

Latest 'News from the Guild' – January 2025

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 1st March 2025: Western Branch AGM at Moresby
- Tuesday 25th March 2025: Eastern Branch AGM at Penrith
- Saturday 5th April 2025: AGM (venue TBC, will be East)
- Saturday 26th April 2025 – Borders Mini Bells promoting ringing at Dalemmain Marmalade Festival
- Saturday 10th May 2025: Striking Competition (venue TBC, will be East)
- Saturday 10th January 2026: Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington

Notice of funeral for Alison Last

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Alison Last, wife to Richard and friend to many in the Guild. Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard and the family.

Richard has asked us to let you all know that the funeral for Alison will be at St James Church, Whitehaven at 1pm on Thursday 6th February. It will be followed by a short committal at Distington Crematorium. A funeral tea will probably be at The Chase Hotel, where everyone will be welcome to join Richard and the family.

The bells will be rung before the service, half muffled from 12:15. John Shallcross will oversee the ringing.

It would help with estimating numbers if people let Richard know if they are intending to attend the funeral tea.

Pat and Gareth Evans Improvement Award'

Congratulations to John Proudfoot - the inaugural winner of the 'Pat and Gareth Evans Award'. John received this award in recognition of his commitment in establishing a new Band of ringers at St Martins, Brampton. Thank you, John, for all your enthusiasm and encouragement.

You can read all about the presentation at the January meeting on the Guild website here:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/pat-and-gareth-evans-improvement-award/>

New Hassock at Workington

A beautiful new hassock has been made for St Michael's, Workington in remembrance of ringers who have passed away. You can see a picture of it here: <https://bellringingincumbria.com/new-hassock-at-workington/>

'The Rhythm of the Bells' – needs a new home!

Mary Dodd's daughter, Christine Robinson, has found an LP lurking in with her records. Its titled "The Rhythm of the Bells - examples of Good Change Ringing." She has memories of her Mum playing it and literally rattling the windows! Can anyone give it a good home before she takes it to a Charity Shop? If so, please email GuildComms@gmail.com

ART Conference 15-16 March at York University

The conference is open to anyone irrespective of ART membership or even if they are an ART supporter or sceptic. This year's conference is focusing on leadership and features a varied programme of presentations and workshops held at the conference centre and in local towers. More details including the full programme and details of speakers can be found at:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/art-conference-15-16-march-at-york-university/>

The 2025 CCCBR AGM and Roadshow

The 2025 Central Council AGM weekend takes place in Yorkshire from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th September 2025 and this year includes a roadshow on the Sunday, supported by trades and exhibitors, speakers and ringing opportunities. More details can be found at:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/2025-cccb-agm-and-roadshow/>

Latest 50:50 Club results

Prizes for November, December 2024 and January 2025 - drawn at the Guild Meeting at Workington

November

£25 Champa Sadler
£15 Keith Amey
£12 Richard Last

December

£25 Colin Belsey
£15 Christine Robinson
£12 Ally Walton

January

£25 Richard Pratt
£15 Sally Walker
£12 Rosamond Shirreff

The wonderful support from you all keeps the Bell Restoration Fund topped up ready to support bell installations and restorations around the Guild. We are always happy to have NEW MEMBERS of the 50/50 Club so why not give it a go? The club is organised by Anne East, who can be contacted at aeast65sr@btinternet.com, if you would like to take out a subscription.

Congratulations to...

At Barrow in Furness:

5152 Cambridge Surprise Major

Cameron J Pollock – First peal

Jayden R Milby – First peal as conductor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1799525>

For Christmas

At Thursby:

5040 Minor (3m)

Norman M Brock – Circled the tower in peals

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1813913>

Rung in memory of Alison Last, former ringer and friend of the Guild

At Orton:

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1801084>

A birthday compliment to Sally Walker

At Cockermouth:

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1799755>

To mark the 50th anniversary of Norman Brock's first peal rung at this tower on this day (21 December) in 1974

At Wigton:

1274 Plain Bob Triples

Janet Yasities – First on 8

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1808450>

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Mary Huntingdon – First of Grandsire

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1811943>

At Cathedral:

1280 Pudsey Surprise Major

Ruth Gilbert – First blows in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1808122>

Congratulations to John Proudfoot – on being awarded the inaugural 'Pat & Gareth Evans Award', for his contribution to ringing at St Martin's, Brampton.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Janet Yasities – First QP on a working bell

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1813905>

Birthday compliment to Anna, daughter of 2

Rung with simulated sound

Correction to emailed December newsletter:

At Cathedral:

1260 Grandsire Triples

Hilary Ward – 1st Grandsire Triple inside.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1794352>

Remembering Roy Webb, friend of this tower, on the eve of his funeral.

The Guild is on Facebook – Cumbria Bellringers

This Facebook page is for members and friends of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and bellringing visitors to Cumbria.

You can find us by searching on Facebook for 'Cumbria Bellringing' or going to:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/479827378371419>

It would be great if you have something to post - or want to comment on posts.

It will be a means of the Guild contacting members and members being able to contact other members and the Guild – such as requests for ringers for a wedding or last-minute requests for Sunday service ringers... getting help for an Open Day; relating about a special occasion. That kind of thing.

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