

Latest 'News from the Guild' – April 2025

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 26th April 2025: Borders Mini Bells promoting ringing at Dalemain Marmalade Festival
- Saturday 10th May 2025: Striking Competition at Greystoke
- Saturday 5th July 2025 'Ringing World' National Youth Contest in Birmingham
- Thursday 7th – 10th August: North-West Ringing Course
- Saturday 10th January 2026: Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington

2024 Young Ringer Award

Each year the Guild gives 'The Young Ringer Award' to a young person who has shown progress in their ringing and commitment to their tower. The winner has to show us many qualities. They need to attend practices and service ringing regularly; contribute positively to their team of ringers; be willing to learn and progress, often encouraging those around them. In short, ringing should bring them challenges, but also bring them fun and joy!

The nomination form received by the Guild for this year's winner includes many great qualities. 'She comes to practice with a smile on her face'; 'is eager to take hold and ring and has introduced her friends to ringing'. She is 'always keen to learn something new'. And probably most important of all 'we are overjoyed that she has chosen us to be her ringing family!'

This year's winner is Maddison Ousby, who rings at Great Salkeld and Lazonby. Well done Maddie! You can see the article about Maddie's success that appeared in the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald here:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/2024-young-ringer-of-the-year/>

Ringing World National Youth Contest

It is with great pleasure that we can report that ringing by young people is going from strength to strength within the Guild. And, for the first time ever, the Carlisle Diocese will be represented by a youth team at the Ringing World National Youth Contest in Birmingham on the 5th July 2025.

This achievement is a result of lots of hard work by the young ringers, supported by their teachers and other helpers. So well done to them all!

Special thanks must go to Imogen Carrie and Helen Ruberry for their extensive work with these young people; and for arranging the invaluable Young Ringer Training Days.

We look forward to hearing all about their experiences in Birmingham.

A Successful Guild AGM at Brampton

Many thanks to everyone who made the Ringing, Service, AGM and Tea at St Martin's, Brampton a success. Janet Yasities has included a few words and photos at:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/successful-agm-at-brampton/>

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!

The Tea will be served in the Village Hall – we do not have access until 3pm as another group are holding an event there before us.

Please park in the village car park adjacent to the Hall and not at the Church or in Church Road.

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

A flyer is attached to this email for you to display on your tower noticeboards.

50:50 Draw Results

Prizes for February, March and April 2025 plus Bonus

February

£25 Hilary Ward
£15 Hilary Ward
£12 Ruth Gilbert

March

£25 Helen Speight
£15 Hilary Pawley
£12 Christine Hadfield

April

£25 Mary Snape
£15 Tony Ruberry
£12 Helen Ruberry

Bonus Prize for end of year: £48 Nick Newby

Donation to the BRF: £672

ART M1 Course

The Guild is eager to arrange an ART M1 course on a Saturday in June or July 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.

North-West Ringing Course 2025

Applications are now open for the North-West Ringing Course 2025 for both Students and Helpers.

The Course will be based at Borwick Hall near Carnforth in Lancashire from Thursday 7th August to Sunday 10th August. All details can be found on their website at <https://nwringingcourse.uk> or contact them at enquiries@nwringingcourse.uk

Circling around Bampton Tower

Congratulations to Janet Yasities, Sarah Steel, Ruth Gilbert, David Horne, John Proudfoot and Andrew Warboys (C) who circled the tower at Bampton with six QPs over two Saturdays in March. “Our quarter peals rang out on the lovely little bells in the beautiful church of St Patrick’s in Bampton, on both occasions in beautiful, warm spring sunshine.”

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1830535>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1830536>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1830537>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1832414>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1832416>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1832417>

Congratulations to...

At Bampton:

1260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor

Bridget Kelly – First of Spliced

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1836861>

At Cathedral:

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

Ruth Gilbert – 1st Blows in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1830764>

1274 Grandsire Triples

Sue Thomas – 1st QP on 8 bells

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1832069>

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

David Steel – First QP at first attempt

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1833444>

Dedicated to the joy of his grandchildren Peggy and Florence

At Greystoke:

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Alison Foster – First QP since 11th July 1987 and first inside

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1832951>

Conductor’s 68th birthday compliment and 50 years since becoming a Guild member. For the birth today of Stanley Hall, Conductor’s first grandchild.

At Thursby:

2025 Doubles (2m) Grandsire and PBD

Anne East, Ron East and Janet Yasities – 1st date touch

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1836106>

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

At Wigton:

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Sarah Steel – 1st on 8

Janet Yasities – 1st away from cover

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1830889>

1260 Grandsire Doubles

Janet Yasities – 1st of Grandsire on an inside bell

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1836962>

Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the bells in 1999

At Penrith – 30 Brunswick Square

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1841915>

At Grasmere:

1260 Grasmere Gingerbread Singles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1836695>

Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells

First on 3: Robin Daw & Jayden Milby

Rung by a local Cumbria & Lancashire band

Believed to be the first blows in method. If so, the band wish to name it Grasmere Gingerbread Singles

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