



The Carlisle Diocesan Guild

Bell Ringers' Newsletter

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

Dates

Young Ringers Meeting
15 July

Guild Dinner
Derwent Lodge Hotel
7 October

Training Day
18 November

Surprise Practices
Every month except August

Remember

Eileen Smith, who died suddenly in June while on holiday in France. Eileen was the Western Branch Secretary for many years and she did a lot of work each year helping to organise the Guild Training Day. We will miss her quiet efficiency.

Central Council Meeting, Leicester

This year's Central Council met in Leicester and was one of the shortest on record! One of the more significant items was the formation of the Tower Stewardship Committee (of which I am now a member) which will deal with issues in insurance, child protection and health and safety. Increase in legislation and social regulation in these areas mean that the Tower Master/Captain's responsibilities are increasing all the time. It is to support and assist these most important ringing officials that this committee has been formed. One aim is to provide a handbook of information which will guide and support all who are in charge of ringing towers. So watch this space and look for further details in the Ringing World in due course.

Mary Snape

Young Ringer's Award

The Guild Young Ringer's Award, in memory of Leslie Boumphrey, was presented this year to **Stephen Hall of Brampton**. Stephen makes an outstanding contribution to ringing in the Carlisle Diocesan Guild. Not only has he encouraged a return to peal ringing for some members but also he has conducted many quarter peals and is equally happy helping out at practices by ringing with, or standing behind, learners. His cheerful and modest attitude is a credit to him. Well done Stephen!

Also nominated were Kate Telford and James Peacock both of Wigton. Kate is a very able deputy tower captain at Wigton and attends many other practices around the Guild when work permits. James has been leading an extra practice for the younger members of his tower, showing considerable leadership in doing so. Well done Kate and James!

Calling all Young Ringers!

The summer meeting for all junior members will be held at St. James, Whitehaven on Saturday 15th July from 11am – 1pm. There will also be a barbeque afterwards in the church grounds. Please come along whatever your ability, you only need to be able to ring rounds and call changes. Its a chance to meet young ringers from other towers!

Ring Lucy on 01946 690181 or see notices in your tower.

Lichfield Mobile Belfry in Carlisle

A Grand Day Out was had by all!

Many thanks to all who helped to make this event the success it was, whether in helping to assemble and dismantle the Belfry (it's like a giant 3D jigsaw), give out leaflets, organise ringing, ring, talk to people or provide coffee for the workers. The support was most encouraging and hopefully the profile of ringing was raised and some potential recruits identified. Mini-rings are by no means easy and there were some surprises in store even for those experienced ringers! We had competition too, in the form of a Scottish Pipe and Brass band – honours declared even!

Mary Snape

Check out the photos on the Guild website: <http://www.carlisle-dgcb.org.uk>
You might find yourself on there!

50/50 Draw Winners!

Thank you all for your continued support of this Guild fundraiser. As usual, a few members have moved from the area, and have been replaced by new ringers, so our membership total looks as though it will settle at 84 yet again. I'm delighted that more of you have taken pity on me and now pay by Standing Order. If you don't, and haven't sent your cheque yet, I've assumed that you **will** and have included you in the draw. Regard this as a polite reminder, as subscriptions were **due on 1st May**, allowing me time to determine the amount of prize money for the June Draw, (which this year was a novel event in Carlisle!) All members are given a different Draw number each year. Chris Ellison (Tel. 01768483361)

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. As we only determined the June numbers during the Mini Ring Demonstration in Carlisle, I haven't given out the prizes yet. Ring me if you want it immediately, or to save on expenses, please may I pay you if I see you, or get it to you at the Training Day?

AGM DRAW (3rd draw of 2005-6 year)

£15 Ron East (C); Nick Tithcott (P); Mike Allison (L); Guy Challands (G). £12 Jennifer Graham (G); Jeanette Ellison (G); Gareth Evans (W); Albert Walton. £10 Harry Whitaker (C); Gillian Powell (Co); Phyllis James (C); Richard Green (Co). £8 Keswick Ringers; Elizabeth Szandurski (As); Anne Hogarth (K); Beverley Pink (L). £7 John Proudfoot (C); Alan Shead (P); Appleby Ringers; Robin Humphreys (K)

JUNE DRAW (1st of 2006-7)

£15 Trevor Gear (As); Gareth Evans (W); Jean Glaister (G); Pat Porter (C). £12 Mary Patmore (L); Raymond Coan (K); Lesley Ellen (Wh); Alison Wannop (Wi). £10 Rachel Rodway (C); Bob Clark (K); Simon Challands (G); Diana Green (Co). £5 Wendy Colclough (L); Mark Cubey (Co); Andy Smith (W); Wendy & Tony (G).

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).

Guild Striking Competition

The Striking Competition took place on 10th June at St Elisabeth's Harraby. This is not the most idyllic setting the Guild can offer, nor the easiest bells. Perhaps this was the reason, or maybe the football, but it was certainly a pity only four teams entered. Towers who are not in the habit of sending a team should note Paul's remarks below. The striking competition is not a frightening experience nor one just for the Guild's finest ringers. Teams choose what they ring and many decide on call changes. The competition was judged by Anne and Paul Thompson from Broughton-in-Furness. After all teams had been judged the adjudicators too had a ring and in his comments on the competition Paul remarked that the bells were not easy to handle and strike well, the front ones especially being somewhat flighty, and that they were extremely difficult to hear. He also pointed out that there are those who believe striking competitions are wrong but he does not agree when they are run in a spirit of friendship, as is the case in the Carlisle Guild. Of course teams do their best but there has long been a tradition here that taking part is the thing and novices are frequently included in the teams. The purpose of the competition is for members of the Guild to get together and learn from one another and that is how it should be. In commenting on individual performances, Paul said that every team had been pleasant to listen to and, if all Sunday ringing were of that standard, no-one would have cause for complaint. However, some teams had rougher patches than others. The winners were:

Carlisle Cathedral	19 ½ faults
Workington/Cockermouth	24 ½
Brampton	36 ½
Whitehaven	45

Wendy Graham

In Brief

Plans are afoot to hold a Guild Ceilidh!

Jack McTear has been looking at possible venues and bands for a Guild Ceilidh. Tickets would be for sale to members and non members of the Guild to make a great social occasion for everyone. At the time of writing the probable venue would be in Cockermouth and the date in early February.

Look out for more details as they become available!!

St Elisabeth, Harraby, Carlisle

Limited ringing has recently been taking place at Harraby tower and Ron East has become the tower correspondent. At present the Vicar is willing to allow ringing once a fortnight plus occasional visiting bands.

Ron has managed to improve the internal sound proofing which was disrupted when the tower was strengthened. Ringing events so far have been some quarter peal attempts and the Guild Striking Competition.

<http://www.carlisle-dgcbr.org.uk>

The Guild website has a new and improved look! You will be able to find most things about ringing in the Carlisle Diocesan Guild, including copies of this newsletter. Check out your tower details to make sure they are up to date. Let Gareth know if any editing is needed.