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SACR EVENTS 2018

Dates for your diary:

<u>27 January 2018</u>	Winter Meeting	Inverness
<u>10 March 2018</u>	Training Day	Tulloch
<u>12 May 2018</u>	19 th Scottish Handbell Day	TBC
<u>19 May 2018</u>	AGM & Striking Competition	Edinburgh
<u>27-29 July 2018</u>	46 th Inveraray Festival	Inveraray
<u>27 October 2018</u>	Social Meeting & Dinner	Glasgow
<u>26 January 2019</u>	Winter Meeting	TBC

Additional meetings or events will be announced on
the SACR website: www.sacr.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to start by congratulating you all for keeping the bells ringing regularly across Scotland throughout 2017. I am repeatedly impressed by the lengths our volunteers go to in this regard. It is also extremely gratifying to see many examples of excellent team work in operation, ranging from the far-from-trivial logistics of putting on the tea for an association meeting, to implementing major maintenance and repair work on bell installations, to providing training events, and even to the not-always-straightforward matter of making ringing happen for Sundays and special occasions.

Fundamentally, this is what the Association is about: supporting and encouraging the development of ringers and change-ringing in our various towers and on handbells. We are fortunate in having a membership who give generously of their time, effort, and money, to make it all happen. We are generally accepting of personality differences, idiosyncrasies, and differences of opinion, and our events are, first and foremost, friendly social occasions. From the reports I hear of "goings-on" in other associations, we are a beacon of light and exemplary.

In the face of the many challenges and difficulties that cross our paths, we must not lose sight of this success - though we must of course not become complacent. Without letting all this go to our heads, there was an event in the middle of 2017 that demonstrated clearly our Association's strengths, and one I believe we should feel justifiably proud about.

Over the weekend of 26th-29th May, we hosted the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers (CCCBR) in Edinburgh. Much has already been said about this elsewhere, including a full report in the *Ringing World*. The unanimous view, of the CCCBR executive, its representatives and affiliates, and all those who attended in any capacity, was that the event was an overwhelming success. We achieved our objectives of making everyone welcome in Scotland, showing them ringing was thriving here, and putting on a professional show. Furthermore, we made a small financial surplus out of it, bucking the recent trend for landing the hosts with a liability.

This success was the result of all the attributes I outlined above. The entire membership contributed in many ways, in Edinburgh and far beyond. Every contribution, no matter how small, was important to the success, and it is not possible to thank everyone individually here. We must, however, thank Terry Williams and Ruth Marshall, together with their ad-hoc working group, for keeping the momentum going on this project over several years, coordinating all the many strands, and developing policy to ensure this was not a financial burden on SACR. We must also thank the ringers and staff at St Mary's Edinburgh for facilitating the Sunday events (they cannot be held responsible for the drainage problem!), and St. Andrew and St George West for the AGM on the Monday. It seems the Scottish Enlightenment context of the AGM venue inspired CCCBR to some enlightenment of its own, leading to a welcome revolution in its management and procedures.

Despite being in preparation for over four years, and causing a fair amount of loss of sleep, the CCCBR meeting seems now in the distant past, and we move onwards with new challenges.

The geography of our association continues to present challenges for keeping in touch with everyone and making sure those at the extremities still feel a part of the family. This is an aspect that has to be a rolling project across the years, it is difficult to achieve well each year with our relatively infrequent meetings (another function of the geography). I feel more needs to be done in this regard, and I would welcome any comments and suggestions about this.

Recruitment of new ringers is probably one of our biggest challenges. In some locations we are not succeeding in replacing losses. We were this year not able to enter a band in the National Youth Contest because we did not have enough youths! The bells at St Mary's Aberdeen are again ring-able, but as yet there are no new ringers for them, and the neighbouring St Machar's is itself struggling with numbers. The Association has excellent capability for training, but we need to find ways to get the bodies in through the doors. We currently have an Officer vacancy, the Communications role, and we have been considering how this role might be focussed on reaching out to inspire more to take up ringing. Open Days have proved to be good for improving relations with the public, but rarely produce recruits willing to attend regularly. Do we need to change the sales pitch? Please, we need your ideas for recruitment.

I thank all the Officers of the Association for their help and significant contributions. Simon Aves, our Treasurer, is to be commended not only for keeping up the pressure on debtors for the CCCBR event, but also for contributing a sizeable amount to our Bell Restoration Fund from sales of his excellent new book "A History of Change Ringing in Scotland" – I do hope you have already bought your own copy?

At the AGM this year, in May, Clyde Wallbanks stepped down as our bells and towers advisor, a role he has filled for many years to great effect. I am grateful and relieved that Mike Clay has stepped into this role because there are several possible projects on the horizon which will require all the experience we can muster. Ruth Ogilvie stepped down as Report Editor, and we thank her for efficiently producing the report for several years. Iain Milne has kindly stepped into the role: I encourage you to support him, and promptly get him the information he needs, while he learns the line for this new-to-him method, this is another role that is too easily taken for granted! At the next AGM, our Secretary Jenny Holden will be stepping down as the demands of her new career increase: we need a replacement in May, please!

As you will know, the bells at St James Paisley fell silent in May 2016, when the church was declared redundant. We have been in regular contact with the Church of Scotland authorities about the future of these bells, and they are supportive of our desire to safeguard the bells for use elsewhere in Scotland. But the legal and planning wheels move slowly, and as 2017 came to an end the future of the building and contents was still undecided. On a happier note, repairs were completed to the accidentally broken rope-guide circle at St Mary's Edinburgh, and the bells are again back in action, perhaps even better than before the accident because the opportunity was taken to install new rope pulleys and make other adjustments.

Thank you for your support of SACR. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during 2018.

Colin P. North

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Association met formally five times during the year: our winter meeting in January, hosted by Aberdeen, the training weekend in March hosted by Tulloch, the AGM and striking competition at Dundee, the Inveraray Festival in July, and finally, the October meeting hosted by Haddington. There were two 12-bell training days in Tulloch in June and November and a handbell day in Glasgow.

The Association had a formal meeting in both January and May (the AGM), and there was a short business meeting in October. The Committee met once during the year (in January). Other ringing events during the year are covered in the President and Ringing Master's reports. The main out-of-the-ordinary event was the successful hosting of the Central Council meeting in Edinburgh in May 2017. We elected 24 new resident members in 2017 from 11 towers.

Jenny Holden

RINGING MASTER'S REPORT

Ringing activities have continued to attract a high level of participation, which is always impressive given the size of our membership and the wide geographical distribution of our towers.

Advanced practices once per month on Friday evenings have continued, with a variety of focus methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, London and Bristol Surprise Royal; Littleport Little Surprise Royal; and Stedman Caters.

The monthly 12-bell practices at St Mary's Edinburgh continued for most of the year, until the autumn when the bells were out of use for a while because of a broken rope guide. These practices provide a good opportunity to develop 12-bell ringing and I am grateful to Ian and Barbara Bell for organising them. For more advanced 12-bell ringing, the pattern of two weekends at Tulloch continued, focusing on Lincolnshire in June and Phobos in November. Each time there were two quarters and a peal. I am grateful to Colin North and Mike Clay for continuing to organise these weekends.

The training day in March took place in Tulloch. There were two mixed-ability groups which were run by Jonathan Frye and Ruth Marshall, and a session for 10-bell and 12-bell ringing with both groups combined. Good progress was made by all the learners, and I am grateful for the participation of all the helpers.

The striking competition was held at Dundee in May, and was judged by Tony Crabtree. The Inveraray Shield was won by Dundee, and the St Andrew's Shield for an inexperienced band was won by Glasgow.

The Inveraray festival at the end of July was a success, as usual, with a large number of visitors.

2017 saw a record number of peals for the association, with a total of 47. Of these, 11 were on handbells, which is almost a record, only equalled in 2015. The peal total for the association is approaching 1000, and this landmark should be reached early in 2018.

Simon Gay

TREASURER'S REPORT

SACR General Funds

During the year the association made a surplus of £1,752, after transferring (as advertised) surpluses made on sales of the publication 'A History of Change Ringing in Scotland' to the Bell Restoration Fund. A total of 205 copies of the book were printed, of which 30 remained unsold at the end of the year.

The major contributor to the surplus (£685) was contributed by profits on activities surrounding the visit of the Central Council to Scotland in May. Details of the income and expenditure on these activities are supplied separately below, and taking into account expenditure in the preceding year, hosting this event provided a small benefit to the fund. In addition the home location meant that we did not have to fund our representatives expenses to attend the meeting.

Membership subscriptions were paid by 232 people (including seven associate members). Once again we were able to support the Association of Ringing Teachers, in gratitude for the help given in running courses for our learners.

SACR Bell Restoration Fund Trustees Report

<u>Scottish Association of Change Ringers</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31 December 2017</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income		
Membership subscriptions	1,142.50	1,002.50
Annual Report advertising	115.00	145.00
Donations	90.00	-
CC 2017 events	6,244.52	-
Income from sale of book (net of transaction fees)	1,615.85	-
Sales of Polo shirts/fleeces	105.40	8.48
Peal fees	329.00	348.00
Total Income	9,642.27	1,503.98
Expenditure		
Central Council subscription	60.00	60.00
Central Council travel expenses	-	136.00
CC 2017 events	5,559.80	500.00
Audit	55.70	54.10
Association of Ringing Teachers	260.00	-
Youth contest expenses	-	140.00
Admin. costs (including lottery license)	82.05	20.00
Annual Report printing/postage	76.79	87.70
Web hosting/domain	170.00	-
Costs of book production	968.31	-
Ringing World notices	9.66	24.58
Total Expenditure	7,242.31	1,022.38
Profits on Book to BRF	(647.54)	-
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	1,752.42	481.60
Retained Profit at 31 December 2016 and 2017	3,880.43	2,128.01
Represented by:		
Bank of Scotland	3,863.43	2,700.01
Cash in hand - Debtors	22.00	-
Creditors	(5.00)	(572.00)
	3,880.43	2,128.01

During 2017 the Fund made payments to assist in the cost of remedial work to the bell fittings and ringing chamber at St Mary's, Aberdeen, for which a grant of £3,322 was approved in 2016. The work is substantially complete and the Trustees are seeking confirmation that the remainder of the approved grant will no longer be required. No other grant applications have been approved.

Income for the year was increased largely due to the surplus realised on sales of the publication 'A History of Change Ringing in Scotland', and to donations made to the fund to support this venture. A number of donations were made by visitors to Scottish towers during the visit of the Central Council of Change Ringers. The Trustees give their thanks to the individuals who make regular payments throughout the year, and to the Tulloch Ringing Centre for encouraging their visitors to contribute to the Fund.

Scottish Association of Change Ringers Bell Restoration Fund

Scottish Charity Number SC011080

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>		
<u>Year Ended 31 December 2017</u>		
Private Donations	554.00	479.00
Tax reclaim	272.17	290.06
Collected at Meetings & Other Fundraising	336.41	368.66
Tulloch donations	156.00	629.00
Handbell Day	-	63.50
50-50 Club	350.00	222.00
Book donations	500.00	-
Profits on Book from General Fund	647.54	-
Interest	37.41	64.60
Total Income	2,853.53	2,116.82
Grants paid in year		
Aberdeen St Mary	(1,414.55)	-
Total Expenditure	(1,414.55)	-
Net Income	1,438.98	2,116.82

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2017

Cash/Debtor	-	382.00
Santander	£ 16,204.13	£ 14,383.15
	£ 16,204.13	£ 14,765.15
Grants committed		
Aberdeen St Mary	£ 1,907.45	£ 3,322.00
Funds available for grants	£ 14,296.68	£ 11,433.15
	£ 16,204.13	£ 14,755.15

Central Council 2017 events

Income

Sponsorship of dinner and brochure advertising	520.00
Sales of dinner tickets	4,477.00
Sales of lunch tickets	672.00
Sales of quiz tickets	405.00
Teas and coffees proceeds	170.52
	<u>6,244.52</u>

Expenditure

Dinner - room hire	250.00
Dinner - food costs	3,691.60
Ceilidh band and sound technician	456.00
Mini-ring hire and transport	185.00
Brochure printing	127.76
Costs of teas and coffees	12.99
Costs of Lunch provided	901.00
Costs of food at quiz	302.40
Booking fees - Paypal	133.05
	<u>6,059.80</u>

During the year Clyde Wallbanks resigned, and Michael Clay was appointed as Trustee.

Trustees : Simon Aves, Michael Clay (from May 2017), Simon Gay, Jennifer Holden, Colin North, Clyde Wallbanks (until May 2017)

Simon Aves

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Tina Stoecklin and I attended the CCCBR Annual Meeting in Edinburgh 2017 on behalf of SACR.

The highlight of the Meeting was that the changes proposed by CRAG (Council Review Action Group), and supported by SACR were passed in full and almost unanimously. This showed that there was significant feeling amongst many longstanding members of the Council that change in how it operates was overdue. So overwhelming was the support that we hardly had to intervene to help steer the conversation. Our thanks go to Tony McIlwrick of Dumfries, who has been one of the CRAG members giving Scotland strong representation.

The next stage is the overview of the Council rules and objectives and putting in place a shadow executive so that the new structure can get started once the necessary rule changes have been put in place at the Meeting in 2018. There have been regular reports in the Ringing World about progress on this, with many invitations for feedback on various drafts. Thank you to everyone who has got involved and made their views known.

One of the main impacts is that Council Members will not be held to serving a three year term so what this will mean is that our current roles as Association representatives will only last another two years, and then we will see what happens.

In the Ringing World AGM that Council Members also attend during the course of the weekend, the Board reported that their financial situation was no longer completely dire, but that they were not yet out of the woods, and were still very reliant upon donations to keep on top of rising costs. They have hired an assistant editor, and have overhauled their computer systems, and have further plans to improve their infrastructure.

Overall it was a very positive gathering and we look forward to reporting further on progress with reform and what it means for engagement with SACR members.

Ruth Marshall & Tina Stoecklin

50-50 CLUB REPORT

The results of the draws for the 50-50 CLUB in 2017 were as follows:

January	Bob Hancock	Non-resident	£23.50	Drawn at the Winter meeting in January 2017, Aberdeen
February	Rose Hancock	Non-resident	£26.50	Drawn at the Training Day in March 2017, Tulloch
March	Iain Milne	Glasgow	£25.50	
April	Carly Cooper	Dundee	£30.00	Drawn at the AGM in May 2017, Dundee
May	David Corry	Dunblane	£29.50	
June	Maggi Churchill	Dundee	£26.00	Drawn at the Social Event in October 2017, Haddington
July	Cassia Ogilvie	Aberdeen	£24.50	
August	Margaret Williams	Glasgow	£24.50	
September	Mike Clay	STAG	£24.50	
October	Jennifer Tomkinson	Glasgow	£24.50	Drawn at the Winter meeting in January 2018, Inverness
November	Michelle Wiseman	Inverness	£23.50	
December	Karen Ewing	Glasgow	£22.50	

Total raised by 50-50 club in 2017: £576.00

It has been a good year for the 50-50 club and thanks to your generous support we were able to pay £350 into the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF). Please continue that support into 2018 so we can keep prizes high and raise as much as we can for the BRF!!

You can buy tickets at any time of year for as many months as you want:

- when you see me at meetings
- or email me for an entry form and payment options at 50-50club@sacr.org
- or post to 11 Hermit Seat, Auchleven, Insch, Aberdeenshire, AB52 6QZ
- or telephone me on 01464 820862.

The 50-50 Club exists to raise funds for the Bell Restoration Fund but at the same time gives you the opportunity to win cash as well. If you would like to support this worthy cause you can purchase numbers from me as described above. Each month I shall draw a number from 1 to 75, and the winner receives half of the takings for that month, the other half going to the BRF. You can buy the same number(s) for a year at £12 each, or you can purchase one number one month at a time for £1 per month. All contributions however small or large are very much appreciated!

Thank you once again for your support and looking forward to 2018 draws....

