

Latest 'News from the Guild' – December 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 Bellringing – if you have any issues accessing either of these – please let us know at guildcomms@gmail.com.

Pat and Gareth Evans Award

The 'Pat and Gareth Evans Award' will be presented at the Guild meeting at Workington on 10th January – it would be lovely if you could be there to congratulate the recipient(s).

A Peal of Pudsey Surprise Major to celebrate 'Children In Need':

Having failed to ring a peal of Pudsey Surprise Major in Pudsey parish church in November 2024, a band of ringers gathered at Flookburgh for a second attempt in November 2025. Andrew Pollock tells us all about it at:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/peal-attempt-revisited-for-children-in-need/>

Bellboard - <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1903376>

Ringing for the Enthronement of the new Bishop of Carlisle:

Saturday 29th November was a historic day in the history of the Carlisle band, for the first time in many decades a Bishop of Carlisle was enthroned in his own cathedral. Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh was welcomed to the cathedral door to the sound of the bells being rung by the Carlisle Cathedral ringers. Rounds and call changes were rung for an hour prior to the service. During the service, there were three minutes of rounds at the precise moment that the new Bishop was enthroned on his cathedra, sounding out to the city.

It was a long day for the 17 ringers who formed the band, three hours plus, but it was extremely satisfying to have played a small part in what was a splendid and joyful event and we feel honoured to have been there.

Bellboard - <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1907723>

(David Steel, Cathedral Tower Captain)

Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival:

Once again, Carlisle Cathedral has filled the aisles with Christmas trees, decorated by various groups. It's worth a visit and see if you can find the bellringer's tree! (Clue – it's got bells on!). You can find out more at:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/cathedral-christmas-tree-festival-2025/>

Codgers Christmas Outing:

December's outing is a bit of a Christmas special - not too much ringing and an afternoon lunch!

11.00-12.00: St Mary Ambleside (8 bells, 32 1/2 cwt)

12.30-13.30: St Oswald, Grasmere (3 bells, 13 1/4 cwt)

14.00-15.30: Lunch at "The Inn at Grasmere" Red Lion Square

Come and enjoy a good ring on the splendid bells at Ambleside, followed by the three at Grasmere. It's hoped that quite a few of the team being taught at Grasmere will also be joining in for this "Christmas special".

Get your lunchtime menu choice to David Horne by Monday 15 December

News from ART:

The latest update from the ART chair, Andrew Slade, can be accessed on our website here:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/news-from-art/>

News from CCCBR:

The South West Ringing Course will be on 24th- 27th October 2026 at Millfield School, Street, Somerset.

<https://southwest-ringing-course.org.uk/>

Congratulations to...

At Shap:

5040 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1910215>

Paisley R Cater – First peal.

To celebrate Bella Knill's 19th birthday yesterday, Gail Cater's upcoming 82nd and Bethany Cater's upcoming 21st.

At Wigton:

1440 Treble Dodging Minor (2m)

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1892049>

Janet Yasities – 1st Treble Bob.

1260 Stedman Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1898786>

Ruth M Gilbert and Hilary Ward – First of Stedman Triples.

Birthday compliment to Ruth Gilbert.

Rung as part of the centenary celebrations of the restoration of the bells at Carlisle Cathedral in 1925. The first peal on the Cathedral bells was of Stedman Triples in November of that year.

1344 Lessness Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1902941>

Anne East – 1st in method.

Norman Brock – 1st in method as conductor.

At Brampton:

2025 Plain Bob Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1893473>

Sue Thomas and Sally Starkey – Longest length.

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

Believed to be the longest performance on these bells since 1969.

In celebration of the marriage of Will and Eloise Thomas.

At Cathedral:

1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1892057>

Ruth Gilbert – 1st 8 Spliced.

1260 Grandsire Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1903082>

For Choral Evensong.

Rung as part of the centenary celebrations of the rehung of the bells at Carlisle Cathedral in 1925.

1260 Grandsire Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1904194>

Sarah Steel and Sally Starkey – First in method.

Rung with simulated sound.

Rung as a 7th birthday tribute to Emily Walker.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1905227>

For Evensong.

David Steel – First on open bells and on eight.

Sarah and David Steel – First together husband & wife.

Lynne Sydes – First in between married couple!

Compliment to the conductor & long-standing former ringing master – David Horne.

1260 Plain Bob Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1910133>

For Choral Evensong.

Rung as a tribute to Ron and Anne East, and John Proudfoot, for their dedication to the installation of the Millennium bells.

At Penrith:

1274 Plain Bob Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1903373>

The annual Ringing to Remember quarter peal.

At Orton:

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1899515>

Lucas Hole and Eliza Steadman – First quarter.

At Milnthorpe:

1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

Janet Yasities – First of Treble Bob on inside bell.

On the Feast day of St Nicholas

At Beetham:

1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1909876>

Janet Yasities, Ruth M Gilbert and Lynne Sydes – First in method.

Birthday compliment to Hilary Ward.

At Heversham:

1260 Plain Bob Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1909872>

Birthday compliment to Norman Brock.

At Flookburgh:

5058 Pudsey Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1903376>

J Andrew Pollock – First in method.

Rung on BBC Children in Need Day.

A birthday compliment to Wendy Daw, mother of the tenor ringer.

At Penrith Mell Fell View (Handbells):

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1896713>

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1907356>

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

And finally – the Committee wishes you and yours a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2026.