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Dear Members

Here's the latest edition of the newsletter, and details of the upcoming in-person and virtual meetings at the end of October. Please remember to **let Ruth know ([master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org)) by Sunday 3rd October**, if you wish to ring at Glasgow on the morning of Saturday 23rd October. Names also to Ruth please for virtual ringing on the afternoon of 23rd.

On Friday evening (22nd October), Arthur Reeves from St Martin's Guild, Birmingham will give a talk about **learning and memory**, reflecting on:

- why is learning so challenging?
- practical tips to overcome these challenges; and
- how can we be the best teachers for our learners?

Read on for start times and details ...

### **Upcoming events**

#### **SACR October meeting ::**

##### **Friday 22nd October - online meeting 7.30pm-9pm** (zoom link to follow in due course)

1. Invited talk by Arthur Reeves on "Breaking down barriers: how to overcome the challenges of learning": learning and memory
2. Election of new members
3. Brief update on SACR business
4. Training officer post
5. Opportunity to BYOB and chat

##### **Saturday 23rd October - SACR in person practice at Glasgow 11am-2pm**

1. There will be ringing for limited numbers in the tower. **If you wish to ring you must let Ruth know ([master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org)) by Sunday 3rd October.** Numbers in the tower will be limited so we can ensure social distancing and CO2 monitoring will be in place.
2. Depending on numbers interested, we may have to divide into sessions to help limit the number of people in the tower.
3. If you wish to ring in the tower, please note that you must be confident in ringing heavy bells as it will not be possible to have anyone standing by.
4. There will also be handbell ringing in the cathedral halls at the same time.
5. Face coverings will require to be worn in the Cathedral and tower unless guidance changes.
6. We would suggest that all attending should take a lateral flow test within 36 hours prior to joining the event. Lateral flow tests can be obtained free of charge

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-get-a-test-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>.

**Saturday 23rd October - virtual practice using ringing room 3.30pm-5pm** (zoom link to follow in due course)

1. In addition to ringing at Glasgow, we will also have a virtual practice using ringing room during the afternoon. **Everyone is welcome** to attend this - whether or not you have rung in person in the morning.
2. Again, please let Ruth know if you wish to attend this so that we can ensure sufficient 'towers' and people to run the ringing. Names to Ruth at [master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org) by Sunday 3rd October if possible.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for the Friday evening and for one (or both) of the events on the Saturday.

**COP26 in Glasgow** :: Sat 30 October. There has been a general suggestion to ring church bells on 30 October at 6pm, on the eve of the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference, which, as you no doubt know, takes place in Glasgow from 1-12 November.

### **News**

**Mike Barker** :: We're sorry to have to report that Mike Barker died on 27 September. Mike and his wife Judy rang at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh for many years from the late 1980s onward, and Mike served as Tower Captain for a few years.

He will be remembered as a very kind and self-effacing man and, one of the best tenor ringers Scotland has seen. He rang over 200 peals for the Scottish Association including visits to Ireland, USA and two trips to South Africa and Zimbabwe. He was very much at the heart of the expansion in peal and quarter peal ringing in Scotland at the end of the twentieth century.

Mike rang a total of 321 peals, 215 of which were for SACR.

He will be greatly missed.

*Simon Aves*

**Covid guidance** :: The guidance page was updated in August: see [details via this link](#).

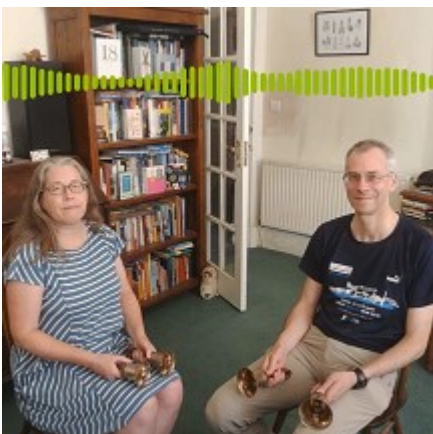
- If you have questions, or need support with risk assessments or frameworks, or just to share how you are doing don't hesitate to reach out to [advisor@sacr.org](mailto:advisor@sacr.org). Please email with any questions.
- At the end of the webpage there are examples where some ringing has resumed; please email [publicity@sacr.org](mailto:publicity@sacr.org) as and when examples of ringing at your tower need to be updated.

**Young Change Ringers Association** :: An exciting new organisation was launched earlier in September at the Ringing World National Youth Contest. If you're under 30 this is for you!

<https://www.ycra.org.uk>



**Fun With Bells podcast** :: September's edition of this great podcast that covers wide-ranging topics is an interview with Tina and Simon about their book "Change-Ringing on Handbells", e-bells and ringing in general. Listen at <https://funwithbells.com/?p=1300>. This webpage also includes some useful weblinks at the end.



**Peals** :: In-person peals are back again, with the first peal for the Scottish Association in over 16 months rung on hand bells at Newtongrange on 7 August (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1455646>). And the first tower-bell peal was rung at St Andrews on 2 September (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1458649>).

**Photo competition** :: The CCCBR's ongoing photo competition has a different theme every few weeks. The current category in the competition is **Bells in Art**, and this runs until 8 October. Details are available [here](#).

Here's an article about the winners of the previous category, **Bells and Installations**: [click here](#).

### **Courses**

Online ART Workshops (Module 1 and Module 2F) :: These are suitable for both new and experienced teachers – after all, it has

been a long time since most of us have taught anyone to ring and it is easy to forget some of the finer details. The online workshops break down the course content into bite-sized chunks so you can choose whether to dip in and out between teaching lessons

or do the whole course before you start. They each take about one and a half hours to complete, and are available to anyone who has attended the relevant day course. Whether you are still working towards your ART accreditation or you have already achieved

it, these courses are an excellent way to get back up to speed. In the words of a ringing teacher who has already completed the Module 1 Online Refresher: "Thank you and all those involved in

putting so much hard work into this series of videos and reminders.

I found them very watchable and clear, just enough and not too much at this stage! The timing of it is impeccable and will stand a lot of teachers in good stead when teaching can start again." You can enrol on either workshop here:

[Bellringing Online Learning Portal](#)

*Judith Frye (ART Tutor)*

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

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