



Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers



Annual Report 2024

THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Patron: The Lord Bishop of Carlisle
President: The Venerable Stewart Fyfe, Archdeacon of West Cumberland

The Carlisle Diocesan Guild was founded in 1975 in the areas formerly covered by the Cumberland Association, established in 1889, and the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association of Change Ringers, which was formed in 1947.

OUR PURPOSE

Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (CDGCBR) works in partnership with local ringers, bands and towers, and with the Church in the Diocese as it serves and worships God, to:

1. Support ringing for Church services, and national and community events
2. Promote the enjoyment of ringing and fellowship amongst ringers of all faiths and none
3. Welcome, recruit, train, encourage, and develop – so that all are enabled to ring as well as they can
4. Take care of bells and their fittings, with advice, practical help and funding
5. Foster an appreciation of bells and ringing in the wider general public

The Guild Prayers

O God, we give You thanks for the bells we ring and the art of ringing; for benefactors and bell-founders; for those who have taught us and those with whom we ring. May we ring as well as we can, for the delight of those who hear, for the celebration of those for whom we ring, for the offering of wordless worship, for the reminding of all that the Church is here and You are here.
Amen

or

Lord God of joy and celebration,
we offer to you the sounding of our bells.
Let us ring out the good news of your Son our Saviour
and welcome all to come and know Jesus.
We celebrate the generosity of previous generations;
may we, in our day, ring out with joy and gladness
through the gifts of your Spirit. Amen

or

Loving God
We pray for the Guild of Church Bellringers, and the towers and ringers of Carlisle Diocese.
May the bells we ring tell out your name and sing your praise.
May our lives ring out your love as our bells call people to worship. Amen

OFFICERS in 2024

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FEES

Resident Members	Adult	£10.00
	Junior	£1.00
	Senior	£5.00

Senior members are those of pensionable age who may choose to pay the reduced rate.

Non Resident Members	On election	£5.00
Peal Fees (tower) (hand)	Each rope	£0.50
	Each person	£0.50

Cover – St Martin's Brampton – *by John Mather*

Guild Website: www.bellringingincumbria.com

SUMMARY OF TOWERS AND PRACTICE NIGHTS

Eastern Branch

Appleby (Monday with Shap)
Bampton (Thursday)
Brampton (1st and 3rd Thursday)
Brough
Cathedral (Friday)
Great Salkeld (Wed. with Lazonby)
Greystoke (Thursday)
Harraby
Keswick (Wednesday)
Kirkby Stephen (Thursday)
Lazonby (Wed. with Gt Salkeld)
Orton (Friday)
Penrith (Tuesday)
Shap (Monday with Appleby)
Thursby (Tuesday)

Western Branch

Arlecdon (Thursday)
Aspatria
Barrow-in-Furness (Wed)
Bridekirk (Monday)
Cockermouth (Wednesday)
Dalton-In-Furness (Tuesday)
Egremont
Hensingham (Tuesday)
Irtton (Monday)
Moresby (Tuesday)
St Bees (Wednesday)
Whitehaven (Friday)
Wigton (Monday)
Workington (Monday)

AFFILIATED TOWERS

APPLEBY, St Lawrence 6 bells, 10cwt (508Kg) in G (GF) (NY683205)

Practice: Monday 7.30pm (alternating with Shap)

Enquiries: Sue Grainger, Laurel Bank, Kirkby Thore, Penrith CA10 1XN
(07876 403895)

ARLECDON, St Michael 8 bells, 14¹/₄cwt (725kg) in F (NY052198)

Sunday: 10.30am (fortnightly) **Practice:** Thursday 7pm, contact to confirm.

Enquiries: Debbie Keighley (07999 806966) email: debbie.keighley@btinternet.com

ASPATRIA, St Kentigern 8 bells, 14cwt (712kg) in F# (NY147419)

Enquiries: The Vicar

BAMPTON, St Patrick 6 bells, 5cwt (258kg) in D (NY521180)

Sunday: 9am – 1st and 4th Sunday of month **Practice:** Thursday 7pm – contact to confirm. Enquiries: Bridget Kelly, Abbott House, Rosgill, Penrith, CA10 2QX (01931 716822) email: email@bridgetkelly.me

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, St James the Great

8 bells, 12cwt (621kg) in F (SD194699)

Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm

1st Wednesday of the month 'Target' practice – extra visitors encouraged

5th Saturday in a month – simulator Saturday 10-12noon contact to confirm.

Enquiries: Andy Pollock (07879 411824) email: ringing@barrowbells.org.uk

Website: www.barrowbells.org.uk

BRAMPTON, St Martin 6 bells, 9¹/₄cwt (470kg) in A (NY528610)

Sunday: 1st Sunday 3pm **Practice:** 1st and 3rd Thursday 7pm

Enquiries: Mike & Janet Richards

email: janet.a.richards@btinternet.com (07834 898672)

BRIDEKIRK, St Bridget 6 bells, 11³/₄cwt (597kg) in G# (NY117337)

Sunday: 10.30am **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm

Enquiries: Richard Green (077153 80332) email: ragreen987@gmail.com

BROUGH, St Michael 4 bells, 887kg in E (NY792139)

Sunday: By arrangement **Practice:** By arrangement

Enquiries: Paul & Melissa Steadman 07816 765885

email: paul.steadman77@gmail.com

CARLISLE, Cathedral Church of the Holy & Undivided Trinity (NY398559)

13 bells, 21-0-6 (1071kg) in E^b Tower phone: 01228 597887

Sunday: 9.30am **Practice:** Friday 7.30pm – contact to confirm

Enquiries: Anne East, 65 Scotby Road, Scotby, Carlisle, CA4 8BG

(01228 513633) email: aeast65sr@btinternet.com

Veronica Taylor, (07929 069186) email: veronicataylor@hotmail.co.uk

CARLISLE, St Elisabeth, Harraby 8 bells, 14cwt (712kg) in F (GF) (NY422545)

Unavailable. Enquiries: Ron East, (01228 513633) ronald.east@btinternet.com

COCKERMOUTH, All Saints 8 bells, 12¹/₂cwt (636kg) in F# (NY124306)
Sunday: 9.25am **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Enquiries: Richard Green (077153 80332) email: ragreen987@gmail.com

Dalton-in-Furness, St Mary 10 bells, 21-2-25 (1104kg) in D (SD225738)
Sunday: 9.00am **Practice:** Tuesday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Jacqueline Preston (07921 132196) email: jp@romneyroad.co.uk

EGREMONT, Ss Mary and Michael 8 bells, 13¹/₂cwt (686kg) in F# (NY012105)
Sunday: Practice:
Enquiries: Colin Gates, 2 High Bank House, Egremont CA22 2DZ
(01946 820419 or 01946 820623)

GREAT SALKELD, St Cuthbert 6 bells, 11-03-22 (610kg) in F# (NY552368)
Sunday: 9.30am alt. Sundays **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm alt. with Lazonby
Enquiries: Mike Allison, 10 Barton Dale, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1BU
(01768 898806) email: allmickey@btinternet.com

GREYSTOKE, St Andrew 6 bells, 7¹/₄cwt (368kg) in A (NY443308)
Sunday: Usually 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.30am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Katherine Prince email: kjprince349@hotmail.com

HENSINGHAM, St John Evangelist 8 bells, 13³/₄cwt (699kg) in F# (NX985166)
Sunday: 10.30am **Practice:** By arrangement - contact to confirm
Enquiries: Gordon Gray, (07977 126738) email: hensingham@bell-ringing.co.uk
website: www.bell-ringing.co.uk

IRTON, St Paul 8 bells, 16cwt (814kg) in F# (GF) (NY092005)
Sunday: Special services **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Kathleen Egglestone, Spindle Craft, Drigg Station, Holmrook CA19 1XQ
(01946 724335) (daytime)

KESWICK, St Kentigern, Crosthwaite 8 bells, 12-02-24 (737kg) in F (GF)
Sunday: 9.30am **Practice:** Wed 7pm; visiting bands welcome (NY257243)
Enquiries: Nick Newby, 18 Skiddaw St, Keswick, CA12 4BY
email: nickjane.newby@gmail.com
or Jenny Humphreys (01768 772063) email: robandjenhumphreys@outlook.com