Ruth Ogilvie

OBITUARIES

The following ringers sadly passed away in 2017

Alexander Scott

Paisley: d. 25 May 2017

Alex took over as Ringing Master at St James, Paisley in the early 1950's following the retirement of Neil Sharpe. He remained in this post until only a few years ago when his deteriorating health meant that he was unable to climb the tower stairs.

During his long years as Ringing Master Alex welcomed ringers and non-ringers alike to his tower; tried to recruit bell ringers from his own congregation; and kept the bells in good order and well maintained. Practices at Paisley were much enjoyed by all and whenever it was needed extra ringers made themselves available for special services to help the diminishing numbers of locals. We will remember his genuine friendship, encouragement to us all and his wealth of stories.

Two quarter peals and one peal were rung at Tulloch during a training weekend 10th/11th June and dedicated to Alex's memory by Scottish Association members. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half muffled on June 12th at Glasgow St Mary's Cathedral by a Glasgow & Paisley band on the day of Alex's funeral in Paisley.

Terry Williams

Dick Barfield

Dunkeld: d. November 2017

Dick died in November after a short illness at the age of 70. He had been a member of SACR since 2002, having been taught to ring at Dunkeld by John Grainger. Although Dick will probably not be known to most SACR members as he very rarely attended SACR functions or rang at towers other than Dunkeld, he was a loyal and valued member of the Dunkeld band. A quarter peal in his memory was rung at Dunkeld and several past and present members of the band attended his funeral in Perth.

Elizabeth Gartland

Marie Katherine Brotherston

Dunblane: 1931 - 2018

Marie Brotherston was taught to ring in Dunblane in the 1950s by Sandy Henderson of Alloa, after the bells had been converted in 1952-3 from a chime to a ringing peal. The band were all young, and although they did reach a standard where they were able to ring for Cathedral services, most moved away until Marie was the only ringer left in Dunblane. She was then only able to ring changes occasionally but for many years she tolled a single bell for the weekly evening services. We shall miss her as the last link with the original change-ringing band in Dunblane.

Magnus Peterson and Judith Frye

David Corry**Dunblane: d. 7 November 2017**

Originally from Kent, David recently moved to Dunblane immersing himself in the community. He learned to ring in Warwickshire for the millennium but the band did not flourish. He took up ringing again and was ringing call changes and striking well. He always livened up the conversation in the pub recounting tales.

David was an engineer by trade and his greatest passion was for his 1902 Benz, which had been in the family since 1934 and was his pride and joy. He was delighted to be participating in the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run in October. Sadly the car was involved in a serious collision and, although the passengers have recovered from their injuries, tragically David did not survive. He had become part of the band and we miss his good humour and cheerful disposition.

Judith Frye

The Reverend Eleanor Ruth Forgan**Alloa: 1944 - 25 October 2017**

Eleanor attended St Andrews University where she graduated with an Honours Degree in English, and then obtained a Teacher's Training Qualification in Aberdeen. She taught in Whitburn, Alloa and Stirling. Eleanor joined the congregation of St John's, Alloa, and much of her interest outside teaching was centred on church activities, as well as many other charitable endeavours. When the opportunity arose in the Scottish Episcopal Church for women to go into Holy Orders, Eleanor was ordained, and for the rest of her life remained part of the Ministry team at St John's.

She learned to ring when Harry and Elizabeth Glover moved to Alloa in the late 1960s and revived the band that had collapsed after the death of their captain Sandy Henderson. When they moved away in 1970, Eleanor took on the task of tower captain. She rang one peal for the association on St John the Evangelist's day to mark the completion of work on the tower and bells as part of a major restoration of the fabric of the church.

In all she accomplished Eleanor would never push herself into the limelight but she was extremely well organised and very reliable with a caring nature, bringing success to all she accomplished. She is missed by all the ringers of the central towers.

Magnus Peterson & Judith Frye

Anthony Howell**Dumfries: d. March 2017**

Sadly we lost our most experienced ringer, Anthony Howell, back in March after a short illness. Anthony is a great loss to the tower. Not only was he a much admired and respected ringer with a wealth of knowledge and experience, but in his own quiet unassuming way, he did much to help, not only in the training of our newer ringers, but he was also a mine of information to our more experienced ringers, and he was able to keep us all right when ringing. He is greatly missed, and we are planning to ring a quarter peal in his memory in March close to the first anniversary of his death. Sue, Anthony's widow has donated Anthony's set of handbells to the tower, for which we are very grateful. We have started a regular handbell session to help some of our less experienced ringers learn new methods which they cannot yet ring on tower bells.

Debbie Johnson

Peter Charles Moore**Dunblane: 1941-14th July 2017**

Peter was a valued member of many years standing at Dunblane. Born in Birmingham, he trained as a Technical Draughtsman with most of his career spent with BP, both in the UK and overseas.

He moved to Scotland following the Piper Alpha disaster in 1988, when he was involved in much of the necessary improvement in safety practices and methods of working that followed that terrible tragedy. It was while living in Doune in the early 1990s that he and his close neighbour Liz York joined the band.

Although Peter never rang complex methods, he was a loyal member of the Dunblane and Stirling bands and would be there every Sunday as well as practice nights. Although a stroke in 2008 left him with some weakness, he continued to ring regularly at Stirling. Peter was a cheerful and happy person, always an asset to have at any ringing session. He finally had to give up ringing in late 2015 but still managed to enjoy visits to his new grandson. We all miss him.

Magnus Peterson and Judith Frye

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TOWER REPORTS

**All members listed in this report are those who have paid their 2017 subs
(which were due in January 2017) to the SACR Treasurer.**

ABERDEEN	Cathedral Church of St Machar, The Chanonry, Old Aberdeen	Grid Ref: NJ 939 088
8 Bells,	Tenor 14-0-6 in F#	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-11.00	Practice: Monday 19.30-21.30
Tower Captain:	<i>Ian Talboys</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Ruth Ogilvie</i>	
Email: stmachar@sacr.org		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1990	Isabel Crane	-	-
1990	Colin P North	10	53
2000	Ian Talboys	-	-
2004	Freddie Cumming	-	-
2004	Fiona North	-	-
2004	Susan Talboys	-	-
2005	Ruth Ogilvie (nee Perrett)	-	-
2006	Shona Buxton	-	-
2006	Torquil Buxton	-	-
2012	Jennifer Holden	1	11
2014	Cassia Ogilvie	-	-
2014	Miolly Williams	-	-
2015	Ludwig Buchholz	-	-
2017	Patrick Deakin	-	-
2017	Ross Greig	-	-
2017	Sylvia Greig	-	-
2017	Sonja Lehrknecht	-	-
2017	Caroline Wilhelmsson	-	-

2017 was a busy year again at St Machar's Cathedral Church. We have rung at the Cathedral on just about every Sunday. Practices have been well attended by a core group of ringers, but numbers have been down on some Sundays. Once again some more of our experienced ringers have either moved away or not been available as much due to other commitments this year.

The band has concentrated on teaching some new ringers with the learners progressing into call changes and plain hunt. Unfortunately for us, some of the learners have moved away but hopefully continue to ring. Some of our members along with assistance from other ringers have been working with the staff and clergy at St Mary's Aberdeen to get the bells fit to ring again. All the pulley blocks were replaced, and all the clapper bushes refurbished.

Thanks to everyone who gave their time to help with this. The next challenge will be to recruit and teach a band to keep the bells ringing. The band rang to welcome the Beautiful Scotland In Bloom judges to St Machars for the end of their tour of Aberdeen in August. This contributed to the City winning a Gold Medal and the award for the City category. We also rang for the Aberdeen Doors Open Day which attracted over 100 people up the tower to see ringing in action and to find out how it all works.

Ian Talboys

ABERDEEN	Cathedral Church of St Mary of The Assumption, Huntly Street	Grid Ref: NJ 936 061
8 Bells,	Tenor 12-0-6 in A	Roman Catholic
	Sunday Ringing: No regular ringing <i>(check to confirm)</i>	Practice: Thursday : No regular ringing <i>(check to confirm)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>No band as yet</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Contact Cathedral direct</i>	Tel: 01224 640160
	Email: manager@cathedral-abdn.org	

In March, Association volunteers completed the work necessary to bring the bells back into use, but as yet there are no local ringers to form a band, and thus no regular Sunday ringing or practice nights. It is anticipated that this situation will be rectified in 2018.

Please contact the Cathedral Office for further information.

Colin P. North



ALLOA	St John the Evangelist, Broad Street	Grid Ref: NS 886 926
8 Bells,	Tenor 13-0-20 in F#	Episcopalian
	No regular Sunday Ringing	Practice: First Friday of Month (joint with Stirling - check to confirm)
Correspondent:	<i>Peter Lewis</i>	
	- or - <i>Church Office St. John the Evangelist Broad Street, Alloa, FK10 1AN</i>	(church office) 01259 724550
		Email: alloa@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
2013	Peter Lewis	-	-
2013	Helen Wilson	-	-

It has been a sad year for Alloa ringers with the death of Eleanor Forgan. Her past few years of ringing were diminished by her health issues and she found towers cold to ring in. Her input into meetings and services has been immense over the years for the Association.

Ringling at Alloa is on First Friday of the month and is well supported with the other Central Towers of Stirling and Dunblane to give a good wide varied ring of the 8 bells. We have also had several peals done by other Scottish ringers and also have visiting bands from all over the UK throughout the year.

Feel free to contact me if you want to ring at Alloa at any time and enjoy the short walk up to the ringing chamber, the warmth of the church while waiting to ring, or the hospitality of our open kitchen (where we are always happy to provide teas and coffees).

Peter Lewis

Alloa Quarters

15/03/2017

1260 Doubles (6m)

1 Alastair J Macfarlane	2 Rob Ferguson	3 Susan P McGowan	4 Magnus M Peterson
5 Robert D McGowan (C)	6 Iain L Milne		

First blows inside to a successful quarter- 1.



DUMFRIES	St John the Evangelist Newall Terrace	Grid Ref: NX 974 764
6 Bells,	Tenor 10-3-18 in A	Episcopalian/Methodist
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-10.50	Practice: Thurs 19.00-21.00
Tower Captain:	<i>Debbie Johnson</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Heather Barrington or St John's Church Office</i>	
		Tel: 01387 254126 Email: dumfries@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
2015	Heather Barrington	-	-
2015	Guy Beaumont	-	-
2015	Bill Cussons	-	-
2015	John Higgon	-	-
2015	Anthony Howell	-	-
2015	Debbie Johnson	-	-
2015	Peter Johnson	-	-
2015	Lauren Johnson	-	-
2015	Katharine Leask	-	-
2015	Jane Madden	-	-
2015	Andrew Madden	-	-
2015	Tony McIlwrick	-	-
2015	Ken Russell	-	1
2015	Linda Scott	-	-
2015	Douglas Solley	-	-
2015	Daphne Thorne	-	-
2015	Emma Westmancott	-	-
2015	Elizabeth Hodge	-	-
2015	Andrew MacKenzie (Assoc)	-	-
2016	Alister Stewart	-	-
2016	Ann Roberts	-	-
2016	Ian Cooper	-	-
2016	R Budd (Associate)	-	-
2016	Juliet Clark-Maxwell (Assoc)	-	-
2016	Will Clark-Maxwell (Assoc)	-	-

We have now had our bells for four years, and our team is going from strength to strength. All of our less experienced ringers are now competently ringing plain hunt on a variety of different bells, and some are also learning things such as Plain Bob and how to cover. We still have around 20 ringers who turn up regularly to the two sessions (although not necessarily all at the same time)! We continue to ring every Sunday morning before the 11 o'clock service.

Sadly we lost our most experienced ringer, Anthony Howell, back in March after a short illness. We are planning to ring a quarter peal in his memory in March (*please see obituaries*). Sue, Anthony's widow has donated Anthony's set of handbells to the tower, for which we are very grateful. We have started a regular handbell session to help some of our less experienced ringers learn new methods which they cannot yet ring on tower bells.

Other ringer news – Ken Russell celebrated his 80th birthday back in September. We attempted a quarter peal of Bob Minor, which unfortunately was not successful. We still lack the expertise within the tower to ring a QP even on six without any outside help. However one or two ringers are gradually starting to call longer touches, and we are confident that we will get there in the end. Tony McIlwrick continues his work as a member of CRAG, whose report was approved at the CCCBR meeting in Edinburgh in May.

We continue to ring regularly on a Thursday evening, with our practice still divided into two hour-long sessions. Over the summer and autumn, our numbers were somewhat depleted partly by the holiday season, and some illness, so that some Sundays we were very thin on the ground. However, we still seem to attract a fair

number of visitors who help to boost our numbers, not just over the summer. We even have some 'regular' visitors who holiday in the region each year, and always come along and ring with us. We also had the Guild of Medical Ringers coming to ring here last May. Also this is our second year on the CCCBR university ringing website.

On a practical note, we still have issues with water ingress into our tower. Fortunately we have had a couple of relatively dry winters (ie not as wet as they could be!) and this means things could be worse, but we do still have a significant damp problem, and are extremely grateful for the rope heater which our steeple keeper made for the ringing room. Without it, the ropes would be much less pleasant to ring. Having just had a 16 month interregnum, we have not been in a position to have essential work done to the tower, partly as we are at the mercy of the finance committee, and contractors, and certain decisions needed to be put off until the new rector had arrived. Therefore these things are still on our to-do list, but with any luck 2018 will be the year that this happens! Work should be done on the tower this year which will, we hope, make it watertight, and then the electrics in the tower can be updated (which is well overdue)!





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DUNBLANE	Cathedral Church of St Blane and St Laurence, The Cross	Grid Ref: NN 781 014
8 +1 Bells,	Tenor 24-2-24 in E ^b	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 09.30-10.30	Practice: Weds 19.30-21.00 (Doors closed promptly)
Tower Captain:	<i>Judith Frye</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Rob McGowan</i>	
Email: dunblane@sacr.org www.dunblaneringers.org.uk		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1962	Magnus Peterson (Life)	-	62
1966	June Peterson (Life)	-	-
1976	Alastair McFarlane (Life)	-	-
1982	Isla McGeoch	-	6
1985	Judith Frye	-	7
1985	Christopher J Frye	4	90
1989	Ruth Bamforth	-	-
1989	Stuart Bamforth	-	14
1992	John Grainger	-	191
1998	Katherine Grainger (nee Sloman)	-	24
1999	Peter Moore	-	-
2000	Jonathan S Frye	3	157
1991	Rob McGowan	-	11
2002	Fiona Wheeler	-	4
2004	Matthew Frye	-	27
2010	Alex Frye	-	3
2011	John Bryson	-	-
2011	James Fraser	-	1
2012	Mike Goodison	-	-
2017	Findlay Matthews	-	-
2017	Gregor Shepherd	-	-

A number of quarter peals were rung this year for both happy and sad occasions. We marked a triple celebration for George Cringles, a former ringer in Dunblane; his 65th birthday, his retirement from full time ministry and the baptism by George of his first grandchild Jacob Daniel Cringles. Truly a day for celebration! We also celebrated the birth of Freddie to Elizabeth Frye (a grandson for Judith and Chris) as well as Magnus and June's golden wedding anniversary. The arrival of our new Associate Minister was also marked with a quarter peal.

Turning to the sadder events; in July Peter Moore, a long standing member of our band, died following a period of ill health and David Corry, a more recent member, died following an accident during the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run in November. They both brought cheer to the tower and are missed by us all. Their obituaries are included elsewhere in the report.

Alex is now reading Maths at Birmingham University so he is missed during term time but he is enjoying the challenge of ringing in a city well known for its high standard of ringing.

Regular ringing for practices, services and weddings has continued throughout the year with a variety of methods being rung. Visitors to our practices are always welcome though it's advisable to call

beforehand.

Judith Frye

Dunblane Quarters:

26/2/2017 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 52min

1 Eric McNally	2 Robert Ferguson	3 Magnus Peterson
4 Judith Frye	5 Christopher Frye (C)	6 Jonathan Frye

Rung to mark on this day the 65th birthday of Rev. George G. Cringles BD, Minister of Connel linked with Coll, George's retirement from full time ministry and the baptism by George of his first grandchild Jacob Daniel Cringles.

