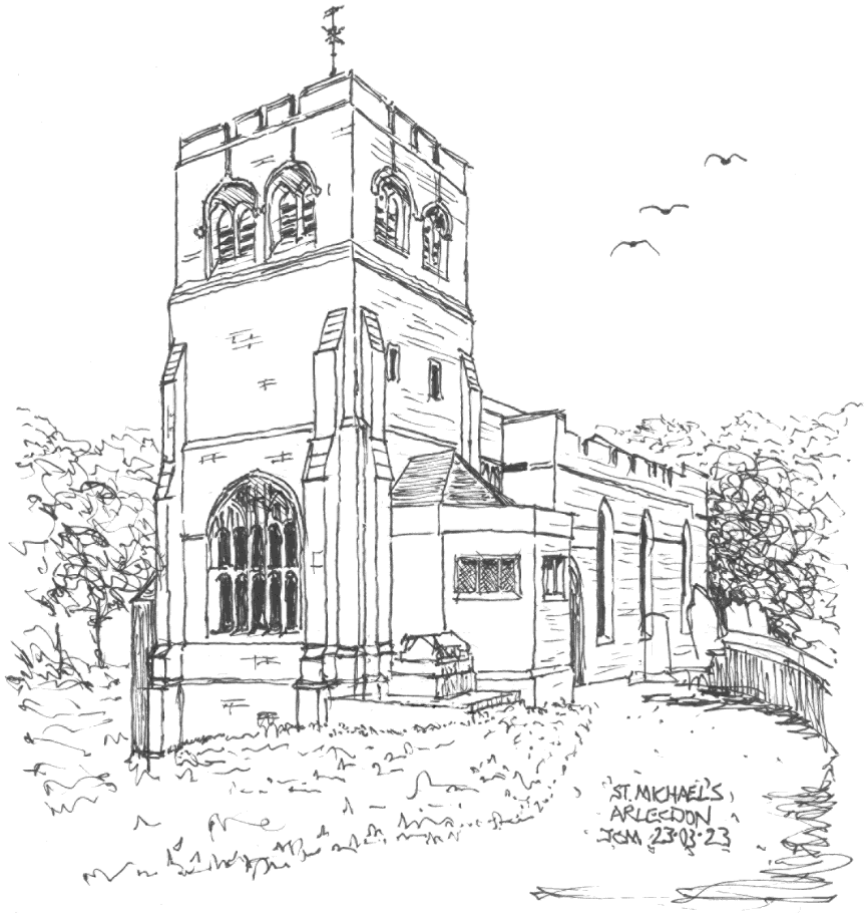


# The Carlisle Diocesan Guild Of Church Bell Ringers

*Annual Report 2022*





# **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.

## **OUR PURPOSE**

Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (CDGCBR) works in partnership with local ringers, bands and towers, and with the Church in the Diocese as it serves and worships God, to:

1. Support ringing for Church services, and national and community events
2. Promote the enjoyment of ringing and fellowship amongst ringers of all faiths and none
3. Welcome, recruit, train, encourage, and develop – so that all are enabled to ring as well as they can
4. Take care of bells and their fittings, with advice, practical help and funding
5. Foster an appreciation of bells and ringing in the wider general public

## **The Guild Prayers**

O God, we give You thanks for the bells we ring and the art of ringing: for benefactors and bell-founders; for those who have taught us and those with whom we ring. May we ring as well as we can, for the delight of those who hear, for the celebration of those for whom we ring, for the offering of wordless worship, for the reminding of all that the Church is here and You are here.  
Amen

**or**

Lord God of joy and celebration,  
we offer to you the sounding of our bells.  
Let us ring out the good news of your Son our Saviour  
and welcome all to come and know Jesus.  
We celebrate the generosity of previous generations;  
may we, in our day, ring out with joy and gladness  
through the gifts of your Spirit. Amen

**or**

Loving God  
We pray for the Guild of Church Bellringers, and the towers and ringers of Carlisle Diocese.  
May the bells we ring tell out your name and sing your praise.  
May our lives ring out your love as our bells call people to worship. Amen

## **OFFICERS in 2022**

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<b>Compliance Officer:</b>	Duncan Walker Tel: 07879430534 Email: <a href="mailto:tc0747@yahoo.co.uk">tc0747@yahoo.co.uk</a>
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<b>Additional Officers:</b>	Katherine Prince, Margaret Miller
<b>Eastern Branch Ringing Officer: Secretary:</b>	Ruth Gilbert (as above) Amanda Rodger Tel: 078767 80985 Email: <a href="mailto:mike.amandarodger@gmail.com">mike.amandarodger@gmail.com</a>
<b>Western Branch Ringing Officer: Secretary:</b>	Gareth Evans Andrew Moncrieff

## FEES

<b>Resident Members</b>	Adult	£10.00
	Junior	£1.00
	Senior	£5.00

Senior members are those of pensionable age who may choose to pay the reduced rate.

<b>Non Resident Members</b>	On election	£5.00
<b>Peal Fees (tower) (hand)</b>	Each rope	£0.50
	Each person	£0.50

Cover – St Michael's, Arlecdon – *by John Mather*

**Guild Website: [www.bellringingincumbria.com](http://www.bellringingincumbria.com)**

## 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)  
Irtton (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, 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (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

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 'Target' practice – extra visitors encouraged

5<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (470kg) in A (NY528610)

**Sunday:** By arrangement **Practice:** By arrangement

Enquiries: Michael Hall email: michaelhall20@btinternet.com

**BRIDEKIRK, St Bridget** 6 bells, 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (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 <sup>flat</sup> 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, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>cwt (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](mailto:rowrah39@yahoo.co.uk) [ragreen987@gmail.com](mailto:ragreen987@gmail.com)

**EGREMONT, Ss Mary and Michael** 8 bells, 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>cwt (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](mailto:allmickey@btinternet.com)

**GREYSTOKE, St Andrew** 6 bells, 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (368kg) in A (NY443308)  
**Sunday:** Usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm  
Enquiries: Katherine Prince email: [kjprince349@hotmail.com](mailto:kjprince349@hotmail.com)

**HENSINGHAM, St John Evangelist** 8 bells, 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (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](mailto:hensingham@bell-ringing.co.uk)  
Website: [www.bell-ringing.co.uk](http://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, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>cwt (737kg) in E (GF)  
**Sunday:** 9.30am **Practice:** Wed 7pm; visiting bands welcome (NY257243)  
Enquiries: Nick Newby, 18 Skiddaw St, Keswick, CA12 4BY  
email: [nickjane.newby@gmail.com](mailto:nickjane.newby@gmail.com)  
or Richard Corder (07305218464) email: [richard.corder@gmail.com](mailto:richard.corder@gmail.com)

**KIRKBY STEPHEN**, (dedication unknown) 8 bells, 15<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (801kg) in F (NY775088)  
**Sunday:** 10.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm by arrangement  
Enquiries: Colin Belsey, Burntling, Heggarscale, Kaber, CA17 4HZ (01768 372139)  
or (07938532735) email: [colinbelsey1207@gmail.com](mailto:colinbelsey1207@gmail.com)

**LAZONBY, St Nicholas** 4 bells, 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>cwt (369kg) in B <sup>flat</sup> (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](mailto:chrisdecordova@gmail.com)

**ORTON, All Saints** 8 bells, 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (648kg) in F# (GF) ( NY622084)  
**Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Helen 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 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 (1<sup>st</sup>) 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), 23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>cwt (1195kg) in E (NY110537)  
Enquiries: The Vicar

**THURSBY, St Andrew** 6 bells, 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>cwt (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  
(016973 71437) email: mary.snape1@btinternet.com

**WORKINGTON, St Michael** 8 bells, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>cwt (636kg) in F# (NX997289)  
**Sunday:** 9.00am **Practice:** Monday 7.00pm  
Enquiries: Eric Martin, 38 Queens Street, Workington, CA14 2PY (07796 828568)  
email: ericbells@yahoo.co.uk  
*Note: For security reasons the church is locked during practices. Please contact to arrange access before visiting.*

## **GUILD MASTER'S REPORT**

The new constitution and this role within that constitution is all about the Guild providing what the members ask for, and the hardest thing has been finding out what it is that the Guild members want.

