

**Subject:** SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers

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

Dear Members

### Upcoming events

**Fri 25 Nov :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow**, 7.30pm-9pm. As usual, please let Ruth ([master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org)) know if you plan to attend.

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

**Mon 13 Mar :: Commonwealth Day** :: Please arrange ringing as desired. Suggested time for ringing is 8pm with a minimum of 10 whole pulls of Queens to mark each year since the Commonwealth Charter was signed on 13 March 2013.

**Sat 18 Mar :: Training Day at Tulloch**. More details in due course, but note change of date (not 11 Mar as previously announced)

**Sat 6 May :: Coronation** of King Charles III

**Sat 20 May :: Dumfries** will be hosting the AGM and Striking Competition

### News

**October meeting** :: A great day of ringing, socialising, auctioning, eating ... and playing "Bell Drive", a new game created by Dunblane ringer Fiona Wheeler. With three central Scotland towers up for grabs, it felt like a traditional bell-ringing outing starting with tower bells and hand bells at Alloa, a misty rainy feel at Stirling, and then the grandeur of Dunblane Cathedral bells ringing out across the town (the bells are usually tied on most practice nights, with simulated sound in the ringing chamber). Thanks to Ruth Marshall for organising all the ringing.

After the ringing, there was a short business meeting and the auction of SACR 50th-anniversary coffee mugs, a RW beer mug and a copy of Corinne Aves' artwork that's on the front of [A History of Change Ringing in Scotland](#). The auction raised £70 for the Bell Restoration Fund, with a further £85 in donations.



Forty-three SACR members sat down for the tasty dinner with a choice of four different homemade stews plus baked potatoes and salad, followed by homemade desserts. You may not have seen all of the Dunblane ringers – only half were eating at any one time!

After this, the "Bell Drive" game was revealed... this will have been familiar to anyone who has been to a "beetle drive". It's easy to set up with dice, paper and pencil. It's a game of luck, but you can increase your chances by playing faster! The room was eerily quiet during the rounds with all concentrating intensely. The only sounds to be heard were of dice hitting table and the occasional shriek of joy or groan of disappointment as the dice scores were revealed.

The chances of getting zero points in a round were about 1 in 200, and there were a few of those... However everyone did well in at least a couple of rounds. The seven rounds went by in a flash, so some people were lucky and filled in their sheets really quickly. Three top scorers and one lowest scorer all took away some sweet treats, and everyone seemed to carry away at least a smile!

Many thanks to Dunblane ringers for putting on a social event in true ringing style.



*Sue Bryce's winning smile with the highest score in the Bell Drive*

**Welcome new members!** :: The following new members were elected to SACR on Sat 22 Oct: Graeme Booth (welcome back!), Kathryn Darley (Inverness), Lord Christopher de Burgh (Edinburgh St Mary's), Estella Haynes (Edinburgh), Siobhan Kewley (Dunblane), Alison Stevens (Edinburgh, St Mary's). Welcome!

**Bell Restoration Fund 50-50 Club** :: The winners of the five BRF 50-50 club draws made at the Ringing Social Event in Dunblane in October were as follows:

- June – Stephen Elwell Sutton (Dundee) won £35.00
- July – Terry and Margaret Williams (Glasgow) won £34.50
- August – Elizabeth Gatland (Dunkeld) won £34.50
- September – Isabel Crane (Aberdeen) won £34.50
- October – Lynne Sydes (Dumfries) won £34.50

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your continued support. If anyone wishes to buy tickets for the monthly 50-50 club draws and support the BRF, please get in touch with Ruth Ogilvie at [50-50club@sacr.org](mailto:50-50club@sacr.org) to secure your monthly draw tickets.

**Calling all students in Scotland** :: Great to see some newly arrived students to Scotland at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Thu 20th! Welcome Alison at the University of Edinburgh & George at St Andrews... and welcome back to returning students. SACR is happy to help facilitate Scotland-wide student practices so please email [master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org) to start the ball (?bell) rolling!



