

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

Upcoming events

Sat 12 Mar :: SACR training day at Tulloch Ringing Centre from 10.30am. Please contact Ruth at master@sacr.org with any queries.

Thu 14 Apr :: Fun With Bells podcast :: April's podcast is a focus on SACR in which Cathy Booth interviews Simon Aves on the history of the association. It will be available online from 14 Apr onwards. funwithbells.com

Advanced practices :: More details on date and location of April's and subsequent practices in due course.

Sat 7 May :: Scottish Handbell Day :: Please email tina.stoecklin@gmail.com if you're interested in attending this day in Glasgow.

Sat 21 May :: May meeting :: St Machar's, Aberdeen :: The plan is to have the AGM and striking competition in a traditional in-person format. There will also be hand bellringing 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://cccbr.org.uk/2022/01/12/hm-queens-jubilee>).



Fri 29 – Sun 31 Jul :: Inveraray Ringing Festival

Sat 22 Oct :: October meeting :: location to be confirmed

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February meeting :: After a good turnout in Glasgow on Friday evening for a session of Royal and Caters, Saturday saw a busy day of ringing in Edinburgh interspersed with a brief business meeting at lunchtime. Twelve-bell ringing was sadly thwarted because of storm damage at St Mary's, but

where else in Scotland could you go at short notice to a neighbouring tower for some great ten-bell ringing? This included lowering all ten together for the first time in many many months, with that amazing thrum half way down. Thank you St Cuthbert's! The day was rounded off with some excellent touches on eight at St Andrew's & St George's West.



Ringling course at Haddington for new recruits :: A new intensive beginners course is taking place in Haddington in February/March. With 12 people signed up for the six-week course, plus two on a waiting list, Sally has set up a duplicate morning and afternoon session to keep the tutor/student ratio low. Everyone did really well at the first session and seemed very enthusiastic and excited about the prospect of learning to ring. Learners span a range of ages, with some from the congregation. If other Scottish towers are interested, Sally would be happy to run a zoom session and talk through how Haddington has approached this, and what seems to have worked in terms of attracting some potential new ringers.

BBC Radio Scotland will broadcast a piece soon about the ringing course on the programme "Sunday Morning". Watch this space for details!



Welcome to newly elected members :: Scott Cooper (Dumfries) :: Sasha Webb (Glasgow) :: Claire Dickson (Glasgow) :: Karin Farnworth (Edinburgh St Mary) :: Matthew Machin-Autenreith (Aberdeen)

Congratulations to these longstanding members :: Magnus Peterson (60 years of SACR membership) :: Michael Pink (60 years) :: Chris Thomas (40 years) :: Neil Ballard (30 years) :: John Grainger (30 years) :: Eric McNally (30 years)

Balnaferry Campanile :: See this facebook page for regular updates on a monthly ringing practice in Forres, and get in touch if you're going to be in the area! [facebook.com/BalnaferryCampanile](https://www.facebook.com/BalnaferryCampanile)

Awareness event :: On 6 Feb, Margaret and Ruth held an awareness event via zoom about safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults, and inclusion and safety in the ringing environment. If you missed this and would like to pick up on the topic, please email Margaret at childprotection@sacr.org.

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.

Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club :: The results of the draw at the February meeting were:

- January — Martin Mellor, £31.50
- February — Sue Bryce, £31.50

Ruth Ogilvie writes: I still have numbers available if anyone wishes to support the BRF and have a chance of winning at least £30 each month. Please contact 50-50club@sacr.org for details. If you prefer to set up an annual standing order, Ruth can confirm the bank details for that.

Young Change Ringers Association :: The [first meeting of the YCRA in Birmingham](#) was a great success, with a summer event planned for Nottingham. If you're under 30, this is an association for you! Reports on the outing are on facebook and in *The Ringing World* (no. 5779).

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney :: From a post seen on Bellringers Facebook page: The bells of St Magnus Cathedral. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Fd9eMtmVcE>

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>

Social media

For up to date info on social media:

<https://www.sacr.org>

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

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