

## Latest 'News from the Guild' – January 2026

### *Dates for your diary:*

Last Sunday in month – Herdwicks will be practicing in the afternoon

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Western branch AGM at Arlecdon – 17.30

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Eastern Branch AGM at Penrith – 20.45

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Guild AGM at St Bees: 15.00 Ringing / 16.30 Service / 17.00 Bring & Share Tea / Followed by Business Meeting

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May Guild Striking Competition at Hensingham

### *Pat and Gareth Evans Award*

Congratulations to 'The Herdwicks' who were awarded the 'Pat and Gareth Evans Award' at the January Workington meeting. You can read all about it here:

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

### *Young Ringer Award*

Nominations for the Young Ringer Award must be received by the Guild Secretary ([info@cumbriabellringing.org.uk](mailto:info@cumbriabellringing.org.uk)) by 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the very latest please. You can find out more information at:

<https://cumbriabellringing.org.uk/the-guild/young-ringers-award/>

### *2025 Annual Reports*

We want to know everything you have been up to during 2025! Please send your news to [GuildComms@gmail.com](mailto:GuildComms@gmail.com) as soon as possible so the Annual Report can be put together. We will send the Report out electronically – so if you want printed copies for your tower – you must let us know how many you want please.

All reports to be received by 21<sup>st</sup> March at the latest – but you get loads of brownie points if you send it sooner!

### *50:50 Club Draw Results*

Prizes for November, December 25 and January 2026 drawn at Guild Ringing Meeting, Workington

November

£25 Mike Rodger

£15 Mary Snape

£10 Chris de Cordova

December

£25 Duncan Walker

£15 Judith Horne

£10 Ian Ellison

January

£25 Robin Swindells

£15 Ruth Gilbert

£10 Ron East

The wonderful support from you all keeps the Bell Restoration Fund topped up ready to support bell installations and restorations around the Guild. We are always happy to have new members of the 50/50 Club so why not give it a go? The club is organised by Anne East, who can be contacted at [aeast65sr@btinternet.com](mailto:aeast65sr@btinternet.com), if you would like to take out a subscription.

### *News from CCCBR:*

- The 2026 Bell Advisors Conference is to be held on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Carlisle Cathedral. This conference is organised by The Church of England and it is open to all. While one or two of the items will be specific to the C of E, most topics will be of interest to bell advisors in all jurisdictions. Particularly, the CCCBR would like to invite all bell ringing society bell advisors to attend.

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

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

- Living Heritage application (UNESCO)  
The UK recently joined the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). The Central Council has set up a Task Group to co-ordinate a submission to create inventories of living heritage in the UK. A pre-requisite is that the application must be made with the prior consent of the community of practice, i.e. the ringing fraternity. Therefore, the CCCBR ask for your help – you can find out more and sign their petition at: <https://cccbr.org.uk/heritage/> Support of individual ringers is requested – as well as Guild-committee level support.
- Save The Date – 2026 CCCBR AGM takes place in Rugby from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September and is open to anyone to attend. The CCCBR AGM will take place at The Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby CV21 2LN, with other events being staged around Rugby.

- Would you be interested in joining a 'Recruitment Network'?

Are you involved in recruiting new ringers (and attracting back lapsed/"resting" ringers)? Or perhaps you'd like to do some recruiting, but you don't know where to start, or would like some advice...? The 3Rs (Recruit, Regain, Retain) CCCBR Team is planning to set up a network of people to share good ideas and success stories through regular online meetings, and we want to know what would be most useful for you! Contact the CCCBR

#### *Congratulations to...*

At Wigton:

1260 Plain Bob Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1916698>

Rung as a farewell compliment to Alison Robinson, moving to pastures new after 25 years of exceptional service to ringing at this tower.

Martin Snape would like to be associated with this performance

65th birthday compliment to Norman Brock

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1924440>

Rung as a farewell compliment to Alison Robinson, to mark her exceptional service to this tower over many years

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1926253>

Hannah Saudek – First on 8 bells

At Greystoke:

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1922062>

Milly R Lawson – First inside

Hannah Saudek – First inside for method

A birthday compliment to Kimberley Lawson, mother of Milly

At Great Urswick

5040 Minor (4m)

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1922145>

Jason W Pollock – First inside

In memory of Thomas F Metcalfe MBE, former ringer and tower captain at this church on the fifth anniversary of his death. Also in memory of Phyllis Woodend, ringer at this church who passed away in 2024.

Also to congratulate Jason on his graduation with BSc (Hons) degree in Geology from the University of St Andrew's.

This is the last peal on these bells until the 4th and 5th bells are replaced. The 4th bell will be recast and rehung whilst the 5th bell, dating from c1460, will be hung dead for chiming and its replacement was cast by Taylor's of Loughborough last week.

At Penrith Mell Fell View (Handbells):

1472 Yorkshire Surprise Minor

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1926734>

#### *Website name change:*

The Guild website is now [www.cumbriabellringing.org.uk](http://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](mailto:guildcomms@gmail.com)

<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](mailto:guildcomms@gmail.com)