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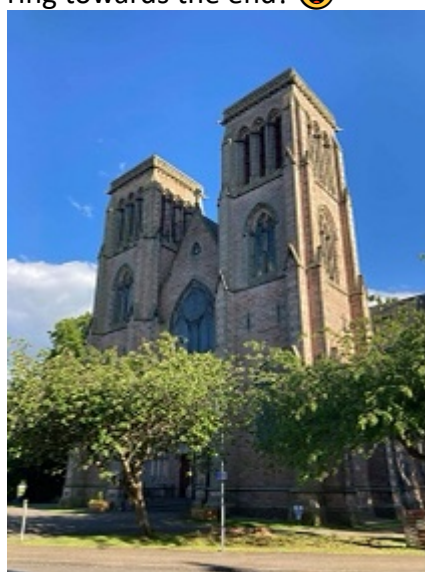
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**To:** Members <Members@sacr.org>

Dear Members

**Upcoming events**

**Sun 17 July. Inverness :: Songs of Praise ::** Inverness Cathedral had a very exciting visit from the Songs of Praise film crew recently to film some bell ringing to be included in the programme on July 17th. Rachel, Dawn, Cath, Heather, Hugh and Mike rang some respectable rounds and call changes on the back six. We gave them strict instructions not to include the rather poor brief piece of method ringing we started to ring towards the end! 😊



**Fri 29 – Sun 31 Jul :: Inveraray Ringing Festival ::** It's not long now until the first Inveraray Ringing Festival for three years. Here are the ringing times:

- Friday 29 July: 6pm–8pm
- Saturday 30 July: 2pm–4:30pm and 6pm–7:30pm
- Sunday 31 July: 1:30pm–3:30pm



**Advanced practices ::** Currently taking a summer break and will be back again in September. Dates to be announced in due course.

**Sat 22 Oct :: October meeting** :: There will be ringing and a meeting in **Dunblane**, with ringing also available during the day at **Stirling** and hopefully also **Alloa**. Full details and times to be announced shortly.

**Sat 28 Jan 2023 :: January meeting** :: Tower to be confirmed.

## News

**New Members** :: Welcome to new members Tania Sokolova (Dundee), Matthew Bellhouse Moran (Dundee), Irene Drummond (Glasgow) and Alastair George (Edinburgh St Mary)

**Haddington Ringing Course** :: There's an excellent article in *The Ringing World* of 27 May (no. 5796) by Sally Thomas. If you don't have a subscription or access to a copy via your tower, you can buy individual issues for £2.10 [here](#).



Some of the course participants and tutors after the final session of the course

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee** :: Of the thousands of performances around the UK and the world, here's a list of Scottish Association performances over the Jubilee weekend.

### *Thu 2 June:*

Dunkeld, St Columba, [Call Changes including 70 blows of Queens](#)  
St Andrews, University Chapel of St Salvator, [Various Doubles, & Rounds & Call Changes](#)

### *Fri 3 June:*

Edinburgh, St Cuthbert, [5070 Yorkshire Surprise Royal](#)  
Edinburgh, St Mary's Cathedral, [Rounds and Call Changes to Queens](#)  
Dumfries, St John the Evangelist, [Rounds and Call Changes](#)  
Inverness, St Andrew's Cathedral, [Rounds and Call Changes](#)

### *Sat 4 June:*

Caol, Blar Mhor Road, 1320 [Kent Treble Bob Minor](#)  
Glasgow, St Mary's Cathedral, [5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal](#)  
St Andrews, University Chapel of St Salvator, [Rounds and Call Changes](#)

### *Sun 5 June:*

Forres, Balnaferry Campanile, [Call Changes](#)  
Forres, Balnaferry Campanile, [1260 Plain Bob Doubles](#)  
Glasgow, St Mary's Cathedral, [1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major](#)

Inverness, St Andrew's Cathedral, [1260 Plain Bob Minor](#)

Mon 6 Jun:

Dundee, St Paul's Cathedral, [70 Grandsire Doubles](#)



**90th Anniversary of SACR** :: Here are the 90th anniversary performances: [click here](#), culminating on 12 June with a handbell peal at the same address in Glasgow as the first handbell peal for SACR: <https://www.handbellringing.co.uk/blog/90th-anniversary-success>



Alongside the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee, the Scottish Association have been marking their 90th anniversary this year. The Association came into existence at a gathering of ringers at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on 23rd April 1932. The principal movers behind its formation were Stephen Wood, a recent Cambridge University graduate who spent three years in Glasgow, and Edwin Lewis, who, although being a prominent member of the Central Council, had never rung during his fifteen years living in Wishaw. In fact both left Scotland within months of the Edinburgh meeting, although Lewis continued to own a holiday home on the Argyll peninsula which remains in the family to this day.

At the time there were active bands at three Edinburgh towers (St Mary's, St Cuthbert's and Leith), two Dundee towers (Old Steeple and St Paul's), and at Glasgow, Alloa and Paisley. The bells of Inverness were rarely rung, and the tower for the war memorial bells of Inveraray had only just been completed. Nevertheless between forty and fifty ringers came together from all over Scotland and the Association appointed Wood as its first Ringing Master and William Sampson as President. The Duke of Argyll, who owned the Inveraray bells, was invited to be their Patron.

The first peal was attempted at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh on the same day, but failed when a rope snapped after ninety minutes of "near perfect ringing". The band, representing Glasgow, Edinburgh, Paisley and Dundee, came together at the same tower on 4th June 1932 and scored the Association's first peal. The treble was rung by Mabel Holland of St Cuthbert's who had been born in Canada: perhaps the first Canadian born lady peal ringer? Stephen Wood then went on to conduct the first handbell peal at his home in Glasgow the following week.

Ninety years later on 3rd June another peal was rung at St Cuthbert's to commemorate the Jubilee (5070 Yorkshire S Royal), and the following day the actual 90th anniversary was marked with a peal of

5040 Cambridge S Royal at Glasgow.

For the 90th anniversary of the first handbell peal, Simon Gay managed to get permission from the current owners of Stephen Wood's flat (conveniently the University of Glasgow, where Simon is Professor of Computing Science) to ring a handbell peal of 5040 Cambridge S Royal on 12th June.

*Simon Aves (The Ringing World, no. 5800, p.610)*

**Mobile Belfry Funding** :: The Central Council has launched a Crowdfunding campaign to enable individual ringers to be part of the Mobile Belfry 2.0 project and contribute to it. Full details of the project, including an introductory video, can be found at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/mobile-belfry>

Funding for this project is coming from a number of sources, most notably the donation of the bells themselves by the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust, funds from the Central Council, and donations pledged from Guilds and Associations. The Funding from individual ringers and other interested parties will complete the project, with plans for its first appearance at the Council's Roadshow in Nottingham in September.

*Simon Linford, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers*

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