

Subject: SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers

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To: Members <Members@sacr.org>

Dear Members

Here's the latest SACR newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Sat 30 Aug :: Alloa :: 3pm–5pm. All welcome. Please check in advance via dunkeld@sacr.org

Fri 26 Sep :: Advanced 10-bell practice, Edinburgh St Cuthbert's, 7pm–9pm. Please let Zoe (master@sacr.org) know if you plan to attend. Focus methods: Stedman, Yorkshire, Bristol, Sgùrr a' Chaorachain and Remus.

Sat 27 Sep :: Alloa :: 3pm–5pm. All welcome. Please check in advance via dunkeld@sacr.org

Fri 5 – Sun 7 Sep :: Central Council AGM in Sheffield

<https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/CCCBR-AGM-Sheffield-Programme-v1sml.pdf>

Fri 24 Oct :: Advanced 10-bell practice, Inverness, 7pm–9pm. Please let Zoe (master@sacr.org) know if you plan to attend. Focus methods: Stedman, Yorkshire, Bristol, Sgùrr a' Chaorachain and London No.3

Sat 25 Oct :: Inverness and Forres :: Autumn meeting. More details in due course

Fri 28 Nov :: Advanced 10-bell practice, Glasgow, 7pm–9pm. Please let Zoe (master@sacr.org) know if you plan to attend. Focus methods: Stedman, Yorkshire, Bristol, Sgùrr a' Chaorachain and London No.3

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Sat 31 Jan :: Alloa and Dunblane :: Winter meeting with the meeting and ringing at Alloa and an advanced practice in Dunblane that morning. More details in due course

Sat 14 Mar and possibly Sun 15 Mar :: Tulloch :: Training weekend at Tulloch.
Email training@sacr.org if interested

Sat 16 May :: Edinburgh :: AGM and striking competition :: 12-bell practice at St Mary's in the morning and striking competition on the front 6 at St Cuthbert's followed by AGM

News

St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

This summer is very bell focused at St Mary's in Edinburgh, with a set of woven banners by Edward Bruce inspired by changeringing which are hanging inside the Cathedral, below the bells and the

ringing chamber.