KIRKBY STEPHEN, (dedication unknown) 8 bells, 15³/₄cwt (801kg) in F (NY775088)
Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Thursday 7.30pm by arrangement
Enquiries: Colin Belsey (07938 532735) email: colinbelsey1207@gmail.com

LAZONBY, St Nicholas 4 bells, 7¹/₂cwt (369kg) in B^b (GF) (NY549398)
Sunday: 9.30am alt. Sundays **Practice:** Wednesday 7.30pm alt. with Gt Salkeld
Enquiries: As Great Salkeld

MORESBY, St Bridget 8 bells, 5cwt (259kg) in D (NX982210)
Sunday: 10.15am (ringers MUST stay to the service; ringing can take place afterwards, for visitors for whom this is a problem, if requested in advance) **Practice:**
Tuesday 7- 8.30pm Enquiries: Mrs Anne Denwood email: annedenwood@sky.com

ORTON, All Saints 8 bells, 12³/₄cwt (648kg) in F# (GF) (NY622084)
Sunday: 3rd at 10am **Practice:** Friday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Susan Thorpe email: s.thorpe669@btinternet.com (015396 24166)

PENRITH, St Andrew 8 bells, 19cwt (966kg) in E (NY516302)
Sunday: Usually 9.15am, contact to confirm **Practice:** Tuesday 7.00pm, contact to confirm. Enquiries: Helen Ruberry email: penrith.bells.secretary@gmail.com
Note: For security reasons, the church is locked during the practice, after 7.45. Entry is via the South door. There is a doorbell on the West door, for use if the South door is locked.

ST BEES, Priory Church of SS Mary and Bega 8 bells, 13cwt (661kg) in F
Sunday: 10.00am **Practice:** Wednesday 8.00pm (NX968121)
Enquiries: Doug Sim, 31 Main Street, St Bees CA27 0AA (01946 824898)
email: doug.sim@btinternet.com

SHAP, St Michael 6 bells, 8cwt (407kg) in G# (NY564154)
Sunday: 10.00 (1st) and special services **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm alt. with Appleby
Enquiries: Janet Labram, Spout House, Keld, Shap, Penrith, CA10 3QF
(01931 716311) email: janetlabram@btinternet.com

SILLOTH, Christ Church 8 bells (unringable), 23¹/₂cwt (1195kg) in E (NY110537)
Enquiries: The Vicar

THURSBY, St Andrew 6 bells, 6³/₄cwt (343kg) in A (NY324503)
Sunday: 10.30am **Practice:** Tuesday 7.00pm
Enquiries: Cynthia James, 5 Church Terrace, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6PD
(01228 642994)

WHITEHAVEN, St James 12 bells, 16cwt (814kg) in F (NX977184)
Sunday: 9.30am
Practice: Friday 7.30pm Beginners taught to handle separately. Contact for details.
Enquiries: Richard Last (07425 138520) email: Richard.last@tiscali.co.uk

WIGTON, St Mary 8 bells, 8cwt (407kg) in A (NY256483)
Sunday: 9.00am, 6.00pm (by arrangement) **Practice:** Monday 7.30pm
Enquiries: Martin Snape, 3 Greenfoot, Mealsgate, Wigton, CA7 1DF
(01697 371437) email: mary.snape1@btinternet.com

WORKINGTON, St Michael 8 bells, 12¹/₂cwt (636kg) in F# (NX997289)
Sunday: 9.00am **Practice:** Monday 7.00pm
Enquiries: Eric Martin (07796 828568) email: ericbells@yahoo.co.uk
Note: For security reasons the church is locked during practices. Please contact to arrange access before visiting.

GUILD MASTER'S REPORT

In 2024 there were less approaches from towers requesting support from the Guild, but more instances of towers organising development sessions for themselves. This is great to see, but please do remember that the Guild is there to support in any areas of tower improvement, so do get in touch if you think the Guild can be of help.

After many years of service to the Guild Committee Chris de Cordova resigned in 2024, followed a few months later by Margaret Miller. It would be great if there were new recruits to the committee, especially from a broader range of towers - there are currently only two Eastern towers who have members on the committee. The spread across towers in West is broader, but there are less committee members from that area.

The 2023 young ringer award was presented in 2024 and it was a joy to see the surprise on Iwan Cotgreave's face. Iwan has made a notable contribution to every tower he is involved in - well done!

The first weeks of 2025 saw the presentation of the inaugural 'Pat & Gareth Evans Improvement Award' - another very surprised recipient in John Proudfoot. John led the congregation and other ringing teachers to recruit and train a band of ringers at Brampton. St Martin's had been a silent tower for a while, but there is now ringing regularly on practice night and for Sunday Family Services.

Well done to both recipients.

Please submit your nominations for the 2024 Young ringer award.

Ruth Gilbert

GUILD SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Guild Secretary I am responsible for the day-to-day running of the Guild, including organising meetings, keeping records, and communicating with members. I've been in post since April 2022 and have enjoyed my third year as Secretary.

My activities during the past year included: Organising the Annual General Meeting of the Guild and six Committee meetings; keeping minutes of all Guild meetings; corresponding with members of the Guild by email using the newly populated Mailchimp software; replying to correspondence sent to the Guild.

I have sent a welcome email to all new members, so they know a bit more about the Guild. If anyone does not get the monthly bulletin, please let me know at info@bellringingincumbria.com and I will add you onto the list.

The Striking Competition was back in 2024 and an enjoyable day was had. We also updated the format for the Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington to make the business meeting more formal and this included presentation of the inaugural Pat & Gareth Award - it was a well deserved achievement for John Proudfoot.

From all the work done I believe the Guild is in a strong position to continue its work in the coming year which needs to focus on training new bell ringers and developing the skills of current bell ringers. We're keen to have more events to encourage new ringers - so if you have any ideas on this please let me or another committee member know.

Ed Matthews

EASTERN BRANCH REPORT

Last year we have had many young ringer practices, aiming for every half term (excluding Christmas) and we've got another one planned for Easter half term. With these practices, we realised that we have actually got enough for a team to enter the Ringing World's Youth Striking Competition in July, in Birmingham. We hope, that when the team is confirmed, to do focused practices for the team so the team captains can get used to their band and so that they all know what they are doing and where they are meant to go. This will be the first time that we have ever entered a band for this competition and it hopefully won't be the last time as we have about 15 young ringers all ranging in ages.

I've also had a few people ask me about a training day or targeted workshops, so far this year we've had a doubles practice at Shap in January and there is a workshop day for Orton and Appleby coming up in May. I have got plans for more targeted workshops. The next one on my list is another doubles workshop which I am hoping could be hosted at either Keswick or Greystoke, in June or July. This will help some of the people who have asked me for these practices or who I have personally seen struggling with these methods.

I am always planning what sessions are needed for us to work on, so if there's anything you or your tower is wanting then just let me know and I'll add it to the list.

Imogen Carrie

WESTERN BRANCH REPORT

At the Branch AGM in 2024 it was clear that there were a number of opinions about the purpose of the Branch and how it should move forward, and a number of towers not represented at the meeting. There was a plan for the Ringing Officer to ask people what they wanted, both by an initial email and then by taking the opportunity to go round, visit towers and talk to people. Unfortunately, the Ringing Officer's wife became seriously ill in June, and as a result of this the plan failed to get beyond the initial email, and there were no events organised at branch level during the year.

Richard Last

FINANCE OFFICERS'S REPORT

These accounts have been approved by the General Committee and the Independent Examiner in the usual way. Many thanks are extended to Duncan Walker for his work during 2023 to bring the accounts together and for his patience during the handover period in 2024.

Subscription income has increased this year, in part due to a small increase in the number of Guild members but more due to a very good response from tower contacts and individuals alike when subs were requested. We are grateful to those who take on this task on behalf of their bands, as well as individuals; the helpfulness and patience from everyone has been greatly appreciated throughout the process of organising this part of the Guild's work.