**Belfry Sunday** :: On Sun 23 October there were call changes to roller coaster and a touch of Grandsire Caters ahead of some handbell-ringing at St Cuthbert's for Belfry Sunday. <https://youtu.be/dZbum-l5cSE>

**Scottish Handbell Day** :: The Scottish Handbell Days are normally held twice per year, in May and October. The latest one on 8th October in Glasgow went very well, with 21 attendees from as far afield as Inverness, Aberdeen and Dumfries. We enjoyed the ringing, socialising and good food, thanks to the kind hospitality of Tina and Simon. [Four successful quarters](#) were rung, of which three were either Surprise Minor or Major, including one first of Surprise in hand. Apart from the quarters, there were practice sessions in a range of methods in 6-bell and 8-bell groups. Everyone got a chance to ring with people outside their normal band which was good for the development of the newer ringers.

After all of this, we all finished with an interesting and challenging introductory session to Spliced Top and Up Maximus, being two of the methods from the "particles" peal of spliced Maximus. Ringing them is an exercise in applying rules rather than learning blue lines. After a bit of work in three groups, we managed to have some good efforts at ringing the touch of 88 changes, hearing some very nice roll-ups along the way.

*Ian Brampton Turner, Tulloch*

**Inveraray** from a different angle: An alternative way of enjoying a peal at Inveraray... video from Julia Cater: <https://youtu.be/Y8etoiSU0HU> with a backdrop of [5000 Bristol Surprise Royal](#), and Simon Gay in the starring role.



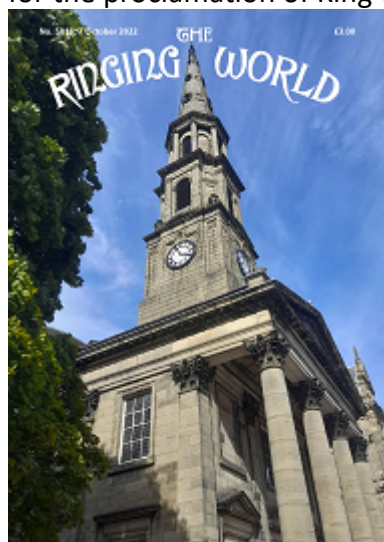
**"Ring for the King": Training new ringers for the Coronation** :: There was an excellent (in my view) interview with Vicky Chapman of the CCCBR on the PM programme on Radio 4 at 17:00 on Saturday 22nd. [Here is a link](#). The interview starts at about 25 minutes and 40 seconds in. Prepare for enquiries and some new recruits!

*Chris Frye, Dunblane*



**Fun With Bells** :: The latest edition of FunWithBells “What ringers wear” is out now... “an interesting breed of ringer” Alex Linton gives an eloquent description of his ringing career through Covid lockdowns... including sending his glasses flying across the ringing chamber at St Andrew and St George Edinburgh while wearing a mask... and other amusing stories. Listen here: <https://funwithbells.com/what-ringers-wear>

**St Andrew and St George West on the front of the Ringing World** :: StAGW featured on the front of the Ringing World on 7 October, with a history of the church by Simon Aves. Also included is the StAGW peal for the proclamation of King Charles III.



## RINGING FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF KING CHARLES III

### BATH & WELLS D.A.

**HOLCOMBE**, Som.,  
The Posters Yard Ring  
Thu 29 Sep 2022 2h27 (1)  
**5056 Spliced S Major**  
(1st: 4:02) Ringers: 128 Pealers:  
Full Superlative, 578 Binsat,  
Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London and  
Yorkshire (22 com).  
Comp: D F Morrison (No.3)  
1 Jody A Wood  
2 Nicholas C Field  
3 Bernie Healdy  
4 Robert Perry  
5 Matthew R T Higby  
6 Josh D P Jones  
7 Andrew B Beaumont  
8 Joseph St J Beaumont (C)  
1st of 6 Spliced S Major 2 & 6.

