

Subject: SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers
From: Martin Mellor <Publicity@sacr.org>
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To: Members <Members@sacr.org>

Dear Members

Upcoming events

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. Please see 17 Feb email and booking form (*copy of email below*). Please contact Judith at (training@sacr.org) by Wed 8 Mar at the latest if you wish to join the training day as a student or helper.

Fri 31 Mar :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm-9pm. Please let Ruth (master@sacr.org) know if you plan to attend.

Fri 28 Apr :: Advanced Practice :: St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 7.30pm-9pm

Sat 6 May :: Coronation of King Charles III

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

Fri 26 May :: Advanced Practice :: Location to be confirmed, 7.30pm-9pm

Fri 30 Jun :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm-9pm

Fri 28 – Sun 30 Jul :: Inveraray Festival

Fri 25 Aug :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm-9pm

Fri 29 Sep :: Advanced Practice :: St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 7.30pm-9pm

Sat 28 Oct :: October meeting :: Tower and other details to be confirmed

Fri 24 Nov :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm-9pm

News

First Peal Accolades :: Congratulations to Matthew Andrews, Christopher de Burgh, Alex Linton and Jason Pollock on their first peals and to Estella Haynes on her first peal as conductor. Here are the bellboard links with photos:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1588696>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1588110>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1595668>

Hopefully the first of many for all!



Dundee final Bells ApPEAL :: From 8 bells to 10 bells!: This is a final Bells ApPEAL for donations to enable a top-class job with added improvements to enhance bell handling. See <https://www.sacr.org/index.php/68> for more details

Dundee St Paul's Cathedral Augmentation ApPEAL

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR APPEAL!



SACR Banners available for your events :: The January meeting in Inverness was the first outing for new SACR banners... robust enough for Scottish weather and with links to help passers-by find out about the bells they hear ringing. If you're planning a tower open day, or training course, or if there's a church festival, etc, please email publicity@sacr.org to arrange to borrow them. More photos via [this link](#).



January meeting at Inverness :: An excellent weekend was hosted by Inverness Cathedral Bellringers with ringing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday... plus Thursday night practice for some keen SACR

members! A great range of ringing, superb “ringers’ tea” and a record number of new SACR members were elected at the meeting. Photos via [this link](#).

What a day! First of all was ringing at the Balnaferry Campanile ... we had 19 ringers and after a short period of getting used to the bells and the different technique required to ring such small bells we moved on to ringing (in no particular order) plain hunt on 7, Plain Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Call changes, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Yorkshire Surprise Major (practice for tomorrow's peal attempt).

We then headed for Inverness Cathedral for more ringing.. 19 ringers up the tower at one point which is rather cosy. More plain hunt on 7, Plain Bob Triples, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples.. there was likely lots more but I helped setting up the hall for the meeting, and also slipped in a bit of handbell ringing so don't know everything that was rung.

There was a short service led by the Provost Rev Sarah Murray with Gordon on the organ. The meeting followed and, among other items discussed, two of our improvers were accepted as members of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers Scottish Bellringing . An amazing tea was proved for all the hungry ringers and a huge thanks must go to the catering team (Sue, Dawn, Cath, Rachel, Heather, Nicky and Ian... probably missed someone so apologies) for putting on such an amazing spread.

After the meeting we headed up the tower for more ringing which included 3 leads of Bristol Surprise Major, Plain Bob Caters, Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Lincolnshire Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire Caters and plain hunt on 9... we counted 21 ringers in the tower at one point!

An amazing day of ringing so thanks to everyone who came and rang. Once again thanks to our amazing team from Inverness who put so much effort into organising, preparing, serving and cleaning... time to put your feet up now.

Anthony Cole

Welcome to new SACR members David Waller (Dundee) :: George Stevens, Quenton Hurst, Matthew Andrews (St Andrews) :: Rebecca Christine, Eleanor Hayman, Ruth Ellis, Anne Guthrie, Margaret Evans, Andrew Jones, Paul Doyle (Haddington) :: Angela Waldock, Tom McGonagle, Irwin Czachorowski (Aberdeen) :: Talon Ashryver, Lowenna Darley (Inverness)

St Machar's Aberdeen :: Tower AGM and new embroidered logo revealed :: There was a good turnout from the band on 6 March for Machar’s Aberdeen tower AGM. We were joined by our Minister, Rev Sarah Brown, who said a prayer at the start of the meeting. It was also the first time some of the band got to wear our new logoed polo shirts, rugby shirts and fleeces. Thanks to Cassia Ogilvie for designing the logo based on the stained-glass window in the ringing room.

Ian Talboys



Practice at St Andrew's and St George's West Edinburgh :: Great practice and great crowd on 21 February – with visitors from Inverness and Inveraray – at St Andrew's and St George's in Edinburgh, expertly run as always by Annie Brechin. There was something for everyone: rounds for beginners (congratulations to David and Nathan for their first ever go at rounds!), touches of Grandsire, four-spliced Surprise Major, and lots of methods in between. Perhaps the best striking was in a very nice touch of Stedman Triples.

Judith Stark



Alex Linton's "hard work and quick progress" is acknowledged in *The Ringing World*: No.5832, p. 111.