Days before they died Pat and Gareth sent a report from the Workington Tower where they had asked each ringer what it was they wanted to achieve within the coming year; and used that to guide what would be needed from Branch and Guild practices. I would urge every Tower Captain to undertake a similar exercise to inform the Guild on what actions the members want them to take in 2023.

At the beginning of 2022 it was identified that recruitment needed to be a focus, but that we lacked teachers, so ART M1 courses were held within Cumbria which has benefitted a number of new recruits.

This year I anticipate that recruitment will continue, but that the focus will be on retention with ART M2 courses requested and one booked. I am also mindful that there is a lack of Steeple keepers and conductors within the Guild so will be looking for support from experienced Steeple keepers and conductors to assist in the development of those interested in progressing in these important areas.

*Ruth Gilbert*

## **GUILD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

As Guild Secretary I am responsible for the day-to-day running of the guild, including organizing meetings, keeping records, and communicating with members. I'm new in post since April 2022 and have enjoyed my first year as Secretary. Following on from the revised constitution approved at the April 2022 AGM much work has been done behind the scenes via the Planning Committee and the Guild Committee to facilitate achieving the Guild's aims and the ringing around Cumbria.

My activities during the past year included: Organising the annual general meeting of the guild and 10 Committee meetings; Keeping minutes of all guild meetings. Corresponding with members of the guild by email; replying to correspondence sent to the Guild.

It is worth noting that the guild's membership increased this year thanks to the efforts of existing members. I have also started to send a welcome email to all new members, so they know a bit more about the Guild.

The last event impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic was the Striking Competition in 2022. Other events have been held and the usual set of events are being planned for next year. The turn out and ringing at the Workington meeting in January was a particular highlight.

From all the work done I believe the Guild is in a strong position to continue its work in the coming year, which needs to focus on training new bell ringers and developing the skills of current bell ringers.

*Ed Matthews*

## **EASTERN BRANCH REPORT**

It is hard to remember where we were at the start of 2022, but reviewing minutes shows we were still very covid cautious. I started the year by phoning every tower and asking what they wanted from the Guild and from me in this post, the answer was without exception "we don't want any branch practices" and generally "at the

moment we are doing fine, we need a bit of support from experienced ringers to keep us progressing, but we have these people coming so we are slowly progressing".

Several names were mentioned as being experienced ringers that were providing support but on almost every phone call at least one of three names came up so sincere thanks are expressed to all who are supporting other towers, but in particular to Helen Ruberry, Imogen Carrie and Tony Ruberry.

This year I will again contact each Tower and endeavour to implement what it is they are asking for to progress the ringing of the tower and of the individual ringers.

*Ruth Gilbert*

## **WESTERN BRANCH REPORT**

At the branch AGM, in the absence of any other volunteers to be the new Branch Ringing Master, Gareth Evans only offered to do the job if he would have help - and he was given it! (Not that he really needed it!) He put in a massive amount of thought, consultation and planning, to kickstart our ringing after the COVID shutdown, with its consequent loss of ringers and skills.

He laid on a programme of events for our branch which all went very well. It was good to get people ringing together again, and each had a focus method or two to learn, getting us all to try something new, that was not tricky to learn or ring.

The first branch meeting was on Saturday 6th August, a general ringing practice at **Workington**, followed by refreshments and an information gathering exercise to hear about how we wanted to improve our own or our tower's ringing. Perhaps improve ringers' own basic skills, get help to learn something new, or ring a quarter peal in a certain method? There was discussion and Gareth planned for what seemed to be needed.

At that first meeting, it was agreed to hold monthly open branch meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month based in the west of the Guild. It was also decided to start training workshops on the same day before the meetings.

September's was at **Moresby**, St Bridget: A 'Method Skills' Workshop, to build on existing skills and learn new ones; to improve striking and ropesight, and to learn to ring different methods had a marked lack of interest, so just an open ringing meeting was held from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Focus methods were Reverse Canterbury and St Simon's but a good range of other methods were rung.

The October branch meeting was at **Hensingham** in October: Again, a basic skills workshop attracted no interest. Reverse Canterbury doubles was the special method for the beginners, and Bastow Little Bob Major for those ready to start learning to treble bob.

Gareth organised a different type of meeting for November's meeting

**Tower 1** was **Whitehaven**, St James, where open ringing was 1.30 to 3.30pm

- Ringers of all abilities were welcome, for any of call changes to surprise major. and ringing on any of 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells.

- Focus methods were: Oxford Bob Triples, Bastow and Little Bob on all numbers.

**Tower 2** was **Moresby**, St Bridget, from 4.00 to 5.30pm, and the focus was a Treble Bob and Surprise Minor Practice - Kent TB, Oxford TB, Cambridge and Norwich, and more.....

In December, no meeting was held.

Gareth was running these sessions very well, keeping everyone involved and happy. He was planning to stand again as Branch RM, with plans to have varied and interesting special methods, chosen to allow everyone to use their skills in a different way.

*Chris de Cordova*

### **REPORT FROM THE BELL ADVISER**

I shall be winding down my responsibilities as the Diocesan Bell Adviser after Easter and the Guild must now look for someone to advise churches and the Diocesan Advisory Committee on bell maintenance and restoration matters. The restoration of the 'heaviest ring of four bells' (Dove's Guide to Church Bell Ringers) is my last major project and should be completed by the early summer together with minor projects at Rampside, Gosforth and St Catherine's RC church in Penrith. My greatest satisfaction this year has been working with Nick Meadwell in making of the wheels for the ten new bells for the Mitchell Tower at the University of Chicago. My greatest pleasure over the last 23 years has been to visit the many beautiful and historic churches all over the diocese and meet the wonderful people who keep their churches open and alive. Try it - you'll like it!

*Ron East*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Following the tragic death of our long-standing Treasurer Pat Evans, these Accounts have been prepared from the information we have available from her files, together with copies of the Bank Statements. They have been approved by the General Committee and Independently Examined, in the usual way.

We are very grateful to tower contacts who collect subscriptions from their ringers and send them to us together. This is much appreciated and makes the job of the Guild Officers easier. Subscription income has increased during this year, which is most likely from increased ringing teaching activity after the Covid pandemic.

The income from Gift Aided donations has reduced this year, but many thanks to those who have made a regular commitment in this way. The need for this funding continues – so, 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 was one grant made from the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF), which was for the refurbishment of the pulleys at Keswick.

We have continued to receive some donations to BRF funds from Amazon Smile. This has donated a small percentage of Amazon purchases from their customers, who nominated the Guild as their preferred charity, then made their purchases through the Amazon Smile website, instead of the ordinary Amazon website. However, I understand that is to be discontinued in 2023. Thank you to those who have taken part in this scheme and we'll look to see if anything similar comes along.

