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Dear Members

Here's the latest edition of the newsletter. There's a bit on change ringing and some news on other ways of making music with bells.

The photo competition **Ringling throughout the Seasons** from the CCCBR finishes on Sunday, and a new theme will be announced soon for the next category... full details below.

### Upcoming events

**Recovery Group** :: You will be aware Scotland is due to move to level 0 on 19 July, with potentially 1m distancing in public spaces, and loosen of all restrictions on 9 August (of course subject to the First Minister's validation at each step). If you do have questions, or need support with risk assessments or frameworks, or just to share how you are doing don't hesitate to reach out to one of the Covid Recovery working group – [tina.stoecklin@gmail.com](mailto:tina.stoecklin@gmail.com), [annie.brechin@gmail.com](mailto:annie.brechin@gmail.com), [mcgamble01@gmail.com](mailto:mcgamble01@gmail.com), and [nick.sturgess282@gmail.com](mailto:nick.sturgess282@gmail.com).

**NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day** :: For 5 July, there's a national suggestion to ring something based around the number 73, which is how old the NHS is. Some information is [available here](#).

Probably hard to find a touch with 73 changes... but some touches of 1273 of minor and triples have been suggested on bellringers facebook page, and there are may be other ways to mark 73 years. Of course not all towers are ringing at the moment or have not been able to get back in the tower again, so if ringing is possible it would most likely be on a smaller number of bells.

### **Advanced Practices**

:: The monthly

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a break for the "staycation" season and will be back after the summer... perhaps even in an actual tower before too long.

### News

**Haddington** :: Sunday 13 June. We're delighted to be able to let you know that Sunday Service ringing has restarted at St Mary's, Haddington. To comply with current guidance we can only ring 4 bells, have ringers from 3 households and ring for 15 minutes; 13 June was our first Sunday back in the tower. It was great to be ringing again and the Church and congregation are delighted to have the bells ringing again.

**Dundee Cathedral** :: St Paul's Dundee ringers were very pleased to be able to ring before the service of Installation of the Revd. Canon Dr. Elizabeth Thomson as Rector and Provost of St. Paul's on Saturday 19 June. Here is a photo of the band.



**Ellacombe** :: On 26 June, Ellacombe chimes around the world rang out at 12noon local time to celebrate the bicentenary of the chimes. In Scotland they were heard at **Lamlash** (Isle of Arran), **Dunblane**, **Inverness**, **Edinburgh St Cuthbert's** and **Peebles**.

- *The Arran Banner* published an article about the **Lamlash** bells ([link here](#)).



- The ten at St Andrew's Cathedral, **Inverness** were augmented for the day with the Sanctus bell to broaden the repertoire ([video here](#)). The ringing was Heather Preece on the chimes, Cynthia Preece on the Sanctus bell, and Lynn Wiseman recorded the ringing.
- **Edinburgh** was treated to a Worbey and Farrell Concert on the chimes at St Cuthbert's ([video here](#) via facebook).
- Tunes and changes were also heard at **Dunblane**. Here's a [link](#) via facebook.

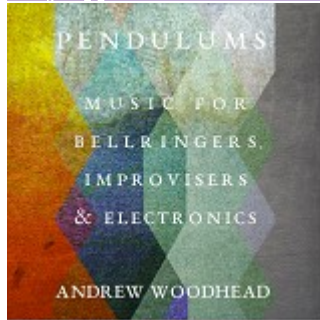


- The bells at **Peebles** can be heard [via this link](#).
- Bitton, where the first Ellacombe chime was installed, was the home tower of Aberdeen ringer (and 50-50 draw organiser) Ruth Ogilvie: "I used to ring the original Ellacombe chimes every Sunday morning in my choir gown (they rang the bells in the evening – not me as I wasn't a ringer then)."
- Bells on Sunday on 27th came from Bitton, Gloucestershire, where Rev Henry T Ellacombe devised the chimes in 1821: [click here](#).
- Here's a dedicated facebook page: [click here](#), and a list of performances [here](#).

**Pendulums** :: If you like listening to new, contemporary, improvised music, try this album that

includes bells as instruments in the ensemble. An array of styles and moods across the 11 tracks. Good to see a Scottish connection on the bells, with Alex Frye as one of the performers.

<https://andrewwoodhead.bandcamp.com/album/pendulums>



**The Language of Bells** :: There's a music project about bells called 'The Language of Bells' and it might be of interest to ringers. They're looking for stories about bells and ringing.

<https://www.thelanguageofbells.com>

**Photo competition** :: The CCCBR is creating an image library via a photo competition .... The first category is **Ringling throughout the seasons**. Closing date for entries is **Sun 4 July**. Time to get your cameras out... and/or to look through your photo library... Full details are [available here](#) and current entrants are shown [here](#).

### **Planning ahead**

**Cycle tour of Britain** :: This takes place in September and two of the stages will pass cities with bells. Hopefully there will be a bit more ringing in towers by then. What better way to welcome cyclists and tourists than to ring bells!

**Stage 7: Hawick to Edinburgh**, 11 September

**Stage 8: Stonehaven to Aberdeen**, 12 September

**Heritage Open Days** :: No doubt in previous years many church towers have been open for Doors Open Day... these take place in September and while some locations might mean that a virtual tour for the public is more realistic, there may be local opportunities to link in with local organisations' websites. <https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk>. Here are the dates for each region:

**4-5 Sep: Dumfries, Inverness**

**11-12 Sep: Aberdeen, Angus, Central Fife**

**18-19 Sep: Glasgow, Stirling, West Fife**

**25-26 Sep: Edinburgh, East Lothian, Argyll**

**October Meeting** :: 23 October 2021

**January Meeting** :: 22 January 2022

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

<https://www.sacr.org>

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