It became apparent at the beginning of 2024 that the Guild held £610.41 on behalf of the former Arlecdon Bell Fund, given to us when the church had been going to close. With the closure reversed and the church bells refurbished, and a new band being taught there, the General Committee agreed that the sum should be handed back. These monies will be transferred into the new account set up by Arlecdon tower and will show in the accounts of 2025.

One grant was made from the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF) for works to restore the two bells at Kirkoswald which Ron East and his team completed in June 2024. A further grant was agreed for the replacement of all eight ropes at Kirkby Stephen but the General Committee agreed that such consumables are not covered by the remit of the BRF. It was therefore agreed that the grant would be made from the General Fund and this will appear in next year's accounts once works are completed. We have continued to receive donations to the BRF funds from individuals via standing order for which we express gratitude. These are subject to Gift Aid and donations from 2022/3/4 are being claimed during 2025 and will appear in the next set of accounts. The need for this funding continues so, if you can help by making a regular donation, please contact the Finance Officer for the relevant forms, or download them from the Guild website at:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/gift-aid-and-legacies/>

Once again, the BRF has received a significant contribution of £703 (an increase on last year's donation) from the 50-50 Club helping us to continue to fund future bell restoration works. Thanks are expressed to Anne East for her continuing work in keeping this running. New members of the club are always welcome.

I agree with the view previously expressed that we are holding too much in reserves, in both the General funds and the BRF. The General Committee continues to focus on looking for ways to proactively promote ringing and encourage recruitment and retention of ringers. We would encourage discussion of any necessary restoration works with the Diocesan Bell Advisor and a proactive stance on restoration and maintenance.

Janet Yasities

CDGCBR GENERAL FUND – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Subscriptions	1601.00	1274.00
Peal Fees	3.00	17.50
Book Sales	76.00	23.10
Striking Competition Fees	45.00	-
Interest	52.06	18.87
Badge Sales	-	10.00
Donations other	-	37.59
	1777.06	1381.06
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Annual Report	70.00	55.00
Printing Guild Service Sheets	-	25.00
Public Liability Insurance	196.90	196.90
Handbell Insurance	97.78	104.92
Young Ringer Voucher	40.00	40.00
Young Ringer Award Engraving	7.00	-
Website hosting / Domain	118.37	14.39
Striking Competition Gift for Judge	29.95	-
Central Council Subscription	42.60	50.00
Central Council donation – leaflets	-	42.60
Donation to ART	50.00	-
Bookcase for Guild Archive	179.99	-
Purchase of book stock	11.80	8.00
Miscellaneous expenditure	-	24.00
Ringing World AGM Advert	-	20.00
Central Council Annual Meeting Expenses	-	352.98
Website redevelopment	-	850.00
	844.39	1783.79
Excess of income over expenditure	932.67	-402.73

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM

Retrospective Handbell donation value	-	10513.80
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BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fixed Assets		
Handbells	10513.80	10513.80
President's Medallion & Bars	740.70	740.70
Fixtures and Fittings	50.50	50.50
	11305.00	11305.00
Current Assets		
NatWest Bank Current Account	1176.19	675.47
NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account	3822.49	2770.43
Transfer due from BRF	388.79	1023.95
Cash in hand	15.05	0.00
	5402.52	4469.85

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>16707.52</u>	<u>15774.85</u>
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Represented By:

Accumulated Fund Balance at 1 st January	15774.85	5663.78
Excess of Income over Expenditure	932.67	-402.73
Retrospective handbell donation value	-	<u>10513.80</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND at 31st December	<u>16707.52</u>	<u>15774.85</u>

NOTES – from this balance, £610.41 is due to be paid to the new Arlecdon Bell Fund (see Finance Officer's Report for details).

CDGCBR BELL RESTORATION FUND – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest	262.82	214.12
Donations Gift Aid (standing order)	429.00	360.00
Donations Gift Aid (other)	-	-
CAF Donation	-	25.00
50/50 draw donation	703.00	662.00
Amazon Smile donations	-	26.58
Donations from towers	-	-
Donations other	12.15	15.00
	<u>1406.97</u>	<u>1302.70</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Great Salkeld wheel renewal	-	500.00
Thursby clappers refurbishment	-	511.20
Kirkoswald Bells Restoration	364.84	-
	<u>364.84</u>	<u>1011.20</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>1042.13</u>	<u>291.50</u>

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current Assets		
NatWest Bank Charities Reserve a/c	18629.20	18234.38
Transfer due to CDGCBR Current Account	-388.79	-1023.95
Cash in hand	12.15	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>18252.56</u>	<u>17210.43</u>

Represented By:

Accumulated Fund balance 1 st January	17210.43	16918.93
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1042.13	291.50
ACCUMULATED FUND at 31st December	<u>18252.56</u>	<u>17210.43</u>

THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution can be found on our website www.bellringingincumbria.com at: <https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/constitution/>

Also on the website are various resources, including the current stock of books and pamphlets available to buy from the Guild:

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

TOWER REPORTS

APPLEBY

We regularly welcome learners and developers from other towers. They are improving nicely and so are we. We can all handle our bells confidently and our rounds are becoming brisker, more confident, more accurate and more evenly-struck. We aspire to high standards in our ringing and maintain a fully inclusive ethos. Our plain hunting is becoming more fluent and our ropesight is developing. If you come to one of our practices, you will find the atmosphere in our practices is cordial and welcoming. You will also be helping us to operate a policy of one learner per touch. We aim to provide something for everybody and to focus on the development of individuals, so that every member of the band can be a resource for the others. However, at present, it is unusual for us to ring grandsire or stedman because plain bob will open wider, more interesting horizons for a six bell band with a preponderance of less experienced ringers who will develop well in each others' company.

Nick Harrop

ARLECDON

The bell tower was in use throughout 2024 with practice sessions held most Thursday evenings, and ringing before every fortnightly Sunday service. In addition, the bells were rung for a number of special occasions including the D-Day Anniversary, a large parish funeral, and on Christmas Day. This was in spite of some continuing damp problems and on-going improvements to the ringing room.

The Arlecdon Bell Team remained small with only 3 permanent members, who all achieved their Level 1 Bell Handling Certificate during the year. One potential new ringer attended several practice sessions but sadly decided not to continue. We are grateful for the support provided by other local towers, both in terms of training and assisting on Sundays and at special events, and were delighted to welcome two visiting teams: one from Carlisle Cathedral and the other from Sussex.

The Tower is now temporarily closed, while building work is on-going in the main church, and is expected to reopen in May 2025.

Debbie Keighley

BAMPTON

2024 has been a positive, enthusiastic, fun ringing experience for us all at Bampton St Patrick. We look forward to ringing together and we regularly receive great feedback about our bell ringing from our community.

Due to a reduction in the number of church services, the scheduled service ringing at St Patrick from 2025 will change - service ringing will be from 9.00am until 9.30am on the first and fourth Sunday of the month.

As well as our weekly practice and Sunday service ringing we rang out in 2024 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings with Call Changes, Plain Hunt and a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Minor; Call Changes and Plain Hunt to mark the 84th Anniversary of Battle of Britain Day combined with ringing for a Baptism Service same day; Rounds and Call Changes half muffled prior to Remembrance Sunday Service.

Throughout 2024 we have had the pleasure and opportunity to ring with visiting ringers, some of whom gave their time and conducting skills to enable Quarter Peals to be rung - a huge thank you and much appreciation to Ruth Gilbert, Julia and Bethany Cater, Charles Radcliffe, Judith and David Horne, Helen and Tony Ruberry.

More visiting bands were welcomed to St Patrick in 2024 - booking in advance for an opportunity to ring on our Bampton bells in between holiday/fell walking/tower touring etc.

We are discussing the possibility of a Tower Open Day in 2025 and keen to explore the possibility of organising more focused Target sessions through the Guild (along the lines of the successful sessions held here at Bampton in 2023).

As always, we would like to thank all our ringing friends for their continued guidance, help and support.

Bridget Kelly

BARROW-IN-FURNESS

It has been another busy year, although membership has been static in 2024. Looking ahead, several learners are making excellent progress and may want to join the Guild in 2025.