16/3/2017 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47min

1 James Fraser	2 Eric McNally	3 Judith Frye	4 Robert Ferguson
5 Robert D McGowan	6 Christopher J Frye	7 Magnus Peterson (C)	8 Alastair J Macfarlane

Rung for the Service of Introduction this day of the Reverend Dorothy U Anderson as Associate Minister of Dunblane Cathedral. First quarter on 8 by the ringer of 8.

27/7/2017 1260 Plain Bob Triples in 50min

1 Rob Ferguson	2 Judith Frye	3 Alex Frye	4 Magnus Peterson
5 Robert D McGowan	6 Jonathan Frye	7 Chris Frye (C)	8 James Fraser

Rung half muffled immediately following the funeral service of our friend, Peter Moore, a loyal ringer at Dunblane and Stirling.

30/8/2017 1260 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 50min

1 Stuart I Bamford	2 Eric McNally	3 Judith Frye	4 Magnus Peterson
5 Robert D McGowan	6 Alex Frye	7 Chris Frye (C)	8 Jonathan Frye

Rung to celebrate the birth of Frederick Bannister Frye on 11th August, grandson of Judith and Chris, nephew of Jonathan and Alex, and the band congratulate June and Magnus Peterson on their 50th anniversary.

22/11/2017 1260 Plain Bob Triples in 50min

1 Jonathan Frye	2 Magnus Peterson	3 Eric McNally	4 Stuart I Bamforth
5 Robert D McGowan	6 Judith Frye	7 Chris Frye (C)	8 Rob Ferguson

Rung half muffled in memory of David Corry, a member of the Dunblane band, who died on 7th November following a road accident during the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run on 5th November. David was driving his beloved 1902 Benz. He will be missed by us all.

17/12/2017 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 52min

1 Elizabeth C Frye	2 Alex Frye	3 Magnus Peterson
4 Christopher Frye	5 Jonathan Frye (C)	6 Stephen M Jones

30/8/2017 1260 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 52min

1 James Fraser	2 Christopher Frye	3 Eric McNally	4 Magnus Peterson
5 Matthew Frye	6 Alex Frye	7 Jonathan Frye (C)	8 Robert D McGowan



Dundee: Two Towers (Combined Report)

DUNDEE	Cathedral Church of St Paul High Street	Grid Ref: NO 404 303
8 Bells,	Tenor 21-0-0 in E ^b	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 9.30.00-10.30 (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)	Practice: Monday 19.00-21.00 (1 st & 3 rd Mondays)
Tower Captain:	<i>Peter Valuks</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Carly Cooper</i>	Email: dundee@sacr.org www.dundee.sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1989	Christina Howie	-	3
1991	Duncan Malloch	-	1
1993	Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	4	91
1993	Ronald Oliver	-	1
2001	Margaret Berwick	-	-
2005	Barbara Barnard	-	-
2006	Barbara Hicks	-	-
2007	Maggi Churchill	-	3
2007	Robin R Churchill	28	189
2012	Heather Fairley	-	-
2014	Laurence P J Bourton	4	14
2014	Mark Lloyd	-	8
2015	Margaret C Gamble	10	27
2015	Peter Valuks	3	9
2017	Naomi Valuks	-	-
???	Sean Smith	-	-
2017	Lucy Smith	-	-
2017	Carly Cooper	-	-
2017	Gillian Bennett	-	-

In 2017 the Dundee ringers completed six quarter peals, all at St. Paul's Cathedral. Most of these were rung for Church services but one was to welcome the new Canon and another to celebrate ringer Laurence Bourton's graduation. Three peals were completed - two at St. Paul's, one of which was in celebration of Robin Churchill's 70th Birthday. The other was completed at the Old Steeple to mark the 150th anniversary of The McManus Museum and Art Gallery. The Dundee ringers also rang for the retirement of the Bishop at St. Paul's (June), BBC World Music Day (June) and on Remembrance Sunday (Nov).

In terms of visiting bands, ringers from St Giles, Farnborough rang at St. Paul's in April. The ringers from Tulloch also visited in April. In May we hosted the Striking Competition and came away with the Inveraray Trophy, which the Dundee band were delighted with. The following week we hosted the Central Council who rang at both towers.

2017 saw the beginning of an advanced practice, now on the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's (7-9pm). All welcome to join. We also increased the duration of practice time on Mondays at each tower, new start time being 7pm. Unfortunately the clapper of the tenor bell at St Paul's needs to be replaced but we have replaced the ropes on the front 6 bells at the Old Steeple.

As mentioned Laurence Bourton graduated from the University of Dundee so will no longer

be ringing with the Dundee band but we have welcomed a new ringer Cecelia Eldridge.

Peter Valuks

DUNDEE	St Mary (Old Steeple), Nethergate	Grid Ref: NO 401 301
8 Bells,	Tenor 19-2-10 in E	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 9.30-10.30 (1 st and 3 rd Sundays)	Practice: Monday 19.00-21.00 (2 nd and 4 th Mondays)
Tower Captain:	<i>Peter Valuks</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Carly Cooper</i>	
Email: dundee@sacr.org www.dundee.sacr.org		

Dundee St Pauls Quarters

12/02/2017

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Ron Oliver 2 Robin R Churchill (C) 3 Carly Cooper 4 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton

5 Laurence P J Bourton 6 Peter Valuks

First inside - 3 Rung for choral evensong

12/03/2017

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Naomi Valuks 2 Ron Oliver 3 Carly Cooper 4 Peter Valuks (C)

5 Duncan Malloch 6 Freddie Cumming

Rung for choral evensong with the band's best wishes to Kerry Dixon who was installed as a canon during the service. Also to mark the first anniversary of Naomi's move to Scotland.

22/06/2017

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1 C Lesley Hall 2 Godfrey S Hall 3 Robin R Churchill 4 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton

5 Mark G Lloyd 6 Peter Kirton 7 Laurence P J Bourton 8 Peter Valuks (C)

To celebrate Laurence Bourton's graduation today

03/12/2017

1282 Spliced Surprise Major (4m: atw)

1 Ron Oliver 2 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton 3 C Lesley Hall 4 Godfrey S Hall

5 Margaret C Gamble 6 Peter G Kirton 7 Sean Smith 8 Peter Valuks (C)

For the Advent carol service

10/12/2017

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Peter Valuks 2 Rachel C Williamson 3 Ron Oliver 4 Margaret C Gamble

5 Peter J Williamson 6 Peter Kirton (C)

For the university carol service. Rung on the front six as a get well compliment to the tenor clapper.



DUNKELD	Ruined Cathedral Church of St Columba, Cathedral Street	Grid Ref: NO 024 426
6 Bells,	Tenor 6-3-2 in B	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 10.00-11.00	Practice: Saturday 10.30-12.00 <i>(Check to confirm)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>Elizabeth Gatland</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Elizabeth Gatland / Anne Graham</i>	
		Email: dunkeld@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1989	Iona O'Connor	-	-
1993	Gillian Booth	-	-
1996	Barbara Pont	-	-
2002	Richard Barfield	-	-
2002	Elizabeth Gatland	-	-
2002	Tim Gatland	-	1
2011	Chris Claydon	-	-
2011	Mara Maggio	-	-
2014	John Carter	-	-
2014	Annie Graham	-	-
2015	David Roemmele	-	-
2017	Godfrey Hall	-	-
2017	Lesley Hall	-	-

We were devastated by the sudden and unexpected loss of one of our most reliable ringers, Dick Barfield, in November 2017. Dick and his wife Alison began ringing at Dunkeld in 2002; some years ago, Alison had to stop because of health issues, but Dick kept going. Modest, witty, and good-humoured, for fifteen years Dick enlivened all our practices, Sunday service and wedding ringing and kept our finances straight as our Treasurer. Whenever we managed to scrape together a local band for a quarter peal, Dick was always one of our number. We were pleased to be able to manage a quarter peal in his memory. He will be sorely missed, and our heart goes out to Alison.

In happier news, our most exciting event of 2017 was a royal visit on 27 June, when Prince Edward came to Dunkeld to attend the 450th Anniversary celebration for the Dunkeld School. Ringing was requested for the visit and we were happy to provide it and to catch a glimpse of the royal cavalcade!

We've had the usual scattering of visitors

throughout the year. Several ringers from Kent passed through in April on their Scotland tour, and there were also a few visitors in connection with the Central Council meeting which was held in Scotland. Elizabeth and Tim Gatland managed to make it to Edinburgh to attend the Central Council dinner. We were pleased to host several practices with a group of visitors from Tulloch over the summer, and Glasgow & Paisley rang at Dunkeld on their annual outing in September. Please note that our Tower Correspondent is now Anne Graham. Steven Toase is taking over as Treasurer. We greatly appreciate the continued support of Maggi and Robin Churchill, who have swelled our band and helped us with our quarter peal attempts for many years now. Our ringing has been steadily progressing this year, with a recent Saturday morning practice featuring a most presentable touch of Cambridge Minor!

Visitors are always welcome to our Saturday morning practices and to Sunday service ringing, both at 10.00 a.m. Please check that ringing is on before you make the journey. Do use extreme care when entering and climbing the tower, as the scaffolding situation at the ruined Cathedral has become even more complex than in previous years!

Elizabeth Gatland

Dunkeld Quarters

18/07/2017

1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 43 min

1 Richard Barfield 2 C Lesley Hall 3 Godfrey S Hall 4 Elizabeth Gatland

5 Tim Gatland (C) 6 No cover

Rung in Thanksgiving for the life of Carrie Cutter Banks Teaford

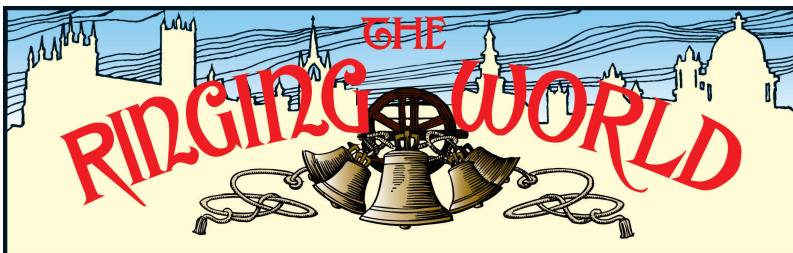
15/11/2017

1260 Doubles (Grandsire & Plain Bob)

1 Iona O'Connor 2 C Lesley Hall 3 Elizabeth Gartland 4 Tim Gatland

5 Robin R Churchill (C) 6 Steven Toase

In thanksgiving for the life of Dick Barfield, a ringer at this tower since 2002, and for the life of Margot Dent.



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EDINBURGH	Fettes College Chapel, East Fettes Avenue	Grid Ref: NT 236 752
6 Bells,	Tenor 2-1-13 in G	College Chapel
Ringing: By arrangement, not during term time (except pupils)		
Correspondent:	<i>Craig Marshall</i>	
		Email: fettes@sacr.org

In autumn 2016, to mark the 60th anniversary of the installation of the original peal of five bells, a programme of refurbishment works was carried out in the Fettes Tower which consisted of replacing the bell fittings with counterparts made to the most modern specification, with larger and heavier wheels designed to improve the handling and clapping characteristics. This has made the bells comparatively easier to ring, and consequently made bell-ringing a far more rewarding experience for learners and experienced ringers alike.

Although our team was small in number for the first half of 2017, we made significant progress with bell handling and change ringing, and were delighted to be able to ring prior to the Chapel Service on Founder's Day, a significant and memorable event particularly for our Leavers.

After the summer holidays we enlisted new recruits to join our existing team, all of whom have been attending weekly practices led by our local ringing experts. Progress has been remarkably encouraging to the extent that we now plan to reinstate ringing prior to Sunday Evening Chapel Services, for the first time in over 10 years.

CW Marshall

Edinburgh - Fettes College Chapel Quarters

22/10/2017

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Sandra Clay

2 Simon H Aves

3 Mary K Clark-Maxwell

4 Edmund G N Smith

5 Michael J Clay (C)

6 Susan E Bryce



EDINBURGH	St Andrew and St George West, 13 George Street	Grid Ref: NT 254 741
8 Bells,	Tenor 14-2-23 in E	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 12.00-12.30	Practice: Monday 19.30-21.00 <i>(Not during August)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>Simon Aves</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Anne Leigh-Brown</i>	
Email: sta_stg@sacr.org www.stagw.org.uk/music/bell-ringers		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1997	Mike Clay	28	310
2007	Simon H Aves	16	158
2007	Sally Evans	-	5
2007	Barbara Ross	-	-
2007	Morven Cross	-	3
2007	Alison Campbell (Assoc)	-	-
2007	Joycelyn Cunliffe (Assoc)	-	-
2008	Mary K Clark-Maxwell	1	14
2008	Sandra Clay (nee Mitchell)	2	11
2008	Livia Dyckhoff	-	-
2009	Anne Leigh-Brown	-	1
2011	Mark Hamid	-	-
2011	Richard A G Inglis	3	12
2015	Christopher Hunt	-	-

The major event (in ringing terms) in the last year at St Andrew's & St George's West has been the hosting of the world-wide conference of ringers at the end of May. Despite being established in 1892, this was the first time that the Central Council of Church Bellringers has held its conference in Scotland.

Acting as hosts the Scottish Association of Change Ringers thought it appropriate that the meeting be held in the church where ringing started in Scotland back in 1789, but the weekend would not have been such a huge success if the idea had not been welcomed with such enthusiasm by the Minister, Ian Gilmour, and everyone behind the scenes at the church. Grateful thanks also go to everyone who came along on the day to help with stewarding and other tasks.

The service for the conference participants at St Andrew's and St George's West was focused on a celebration of ringing and was

recorded and broadcast by the BBC in August. During the conference many ringers visited the church and enjoyed ringing our bells and, although the one peal attempt made here was not successful, there was a very pleasant and accomplished touch of Stedman conducted by the President of the Central Council which featured three members of our band.

Another highlight of the year was the publication of Simon Aves' book 'The History of Change Ringing in Scotland'. This has been very well received and the contribution by the church to the publication costs is gratefully acknowledged.

During the year there have been only three quarter peals and three peals rung at St Andrew's and St George's West. There was a full peal of eight spliced surprise major methods rung to celebrate the life of Cathy Carson, and a quarter peal especially arranged to celebrate the life of Margaret de Luniere. Another quarter was rung for BBC Music Day and to mark the retirement as Session Clerk

of George Burgess and finally we rang a quarter peal to celebrate the 70th Wedding Anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

For the first time in some years we entered a band in the annual Scottish Association striking competition and despite not agreeing what method, or indeed touch we were going to ring until the last moment, we came a very creditable third out of twelve teams.

As in previous years we have welcomed a number of visiting bands from outside Edinburgh to St Andrew's & St George's West. We ring regularly after the Sunday morning service and also for weddings and funerals. During the latter part of the year we have been pleased to welcome members of the St Mary's Cathedral band to our practices while their bells were out of action.

Anne Leigh-Brown

Edinburgh, St Andrew & St George West Quarters:

09/01/2017 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1 Sandra Clay	2 Ian Bell	3 Barbara Bell	4 Michael Clay
5 Simon Aves	6 Edmund Smith	7 Steven Worbey (C)	8 Simon Percy

A celebration of the fabulous life of Dame Margaret de Lumiere

15/06/2017 1260 Grandsire Triples in 48m

1 Sandra Clay	2 Anne Leigh-Brown	3 Barbara Shawcross	4 Mary Clark-Maxwell
5 John Shawcross	6 Simon Aves	7 Michael Clay (C)	8 Morven Cross

For BBC Music Day, and to mark the retirement as Session Clerk of George Burgess. First in Scotland - 3,5 250th quarter - 6

20/11/2017 1260 Grandsire Triples in 48m

1 Ian Bell	2 Anne Leigh-Brown	3 Barbara Bell	4 Simon Aves
5 Steven Worbey	6 Christopher Thomas	7 Michael Clay (C)	8 Morven Cross

Rung to celebrate the 70th Wedding Anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.



