

Latest 'News from the Guild' – February/March 2025

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 25th March 2025: Eastern Branch AGM at Penrith
- Saturday 5th April 2025: Guild AGM at Brampton and early ringing at Cathedral (see below)
- Saturday 26th April 2025: Borders Mini Bells promoting ringing at Dalemmain Marmalade Festival
- Saturday 10th May 2025: Striking Competition at Greystoke
- Saturday 10th January 2026: Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington

Very last call for reports for Annual Report

The 2024 Annual Report will shortly be going to the printers. So, this is your very last chance to have something included.

I currently have tower reports from: Appleby, Arlecdon, Bampton, Barrow, Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Hensingham, Irton, Keswick Crosthwaite, Kirkby Stephen, Moresby, Penrith, Shap, St Bees, Thursby, Whitehaven, Wigton and Workington. If your tower is not listed and you have sent me a report – please contact me urgently at guildcomms@gmail.com as I may have lost it!

Young Ringer nominations

Nominations can still be submitted, and will be warmly welcomed, for Young Ringer of 2024. Iwan Cotgreave from Barrow tower was the successful recipient of last year's award. So, do you have this year's young star in your tower? Further details and the nomination form can be found at:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-guild/young-ringers-award/>

Guild AGM

Our Guild AGM is being held at St Martin's Brampton this year, with early ringing also available hopefully at the Cathedral from 1.30pm – 2.30pm*.

Timings at Brampton will be

15:00 Ringing

16:30 Service

17:00 Bring and share Tea

AGM business meeting will follow the Tea.

* Ringing at the Cathedral is still subject to agreement by the Chapter – please check website for confirmation nearer the date.

Please let Ed at info@bellringingincumbria.com know that you are coming – to help with arrangements. Further information at: <https://bellringingincumbria.com/event/guild-ringing-and-agm/>

Striking Competition

The striking competition is to be held on Saturday 10th May at St Andrew's church, Greystoke. The bells will be available from around 2pm; with the competition starting at 3pm. There is a wedding at Greystoke in the late morning – so do not turn up very early!

More information at https://bellringingincumbria.com/whats_on/striking-competition/

ART M1 Course

The Guild is eager to arrange an ART M1 course to train ringers to teach new learners how to handle bells. You do not have to be a long-term ringer or know lots of methods to do this course. You need to be confident in bell-handling; you have to be kind and welcoming – to ensure people want to come back for another lesson; but most of all you should enjoy bellringing and share your joy in it. Mentors will support you throughout the process of becoming an ART qualified teacher.

There was considerable interest at the western branch AGM for this course – and we already have potentially six attendees; ideally, we need another 4-6 people. Would you consider doing the course and finding out about what is involved in teaching bell-handling?

To find out more visit the ART website: <https://smartringer.org/programme/artm1/> or talk to Diana Green, western branch secretary; Amanda Rodgers, eastern branch secretary or Ruth Gilbert, Guild Master.

A meandyring and ringing at Broughton

Andrew Pollock is organising one of his meandyring walks from Duddon Bridge to Swinside Stone Circle. The details are follows:

Saturday 8th March, a 6 ½ mile morning circular ramble from Duddon Bridge to Swinside Stone Circle and back, expected to take about 3.5 hours +/- 30 mins, so should be back before 1pm and can eat lunch or visit the village bakery or the Old Kings Head in Broughton for food ahead of the branch meeting. This is an AA walk on their Rated Trips website, route and description <https://www.ratedtrips.com/walking/duddon-bridge-and-the-swinside-stone-circle>

Aim to set off promptly at 9am. Parking is possible on roadside at start of Corney Fell road just north of Duddon bridge, but this is quite narrow although since the fell road is no longer a through road, there is much less traffic than previously. Alternative roadside parking just East of Duddon Bridge on the road to Ulpha and Seathwaite, and then walk over the bridge to join the group at the start of the above walk.

Let Andrew know on 07879 411824 or ringing@barrowbells.org.uk if interested in joining in. There is ringing on Broughton's bells in the afternoon 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Congratulations to...

At Bampton:

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Bridget Kelly – 1st of Grandsire on an inside bell.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1822674>

At Cathedral:

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

Lynne Sydes – 1st in method.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1827049>

At Church Brough:

1272 Single Court Place Minimus

Ron East & Barry Garrett – 1st QP of Minimus

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1828841>

At Whitehaven:

1260 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1829100>

Rung in thanks for the life of Alison Last, wife of the tower captain and 5th ringer.

At Wigton:

1260 Grandsire Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1824099>

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the passing of Gerald Sewell, and the second anniversary of the passing of Pat and Gareth Evans.

Martin Snape would like to be associated with this performance.

2025 Spliced Plain Bob Triples and Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1827869>

Rung as part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the restoration and rehanging of the bells at Carlisle Cathedral.

With the band's best wishes to Norman Brock for a speedy recovery.

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Sarah Steel – 1st inside to Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1829661>

With the band's best wishes to Norman and Rosie Brock.

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Janet Yasities – 1st inside to Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1829665>

At Kirkby in Furness:

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

J Andrew Pollock – 1st peal of Bristol Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1826412>

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>

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