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Dear Members

Here's the latest edition of the newsletter. Each time I send out the newsletter I think that the coming weeks are going to be quiet and that there'll be nothing to report for a while, but each time as the weeks go by news and activities unfold that are SACR-member instigated or Scotland related. And now, as things slowly and cautiously open up again, more in-person events are taking place, as well as a development of on-line opportunities. So, again, this newsletter is quite long, but it's interspersed with a few photos.

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*Martin*

### **Upcoming events**

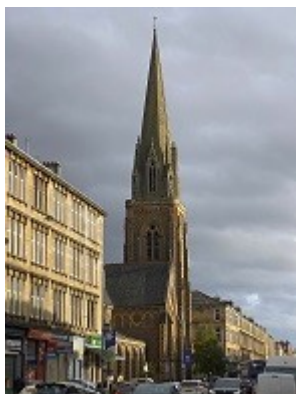
**Advanced Practice** :: Sat 20 November. Ruth is planning some advanced ten bell surprise royal ringing at Inveraray on Saturday 20 November from 11am – general ringing sessions and quarter peals – exact details to be confirmed. If you are interested in coming along, please let Ruth know at [master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org) so that she can include you in the arrangements.

**January Meeting** :: Sat 22 January. More details in due course. If you have any thoughts or comments about the format of the January meeting, please do send to Sue at [secretary@sacr.org](mailto:secretary@sacr.org).

### **News**

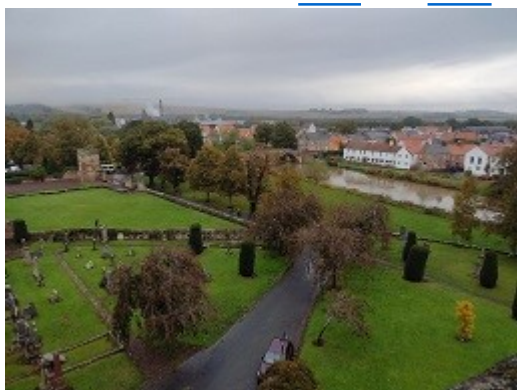
**October meeting** :: A good October weekend both virtually and in Glasgow, with a variety of ringing from call changes through doubles, minor, triples, major and royal — plus minor and major in hand — so something for everyone. Plus £100 was collected for the Bell Restoration Fund.

Thanks in particular to Arthur Reeves for a very interesting online talk on Friday evening on learning and memory, giving an overview of how the human brain processes different types memory and, in turn, how the brain learns and remembers (or doesn't remember without e.g. repeated revision!). One of the best quotes from the talk: "It's not really within your evolutionary survival requirements to remember Plain Bob Doubles... so we have to teach ourselves how to learn and remember it." Some great pointers on using mnemonics to help structure and shape our own personal learning... and a reminder that learning can be hard but that it's definitely possible and fulfilling. And, as Sue noted, each of our brains has more connections between neurones than there are stars in the galaxy – quite a thought!



**Training Officer** :: This is a new role that the Association is very keen to develop, and a paper was circulated ahead of the October meeting giving some more detail and information. Do please give some thought as to whether this is something you might like to volunteer for – or whether you know someone who has the skills and might just need a wee nudge! It was stressed that the role is not about delivery of everything, but more a facilitating role. Full details available from [secretary@sacr.org](mailto:secretary@sacr.org).

**Haddington** :: A photo from @HughPumphrey: Sneak aerial view of the Tyne at #Haddington, taken through a door we now have to open in order to get sufficient ventilation in the ringing chamber. Tweets are [here](#) and [here](#).



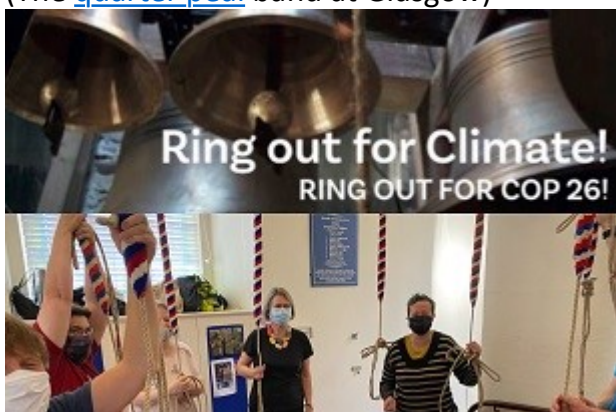
**COP26 in Glasgow** :: Sat 30 October. The bells of St Mary's Glasgow rang on the eve of the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference with a

[Quarter Peal](#) of Plain Bob Triples. Along with other bells across the UK, [St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh](#), [St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh](#), [Inverness](#) and

[Balnaferry Campanile](#) rang out a warning about climate change. And bells were also heard on Shetland, at St Magnus Church, Lerwick: [link here](#).