### FRIENDS SOCIETY

**BASSINGHAM**, Lincs,  
St Michael & All Angels  
Thu 22 Sep 2022 2h39 (10)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7r: 1 ended each; Source 5,  
Isaac 5, East TB, St Clements 8,  
Nonesuch 5, Cambridge 5, Peter 9)  
1 Sally A Brown  
2 Ruth Curtis  
3 Erella J Crowder

### SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

**EDINBURGH**, Edinburgh,  
St Andrew & St George West  
Sat 10 Sep 2022 3h15 (14)  
**5159 Bristol S Major**  
Comp: Richard J Wilson  
1 Simon H Byles  
2 Sason E Bryce  
3 Christopher J Frye  
4 Judith L Frye  
5 Estelle J Haynes  
6 Richard J W Tibbells  
7 Peter J Willmott  
8 Michael J Clay (C)  
Rung open following the  
Principal Proclamation of the  
Acquisition of King Charles  
III, and in anticipation of such  
proclamation in Scotland.  
The 1,500th tower-bell peal  
in Scotland.  
202h together 7 and 8. **55**

### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTH'S

**LIVERHOUSE**, London,  
St Anne  
Sat 10 Sep 2022 3h7 (12)  
**5643 Carriage S Royal**  
Comp: Stanley Jenner



### First Quarter Congratulations

Lucy D Burton (Aldridge, W Mids)  
Jane Farmer, Paul Hopkins (Shorne, Kent)  
Finley Meakin (St Annes on the Sea, Lancs)

**Alcester, Works.** 25 Sep, 1260 Southrops Doubles:  
Janine 1, Tracey B Newbold 2, Tess Owen 3, Katie  
Wheeler 4, John Newbold (C) 5, Charli Wheeler 6, 1st in  
variation Tess, 1st hunting in variation for Janine & first  
at cover for Charli. **54**

**Aldridge, W Mids.** 10 Sep, 1320 PB Doubles: Lucy D  
Burton 1, Philip A Burton 2, Sophie Ash 3, Jonathan Healy  
(C) 4, Andy Fairley 5, John Eolin 6, 1st Q at first attempt. 1.

**Allestree, Derbys.** 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (5m):  
Joshua Cotton 1, Elizabeth Cotton 2, Gill Hughes 3,  
Jane Boden 4, Anthony Cotton (C) 5, Edward Cotton 6.  
**Alton, Hants.** (All Saints) 10 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles:

**Bodicote, Oxon.** 21 Sep, 1260 Lincolnshire S  
Major: Liz Middleton 1, Susan V Gambling 2, Roger  
Baldwin 3, Stephen J Crawley 4, Carolyn J Crawley 5,  
Brian D Crawley 6, Robert M Wood 7, Brian C Watson  
(C) 8. **56**

**Bredwardine, Herefs.** 26 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles:  
Rachel J Jones 1, Alison C Alcock 2, Nick Chapman  
3, Colin A Lewis (C) 4, Christopher English 5, Alec  
Edwards 6. In memory of Queen Elizabeth II & in  
honour of King Charles III. **54.50**

**Brent Knoll, Som.** 10 Sep, 1250 3m Doubles: Mo  
Sweet 1, Alex Hunt 2, Ella Caulfield 3, David G Wilford  
4, Melvyn J Freeman (C) 5, Melissa G Hunt 6. **54.60**

**Bridgetown, WA.** (The Alphabet Ring) 18 Sep, 1260  
Grandsire Triples: Jayne Hodgkin 1, Lloyd Cartwright 2,  
Mary Townsend 3, Corinne Rule 4, Callum Crofton 5,  
Adam Beer 6, Richard Offen (C) 7, Ken Hodgkin 8, 1st  
eight-bell Q on the bells in the 'Happy Frame'.

**Bridgetown, WA.** (The Alphabet Ring) 18 Sep,  
1440 Vivat Rex S Minor: Mary Townsend 1, Corinne  
Rule 2, Callum Crofton 3, Richard Offen 4, Lloyd  
Cartwright 5, Adam Beer (C) 6, 1st Q in m. Vivat Rex S:  
X34X1456X9X30X1234X16-1236.

**Brighthelm, IoW.** 11 Sep, 1260 Doubles (3m/1):  
Dan Ruszczyk 1, Jerry Brudenell 2, Rachel Ruszczyk  
3, Stephen Noyes (C) 4, Betsy Noyes 5, Clarissa  
Turton 6, Caroline May 7, Ann Morris 8. Rung on open  
bells by the local band. Also welcoming one of the  
King's newest subjects, Hugo William Brown, great-  
grandson for Clarissa. Rung after morning service.



## 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.cccbr.org.uk>

Articles, photos and comments are welcome: please send to [publicity@sacr.org](mailto:publicity@sacr.org)

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