EDINBURGH**St Cuthbert,
5 Lothian Road**

Grid Ref: NT 248 736

10 Bells,

Tenor 21-0-0 in E^b

Church of Scotland

Sunday Ringing: 10.25-11.00

Practice: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
(not in August)**Tower Captain:** Susan Bryce**Correspondent:** Simon Aves**Email:** stcuthbert@sacr.org**SACR MEMBERS:**

		2017 peals	Total peals
1980	Susan Bryce	16	305
1989	Judy Barker	-	60
1989	Michael Barker	-	215
1997	Cara Wiseman	-	1
1998	James Bryce	-	-
1998	Bernard Matthews	-	26
1998	Julie Matthews	-	8
2007	Jaime Hamper	-	1
2010	Alex Hunsley	1	23
2010	Emma Kent	-	2
2011	Edmund G N Smith	21	74
2013	Matthew Gretton	-	-
2013	Craig Robertson	-	2
2014	Ruth Giblin	-	-
2015	Phyllida J Alexander	1	1
2016	Simon A Percy	6	6

The St Cuthbert's bells rang for each Sunday service during the course of the year. Tuesday evening practices have varied in number from six to sixteen but under Ed Smith's guidance there is usually Surprise Major and Stedman Triples to be enjoyed. During the time when St Mary's bells were out of action our practice was boosted by a number of learners from the cathedral and our own Peruvian learner is progressing well. St Cuthbert's hosted several advanced practice sessions for SACR and the tower has also been used by the University of Edinburgh Guild.

During the year we have welcomed visitors from most parts of the United Kingdom – from Penrith to Bexhill, from Wrexham to Canterbury, as well as several from further afield – Minnesota, South Carolina, Sydney, Perth WA and Dublin.

The tower was open to visitors over the Central Council weekend and as well as joining us for Sunday service ringing, more than twenty delegates took the opportunity to ring our bells on the Saturday morning.

We have been joined by some new members of the band, some relocating to Edinburgh. Judith and Ian Stark have been very welcome additions,

returning to ringing after a long period away from the exercise.

During the year five peals were rung at St Cuthbert's and four quarter peals. On 23rd April we rang a peal on the 100th anniversary of the death of William Muir, one of St Cuthbert's ringers who went to war in 1914. He was one of thirteen ringers who left Edinburgh to fight in Flanders, and was the only soldier to be killed in action. This was Phyllida Alexander's first peal. Another Edinburgh ringer - John Stannard - served in the RAMC and died of sickness in August 1917 and the anniversary of his death was marked with a quarter peal. Our thanks go to Derek Watson-Griggs who has stood down as President of the St Cuthbert's Society. We were also pleased to welcome our new Minister, Peter Sutton.

Simon Aves

Edinburgh, St Cuthbert Quarters:

28/04/2017

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1 Margaret Williams	2 Isabel J Crane	3 Ian P Bell	4 Barbara Bell
5 Terry G Williams	6 Ruth M Marshall	7 Colin P North	8 Simon J Gay (C)

21/05/2017

1260 Stedman Triples in 49m

1 Steven Worbey	2 Mary Clark-Maxwell	3 Jennifer Holden	4 Christopher Thomas
5 Simon Aves	6 Michael Clay	7 Edmund Smith (C)	8 Morven Cross

1st Stedman -1. 1st Stedman as conductor. For Heart and Soul weekend (and a significant birthday)

30/07/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Ruth E Giblin	2 Barbara J Bell	3 Judith M Stark	4 Ian D B Stark
5 Ian P Bell	6 Edmund G N Smith (C)		

Rung to commemorate the death of Private J Stannard, Scottish Red Cross, on the 6th of August 1917. He was a ringer at St James' Leith. 3 - Formerly known as Judith M Russell, first quarter peal in over 30 years.

17/12/2017

1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 m

1 Monica Menis	2 Steven Worbey	3 Ian Bell	4 Susan Bryce
5 Simon Aves	6 Phyllida Alexander	7 Michael Clay (C)	8 Cian McHugh



EDINBURGH	Cathedral Church of St Mary, Palmerston Place	Grid Ref: NT 242 735
12 Bells,	Tenor 41-1-15 in B	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 09.45-10.30	Practice: Thursday 19.30-21.15
Tower Captain:	<i>Ian Bell</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Barbara Bell</i>	
		Email: stmaryedin@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1975	Mark Hutcheson (Life)	-	15
1992	Neil Ballard	-	7
1993	Roy Dodds	-	1
2009	Jonathan Aves	-	-
2012	Steven Worbey	1	9
2013	Barbara J Bell	1	3
2013	Ian P Bell	3	20
2015	Diana Cheseman	-	-
2015	Michael O'Neil	-	-
2016	Susannah Ewens	-	-
2016	Wilma Tolmie	-	-

I shall start with the good news! The first half of 2017 was a time of consolidation. With so many learners we decided we needed more teachers. Four of us attended the excellent ART training day in Tulloch, and returned to St Mary's with great enthusiasm and a little trepidation to transfer our new (for Ian and Neil, renewed) skills on our heavy and rather more difficult to handle bells. Neil continued to be our Training leader, but with four of us it was a more manageable task teaching handling each Thursday - and proved very enjoyable. Our learners progressed well and we began to introduce more people to Sunday Service ringing.

12 Bell Practices continued with good attendances, though not many attempts at Surprise Maximus! It has been good to hear that several people feel more confident ringing on twelve as a result of our practices.

Unfortunately, at the end of July we had an incident, thankfully with no injury, which resulted in the wooden rope guide breaking. This led to a long period without any ringing. Fortunately the Cathedral (which was in a period of inter-regnum) immediately offered every support. Sadly we were unable to celebrate the arrival of our new Provost by ringing the bells and hope to make up for this in the coming months.

On a positive note, while the bells were out of action we were able to carry out some maintenance - notably taking out the pulley blocks on 3 - 8 and having them remade by Matthew Higby, a new slapboard on the Treble and new ropes, which are ready to put on. We think the bells are noticeably more pleasant to ring (particularly the Treble) and we are looking forward to hearing positive comments when you come to visit! More good news: the scaffolding came down at last on the Thursday before Christmas. A small group of us nervously ascended the tower to try the bells out and were delighted to find all was well. It was with great pleasure that we were able to ring on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

We rang one quarter peal during the year: Plain Bob Minor, in memory of 2nd Lieutenant John F Mowat of the Yorkshire Regiment 7th Battalion. He was a member of St Mary's Cathedral Society of Change Ringers.

Barbara Bell

Edinburgh, St Mary Quarters:

14/05/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 45 min

1 Barbara J Bell

2 Susannah Ewens

3 Phyllida Alexander

4 Neil Ballard

5 Ian P Bell (C)

6 Simon Aves

In memory of 2nd Lieutenant John F. Mowat of the Yorkshire Regiment, 7th Battalion who died 15th May 1917 aged 24. He was a member of St Mary's Society of Change Ringers.



UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS (UEGCR)

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The student band at Edinburgh had a great 2017, with student-only practices on Wednesdays every month and students joining the St Cuthbert's practices on Tuesdays. Our AGM in March was a successful event with more food than anyone could eat, creating a friendly atmosphere for the proceedings and setting out our goals for the rest of the year. The academic year ended in May with a small Annual Dinner, making for a great end to the year.

In September, the academic year started with a stall at the university "Welcome Week" societies fair. We also ran a very successful taster session at St Cuthbert's, where new students had the chance to have a go at ringing (and the adventurous even got a trip up to the church roof at the end!). We recruited a few new ringers, a mixture of beginners and more experienced people, a trend we hope to continue in the future.

Our handbell group had a very enjoyable year, meeting every weekend to learn Christmas carols (and eat cake). The term culminated in a highly successful and fairly cold busking session near the Christmas market in Edinburgh, raising some money for the society. At the end of the term, two of our handbell ringers were invited to give a taster session at a local WI meeting in Edinburgh, an event which was very much enjoyed by those in attendance.

Our traditional annual Christmas curry went off without a hitch, once again held at the Guru Balti Indian restaurant, making for a festive and fun evening.

We look forward to continuing our progress and recruiting more members in the coming year, and we hope that it will be as enjoyable and successful as the last.

Alice Ostojic
President, UEGCR



GLASGOW	Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Western Road	Grid Ref: NS 577 668
10 Bells,	Tenor 32-1-6 in C#	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 17.30 -18.30	Practice: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
	Third Sunday Ringing: 09.30 - 10.30 (usually 1/4 peal 2 nd Sunday, not service ringing)	
Tower Captain:	<i>Ruth Marshall</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Margaret Williams</i>	
		Email: glasgow@sacr.org FB: GlasgowBellringers

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1962	Michael Pink (Life)	-	6
1973	Margaret Williams (Life)	-	5
1973	Terry Williams (Life)	-	20
1982	Robert Lay	-	25
1985	Jennifer Tomkinson	1	57
1986	Jose Symes	-	-
1993	Ruth M Marshall	6	90
1996	Karen Ewing	-	2
2000	Frank Ewing	-	1
2000	Tina R Stoecklin	10	89
2001	Clyde W Wallbanks	1	64
2002	Angela H Deakin	5	65
2002	Peter Whyatt	-	1
2007	Simon J Gay	11	90
2011	Thomas Gay	-	-
2013	Iain Milne	-	1
2016	Colin Crawford	-	-
2016	Dorothy Gay	-	-
2017	Annie Loveday Hill	-	-

This year we have continued ringing for services on Sunday evenings, for some Sunday morning services, for the morning service on Christmas Day, Easter Day and Pentecost and also for the services for Epiphany, Candlemas, Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day and Corpus Christi.

We have rung nine quarter peals. These included one of Julie McDonnell triples for the Strike Back against Blood Cancer appeal and one to celebrate the first same sex marriage in the Cathedral. There have also been two peals during the year.

We have been liaising with the Cathedral property committee to plan work that is required to the bells, bell-frame and louvres. We are hoping this work will be carried out during the forthcoming year.

In the striking competition at the AGM in May in Dundee our team won the St Andrew's shield in the competition for less experienced ringers. Our more advanced ringers came second in their section.

Along with ringers from all over Scotland, several of the Glasgow ringers were involved in the organisation of The Central Council of Church Bellringers annual international ringers' conference in Edinburgh and helped in lots of different ways.

In September we had a very enjoyable weekend outing, first ringing at Dunkeld and then travelling to Tulloch and the excellent training facility there. Everyone was able to improve their ringing skills during a full day of practise. It

was also a social occasion. We shared self-catered meals, including a hot dinner on the Saturday evening, culminating with cakes in honour of the upcoming birthdays of three of our members. Those who were able to stay over until the Sunday managed a rather wet walk up to the Choir at Creag Meagaidh, with one hardy soul even taking a dip in the loch.

Margaret Williams

Glasgow Quarters:

14/05/2017 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples in 55m

1 Tina R Stoecklin	2 Angela H Deakin	3 Margaret Williams	4 Terry G Williams
5 Jonathan S Frye	6 Ruth M Marshall	7 Simon J Gay (C)	8 Peter Whyatt

"I go, and it is done; the bell invites me." - the Scottish play.

12/06/2017 1288 Grandsire Triples in 51m

1 Iain Milne	2 Angela H Deakin	3 Margaret Williams	4 Terry G Williams
5 Ruth M Marshall	6 Jonathan Frye (C)	7 Clyde Wallbanks	8 Pete Whyatt

Half muffled in memory of Alex Scott, Ringing Master at Paisley for many years.
By a Glasgow & Paisley band

23/07/2017 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Royal in 50m

1 Jennifer Tomkinson	2 Roy LeMarechal (C)	3 Margaret Williams	4 Angela H Deakin
5 Tina R Stoecklin	6 Terry G Williams	7 Ruth M Marshall	8 Simon J Gay
9 Jonathan Frye	10 Chris Bennett		

13/08/2017 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins

1 Peter Whyatt	2 Roy LeMarechal (C)	3 Jennifer Tomkinson	4 Margaret Williams
5 Terry G Williams	6 Ruth M Marshall	7 Chris M Bennett	8 Iain Milne

For Evensong

20/08/2017 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m) in 58m

1 Ruth M Marshall	2 Michael R Harrison	3 Margaret Williams	4 Jennifer Tomkinson
5 Terry G Williams	6 Angela H Deakin	7 Simon J Gay (C)	8 Jonathan S Frye

Rung to welcome Frederick Bannister Frye, born 11/08/2017, nephew to 8.

17/09/2017 1344 Wedding Delight Major

1 Margaret Williams	2 Jennifer Tomkinson	3 Angela H Deakin	4 Terry G Williams
5 Simon J Gay (C)	6 Ruth M Marshall	7 Tina R Stoecklin	8 Jonathan S Frye

Rung to celebrate the first same-sex wedding in this cathedral.

08/10/2017 1260 Plain Bob Triples

1 Frank Ewing	2 Karen Ewing	3 Jennifer Tomkinson	4 Margaret Williams
5 Terry G Williams	6 Ruth M Marshall	7 Simon J Gay (C)	8 Tina Stoecklin

Rung to congratulate Karen & Frank Ewing on their tenth Wedding Anniversary and to mark Karen's 70th Birthday.

14/10/2017 1421 Grandsire Caters

1 Edward R Venn (C)	2 Nicholas C Sturgess	3 Sally L Thomas	4 Ruth M Marshall
5 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6 Peter G Kirton	7 Colin P North	8 Tina R Stoecklin
9 Christopher W Thomas	10 Peter J Williamson		

12/11/2017 1288 Grandsire Triples in 53m

1 Thomas J S Gay	2 Simon J Gay	3 Jennifer Tomkinson	4 Terry G Williams
5 Margaret Williams	6 Tina R Stoecklin (C)	7 Ruth M Marshall	8 Iain Milne

1st touch on 8: 1. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance

HADDINGTON	St Mary, Sidegate	Grid Ref: NT 518 736
8 Bells,	Tenor 11-1-20 in F#	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 09.00-09.30	Practice: Friday 19.30-21.30 (Door closes 1930, reopens briefly at 2030)
Tower Captain:	<i>Sally Thomas</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Liz Barr</i>	
Email: haddington@sacr.org		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1977	Nigel Booth (Life)	-	86
1980	Sally L Thomas	10	84
1982	Christopher W Thomas	16	80
1988	John Elcock	-	4
1988	Valerie Elcock	-	-
1992	Elizabeth Barr	-	-
1993	Hugh Pumphrey	-	1
2000	Jenny Mackie	-	2
2000	Rachel Mackie	-	-
2000	Alan Colley	-	-
2000	Isobel Colley	-	-
2000	George Playfair	-	-
2003	Rose Pipes	-	-
2004	Ron Wright	-	4
2007	Jill Whyte	-	-
2013	Bill Thompson	-	-
2015	Ciaran Hardy	-	-
2015	Nicola Elliott	-	-
2015	Zachary Elliot	-	-
2016	Julie Slocomb	-	-

The ringing at Haddington continues to develop, and we are fortunate to have been joined by an already-experienced ringer, further strengthening the band.

Sunday service ringing is generally well-supported, but there were few weddings to ring for this year. Although outreach activities like ringing for the Church's Martinmas Fair seem not to attract new people interested in learning, we have a busy time with our current learners, warranting occasional extra practices on Saturday mornings.

As ever, our social highlight was the annual dinner, held in mid-summer, and this year we also had a very sociable Christmas party instead of a practice in December. We had a very good outing in fine weather to the Newcastle area earlier in the year, ringing at four towers, including the very fine ten at South Shields. Friends from St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, continue to visit on occasion and the SACR President also visits when he is 'in town' and able to come along.

We continue to extend our repertoire of methods on a Friday evening, while also working on striking and handling skills. At the more advanced end of things, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor are fixtures, and London has been added to the list. Grandsire doubles and triples, Plain and Little Bob on six and eight, and Kent TB Minor also feature.

