

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

Upcoming events

January meeting – Following Sue's email on Friday, it's a shame that the in-person meetings are postponed, but fingers crossed for a February in-person meeting (watch this space for more details). In the meantime, here's a summary of January's activities:

- **Wed 19 Jan, 7.30pm** :: SACR committee meeting online. All towers have been sent an invitation to send a rep. Please try and encourage your tower rep and provide feedback via them. Papers have been circulated.
- **Sat 22 Jan, 11am** :: Online ringing via ringingroom. Please can you email Ruth on master@sacr.org by Wednesday 19th so we can gauge level of interest. All levels are welcome.
- **Fri 29 Jan, 7.30pm** :: Online S Major practice via ringingroom. Please can you email Ruth on master@sacr.org by Sat 22nd Jan if you will participate in this.

Sun 6 Feb – Accession of Queen Elizabeth II :: 70th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession. Here are some details from the Central Council: <https://ccbr.org.uk/2022/01/12/hm-queens-jubilee>

Fri 25 Feb – February advanced practice :: In-person at Glasgow at 7.30pm (if back in the tower by then)

Sat 12 Mar – SACR training day :: In-person at Tulloch. More details to follow in due course.

Sat 14 May – May meeting :: We hope that the AGM and striking competition will be able to take place in a traditional format. Venue tbc but please save the date.

Do please put the above dates in your diary. We hope there will be something for everyone, but feedback is always welcome.

News

Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club :: Subscription renewal time! Ruth Ogilvie has sent out the annual reminder about subscriptions to the 50-50 club for the BRF. If you've not seen your email reminder, please check with Ruth (50-50club@sacr.org). Ruth writes: "Congratulations to the 12 winners from 2021 who shared £341 in prizes, thank you so much to you (and all the non-winners!), for donating to our draw and therefore to the BRF ... I have been able to pay £300 into the Bell Restoration Fund."

Dunblane peal :: A nice peal in December but some sore hands... well done Alex! And congratulations also to Sue, Peter and Peter. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1477458>

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Really pleased to get this. A lot of pain and effort but made worth it by the sound quality of the bells.



Balnaferry Campanile :: Great to see that there were some new recruits in December in Forres... lapsed ringers returning! ... <https://www.facebook.com/BalnaferryCampanile/posts/3116678575243600>:

"12 December was our last practice of 2021, but also the first practice for 2 of our visitors for 8.5 years. After a quick refresher for Kath, we rang Plain Bob Doubles first with Alex on the tenor behind and then with Kath on the tenor behind. We then tried plain hunt on 5 with Kath on 3 and Alex on the treble. Lowenna had a go ringing some rounds for the first time unaided (having only managed rounds with help 8 years ago in England). We managed more Plain Bob Doubles with Kath inside, and with Sam inside and then tried some call changes on 8. After more rounds for Lowenna we rang more plain Bob Doubles and finished with Plain Hunt on 6. Thanks to Mike, Dawn and Sarah for all their efforts too." The January meeting was smaller due to the three-household rule but this will hopefully change soon.

Hand-bellringing :: A first for Jessica... congratulations! <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1478594>

St Machar's, Aberdeen :: Nov+Dec 2021: As well as well-attended Monday practices and Sunday service ringing we were pleased to be able to ring all 8 bells for the induction of the new minister at the service on Tuesday 23 November. We also rang recently for the University of Aberdeen carol service on Wednesday 8 December (photos courtesy of Ian Talboys)



The power of social media :: The above news update from St Machar's on facebook @scottishbellringing was shared quite a few times on various Aberdeen facebook pages (the Cathedral page, Old Aberdeen page, etc.), resulting in a good number of "like" and "love" emoticons from the surrounding community... showing the power of social media!

St Machar's Cathedral commented: "Thank you to our wonderful band of committed bellringers who do so much for the Cathedral. It is a joy to hear you after far too long a silence."

Ringling Forums :: The Central Council's discussion forum is up and running at ringingforums.org, and a range of questions has been asked and answered on the forum. You can sign up if you have questions to ask, or if you want to chip in with replies. [Click here](#) for more information.

Planning ahead: dates for the diary

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 :: Fri 3 June – There's to be a service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, London, with a suggestion for a collective ringing session. Time to be confirmed but it's likely to be the morning (this and other info at <https://cccbr.org.uk/2022/01/12/hm-queens-jubilee>).

Social media

For up to date info on social media:

<https://www.sacr.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishbellringing>

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