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 of the club are always welcome.

*Duncan Walker*

**CDGCBR GENERAL FUND – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2022**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Subscriptions	1514.00	1222.00
Peal Fees	4.50	0.00
Interest	2.72	0.12
Sale of Badges	0.00	5.00
	<b><u>1521.22</u></b>	<b><u>1227.12</u></b>

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Annual Report	170.00	150.00
Public Liability Insurance	196.91	185.89
Handbell Insurance	137.49	161.15
Gift to Striking Competition Judge(s)	0.00	22.50
Website hosting / Domain	17.12	66.65
Gift for voluntary survey work	0.00	34.90
Central Council Subscription for 2020	80.00	80.00
Survey Monkey	20.00	0.00
Central Council donation – leaflets	20.00	0.00
Publicity Leaflets	89.00	0.00
Purchase of book stock	7.50	0.00
	<b><u>738.02</u></b>	<b><u>701.09</u></b>

<b><u>Excess of income over expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>783.20</u></b>	<b><u>526.03</u></b>
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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
President's Medallion & Bars	740.70	740.70
Fixtures and Fittings	50.50	50.50
	<b><u>791.20</u></b>	<b><u>791.20</u></b>

<b>Current Assets</b>		
NatWest Bank Current Account	3570.97	2513.64
NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account	1251.56	1248.84
Transfer due from BRF	40.00	316.85
Cash in hand	10.05	10.05
	<b><u>4872.58</u></b>	<b><u>4089.38</u></b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>5663.78</u></b>	<b><u>4880.58</u></b>
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**Represented By:**

Accumulated Fund Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> January	4880.58	4309.55
Excess of Income over Expenditure	783.20	526.03
Accumulated fund adjustment		45.00
<b><u>ACCUMULATED FUND at 31<sup>st</sup> December</u></b>	<b><u>5663.78</u></b>	<b><u>4880.58</u></b>

**CDGCBR BELL RESTORATION FUND – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2022**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Interest	36.73	1.67
Donations Gift Aid (standing order)	425.00	841.65
Donations Gift Aid (other)	0.00	0.00
CAF Donation	0.00	25.00
Income Tax Rebate (2020 donations)	231.11	0.00
Income Tax Rebate (2021 donations)	210.65	0.00
Donation from sale of Cleator Moor sallies	0.00	0.00
50/50 draw profit	639.00	640.00
Amazon Smile donations	25.32	18.78
Donation from towers	78.00	0.00
Income adjustment	0.00	21.50
	<b>1645.81</b>	<b>1548.60</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Keswick Pulleys refurbishment	250.00	0.00
Penrith Clappers refurbishment	0.00	450.00
Great Salkeld rehangng	0.00	1000.00
Arlecdon stay conversion	0.00	1920.00
	<b>250.00</b>	<b>3370.00</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>	<b>1395.81</b>	<b>-1821.40</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
NatWest Bank Charities Reserve a/c	16956.68	15837.72
Transfer due to CDGCBR Current Account	-40.00	-316.85
Cash in hand	2.25	2.25
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>16918.93</b>	<b>15523.12</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
Accumulated Fund balance 1 <sup>st</sup> January	15523.12	17344.52
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1395.81	-1821.40
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>16918.93</b>	<b>15523.12</b>

## **TOWER REPORTS**

### **APPLEBY**

Things are looking up in Appleby. We have some new ringers, we now have a simulator and we will be holding an ART level 2 F course in April. We ringers enjoy great support from our clergy, churchwardens, choir and organist and are hugely grateful for this. We held our first tower outing in October, travelling to Goosnargh (6) and Bilsborrow (8). We perpetrated some reasonably good, even though simple, ringing that day and enjoyed the chance to ring on unfamiliar bells. Our pub lunch was excellent. Unfortunately, it had to be abstemious because what is drunk at lunchtime is usually reflected in the quality of ringing after lunch.

We were proud to ring for the Queen's platinum jubilee and sad to ring on the day of her funeral. We do not manage to field a service band every Sunday but Christmas and Easter days are special and we managed both this year.

The ART course will be a chance to learn tips, techniques and exercises which will enhance bell handling, listening and counting places. These will add spice to our practice nights and help us to progress as a band.

Later this year, we look forward to helping Ron East train his band of new recruits from Brough. Also, we intend to Ring for the King in May. This imminent event has stimulated our own recruitment drive. A leaflet presented to the Appleby Tourist Information Centre was eagerly posted on their Facebook page and resulted in a small, so manageable, cluster of replies to the tower captain. The new recruits are great. They are mature people who get on well together and have a sensible, self-confident approach to their learning. They are making rapid progress during intensive handling sessions for two hours on Sunday afternoons with the bells tied. We continue to enjoy sharing practices with friends from Shap and Orton. Pooling resources in this way increases the pool of talent available for weddings and special services such as Christingle and Candlemas and it widens the scope of our ringing repertoire. Since release from lockdown, we have concentrated hard on the foundation skills of ringing and, this year, we can hope to make progress in a variety of simple methods which will pave our way towards ringing touches of plain bob minor in due course.

*Nick Harrop*

### **ARLECDON**

The bells are still not ringable, due to water ingress, still! The restoration project has not been completed, and a couple of the bells are very scary to ring due to various things. Gareth and Gordon did a lot of videoing and trying to work out what was causing them, but it seems unlikely that they will be sorted....

Meanwhile the churchwarden and project manager, Debbie, found around 10 people to learn to ring, ready for being the band when the time came. Their lessons started at the back end of the year, and reduced to five who are all doing well and one with an injured hand is keen to restart learning!

*Chris de Cordova*

## **BARROW-IN-FURNESS**

Barrow took part in significant ringing for Royal events like many other towers in the CDGCBR no doubt, starting in February with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary Queen's accession to the throne, and the church and community celebrations for the platinum jubilee in June. This was followed in September by ringing fully muffled (tenor backstroke open) in memoriam and for the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and ringing on open bells for proclamation of HM King Charles III.

It was a significant year for some of our young ringers. In April, we were pleased for Jayden Milby at the CDGCBR AGM in Hensingham with the presentation of the CDGCBR Young Ringer of the Year award. Jayden rang his first quarter peal of surprise major at Hensingham just before the meeting, and went on to ring his first peal in the same method (Yorkshire Surprise Major) at Dalton later in the month (and two more peals before the end of July!). Both Jayden and Iwan were also involved in the neighbouring 3Ls team that came second in the Ringing World National Youth Contest at Exeter Cathedral. Congratulations also go to Iwan Cotgreave who rang his first peal – a peal which celebrated his recent 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, the queen's platinum jubilee, and British Empire Medals awarded in the queen's birthday honours to Geoff Pullin + Ron East (both involved in the restoration of Barrow bells).

We continue to enjoy support from neighbouring tower of Dalton-in-Furness which is greatly appreciated, and towards the end of the year we were looking to set up a Furness towers cluster for mutual cooperation and benefit. Hopefully there will be more information to report about this initiative next year.

In November we brought together ringers from across Furness to #RingOutForClimate on the eve of the COP27 Climate Conference at Sharm El-Sheikh.

We managed a few MeAndyRing walks before ringing meetings over the year which were all highly enjoyable and usually finished at some café or pub! A well-trodden tradition with all our ringing friends... come join us if you can.