Cambridge Major is slowly getting better, but it requires everyone learning it to be at the practice. Stedman Triples still proves problematical and is a target for an extra Saturday morning session.

We rang two quarters of Plain Bob Minor in June, one of which was for BBC Music Day and one for our Dinner Day, the latter notable for a complete absence of mistakes! We scored a good quarter of Cambridge S. Minor just before Christmas, with which we were very pleased. There were also SACR quarters of London S. Major and Glasgow S. Major, rung instead of a peal,

following an unfortunate clash in church bookings.

There were just two peals at Haddington this year. Both were for the Scottish Association, but one of our number was involved in each of them. Well-known ringer Peter Furniss completed his little project of a peal on each of the national saint's days in each of the four nations of the United Kingdom in one year, ringing Grampian S. Major with an SACR band in November. The other was a very entertaining peal of spliced Bristol S Major and Stedman Triples, in which bells 2 to 8 take turns to be the tenor in the Stedman!

In the coming year, we aim to ring more quarter peals as a way of consolidating skills and methods. There will be more Saturday morning practices for more concentrated teaching of handling for our beginners and more advanced things for our more experienced ringers. It's surprising how busy and short a two-hour practice actually is on Friday night! We are always pleased to see visitors, so if you find yourself in the vicinity of Haddington on a Friday evening, and at a loose end, please join us.

Chris Thomas

Haddington Quarters:

03/06/2017 1284 Plain Bob Minor in 47m

1 Jill Whyte	2 Liz Barr	3 Julie Slocombe	4 Ronald A Wright
5 Sally L Thomas	6 Chris W Thomas (C)		

Rung for Haddington Society of Change Ringers Annual Dinner Day and to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

15/06/2017 1284 Plain Bob Minor in 47m

1 Jill Whyte	2 Julie Slocombe	3 Jenny Mackie	4 Hugh Pumphrey
5 Sally Thomas	6 Chris Thomas (C)		

For BBC Music Day, 2017, and in memory of James Dey, formerly of BBC Scotland.

06/08/2017 1250 Glasgow Surprise Major in 42 minutes

1 Peter J Williamson	2 Sally L Thomas	3 Christopher W Thomas	4 Peter Kirton
5 Susan E Bryce	6 Colin P North	7 Edmund G N Smith	8 Michael J Clay (C)

In memory of Doris Gosnold, 19th April, 1925 - 30th June, 2017.

06/08/2017 1250 London Surprise Major in 43 minutes

1 Sally L Thomas	2 Peter J Williamson	3 Edmund G N Smith	4 Susan E Bryce
5 Peter Kirton	6 Colin P North	7 Christopher W Thomas	8 Michael J Clay (C)

Celebrating the marriage of Rebecca North to Alex Musgrave on Sunday 30th July.



INVERARAY**All Saints,
The Avenue**

Grid Ref: NN 095 085

10 Bells,

Tenor 41-2-8 in C

Episcopalian

Correspondent: *Angela Deakin***Email:** inveraray@sacr.org

Inveraray bells were rung throughout 2017 by both the SACR and visiting bands. Three peals were rung during the year of Cambridge, Bristol & London Royal. This was fewer than in previous years as three bands cancelled at short notice, the attempt in November was not scored and the April attempt was called round giving a performance of about 3/5 of a peal. There was some general SACR ringing in place of the July peal attempt including a quarter peal. There were two other visiting bands who had general ringing. A wet weekend did not manage to dampen spirits at the Annual Ringing Festival in July. The ringing across the weekend was of a very high standard, ranging from rounds to Bristol and London Royal, with many commenting that it was probably the best ringing they had experienced on a festival weekend. There were also a number of positive comments on the improved acoustics in the ringing room. In addition there has been ringing for a number of church services; the festival Eucharist in July where the congregation from Lochgilphead joined the ringers at the service led by Fr Simon Mackenzie, half muffled ringing for the Service of Requiem for the Departed on Remembrance Day and ringing for the Ecumenical Carol Service in December led by Fr David Connor.

The upkeep of the tower has continued with the support of volunteers. The usual maintenance work including the more major jobs was carried out in March with additional routine checks being made in July and November. The bells and fittings remain in very good condition, particularly given the prevailing weather conditions. The tower was open to the public during the summer months to help raise funds.

Overall the bells continue to be appreciated by visiting ringers and those who live in Inveraray. The support the ringing community in Scotland provides to the Bell Tower is widely acknowledged and valued.

Angela Deakin

Inveraray Quarters:**22/04/2017****3203 Grandsire Caters in 2h 11m**

1 Edward R Venn (C)	2 Angela H Deakin	3 Sally L Thomas	4 Ian P Bell
5 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6 Peter G Kirtan	7 Peter J Williamson	8 Nicholas C Sturgess
9 Christopher W Thomas	10 Julia R Cater		

01/07/2017**1280 Bristol Surprise Major**

1 Ruth M Marshall	2 Margaret Williams	3 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	4 Terry G Williams
5 Colin P North	6 Tina R Stoecklin (C)	7 Simon J Gay	8 Jonathan S Frye

Congratulations to Glasgow ringer Thomas Brown on his graduation from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.



INVERNESS	Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Ardross Street	Grid Ref: NH 664 449
10 Bells,	Tenor 16-3-12 in E ^b	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-10.55	Practice: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Tower Captain:	<i>Mike Neale</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Mike Neale</i>	
Email:inverness@sacr.org		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 peals	Total peals
1979	Peter Shipton	-	103
1984	Linda Drake-Brockman (Assoc.)	-	-
1988	Heather Preece	-	4
1989	Edward Venn	-	10
1989	Judy Venn	-	1
1997	Frank Fraser	-	-
1998	Jacqueline Wiseman	-	-
2002	Michael Neale	-	7
2004	Hugh Collins	-	4
2004	Sue Varley	-	-
2007	Tom Foy	-	-
2007	Michelle Wiseman	-	-
1988	Nicholas Sturgess	-	51
2011	Nicola A Marshall	-	1
2011	Rhiannon Pitt	-	1
2013	Michael Foulds	-	1
2013	Struan Maclean	-	1
2014	Catherine Pelleymounter	-	-
2014	John Joyce	-	-
2016	Alex McKensie	-	-
2016	Ellen Felber	-	-
2016	Rosemary Bowdoin	-	-
2017	Evan Roderick	-	-

Our customary ringing 2016/7 for the new year was curtailed as some of the ringers decided that they would only ring the New Year in, but for the end of 2017 no ringing took place at all, as only 3 ringers were available, we must do better next new year.

Fifteen quarter peals were rung during the year including a special one half muffled, following a memorial service for Sgt Fredrick H Winchester, a ringer in this tower, killed on March 29th 1917. And two more on a joyful occasion when Clare Caley was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Mark Strange in August. These included friends of Clare's from the Association. Frank and Heather organised an enjoyable dinner at the Craigmoney Hotel in February, some twenty ringers and guests attending

In January a student, Steven Robinson, from Inverness college came up the tower and said he would like to learn to ring. He was a natural, by the end of the first lesson he was ringing on his own and by the time his course ended in June he was getting to grips with plain hunt. A lucky tower near Preston will benefit.

April saw an outing to Tulloch to improve the skills of our novice ringers and was rounded off with a quarter of Grandsire Triples, Helen and Peter making up the numbers. Another successful day.

On three occasions we have been to Druim Campanile Nairn for general ringing and to ring quarter peals, but no more as the bell tower was dismantled over Christmas. Peter has sold Druim Croft and is moving to Ayrshire. We hope to re-erect the tower in Inverness and modernise the bell installation .

Mike Neale

Inverness Quarters:

08/01/2017

1344 Plain Bob Major

1 Judy F Venn	2 Catherine Pelleymounter	3 Hugh G Collins	4 Nicola A Marshall
5 Struan A Maclean	6 Michael A Neale	7 Nicholas C Sturgess	8 Edward R Venn (C)

Rung after Morning Service

12/02/2017

1279 Grandsire Doubles in 44 minutes

1 Catherine Pelleymounter	2 Judy F Venn	3 Evan Roderick	4 Michael A Neale
5 Edward R Venn (C)	6 Struan Maclean		

Rung after Morning Service

23/02/2017

1274 Plain Bob Triples in 50 minutes

1 Michael A Neale	2 Nicola A Marshall	3 Catherine Pelleymounter	4 Stephen Roderick
5 Evan Roderick	6 Nicholas C Sturgess	7 Edward R Venn (C)	8 Struan A Maclean

Rung prior to the weekly practice

19/03/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 43 mins

1 Judy F Venn	2 Hugh G Collins	3 Nicola A Marshall	4 Michael A Neale
5 Evan Roderick	6 Edward R Venn (C)		

Rung after Morning Service on the front six

29/03/2017

1260 Plain Bob Triples in 50 minutes

1 Judy F Venn	2 Hugh G Collins	3 Catherine Pelleymounter	4 Nicola A Marshall
5 Evan Roderick	6 Nicholas C Sturgess	7 Edward R Venn (C)	8 Michael A Neale

Rung half-muffled after a memorial service to commemorate the centenary of the death of Sgt Frederick H Winchester, a former ringer and chorister at Inverness Cathedral, whose life was ended on the Western Front near Arras on March 29th, 1917, during the First World War.

16/04/2017

1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes

1 Judy F Venn	2 Hugh G Collins	3 Nicola A Marshall	4 Anthony C Cole
5 Struan A Maclean	6 Nicholas C Sturgess	7 Edward R Venn (C)	8 Michael A Neale

Rung after Choral Eucharist on Easter Sunday Morning

27/05/2017

1260 Doubles in 43 minutes

1 Nicholas C Sturgess	2 Hugh G Collins	3 Struan A Maclean	4 Evan Roderick
5 Edward R Venn (C)	6 Michelle Wiseman		

Rung on the front six after a wedding

15/06/2017

1260 Doubles

1 Catherine Pelleymounter	2 Michael A Neale	3 Struan A Maclean	4 Evan Roderick
5 Edward R Venn (C)	6 Nicola A Marshall		

Rung on the front six before the normal weekly practice for the BBC's "Music Day".

27/07/2017

1273 Grandsire Triples

1 Judy F Venn	2 Nicola A Marshall	3 Hugh G Collins	4 Struan A Maclean
5 Anthony C Cole	6 Edward R Venn (C)	7 Nicholas C Sturgess	8 Michael A Neale

Rung before the weekly practice to welcome Anthony, Sarah, Sam and Grace Cole to Inverness, as members of the Cathedral band of bell-ringers, after their move from Oxfordshire

12/08/2017

1260 Plain Bob Royal in 47 minutes

1 Edward R Venn (C)	2 Margaret Williams	3 Nicola A Marshall	4 Michael Foulds
5 Susan E Bryce	6 Terry G Williams	7 Sally L Thomas	8 Anthony C Cole
9 Nicholas C Sturgess	10 Christopher W Thomas		

Rung for the Ordination of Clare Caley, after the Ordination Service at this Cathedral

12/08/2017

1296 Plain Bob Caters in 46 minutes

1 Evan Roderick	2 Michael Foulds	3 Nicola A Marshall	4 Hugh G Collins
5 Sally L Thomas	6 Christopher W Thomas	7 Susan E Bryce	8 Anthony C Cole
9 Edward R Venn (C)	10 Nicholas C Sturgess		

Rung for the Ordination of Clare Caley, prior to the Ordination Service at this Cathedral

03/09/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 45 minutes

1 Evan Roderick	2 Sarah E Cole	3 Hugh G Collins	4 Michael A Neale
5 Edward R Venn (C)	6 Nicholas C Sturgess		

Rung on the back six prior to Choral Evensong that celebrated the appointment and elevation of Bishop Mark Strange, of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, as Primate of the Scottish Episcopal Church

19/10/2017

1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles

1 Nicola A Marshall	2 Hugh G Collins	3 Anthony C Cole*	4 Nicholas C Sturgess
5 Edward R Venn (C)	6 Michael A Neale		

* 450th Quarter-Peal. Rung prior to the weekly practice on the back six for the Bellringers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer Cathedrals, Abbeys and Minsters Challenge.

11/11/2017

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1 Sarah E Cole	2 Catherine Pelleymounter	3 Evan Roderick	4 Anthony C Cole
5 Nicholas C Sturgess	6 Colin P North	7 Edward R Venn (C)	8 Michael A Neale

Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day

30/11/2017

1288 Grandsire Triples in 47 minutes

1 Catherine Pelleymounter	2 Nicola A Marshall	3 Hugh G Collins	4 Evan Roderick
5 Anthony C Cole	6 Edward R Venn (C)	7 Nicholas C Sturgess	8 Michael A Neale

Rung prior to a Special Evening Service for St Andrew's Day and the Installation of the Rev'd Sarah Murray as Provost of Inverness Cathedral



NAIRN	Druim Campanile, Lochloy Road	Grid Ref: NH 912 575
8 Bells,	Tenor 1-0-11 in C	Private
		Ringing Times: Ringing by arrangement.
Correspondent:	<i>Mike Neale</i>	
		Email: inverness@sacr.org

This is the last report about these bells as the tower and bells have been dismantled and put into temporary storage pending a new site in Inverness. During the year the ringers from Inverness have visited on three occasions, on Maundy Thursday for an evening's ringing, then on November 18th to ring a quarter of Plain and Little Bob Minor and December 12th for Plain Bob Major, the final Quarter before dismantling.

Two peals have been rung by visiting bands. 5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major by the St Blaise Society.

5152 Lessness Surprise Major by Mini Ring Owners Society, who also rang a quarter of Grandsire Triples.

Mike Neale on behalf of Peter Shipton.

Nairn Quarters:

18/11/2017	1296 Plain and Little Bob Minor in 37 minutes			
1 Michael A Neale	2 Nicola A Marshall	3 Hugh G Collins	4 Evan Roderick	
5 Nicholas C Sturgess	6 Edward R Venn (C)			
11/12/2017	1296 Plain Bob Major in 44 minutes			
1 Anthony C Cole	2 Sarah E Cole	3 Nicola A Marshall	4 Hugh G Collins	
5 Evan Roderick	6 Nicholas C Sturgess	7 Michael A Neale	8 Edward R Venn (C)	

Last quarter-peal on the bells before dismantling and removal



PAISLEY	St James, Underwood Road	Grid Ref: NS 477 642
8 Bells,	Tenor 22-1-17 in E ^b	Church of Scotland
		Practice: Bell Tower Closed
Tower Captain:	<i>Disbanded</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Colin P North</i>	
		Email: paisley@sacr.org

All memorabilia and ropes etc. have been removed for safe keeping. Ringing is no longer possible.

SACR have been in ongoing discussions with the Church of Scotland over the future of the building and the bells. At the year-end, the future was undecided. Ringing is currently not permitted.

Colin P. North



ST ANDREWS	College Chapel of St Salvator North Street	Grid Ref: NO 510 168
6 Bells,	Tenor 7-3-20 in A	University Chapel
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-11.00	Practice: Tuesday 19.00-21.00 (University term only, check before visiting)
Tower Captain:	<i>Peter Kirton</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Rachel Davies</i>	
Email: st-andrews@sacr.org		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 Peals	Total peals
2007	Roy Dyckoff	-	-
2009	Peter J Williamson	21	287
2010	Rachel Williamson (nee Davies)	-	-
2011	Simon Chadwick	-	-
2012	Peter G Kirton	15	77
2014	Joseph Wilson	1	2
2014	Philip Baiocchi	-	1
2017	Tim Bailey	-	-
2017	Peter Jupp	-	-
2017	Sherill Keefe	-	-
2017	Al Roissin	-	-
???	Isabella Scott	-	-

In 2017 we have been ringing regularly in University term-time for Sunday services, and held practices on Tuesdays. In February we held our AGM on Shrove Tuesday, followed by waltzing on handbells and, more traditionally, pancakes! In June we rang for each of the four days of University graduation and the service of thanksgiving for the University. In December we rang for three more graduation ceremonies.

