

Dates for your 2024 Diary –

Saturday 2nd March – Western Branch AGM, ringing at Cockermouth followed by service and AGM at Bridekirk and more ringing.

Saturday 9th March – Ringing Meeting and Walk at St James, Barrow

Tuesday 19th March – Eastern Branch AGM and ringing, 19.00 – 21.00

Saturday 20th April – Borders Mini Bells promoting ringing at Dalemain Marmalade Festival

Saturday 27th April – Guild Ringing Gathering and AGM in Western Branch, at Wigton

Saturday 11th May – Guild Striking Competition in Western Branch, at Cockermouth

All these dates are on the website calendar at <https://bellringingincumbria.com/events/> and further information will be added closer to the time.

Further Information for the 10th Anniversary – March ringing meeting & Walk at Barrow

Safety Notice

Please be aware that work to stabilise windows on South face of the tower and East end of South aisle inside the church at St James the Great, Barrow may not be complete (weather dependent) so please avoid the foot of the tower externally, and yellow/black taped off area near the reading lectern inside church.

10am-12noon	<p>Meandyring South Walney Nature Reserve https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/south-walney Ramble on relatively flat terrain. Bring your binoculars/scopes (few may be available to share if don't have your own) Optional café (probably Roundhouse Community Hub - https://www.facebook.com/RoundHouseWalney/) afterwards. Alternative (worth a visit) is the Dock Museum https://www.dockmuseum.org.uk/ which opens at 11am</p>	
1pm to 2pm	<p>Quarter Peal attempt By invited guests involved in the 2013/2014 restoration or recruited since: Geoff & Carole Pullin, Hugh Pettifor, Andrew Nicholson, Dennis Ellisdon, Ron East, Jayden Milby, and Andy Pollock.</p>	<p>BarrowBells Restoration 10th Anniversary Exhibition</p>
2pm to 2.30pm	<p>Restoration Video in church</p>	
2.30 to 4.30	<p>Branch Ringing Meeting (Furness & South Lakeland Branch LACR) Please note there is limited space in ringing room so please assist with submitting ringing requests and being prepared to swap in & out of ringing chamber at the discretion of the Furness & South Lakeland Branch Ringing Master. Andy Pollock will coordinate at foot of tower and our Branch Ringing Master Anne Hackney will be in charge of all the ringing from the ringing chamber. Opportunities to view the bells from the old belfry while the bells are rung. for those waiting for their scheduled turn to ring.</p>	
4.30 to 5.15pm	<p>Light Refreshments (coffee, tea, squash/water & cake –bring & share) Brief Wombel Demo or Restoration Video Note: Wombel dependent on early fabrication & delivery of frame.</p>	
6pm – 8pm	<p>Restoration Anniversary Meal Francesca's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria (https://lovefrancescas.com/ ... Menu) provisionally booked for 20, and all welcome! Probably finish before 8pm for those travelling back any distance. Please contact Andy at ringing@barrowbells.org.uk ideally before Sat 17th Feb to let us know if you intend to join us so that I can adapt the booking as needed.</p>	

ART Level 1 – Bell handling successes:

Congratulations to Jacob Knights and his father Mike, who have successfully completed their ART Level 1. They ring at Workington.

Also, congratulations to Sarah Nimmo, who passed her ART Level 1. Sarah is a ringer in the new band at Brough. You can see more at <https://bellringingincumbria.com/art-level-1-bell-handling-successes/>

Please share any successes in your tower via the newsletter by sending details to GuildComms@gmail.com

Message from ART Administrator:



Thank you

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to ART during 2023
and the part you play as a **Friend** in our sponsorship programme

The generous and on-going ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

January 2024

on behalf of the Association of Ringing Teachers
Registered charity number: 1156971

Congratulations to...

At Cathedral:

Janet Yasities – First Quarter at first attempt – 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1690833>

Terry Collins – First Quarter away from cover - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1690836>

At Barrow:

1320 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1685789>

To welcome in the New Year and remember our good friend and ringer Ken Parkinson who passed away in 2023.

Condolences

It is with sadness that we report the death of Philip Moncrief, father to Andrew. Although not a ringer, Philip was a familiar face in various towers around the Guild when he accompanied Andrew. With Philip's support, Andrew has become a valued member of the Guild and a welcome ringer at services, practices and Guild events. Our thoughts are with Andrew and his family. The funeral is to be held on Monday 12 February, 11am at St John's Church, Hensingham.

Guild subscriptions are now due please and will be gratefully received - thank you. Details can be found at: <https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/membership-2/>

This 'News from the Guild' can be viewed on the Guild website at <https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/bell-repair-fund/>

We would love to hear the news from your tower – so get in touch at GuildComms@gmail.com