

Subject: SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers

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Dear Members

Upcoming events

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

Special focus practice nights :: More information to follow from Ruth in the new year about plans for Jan/Feb/Mar

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

Aberdeen :: St Machar's Open Day :: The ringers at St Machar's took part on 26 November in the University of Aberdeen Music Department "Uni-Versal Mini Festival".

We had 44 visitors up the tower over the course of the afternoon where we gave a brief history of the church and the bells, discussed why we ring, and then demonstrated ringing a bell up, ringing rounds, call changes and plain hunt doubles. After this we gave the visitors the opportunity to have a go at ringing backstrokes under the close supervision of one of our more experienced ringers. Some of the visitors seemed keen to find out more about ringing and hopefully might be enthused enough to come and learn to ring!

This gave us the opportunity to open up the tower to a different audience and link with the University of Aberdeen, which hopefully will encourage closer working and hopefully help recruit some new ringers. The Uni-Versal Festival was a mini festival of musical performances and workshops inspired by local people and places. Drawing on existing music and voices from the region, past and present, the festival worked with the University's music department as well as partner organisations to produce a rich and exciting programme.

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<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/events/uni-versal/index.php>



Ring for the King :: Is your tower looking for new recruits as part of the "Ring for the King" recruitment drive?

Perhaps share [this youtube clip](#) from Channel 5 News with your local church group(s), or Scout/Guide group, or your friends, or facebook page, or whoever you're approaching in your recruitment drive... starring roles for ringers from StAGW, Edinburgh! #ringfortheKing




<https://ringfortheKing.org>

Tower Talk :: Amongst many interesting articles for new ringers, it's a Scotland-packed TowerTalk this month with "Beginnings and Endings" by Siobhan Kewley from Dunblane on p.4, "Mourning HM Queen Elizabeth II in Scotland" on p.5 (it seems the editor didn't realise that there are two St Mary's Cathedrals in Edinburgh... an easy mistake to make!), and Ruth Marshall's 2021 Inspiring Leadership award celebrated on p.19.

http://www.learningtheropes.org/download_file/view/152/368

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SACR on BellBoard :: A variety of [SACR performances in November](#), including in memorium ringing in Dumfries for Kenmure Russell (1937–2022), good use of time on a bus, Maximus in Scotland, and congratulations to Alex Davies on his for peal of Surprise and first peal in Scotland. Oh, and not forgetting an impressive milestone of a 1,000th tower-bell peal for Peter Williamson.



Hereford Ringing Course :: 13–16 April :: Applications now open. See <http://www.herefordringingcourse.org.uk> to secure a place. Thanks to Lynne Sydes for the alert about this.



The Hereford Ringing Course

Amazon Smile for the Bell Restoration Fund :: A quick pre-Christmas plug for this link if buying on Amazon since a small percentage of your purchase will go to the Bell Restoration Fund: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/SC011080>

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