Over the year we have enjoyed visits from Cub Scout Groups and Guides who are always blown away when they see the bells ring while they stand above them in the old belfry. We have also held open days for public relations and awareness. We have recruited one ringer in 2023 - Alison Bolt continues to make solid progress and starting to learn plain hunt by the end of the year.

We look forward to welcoming and hosting the Western Branch AGM in March 2023.

*Andy Pollock*

## **BRAMPTON**

The Tower has seen no ringing during the year, mainly due to having no local ringers and essential maintenance work required on the pulleys on the treble and third bells before ringing can recommence. The last time the bells were rung was the quarter peal on Sunday 15th March 2020.

John Proudfoot & I carried out an inspection of the bells on the 11th May 2022 and found, amongst other issues, open longitudinal cracks on the pulleys on the treble & third. The PCC have eventually, in principal, agreed to their replacement and we are awaiting costings before we proceed any further.

Clock winding has now been taken over by members of the PCC.  
With Gwenneth and I now members of the Greystoke band I'm definitely the Caretaker Manager until the bells are again okay to ring.  
Anybody out there wanting a challenge to teach a new band?  
*Michael Hall*

### **BRIDEKIRK**

We hold regular Monday night practices and occasionally manage Sunday service ringing (even if it is just 2 of us). Thanks to some of the Cockermouth ringers who join our Monday practices; they make the sessions viable. The congregation at Bridekirk are really appreciative of our ringing. Even some non-church goers comment that they open their windows on a Monday evening to listen to us practicing !

We rang for the Queens platinum jubilee celebrations in June.

We had an open day in July - well supported by local ringers & well attended.

We rang marking the Queens death and funeral in Sept - a single bell tolling and 1/2 muffled call changes.

We also rang 1/2 muffled for 2 funerals (a new venture for us) - one specially requested for a well known local person and the second time for a long serving member of the church.

We've had quite a bit of publicity recently - articles about bell ringing in the new village magazine and advertising the "Ring for the King" initiative - but these have not generated any interest yet.

One lapsed ringer has just joined us and is finding his feet - so to speak (...like riding a bike!)

Our aim for the next year is to try to swell our numbers such that regular Sunday service ringing is possible.

We had an enjoyable social evening with the Cockermouth ringers in the middle of the year and again at Christmas.

*Richard Green*

### **COCKERMOUTH**

We hold Wednesday night practices and Sunday service ringing most weeks of the year.

We rang for the Queens platinum jubilee celebrations in June.

We had set-up for 2 Heritage Open Days in September but these were cancelled at the last minute on hearing the sad news that the Queen had died. Instead we rang marking the Queens death and then for the funeral - a single bell 1/2 muffled tolling and some really solemn 1/2 muffled call changes.

We hosted an open evening ringing event for the local churches youth group; sadly no one took up the offer to learn to ring. However, they have asked to have another visit this spring / summer.

We've had 3 learners ringing with us this year. One has stopped for a while for medical reasons, one has stopped due to work commitments and one is recovering from injury but is hoping to be back ringing soon.

Edwin Matthews has moved into the locality and has joined us for both Wednesday practices and Sunday service ringing - a real bonus to our band and our capability - such that we have started ringing 8 bells occasionally... welcome Ed.

Our aim for the next year is to try to swell our numbers such that we can use all of our 8 bells more regularly. We will continue with the "method of the month" to enhance our capability. Recent methods of the month included St Simons, St Nicolas, Double Oxford, Cambridge minor and we are working through cloisters with the aim of ringing Stedman.

We had an enjoyable social evening with the Bridekirk ringers in the middle of the year and again at Christmas.

*Richard Green*

## **CATHEDRAL**

There are twenty five ringers in the Cathedral band, five of whom have been recruited since the ending of lockdown and all of whom now ring for services. Most recently, a refugee from Iran under sentence of execution because of their Christian belief, is learning how to ring. Note that recruitment and teaching is very important, often advertising for new ringers and making use of local radio, TV and the newspapers. We meet with a prospective ringer beforehand to ensure that the application and safeguarding process and the ringing commitment (particularly for Sunday morning services) is understood. Teaching is intensive, by one or more of our ART accredited teachers, and follows the ART scheme.

Special ringing occasions in 2022 included:

- 06 Feb 970 changes rung at Evensong (900 changes to mark the Cathedral's 900th anniversary year plus 70 changes for the Queens' accession)
- 03 Mar 7 minutes of call changes rung in solidarity with the people of the Ukraine
- 13 Mar All woman Cathedral band rang an Evensong quarter peal for World Women's Day
- 19 Mar Open Day in the tower to celebrate the work of the Heritage Lottery Fund
- 14 May Borders Minibells rung by Cathedral ringers to launch Marmalade Day at Dalemain
- 29 May Evensong quarter peal attempt in memory of Rachel Rodway (donor of the #2nd bell, 2005)
- 02 Jun Volunteers' BBQ and announcement of award of BEM to RE
- 03 Jun Bells rung at the Cathedral to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 25 Aug Bells recorded for the Antiques Road Trip and Natasha Raskin taught bell handling
- 09 Sep Bells rung fully muffled with tenor bell open at backstroke to mark the passing of HM the Queen
- 11 Sep Bells rung open to celebrate the proclamation of King Charles III

- 19 Sep Bells rung fully muffled with tenor bell open at backstroke for the funeral of HM the Queen
- 25 Sep 900 changes rung at Evensong to mark the appointment of the Bishop of Penrith and as a farewell to the Dean
- 13 Nov Bells rung half muffled for the Remembrance Day service
- 09 Dec Bells rung for the Eden Valley Hospice service
- 10 Dec Bells rung to celebrate the award of BEM to RE by the Lord Lieutenant at the fratry

*Ron East*

## **GREYSTOKE**

It has been lovely to get back to proper ringing. Even more exciting is that service times changed from 9.15 to 11am in August, so we now have Sunday ringing! We are starting out ringing 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month until we have more ringers, and we are grateful for support from Penrith to make up the band.

In May the first Guild ringing since Covid was held at Greystoke. We held an Open day combined with Guild ringing, as we weren't sure what demand there would be for each. This coincided with the Borders mini-bells being demonstrated at the Marmalade Festival at Dalemain.

We were delighted to welcome Mike and Gwenneth Hall to our band in 2022 as they have moved close by. Our practises are so much more productive with their involvement, especially with Mike's experience and support in helping our ringers develop.

As always we are very grateful for the regular support from Imogen Carrie, Jennifer Graham, Helen and Tony Ruberry and Mike Allison from Penrith and Lazonby towers.

We rang for the Queen's Jubilee in June - which gave an opportunity for Ian Godfrey to ring in his first quarter. Unfortunately, we also tolled and rang for the death of Queen and the celebration of King Charles' accession in September.

Chris Lamb organised our successful outing in September and we rang for three weddings as well as the usual Remembrance and Christmas services. Ian Godfrey also rang his first quarter inside in October, also at Greystoke.

Sadly, David Jones passed away before Christmas. He was ringing master at Greystoke for many years, and Skelton villagers will remember him chiming the bell on Sundays through to the end of 2022. We have rung a quarter peal in his memory.

*Katherine Prince*

## **HENSINGHAM**

Despite the optimism of last year's report caused by the post-lockdown return to ringing, mention was made of "the somewhat depleted home band". Sadly, that band remains somewhat depleted, with some practices - and even service ringing - having been cancelled due to not enough ringers. Fortunately, when it is not possible to ring for services, someone (usually Gordon) chimes the no.5.

