

Latest 'News from the Guild' – May 2025

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 28th June: ART M1 course at St Michael's, Workington
- 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

ART M1 Course

The Guild is arranging an ART M1 course on a Saturday 28th June at St Michael's, Workington. This course will 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.

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/> - the course should be online shortly to book your place. If you would like to talk to someone about it - please contact Diana Green, western branch secretary; Ruth Gilbert, Guild Master or Sue Thomas, course organiser on 07584 484102

ART Award success for the Cathedral ringers

Congratulations to the Cathedral Ringers who have been awarded the 'Band of the Year' Award by ART. This award is for bands focused on improving ringing standards and developing the sustainability of ringing. You can read more detail about the Award and see us all gathered in the belfry!

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/best-band/>

A Party and a Peal for Ron!

The Cathedral Ringers were also in party mood to celebrate the happy years spent with Ron East at the helm as Tower Captain at the Cathedral. So, in early May, a surprise party was held at the home of the Hornes, to mark Ron's retirement after 12 years in post. Further secrecy was needed when it was decided to attempt a Peal, by a Sunday Service Band, as a tribute to Ron. David Steel, the incoming Cathedral Tower Captain describes the events:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/a-surprise-peal-for-ron/>

Presentations in recognition of both Ron East and the Cathedral Band were kindly made by Canon Benjamin, at the Bell Sunday service on 18th May - <https://bellringingincumbria.com/bell-sunday-presentations/>

Another successful Marmalade Festival

Once again bellringing was promoted at the Dalem Main Marmalade Festival – the Borders Mini Bells made their annual appearance at this great day out – keeping young, old and bears entertained... You can read more about it here:

<https://bellringingincumbria.com/the-borders-mini-bells-at-dalem-main/>

Striking Competition

The striking competition was held on Saturday 10th May at St Andrew's church, Greystoke and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all the teams who joined in; taking the time to practice and come along and make the day such fun.

You can read about it here: <https://bellringingincumbria.com/striking-competition-successes-for-penrith/>

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

Central Council Publications are promoting their latest publication – 'Splicing Bell Ropes Illustrated' – you can find out more at our Facebook page – or buy it at <https://shop.cccbr.org.uk/>

Congratulations to...

At Cathedral:

Sarah Steel and Janet Yasities on achieving their ART Level 5; and David Steel on achieving his ART Level 3.

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

Amanda Rodger – 1st in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1845046>

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

David Steel – 1st away from cover

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1854637>

Rung in celebration of David Steel's appointment as Tower Captain at Carlisle Cathedral

5040 Plain Bob Triples

Hilary Ward, Lynne Sydes and Barry Garrett – 1st Peal

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1856236>

First peal on the bells by a Sunday Service band. Rung with grateful thanks to Ron East for his many years of service as Tower Captain at Carlisle Cathedral, in the year of his retirement.

At Greystoke:

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Milly Lawson – 1st QP

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1844846>

1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles

Imogen Carrie and Ian Godfrey – 1st QP inside for method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1847395>

In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Paisley R C Cater – 1st inside

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1855484>

At Wigton:

1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles

Sarah Steel – 1st in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1847221>

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day

1264 Plain Bob Major

Chris Lamb – 1st Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1852044>

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