(The [quarter peal](#) band at Glasgow)



(The band at St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh)

**Bells on Sunday** :: On Sun 31 October, Bells on Sunday came from St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow. The recording is of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, recorded inside the ringing chamber at the October meeting

(thanks to Rachel for the recording).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001141j> **Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club** :: Here are the results of the bumper draws we had on Friday at the October SACR meeting. As we had not seen each other in quite a while, we had five draws for June to October 2021 inclusive!

- June 2021 – Simon Aves from Edinburgh won £28.50
- July 2021 – Nick Jones from Tulloch won £28.50
- August 2021 – Alison Fyfe from Edinburgh won £28.00
- September 2021 – Tim Gatland from Dunkeld won £28.00
- October 2021 – Barbara Bell from Edinburgh won £28.00

A good night for Edinburgh ringers!!! Congratulations to everyone and thank you all for your continuing support. If anyone wishes to purchase £1 tickets for the monthly draws please email me on

[50-50club@sacr.org](mailto:50-50club@sacr.org).

*Ruth Ogilvie, SACR BRF 50-50 Club organiser*

**Handbell ringing: A view from the Isle of Arran** :: I have been involved with regular online handbell ringing for almost a year now. We have one on Mondays (8.30–9.30pm), and again on Fridays (7.30–8.30pm). We meet on Discord for an initial chat and use Handbell Stadium for the ringing (see [details here](#)). Handbell Stadium requires that ringers have a set of [eBells](#) (or other motion sensors). We decide on what to ring depending on who comes along, dividing the session

in to two half hour sessions.

Anybody is very welcome to come along. We will ring whatever the capabilities of who comes, and everybody is very welcome.

On a personal note although I was a very competent tower bell ringer, I had not touched a handbell for over 40 years before getting my eBells. The screen simulation is great, which makes using Handbell Stadium in 'practice' mode a great way to learn to ring handbells again. I find that 'online' ringing with others is challenging as one has to concentrate hard to ensure that you are not put off by other's hesitations and mistakes, which takes what one has learned in practice to the next level.

Online to in-person: Using both the 'practice' and 'online' ringing on Handbell Stadium meant that when I did get to ring with other real ringers using real handbells, the eBell ringing translated very well in to real life.

*Timothy Billings*

**Photo competition** :: The CCCBR's ongoing [photo competition](#) has a different theme every few weeks. A photo from St Machar's, Aberdeen won the latest category *Bells in Art* with this beautiful stained glass window. Photo by Lian von Wantoch.



**SACR on BellBoard** :: Peals and quarter peals are back in full swing again, both in towers and on hand bells. The latest SACR performances can be viewed with this customised search on bell board: [https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/search.php?association\\_id=35](https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/search.php?association_id=35).

**Ringing Forums** :: The Central Council has created a discussion forum at [ringingforums.org](http://ringingforums.org), for asking questions, getting support and sharing information. [Click here](#) for more information.

**TowerTalk** :: The latest edition of this newsletter for ringers using Learning the Ropes is available at [this link](#).

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

### **In memoriam**

**David Ford** :: We're sorry to report that Tulloch ringer and SACR member, Dave Ford, died suddenly on 19th October, age 74. Dave came from a ringing family and rang initially as a teenager in Somerset, giving up in his mid-20s. He restarted at Tulloch in 2016, and continued until he had a stroke at the start of 2020. He will be remembered as a very cheerful and friendly man and will be

greatly missed.

We rang a peal and a local quarter peal on 2nd November, the day before his funeral, in his memory: details [here](#) and [here](#).

*Ian and Sue Turner*

### **Planning ahead: 2022**

**70th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession** :: Sun 6 February

**90th Anniversary year of SACR** ::

Sat 23 April – anniversary of the inaugural meeting of SACR, St Mary's, Edinburgh

Sat 4 June – anniversary of first peal at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh

Sun 12 June – anniversary of first handbell peal at 66 Hillhead Street, Glasgow

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee** :: Thu 2 June

### **Social media**

*Even if you don't have an account with facebook or twitter you should still be able to look at posts using these links:*

<https://www.sacr.org>

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As usual, please send in any items or articles that you would like included in the newsletter to Martin at [publicity@sacr.org](mailto:publicity@sacr.org).

The SACR Committee