

Subject: SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers
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Dear Members

Here's the latest edition with information on bells and bellringing in Scotland. Look forward to seeing many of you virtually on Sat 23rd Jan at the quarterly meeting.

January meeting: Sat 23 January, 2pm-4pm, via zoom :: The outline for the afternoon is as below. Sue will send meeting papers and further details in due course:

SACR Winter Meeting

14.00 - 14.30 *SACR business meeting*

14.30 - 15.30 *General ringing on ringing room (all standards catered for)*

15.30 - 16.00 *Cup of tea and chat in small groups to discuss SACR strategy*

The link to join the meeting is <https://cbre.zoom.us/j/99770185664>.

Advanced practice: Sat 30 January, 11am, via zoom and in ringingroom.com, with a focus on Littleport Little Surprise Royal, Yorkshire Surprise Royal and Stedman Caters. For Littleport's blue line, which is based on Bristol Major, see: https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Littleport_Little_Surprise_Royal. Please let Ruth Marshall know (master@sacr.org) if you're planning to attend so she can send you the log-on links and so she knows how many will be there. Other advanced practices for your diary: *Fri 26 Feb at 7.30pm, Sat 27 March at 11am*.

Online intermediate conducting course: 13 & 21 Feb :: If you're interested in Simon Gay's conducting course but haven't signed up yet, please check with Simon (Simon.Gay@glasgow.ac.uk) to see if there are any spaces left.

SACR Training Day: Sat 6 March, 11am :: Thanks to all tower captains / ringing masters who have sent in requests/ideas for the day, and please email master@sacr.org if you want to raise a personal goal or area of interest that you would like to see covered. Further details of the sessions and how to get involved on the day will be issued in due course.

Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club :: The BRF 50-50 Club draws for Nov and Dec 2020 were carried out at the end of December in Aberdeen. The winners were:

November – Eric McNally winning £28.50

December – Colin Crawford winning £28.00

The prize fund for January has reached £21.00 but we can aim for £37.50 per month, so please keep all your donations coming! You can contact Ruth Ogilvie at 50-50club@sacr.org if you wish to secure your monthly draw tickets for 2021.

Post-Covid-19 ringing and activities :: This seems a long way off, and in the meantime there is quite a lot of online activity within ringing communities, but the time will come when we can meet again in person for ringing!

SACR is of course keen to help everyone continue with their ringing both now and in the future. The Committee has been reflecting on strategies to move forwards with a broad range of ideas, and would like you to be involved with developing these. More details at the meeting on Sat 23rd!

Radio 4 item on bellringing :: There was an item about bellringing and Covid on Radio 4 on 24 Dec, on the PM programme. If you have BBC Sounds you can listen to the piece. It starts about 28mins30 into the programme. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000qjnf>

Advent Calendar :: St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh had a virtual Advent Calendar, and the location for 11 December was the ringing chamber for some Plain Bob Minor. Beautifully filmed!
<https://fb.watch/2jtezuXZIt>

Inspires :: There's a great write-up for Inveraray bells by the Scottish Episcopal Church's online newsletter "Inspires". It's in the November 2020 edition, available at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires>.

Scottish Handbell Day :: This was held virtually on 9 January. News from the facebook group Handbell - Change Ringers (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/720426284763283>): *We've just had an online Scottish Handbell Day, excellently organised by Nick Jones and Jenny Holden. Previously we had been running handbell days twice per year, but the last one we managed was in October 2019. The format is a mixture of quarter peal attempts and practice sessions. There were about 20 people, so most of the day we had five Ringing Rooms in operation. It's a great way to get people together and pool experience - and this time the online format enabled us to bring in friends from further afield who wouldn't have been able to come in person normally. Methods ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Kent Maximus, with just about everything in between.*

E-handbells and book :: It seems that Tina and Simon's book is popular in conjunction with these newly available 3D printed e-handbells (yes, printed handbells!). This screenshot is from <http://facebook.com/groups/bellringers>. And there's a review of the book in *Towertalk* newsletter! <http://www.learningtheropes.org/news/tower-talk-issue-18>.



CCCBR President's Blog :: The President of the Central Council writes a regular blog. It's always a fun read... and more so in blog #23 with a shout-out to Ruth at Inveraray. <https://ccabr.org.uk/2020/11/25/21935>

Social media: For up to date info on social media, you can use the following:

<https://www.sacr.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishbellringing>

<https://twitter.com/SBellringing>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bellringers>

Please send in any items or articles that you would like included in the newsletter to Martin at publicity@sacr.org.

See you at 2pm on Sat 23rd Jan!

The SACR Committee

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