

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

Here's the latest edition of the newsletter. The first event is of course the **AGM on Saturday...** we look forward to seeing you at 3pm via [this zoom link](#) (and earlier in the day for the **virtual striking competition**).

Upcoming events

AGM: Saturday 15 May, 3pm-4pm, via zoom link <https://cbre.zoom.us/j/93386989352>. As well as a business meeting, all three of the working groups for recovery, recruitment and training will be presenting a short summary of their work so far.

The **virtual striking competition** will take place earlier in the day, starting at 11:45am. We will be live streaming the event via YouTube for those who would like to listen to the other bands ringing; you can view the YouTube channel from 11:45am [at this link](#).

Advanced practice: Fri 28 May, 7.30pm :: via zoom and in ringingroom.com; focus methods to be confirmed. 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.

News

St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee :: Good news – St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee have given permission for Sunday service ringing to restart after many months of silence! Ringing resumed on Sunday 9 May for the first time in 2021! Only 4 ringers allowed, in order to adhere to the 2m rule, but we are delighted to be back! [Facebook post is here](#).



Recovery Convention :: ART and the CCCBR hosted a series of online presentations on ringing recovery earlier in May. Each talk was recorded and can be viewed online via this page: [click here](#).

HRH Prince Philip :: Various periods of tolling, online quarter peals, etc. were rung in April in Scotland and around the world. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/memoria.php?id=13655>

Culloden :: At 12noon on 16th April, half-muffled tolling of the tenor at Inverness Cathedral to commemorate the 275th Anniversary of the Battle of Culloden and remember the lives lost. Fought on a site 5 miles east of Inverness on 16th April 1746, it involved the deaths of some 1,600 men — over 1,500 of them Jacobites. It was the last pitched battle fought on British soil. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1435479>

Alloa :: "We shall return." 20 April was the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the original ring of 6 at St John the Evangelist, Alloa, and a virtual quarter peal marked the occasion. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1438484>

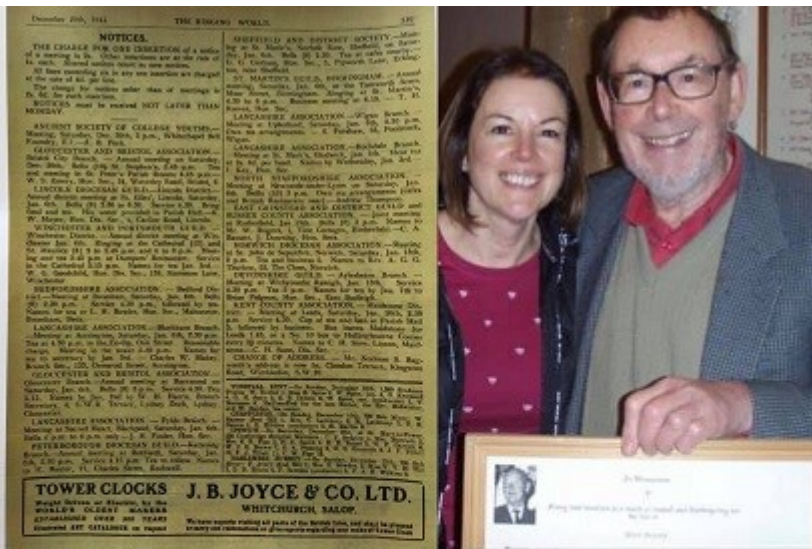
Maintenance :: Safety first as and when you are able to go in to the belfry, with a minimum of two people in the belfry at all times. Most important is a visual check for anything that might have moved, fallen into the path of the bells or otherwise changed. And ideally check for free movement of bells, clappers and pulleys. If possible cleaning and lubrication is desirable. Any queries or questions to the tower and bells advisor at advisor@sacr.org

Three generations of ringers! :: Inverness ringer Rachel Milner was thrilled recently to find some records on Bellboard of her grandfather Fred Avery's ringing in the 1960s and 1970s. Rachel is grateful to Stephen Elwell-Sutton, who found 46 entries in the *Ringling World* archives from 1944 to 1981 for Fred, who was born in 1912. Fred was a civil servant and was posted in Surrey during the Second World War. The photo from the *Ringling World* in December 1944 lists Fred's first 720 (bottom right column), rung in Haslemere. Interesting that they were allowed to ring in December 1944. Fred died in 1989 and a band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at his funeral in Wilton; in the other photo, Rachel and her father Roger Avery are holding the board that commemorates that quarter.

Rachel's great-grandfather, Frederick Avery, was one of the many who died in the First World

War; he died in 1918 from injuries sustained at the Battle of the Somme. In October 2018, Rachel and her father coordinated so that they both rang a quarter peal to commemorate the centenary of Frederick's death. Here's a link to an article in *Devon Calls* about that; it's on page 5 at <https://www.devonbells.co.uk/devoncalls/feb19.pdf>.

Three generations of ringers! What a pedigree!



Sunday, 5 June 1977	Wilton (St George), Somerset	1260 Grandsire Triples
Sunday, 13 February 1972	Wilton (St George), Somerset	1280 Cambridge Surprise Major
Saturday, 18 September 1971	Wilton (St George), Somerset	1260 Stedman Triples
Thursday, 3 July 1969	Huish Episcopi (Blessed Virgin Mary), Somerset	1280 Kent Treble Bob Major
Sunday, 4 May 1969	Wells (Cathedral Church of St Andrew), Somerset	1259 Grandsire Caters
Thursday, 1 May 1969	Minehead (St Michael), Somerset	1259 Grandsire Caters
Sunday, 27 April 1969	Wilton (St George), Somerset	1260 Stedman Triples
Saturday, 15 March 1969	Taunton (St George, Wilton), Somerset	1264 Plain Bob Major
Saturday, 23 March 1968	Taunton (St George, Wilton), Somerset	1260 Plain Bob Triples
Saturday, 3 June 1967	Staplegrave (St John the Evangelist), Somerset	1260 Doubles (3m)
Sunday, 14 May 1967	Taunton (St George, Wilton), Somerset	1260 Stedman Triples
Saturday, 28 May 1966	Wellington (St John the Baptist), Somerset	1260 Grandsire Triples
Saturday, 26 March 1966	Taunton (St James), Somerset	1264 Plain Bob Major

Annual report :: The report for 2020 is available online [at this link](#) (and many thanks, as ever, the Report Editor, Iain Milne).

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

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