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Dear Members

Upcoming events

Sat 8 Oct :: Scottish Handbell Day :: This will be at 1 Albany Quadrant, Glasgow. The format will be a mixture of practice sessions and quarter peals, as we have done in the past. Please email Simon.Gay@glasgow.ac.uk for further details.

Please feel free to pass the invitation on to anyone who you think might be interested, especially if you are doing any regular handbell ringing with people who have started recently. The only condition is that we are not planning to cater for complete beginners, so anyone who comes needs to be able to ring Plain Bob Minor already.

Simon Gay

Sat 22 Oct :: October meeting :: Our Autumn meeting is fast approaching and we have an exciting day on offer. Please see below for details and please send names to dunblane@sacr.org for the social event and meal so that they know how many people to cater for. Papers for the meeting will be circulated next week. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Bryce

Place	Time	Activity	Information
St John's, Alloa	10:00 to 11:00	Tone your Technique	A session for anyone, at any stage in their ringing career, who would like to try to improve their ringing technique with one-to-one tuition from an experienced teacher. Spaces are limited and must be pre-booked; please e-mail Judith Frye (training@sacr.org) to reserve your place.
	11:00 to 12:00	General ringing	
	12:00 to 13:00	Lunch	Bring a packed lunch Tea and coffee available in the church
Holy Rude, Stirling	13:30 to 15:00	General ringing	Parking details to be advised
Dunblane Cathedral	15:30 to 17:00	General ringing	
	17:00 to 17:30	Meeting	
	18:00 onwards	Meal and social	Meal - names to dunblane@sacr.org by 15th October Social evening with a bell-related game and a chance to catch up with friends Soft drinks available BYOB



Dunblane Cathedral



Holy Rude, Stirling



St John's, Alloa

Fri 28 Oct :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm-9pm. As usual, please let Ruth (master@sacr.org) know if you plan to attend.

Fri 25 Nov :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm-9pm. Ditto.

Sat 28 Jan 2023 :: The January meeting will be in Inverness, with an opportunity to also ring at the Balnaferry campanile.

News

Inverness :: Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) Course: Teaching Bell Handling :: 17 Sept

On a mild Inverness morning, four new ART recruits gathered in the Kenneth Street hall – Anthony, Rachel, Colin and myself. Our mission? Learn how to teach bell handling effectively. In this we were aided by our very able tutor and ART expert Judith Frye, with SACR Ringing Master Ruth Marshall assisting.

The day started with introductions and we nervously admitted our skill level. Whereas Anthony and Colin had taught before, it was completely new to Rachel and me. But we dove straight in with an informative theory session. Then it was up the tower and the real challenge began. Although we are all experienced ringers and know very well how to handle a bell ourselves, how do you teach someone else? Luckily the ART exercises guided us gently through. We paired up and took turns at being teacher and learner.

Next it was back down for coffee and more theory. Like yoyos however we were soon in the tower again! We tried to put in practice the four pillars we had been taught – verbal instruction, demonstration, verbal/physical cues and physical interaction. As each learner will learn differently, we will need to be flexible as teachers and adapt to them. After lunch, the pattern was repeated as we worked on getting learners to put both strokes together.

Our final practical session involved being shown some obvious handling errors and having to call out how we would suggest correcting them. Some were very obvious, others trickier to spot. But the key, as Judith said was to observe, observe and observe again! At the end of an intense day we were all exhausted but confident we could move forward with the next step – finding an actual learner to teach. Many thanks to Judith and Ruth, and to my fellow students for such an informative and enjoyable experience.

Annie Brechin, Edinburgh



Dumfries Doors Open Day :: 3 Sept

At Dumfries we had a successful Doors Open Day event with just over 30 visitors in the three hours that we were open – two of whom expressed an interest in learning to ring. We had good publicity in the local paper and after inviting the local commercial radio station WestSound to attend a practice night on 25th August. It produced a very good social media item to promote our Doors Open Day event https://fb.watch/fic_BaYkwO

We rang fully muffled (with half-muffled tenor) on Friday 9th September to mark the death of HM the Queen and expect to do likewise on the day of the funeral – from 10.00 to 11.00am

Tony McIlwrick





Bell ringing in memory of

HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II

There was a wide variety of ringing across Scotland, and as far away as the Caribbean, by SACR to mark the death and state funeral of **Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**, and the proclamation of **His Majesty King Charles III**. A full list is available here: https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/search.php?from=08%2F09%2F2022&to=19%2F09%2F2022&association_id=35

If you rang and would like a special Ringing World certificate to mark the occasion, you can go to the bellboard record and then click on the black pdf icon.

