

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

Here's the latest edition of the newsletter.

Upcoming events

Inveraray bell tower on BBC1 Scotland: Wed 24 February, 7.30pm :: These bells feature on TV again, with a visit by *Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs*, BBC1 Scotland (and after that on BBC Scotland via iPlayer). Not to be missed! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000spt7>.

Advanced practice: Fri 26 February, 7.30pm :: via zoom and in ringingroom.com, with a focus on Surprise Major: the "old" standard eight. As usual, please let Ruth Marshall know (master@sacr.org) if you're planning to attend so she can plan how many ringing room towers to set up, etc. Other advanced practices for your diary: *Sat 27 March at 11am, Sat 24 April at 11am, Fri 28 May at 7.30pm*.

AGM: Saturday 15 May, 2pm-4pm, via zoom :: Details to be circulated in due course. If you'd be interested in joining the committee, have a word with any of the committee members. All posts are re-elected each year, and two will become vacant so a new Treasurer and a new Bells & Towers Advisor are being sought. If you think you might be interested in a post in the future, you're welcome to join the committee and shadow a post, or dive straight in!

News

Recovery :: Recruitment :: Training :: Three groups were set up after the January meeting and thanks to all those who are getting involved with these groups. Colin has been putting volunteers in touch with each other. If you want to be involved in one of these groups and Colin hasn't been in touch with you yet, please drop Colin an email (president@sacr.org).

Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club :: Christina Howie won the BRF 50-50 Club draw for Jan, winning £28. If you would like to join, contact Ruth Ogilvie at 50-50club@sacr.org to secure your monthly draw tickets.

Subscriptions :: SACR membership fees for 2021 are now due, and someone from your tower has probably been in touch about paying these. Membership fees remain at £10 per member, £5 per junior member (under 18) and £5 per associate member. Please check with your tower correspondent if you've not yet sent your payment in.

David Herschell, a former member of our association and ringer in Dunblane, has died. He had suffered from a stroke before Christmas then contracted Covid-19. He passed peacefully in his sleep earlier this month. Many of us will have known David, Hazel and their daughter Helen. Rest in Peace, David.

Judith Frye

Reports on past events

Scottish Handbell Day held virtually on 9 January :: Here's a great insight into the joys of a handbell day! With thanks to Rachel Milner for the write-up.

As a fairly new handbell ringer, I was very excited to attend the Scottish Handbell Day on Jan 9th organised by Nick Jones and hosted by Jenny Holden. After a short introduction from Nick we broke into 5 ringing rooms, depending on what we wanted to ring.

I had sessions of Bob Major led by Jonathan and Kent Major led by Peter. We had a few good touches, and it was great to ring with some ringers I had not met before. Isabella was joining us from Chicago!

For one of the sessions I helped an introduction to 8 bell ringing session led by Jonathan, and for my last session I attended an introduction to 10 bell ringing led by Angela. After three hour sessions of ringing, the last session certainly blew my mind, and I think I will be sticking to 6 and 8 bells for a good while yet!

Considering there were so many of us ringing from right across the UK, and even further afield, we had very few technical issues.

I would really encourage anyone who hasn't given handbell ringing a go to start learning. I have really enjoyed it, and I am sure my tower bell ringing will be improved by what I have learned.

I would like to thank all the session leaders for their hard work and patience on the day, and special thanks to Nick for encouraging me on this new handbell adventure.

Interested in trying hand bellringing? :: There are a number of handbell groups around Scotland that meet via zoom and handbell stadium, etc. If you're interested in giving it a go, whether or not you have any experience, get in touch with Tina (tina.stoecklin@gmail.com) and she'll point you in the right direction.

January Meeting, 23 January :: A fun afternoon of discussions, ringing and a prize draw at the SACR online meeting with over 45 members present... ringing room ringing ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Surprise Major. And in small breakout groups an ongoing discussion was started about how we might plan to come back to ringing when Covid allows, and how to continue to enjoy online ringing in the meantime. See above for details of how to get involved in the three groups.



First Quarter Peal, 26 January :: Some news from St Andrew's & St George's West, Edinburgh: Alex

Linton started ringing with us last January and had progressed to ringing Rounds shortly before the lockdown. Since we moved to Ringing Room, his change ringing has progressed to result in this QP: <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1416108>. He did extremely well and we look forward to more performances to come.

Mike Clay

Social media: For up to date info on social media:

<https://www.sacr.org>

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The SACR Committee