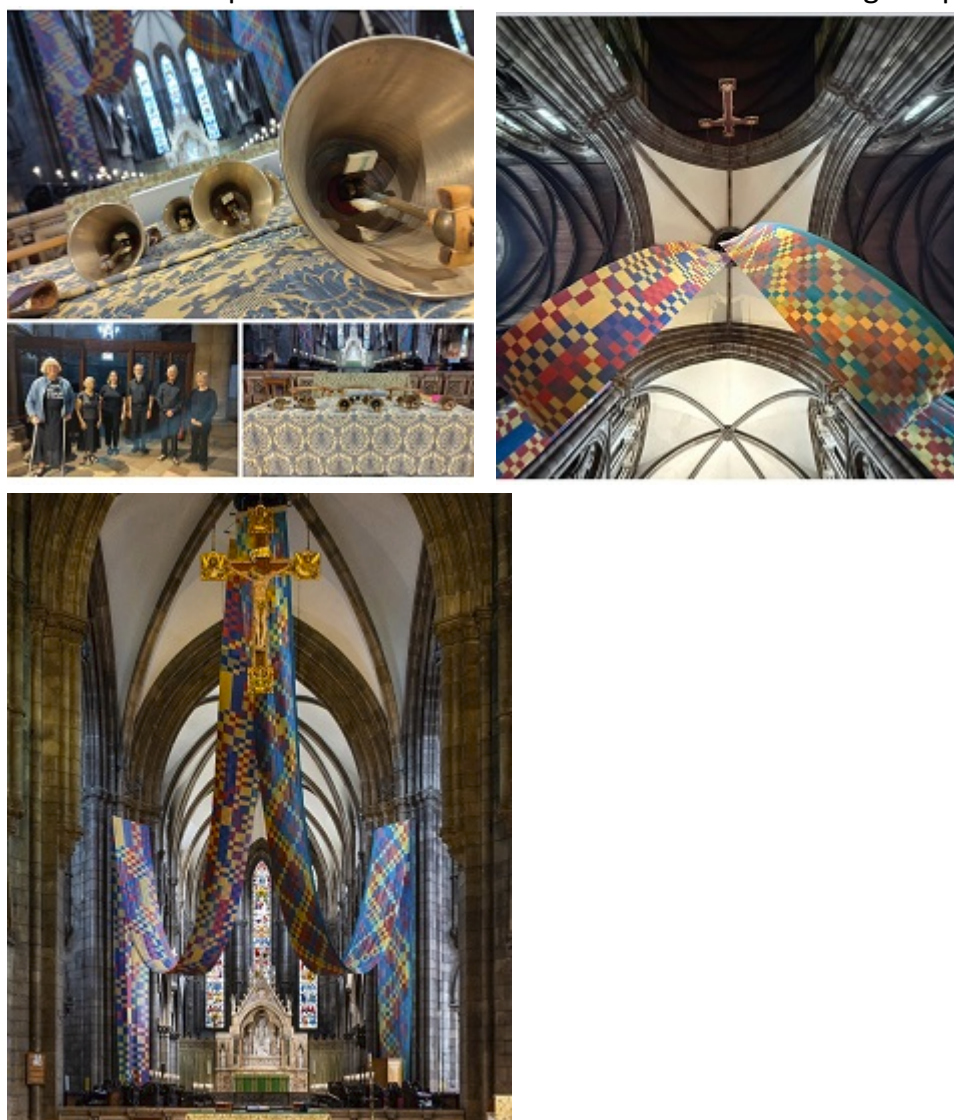
Plus a highly-rated performance by Jo Clifford *Ring Out the Changes*, featuring ringers from the St Mary's Cathedral Society of Bellringers. Here are two reviews: [click here](#) and [click here](#). You have an opportunity to see the performance on Thur 28 August at 2.30pm ([tickets via this link](#)). And the banners will remain in the Cathedral through to the autumn.

The banners and the performances have generated a lot of interest, with articles in Architecture Today and our very own ringing weekly:

- <https://architecturetoday.co.uk/ringing-the-changes-nick-oneill-edward-bruce-st-marys-episcopal-cathedral>
- <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/issueno/5965> ([click here](#))

Barbara Bell writes: We are having a busy time here at St Mary's during the Festival! We are getting five stars for our "Ringing out the Changes" show. On Sunday, the Provost preached about the bells, particularly their names as gifts of the Holy Spirit. Here is a [link](#) to his sermon that's posted on the Cathedral website. It is the first time I have heard a sermon specifically on the bells (except during a bellringers' service). And since it was the Cathedral's Patronal Festival, the Provost could have chosen any number of themes. It all fits in with the banners by Ed Bruce and aaltspace, of course, and an art installation in the Resurrection Chapel. <https://www.cathedral.net/items/sunday-of-st-mary---year-c>

There are more photos and links on SACR's facebook and instagram pages.



Graduation ringing at St Andrews

Peter Williamson writes: The graduation ceremonies at St Andrews University have been accompanied by ringing from St Salvator's chapel since the six bells were installed nearly 15 years ago. This year was no exception and we typically ring before the chapel service and then before and after each of two ceremonies per day for the week. The undergraduate students will mostly have gone home by this time of the year – we have an encouraging group who have learned this year.

This year our numbers for graduation week were boosted by visiting ringers from Edinburgh and Dundee, which helped a great deal, and 15 different ringers took part in total. We rang a quarter each day in addition to the other planned sessions. These included a first quarter for Weihe Yang (杨苇荷), who graduated last year, and some rapid steps forward for David Groves. We warmly welcome new and existing ringers at St Andrews and hope to build on the positives of the academic year just ended.

