

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

### Upcoming events

**Sun 6 Feb — Awareness event** :: Margaret and Ruth are holding an awareness event via zoom on Sun 6 Feb. Details from Margaret. If you miss this and would like to pick up on the topic, please email Margaret at [childprotection@sacr.org](mailto:childprotection@sacr.org).

**Sun 6 Feb – Accession of Queen Elizabeth II** :: 70th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession. If you're ringing this weekend, *The Ringing World* would love to receive your photos and hear about what you did in snippet news items (under 300 words). If you'd like to send something for print in the 11 Feb issue, please submit it by midday Mon 7 Feb to [editor@ringingworld.co.uk](mailto:editor@ringingworld.co.uk)



**Fri 25 Feb – February advanced practice** :: In-person at Glasgow at 7.30pm.

**Sat 26 Feb – Winter meeting** :: Here are details of the rescheduled in-person ringing and meeting.

- SACR ringing meeting – in person. This will be held on **Sat 26 Feb** in Edinburgh and all are welcome. Plans for the day are as follows
  - 10.30–12.00 – advanced practice at Edinburgh St Mary
  - 12.00–13.30 – bring your own lunch and business meeting in the cathedral halls
  - 13.30–14.30 – general ringing at Edinburgh St Mary
  - 15.00–16.30 – general ringing at Edinburgh St Andrew and St George

**Sat 12 Mar :: SACR training day** at Tulloch Ringing Centre from 10.30am. Please see Ruth's recent email (from 3 Feb), and if you are thinking about attending (as student or as helper) please email Ruth at [master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org) to indicate interest. Ruth also invites you to indicate what you'd like to focus on as a student.

**March advanced practice** :: More details in due course.

**Sat 7 May :: Scottish Handbell Day** :: More details in due course.

**Sat 21 May** (earlier announcement mentioned 14th, but please note update date) :: **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.

**Fri 3 Jun :: Queen's Platinum Jubilee** :: 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://ccabr.org.uk/2022/01/12/hm-queens-jubilee>).

**Fri 29 – Sun 31 Jul :: Inveraray Ringing Festival** :: This is planned for the last weekend in July, and hopefully it will be able to go ahead this year.

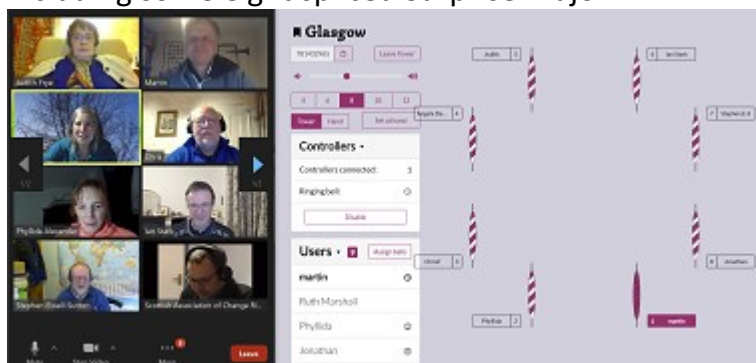
## News

**Training Officer** :: As previously announced, this is a new role that the Association is very keen to develop, and a description of the proposed role is available. 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 in liaison with the SACR Master. Full details available from [secretary@sacr.org](mailto:secretary@sacr.org).

**Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club** :: If you've not yet renewed your subscription to support the bell restoration fund, please check with Ruth ([50-50club@sacr.org](mailto:50-50club@sacr.org)). If you prefer to set up an annual standing order, Ruth can confirm the bank details for that.

**Burns Night Quarter** :: "Old Time and Nature their changes tell; But never ranging, still unchanging, I adore my bonie Bell" :: Happy Birthday, Rabbie! <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1486641>

**January advanced practice** :: A fun practice at the end of January via ringingroom and zoom, including some eight spliced Surprise Major.



**Bells on Sunday: Call for recordings** :: Here are some details about how to make a good recording of bells, and a request for submissions for broadcast on Radio 4's Bells on Sunday. <https://ccabr.org.uk/2022/01/28/bells-on-sunday-guide-to-making-a-recording/>

**Subscriptions** :: SACR membership fees for 2022 are now due, and someone from your tower has probably been in touch about paying these. Membership fees remain at £10 per member, £5 per junior member (under 18) and £5 per associate member. Please check with your tower correspondent if you've not yet sent your payment in.

## Anniversary dates

- **Sat 23 April** :: 90th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of SACR, St Mary's, Edinburgh
- **Sat 4 June** :: 90th anniversary of the first SACR peal at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh  
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1230062>
- **Sun 12 June** :: 90th anniversary of the first SACR handbell peal at 66 Hillhead Street, Glasgow  
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1230063>
- "The proposal to form a Scottish association was ... received with acclamation by all those present". From *The Ringing World*, 5 Jan 1932 (<http://ccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/rw1932.pdf>):

RINGING WORLD. January 15th, 1932.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED.**  
*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your leading article in this week's 'Ringing World' and also 'W. H. F.'s' letter suggesting the formation of a 'Scots Association.' It is with much pleasure that I am able to tell you that your views are not only shared by the majority of ringers 'north of the Tweed,' but that the suggestion which you put forward has actually been anticipated.

Towers with a peal of bells are few and far between in Scotland, and ringing is therefore necessarily confined to a few districts, but there is considerable enthusiasm in certain centres, and the idea of a national association has been in the minds of a few of us for some little time. At a recent informal meeting of Glasgow and Edinburgh ringing friends, which took place in Edinburgh on Saturday, January 2nd—possibly at the very time that 'W. H. F.' was writing his letter and you, Sir, were framing your leading article—the proposal to form a Scottish association was put forward and received with acclamation by all those present. A small committee was therefore formed to discuss the matter and to approach the ringers in other districts in regard to the suggestion. This committee will report their progress at a national meeting, which will be called later in the year.

There is every reason to hope, therefore, that the year 1932 will at long last see the birth of 'The Scottish Association of Change Ringers.'—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Glasgow,  
January 9th, 1932.

**OUTCOME ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.**

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Fussell has got in the first blow, as we had already discussed the idea of the formation of a Scottish Ringing Association among ourselves.

Now that the idea has been mooted in our paper, couldn't we (the Scottish ringers) get together in Edinburgh, say, some Saturday afternoon in about a month's time and get the association properly under way?

We could have two or three meetings a year in different places, and possibly (if we have enough members) send a representative to the Central Council.

We anxiously await the outcome of this idea put forward in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

W. STENHOUSE.

Dundee.

## Social media

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