We rang 5 quarter peals at Barrow in 2024, the first of these was Plain Bob Minor conducted by Iwan Cotgreave on New Year's Day.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on 9th March was rung exactly 10 years after the bells were restored, by a band of 7 people that were involved in the restoration in 2014, and conducted by Jayden who learnt to ring on the restored bells.

Congratulations for quarter peal achievements include first Surprise Major (Cambridge) for Cameron Pollock, first Cambridge Surprise Major for Jacqueline Preston, and first Bristol Surprise Major for Andy Pollock.

Our peal report includes a failed attempt at a Peal of Pudsey for Pudsey in Pudsey that tower captain Andy Pollock arranged for BBC Children in Need on Friday 15th November. It gets a notable mention because we still raised £1045 for BBC Children in Need!

We successfully rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for CDGCBR on Barrow Bells just before Christmas, and again congratulations must go to Cameron Pollock for ringing his first ever peal, and Jayden Milby who called his first peal. Fabulous achievements for both, excellent ringing, and I am sure there will be many more in the future!

Other notable ringing included the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings; and Dave Day in tribute to “Hairy Biker” Dave Myers where thousands lined the streets of Barrow to welcome 46,136 motorbikes (official figure) – the bells took part in the festivities with the Bellringing Motorcyclists ringing a quarter peal, and afterwards local ringers joined them for general ringing.

The Barrow Wombel ‘one-bell’ simulator and audio-visual kit came to fruition with grants from Westmorland & Furness Council (HLF microgrant), BAE Systems, Carlisle Diocese, Furness Branch LACR, and tower funds.

It had its first few outings at the bell restoration anniversary, AV part at CDGCBR AGM at Wigton, NW Ringing Course, Brilliant Barrow, and the celebration for this and other Micro to Mighty projects at Barrow Town Hall.

It is available for use at your promotional and recruitment events across CDGCBR – see <https://www.barrowbells.org.uk/Wombel.html>

One of our star young ringers Iwan Cotgreave was awarded the Guild’s Young Ringer of the Year award, and was presented with the trophy at the Surprise Major Practice at Wigton in August.

We had a lot of fun playing Footgolf at Glebe Park, Bowness on the way to that meeting, and have enjoyed tower meals and meandydings (rambles before ringing meetings), although not as many as we would have liked. We aim to do more in 2025!

Andy Pollock

BRAMPTON

Firstly, our thanks go to John Proudfoot who has been responsible for bringing the sound of our church bells back to the market town of Brampton. With the support of Cathedral ringers, five of the Brampton Band have now achieved ART Level 1. We now ring for the monthly family service and have even managed to ring a few rounds and basic call changes with purely Brampton band members. All of the band are now members of the Guild, and we have held our first tower meeting and appointed officers to their posts. This year, we will plan for the future and recruitment to strengthen our resilience.

The support from Cathedral ringers has been amazing. We cannot thank them enough for their encouragement, enthusiasm, patience and belief in us. We have been given the opportunity to join them at Cathedral practice sessions and they provide a much-needed boost to our numbers at practice and family service ringing sessions. Our personal thanks go to Terry Collins, Sarah and David Steel who have committed to becoming regular supporters at these sessions. A special shout out goes to our teachers Ruth Gilbert, Sue Thomas, Barry Garrett and Janet Yasities.

We are so looking forward to the year ahead and sharing our tower with you all at the Guild AGM on 5th April 2025.

Janet Richards

BRIDEKIRK

Ringling has continued throughout the year but less well attended and less frequent than recent years. Monday practice nights usually attract 4 or 5 ringers but we have cancelled quite a few practices this last year due to lack of ringers. Sunday service ringling is infrequent and then only consists of 2 ringers - but the congregation love to hear the bells so we persevere.

We had the pleasure of ringling for two weddings, thanks to some of the Cockermonth ringers for swelling our numbers.

Richard Green

COCKERMOUTH

Another good year at All Saints'. Practices are well attended and service ringling is well supported. We have welcomed an experienced ringer to our band, which has enabled us to increase our repertoire on practice nights. We have focused on quite a few of the "St" methods (St Simons, St Nicholas & St Martins), and Cambridge minor, Stedman, and Grandsire with the occasional touch of bob minor, St Simons and St Clements. Our recent learner has achieved Art L1 and is progressing well (considering her shift work patterns and other commitments) with call changes and is starting to explore plain hunt. We have temporarily lost a few of our experienced ringers for medical reasons but hope they will be back enjoying ringling in the not-too-distant future.

Richard Green

CATHEDRAL

This will be my last report as Tower Captain. I shall be standing down after eleven years in the post at the Tower AGM in April and will hand over the responsibilities to David Steel.

The tower finished 2024 on a high note with the addition of our latest ringer to the band, Lucy Coulthard, aged nine years. Lucy was awarded her ART Level One certificate for the safe handling of bells.

There are presently thirty-three members of the band who have supported ringling on all twelve bells for every Sunday Eucharist service in 2024, for Christmas Day and half muffled for the Remembrance Day service.

The work of the band has extended to several other towers during the year. Tower ringers have supported the ringling at both St Andrew's church, Thursby and St Mary's church, Wigton during the year and recently rang for two Christmas services at St Kentigern's church, Aspatria where there is presently no band to ring the bells. The tower also organised ringling at Orton near Shap for their Christmas market in December.

John Proudfoot is leading the recruitment and teaching of a new band at St Martin's Church, Brampton using both the bells at Brampton and the tied bells at the Cathedral for teaching. Other tower Leaders and ringers have also assisted

with the development of the new band and ringing now takes place each month on a Sunday afternoon for a family service.

The tower presently has seven Leaders, all of whom hold enhanced DBS certificates and are independently examined by ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) as qualified teachers of bell handling and bell ringing. Any Leader may lead the ringing in the absence of the tower captain. They have driven the outreach programme to other churches and the development of our own ringers during the year.

Five members of the tower now sit on the committee of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and are helping with the development of ringing throughout the diocese. A new group, Cumbria Bellringing, has been established on Facebook and a new award created for a significant contribution to ringing in the diocese throughout the year.

A group of five ringers from the tower volunteer their time to the restoration of bells in the diocese and this year have restored to ringing the two bells in the Kirkoswald campanile, the two bells at St Michael and All Saints, Addingham, the medieval bell at St Bartholemew's church, Loweswater and also renovated the two bells at St Cuthbert's church, Carlisle and the bell chamber at Aspatria. The group has also carried out extensive work at St Michael's church, Arlecdon - most recently with the removal of the organ, condemned as beyond repair, to create a new kitchen/vestry area.

The tower organised three open days in 2024 to welcome visitors to learn about the bells and the history of bell ringing at the Cathedral. Two open days raised money for the Cathedral and the third day in September was the Heritage Open Day. We also took a group of older children with profound learning difficulties from James Rennie school into the tower during the year and the visiting Stavanger Cathedral Girls Choir.

A complete review of safeguarding and risk assessment in the tower was undertaken during the year. One of our Leaders, Hilary Ward, is the tower's Safeguarding Officer and is also a member of the Cathedral's Safeguarding Group.

A Tower Handbook was produced during the year that contains a brief review of all aspects of ringing at the Cathedral and provides an introduction to ringing at the Cathedral for new ringers.

2024 marked the 25th anniversary of the installation of the new millennium bells. The Cathedral ringers met for a celebration in November when the service of the blessing of the bells had taken place in 1999. A presentation was given in the Fraternity in December about the history of bells at the Cathedral and the installation of the millennium ring.

2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the restoration of the original six bells in memory of Dean Hastings Rashdall by his widow Constance Rashdall. Two treble bells were added to make a ring of eight bells in a new frame made of pyinkado timber. Five of these bells were preserved in the tower when the millennium bells were installed in 1999. Bells are rung every year in memory of Dean Rashdall on his birthday, 24th June, as charged on his memorial in the south aisle. The tower

will be celebrating the centenary in November this year with a lunch and presentation about the restoration.

