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Dear Members

[Here's the latest SACR newsletter.](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### **Fri 26 – Sun 28 Jul :: Inveraray Festival Weekend**

This way to the 50th Inveraray Ringing Festival... If you have not been before, it is great fun and highly recommended. Everyone is welcome! General ringing sessions are:

- Friday 26th July 6pm - 8pm
- Saturday 27th July 2pm - 4.30pm and 6pm - 7.30pm
- Sunday 28th July 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Ringling will range from rounds on 10 to Bristol & Sgurr a'Chaorachain Surprise Royal and all ringers are very welcome.





**Fri 30 Aug :: Advanced Ten-Bell Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm–9pm**

**Sat 7 Sep :: CCCBR AGM in Exeter ::** Details in an email from Sue to SACR members on 15 July and at <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2024-annual-meeting>. Our two representatives are Tina Stoecklin ([ccrep@sacr.org](mailto:ccrep@sacr.org)) and Zoe Bennett ([rep1@sacr.org](mailto:rep1@sacr.org)) if you would like to discuss anything.

**Fri 27 Sep :: Advanced Ten-Bell Practice :: Edinburgh, St Cuthbert, 7.30pm–9pm**

**Sat 19 Oct :: Autumn Meeting :: Haddington ::** Advanced Eight-Bell Practice, followed by General Ringing, Meeting and Social

**Fri 29 Nov :: Advanced Ten-Bell Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm–9pm**

**Sun 18 May 2025 :: Bell Sunday**

## News

**Scottish Quarter Peal Weekend :: 14-16 June.**

Ruth Marshal writes: Really proud that we rang 11 successful quarters for Scotland as part of our SACR Quarter Peal weekend. Personally I had a go at ringing both our 41cwt tenors – scored at Inveraray (very red faced reflecting effort!), not quite so successful at Edinburgh St Mary's, but we still had good ringing for over an hour before it didn't quite come round! Well done everyone who got involved. Here's a link to the performances: <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=19062>.

Some good footnotes too:

- First quarter on eight for Irina Dudina
- First of triples away from the tenor for Iain Milne
- First inside, and first for 41 years, for Donald Spaeth
- First in method for Miranda Jones and for Elinor Farquharson
- 50th quarter for Al Rossin

- 300th quarter for Simon Aves
- Also celebrating the birth of Isabelle Frances Lily Bamforth-Tighe and celebrating Fathers' Day

*Ruth Marshall, Master, SACR*



**St Andrews Graduation ringing ::** A busy June week for graduation at St Andrews, and for the ringers there celebrating said graduations! Five performances, including one peal, and each with a different conductor. A wide variety of firsts and other footnotes:

- First quarter: Elena Chen
- First surprise as conductor: Matthew Andrews
- First as conductor for SACR: George Stevens
- First quarter at the tower (plus a decades' long association with St Andrews): James Bryce
- Fiftieth quarter: Al Rossin
- Baptism congratulations to Elena Chen and Ruoxi Wang
- Graduation congratulations for St Andrews' ringers Elena Chen, Stephanie Yang and John MacLeod

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/search.php?from=10%2F06%2F2024&to=14%2F06%2F2024&place=St%20Andrews>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/dVfAPVfiCGGhbttu>



**Pride Edinburgh** :: Ring out for Pride! First quarter congratulations to Lyra and first inside congratulations to Talon. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1748781>



<b>Scottish Association</b>
Edinburgh, Edinburgh
St Cuthbert
Sunday, 23 June 2024 in 42m (7=1=0 in B b )
<b>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</b>
1 Elinor Farquharson
2 Anne M Brechin
3 Talon Ashryver
4 Simon H Aves
5 Edmund G N Smith (C)
6 Lyra Burgess
Rung in celebration of Edinburgh Pride
1st Quarter - 6
1st Inside - 3
<b>£6.00</b>
This performance included a first quarter-peal ringer on bell 6

**Bellboard** :: Here's a link to SACR performances since the last newsletter: [link](#). It's been a busy few weeks, with the quarter peal weekend plus various celebratory peals and quarter peals:

- 250th peal congratulations to Annie Brechin... on the 25th anniversary of her first peal
- SACR's 150th handbell peal
- Graduation ringing at St Andrews with graduation congratulations to Elena Chen, Stephanie Yang and John MacLeod
- Graduation congratulations in Edinburgh to Alex Davies with a peal of Bristol Major at New Town Church
- 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells at Haddington
- Plus: commemorative ringing for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings with general ringing in Dumfries and three quarter peals in Inverness

**Bellringing at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 1948** :: Steam trains, cobbled streets, bells, horses and carts, trams, one-o'clock gun... this beautiful 30-minute film steps right back to over 75 years ago and within the first few minutes there's a short sequence that includes St Cuthbert's ring of eight. It showcases many iconic locations of Edinburgh. The bells are heard only at the start, but the whole film is worth a watch if you love Edinburgh. Thanks to Andrew Kelso for sending the link. Short sequence with the bells: <https://youtube.com/clip/Ugkxd0JNVLesVTTSirYkwmODRtMeeQxI0Zqt>  
Full 30-minute film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIw5swnCThg>

**Open Doors Days in September** :: September can be a good month to showcase bellringing in your tower. To check dates for your area, see [doorsopendays.org.uk/2024-weekends](https://doorsopendays.org.uk/2024-weekends)



**Fun with Bells podcast** :: The latest episode "[Bridging Communities](#)" is part 2 from the ART Conference 2024. <https://funwithbells.com/episode/art-conference-2024-building-communities>



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