

Latest 'News from the Guild' – May 2024

*Dates for your 2024 Diary –*

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Guild Striking Competition in Western Branch, at Cockermouth: 2pm onwards with 'bring and share' tea to follow. More details here: <https://bellringingincumbria.com/event/7315/>.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Bell Sunday: The CCCBR annual celebration of the contribution of bell ringers to the life of the Church. You can find out more here: <https://bellsunday.org/>.

Thursday – 6<sup>th</sup> June – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day Normandy landings.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 'Dave Day' at Barrow – in remembrance of Dave Myers

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

*Bell Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> May:*

Here are a few suggestions from CCCBR of how to get involved. We'd love to hear if you celebrate this day in your tower and church:

- Host an exhibition of photographs, bell related equipment etc highlighting what ringing is all about and introducing "Who's Who?" in your tower.
- Host an open day to demonstrate bellringing and the bells, giving people an opportunity to visit the ringing room and have a go.
- Flower arrangements could be in the shape of bells and incorporate bell related equipment.
- Choirs could be invited to sing a bell anthem.
- Organists could play bell related music as a voluntary.
- Junior Church could play handbells or have a go at chiming a bell.
- Ringers support the after-service refreshments and provide tasty bell shaped goodies(!).
- Articles in the parish magazine.

*The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings:*

Will your tower be marking this historic occasion? We would like to keep a record of ringing tributes; and if your tower needs any support in celebration ringing; ringing of quarter peals etc – please ask. All suggestions and requests/offers to [Guildcomms@gmail.com](mailto:Guildcomms@gmail.com).

*'Dave Day' – 10000 motorbikes*

Barrow will become the destination of a remembrance procession made up of thousands of motorcycles who will be departing London in the morning, being joined by countless more along the route, before arriving in Barrow town centre late afternoon. Celebrations will centre around Barrow Town Hall, with a service of remembrance and free family entertainment.

A Quarter Peal will be rung from 14.00 – 15.00 and there will be Open Ringing from 15.00 – 16.30

*Appointment of The Venerable Stewart Fyfe as President:*

Members of the Guild were delighted to meet The Venerable Stewart Fyfe at the recent Guild AGM and welcome him to his new role as President of CDGCBR. Stewart is not a bellringer (yet) but maybe he could be a target for our recruitment drive?

*A Grand Day Out at the Marmalade Festival:*

Once again this year, the Border Mini Bells featured at the Marmalade Festival at Dalemain. Andrew Warboys reflects on a delightful day in the spring sunshine, [here on the Guild website](#).

*Guild 50/50 Draw: Raising money for the Bell Restoration Fund – Latest winners:*

February

£25 Robin Swindells

£15 Sally Nichols

£12 Jim Crowther

March

£25 Belinda Lloyd

£15 Eileen Dunning

£12 Mary Huntingdon

April

£25 Ruth Gilbert

£15 Anne East

£12 Andy Pollock

There was a Bonus Prize of £54 for the end of the year – and this was won by Richard Pawley.

The total raised for the BRF from 50/50 Draw for 2023/24 was £678 and one person kindly donated their £25 prize back to the fund, so a total of £703 was paid into the account. The Guild is very grateful to Anne East for her continuing hard work organising this great fundraising enterprise. And a big thank you to everyone who contributes to

the fundraising 50/50 Draw. New members are always welcome and you can email Anne East at [aeast65sr@btinternet.com](mailto:aeast65sr@btinternet.com) for more information.

*Congratulations to...*

*At Whitehaven:*

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Boniface Dobell – First QP

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1720244>

*At Wigton:*

1320 Carlisle Surprise Minor

Ron East – First QP of Carlisle

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1725909>

*At Barrow:*

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

Cameron Pollock – First QP of Surprise Major

Jacqueline Preston – First in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1718398>

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

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