Note: I have agreed with the DAC to continue as the Diocesan Bell Advisor but may not be quite as involved in the practical side of the work as before! In the last 25 years I have led bell renovation/restoration projects in 136 towers.

Ron East

HENSINGHAM

2024 started alright with us ringing more or less most Sundays. Unfortunately, Tuesday night practices didn't happen, and we don't know if that will happen sometime soon. On the sad note, my father, Philip Moncrief, passed away in January from a short illness. Dad used to take me to bell ringing at Hensingham. Although he wasn't a ringer, Dad was an honorary bell ringer, and it was a pleasure for him to take me bell ringing. In February, the bells were rung half muffled prior to Dad's funeral, which I admit was a very touching and emotional time for everybody at Hensingham as well as the other ringers in the Guild, who knew Dad well, and I am very thankful that the ringing of the bells half muffled happened, so thanks to Gordon and Soo for arranging it and the ringers from eight Guild towers who attended the funeral.

Those who don't know, the bells at St John's were cast by Taylors Bellfoundry, Loughborough in 1913, 8 bells tenor 13 cwt in the key of F#. There are nine ringers at Hensingham, and with the help of some of the Whitehaven ringers, we managed to ring all 8 bells on a Sunday a few times. Four church members started learning but stopped because of work, but we now have two youngsters learning to handle. Arlecdon band visited regularly at the start of the year. Their tower is out of use due to building work.

We rang for our vicar Si's licensing service, two weddings, D-day 80th Anniversary, Remembrance service and also tolled for the neighbouring cenotaph service. We had visitors from Glasgow cathedral, Scottish association and a band from south of England with friends.

Andrew Moncrief, Gordon Gray

IRTON

We have thoroughly enjoyed ringing the bells of St. Paul's, albeit with a band both smaller and less accomplished than we would ideally wish for. Our less experienced learners have made steady progress and can now confidently contribute to service ringing. Our steeple-keeper has done a magnificent job in maintaining the bells and making them as forgiving as possible, but notwithstanding his care, our bells, as some of you will know, can punish the unwary. That our learners have gained confidence in bell control is a testament both to their own determination and also the skill and patience of those who have contributed to their learning. Our more experienced learners have endeavoured to retain their ability to ring doubles and the occasional minor method. And on

occasion we have been delighted to ring all eight. We are most grateful to those from neighbouring towers whose help has been both instrumental and generously forthcoming to help at practice nights and also to help us ring for “special” services. Alas we do not have sufficiently large a band to be able to ring for all services as we would like. And illness and injury (not, I hasten to add, from ringing) has meant that sometimes we have had to cope without the expertise that their experience would otherwise have brought into the ringing chamber. Our ringers cherish each other’s company, support one another and have fun (as well as working hard to improve our ringing, for which the local sheep (and farmers) and on a “special” Sunday and weddings and funerals, the congregation, are grateful.) Long may both aspects continue. If you find yourself our way and wish to savour the delights our bells can offer, you will be very welcome.

Dave Batten

KESWICK, CROSTHWAITE

This year has been a little quieter with no weddings booked, a first, though hopefully not the trend for the future.

We maintained Sunday ringing throughout the year, not always on all eight bells with illness playing a significant part (we all get older). We are still trying to recruit new ringers.

The promised new escapement for the clock shows no sign of appearing so it still remains silent.

Visiting ringers joined us for the eighty-year anniversary celebrating D Day and also swelled our numbers for the previous evening’s practise We welcome the healthy number of ringers who join us whilst on holiday in the Lakes as it adds variety to our ringing.

In August the Keswick Southey Society celebrated the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Southey’s birth. The bells were rung prior to readings in the church and as a conclusion to the afternoon’s activities

A Christmas get together bring and share buffet with hospitality and games provided by Catherine was enjoyed by all in December and 2024 was rounded off with the firing of the bells at midnight

Nick Newby

KIRKBY STEPHEN

Kirkby Stephen only has four regular ringers, who keep the bells ringing for Sunday services and are assisted by neighbouring towers for special occasions. The bells are always available for visiting bands and a set of new ropes is imminent, which should make teaching any learners an easier task. No peals or quarter peals were recorded during 2024, although requests for such are usually favourably received by the church.

Colin Belsey

MORESBY

Moresby bells have been rung regularly, for two practices and the Sunday morning service, each week, by a small core of church members, supplemented by ringing friends.

Ringing tends to be basic and fun-based, aiming to develop better striking and ropesight skills, but there was very little change-ringing last year.

The bells are readily available for others to use at other times, for quarters or peals, and to use the teaching facilities: dumbbell, touchscreen, software for method ringing, etc...

...and it's very useful for teaching new ringers to handle.... often in just one lesson!!!

Chris de Cordova

PENRITH

Ringing at Penrith continues to be in a very healthy state. During 2024, with the help of our own ringers and regular visitors, we were able to ring all eight bells for most Sunday services, civic events and services associated with Remembrance Day, Christmas and New Year.

Our Tuesday night practices are particularly well attended, again thanks to our many regular visitors, and ringing ranges from rounds up to Surprise Major. Practices are often split into two sessions starting with a short session dedicated to our learners followed by the main practice.

Some of our ringers also continue to regularly visit other local towers to assist on both practice nights and with service ringing.

In May we were delighted to retain the Guild method ringing striking competition trophy.

We had our leather muffles repaired and refurbished by a saddler, so they were in excellent condition for remembrance ringing this year.

Of special note is a quarter peal of Bob Triples which we rang, in memory of the late Jane Bell, on the evening before her funeral. Jane was a much loved member of the band, who sadly died unexpectedly in June. We also rang for her funeral the following day.

In happier news, we have been delighted to welcome two new ringers into the band, both of whom have moved into the local area recently.

In addition, we have arranged some extra practices during the year aimed at encouraging the young ringers at our own and other towers in the Eastern Branch to ring together as a group and prove that ringing can be fun and that not all practitioners of our ancient art are indeed ancient. These occasions are usually fuelled by cake!

Helen Ruberry

SHAP

In 2024 Shap St Michael's continued to ring for services on the first and third Sundays of the month and when Shap hosts a joint service in the North Westmoreland Benefice. Bells for weddings, Christenings, the Passing Bell and funerals mark key events in the lives of the village and nation.

Regular practices are Mondays at 7.30pm, alternating strictly week and week about with Appleby, so best to make contact ahead to see where we'll be. Shap's practices are well attended by ringers from Appleby, Orton and Brough, for which we are grateful and thank them for their support. All are welcome! (we can tempt you with homemade-cake). Throughout 2024 we've had an additional weekly 'quarter' practice which (when we achieve it) will be a first ¼ for four ringers.

We've reorganised our ringing room with a ringer's gift of a bookcase, so everything is tidy and boxes easier to access.

Looking to the future, Shap recently welcomed four learners (three little lasses and one mum) with ART's 'Learning The Ropes'. We are trying to persuade the dads as well. Hopefully more youngsters will come if they hear that it's fun. Our thanks to teachers from Appleby and Orton for their help in bringing on the next generation.

Janet Shepherd

ST BEES

2024 has been a year of consolidation, rather than significant progress. Sunday ringing continues successfully with all 8 bells being rung, and 9-10 often turning out. On practice night Plain Bob Triples is a regular feature. We are planning a blitz course on PB Minor, in 2025.

At New Year it was the usual open house in the belfry for ringing by candlelight in formal dress. Muffled call changes, hot punch, reading of Tennyson's *Ring out wild bells!* 12 strikes of the tenor at midnight and open ringing and firing afterwards all featured as usual. Again, we had many public visitors in the tower despite the poor weather.

Our annual dinner was once again held in the Queens Hotel in early December with a formal dress code; which makes it look rather grand. The Queen's dining room was at capacity and port was again kindly donated by the landlord.

We are very grateful for Soo and Gordon Gray, and Andrew Moncrief, for joining us for practice, and Hilary Chadwick for supporting us both for practice and Sunday ringing.