The home band (or perhaps "quintet" would be a better description) comprises Soo and Gordon Gray (tower captain), Keith and Rosalind Amey, Stuart Burgess and Donald Brownrigg, often and ably assisted by honorary Hensingham ringers, Richard Last, Eleanor Perrott, Geoff Holland and Andrew Moncrief.

A snippet of good news is that last year's hope of recruiting new ringers is showing green shoots in the duo currently being taught by Gordon (when he's not in New Zealand!). Suzanne resumed and Rebecca began lessons on September 11th 2022 and by the end of the year both had made very good progress.

2022 was a momentous year in the life of our great bell-ringing country. The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11 was marked in Hensingham with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles rung by Gordon, Soo, Andrew, Geoff, Richard and Chris de Cordova. Little did any of us know that a mere three months later, the bells would be marking the end of her long life and reign. Exactly ten weeks after the joyous quarter peal, four muffled and one half-muffled bell (rung by Gordon, Soo, Donald and ringing friends Alan Naylor and Ken Quick) mourned her passing. The following day, between the hours of 16.40 and 16.50 Gordon tolled an open fifty strikes a minute following the proclamation of King Charles III as monarch. There was another quarter peal on September 13th, this time with Stuart and Andrew instead of Alan and Ken, then on September 19th Soo and Gordon were in the tower from 10.00-11.00 tolling the half-muffled tenor to mark our late Queen's funeral.

Prior to all this, another funeral had been marked by the tolling of the tenor. This was on July 7th and marked the end of an era at St John's, as the life of Jim Henry, long-serving church warden (among many other things) was celebrated in a positive and moving service.

As a verse in one of our bellringers' hymns reminds us:

*"Church bells of Christian England, ring out your message wide*

*Whene'er our Lord is blessing the bridegroom and the bride.*

*Or, when the tenor tolling with passing knoll we hear,*

*May one and all remember a soul to God is near."*

There were two weddings last year, the more important one for St John's being that of Ben Naylor, son of ringers Heather and Tim, to Eloise Marsland, daughter of Stan and church secretary Alison. Ben and Eloise have known each other since they were toddlers, which augmented the joy of the ringers' offering of the bells to them as a wedding present.

Here endeth the 2021-2022 Hensingham Tower report, but it has a sad postscript, as, along with surely everyone in the CDGCBR who had ever met them, all Hensingham ringers and friends send their heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends of Pat and Gareth Evans. "They will be sorely missed" may be regarded by some as a trite post-life cliché. In Gareth and Pat's case, truer words were never penned.

*Rosalind Amey.*

## **KESWICK, CROSTHWAITE**

Full circle ringing was out of commission during July and part of August. New pulley sheaves were superbly turned in timber by Nick Meadwell of Thackthwaite and new bell ropes supplied by Avon ropes. A split striking face on number 6 clapper was rebuilt by a local engineering firm. Grateful thanks to the PCC and Bell restoration Fund for their financial assistance. Keswick bells are now a joy to ring.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August a safety exercise in extracting casualties from the tower was carried out by the combined forces of Cumbria Fire and Rescue and Keswick Mountain Rescue with Nix Ruberry from Penrith, the unfortunate live casualty was manoeuvred upside down on a stretcher to exit the door.

Our newer members have now got to grips with plain hunt triples and call changes which we ring for Sunday Services.

We rang for four weddings this year, including one on the Ellacombe whilst the main ring was out of commission.

Sunday ringing was maintained throughout the year with visiting ringers often swelling our band. They are always welcome.

The bells were rung for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

Too soon we were ringing them half muffled for Her funeral, the tenor tolling for each of her 96 years.

The funeral of Evan Lawley, a retired Crosthwaite ringer took place on December 15<sup>th</sup>, the tenor being tolled for each of his 91 years.

*Nick Newby*

## **KIRKBY STEPHEN**

Kirkby Stephen's four regular ringers continue to keep the bells ringing on Sunday mornings and we look forward to the licensing of our new Priest-in-Charge for the benefice in March 2023. We will then be in the same benefice as Orton and also Brough. It has been a quiet year at Kirkby Stephen, with only one visiting band (who rang a quarter peal), but we did manage to ring for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to toll the tenor on her death and ring for the Proclamation of King Charles III. We also managed to cobble together bands for six weddings in 2022, a recent record, probably as a result of Covid-19 and we are thankful for support from as far afield as Carlisle, Penrith, Bampton, Barnard Castle, Allendale and Richmond.

*Colin Belsey*

## **MORESBY**

Moresby ringing has been continuing much the same...four ringers on most Sundays, for morning service. Not all have returned to ring, after COVID! In the later months of 2022, help from Gareth Evans twice a week at practices was very much appreciated and he will be very much missed. Help in those later months, from John and Barbara Shallcross, too, and from Andrew Moncrief, (whilst there has been no ringing at Hensingham) was also highly valued. We are still very much working on technique and listening, as those skills were only just starting to come before the pandemic, and were easily lost. It was good

that two members attended a couple of branch ringing sessions and were able get much more supported help than usual. They both covered to doubles, rung well by a good band, so that they could do it by ear.

Moresby is a designated ART Teaching Centre and a CCCBR-recognised Ringing Centre. At the back end of the year, we decided to get together all the ART-trained teachers in the area, and team-teach 8-10 new ringers, who had volunteered to learn to ring and to form the new band at Arlecdon, ready for when the bells are able to be rung again. Also, including in the sessions, a couple of new ringers for St James, and two learners from Hensingham who needed lessons continuing whilst there was not ringing there. This worked very well at first - the bells and the dumbbell are perfect for this sort of thing, and there was a lovely buzz to the sessions... Unfortunately, numbers have dwindled now, though three Arlecdon ringers are ringing rounds.

*Chris de Cordova*

### **PENRITH**

Thankfully, with Covid19 restrictions a thing of the past, ringing at Penrith has returned to normal, albeit with some rust and cobwebs to dust off our ringing and ropesight.

2022 was a year dominated by Royal events of one sort or another. In June, we rang a number of quarter peals at various local towers to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Then in September, in common with many other towers, we rang fully muffled to mark the passing of the Queen and to coincide with her funeral. We had a big screen up in the ringing chamber for the funeral service so that we didn't miss any of the television coverage. In between, with some nifty un-muffling and re-muffling we rang open to coincide with the local proclamation of Charles III as King at Penrith Town Hall.

We have also been able to ring our bells for all the services and civic events associated with Remembrance Day, Christmas and New Year, marking a number of these with quarter peals.

Our Tuesday practice nights are very well attended and are supported by a number of regular visitors. Ringing on both practice nights and Sundays ranges from rounds and call changes to various Surprise Major methods.

Some of our ringers also regularly visit various other local towers on practice nights, where we can, to help them progress.

We organised another half day outing for our young ringers in at the beginning of the February half term.

*Helen Ruberry*

### **ST BEES**

2022 has been a year of consolidation and we usually have several spare ringers on Sundays. On practice night Plain Bob Triples is a regular feature and Stedman and Grandsire, absent for over 30 years are making a re-appearance.

Our midsummer trip was our traditional annual visit to Irton, where, as usual the in-tower catering was marvellous, then afterwards to Irton Hall. Bells were rung for the Queen, including tolling within an hour of the announcement of her death.