During the year we rang for 12 weddings, and the Kate Kennedy procession. In December we rang for the alumni carol service. Congratulations are due to Joe Wilson who rang his first peal of Surprise Minor inside. Additionally there were 3 SACR quarter peals during the year. Handbell ringing has been enthusiastically embraced by the tower, with regular practices before the tower bells on practice night, and after Sunday service ringing, as well as other ad hoc arrangements. 8 quarter peals and 3

peals in hand were achieved with some notable milestones including 1st quarters on handbells for Tim, Al and Helen, and a first peal for Isabella.

As is inevitable in a University band we have said some sad farewells this year. Isabella and Joe both graduated (with first class degrees!). On the plus side Briony and Silvia have received a warm welcome to the band and made excellent progress under Simon's tuition. We have also welcomed Barbara back to being a permanent St Andrews resident, as opposed to a summer visitor, and we look forward to getting to know her better.

Rachel Davies

St Andrews Quarters:

21/06/2017 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Timothy Bailey
- 2 Isabella Scott
- 3 Simon Chadwick
- 4 Philip Baiocchi
- 5 Peter Kirton (C)
- 6 Duncan Malloch

For all those graduating from the University of St Andrews today, especially Joseph Wilson
First on tower bells: 1

23/06/2017 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Duncan Malloch
- 2 Rachel C Williamson
- 3 Joseph Wilson
- 4 Simon Chadwick
- 5 Peter J Williamson
- 6 Peter Kirton (C)

For all those graduating from the University of St Andrews today, especially Isabella Scott

22/07/2017 1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Peter Jupp
- 2 Rachel C Williamson
- 3 Isabella Scott
- 4 Neil Kirton
- 5 Peter J Williamson
- 6 Peter Kirton (C)

For the wedding of Emma & Matt. Wishing Isabella all the best as she moves to Chicago



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STIRLING	Church of the Holy Rude, St John Street	Grid Ref: NS 791 938
6 Bells,	Tenor 6-3-25 in B ^b	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 10.30-11.30 <i>(Second Sunday Jan-Jun)</i>	Practice: Friday 19.30-21.00 <i>(Phone to confirm)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>Rob Ferguson</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Rob Ferguson</i>	
		Email: stirling@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 Peals	Total peals
1976	Alastair Macfarlane (Life)	-	-
1991	Susan McGowan	-	-
1992	Eric McNally	-	5
2003	Rob Ferguson	-	1
2016	Peter Nicholas	-	-

Friday evening practices have been well attended throughout the year, making for plenty of variety in our ringing. We managed fortnightly Sunday service ringing for most of the half year we ring at Stirling. Our success rate with Sunday service quarters this year was not so good.

After a number of years ringing the standards - Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and London, our Surprise Minor band is expanding its repertoire, with Chester, Carlisle, Annable's London and Killamarsh Treble Bob. We are

targeting these for our next set of quarters. Peter Nicholas, joining us from Paisley, has reinforced our Surprise ringing strength.

The Doubles band of Pete, Helen, Iain, Colin and Bethany is making good steady progress with method ringing and improved striking. Mary Orzell joined us as a beginner in September and, after a few intensive handling sessions, is now confidently ringing rounds and call changes.

One of the disadvantages of light bells and even lighter stays is the breakage rate, particularly with learners and improvers. It has taken us over 20 years to work through the large collection of stays made by Don Towers. This year we have taken delivery of two dozen European ash stays cut and finished at reasonable cost by Andrew Miller, Architectural Joinery, here in Stirling. They should hopefully see us through to 2040 or thereabouts!

Rob Ferguson

Stirling Quarters:

22/01/2017

1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Stuart I Bamforth	2 Susan P McGowan	3 Eric McNally	4 Rob Ferguson
5 Magnus M Peterson	6 Robert D McGowan (C)		

Rung for morning service and to celebrate the life of Iain White, Session Clerk to the Church of the Holy Rude, who died on Wednesday 19th October 2016

12/02/2017

1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor in 43m

1 Alastair Macfarlane	2 Susan P McGowan	3 Eric McNally	4 Rob Ferguson
5 Magnus M Peterson	6 Robert D McGowan (C)		

For morning service

TULLOCH	Tulloch Ringing Centre, and Last Tower Tulloch Farm, Roybridge	Grid Ref: NN 329 806
12 Bells,	Tenor 7-2-4 in B ^b	Private
8 Bells	Tenor 1-1-15 in A	Ringing by Arrangement
Tower Captain:	<i>Roy Dyckhoff</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Peter Bevis</i>	
Email: tulloch@sacr.org www.tullochbells.com FB: TullochBells		

SACR MEMBERS:		2017 Peals	Total peals
2002	Peter Bevis	-	4
2002	Helen M McGregor	-	9
2013	Nicholas Jones	-	3
2014	Nicola Lever	-	-
2017	David Ford	-	-
2017	Ian Turner	-	-
2017	Sue Turner	-	-
???	John Joyce	-	-
???	Jill Keogh	-	-

Visiting tutors continue to support the Tulloch band which has come on leaps and bounds. Practices are now regular events and there are extra practices when visitors permit.

The simulator has been of considerable value permitting members of the band to tackle an ever increasing repertoire of methods.

We were thrilled to host the College Youths band that set the new record for spliced Surprise Maximus last June (20064 spliced Surprise Maximus in 38 methods) and to rank as the Scottish tower ringing most peals and quarters again in 2017.

2017 also saw our first locally run Ringing Training weeks, "Learn to ring" and "Improve

your ringing". Both well attended and very successful. We have therefore planned three more courses for 2018, "Beyond Bob Minor" in July and two identical weeks of "Improve Your Ringing" in September. Details on Tullochbells.com.

The Scottish Association continues to make good use of our training facilities and is always happy to spend time ringing with and for our local band. Meanwhile our handbell team continues to progress.

Peter Bevis

Tulloch Ringing Centre Quarters:

31/05/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minimus

1 Helen M McGregor	2 Sue Turner	3 Ian B Turner	4 Peter J R Bevis (C)
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10/06/2017

1346 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus

1 Susan E Bryce	2 Tina R Stoecklin	3 Michael J Clay (C)	4 Peter J Williamson
5 Ruth M Marshall	6 Peter G Kirton	7 Colin P North	8 Edmund G N Smith
9 Chris W Thomas	10 Simon H Aves	11 Simon A Percy	12 Jonathan S Frye

In memory of Alex Scott, recently deceased, who had been an active and influential member of the Scottish Association since 1945.

10/06/2017

1346 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus

1 Peter J Williamson	2 Alex P Frye	3 Robin R Churchill	4 Tina R Stoecklin
5 Simon J Gay (C)	6 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	7 Nicholas W Jones	8 Michael J Clay
9 Christopher J Frye	10 Susan E Bryce	11 Jonathan S Frye	12 Simon A Percy

In memory of Alex Scott, recently deceased, who had been an active and influential member of the Scottish Association since 1945.

16/08/2017

1272 Plain Bob Minimus in 43 mins

1 Charlotte Hatto	2 David J Ford (C)	3 Sue Turner	4 Ian B Turner
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First quarter by current local band of learners without help from experienced ringers. 2- first as Conductor

18/09/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Sue Turner	2 David J Ford	3 Anne Sladen	4 Helen M McGregor
5 Peter J R Bevis	6 Stephen Elwell-Sutton (C)		

First Minor 1, 2

19/09/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 David J Ford	2 Helen M McGregor	3 Gillian E Hughes	4 Ian B Turner
5 Peter J R Bevis	6 Stephen Elwell-Sutton (C)		

First minor 4

22/09/2017

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 45 mins

1 David J Ford	2 Gillian E Hughes	3 Christine B J de Cordova	4 Helen M McGregor
5 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6 Peter J R Bevis (C)		

First treble bobbing 1

27/09/2017

1264 Plain Bob Major in 46 mins

1 Helen M McGregor	2 David J Ford	3 Aileen Wilson	4 Christine B J de Cordova
5 John Cater	6 Peter J R Bevis	7 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	8 Stephen A Rossiter (C)

1st Major: 2

29/09/2017

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 46 mins

1 Ian B Turner	2 Christine B J de Cordova	3 John Cater	4 Helen M McGregor
5 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6 Stephen A Rossiter (C)		

1st Treble Bob, rung 364 days after first touching a rope: 1

30/09/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Sue Turner	2 David J Ford	3 Aileen Wilson	4 Helen M McGregor
5 Stephen Elwell-Sutton (C)	6 Peter J R Bevis		

04/10/2017

1260 St Simons Bob Doubles

1 Sue Turner	2 David J Ford	3 Helen M McGregor	4 Charlotte Hatto
5 Peter J R Bevis (C)	6 Ian B Turner		

First in method for all except 3,5

17/11/2017

1260 St Simons Bob Doubles in 43 mins

1 Sue Turner	2 Helen McGregor	3 Christopher J Frye (C)	4 Ian B Turner
5 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6 Peter J R Bevis		

First in method, 4

17/11/2017

1260 St Simons Bob Doubles in 43 mins

1 Colin North	2 Christopher J Frye	3 Charlotte Hatto	4 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton
5 Peter J R Bevis (C)	6 Helen M McGregor		

17/11/2017

1260 Stedman Doubles in 43 mins

1 David J Ford	2 Stephen Elwell-Sutton (C)	3 Helen M McGregor	4 Christopher J Frye
5 Colin P North	6 Peter J R Bevis		

First Stedman, 1

18/11/2017

1250 Phobos Surprise Maximus in 48m

1 Peter J Williamson	2 Richard J W Tibbetts	3 Christopher J Frye	4 Peter G Kirton
5 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6 Daniel J Page	7 Helen M McGregor	8 Robin R Churchill
9 Colin P North	10 Susan E Bryce	11 Simon J Gay	12 Michael J Clay (C)

First in method: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10

18/11/2017

1344 Phobos Surprise Maximus in 50m

1 Helen M McGregor	2 Simon J Gay (C)	3 Jennifer A Holden	4 Susan E Bryce
5 Peter J Williamson	6 Ruth M Marshall	7 Michael J Clay	8 Peter G Kirton
9 Christopher J Frye	10 Colin P North	11 Daniel J Page	12 Tina R Stoecklin

First in method: 3, 5, 6

Tulloch The Last Tower Quarters:

04/03/2017

1288 Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes

1 Edward R Venn (C)	2 Nicola A Marshall	3 Helen M McGregor	4 Evan Roderick
5 Hugh G Collins	6 Michael A Neale	7 Peter J R Bevis	8 Judy F Venn

Rung during an all-day practice for Inverness and Tulloch Ringers

28/05/2017

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Charlotte Hatto	2 David Moore	3 David J Ford	4 Helen M McGregor
5 Peter J R Bevis (C)	6 Sue Turner		

First away from cover, 1; First Cover, 6



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2017 QUARTER PEALS OUTSIDE SCOTLAND

Bedale - St Gregory:

04/02/2017

1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Margaret Williams

2 Helen Brotherton

3 Sarah E T Dawson

4 Jessie Hetherington

5 Tina R Stoecklin

6 Alison L Edmonds

7 William A Brotherton (C)

8 Terry G Williams

In affectionate memory of Conrad Hilberry, poet and Professor Emeritus of Kalamazoo College, on the day of his Memorial Service at Stetson Chapel.



2017 HANDBELL QUARTER PEALS

Alcaig - Fernlea:

22/05/2017

1376 Plain Bob Major in 45 minutes

1-2 Evan Roderick

3-4 Hugh G Collins

5-6 Sue Varley

7-8 Edward R Venn (C)

Rung as a Thanksgiving for the life of Jean Elizabeth Blackman (1931-2017), the conductor's cousin-in-law and a former ringer, who died on April 21st and whose funeral took place at Chichester Cathedral on May 15th.

12/06/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 35 minutes

1-2 Evan Roderick

3-4 Hugh G Collins

5-6 Edward R Venn (C)

A forthcoming birthday compliment to Betty Varley, who will be 94 on June 28th

11/09/2017

1296 Plain Bob Major in 41 min

1-2 Evan Roderick

3-4 Sue Varley

5-6 Hugh G Collins

7-8 Edward R Venn (C)

A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Hugh and Sue

30/10/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 35 minutes

1-2 Evan Roderick

3-4 Hugh G Collins

5-6 Edward R Venn (C)

Cumbernauld - 20 Kingshill Avenue:

07/08/2017

1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1-2 Simon J Gay

3-4 Angela H Deakin

5-6 Jonathan S Frye

7-8 Tina R Stoecklin (C)

First quarter in the house

21/08/2017

1344 Frederick Delight Major

1-2 Angela H Deakin

3-4 Tina R Stoecklin

5-6 Simon J Gay

7-8 Jonathan S Frye (C)

Rung to welcome Frederick Bannister Frye born on 11/08/2017, a son for Elizabeth Frye and Stephen Jones

11/09/2017

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1-2 Simon J Gay

3-4 Angela H Deakin

5-6 Tina R Stoecklin

7-8 Jonathan S Frye (C)

02/10/2017

1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1-2 Simon J Gay

3-4 Angela H Deakin

5-6 Jonathan S Frye

7-8 Tina R Stoecklin (C)

16/12/2017

1344 Superlative Surprise Major

1-2 Angela H Deakin

3-4 Jessica Durham

5-6 Jonathan Frye

7-8 Matt Durham (C)

17/12/2017

1280 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)

1-2 Angela H Deakin

3-4 Jessica Durham

5-6 Jonathan Frye

7-8 Matt Durham (C)

Edinburgh - 27 House O'Hill Crescent

29/10/2017

1320 Plain Bob Minor in 36 min

1-2 Susannah Ewens

3-4 Barbara J Bell

5-6 Ian P Bell (C)

1-2 first in hand.

10/12/2017

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Phyllida Alexander

3-4 Barbara J Bell

5-6 Ian P Bell (C)

1-2, first in hand.

Edderton – Sloibcoyle Croft:

04/01/2017 1264 Plain Bob Major in 40m

1-2 Peter J R Bevis	3-4 Helen M McGregor	5-6 Hugh G Collins	7-8 Edward R Venn (C)
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04/01/2017 1280 Plain Bob Major in 40m

1-2 Peter J R Bevis	3-4 Helen M McGregor	5-6 Hugh G Collins	7-8 Edward R Venn (C)
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First quarter-peal on this handbell octave

28/01/2017 1260 Plain Bob Minor in 34m

1-2 Evan Roderick	3-4 Hugh G Collins	5-6 Edward R Venn (C)
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25/03/2017 1320 Plain Bob Minor in 37 minutes

1-2 Evan Roderick	3-4 Hugh G Collins	5-6 Edward R Venn (C)
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Glasgow – 1 Albany Quadrant:

16/01/2017 2017 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

1-2 Angela H Deakin	3-4 Tina R Stoecklin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Simon J Gay (C)
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24/04/2017 1632 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

1-2 Angela H Deakin	3-4 Tina R Stoecklin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Simon J Gay (C)
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08/05/2017 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

1-2 Angela H Deakin	3-4 Tina R Stoecklin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Simon J Gay (C)
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14/08/2017 1344 Golden Wedding Anniversary Surprise Major

1-2 Angela H Deakin	3-4 Tina R Stoecklin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Simon J Gay (C)
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Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary, on Saturday 12th August, of Dorothy and Michael Deakin.

23/10/2017 1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

1-2 Simon J Gay	3-4 Angela H Deakin	5-6 Tina R Stoecklin	7-8 Jonathan S Frye (C)
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11/12/2017 1344 Rutland Surprise Major

1-2 Simon J Gay	3-4 Angela H Deakin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Tina R Stoecklin (C)
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Inveraray - The George Hotel (The Barn)

30/07/2017 1260 Plain Bob Minor in 37m

1-2 James E Blackburn	3-4 G Jessica Durham	5-6 Matthew J L Durham (C)
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First of Minor in Hand - 1-2. Rung as part of the Inveraray Ringing Festival.