Doug Sim

THURSBY

The St Andrew's band enjoyed a steady year during 2024, working on several doubles methods and welcoming guests from afar who have dropped in for a holiday ring, or others who have supplemented the band regularly. It has been such a bonus for our small band to have Barry and Hilary from the Cathedral, along

with Mark, Julie, Jane and others. Six ringers - Robin Swindells, Liz and Les Brett, Peg Eastwood, Mark Thompson and Wojciech Kwiatkowski entered the CDGCBR Six-bell Striking Competition, held at All Saints Church, Cockermouth on the 11 May 2024 and came in second place, ringing rounds and call changes. The Guild produced a certificate to all the towers which participated that day which is now hanging in St Andrew's ringing room.

To join in the national commemoration of the 80th year following the D-Day landings on the 6 June 1944, Robin, Andrea, Peg, Wojciech and Mark rang for a half hour, at the same time as towers throughout the UK on the 6th June.

Ringers have also rung for one wedding held at St Andrew's in 2024.

Finally, a redundant half wheel was obtained from the Cathedral, which is now on display in the ringing room.

Peg Eastwood

WHITEHAVEN

We continue to ring for 10:00 Sunday Service as well as other special occasions, and we practice most Friday nights. We continue to cooperate well with ringers from St John's Hensingham, meaning that both towers ring more often and on more bells than they otherwise would.

Attempts to recruit new ringers during 2024 were not successful, but we still have one ringer recruited during 2023 who has now reached Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) level 3. We need to try and recruit new ringers during 2025. During the year Tony Dunning died. Tony was a member of the original band and rang with us until forced to stop by ill health in 2023. For much of his time in the band he was our steeple keeper.

Richard Last

WIGTON

It has been a busy year!

We have rung at least 6 for all the main services and Festivals sometimes with the help of Cathedral ringers. Thanks go to them. Their assistance is much appreciated. Our newest ringer, Chris Ingham has continued to progress under the guidance of Barry Garrett from the Cathedral, achieving the ART Learning the Ropes Level 1 Certificate in May. He is already a very valued member of the band. Sadly, Susan's husband Gerald died in February and our thoughts and sympathies have been with Susan at this difficult time.

The bells continue to be used for quarters prior to Evensong and 16 were duly scored this year. No peals rung this year though.

Quarters are often learning exercises and a number of firsts were achieved throughout the year. Congratulations to those ringers.

There were also some significant quarters rung. On the anniversary of Pat and Gareth's death in February, for Gerald in March, for Ann Bovill (a well loved member of St Mary's congregation) in October and for Dorothy May Wannop, Alison's mother, also in October.

On a happier note the appointment of Rev Richard Corrie was welcomed as Priest in Charge with a quarter in March and again prior to his Licensing Service on October 8th.

Our practices continue to thrive with the valued assistance of a number of Cathedral ringers. We are able to ring a good mix of methods from call changes to surprise and lots in between.

Mary Snape

WORKINGTON

The ringers at Workington have proven to be a very loyal band indeed showing great commitment to provide ringing on almost every occasion throughout the year whenever the opportunity arose, for services, or just for the joy of ringing. True to tradition we rang the 2023 Old Year Out before ringing the New Year In for 2024.

The Guild Meeting in January 2024 was well attended and was a fitting tribute to Pat and Gareth following their death on the 13th of February 2023. The St Michael's ringers gratefully appreciated the large turnout on that day especially as it was the first one to be held without Pat and Gareth being present. We would class 2024 as a successful year for a number of reasons including the continuing development of two new ringers from 2023 Mike and Jacob Knights. To develop their skills the band concentrated at length on ringing rounds and call changes with the aim of improving their striking of the bells and this approach enabled us to field two teams in the Crosthwaite Striking Competition.

I have to pay tribute to both teams for taking part and to one of them in particular for coming out winners on this occasion. Chris Cunliffe, now an occasional ringer at Workington, stepped in to take over the role of conductor in my absence.

Plain Hunt on various numbers of bells is a regular feature on Monday nights. Plain Bob Doubles, Bastow and Cloister Doubles were rung when we had sufficient ringers to do so with Grandsire Doubles and PB Minor given an occasional airing.

Progress is being made, and the plan for 2025 is to continue to ring the methods above more regularly and obviously we will enter teams into the striking competition. As always, we are grateful to those ringers who came along to support us throughout the year adding an extra depth of knowledge and skill to help us move forward.

We had visiting bands from West Sussex and a Ringing Tour from Glasgow Cathedral.

One final item of good news is that a new church goer, aged only 12, has started to learn to ring. He began his training after the Christmas Festivities and is now well on the way to being able to ring a bell on his own after only a few weeks of concentrated training. Jeanne Clements and I do this between 1800 and 1900 hrs. The number in the band remains stable, despite some of our members having some debilitating health problems. We hope for their full recovery and an early return to ringing by them.

Eric Martin

QUARTER PEAL REPORT

“Health warning”: Once again, this analysis is based on information gleaned from Bellboard (and occasionally from elsewhere). I make no claim to the accuracy of the results, so please don’t shoot the messenger! ***And please do post your quarters, including footnotes, on Bellboard, otherwise they won’t be included.***

The following analysis covers tower quarters. In addition, four handbell quarters were recorded (2 less than last year), and I have also included the three peals (one less than last year) recorded in 2024, one of those also being on handbells. Our quarter peal numbers have reduced somewhat this year from the 66 tower quarters (and 6 handbell quarters) of 2023 to 50 tower quarters (and 4 handbell quarters). This is not entirely surprising, given the large number of national and local events for which bells were rung in 2023. But a large proportion of CDGCBR members participated.

Congratulations to the ringers who have conquered that big milestone of their first quarter in their ringing adventure this year: Janet Yasities and Boniface Dobell. (Apologies if I missed anyone – I can only go from footnotes and Bellboard searching).

Leading quarter peal ringers were Anne East (28 - where *does* she get the time from?), Duncan Walker (23 – mostly conducted!), Simon Durrant (20 - probably the most travelled!), David Horne (19), Ruth Gilbert (18), Nick Tithecott (14), Andrew Warboys (14 – mostly conducted!), Ron East (12), Amanda Rodger (11), and Hilary Ward, Norman Brock & John Proudfoot (10 each).

Around 70 CDGCBR members rang in at least one quarter, an excellent result!

Conducting was shared between 13 ringers. Duncan Walker led the field with 22 quarters, significantly ahead of Andrew Warboys with 9. Next up was Ruth Gilbert with 7, followed by Mike Hall and Richard Last with 4 each. The remaining four quarters were conducted by Imogen Carrie, Julia Cater, Stephen Hall and David Horne.

Two of the four handbell quarters were conducted by Duncan Walker, the other two were conducted by James Perrins and Eric Trumpler. The two tower bell peals were conducted by Jayden Milby (his first – congratulations!) and Stephen Hall (definitely not his first!), and the remaining hand bell peal was conducted by Simon Gay.

Well done to everyone involved and a special thanks to the long suffering conductors!

I have not tried to comment on footnotes to the individual quarters or peals again this year, but I have included the footnotes as far as practicable in the table to read yourself.

