

Latest 'News from the Guild' – October 2025

Dates for your diary:

- Last Sunday in month starting 31/8 – Herdwicks will be practicing in the afternoon (see below)
- Saturday 10th January 2026: Guild Ringing Meeting at Workington
- Saturday 18th April: Guild AGM at St Bees
- Saturday 9th May Guild Striking Competition at Hensingham

Website name change:

The Guild website is now www.cumbriabellringing.org.uk and mirrors our Facebook Group name of Cumbria Bellingring – if you have any issues accessing either of these – please let us know at guildcomms@gmail.com.

Pat and Gareth Evans Award

Please send us your nominations for the 'Pat and Gareth Evans Award'. This is awarded annually, at the January Workington Ringing Meeting, to a Guild member who has made significant and notable progress as a ringer, steeple keeper or tower captain. The inaugural award went to John Proudfoot for his work at St Martin's, Brampton in establishing a new band in this previous silent tower.

Nomination forms can be downloaded here:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/the-guild/pat-and-gareth-evans-award/>

and please send them to Guild Secretary Ed Matthews at info@cumbriabellringing.org.uk

A View from the NWRC:

Diana Green (Cockermouth and Bridekirk towers) attended the recent North West Ringing Course at Carnforth. She had an amazing time and tells us all about it here:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/a-view-from-the-nwrc/>

Ringing for VJ Day:

Many towers around the Guild rang for the Anniversary of VJ Day – in recognition of the sacrifices made by those who fought in the Far East.

Andy Pollock writes about what it means to the people of Barrow and how the ringers commemorated the occasion:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/ringing-at-barrow-for-the-80th-anniversary-of-vj-day/>

Guild 50th Anniversary Peal:

'The Cumberland and North Westmorland Association' was renamed in 1975 and became 'The Carlisle Diocesan Guild' following county changes. The first peal for the new Guild was rung on 20th September 1975. Norman Brock describes how the 50th Anniversary of this event was celebrated:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/50th-anniversary-peal/>

A Peal for the King:

In September, King Charles III visited Barrow and bestowed it with the title of Royal Port of Barrow. This was in recognition of 150 years of shipbuilding and the importance to the defence of our nation over the years. Andy Pollock tells us all about the Peal rung in celebration:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/a-peal-for-the-king/>

Condolences:

It is with sadness that we report the death of Sally Nicols. Sally was a valued member of the band at All Saints, Cockermouth; and supported ringing at other towers in the Guild. Our thoughts and prayers are with Robert and their family at this sad time.

The Cockermouth band rang a QP in memory of and to celebrate the life of Sally; and they dedicated their usual ringing practice in memory of her.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1887267>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1887470>

Other QP ringing in memory of Sally Nicols:

Cathedral ringers at St Michael and All Angels, Shap:

1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1886573>

Australian & New Zealand Association – The Bell Tower, Perth:

1260 Plain Bob Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1888165>

Australian & New Zealand Association – Christ Church, Claremont
1440 Sally Bob Minor – a new method/variation composed by M Foulds
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1888182>

Australian & New Zealand Association – Christ Church St Lawrence, Sydney
1259 Grandsire Caters
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1889890>

Congratulations to...

At Keswick:

5056 Plain Bob Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1885387>

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary, to the day, of the first peal for the Guild.

With the band's best wishes to Norman Brock who rang in that peal and organised this one today

At Barrow:

5056 Plain Bob Major

Jason W Pollock – 1st on 8

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1885818>

Rung during the visit of His Majesty King Charles III to bestow the title of Royal Port of Barrow.

Also for the commissioning of HMS Agamemnon built in the Barrow shipyard, and the cutting steel ceremony of the Dreadnought class submarine HMS King George VI,

Andrew Pollock, Cameron Pollock and Jayden Milby all work locally at the shipyard

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Rachel Hallows – 1st of Surprise Minor inside

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1872850>

Rung for 21st birthday of Kyle Harrison

At Wigton:

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Sally Starkey – 1st of Treble Bob on 8

Sue Fellows and Roger Fellows – 1st in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1877459>

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

Imogen Carrie – 1st Rutland

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1877824>

A Ruby wedding compliment to Helen and Tony Ruberry

1260 Grandsire Triples

Mary Huntingdon – 1st of Grandsire Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1879836>

1260 Plain Bob Triples

Mike Lee – 1st on 8 inside

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1884238>

At Bampton:

1260 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1885093>

1260 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1886571>

In memory of Beryl Peacock, friend of this band, on the first anniversary of her death

At Cathedral:

1264 Plain Bob Major

Janet Yasities – 1st Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1877714>

2025 Call Changes

5 unique sequences of call changes, called by 5 different conductors

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1879996>

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the Dean Rashdall rehangings of the bells in 1925, and the 25th anniversary of the hanging of the new Millennium bells

At Shap:

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Imogen Carrie – 10 year anniversary of first peal

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1881677>

1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor

Janet Yasities, Ruth Gilbert and Hilary Ward – 1st in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1886573>

At Greystoke:

1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor

Janet Yasities and Ruth Gilbert – 1st in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1886576>

Birthday compliment to Jools Yasities

At Appleby:

1320 Little Bob Minor

Janet Yasities – 1st in method

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1886575>

Birthday compliment to Janet Yasities

At Penrith Mell Fell View (Handbells):

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1886966>

At Hallin Fell (Handbells) 1273ft:

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1879149>

Rung on top of Hallin Fell – the last of the 214 "Wainright" fells for Nick Tithecott.

Accompanied by other Penrith ringers and friends.

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://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/the-guild/documents/>

We would love to hear the news from your tower – so get in touch at guildcomms@gmail.com