From *The Ringing World*, 5960, pp.658-9

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=21372>



Inveraray

Inveraray Bell Tower has been open six days a week for the summer season. With enhanced exhibition info boards and artefacts and great views over Inveraray, Loch Fyne and surrounding hills, it's a great stopping off point for visitors and tourists. Thanks to a whole raft of ringers who brought all the details together. The 10 weeks have been successful, with the final open day this season being Monday 25 August.

July saw the 51st Inveraray Ringing Festival with dozens of ringers descending on the town for the three-day bonanza. Here's a report from the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: [click here](#). And below are some snaps of the festival revellers.

More details about the tower are available at <https://www.inveraraybelltower.co.uk>, and via social media at:

- <http://facebook.com/inveraraybelltower>
- <https://www.instagram.com/inveraraybelltower>
- https://x.com/inveraray_bells and
- <https://www.threads.com/@inveraraybelltower>



Tulloch :: Improve your Ringing week, 10-14 Nov

Judith Frye writes: Details of a five-day Improve your Ringing course are below. If you have any learners who may be at this level by November, please pass the details onto them. The 12 places are on a first come, first served basis. I have been involved with the course for several years and will be helping to run this one. If you are not sure whether it is suitable, I would be happy to advise either by email (training@sacr.org) or phone. Bookings should be made via Helen McGregor.

Details of the course: Can you ring a bell unaided but want to polish your handling? perfect your raising & lowering, work on your call changes, ring Kaleidoscope and Mexican Wave, understand ropesight & work towards plain hunt. Learn about plain bob, what does it mean to dodge. Fancy a go on handbells? Utilise the potential of a simulator with moving ropes programme. We can help:-)

12 places available for a week of intensive tuition covering handling, hunting and bob doubles. See why handbells are such amazing fun in their own right AND an enormous help to your tower bell ringing. Perfect your striking with one of our 2 simulators running Abel displaying moving ropes on a big screen

For £60 pp we will provide a week of patient tuition, easy to ring bells & friendly support – extend your horizons at Tulloch. One week only, 10-14 Nov 2025

Email Helen McGregor via tullochbells.com website to reserve your place.

Bellboard :: Here's a link to SACR performances since the last newsletter: [link](#).

- Quarter Peal firsts:

- First quarter for Weihe Yang (杨苇荷), who learned to ring in St Andrews and graduated in 2024
 - First minor inside for Sam Cole
 - First on eight for Fiona Bridge
 - First away from cover for David Groves
 - First inside for Lyra Burgess and for David Groves
 - First of minor for David Groves (lots of quarter peal opportunities during graduation week!)
 - First minor in hand for Brian Heys
 - First on ten for Zoé Martin
- Celebrations:
 - Quarter peals for the University of St Andrews graduations
 - Congratulations to Al Rossin, tower captain emeritus the University Chapel of St Salvator, who graduated with his PhD on 3 July
 - Silver Wedding congratulations to Anthony & Sarah Cole, and also Sarah's birthday
 - 21st birthday compliment to Sam Coles
 - Celebrating the birth of Alba Elizabeth Johnston
 - A quarter peal at St Andrews following the marriage service and nuptial mass for Lauren Winkler and Trevor Hecht
- Commemorations:
 - General Ringing at St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of WWII
 - A quarter peal in affectionate memory of Karin Farnworth, who rang at the St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh for a number of years

CCCBR AGM in Sheffield :: Fri 5 – Sun 7 Sep :: The full programme is available via this link: <https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/CCCBR-AGM-Sheffield-Programme-v1sml.pdf>. You're too late to register for this year's weekend of ringing, talks, meetings and roadshow but the programme shows that a lot will be happening in Sheffield over the weekend. And if you're going along, be sure to say hello to Simon at the road show: https://www.hanbellringing.co.uk/blog/_book-sales-and-the-roadshow



Please send in photos, articles, your social media posts and other updates about your local ringing to publicity@sacr.org.

Social media

See Scottish Bellringing's facebook and instagram pages for more photos and items

For up to date info on social media:

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