St Andrews - (University) Chapel of St Salvator (Ringing Chamber)

14/05/2017 1296 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Isabella Scott	3-4 Timothy Bailey	5-6 Al Rossin	7-8 Peter Kirton (C)
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Isabella's birthday treat

05/11/2017 1260 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Timothy Bailey	3-4 Al Rossin	5-6 Peter Kirton (C)
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1st Minor: 1-2, 3-4

12/11/2017 **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Timothy Bailey	3-4 Al Rossin	5-6 Peter Kirtan (C)
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Tim's birthday treat

St Andrews – 8 Reid Gardens:

10/03/2017 **1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Timothy Bailey	3-4 Isabella Scott	5-6 Peter Kirtan (C)	7-8 Al Rossin
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First quarter: 1-2. First in hand and first on 8: 7-8. First on a fully working pair: 3-4 First on 8 in hand as conductor away from the tenors: 5-6. Most convoluted footnote for all

02/05/2017 **1296 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Isabella Scott	3-4 Timothy Bailey	5-6 Al Rossin	7-8 Peter Kirtan (C)
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First away from the trebles: 3-4. First away from the tenors: 5-6. Because even none-of-the-music compositions are better than revision

23/11/2017 **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Philip Baiocchi	3-4 Al Rossin	5-6 Peter Kirtan (C)
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For Thanksgiving

02/12/2017 **1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Peter J Williamson	3-4 Al Rossin	5-6 Peter Kirtan (C)	7-8 Philip Baiocchi
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Al's birthday treat

15/12/2017 **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Helen Smith	3-4 Al Rossin	5-6 Peter Kirtan (C)
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1st in hand: 1-2

Tulloch - Ringing Centre Classroom

27/09/2017 **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Sue Turner	3-4 John Cater (C)	5-6 Nicholas W Jones
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1st in hand 1-2

Tulloch – Tulloch Lodge 2 :

02/01/2017 **1280 Cambridge Surprise Major**

1-2 Peter J R Bevis	3-4 Jonathan S Frye	5-6 Simon J Gay	7-8 Tina R Stoecklin (C)
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A birthday compliment to Helen McGregor.

27/09/2017 **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Peter J R Bevis (C)	3-4 Helen M McGregor	5-6 Christine B J de Cordova
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First Quarter in hand, 5-6

27/09/2017 **1344 Plain Bob Major in 47 mins**

1-2 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	3-4 John Cater	5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)	7-8 Stephen A Rossiter
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30/09/2017 **1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Peter J R Bevis (C)	3-4 Helen M McGregor	5-6 Ian B Turner
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First Q in hand, 5-6

Total number of Tower Quarters per location since 2006

Year: 20xx	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Aberdeen, St Machar	0	3	2	7	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	0
Aberdeen, St Mary	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alloa	1	1	3	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	1
Dumfries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	0
Dunblane	4	6	5	8	5	3	3	10	4	5	6	7
Dundee, Old Steeple	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Dundee, St Pauls	0	3	0	2	0	4	6	1	0	1	6	5
Dunkeld	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2
Edinburgh, Fettes	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Edinburgh, St Andrew & St George	-	13	33	17	18	19	6	3	5	2	5	3
Edinburgh, St Cuthbert	11	14	19	6	19	12	19	12	7	3	1	4
Edinburgh, St Mary	6	12	12	6	11	6	2	4	7	7	2	1
Glasgow	12	20	16	11	10	12	11	9	12	7	13	9
Haddington	8	5	2	2	0	2	1	2	5	3	2	4
Inveraray	1	3	6	4	1	3	4	2	2	4	2	2
Inverness	1	4	3	4	6	2	6	5	17	14	14	15
Mini Ring	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nairn	0	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	2
Paisley	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Andrews	-	-	-	-	0	4	7	12	6	8	6	3
Stirling	7	4	6	4	4	10	7	3	4	3	3	2
Tulloch Last Tower	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	2
Tulloch Ringing Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	33	30	8	16
Outside Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total Tower Quarters	61	100	114	79	77	83	75	102	106	100	76	80

Total number of Handbell Quarters per location since 2006

Year: 20xx	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Alcaig – Fernlea											10	4
Cumbernauld - 20 Kingshill Avenue												6
Dundee – 17 Lintrathen Gardens											1	0
Edderton – Sloibcoyle											2	4
Edinburgh - 27 House O'Hill Crescent												2
Glasgow – 1 Albany Quadrant											20	6
Inveraray - The George Hotel (The Barn)												1
St Andrews Uni Chapel (Ringing Chamber)												3
St Andrews – 8 Reaid Gardens											1	5
Tulloch Cntr- Classroom												1
Tulloch – Tulloch Lodge											4	4
Handbell Quarters	17	12	3	11	34	37	29	46	33	46	38	36



LEADING RINGERS AND CONDUCTORS OF QUARTER PEALS 2017

Ringers	Tower	Handbell	Total
Edward R Venn	20	8	28
Jonathan S Frye	14	13	27
Simon J Gay	11	11	22
Tina R Stoecklin	11	11	22
Peter G Kirton	13	8	21
Hugh G Collins	13	8	21
Ewan Roderick	13	6	19
Angela H Deakin	6	12	18
Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	17	1	18
Nicholas C Sturgess	16	-	16
Michael Neale	15	-	15
Ruth M Marshall	13	-	13
Terry G Williams	12	-	12
Margaret Williams	12	-	12
Michael J Clay	12	-	12
Peter Williamson	11	1	12
Colin P North	11	-	11
Susan E Bryce	10	-	10
Ian P Bell	7	2	9
Christopher W Thomas	8	-	8
Sally Thomas	8	-	8
Simon H Aves	8	-	8
Edmund G N Smith	7	-	7
Christopher J Frye	7	-	7
Barbara Bell	5	2	7
Jennifer Tomkinson	6	-	6
Peter Valuks	5	-	5
Judith Frye	5	-	5
Iain L Milne	4	-	4
Robin R Churchill	4	-	4

Conductors	Tower	Handbell	Total
Edward R Venn	20	8	28
Peter G Kirton	4	8	12
Simon J Gay	7	4	11
Michael J Clay	8	-	8
Peter Bevis	5	2	7
Jonathan S Frye	3	3	6
Tina R Stoecklin	2	4	6
Christopher J Frye	4	-	4
Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	4	-	4
Ian P Bell	1	2	3
Peter Valuks	3	-	3
Robert D McGowan	3	-	3

Top Peal Locations

Location	Tower	Handbell	Total
Alloa, St John Evangelists	6	-	6
Glasgow, 1 Albany Qdnt	-	5	5
EH, St Cuthbert	5	-	5
EH, Fettes College Ch	5	-	5
St Andrews, 8 Reid Gdn	-	4	4
Stirling, Holy Rude	4	-	4
EH, St A & St G West	3	-	3
Tulloch, Ringing Centre	3	-	3
Glasgow, St Mary's	2	-	2
Haddington, St Mary's	2	-	2
Dundee, St Paul	2	-	2
Leith, St James Less	-	1	1
Upper Largo, Arches	-	1	1
Dunkeld, St Columba	1	-	1
St Andrews, St Savior	1	-	1
Tulloch, Last Tower	1	-	1
Dundee, Old Steple	1	-	1

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION PEALS RUNG IN 2017

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GLASGOW, Strathclyde, 1 Albany Quadrant

Tuesday 3 January, 2017, 2h59 (15C)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: CUG Collective

1-2	Angela H Deakin
3-4	Tina R Stoecklin
5-6	Jonathan S Frye
7-8	Julia R Cater
9-10	Simon J Gay (C)

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EDINBURGH, Lothian, Fettes College Chapel

Wednesday 4 January, 2017, 2h25 (2-1-14cwt)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Comp: Roger D Bailey (No 1)

1. Christopher W Thomas	4. Christopher J Frye
2. Michael J Clay (C)	5. Simon A Percy
3. Sally L Thomas	6. Simon H Aves

100th peal - 3; circled tower - 6

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ST ANDREWS, Fife, College Chapel of St Salvador

Tuesday 17 January, 2017, 2h40 (7-3-20cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor

(2 methods: 1 - 3 Norwich, 4 - 7 Cambridge)

1. Simon H Aves	4. Robin R Churchill
2. Peter J Williamson	5. Laurence P J Bourton
3. Joseph Wilson	6. Peter G Kirton (C)

First Surprise inside: 3

939

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Andrew & St George West

Wednesday 25 January, 2017, 3h03 (14-2-23cwt)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(8 methods: 640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire,

608 Cambridge, London, Lincolnshire. 120 com, all the work)

Comp: N J Diserens

1. Peter J Williamson	5. Simon H Aves
2. Peter G Kirton	6. Edmund G N Smith
3. Robin R Churchill	7. Christopher W Thomas
4. Richard J W Tibbetts	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Rung in celebration of the life of Cathy Carson.

940

DUNDEE, Tayside, Cathedral Church of St Paul

Thursday 9 February, 2017, 3h16 (21-0-0cwt)

5120 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: A J Cox

1. Margaret C Gamble	5. Peter G Kirton
2. Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	6. Peter J Williamson
3. Laurence P J Bourton	7. Michael J Clay
4. Robin R Churchill (C)	8. Peter Valuks

First in method: 3

70th birthday compliment to the conductor

941

EDINBURGH, Lothian, Fettes College Chapel

Thursday 16 February, 2017, 2h35 (2-1-13cwt)

5040 York Surprise Minor

Comp: Roger Bailey

1. Robin R Churchill (C)	4. Margaret C Gamble
2. Sally L Thomas	5. Simon H Aves
3. Peter J Williamson	6. Christopher W Thomas

942

GLASGOW, Strathclyde, 1 Albany Quadrant

Wednesday 22 February, 2017, 2h44 (15)

5184 Pudsey Surprise Major

Comp: Edwin A Barnett

1-2	Ian P Bell
3-4	Simon J Gay (C)
5-6	Tina R Stoecklin
7-8	Michael J Clay

Completes the standard 8 as conductor on handbells.

943

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire, St John the Evangelist

Thursday 23 February, 2017, 2h57 (13-0-20cwt)

5056 Cassiobury Surprise Major

Comp: A G Reading (No 1a)

1. Richard A G Inglis	5. Simon H Aves
2. Sally L Thomas	6. Peter J Williamson
3. Robin R Churchill	7. Edmund G N Smith
4. Susan E Bryce	8. Michael J Clay (C)

100th peal together 3 and 5.

150th tower bell peal in Scotland: 3.

944

DUNDEE, Tayside, Old Steeple

Wednesday 8 March, 2017, 3h14 (19-2-10cwt)

5088 Pudsey Surprise Major

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No 6108)

1. Peter J Williamson	5. Stephen A Elwell-Sutton
2. Peter G Kirton	6. Laurence P J Bourton
3. Margaret C Gamble	7. Stephen J F Mitchell
4. Colin P North	8. Peter Valuks (C)

First in method 2, 4, 6

Rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the McManus Gallery Dundee

945

GLASGOW, Strathclyde, Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin
Saturday 1 April, 2017, 3h49 (32-1-6cwt)
5120 Spliced Surprise Major
(640 Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Glasgow,
Lessness, London, Superlative; 159 c.o.m.)
Comp: Simon J Gay

1. Jennifer Tomkinson	5. Ruth M Marshall
2. Angela H Deakin	6. Tina R Stoecklin
3. Clyde W Wallbanks	7. Jonathan S Frye
4. Marcus A Wheel	8. Simon J Gay (C)

Rung to congratulate Thomas and Inga McDonagh on the birth of their son, Thorfinn David, on 31st March.

946

STIRLING, Stirlingshire, Holy Rude
Wednesday 5 April, 2017, 2h38 (6-3-25cwt)
5040 Spliced Surprise Minor
(8m: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, Primrose,
Berwick, Hexham)

1. Godfrey S Hall	4. Peter J Williamson
2. Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	5. Laurence P J Bourton
3. Margaret C Gamble	6. Robin R Churchill (C)

947

ST ANDREWS, Fife, 8 Reid Gardens
Friday 7 April, 2017, 1h56 (11G)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 extents)

1-2 Peter J Williamson
3-4 Robin R Churchill
5-6 Peter G Kirtan (C)

First in hand as conductor.

Get well soon wishes to Duncan Malloch.

948

EDINBURGH, Lothian, Fettes College Chapel
Tuesday 11 April, 2017, 2h31 (2-1-13cwt)
5040 Fettes Treble Place Minor
Comp: Roger Bailey (No 1)

1. Steven Worbey	4. Susan E Bryce
2. Simon A Percy	5. Michael J Clay (C)
3. Simon H Aves	6. Edmund G N Smith

949

TULLOCH, Highland, Tulloch Ringing Centre
Sunday 23 April, 2017, 3h18 (7-2-4cwt)
5184 Rigel Surprise Maximus
Comp: M J L Durham

1. Matthew J L Durham (C)	7. Simon J Reading
2. Kristopher King	8. Duncan G Walker
3. Jennifer A Town	9. Michael J Clay
4. Susan E Bryce	10. Peter Valuks
5. Simon J Gay	11. Jonathan S Frye
6. G Jessica Durham	12. Matthew D Hetherington

First in method: 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 and for the Association.

950

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Cuthbert
Sunday 23 April, 2017, 2h40 (7-1-0cwt)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
(7 extents)

1. Alex G Hunsley	4. Sally L Thomas
2. Ian P Bell	5. Phyllida J Alexander
3. Simon H Aves	6. Edmund G N Smith (C)

First peal: 5

Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the centenary of the death of Private William Muir MM, Royal Scots 9th Battalion on 23rd April 1917 aged 20. William was a ringer at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh and is commemorated at Brown's Copse Cemetery, Roieux, France

951

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire, St John the Evangelist
Thursday 27 April, 2017, 3h00 (13-0-20cwt)
5120 Spliced Surprise Major
(10 methods: 640 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 480 Ashted, Bristol,
London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire.
159com)
Comp: Richard I Allton

1. Simon H Aves	5. Peter G Kirtan
2. Christopher W Thomas	6. Edmund G N Smith
3. Susan E Bryce	7. Peter J Williamson
4. Robin R Churchill	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Most methods rung to a peal: 5, 6

952

GLASGOW, Strathclyde, 1 Albany Quadrant
Saturday 13 May, 2017, 2h43 (15C)
5024 Spliced Surprise Major
(1344 Glasgow; 1248 London; 1216 Bristol, Belfast; 113 c.o.m.;
a.t.w.)
Comp: Roderick R Horton

1-2 Angela H Deakin
3-4 Tina R Stoecklin
5-6 Jonathan S Frye
7-8 Simon J Gay (C)

953

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire, St John the Evangelist
Wednesday 24 May, 2017, 3h01 (13-0-20cwt)
5152 Spliced Surprise Major
(13 methods: 448 each Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury,
Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge,
Yorkshire, 224 each Ashted, Cornwall, Superlative, 139 com, atw)
Comp: Norman Smith

1. Sally L Thomas	5. Peter G Kirtan
2. Susan E Bryce	6. Christopher W Thomas
3. Robin R Churchill	7. Edmund G N Smith
4. Peter J Williamson	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Most methods rung to a peal: 5, 7
350th peal as Conductor

954

STIRLING, Stirlingshire, Holy Rude

Friday 26 May, 2017, 2h38 (6-3-25cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor

(13m: 1. Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. 2. London , Wells. 3. Norwich. 4. Durham. 5. York 6. Surfleet, 7. Beverley)

1. Patricia M Garrett	4. Thomas R Garrett
2. Richard J W Tibbetts	5. Peter J Williamson
3. Robin R Churchill	6. Robert D S Brown (C)

Remembering those who lost their lives and those injured in the Manchester bombing.

955

TULLOCH, Highland, Tulloch Ringing Centre

Sunday 11 June, 2017, 3h13 (7-2-4cwt)

5042 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus

Comp: Richard I Allton

1. Tina R Stoecklin	7. Edmund G N Smith
2. Susan E Bryce	8. Simon J Gay
3. Michael J Clay (C)	9. Christopher W Thomas
4. Peter J Williamson	10. Simon H Aves
5. Peter G Kirtton	11. Colin P North
6. Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	12. Simon A Percy

350th peal: 2: 150th for the association: 10; first in method: 2,5,6,7,9, 10,11,12

In memory of Alex Scott, recently deceased, who had been an active and influential member of the Scottish Association since 1945.