At New Year it was the usual open house in the belfry for ringing by candlelight in formal dress. Muffled ringing, hot punch, reading of Tennyson's "Ring out wild bells!", 12 strikes of the tenor at midnight and open ringing afterwards all featured as usual. This time we had 37 visitors in the tower, lower than 2019 due to a torrential downfall at 11.00 pm which caused extensive flooding and put some visitors off. This was the first time the public had been admitted at NYE since COVID, and the CCTV of the bells proved to be a great tool in explaining how they work.

Our well-supported annual dinner was once again held in the Queens Hotel in early December with formal dress code; which makes it look rather grand, and enhances visibility and thereby recruitment. The Queen's dining room was at capacity; port was again kindly donated by the landlord.

New ropes have just arrived in our normal colours of white, red and green to complement the sandstone of the Priory; the existing ropes had lasted 27 years.

We are very grateful for Soo and Gordon Gray, and Andrew Moncrief for joining us for practice, and Hilary Chadwick for supporting us both for practice and Sunday ringing.

*Doug Sim*

## **THURSBY**

There are at present nine Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers members ringing at Thursby. Several members have had long term health issues this past year, so we have greatly appreciated the support from several of the Carlisle Cathedral ringers who come very regularly to our weekly Tuesday evening practices. St Andrew's ringers also continue to ring before the Sunday morning services, even if there may be only two or three ringers available.

We have welcomed two experienced ringers this year. Les and Liz moved up to the Carlisle from the London area late in 2022 and are now guild members at St Andrew's, coming regularly to the Tuesday evening practices and Sunday morning. They are very welcome additions to our small group, and visitors are always welcome to drop in to join us at our weekly practice Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:30pm.

It has been a great asset that a hand rope has been fitted this last year up the spiral steps to the ringing room.

There have not been any maintenance issues this last year. In the planning, though, is the replacement of the clapper bushes of all six bells which are worn and need replacing. The St Andrew's PCC has approached the Guild for financial support.

*Peg Eastwood*

## **WIGTON**

As ringing generally became more relaxed there were more Quarters rung during the year, one of significance being to congratulate Ron East on his British Empire Medal for services to bell ringing. Well deserved. Altogether 13 quarters were rung during the year, usually before Evensong.

Sunday service ringing also continued with the invaluable help of Susan Sewell who was able to come most Sundays for which we are very grateful.

Practice nights have been well supported, with a variety of methods rung and ringers from the Cathedral and other towers coming regularly.

The celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in June was followed all too soon by her death and State Funeral in September. Joyful Ringing for her Jubilee by all available band members was followed by the tolling of our 12cwt clock bell half muffled on these sad occasions.

Christmas ringing was again limited to the main Sunday Service.

*Mary Snape*

## **WORKINGTON**

2022 was a brilliant and very memorable ringing year. There are so many highlights to report at St Michael's, it is difficult to know where to start.

One of our biggest successes is that four new ringers have successfully completed their level one Learning the Ropes challenge and are now working well with the rest of the band. Interestingly, one of the ringers previously learned to ring before the millennium. Another ringer joined the band as a result of viewing the live feed from the tower into the baptistry.

Christmas ringing in 2022 was really special. We rang for all services and did the double of ringing the old year out and new year in, coupled with ringing again, admittedly somewhat bleary eyed, for the 9.30 service on Sunday 1 January 2023. St Michael's ringers also took part in a joint handbells and steel band concert in the church on 11 December. Complete with Santa hats and Christmas jumpers our finale was, of course, jingle bells.

The death of Her Majesty the Queen on 8 September, occasioned double muffled ringing. It was a really special moment, tolling the tenor 96 times on 9 September. All the band took turns. I could feel tears welling up and the hairs standing up at the back of my neck as I took my turn. The band rang whole pull and stand and diminished rounds. It was solemn, moving, and beautiful.

And then, muffles off, we had joyous open ringing on Saturday 10 September for the proclamation of King Charles III. Did I say, we rang Kings?

In August, the band completed their online basic awareness safeguarding training. On Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> six West Cumbria ringers attended an ART M1 course at St Michael's Church Workington. Since then, Jeanne Clements has successfully achieved accreditation by teaching bell handling to one of our new ringers. And Margaret Miller is working towards accreditation having taught bell handling to another new ringer. Thanks go to Gareth and Pat Evans for their ongoing mentoring support and patience.

On 5 June, the band successfully rang Platinum Place Doubles to celebrate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. All the band took part in the ringing for this special occasion.

And now we must come to the end of this glorious celebratory narrative, with a brief mention of a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung on 9 April by a top notch Cumbrian band including our own Gareth Evans.

To finish, we started the year off with masks and social distancing. Now, the dark days of Covid are behind us. What remains is a continued focus on ventilation. Yes you've got it, we ring in a draughty tower.

Thanks must go to all the Workington Band, our new ringers, to Andrew Moncrieff and John and Barbara Shallcross for helping me (and the band) to improve ringing and striking. With new blood, collaboration and team spirit all things are possible. Roll on 2023!

*Margaret Miller*

### **PAT AND GARETH EVANS REMEMBERED**

It was with great sadness that Guild members learned of the tragic road accident which took the lives of Pat and Gareth Evans on Monday 13 February 2023. They were very well known and respected by ringers within the Guild and beyond and will be deeply missed. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences go to their extended family, friends and ringing colleagues.

Their service to the Guild has spanned many years. In 1995, Gareth's first role was Public Relations Officer; and Pat was elected as Treasurer of the Guild, a role she continued for the rest of her life. Over the ensuing years, Gareth also served at various times as Ringing Master for the Western Branch and Training Officer.

St Michael's, Workington was their home tower, but they supported ringing and learning throughout the Guild and far beyond. The Peals, QPs and other ringing that was done *In memorium* to them in churches across the county and the country – showed how far and wide Pat and Gareth were known and respected.

Pat rang 134 peals, 79 of them with Gareth; and 58 of them for CDGCBR. She also rang 2 peals on handbells - Plain Bob Major and Plain Bob Royal. Gareth rang 164 peals, all on tower bells; and 87 for the CDGCBR.

Tributes have been received from across the Guild. They cite the support and encouragement both Pat and Gareth gave to so many of us. Their ability to go that extra mile. Their gentle manner and patience – true ambassadors for bellringing. A great team.

*A tribute from Margaret Miller, Joint Western Branch Secretary:*

Gareth taught me to ring in 2017/18. It looked so easy on youtube, but I was very uncoordinated and took ages to learn how to handle a bell and obtain my Association of Ringing Teachers level one certificate.

Throughout the learning process, Gareth was endlessly patient and positive breaking down ringing into smaller component parts. Pat supported Gareth, in his teaching role by driving him to St Michael's, making sure that Gareth was safe when working in the bell chamber, demonstrating skills and giving feedback and ringing when required.

Pat and Gareth were the heartbeat of ringing in St. Michaels. They had the supreme gift of being able to build relationships and get on with everyone. Their fellowship built a loyal band eager to ring on Sunday and all Christian and Civic occasions. While call changes, plain hunt and simple doubles methods were our usual fare, Pat and Gareth always made it clear that we were performing. So, we wanted to do our best.

Pat and Gareth supported learners at Workington, Cockermouth, Moresby and the Western Branch of the guild. Pre-Covid, Gareth organised and delivered regular Tuesday afternoon simulator sessions to Workington and Cockermouth ringers. Pat and Gareth also jointly organised tower outings with Cockermouth's Richard and Diana Green, to the benefit of ringers in both towers.

