



# 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](mailto:aeast65sr@btinternet.com)

### Dates

#### Guild Dinner

Sat 9 Oct 2010  
7 for 7.30pm  
Middle Ruddings Inn  
Braithwaite  
Speaker: Gail Cater

#### Guild Ringing Meeting

Sat 13 Nov 2010  
Workington, 3pm  
With service and tea

#### Guild Training Day

Sat 5 Feb 2011  
West Cumbria towers.  
All day event

#### Ringing Centre Dates

4 Sep 2010  
23 Oct 2010  
27 Nov 2010  
8 Jan 2011  
Details on Guild website  
[www.carlisle-dgcb.org.uk](http://www.carlisle-dgcb.org.uk)

#### Surprise Practices

Generally 4th Saturday of each month.

#### Branch Practices

Do you go to your monthly Branch Practice? Please check your tower notice board for the dates. Go along! Have fun! You will be amongst friends!

### Young Ringer 2010

At the AGM, Nathaniel Green (17) of Tallentire received the Young Ringer's Award for 2010. This consists of an elegant trophy made from a handbell together with a book token and is given to the ringer under 21 who is deemed to have made most progress and been generally helpful to other ringers.

The award is a memorial to Leslie Boumphrey who was well-known both locally and nationally and it was presented to Nathaniel by Leslie's widow, Margaret, who is herself tower master at Carlisle Cathedral.

Nathaniel, who is in the sixth form at Cocker-mouth School, started to ring when he was 11. He, his father, his mother and his brother, Michael, are all ringers at All Saints' Church in Cocker-mouth and he says he started to ring because his parents found it easier to take him and his brother along to practices rather than get a babysitter. As a keen mathematician Nathaniel is fascinated by the complicated patterns of methods and enjoys the challenge of ringing them. He picked up Stedman so quickly he was soon helping the rest of the band to learn it. He has recently been learning Kent and has started to call touches of Bob Doubles. He is also enthusiastic about outdoor activities, such as orienteering and kayaking, and, in quieter moments, enjoys reading. Nathaniel said he was surprised but pleased to be given the award and that, when he goes to university in 2011, he hopes to continue ringing there.



Margaret Boumphrey and Nathaniel Green

Wendy Graham

### Central Council 2010

The Bank Holiday at the end of May was, as usual, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Weekend. This year the venue was Derby and most events were held at Derby Conference Centre, a fine Art Deco building, originally the national training centre for railway employees. Most delegates, including me, also stayed there, although when I arrived and found it full of young girls in micro-skirts and monster heels who just did not look like ringers, I thought I'd made a mistake. That night we were sharing it with the Miss Derby competition! John Proudfoot, the other CC rep for the Guild, joined me for the all-day meeting on the Monday but had family commitments while the fun part of the weekend was going on.

On the Friday evening I joined a practice at Fairford, near Buxton, and had intended to link up with one of the ringing tours on the Saturday. Heavy traffic, pouring rain and the lure of a huge book store prevented that but it gave me the chance to visit old friends before arriving in Derby in time for the Beer Festival, which included an ale specially brewed for the occasion and named Old Clanger.

Sunday morning dawned warm and sunny so I made my way to Derby Cathedral to ring for the morning service. For several years peregrine falcons have nested on the tower and it was possible to watch the two chicks on a TV monitor in the ringing room.

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## 50/50 Draw Winners!

Once again, a big THANK YOU to all who continue to support this fundraiser. As with all organisations, people come and go. We need to encourage our new members to join us. YOU know who is new in your tower, I may never meet them. Please tell them about the 50/50 Draw, and encourage them to ring me on 01768 483361. Thanks, I'll do the rest!

*Chris Ellison*

2010/11 Prizewinners. Striking Competition Draw (12 June 2010 at Penrith)

- £12 Lucy Sutton (Wh), Richard Green (Co), Beryl Naylor (Wh), Mike Allison (L)  
£10 Robin Humphrey (K), Dorothy Forsyth (As), Jennifer Graham (P), Janette & Dickon  
£8 Allan Ellison, Richard Last (Wh), Irton Ringers, Wendy & Tony (G)  
£7 Bob Clark (K), Mary Snape (Wi), Wendy Colclough (L), Howard Quinn (P)

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

## Striking Competition

This year's Striking Competition was held in Penrith. Eight teams from Penrith, Carlisle, Workington and Wigton took part although several regulars were unable to compete owing to weddings and local galas.

It was pleasing that teams included a number of children and inexperienced ringers. Call Changes, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung and the usual good-natured atmosphere prevailed. Penrith is a fairly heavy 8 (18 cwt) so most teams rang on the front 6 although the winning band rang Bob Minor on the back 6.

