

Subject: SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers

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Dear Members

Upcoming events

Fri 27 May :: Advanced Practice :: St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 7.30pm-9pm (CONFIRMED). *We have enough to proceed with the advanced practice at Edinburgh St Cuthbert's on Friday 27 May, start 7.30 with everyone who has responded to let me know they will be attending. Anyone else is welcome. Ruth (master@sacr.org).*

Thu 2 Jun – Sun 5 Jun :: Queen's Platinum Jubilee :: The Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, London is at 11.30am on Fri 3 Jun. Ringing any time that day or over the four-day bank-holiday weekend would be good as a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee (more info at <https://cccbr.org.uk/2022/05/08/hm-queens-jubilee-2>). Bellboard event page is [here](#) and a commemorative certificate will be available for each performance added.



Fri 29 – Sun 31 Jul :: Inveraray Ringing Festival :: More details to follow nearer the time.

September :: Doors Open Days take place in Scotland in September. The national theme is following VisitScotland's "Year of Stories" and the European Heritage Days theme is "sustainability". Perhaps there might be opportunities for tower open days around these dates and themes in September? Here's a link to show provisional dates for your area: <https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/2022-weekends/>

Sat 22 Oct :: October meeting :: Location to be confirmed. Any offers to host to meeting please to president@sacr.org.

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Bells and Botanics :: Sat 21 May 2022 was a special date as it was one of the first in-person meetings of SACR for over 2 years and it was Striking Competition!! The sun was shining and all was set for a great day in Aberdeen. I had previously taken team photos in 2007 in the 75th anniversary year, so asked folk if they were happy for me to do that again. Everyone was happy so as teams gathered to go up I got a photos of them all.

The ringing went well with no major problems, though the door did lock one team out and they had to knock until the timer from the previous team came down to let them in!!!!!! After competition ringing there was some more ringing but after a couple of goes I decided that as it was such a nice day I would head down the Chanonry to the Cruickshank Botanical Gardens, which I discovered were free to enter, and so I had a lovely 3/4 of an hour before tea wandering almost the plants, in the sunshine. I can highly recommend if you wish a wee break from ringing next time you are in Aberdeen.

The results of the competition were announced prior to tea with Aberdeen having a home win for the Inveraray Shield and St Mary's Edinburgh winning the St Andrew's Shield. The latter will hopefully carry on a tradition I started more years ago than I care to remember. The St Andrew's Shield was started as a prize for call-change teams and was made by Don Towers who was a Dundee ringer. I took a photograph of him with shield and so put it in an album with the shield and asked teams who won each year to add their photograph to it. And so we have a photographic record of teams who have won that Shield from the beginning. Having had a wee look at the folder on Saturday, most teams have added to it so if visiting St Mary's Edinburgh this year you can have a look.

There was then a fantastic tea laid on by the Aberdeen ringers, and the AGM passed without incident. All in all a great day despite the fact my team came last!!!!

Thanks to all who were involved in organising the event and especially the tea. Thanks too to Timothy Billings for judging the striking competition.

Christina Howie, Dundee Ringer



Thanks to Ian Talboys, Ian Bell and Chrisina Howie for photos

Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club :: Winning tickets for April and May, drawn in Aberdeen, are as follows:

- April 2022 – Rachel Milner, won £32.50
- May 2022 – Jose Symes, won £32.50

Thank you everyone for your continuing support. Please contact me at 50-50club@sacr.org if you wish to purchase a monthly draw ticket – there are still some numbers left!

Ruth Ogilvie

Congratulations :: Congratulations to **Alex Linton** on his first quarter on tower bells at Edinburgh St Cuthbert's (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1515021>). 'What's Hot on Bellboard?' in *The Ringing World* on 20 May (5795, p.452) had a Scottish theme, with congratulations recorded for **Rachel Milner's** first quarter peal of triples (at Tulloch) and for **Chris and Judith Frye's** ruby wedding anniversary (with a peal at Arreton, Ise of Wight).

Scottish Handbell Day :: Here's a report from the handbell day at the start of May:

<https://www.handbellringing.co.uk/blog/another-successful-weekend>. And you can scroll through Simon Gay's blog for other interesting articles, including one on [early Scottish handbell peals](#).

Call for photographs of your church and bells :: As we enter the spring and summer this could be a good time to capture some colourful photos in and around your tower. It would be good to have a selection of photos available for use by the media (we sometimes have requests for photos from the press), etc. If you have any suitable photos, or fancy taking some fresh ones, please email publicity@sacr.org.

Thanks to those who've already sent in photos of Dunblane and St Machar's, Aberdeen... more photos welcome!

Of course, if there are any identifiable individuals in photos, please ensure they are happy for you to take the photos. And please also include a description for each photo, and a longer caption with more detailed info where relevant.

Enamel badges for Queen's Platinum Jubilee ringing :: There's a post on Bellringers facebook group from Rebecca Banner who is ordering enamel badges for those ringing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They are £5 each including postage. She is taking advance orders now, and if you want one for yourself – or a stock for your local tower – you can pre-order from Rebecca this week and give the approximate number needed. For details, see [this link](#) and the email address for ordering is ringing@thebanners.uk.

Social media

For up to date info on social media:

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