One of my fondest memories of Gareth is him standing behind me whispering in a quiet, authoritative voice. Nicknamed the "bell whisperer" by a learner who shall remain anonymous, the description is, I think, spot on. And it endures.

Pat and Gareth were elite ringers, with a national as well as local profile. They met at Oxford University in the seventies, through ringing. While Pat's knee problems limited her ability to stand and ring peals for hours at a time, Gareth has continued to ring peals, doing two in one day in recent years.

Pat and Gareth will always be remembered with joy and sadness at their untimely and unexpected death. The Workington band and West Cumbria will take time to recover from their loss. But recover we must, to "Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky," and ensure that Pat and Gareth live on.

## **QUARTER PEAL REPORT**

(“*Health warning*”: Once again, this analysis is based on information gleaned from Bellboard. I make no claim to the accuracy of the results, so please don’t shoot the messenger! ***And please do post your quarters, including footnotes, on Bellboard, otherwise they won’t be included.***)

The following analysis covers tower quarters. In addition, one handbell quarter was recorded, and I have also included the two peals recorded in 2022, one being on handbells. Post pandemic, our numbers increased to 41 tower quarters (and 1 handbell quarter).

Because of the various “special” royalty-related events, the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Carlisle Cathedral and the award of the BEM to Ron East, many other performances, from tolling to 900 method changes, were recorded during the year, some 100+ in fact, which shows that ringing is still alive in most corners of the Guild, but also speaks to the urgency of guild recovery activities. I estimate that approximately 60 guild members were involved, which is a healthy proportion considering the effects of the pandemic and the relatively smaller number of quarters compared with pre-pandemic levels.

Conducting was shared between 13 ringers, which again is encouraging. David Horne conducted 8, Duncan Walker and Andrew Warboys 7 each, Julia Cater and Norman Brock 3 each, Andrew Holland, Mike Hall, Ruth Gilbert, Richard Last 2 each, Barry Garrett, Iwan Cotgreave, Gordon Gray 1 each, and James Perrins conducted one (in addition to a handbell quarter and two peals). One was unrecorded.

I have not tried to comment on footnotes to the individual quarters or peals this year, but I have included the footnotes as far as practicable in the table to read yourself.

*David Horne*

## **PEALS 2022**

**Penrith**, 30 Brunswick Square  
Wednesday, 2 November 2022 in 2h 2  
11 in G)  
5040 Surprise Minor (7m)  
Bourne, Cambridge, Hull, Ipswich,  
Norfolk, Norwich, Primrose  
1–2 Julia R Cater  
3–4 Nicholas C Tithecott  
5–6 James W Perrins (C)  
First handbell peal of Minor in hand  
for the guild  
**£2.25**

**Bampton**, St Patrick  
Saturday, 8 October 2022 in 2h 37  
(5–0–9 in D)  
5040 Treble Dodging Minor (5m)  
1440 of Cambridge, Kent. 720 of  
Bourne, Norwich, Oxford.  
1 Bethany I C Cater  
2 Andrew J Holland  
3 Julia R Cater  
4 Peter H Gardner  
5 Jane Holland  
6 James W Perrins (C)  
**£4.50**

Date	Place	Time	Changes	Method	Conductor	Footnotes
23/01/22	Wigton	40m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	David Home	A. thanking for the life of Andrew Snape, died 13th September 2021, son of Mary & Martin.
06/02/22	Penrith	47m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
20/02/22	Wigton	40m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
06/03/22	Wigton	44m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
13/03/22	Carlisle	47m	1300	Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
20/03/22	Wigton	42m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
02/04/22	Hensingham	40m	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Julia Cater	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
09/04/22	Cockermouth	44m	1250	Lincolnshire Surprise Major	Norman Brook	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
09/04/22	Workington	47m	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Andrew Holland	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
17/04/22	Wigton	40m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
24/04/22	Wigton	41m	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
27/04/22	Wigton	45m	1260	Grandsire Triples	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
07/05/22	Greystoke	?	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
07/05/22	Hawkshead	43m	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Julia Cater	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
07/05/22	Keswick	43m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Julia Cater	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
07/05/22	Penrith	49m	1344	Plain Bob Major	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
07/05/22	Shap	41m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Norman Brook	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
29/05/22	Wigton	49m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
03/06/22	Wigton	42m	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
04/06/22	Bampton	44m	1260	Doubles (2m)	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
04/06/22	Moresby	49m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Gordon Gray	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
04/06/22	Shap	42m	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
05/06/22	Greystoke	?	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Hall	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
05/06/22	Penrith	46m	1274	Plain Bob Triples	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
05/06/22	Whitehaven	45m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Richard Last	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
07/06/22	Moresby	45m	1272	Norwich Surprise Minor	Andrew Holland	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
15/06/22	Carlisle	45m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
17/07/22	Wigton	45m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
17/08/22	Carlisle	43m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	David Home	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
21/08/22	Wigton	42m	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Barry Garrett	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
13/09/22	Hensingham	53m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Richard Last	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
18/09/22	Whitehaven	45m	1260	Doubles (7m)	?	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
22/09/22	Kirkby in Furness	40m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Iwan Coigreave	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
03/10/22	Shap	45m	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
08/10/22	Bampton	2h 37	5040	Treble Dangling Minor (5m)	James Perrins	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
16/10/22	Greystoke	47m	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Michael Hall	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
22/10/22	Penrith	35m	1320 HB	Surprise Minor (2m)	James Perrins	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
02/11/22	Penrith	2h 2	5040 HB	Surprise Minor (7m)	James Perrins	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
13/11/22	Penrith	45m	1274	Plain Bob Triples	Duncan Walker	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
20/11/22	Penrith	50m	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Norman Brook	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
20/11/22	Wigton	46m	1260	Grandsire Triples	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
28/11/22	Ambleside	55m	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major	James Perrins	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
17/12/22	Cockermouth	45m	1250	Lincolnshire Surprise Major	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
18/12/22	Wigton	41m	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew Warboys	Run to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

## 2022 GUILD MEMBERSHIP (237)

### Appleby (4)

N Harrop E Lynes  
S Grainger B Parkin

### Arlecdon (1)

D Hoyle

### 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 (1)

M Hall

### Carlisle Cathedral (32)

C Brennan O Northwood  
N Brock J Proudfoot  
T Collins A Rodger  
B Coulthard M Rodger  
T Coulthard C Sadler  
A East K Sawrey  
R East A Smith  
B Garrett T Smith  
M Gate S Starkey  
R Gilbert S Steel  
D Horne L Sydes  
J Horne V Taylor  
R Lebon S Thomas  
A MacLachlan M Thompson  
J Mather A Warboys  
S Nicholson H Ward

### Cockermouth (13)

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

### Egremont (2)

A Dunning C Gates

### Greystoke (12)

B Barnes D Kitchen  
A Brock C Lamb  
D Feeney L Lamb  
I Godfrey K Prince  
G Hall W Theakston  
T James 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)

K Corder K Newby  
R Corder N Newby  
J Humphreys G Roberts  
R Humphreys 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 (6)**

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

**Orton (7)**

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

**Penrith (29)**

J Bell                G Powell  
P Bell                C Radcliffe  
V Bowen             D Ridley  
I Carrie              H Ruberry  
B Cater              N Ruberry  
J Cater              T Ruberry  
P Cater              S Slack  
M Cumstey          S Smith  
E Gosden            D Speechley  
J Graham            N Tithecott  
R Jack               N Tomlinson  
B Lloyd              D Walker  
H Pawley            S Walker  
R Pawley            A Walton  
J Perrins

**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 (14)**

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

**Wigton (8)**

W Graham            A Robinson  
G Haraldson        P Shingler  
M Huntington      Martin Snape  
L Poole              Mary Snape

**Workington (12)**

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

**Unattached (6)**

A Holland            C Reay  
J Holland            G Sewell  
R Pratt                S Sewell

## GUILD BOOKSTALL

### Central Council

Beginners changering on handbells	£2.50	Service touches	£0.30
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

### Longridge

Method 300	£3.95	Ringers Handbook	£6.95
Treble Bob Variations	£1.95	Composition 500	£3.95
Conducting and Coursing Order	£7.50	Composition 501	£3.95
Raising and Lowering	£3.75	Composition 502	£3.95
		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	Ringing 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 Bellinging	£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) nonresident and (c) life members.