Hard work and quick progress for Alex at Haddington

A peal at Haddington, East Lothian has been attracting a lot of 'likes' on BellBoard this week. Part of the enthusiasm for this peal will be that Estella Haynes, newly arrived in Edinburgh, achieved her first as conductor, but some Scottish ringers are also upstaging it because of the achievement of young Alex Linton. Alex, an enthusiast for church buildings, applied to St Andrew & St George, Edinburgh to learn to ring as a fifteen-year-old schoolboy in early 2020. He lives in Linton, a town with no bells, on the main line between Edinburgh and Glasgow. He had only had a couple of handling lessons when lock-down came, but when the Edinburgh ringers started 'practising' online on Ringing Room he joined in every week, developing his one-finger ringing through call changes to methods. When practices returned to the tower in 2022 he was in the frustrating position of being able to 'ring' Surprise Major, but not properly handle a bell!

Since then he has dedicated himself to attending as many practices and services as he can – always four times a week in Edinburgh and often travelling much further afield, making use of the free bus pass given to Scottish under-22s. To get to Haddington for 10am he left home at 6.30! Alex has become known across Scotland, featured in a 'Fun With Bells' podcast, and was interviewed for a Channel 5 News broadcast about learning to ring. His fellow ringers are delighted for him achieving his first peal so quickly after being able to ring rounds properly, even if it is much longer since he could 'ring' Cambridge on an inside bell.

SIMON AWES



The team, clockwise from front right

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION
HADDINGTON, East Lothian, St Mary, Sat 21 Jan 2023 2005 (10) 5048 Cambridge & Major (1000000)
1 Peter J Williamson
2 Alexander J Linton
3 Susan G Dryce
4 Edmund G R Smith
5 Simon H Aves
6 Alexander S M Davies
7 Charles J Poyson (C)
8 Richard J Gray
First peal 2

ART Bell Handling Course :: SACR plans to hold another Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) Module 1 course – Teaching Bell Handling

The course is suitable for those who already teach bell handling and want to update their skills AND for those who have never taught anyone to handle a bell. It will provide you with the skills and techniques necessary to take a ringer from their first lesson to having competent bell control. You will learn through a mixture of practical and classroom sessions; the practical sessions will give you plenty of time to practise your new skills in a safe environment.

The last course was in Inverness (click [here for details](#)), so this one will be held further South, probably in the spring. If you would be interested in attending (or would like further information), please let Judith Frye (training@sacr.org) know as soon as possible. We aim to find a date to suit those who have expressed interest.

Judith Frye

TowerTalk :: The latest edition of TowerTalk is just out. As ever, a good read. This edition includes a photo of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh (as a correction to an article in the last edition, which inadvertently showed St Mary's Catholic Cathedral). http://www.learningtheropes.org/download_file/view/154/331

Tower Talk

The newsletter for ringers using  Learning the Ropes™

Association of Ringing Teachers / Learning the Ropes - www.learningtheropes.org

Ringing World Survey :: Do you want *The Ringing World* to be around in 2030? *The Ringing World* is conducting a survey of as many ringers as possible to find out what you value about us. Is it the weekly journal, or BellBoard, or the RWNYC? What do you like to read? What might convince you or ringers you know to subscribe? Please take 15–25 minutes to share your views with us at

www.ringingworld.co.uk/survey – thank you!



Ring for the King :: <https://ringforthe king.org>



Instagram :: By the way, Scottish Bellringing is now on Instagram ([instagram.com/scottishbellringing](https://www.instagram.com/scottishbellringing)) as well as on Facebook and Twitter



As always, articles, photos and comments are welcome: please send to publicity@sacr.org

Social media

For up to date info on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishbellringing>

<https://www.instagram.com/scottishbellringing>

<https://twitter.com/SBellringing>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bellringers>

The SACR Committee

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Subject: **Saturday 18th March Training Day, Tulloch Ringing Centre**

Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2023

From: Judith Frye, SACR Training <training@sacr.org>

Thank you to those who have responded with suggestions/requests for what you would like to cover; this has helped to shape the course. However, you still need to book a place on the course so please keep reading!

The course will run from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Hot drinks will be available but please bring a packed lunch. It is important to remember this as there is nowhere locally to buy food!

There will be a mixture of practical, theory and plenary sessions with four streams:

1. Bell Handling

Numbers for this will be strictly limited.

2. Working Towards Method Ringing (six bells)

A review of good handling

Accurate rounds

Call changes

Dodging

Plain hunt

Bayles

Plain bob

It is unlikely that each ringer will progress through all of these steps. Individuals can ring whatever is appropriate to their level.

3. Simple Method Ringing (six bells)

Review of plain hunt

Bayles

Plain bob doubles

Plain bob minor

Touches

Grandsire doubles

Other methods as required

It is unlikely that each ringer will progress through all of these steps. Individuals can ring whatever is appropriate to their level.

4. Seven and Eight Bell Methods (eight bells)

Plain bob

Grandsire

Stedman

Treble bob

Cambridge

It is unlikely that each ringer will progress through all of these steps. Individuals can ring whatever is

appropriate to their level.

Handbells

There may be an opportunity to ring some handbells. Whether you are a complete beginner or have rung before, if you are interested please indicate your level of experience on the form. We will see if this can be fitted into the programme.

Helpers

There will also be opportunities for helpers to practise calling touches and receive some coaching. We greatly appreciate the support of all who come to help, and there will be a short ringing session for them to practise too. Please indicate any aspirations below.

Book your Place

Whether you are coming as a student, a helper or both, please book your place by completing the information below:

		Ringer 1	Ringer 2		
Name					
Tower					
Helper/Student					
Stream	Bell Handling				
	Working Towards Method Ringing				
	Simple Method Ringing				
	Seven and Eight Bell Methods				
Current Ringing Level					
Handbell Experience					
Helper Requests					

If you have any queries, please ask.

We look forward to a profitable day.

Judith

Judith Frye

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