Here's a selection of reports:

St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh :: Tolling on the evening of Queen Elizabeth II's death.



St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh :: Tolling half-muffled and canon fire at the castle :: [Click here for video](#) on the SACR facebook page. Daily Mail article [link here](#): The general public will of course be delighted to have it confirmed that bellringers are regularly hoick off the floor by the bell! Great photo from St Cuthbert's!

Scottish Association**Edinburgh**, Edinburgh

St Andrew and St George West

Saturday, 10 September 2022 14:15 (14-2-23 in E)

5150 Bristol Surprise Major

Richard I Allton

- 1 Simon H Aves
- 2 Susan E Bryce
- 3 Christopher J Frye
- 4 Judith L Frye
- 5 Estella J Haynes
- 6 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 7 Peter J Williamson
- 8 Michael J Clay (C)

Rung open following the Principal Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III, and in anticipation of such proclamation in Scotland.

This is the 1,500th tower-bell peal to be rung in Scotland. 200th together 7 and 8

This performance is linked to the event [Ringing for the Proclamation of King Charles III](#).

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In band order 1 - 4 front row, 8 - 5 back row

Haddington :: After a bit of non-muffled ringing on Saturday for the proclamation, ringing at @Stmaryskirk is back to half-muffled until after the Queen's funeral. This is **Grandsire Triples**, half-muffled, from the ringing before the 11am service. Twitter [link here](#).

Glasgow :: 1260 Plain Bob Triples fully muffled at Glasgow to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1545861>

Aberdeen :: We were able to ring all eight bells for an hour from 12 noon on Friday 9th September half-muffled to mark the Queen's passing and had many appreciative comments from those who heard the ringing.

On Saturday 10th it was Doors Open Day in Aberdeen and St Machar's was open. We kept the bells half-muffled for our belfry tours where we gave some history of the bells, explained why they were rung and how they were rung and the significance of the muffling. We demonstrated raising a bell, rounds, call changes and plain hunt, and we then let interested visitors chime a bell or ring a back-stroke. We had 86 visitors to the tower in total over 9 tours and they all seemed to enjoy the experience!

Once we had finished the tours we managed 30 minutes ringing without muffles to commemorate the accession of HM King Charles III.

On 19 September, half muffled rounds and call changes were rung during the hour before the State funeral of HM The Queen. Eleven local ringers took turns to ring whilst the TV coverage of the preparations for the funeral was showing on a big screen in the Cathedral. The ringers were pleased to be able to mark this special and somber occasion in the life of the Royal Family and country.

Isabel Crane and Ian Talboys



Dundee :: Dundee mourns the Queen and celebrates the King
Thursday 8th September 2022

It was a moment in time like no other: The death of a monarch, our monarch of over seventy years. The added significance of her death in Scotland added to the importance of Scottish bells ringing. After hearing the sad announcement the band were quick to respond and after a phone call with Cathedral Provost the Ringing at noon was confirmed.

Friday 9th September 2022

At 12noon a band of eleven ringers met, almost our complete number, and the bells were rung fully muffled with tenor open on hand stroke. Our tenor doesn't like being silenced though so soon slipped his muffle!! We had general ringing to include all the band in the historic event.

Sunday 11th September 2022

We had planned to ring for the proclamation at 13:00 but because it was announced that the cortège would be reaching Dundee at 14:00 so we made sure we were down by 13:45. For this special event, we had cleared the way with the Council to ring at the Old Steeple, so proclamation open ringing rang out from the city bells. Although there is still no word of when we will get back for ordinary ringing post covid, this is a start.

A personal quick dash home ... and I even managed to see the cortège leave Dundee, passing very close to my house!! It is there, honest!

Monday 19th September 2022

Back to the muffled bells at St Paul's for the funeral ringing. Again a band for general ringing to allow everyone who wished to take part the chance to do so. Rounds and call changes on eight to begin with, and then a course of Bob Doubles to finish.

Thanks to all the band for their support and for coming to ring and mark these occasions.

Christina Howie, Dundee



Dundee St Paul's



Dundee Old Steeple



Belfry Upkeep

Belfry Upkeep :: Here's a useful website from the Central Council about belfry upkeep... you can navigate the document via the menu on the top left of the page. It's mainly aimed at the steeple keepers at your tower, but is of course interesting for anyone who wants to know more about bells and their workings:

<https://belfryupkeep.cccb.org.uk>

Articles, photos and comments are welcome: please send to publicity@sacr.org

Social media

For up to date info on social media:

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