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Dear Members

Here's the latest edition of the newsletter. In particular please see the request to respond to the **Recruitment Survey** via this link: [click here](#) (full details below).

Following the death of **HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh**, guidance is to ring half muffled on the day of the Duke's funeral to mark the occasion. Between now and then, the suggestion is to rung bells half muffled if you're in a position to ring at your tower. As ever, please ring in line with CCCBR guidance, with necessary checks on bells, with necessary church permissions, and within current Covid-19 restrictions; follow safety advice for lone ringers in a tower. Around the world ringing took place at 12noon today, and in memoriam ringing can be seen on bell board via [this link](#).

In Scotland, Ruth tolled the tenor at Glasgow Cathedral at 12noon for 5 minutes, and at St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh, the tenor was tolled half muffled 99 times. There was no doubt also other ringing in Scotland. And friends in Alderney were in the position to be able to ring quarter peals in person.

Recovery :: Recruitment :: Training

Three groups were set up after the January meeting. Here are some brief updates.

Recovery :: The recovery group have met a few times and have drawn together ideas and strategies for getting back to ringing. Here are some notes and links about resources available: ART & CCCBR have come together in a joint venture to create a Survival and Recovery toolkit, hosted [here](#). This excellent resource contains information on [online ringing](#) and [running virtual training](#), both areas where SACR has already had many positive experiences. It also has information on [getting physically fit](#) to start ringing again and dedicated [resources for tower captains](#). It's constantly being developed and, as ringing recovery progresses, we will highlight further relevant topics to you. The recovery group is Annie Brechin, Margaret Gamble, Tina Stoecklin and Nick Sturgess.

Recruitment :: Survey :: Earlier this year the SACR Committee set up a Recruitment & Retention Working Group to look at how we might approach recruitment of new ringers in Scotland. The members of the working group are Sally Thomas, Lynne Sydes, Norma Greenwood and Sue Turner. The working group has been developing lots of ideas and having a look at how other ringing associations undertake and support recruitment activity. But they would also like input from SACR members. Below is a link to a short survey which will help to gather some information and also enable all SACR members to input their thoughts and ideas about recruitment. The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and all responses will be anonymous. The survey is live at the link below until 21 April. Please complete it. Your ideas will help inform how we recruit new ringers in Scotland. Survey link is here: [SACR Recruitment Survey](#).

Training :: The training group comprises Zoe Martin, Ian and Barbara Bell and Jonathan and Judith Frye. We have had three lively meetings and are continuing the momentum by getting together weekly. The discussion groups at the January Association meeting provided us with some ideas, the committee offered us their thoughts and our own suggestions have been added too. From this conglomeration some strategic goals have emerged and some exciting potential ventures for the future. We hope to report back to the committee before too long.

Upcoming events

Advanced practice: Sat 24 April , 11am :: via zoom and in ringingroom.com; focus methods will be the standard eight, and in particular Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol. As usual, please let Ruth Marshall know (master@sacr.org) if you're attending so she can plan how many ringing room towers to set up, etc. Next advanced practice for your diary: *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!

Easter ringing

Haddington :: Sally and Chris rang two bells for the Easter Service at Haddington. Since then people have been getting in touch to say how wonderful it was to hear the bells.

Dunblane :: We did not ring full-circle in Dunblane but Judith and Chris chimed the Ellacombe between two services (with numbers restricted to 50, there needed to be two services to cater for everyone). We rang both hymn tunes and changes. The bells have not been heard since Christmas Day so as members of the congregation walked up to the Cathedral their eyes inevitably looked up to the tower! Our efforts were certainly appreciated by many who passed on comments via those on duty. We plan to chime the Ellacombe each Sunday going forward, until such times as we can safely ring again.

Inverness :: Heather rang Easter hymns on the carillon for the first service back face to face in the Cathedral. Cynthia, Heather's mother, rang the the Sanctus bell since they are bubbled! This will be continuing until proper ringing can happen again.

St Andrews :: We rang three bells at St Andrews on Easter Sunday: 2/4/6. Our new dumbbell is installed too!

St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh :: We rang 4 bells with 4 people from two households socially distanced. We rang a combination of call changes and Plain Hunt on 3 and 4. Becoming quite a regular thing now with tolling on the Day of Reflection (23 March), Good Friday and now Easter Sunday.

St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh :: [120 Plain Bob Doubles](#) was rung on 1-2-4-6-7-8.

News

TowerTalk :: In the most recent edition of TowerTalk, Judith Frye from Dunblane explores ways to advance one's knowledge of methods... with the analogy of learning a musical instrument. Read about it on page 8 via [this link](#). It's a packed 21-page edition with articles from around the UK.

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