**(a) Resident** members may be elected at any General, Committee or Branch 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, together with the required membership form. 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 Extraordinary 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)**

**(i)** 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.

**(ii)** 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.

**(iii)** The opportunity to make an explanation or defence before the Guild Committee will not apply in situations where any breach of the Guild's Safeguarding Policy has been held to have been involved.

**(iv)** In the event of a breach of Safeguarding Policy, i.e. involving a safeguarding issue allegation being made against a member, the member shall be suspended for the duration of an investigation. Due process, as set out in the Guild Safeguarding Policy, the Safeguarding Diocesan Policy, and the Parish Safeguarding Policy (where the event occurred) will be strictly applied. Where a member, after investigation, is found to be culpable or classed as a Known Offender, his/her membership of the Guild shall be terminated.

**3. The Officers of the Guild** shall be the President, Guild Master, Events Officer, Communications and PR Officer, Guild Secretary, Finance Officer, Compliance Officer and up to 4 Additional Officers. The management of the Guild shall be in the hands of the General Committee, which is composed of the Officers, Branch Ringing Officers, Branch Secretaries and any representatives of the Guild on the Central Council of

Church Bell Ringers. The General Committee shall setup such subcommittees as it considers necessary.

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 General Committee and its subcommittees shall have power to coopt a member to fulfil a specific role until the next AGM. Any seven members shall form a quorum.

The General 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 Central Council Representative shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, observing the length of tenure as defined by the General Committee. 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 by the Branch hosting the event.

**4. Trustees:** The Trustees shall be the General Committee. The Guild Secretary and Finance Officer, plus up to two other Trustees elected by General 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 General 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 Annual Report and Accounts from the General Committee, together with the transaction of the normal business of the Guild.

The General 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 Extraordinary Meeting may be called at any time by the Guild Secretary on the request of the President, General 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 Branch Ringing Officer and Branch Secretary who shall be members of the Guild and elected by the members of that branch only.

(b) The Branch Secretary shall keep the Guild Secretary informed of any matter that is within the province of the Guild and its business. The Branch Ringing Officer 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. 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 Guild 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, set by the General Committee, 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.

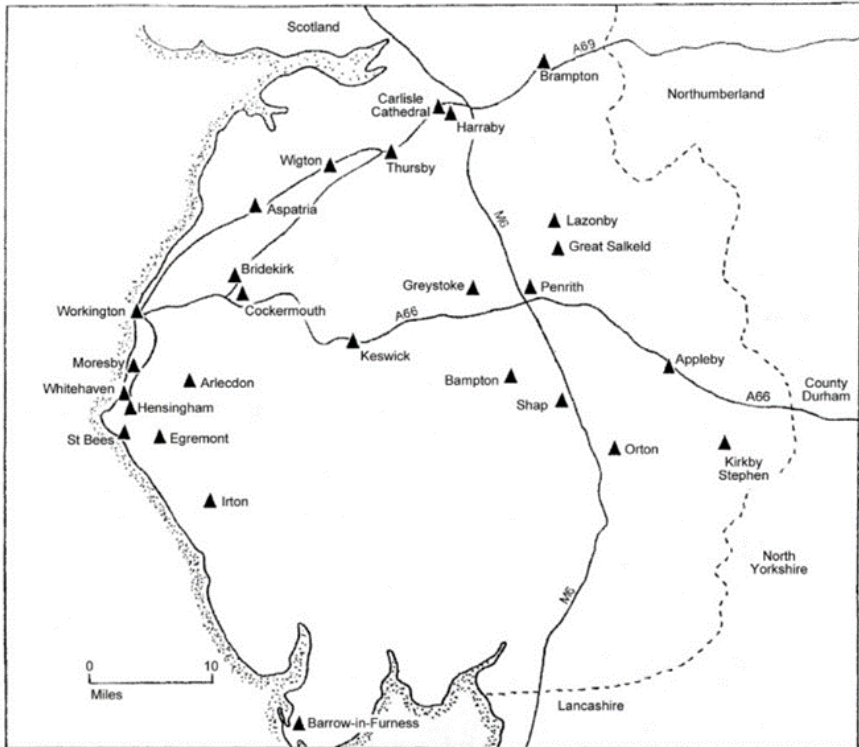
2. The object of the fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to Churches in the Diocese of Carlisle for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by making grants to them. Maintenance and improvement of a bell installation shall be deemed 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 reerecting.
  - (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 General 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 subcommittees which shall report back their actions fully and promptly to the Committee.
- (d) The Committee shall have the power to coopt such persons as it considers necessary to assist in its deliberations. The number of coopted 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 General Committee meeting.
5. (a) The Guild Secretary, the Finance Officer of the Guild, and the Branch Ringing Officers shall be exofficio Trustees of the Fund.
- (b) Such bank accounts as may be required shall be opened in the name of the Fund. Any two of these Trustees shall have the power to sign cheques.
- (c) Any outstanding monies in the hands of the General 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 General Committee and its subcommittees 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 earmarked 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 Finance Officer 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 Extraordinary 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 Extraordinary General Meeting.

## LOCATION OF RINGING TOWERS AFFILIATED TO THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD



### POSTCODES OF RINGING TOWERS

<b>Appleby</b>	CA16 6QW	<b>Irton</b>	CA19 1YH
<b>Arlecdon</b>	CA14 4RT	<b>Keswick</b>	CA12 5QG
<b>Aspatia</b>	CA7 3AL	<b>Kirkby Stephen</b>	CA17 4QX
<b>Barrow-in-Furness</b>	LA14 5UE	<b>Lazonby</b>	CA10 1BW
<b>Bampton</b>	CA10 2QR	<b>Moresby</b>	CA28 6PJ
<b>Brampton</b>	CA8 1NU	<b>Orton</b>	CA10 3RH
<b>Bridekirk</b>	CA13 0PF	<b>Penrith</b>	CA11 7YA
<b>Cathedral</b>	CA3 8TZ	<b>St Bees</b>	CA27 0DR
<b>Cockermouth</b>	CA13 9PJ	<b>Shap</b>	CA10 3LA
<b>Egremont</b>	CA22 2AY	<b>Thursby</b>	CA5 6PF
<b>Great Salkeld</b>	CA11 9NA	<b>Whitehaven</b>	CA28 7PY
<b>Greystoke</b>	CA11 0TL	<b>Wigton</b>	CA7 9AU
<b>Harraby</b>	CA1 3QA	<b>Workington</b>	CA14 2EZ
<b>Hensingham</b>	CA28 8QW		