956

HADDINGTON, Lothian, St Mary

Saturday 17 June, 2017, 2h58 (11-1-20cwt)

5048 Spliced Triples and Major

(1m/lp: 4544 Bristol Surprise Major, 504 Stedman Triples, 13 com)

Comp: David G Hull

1. Michael J Clay (C)	5. Peter G Kirtton
2. Susan E Bryce	6. Christopher W Thomas
3. Simon H Aves	7. Edmund G N Smith
4. Richard J W Tibbetts	8. Simon A Percy

First Triples and Major for all the band and the Association.

957

LEITH, Lothian, St James the Less

Monday 19 June, 2017, 2h44 (15C)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Bernard H Taylor

1-2 Robin R Churchill
3-4 Tina R Stoecklin
5-6 Simon J Gay (C)
7-8 Michael J Clay

Rung in memory of Private Frederick Lawrence, 2nd Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), killed in action on 19th June 1917 near Ypres and buried at Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Belgium. He was a ringer at St James, Leith. Their name liveth for evermore. Although the tower bells were removed in 1978 when the building was deconsecrated, this handbell peal was rung in the adjacent building where St James continues to worship.

958

ST ANDREWS, Fife, 8 Reid Gardens

Friday 23 June, 2017, 2h33 (12F)

5056 Plain Bob Major

Comp: C Kenneth Lewis

1-2 Isabella Scott
3-4 Peter G Kirtton
5-6 Robin R Churchill (C)
7-8 Peter J Williamson

First peal at first attempt: 1-2

The 100th handbell peal for the Association

Congratulations to Isabella, graduating from the University of St Andrews today

959

ST ANDREWS, Fife, 8 Reid Gardens

Thursday 29 June, 2017, 2h24 (12F)

5024 Kent Treble Bob Major

Comp: Graham A C John

1-2 Jennifer A Holden
3-4 Peter G Kirtton
5-6 Robin R Churchill (C)
7-8 Peter J Williamson

960

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Andrew & St George West

Thursday 6 July, 2017, 3h04 (14-2-23cwt)

5184 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Simon A Percy (no. 3)

1. Colin P North	5. Michael J Clay
2. Jennifer A Holden	6. Edmund G N Smith
3. Jack Hanlon	7. Peter G C Ellis
4. Simon H Aves	8. Simon A Percy (C)

150th Peal - 8

Rung in celebration of the life of Jean Beaumont, Nana of the conductor. Also celebrating the presentation of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Holyrood palace on Wednesday.

961

DUNDEE, Tayside, St Pauls Cathedral

Wednesday 12 July, 2017, 3h01 (21-0-00cwt)

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Middleton

1. Roy LeMarechal (C)	5. Robin R Churchill
2. Margaret C Gamble	6. Simon A Percy
3. Susan E Bryce	7. Christopher M Bennett
4. Peter J Williamson	8. Michael J Clay

962

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Cuthbert
Thursday 20 July, 2017, 3h12 (21-0-0cwt)
5184 Littleport Little Surprise Royal
Comp: Ian R Fielding

1. Sally L Thomas	6. Peter J Williamson
2. Susan E Bryce	7. Christopher W Thomas
3. Robin R Churchill	8. Colin P North
4. Simon H Aves	9. Edmund G N Smith
5. Peter G Kirtton	10. Michael J Clay (C)

A welcome to Francesca Mary Elise Aves, born 14th July 2017.
First Little Surprise Royal for all except 10, and for the
Association. 50th together 4 & 9

963

TULLOCH, Highland, The Last Tower
Friday 21 July, 2017, 2h32 (1-1-15cwt)
5024 Lessness Surprise Major
Comp: D F Morrison (No. 3542)

1. Margaret C Gamble	5. Robin R Churchill
2. Michael J Clay	6. Peter J Williamson
3. Richard J W Tibbetts	7. Christopher M Bennett
4. Ruth M Marshall	8. Roy LeMarechal (C)

964

DUNKELD, Perth and Kinross, Ruined Cathedral of St Columba
Friday 21 July, 2017, 2h32 (6-3-2cwt)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7 methods: Westminster, London, Primrose, Norwich, Bourne,
Beverley and Cambridge)

1. Roy LeMarechal	4. Michael J Clay
2. Peter J Williamson	5. Robin R Churchill (C)
3. Margaret C Gamble	6. Christopher M Bennett

950th peal: 2

965

UPPER LARGO, Fife, The Arches
Monday 24 July, 2017, 1h58 (15C)
5040 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Peter J Williamson
3-4 Peter G Kirtton (C)
5-6 Isabella Scott

First of Minor: 5-6

75th for the Association: 3-4

Best wishes to Isabella on moving to Chicago

966

GLASGOW, Strathclyde, 1 Albany Quadrant
Monday 24 July, 2017, 2h59 (15C)
5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
Comp: CUG Collective

1-2 Angela H Deakin
3-4 Jonathan S Frye
5-6 Tina R Stoecklin
7-8 Simon J Gay (C)
9-10 Julia R Cater

First of Yorkshire Royal in hand: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and as conductor.
Congratulations to Angela on no longer being a lady of leisure.

967

EDINBURGH, Lothian, Fettes College Chapel
Saturday 19 August, 2017, 2h32 (2-1-14cwt)
5040 Doubles and Minor
(6 extents of Stedman, 1 extent each of London S, Norwich S,
Cambridge S, Kent TB, St Clements and Plain Bob)

1. Sandra Clay	4. Simon H Aves
2. Susan E Bryce	5. Colin P North
3. Edmund G N Smith	6. Michael J Clay (C)

968

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire, St John the Evangelist
Thursday 24 August, 2017, 2h57 (13-0-20cwt)
5088 Double Dublin Surprise Major
Comp: Alan G Reading

1. Richard J W Tibbetts	5. Robin R Churchill
2. Sally L Thomas	6. Christopher W Thomas
3. Susan E Bryce	7. Peter J Williamson
4. Simon H Aves	8. Michael J Clay (C)

300th peal for SACR: 3 & 8

Remembering Jack Anderson, ringer at Newcastle Cathedral.

969

EDINBURGH, Lothian, Fettes College Chapel
Saturday 26 August, 2017, 2h12 (2-1-14cwt)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
(3 x 1440, 1 x 720)

1. Margaret C Gamble	4. Peter J Williamson
2. Barbara J Bell	5. Ian P Bell
3. Mary E Gow	6. Stephen J F Mitchell (C)

970

GLASGOW, Strathclyde, 1 Albany Quadrant
Monday 4 September, 2017, 2h52 (12F)
5040 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal
Comp: CUG Collective

1-2 Angela H Deakin
3-4 Jonathan S Frye
5-6 Tina R Stoecklin
7-8 Simon J Gay (C)
9-10 Julia R Cater

971

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Cuthbert
Sunday 10 September, 2017, 3h09 (21-0-0cwt)
5088 Bristol Surprise Major
Comp: S J Ivins

1. Mary K Clark-Maxwell	5. Edmund G N Smith
2. Sally L Thomas	6. Ruth M Marshall
3. Peter G Kirtton	7. Colin P North
4. Robin R Churchill	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Rung as a compliment to Mhari Hargreaves on her significant
birthday.

972

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire, St John the Evangelist
Thursday 21 September, 2017, 2h59 (13-0-20cwt)
5152 Spliced Surprise Major
(16 methods: 448 each Asthead, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 224 each Bristol, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative)
Comp: Norman Smith

1. Robin R Churchill	5. Peter G Kirton
2. Margaret C Gamble	6. Peter J Williamson
3. Susan E Bryce	7. Edmund G N Smith
4. Richard J W Tibbetts	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Most methods rung to a peal: 5, 7

973

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Cuthbert
Thursday 26 October, 2017, 3h16 (21-0-0cwt)
5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
Comp: D G Hull

1. Peter J Williamson	6. Peter G Kirton
2. Susan E Bryce	7. Christopher W Thomas
3. Sally L Thomas	8. Colin P North
4. Richard J W Tibbetts	9. Michael J Clay (C)
5. Robin R Churchill	10. Edmund G N Smith

974

ST ANDREWS, Fife, 8 Reid Gardens
Thursday 2 November, 2017, 2h31 (12F)
5088 Spliced Treble Bob Major
(2 methods: 4,224 Kent and 864 Oxford (Ilkeston variation))
Comp: Donald F Morrison (no. 347)

1-2 Jennifer A Holden
3-4 Peter G Kirton
5-6 Robin R Churchill (C)
7-8 Peter J Williamson

1st spliced in hand: 1-2

50th in hand: 7-8

975

GLASGOW, Strathclyde, Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin
Saturday 4 November, 2017, 3h36 (32-1-6cwt)
5040 Bristol Surprise Royal
Comp: Composed by Donald F. Morrison (no. 3013)

1. Michael J Clay	6. Colin P North
2. Christopher J Frye	7. Simon J Gay (C)
3. Peter G Kirton	8. Ruth M Marshall
4. Ian P Bell	9. Tina R Stoecklin
5. Edmund G N Smith	10. Jonathan S Frye

Circled the west coast of Scotland: 1

976

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire, St John the Evangelist
Thursday 9 November, 2017, 2h58 (13-0-20cwt)
5024 Whalley Surprise Major
Comp: Anthony J Cox

1. Richard J W Tibbetts	5. Peter J Williamson
2. Susan E Bryce	6. Christopher W Thomas
3. Robin R Churchill	7. Edmund G N Smith
4. Peter G Kirton	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Rung in celebration of the life of Rev Eleanor Forgan, Minister of this Church from 1995 to 2014, who pealed these bells on 27th Dec 2001 to mark the completion of major restoration works to the fabric of this church.

977

STIRLING, Stirlingshire, Holy Rude
Monday 13 November, 2017, 2h43 (6-3-25cwt)
5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor
(8m: London S, Wells S, Cambridge S, Beverley S, Surfleet S, Norwich S, Kent TB, Oxford TB)
Comp: P G C Ellis

1. Sandra Clay	4. Edmund G N Smith
2. Robin R Churchill	5. Christopher W Thomas
3. Susan E Bryce	6. Michael J Clay (C)

Rung as a birthday compliment to Beverley Clay.

978

TULLOCH, Highland, Tulloch Ringing Centre
Sunday 19 November, 2017, 3h13 (7-2-4cwt)
5088 Phobos Surprise Maximus
Comp: John S Warboys

1. Colin P North	7. Daniel J Page
2. Richard J W Tibbetts	8. Robin R Churchill
3. Christopher J Frye	9. Simon J Gay
4. Peter G Kirton	10. Susan E Bryce
5. Peter J Williamson	11. Tina R Stoecklin
6. Ruth M Marshall	12. Michael J Clay (C)

First in method for the Association and for 3,4,5,6,7,10,11.

Rung to congratulate Guy Williams and Sharon Hastie on their engagement: brother of 6.

979

HADDINGTON, Lothian, St Mary
Thursday 30 November, 2017, 3h03 (11-1-20cwt)
5088 Grampian Surprise Major
Comp: Donald F Morrison (no. 3785)

1. Beverley J Furniss	5. Peter L Furniss
2. Christopher W Thomas	6. Christopher J Frye
3. Robin R Churchill	7. Michael J Clay (C)
4. Richard J W Tibbetts	8. Edmund G N Smith

Rung on St Andrew's day. During 2017 the ringer of the 5th has rung peals at Welshpool on St David's day; Taney, Dublin on St Patrick's day; Nantwich on St George's day and Haddington on St Andrew's day.

980

STIRLING, Stirlingshire, Holy Rude

Wednesday 6 December, 2017, 2h45 (6-3-25cwt)

5040 Delight Minor

(7 methods: Southwark, Bedford, Burnaby, Burslem, Elston,

Edinburgh and Oswald)

1. Christopher W Thomas	4. Richard J W Tibbetts
2. Margaret C Gamble	5. Robin R Churchill (C)
3. Edmund G N Smith	6. Michael J Clay

50th peal together: 3 & 5

981

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Andrew & St George West

Friday 29 December, 2017, 3h10 (14-2-23cwt)

5152 Double Norwich Court Bob Major

Comp: Stanley Jenner

1. Rachel J Mitchell	5. Colin P North
2. Richard A G Inglis	6. Edmund G N Smith
3. Richard J W Tibbetts	7. Christopher W Thomas
4. Simon H Aves	8. Michael J Clay (C)

Rung in celebration of the 70th birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

982

EDINBURGH, Lothian, St Cuthbert

Saturday 30 December, 2017, 3h08 (21-0-0cwt)

5040 Hampstead Surprise Royal

Comp: Donald Morrison (No 1832)

1. Richard A G Inglis	6. Jason R Hargreaves
2. Edmund G N Smith	7. Rachel J Mitchell
3. Sally L Thomas	8. Ruth Marshall
4. Robin R Churchill	9. Christopher W Thomas
5. Simon H Aves	10. Michael J Clay (C)

Rung in celebration of the lives of Bryan Aves (14/6/25-7/11/17)

and Stanley Oglesby (25/8/30-19/11/17) father-in-law of 5.

Circled tower - 2, 100th peal - 9

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Top Peal Ringers - 2017

Number	Ringers (Tower & Handbells)
30	Michael J Clay
28	Robin R Churchill
26	Peter J Williamson
21	Edmund G N Smith
20	Peter G Kirton
16	Susan E Bryce
16	Christopher W Thomas
16	Simon H Aves
12	Richard J W Tibbetts
11	Simon J Gay
10	Colin P North
10	Margaret C Gamble
10	Tina R Stoecklin
10	Sally L Thomas
7	Jonathan S Frye
6	Simon A Percy
6	Ruth M Marshall
5	Angela H Deakin
4	Christopher J Frye
4	Ian P Bell
4	Laurence P J Bourton
4	Stephen A Elwell-Sutton
3	Christopher M Bennett
3	Jennifer A Holden
3	Julia R Carter
3	Peter Valuks
3	Roy LeMarechal
3	Richard A G Inglis
2	Isabella Scott
2	Sandra Clay
2	Stephen J F Mitchell

Top Peal Conductors - 2017

Number	Conductors (Tower & Handbells)
20	Michael J Clay
8	Robin R Churchill
8	Simon J Gay
3	Peter G Kirton
2	Roy LeMarechal
1	Edmund G N Smith
1	Matthew J L Durham
1	Peter Valuks
1	Robert D S Brown
1	Simon A Percy
1	Stephen J F Mitchell

OTHER MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY 2017

UNATTACHED MEMBERS:		2017 Peals	Total Peals
1945	Iain Peacock (Life)	-	1
1984	Clare Y Caley	-	251
1994	Jason Hargreaves	1	112
1994	Kitty McIntosh	-	-
2011	Richard J W Tibbetts	12	37
2013	Monica Menes	-	-
???	Cian McHugh	-	-
1992	Eleanor Blake	-	-
ELECTED TO NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERSHIP			
2017	Christopher Bennett	-	-
2017	Robert D S Brown	1	1
2017	Peter G C Ellis	1	1
2017	Patricia M Garrett	1	1
2017	Thomas R Garrett	1	1
2017	Jack Hanlon	1	1

MEMBERS ELECTED IN 2017	
2017	Sonya Lehrknecht (Aberdeen)
2017	Sylvia Greig (Aberdeen)
2017	Ross Greig (Aberdeen)
2017	Patrick Deakin (Aberdeen)
2017	Caroline Wilhelmson (Aberdeen)
2017	Molly Williams (Aberdeen)
2017	Lucy Smith (Dundee)
2017	Naomi Valuks (Dundee)
2017	Gillian Bennett (Dundee)
2017	Carly Cooper (Dundee)
2017	Godfrey Hall (Dunkeld)
2017	Lesley Hall (Dunkeld)
2017	Rachel Frost (EH St Cuthbert)
2017	Jem Birrell (EH St Marys)
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