ringers who had passed away.

In addition, there was quite a range of other performances notified through the year, and it seems appropriate to record these alongside the quarters. Virtually all of these were associated with either the funeral of HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh in April, or with the start of the UN climate change conference COP26 in November.

Hopefully we will return to some kind of "new normal" in 2022 and I wish everyone a safe and I hope more active year.

David Horne

date	place	Time Changes	title	conductor	footnotes
04/07/2021	Wigton	47m 1260	Grandsire Doubles	David Horne	Before evensong. In memory of Keith MacIenman, lay clerk at Carlisle Cathedral and enthusiastic member of The Abbey Singers. Keith succumbed early to Covid on 24th March 2020, followed shortly after by his partner Janet Fielden. The ringers of 4 & 5 especially wish to record his key role in The Abbey Singers and remember him with great fondness.
18/07/2021	Wigton	43m	Grandsire Doubles	David Horne	Before evensong. In memory of Jeremy P Richardson, a member of this tower for only three months but appreciated for his enthusiasm and commitment.
01/08/2021	Wigton	43m	Grandsire Doubles	David Horne	Before evensong. 1st of Grandsire inside: Sally Nicols. To celebrate the very full life of Alan Barber, friend, conductor and all-round lovely guy.
15/08/2021	Wigton	44m	Plain Bob Doubles	David Horne	Before evensong. An early birthday compliment to Mary Huntington (Wigton). Also get better wishes to Judith Horne & Anne East (Carlisle Cathedral).
09/11/2021	Penrith	50m	Plain Bob Triples	Julia Cater	Rung half-muffled remembering Ken Twentyman
23/03/2021	Bridekirk		100 Tolling	...	
23/03/2021	Carlisle		Tolling	...	At 12:01 for the National Day of Reflection
09/04/2021	Moresby	99	Tolling	...	For HRH Prince Philip
09/04/2021	Wigton	10m	Single Bell Tolling	...	Celebrating the life of Prince Philip
10/04/2021	Bridekirk	5m	Half Muffled Tolling	...	At Noon. In Memoriam HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
10/04/2021	Carlisle	99	Tolling	...	Celebrating the life of Prince Philip
10/04/2021	Cockermouth	5m	Half Muffled Tolling	...	In memoriam HRH Prince Philip
10/04/2021	Moresby	9m	Tolling At Noon	...	At noon, in memoriam His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died aged 99 yesterday. 99 Whole Pulls With The 7 (Mortus) Half-Muffled
10/04/2021	Penrith	99	Tolling	...	in memory of Prince Philip
10/04/2021	St Bees		Half Muffled Tolling	...	Half Muffled
10/04/2021	Wigton	5m	Single Bell Tolling	...	
17/04/2021	Bridekirk	15m	1/2 Muffled Tolling	...	
17/04/2021	Carlisle		Half Muffled Tolling	...	Tolling during the hour before the funeral of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
17/04/2021	Moresby		Tolling	...	
17/04/2021	Whitehaven		Tolling	...	
17/04/2021	Wigton	5m	One Bell Tolling	...	Before the funeral of Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh
17/04/2021	Workington		Tolling	...	Tolling before the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
05/07/2021	Cockermouth	15m	Call Changes	?	
30/10/2021	Barrow in Furness	55m	Firing alternating with rounds 10 mins. Call Changes & Triples (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman)	?	To mark the start of the international COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow with a warning (firing) of our concerns for climate change, and hope (change ringing) for unprecedented and historic agreements at the summit.
30/10/2021	Carlisle		Call Changes on 10	?	
30/10/2021	Cockermouth	35m	Call Changes	Diana Green	Ringling for COP26
30/10/2021	Crosbywaite		Call Changes	?	
30/10/2021	Whitehaven	30m	Call Changes	?	For COP26
30/10/2021	Workington		Call Changes on 6	?	

2021 GUILD MEMBERSHIP (221)

Appleby (6)

J Archibald N Harrop
S Grainger B Parkin
E Lyons 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 (9)

C Caroe A Painter
I Cotgreave A Pollock
K Harrison C Pollock
A Jones J Pollock
J Milby

Brampton (3)

G Hall K Siddle
M Hall

Carlisle Cathedral (24)

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
D Horne S Thomas
J Horne A Warboys
R Lebon H Ward

Cockermouth (12)

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

Egremont (6)

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

Greystoke (8)

B Barnes L Lamb
A Brock K Prince
I Godfrey W Theakston
C Lamb M Tomlinson

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 S Lister
K Eggleston E Perrot
V Goodwin K Quick
G Holland

Keswick (13)

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

Kirkby Stephen (4)

C Belsey A Jorysz
W Belsey J Keogh

Lazonby/Great Salkeld (7)

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

Moresby (7)

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

Orton (6)

D Merritt James Thorpe
J Renwick-Smith Julian Thorpe
E Thorpe S Thorpe

Penrith (23)

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 D Walker
J Lawson S Walker
B Lloyd A Walton
G Powell
D Ridley

Shap (6)

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

St Bees (14)

A Bell D Hope
N Bettinson Y Leech
H Chadwick D McMullen
S Davidson D Sim
A Hewitson E Sim
B Hewitson H Strong
J Hale V Turpin

Thursby (9)

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

Whitehaven (11)

E Doran M Last
M Finlinson R Last
B Foster L Leech
A Last S Leech
E Last A Moncrief
J Last

Wigton (9)

W Graham A Robinson
G Haraldson P Shingler
M Huntington Martin Snape
L Poole Mary Snape
J Richardson (deceased)

Workington (10)

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

Unattached (4)

C Reay G Sewell
R Pratt S Sewell

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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

Ringers Handbook	£6.95
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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	Ringling 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