David Horne

Date	Place	Time	Changes title	Conductor	Footnotes
07 Jan	Wigton	45m	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	For Evensong
17 Jan	Carlisle	47m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	First quarter away from cover – Terry Collins. Ring with simulated sound.
17 Jan	Carlisle	43m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	First quarter peal at first attempt – Janet Yaslievs. Ring with simulated sound.
10 Feb	Pennith	3h 15	5040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus	Simon Gay	To celebrate Paisley Cater's 16th birthday. Farewell to James from northern friends. First maximus in hand for the Guild.
11 Feb	Whitehaven	46m	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Andrew Warboys	In memory of Philip John Moncrief, 3 November 1961 to 25 January 2024, father of the ringers of the 6 th Andrew Moncrief.
11 Feb	Wigton	44m	1260 Grandisle Triples	Richard Last	Ring to mark the first anniversary of the deaths of Gareth and Paul Evans
12 Feb	Great Salkeld	33m	1260 Norwich Surprise Minor	James Perrens	First in the Tower". A fond farewell to James as he heads South and starts his return journey to Oz.
17 Feb	Alecdon	45m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Andrew Warboys	First on 6. Mark Thompson. First OP on the restored bells including volunteers Ron East, Barry Garrett & John Proudfoot.
18 Feb	Carlisle	45m	1280 Bellfast Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st Bellfast – Simon Durant.
18 Feb	Wigton	41m	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Duncan Walker	1st Minor – Rachel Jack.
16 Mar	Wigton	45m	1260 Grandisle Triples	Andrew Warboys	50 years ringing - Kate and Alison (25 each) Remembering Gerald Hodgson Sewell, 7th April 1941 - 22nd February 2024
17 Mar	Greystoke	49m	1260 Kennington Doubles	Melissa Hall	Celebrating Conductor's birthday. 50th anniversary of learning to ring and draw! First for all in vocation except Conductor.
20 Mar	Carlisle	42m	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Ruth Gilbert	First quarter inside to Minor at first attempt – Christine Brennan. Ring with simulated sound.
20 Mar	Carlisle	42m	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Ruth Gilbert	First inside to Minor at first attempt – Sue Thomas, and using as a 65 th birthday tribute to her. Ring with simulated sound.
24 Mar	Brampton	43m	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Duncan Walker	In celebration of the life of Gerald Sewell, who often rang here.
07 Apr	Whitehaven	42m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Richard Last	First Quarter – Boniface Dobell.
28 Apr	Carlisle	45m	1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	For evensong
28 Apr	Wigton	43m	1320 Carlisle Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	1st Carlisle – Ron East. For Evensong.
12 May	Wigton	43m	1320 Carlisle Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	First in method – Lynne Sydes. Ring on Bell Sunday, before Evensong on Ascension Sunday, as a compliment to Revd Richard Corrie - on his appointment as Priest in Charge of the Benefices of Wigton and Thursby.
06 Jun	Brampton	38m	1260 Plain Bob Minor	Julia Cater	First Minor – Bridget Kelly. Ring to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings. Dedicated to Hugh Radcliffe who was on a minesweeper off Omaha Beach
16 Jun	Carlisle	44m	1320 Lincolnshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method – Lynne Sydes.
16 Jun	Wigton	1280	Carlisle Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	For Evensong. 1st in method – Amanda Rodger.
19 Jun	Carlisle	45m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	First away from cover – Sally Nicholson. Ring with simulated sound.
19 Jun	Carlisle	43m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	First away from tenor – Janet Yaslievs. 80th quarter of bob doubles – Anne East. Ring with simulated sound.
19 Jun	Carlisle	45m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Ruth Gilbert	First inside – Sarah Steel. Ring as a birthday compliment to Mike Rodger, member of the Sunday Service band and husband to Amanda Rodger. Ring with simulated sound.
20 Jun	Thursby	43m	1260 Plain Bob Doubles	Andrew Warboys	First quarter peal away from cover. Mark Thompson.
28 Jun	Pennith	1264	Plain Bob Major	Duncan Walker	1st in hand. Simon Durant
30 Jun	Whitehaven	46m	1260 Doubles (2m)	Richard Last	To celebrate the ordination of David Filcott as Deacon on 29 June at Carlisle Cathedral. First on treble – Boniface Dobell.
07 Jul	Pennith	44m	1274 Plain Bob Triples	Duncan Walker	In memory of Jane Bell, ringer at St Andrews, on the evening before her funeral in this church.
13 Jul	Whitehaven	49m	1260 Plain Bob Triples	Richard Last	With thanks for the life and laughter of Tony Dunning. First on 8 – Soo Gray. First covering to 8 – Andrew Moncrief.
14 Jul	Wigton	1280	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	For Evensong.

Date	Place	Time	Changes title	Conductor	Footnotes
21 Jul	Greystoke	46m	Doubles (2m)	Imogen Cairie	First time conducting two methods - Imogen Cairie. First time in more than one method for Imogen Cairie, Mike Allison & Hannah Saudek. 16th birthday compliment to Hannah Saudek
23 Jul	Penrith	42m	Plain Bob Major	Eric Trumpler	First quarter in hand: Matthew Goodship.
27 Jul	Bampton	43m	Grandstre Doubles	David Horne	First in method on an inside bell - Chris Lamb.
28 Jul	Wigton	42m	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew Warboys	For-Evensong
18 Aug	Carlisle	46m	Cambridge Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method - Lynne Sydes, Ruth Gilbert.
18 Aug	Wigton	46m	Plain Bob Triples	Duncan Walker	1st on 8 inside - Chris Lamb
01 Sep	Wigton	45m	Plain Bob Triples	Andrew Warboys	1st of Triples: Christine Brennan. Birthday compliment to the conductor, Andrew Warboys.
22 Sep	Carlisle	44m	Rolland Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method - Ruth Gilbert.
22 Sep	Greystoke	50m	Grandstre Doubles	Michael Hall	In affectionate memory of Jim Foster. First quarter of Grandstre inside - Katherine Pircea, Imogen Cairie, Ian Godfrey.
22 Sep	Wigton	46m	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st in method - Charles Radcliffe.
29 Sep	Wigton	41m	Grandstre Doubles	Andrew Warboys	Rung as a farewell to Revd. Canon Michael Manley, Canon Missioner at Carlisle Cathedral, leaving for pastures new.
06 Oct	Thursby	2h 43	Minor (5m)	Stephen Hall	To mark the 20th anniversary of Mike and Stephen's first peal at this tower in which John and Norman rang. Steve and Howard rang in Mike's first unsuccessful attempt at Benwell in 1992.
20 Oct	Carlisle	46m	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	Duncan Walker	1st Spliced - Ruth Gilbert.
20 Oct	Wigton	44m	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Duncan Walker	1st Treble Bob - Chris Lamb.
27 Oct	Wigton	42m	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew Warboys	First of Minor - Janet Yasilies. Remembering Dorothy Mary Warrop, died 23rd October 2024, aged 98; mother of Alison
03 Nov	Wigton	44m	Lincashire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st Lincashire - Imogen Cairie. A birthday compliment to Anne East.
08 Nov	Penrith	43m	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	1st Surprise in hand - Simon Durrant.
16 Nov	Wigton	42m	Plain Bob Minor	Andrew Warboys	First of Minor on treble: Sarah Steel.
17 Nov	Greystoke	53m	Plain Bob Minor	Michael Hall	To Celebrate 25 years since Greystoke Bells were Rehung! First QP of minor method - Ian Godfrey, First QP at Greystoke and for the Guild - Alwyn Brock.
17 Nov	Penrith	45m	Plain Bob Triples	Duncan Walker	1st on 8 - 1. Rung for the Parish Centre's annual Ringing to Remember service.
24 Nov	Greystoke	52m	Grandstre Doubles	Michael Hall	To Celebrate 25 years since the Greystoke Bells were rehung. First in method, first at Greystoke & for Guild: John Inley.
08 Dec	Carlisle	42m	Grandstre Triples	Duncan Walker	1st Grandstre Triple inside - Harry Ward. Remembering Roy Webb, friend of this tower, on the eve of his funeral.
08 Dec	Wigton	42m	Superlative Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	First Superlative - Ruth Gilbert.
16 Dec	Orton	45m	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Duncan Walker	A birthday compliment to Sally Walker.
21 Dec	Barrow in Furness	2h 53	Cambridge Surprise Major	Jayden Milby	First Peal: Cameron Pollock. First Peal as Conductor - Jayden Milby. For Christmas
21 Dec	Cockermouth	45m	Bristol Surprise Major	Stephen Hall	To mark the 50th anniversary of Norman's first peal rung at this tower on this day in 1974.

