

## Latest 'News from the Guild' – August 2023

### *Tower Open Days at Cockermouth: 14-16 September 2023*

The ringers of All Saints Church, Cockermouth will be joining in with the Heritage Open Days - a national festival of history and culture ( <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk> ). In the past, these have been very successful events with large numbers of public attending and the profile of bell ringing being raised.

The tower will be open to the public between Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th September as follows: Thursday 2 - 4pm, Friday 10am - 4 pm and Saturday 10am - 2pm. There will be general information, videos, short talk, children's activities and hopefully hand bell demos/workshops available in the main church. We provide timed tours up into the tower where there will be ringing demos and a 'have a go' session available for the public.

All guild ringers are welcome to come along to share in the fun and lend a hand for an hour or two on any of the days. If you would like to join us then please let Diana know, by text or email (07858074133 or [dianagreen62@gmail.com](mailto:dianagreen62@gmail.com) ), so she can co-ordinate the number of ringers in the tower at any one time.

### *Celebration at St Michael's, Church Brough*

Following a service for the blessing of the restored bells by Bishop James Bell on 30<sup>th</sup> July, the bells were available for general ringing. Ringers came from all over the Guild to take part, including Kyle Harrison from Barrow (pictured below). Kyle took to the 'Bellringing in Cumbria' Facebook page to record his excitement about ringing the heaviest ring of 4; and to encourage others to come along. A splendid celebration cake was made by Janet Shepherd – as well as cupcakes for the local children.



### *Targeted Session at St Lawrence, Appleby*

Nick Harrop, Bridget Kelly and Ruth Gilbert organised another successful targeted session in July – this time on the new simulator at Appleby. Thanks to willing helpers and enthusiastic learners, good progress was made. If you would like targeted help with training for your ringers, please contact Ruth Gilbert, Guild Ringing Master.

### *Guild 50/50 Draw: Raising money for the Bell Restoration Fund.*

The new year started for the Guild 50/50 Draw on 1st May, thank you to everyone who chooses to have one or more numbers in the draw. We have 112 numbers so far this year which means one of the prizes has been increased and there will still be an excess for a bonus prize in April 2024. The prizes each month are now £25, £15 and £12 so if you win any prize, you will have recouped your annual payment. The first draw of the year was done at the very busy Penrith practice on 26th July:

#### **Prizes for May, June and July 2023**

##### May

£25 Robin Swindells  
£15 Jenny Humphreys  
£12 Christine Robinson

##### June

£25 Colin Belsey  
£15 Anne Hogarth  
£12 Keith Amey

##### July

£25 Christine Brennan  
£15 Christine Robinson  
£12 Wendy Belsey

Please contact Anne East on [aeast65sr@btinternet.com](mailto:aeast65sr@btinternet.com) if you would like to join in the 50/50 Draw or get more numbers.

## *Congratulations to...*

*At Barrow:*

**Kyle Harrison** rang his first quarter peal on a bell other than the cover by ringing treble to plain bob doubles:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1623021>

*At Greystoke:*

**Hannah Saudek** rang her first quarter peal and it was called by **Imogen Carrie**. Also a compliment to Hannah's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1646742>

*At Bridekirk:*

**Richard & Diana Green** - First at home tower;

**Diana Green** - celebration of 60th year:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1649306>

Engagement compliment for **Edwin Matthews & Naomi**.

*At Wigton:*

**Sally Nicholson** rang her first quarter peal – on the tenor for Plain Bob doubles:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1646052>

*At Cockermouth:*

**First attempt of QP of St Simon's for everyone in the band!**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1643313>

Rung in celebration of the ordination of Rev Christina Brentnall, ordained Deacon on 1st July, and Rev Barbara Robinson, ordained Priest on 2nd July.

Quarter peals were rung at Penrith and Shap in memory of Joe Graham, husband of Jennifer and grandad of Imogen. These were rung on the same day and were the first and second as Conductor for **Imogen Carrie**.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1643518>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1643294>

## *Upcoming...*

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Cumbrian Codgers visit Furness. Further details can be found [here](#).

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Surprise major practice: 16.00 at St Mary's, Wigton

**Date for your 2024 diary:** March 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rededication service for the bells at St James Barrow after the restoration project. To celebrate the LACR Furness & South Lakeland branch will hold their March ringing meeting on that day at Barrow. Ringers from CDGCBR will be very welcome to join them to ring and at a meal afterwards. Andy Pollock is also planning a "meandyring" walk locally in the morning. Everyone is welcome and it will be especially pleasing if some of those involved in the project could join in. Further details will be available in the New Year – so pencil it in your diaries now.

## *And Finally...*

We would love to hear the news from your tower – so get in touch at [GuildComms@gmail.com](mailto:GuildComms@gmail.com)