After a very good Bring and Share tea, the judge, Peter Gardner, tower captain at Ambleside, commented on each team's performance. He found a good deal to praise in all bands. Penrith Particulars, he said, showed extremely good rhythm and leading. However, he thought the team following them (Wigton Wonders) was giving them a run for their money but, after a hiccup three-quarters way through, they never re-gained their earlier rhythm and had to be content with third place which meant a delighted Penrith took first and second places. Finally he presented the shield to Duncan Walker, conductor of Penrith Particulars.

Thanks are due to the host tower and the three main organisers on the day, Pat Evans and Ringing Masters, Ed Matthews and Anne East.

*Wendy Graham*

<u>Results</u>	<u>Faults</u>
1. Penrith Particulars	7 ½
2. Penrith Peculiars	10
3. Wigton Wonders	15
4. Wigton Throstles	16
5. Wonderful Workington	18 ½
6. Carlisle Cathedral	21
7. Workington Warriors	21 ½
8. Penrith Panickers	26



*Duncan Walker receives the trophy from Peter Gardner  
Photo by G Evans*

## Grandsire Training Session

The first of this year's series of training events, organised for the Ringing Centre by Gareth Evans, took place on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Arlecdon. More than 20 people attended and students at all stages of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were catered for. During the very first piece of ringing one hapless visitor missed the sally and this ended up with the stay breaking. Unfortunately for those who rang the stay-less bell, the rope and sally had landed in a trough of oil! However, before the end of the session, Tower Captain, John Wilkinson, had fashioned and fitted a new stay. It was a most enjoyable and useful event and finished with a dozen of the ringers having lunch together at The Stork Inn in Rowrah.

*Wendy Graham*

See the Guild website Events Diary for the next sessions. [www.carlisle-dgcb.org.uk](http://www.carlisle-dgcb.org.uk)

## St James, Whitehaven

Anyone noticing scaffolding on the tower at St James, Whitehaven need not be alarmed! The tower roof is being repaired but ringing will be able to continue as normal.

## West Cumbria tragedies

Our thoughts have been with the people and ringers of West Cumbria after the recent tragedies of the bus crash at Thornthwaite in late May and the shootings along the west coast at the beginning of June. Practices were cancelled in the days following and bells were rung muffled for services, with plenty of local ringers turning out to pay their respects by ringing. Jack McTear has received a large number of cards and messages from Guild members and ringers from many places elsewhere. On behalf of all the ringers in West Cumbria he would like to thank everyone for their kindness.

## Central Council 2010 (continued from page 1)

Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough was holding an open day and a large percentage of the CC reps attended this. It was fascinating to see the work in all areas but the highlight was certainly watching the process of casting headstocks, especially pouring the brilliant-orange, molten metal into the moulds. There was also free food and beer! A quick sprint through beautiful Derbyshire countryside took us to the attractive village of Melbourne for the CC service. The bells here are rung from the chancel and it is an awesomely long draft. Back in Derby, there was just time to put on glad rags for the annual dinner. I sat with the Northumberland and Durham contingent, a very jolly table.

Monday's meeting, like the dinner, was held in the Sunken Lounge. There was no controversial business, just some minor changes concerning "Honorary Members" who are now known as "Additional Members" and the usual reports, elections of members of the numerous committees and the AGMs of "The Ringing World" and "The Ringing Foundation".

*Wendy Graham*

## Are we getting through to you?

We do our very best to let everyone know about Guild events and publications. We always send notices to each tower. We also often send information to everyone for whom we have an email address. If you don't think your tower gets a notice, or if you don't find out about events then please send your email address to any of the following:

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## Teaching and Learning

Wendy Graham is the Guild Public Relations Officer and also the Central Council Representative for the Western Branch. As a Central Council member she is a member of the CC Education Committee and has a series of articles in the Ringing World about teaching and learning. The first was 2nd April (Pupil-Centred Teaching), second was 7th May (Styles of Learning) and third 2nd July (Children and Adults). Still to come: Ringing Stress, Group Management, Methods to Memorise Methods, Dyslexia, Asperger's Syndrome, Blind and Disabled Ringers. When the series is complete, it is planned to publish it as a book "Learning - what helps, what hinders. A Guide for Teachers."

## Who's Who in 2010/11

Following the Guild AGM in May, members may wish to know who is working for them on the Guild committee. Most contact details are in the Annual Report. Alternatively contact Sue Smith (01768 879006).

Sue Smith	General Secretary
Pat Evans	Treasurer
Jack McTear	Ringing Secretary
John Proudfoot	Central Council Rep (East)
Wendy Graham	Central Council Rep (West)
Gareth Evans	Ringing Centre
Mary Snape	Child protection Officer
Richard Horrocks	Committee member
Duncan Walker	Committee member

### Branch Officers

Val Bowen	Eastern Branch Secretary
Anne East	Eastern Branch Ringing Master
Diana Green	Western Branch Secretary
Ed Matthews	Western Branch Ringing Master