

Farewell tribute to Pat and Gareth Evans

A thanksgiving for the lives of Pat and Gareth Evans took place last week in Workington. Sue Thomas has [written a lovely piece](#) about the farewell service.

Young Ringer's Award 2023

There are just over 10 days to get your nominations in 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/>

Improve your ability to teach learners

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. The course is taking place on Saturday 15 April, and there are still a number of spaces available. For further and to book: <https://events.bellringing.org/events/courses/teaching-course-module-2f-appleby-in-west-morland-cumbria>

Guild Officer vacancies

Following the recent tragic events, the Guild is looking to fill the role of **Finance Officer**. The role is not too demanding on time but is a great way of getting involved in the heart of the Guild affairs. It would suit you if you have any previous finance experience even if voluntarily. In addition, we have a vacancy for our **Guild Ringing Master** which is a key role with the aim of setting the direction of teaching, development and ringing activities which helps the Guild achieve its long-term plan. To discuss these further, please contact our Guild Master, Ruth Gilbert on 07970 273242, ruth.m.gilbert@gmail.com.

Congratulations to...

Brian Penny for his [first quarter peal](#) ringing the tenor behind at Whitehaven.

Imogen Carrie for her first [quarter peal of surprise major](#).

Tony James for his [first quarter peal](#), tenor behind at Greystoke.

Upcoming.....

Tuesday 14 March: [Eastern Branch AGM, Penrith](#)

There will be open ringing from 19:00 - 20:45 and then the AGM will swiftly follow thereafter. As the outside door is locked during practices, please arrive at the door on the south side of the church no more than five minutes after the start time. In case of special need you can text (not ring please) 07879 430534. We welcome Officer nominations for Branch Ringing Master, Secretary and Central Council Rep. Nominations please to Amanda Rodger at mike.amandarodger@gmail.com please for all three posts.

Saturday 18 March: [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 through the standard eight spliced. Special method is Glasgow S Major.

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

Saturday 22 April: [Guild ringing and AGM](#)

There will be an afternoon of ringing at Great Salkeld and Greystoke followed by a bring and share tea and (hopefully) our AGM. Further information about this can be found on our website.

Saturday 13 May: [Guild Striking competition](#)

The annual striking competition will be held at Keswick.