PEALS 2024

Barrow in Furness

St James the Great
Saturday, 21 December 2024 in 2h
53 (12–0–24 in F)
5152 Cambridge Surprise Major
Composed by C Middleton

- 1 Iwan Cotgreave
- 2 Anne E Pettifor
- 3 J Andrew Pollock
- 4 Cameron J Pollock
- 5 Matthew W Goodship
- 6 Nigel J Goodship
- 7 Jayden R Milby (C)
- 8 Simon A Percy

First Peal: 4
First Peal as Conductor
For Christmas

Penrith 30 Brunswick Square
Saturday, 10 February 2024 in 3h
15 (15 in C)
5040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus
Composed by Donald F Morrison

- 1–2 Tina R Stoecklin
- 3–4 Julia R Cater
- 5–6 Simon J Gay (C)
- 7–8 James W Perrins
- 9–10 Nicholas C Tithecott
- 11–12 Simon A Percy

To celebrate Paisley Cater's
upcoming 16th birthday.
A farewell to James, heading home
soon, from his northern northern
friends.
First maximus in hand for the Guild.

Thursby St Andrew

Sunday, 6 October 2024 in 2h 43
(6–2–22 in A)
5040 Minor (5m)
(1) Kent TB, (2-3) Cambridge S, (4)
Double Oxford B, (5) St Clement's
College B, (6-7) Plain B)

- 1 Michael Hall
- 2 John J Proudfoot
- 3 Norman M Brock
- 4 Stephen J Hall (C)
- 5 Stephen B Bell
- 6 Howard E J Smith

To mark the 20th anniversary of
Mike and Stephen's first peal at this
tower in which John and Norman
rang. Steve and Howard rang in
Mike's first unsuccessful attempt at
Benwell in 1982.

2024 GUILD MEMBERSHIP (223)

Appleby (8)

A Foster	R Liddle
S Grainger	E Lynes
N Harrop	B Parkin
K Hunt	A Warburton

Arlecdon (1)

D Hoyle

Bampton (8)

C Crowther	B Kelly
J Crowther	D Kitchen
A Donaoghue	A Murphy
H Eccles	H Pitt

Barrow-in-Furness (9)

C Caroe	A Painter
I Cotgreave	A Pollock
K Harrison	C Pollock
A Jones	J Pollock
J Milby	

Brough (9)

J Inkley	J Sandilands
R Kershaw	E Steadman
S Nimmo	M Steadman
J Popps	P Steadman
R Popps	

Carlisle Cathedral (30)

C Brennan	J Robinson
N Brock	A Rodger
T Collins	M Rodger
B Coulthard	C Sadler
T Coulthard	S Starkey
A East	D Steel
R East	S Steel
W Finnegan	L Sydes
B Garrett	V Taylor
R Gilbert	S Thomas
D Horne	M Thompson
J Horne	A Warboys
A MacLachlan	H Ward
J Mather	J Yasities
S Nicholson	
J Proudfoot	

Cockermouth (9)

M Fleming-Williams	
D Green	E Matthews
R Green	R Nicols
R Horrocks	S Nicols
J Ingrams	J Yeoman

Dalton-in-Furness (3)

R Hallows	J Preston
O Osmotherley	

Great Salkeld / Lazonby (16)

M Allison	M Lawson
W Colclough	M Ousby
E Dickinson	B Pink
J Dickinson	S Porter
E Dunning	K Rhodes
E Forsyth	H Saudek
J Inkley	I Tallentire
S Jenkins	M Tallentire

Greystoke (8)

B Barnes	M Hall
A Brock	L Hall
I Godfrey	T James
G Hall	K Prince

Hensingham (8)

K Amey	S Gray
D Brownrigg	A Moncrief
S Burgess	H Naylor
G Gray	T Naylor

Irton (6)

D Batten	L Lister
K Eggleston	S Lister
V Goodwin	E Perrott

Keswick (11)

K Corder	N Newby
R Corder	G Roberts
D Lowe	C Sears
Dr N Moss	R Shirreff
J Newby	S Thomas
K Newby	

Kirkby Stephen (4)

C Belsey A Jorysz
W Belsey J Keogh

Moresby (7)

J Barwise A Grierson
R Barwise B Penny
C de Cordova B Southwell
A Denwood

Orton (4)

D Merritt Julian Thorpe
James Thorpe S Thorpe

Penrith (27)

J Bell G Powell
P Bell C Radcliffe
I Carrie J Ridley
B Cater H Ruberry
J Cater T Ruberry
P Cater S Slack
S Durrant S Smith
E Gosden D Speechley
J Graham N Tithcott
R Jack N Tomlinson
C Lamb D Walker
B Lloyd S Walker
H Pawley A Walton
R Pawley

Shap (4)

E Gerrard King D Newsome
J Labram J Shepherd

St Bees (13)

A Bell Y Leech
N Bettinson D McMullen
H Chadwick D Sim
J Hale E Sim
A Hewetson H Strong
B Hewetson V Turpin
D Hope

Thursby (11)

A Branch S Foulger
Les Brett C James
Liz Brett W Kwiatkowski
J Brown R Swindells
P Eastwood K Thorn
A Edwards

Whitehaven (10)

B Dobell R Last
E Doran L Leech
B Foster B Shallcross
A Last J Shallcross
J Last L Sutton

Wigton (7)

W Graham P Shingler
M Huntington Martin Snape
C Ingham Mary Snape
A Robinson

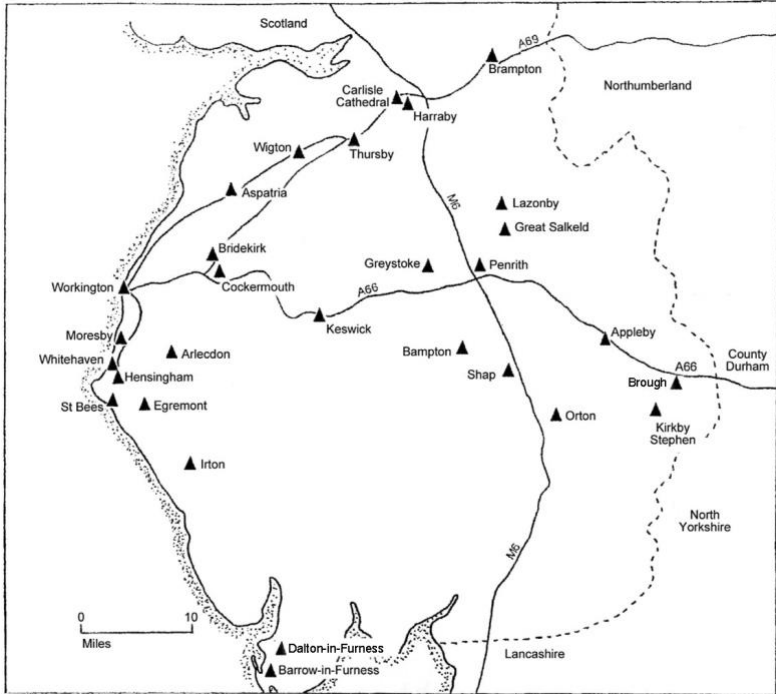
Workington (11)

J Clements E Martin
C Cunliffe Z Martin
M Edger M Miller
C Hadfield M Nichol
J Knights H Speight
M Knights

Unattached (3)

A Holland
J Holland
S Sewell

LOCATION OF RINGING TOWERS AFFILIATED TO THE CARLISLE DIOCESAN GUILD



POSTCODES OF RINGING TOWERS

Appleby	CA16 6QW	Hensingham	CA28 8QW
Arlecdon	CA14 4RY	Irtion	CA19 1YH
Aspatia	CA7 3AL	Keswick	CA12 5QG
Bampton	CA10 2QR	Kirkby Stephen	CA17 4QX
Barrow-in-Furness	LA14 5UE	Lazonby	CA10 1BW
Brampton	CA8 1NU	Moresby	CA28 6PJ
Bridekirk	CA13 0PE	Orton	CA10 3RH
Brough	CA17 4EJ	Penrith	CA11 7YA
Cathedral	CA3 8TZ	St Bees	CA27 0DR
Cockermouth	CA13 9PJ	Shap	CA10 3LA
Dalton-in-Furness	LA15 8LH	Thursby	CA5 6PF
Egremont	CA22 2AY	Whitehaven	CA28 7PY
Great Salkeld	CA11 9NA	Wigton	CA7 9AU
Greystoke	CA11 0TL	Workington	CA14 2EZ
Harraby	CA1 3QA		