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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Ringing Meeting and Walk at St James, Barrow

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Eastern Branch AGM and ringing, 19.00 – 21.00

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Borders Mini Bells promoting ringing at Dalemain Marmalade Festival

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

[We are looking for the Young Ringer of 2023!](#)

Help us find them! Are they ringing in your band? For further information and to get a nomination form go to - <https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/young-ringers-award/>

Please send completed entries to: [info@bellringingincumbria.com](mailto:info@bellringingincumbria.com)

Closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

[2024 Westley Award for Belfry Maintenance and Improvement](#)

Barry Garrett, ringer and steeple keeper at Carlisle Cathedral was the first ever recipient of this national award. The 2024 award is now being launched – so does your tower have someone who could be a worthy nominee? Find out more at:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/news/>

[Annual Report –](#)

The Annual Report for 2023 is currently being compiled – so please send your tower reports to [Guildcomms@gmail.com](mailto:Guildcomms@gmail.com) as we want to read about what your band has been up to!

[Congratulations to...](#)

*At Brunswick Square:*

First maximus in hand for the Guild

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1698139>

To celebrate Paisley Cater's upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. A farewell to James Perrins (7-8), heading home soon, from his northern northern friends.

*At Fold Gardens, Great Salkeld:*

1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1698818>

First in "tower".

A(nother) fond farewell to James as he heads South and starts his return journey to Oz.

*At Wigton:*

1260 Grandsire Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1698513>

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the deaths of Pat and Gareth Evans.

Rachel Jack – First Minor - 1260 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1701292>

*At Whitehaven:*

1260 Plain Bob Minor with 6, 8 cover

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1698797>

In memory of Philip John Moncrief, father of the ringer of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

*At Arlecdon:*

Mark Thompson - First on 8 - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles with 7,6, 8 cover

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1700868>

First QP on the restored bells including volunteers Ron East, Barry Garrett and John Proudfoot.

*At Cathedral:*

Simon Durrant – First Belfast – 1280 Belfast Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1701122>

*At Barrow:*

Cameron Pollock – First treble to Surprise Major – 1280 Bristol Surprise Major

J Andrew Pollock – First QP in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1697743>

*Condolences*

It is with sadness that we report the death of Gerald Sewell. Gerald was well known and respected throughout the Guild and served for many years on the Guild Committee. His rigour and attention to detail were an invaluable asset in his role of safeguarding officer; and he combined this with a kind and supportive approach to everyone.

Our thoughts are with Susan at this very sad time.

The funeral is to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 12.20pm at Carlisle Crematorium.

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](mailto:GuildComms@gmail.com)