



The Carlisle Diocesan Guild

Bell Ringers' Newsletter

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If you or your tower have any items of news for the July issue they can be posted or emailed to Anne East, 65 Scotby Road, Scotby, Carlisle CA4 8BG aeast65sr@btinternet.com

Dates

W Branch AGM

3 March 2007

Wigton

E Branch AGM

20 March 2007

Penrith

Guild AGM

21 April 2007

Cathedral

Striking

Competition

16 June 2007

Arlecdon (tbc)

Guild Dinner

6 October 2007

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Newsletter

are printed and sent to each tower. Copies are also emailed to tower contacts and anyone whose email I have. If you would like to have an emailed copy please let me know at the address above.
Anne East

101 Quarter Deals in 2006!

In January 2006, 14 year old Stephen Hall made a New Year resolution that he would ring 50 quarter peals in 2006. He began with a quarter of Plain Bob Triples at Carlisle Cathedral on 20th January and on December 17th he successfully rang his 50th which was Single Court Minimus at Lazonby. Throughout the year a common sight at practices and meetings has been Stephen in a huddle with a group of ringers, trying to persuade them to take part in a quarter peal. Stephen himself organised the majority of the quarters and, over the year, rang with 55 different people. Prominent among these was his father, Mike, who is Tower Master at Brampton and taught Stephen to ring. Not to be outdone by his son, Mike also decided to ring 50 quarter peals in 2006, completing his 50 on 28th December with a quarter of Clifford's Pleasure Doubles at Brampton. Stephen was a member of the band for this, giving him a grand total of 51. Father and son rang 48 quarter peals together and in one mother, Hazel, and sister, Lorna, joined their men folk in a quarter of Reverse Canterbury. Other ringers who have supported Stephen regularly are Alison Wannop (31 quarters) and Anne East, Katy van den Berg and Tom Parkinson (15 quarters each).

All but one quarter peal (Rothbury, Northumberland) were rung in the Carlisle Guild area, using towers at Brampton, Wigton, Carlisle Cathedral, Harraby (Carlisle), Penrith and Lazonby. Stephen conducted 25 of the quarter peals himself and methods ranged from Plain Bob (everything from Minimus to Royal), Grandsire Doubles and Triples, various other Doubles methods, through to Cambridge Minor and Major, Yorkshire, Beverley and Surfleet. Along the way 7 quarter peals were lost (including Bristol twice).

Both Stephen and Mike would like to thank all those who aided them in 2006, enabling them to succeed in ringing 101 quarter peals between them. A fine achievement! *Wendy Graham*



Stephen celebrated his achievement by indulging in his second favourite pastime! As the Guild Young Ringer of 2006/7 he has kept a lot of us on our toes.

Don't forget to nominate young ringers from your tower for the 2007/8 Young Ringers Award.

Nomination forms are available from Mary Snape (016973 71437) and should be returned to her as soon as possible. The Award is presented at the Guild AGM.

Surprise Major Practices

The Surprise practices last year were (mostly) very well attended and enabled a lot of members to have a go at Surprise Major or brush up their rusty skills! Many thanks to Nick for encouraging, cajoling and badgering us to make progress. Nick hopes to see more new faces during this year and says that Kent and Cambridge Major will always be rung as a base-line and ringers for the treble are always welcome. So, come and give it a try - you will be amongst supportive friends who will be only too happy to encourage you! Practice dates and the special methods are:-

Sat 10 Feb	Penrith	4.00 - 5.30	Pudsey
Sat 10 Mar	Cathedral	3.50 - 5.20	Yorkshire
Sat 14 April	Harraby	4.00 - 5.30	Bristol
Sat 5 May	Wigton	4.00 - 5.30	Lincolnshire

If you have any questions please call Nick Tithecott on 01931 715438

50/50 Draw Winners!

Thank you everyone for your continued support. New subscriptions are due by 1st May, so that I can determine the amount of prize money for each draw. Quite a few of you now pay by Standing Order, and I would urge the rest of you to do so, if at all possible. If you insist on paying by cash or cheque please let me have your 2006/7 subscription at the AGM, or post it to me before the end of April. Ring me on 01768 483361 for a SO mandate if your Tower Captain hasn't got any left.

Chris Ellison

PRIZEWINNERS

I try to pay winners in cash immediately after each draw, or sometimes give it to someone from the same tower to pass on to them. Please let me know if you haven't had your money. All members are given a different Draw number each year. The third and final Draw of 2006/7 will be at the Guild AGM.

Training Day Draw (2nd Draw of 2006/7)

£12 Andy Smith(W); Alan Shead(P); Chris Ellison(G); Rachel Rodway(C).

£10 John Proudfoot(C); Alison Wannop(Wi); Chris Reay(Wh); Lesley Ellen(Wh).

£8 Jenny Humphreys(K); I & C Ellison; Margaret Boumphrey(C); Diana Green(Co).

£7 Vic Hastewell(As); Guy Challands(G); Mark Cubey(Co); Pat Evans(W).

Key: Appleby(A); Aspatria(As); Cathedral(C); Cockermouth(Co); Greystoke(G); Harraby(H); Hensingham(He); Irton(I); Keswick(K); Lazonby & Gt. Salkeld(L); Penrith(P); Shap(S); Whitehaven(Wh); Wigton(Wi); Workington(W).

Central Council Public Relations Forum

In October I attended a Public Relations Forum at Melbourne in Derbyshire. It began with a few success stories – the funding of a mini-ring by Awards for All, a TV programme about the Twelve Bell Striking Contest and the promotion of ringing at universities. After that Viscount Townshend spoke about raising money and organising the installation of 5 new bells at East Raynham and we watched a very interesting film about it from the TV series “A Passion for Churches”. I wondered how it compared with getting the bells at Wigton.

After an excellent lunch - even wine was provided - we were all kept awake by the amazingly energetic Lord Mayor of Westminster, Tim Joiner, who spoke about how to persuade the media to cover bellringing items, sometimes by inventing arresting and misleading, even untrue, headlines. Some workshops followed, the most interesting of which was about how “The Ringing World” is put together.

It is always fascinating and useful to meet ringers from around the country and to exchange ideas. The day ended, not surprisingly, with ringing at Melbourne Church, a rather unusual 12 which are rung from the Chancel.

Wendy Graham

Tower Stewardship Committee

This Central Council committee continued in its work on a booklet to help and advise Tower Captains/Masters in carrying out their responsibilities. Topics such as Tower Safety and Management (including how to do a risk assessment), Insurance, Fire Protection, Law and Child Protection will form the main content. Copies should be out later this year.

Mary Snape

Reminders

Annual Report

Please send items for the Annual Report to Anne East as soon as possible. Please make specially sure you have sent in any alterations to tower details!

Guild membership subscriptions

were due on 1st January! Please send any outstanding subscriptions to Pat Evans as soon as possible.

Grand Barn Dance

There is still time to get tickets for the Barn Dance at Cockermouth on Saturday 10th February. It should be an entertaining evening! Tickets £8 including dancing to the Allerdale Fiddlers and a Pie and Peas supper.

Phone Jack McTear (01946 692068)

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The address for the Guild website is www.carlisle-dgibr.org.uk

If you have access to the Web, keep an eye on our website and let Gareth know if anything needs updating. Lots of visitors use the site so its important to be up to the minute!