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Dear Members

This month is a bumper issue of the newsletter, with photos and bellboard links to ringing for the Coronation across Scotland. Before that, here's a list of **Upcoming Events** and dates for your diary, followed by **News** and then the **Coronation Collation**. And, as usual, please send any notes about your activities, or any articles, photos and comments to [publicity@sacr.org](mailto:publicity@sacr.org)

### **Upcoming Events**

**Fri 30 Jun :: Advanced Practice :: St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 7.30pm–9pm**

**Fri 28 – Sun 30 Jul :: Inveraray Festival :: Ringing times are:**

- Friday 6pm–8pm
- Saturday 2pm–4.30pm and 6pm–7.30pm
- Sunday 12noon–12.30pm and 1.30pm–3.30pm

**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 :: Edinburgh :: Towers and other details to be confirmed**

**Fri 24 Nov :: Advanced Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm–9pm**

### **2024**

**Sat 27 Jan :: Winter Meeting :: Glasgow**

**Sat 16 March :: Training Day :: Tulloch**

**Sat 18 May :: AGM and Striking Competition :: St Andrews**

### **News**

**New Members :: Welcome to new members:**

- Kerry Graham (Dumfries)
- Nick Bircher Moran (Dumfries)

And congratulations to Robert Lay for being accepted as Life Member of SACR. Although Robert is less able to ring now, he remains very involved and is one of two ringers in Scotland (along with

Mike Neale) who can say they rang for a second Coronation!

**SACR Striking Competition and AGM at Dumfries** :: A big thank you to everyone who entered the striking competition at Dumfries on 27 May. There were 9 teams ringing, and the standard of ringing was good with not much separating all the teams in the overall scoring.

Well done to Edinburgh St Mary's who took the Inveraray Trophy for the top slot (by a whisker from Glasgow in 2nd!), and to Aberdeen who won the St Andrew's Shield for best placed band with limited experience.



| Rank      | TEAM               | TIME | SCORE | PERCENT |
|-----------|--------------------|------|-------|---------|
| ✓ 1       | GLASGOW 1          | 1324 | 79.04 | 2       |
| ✓ 2       | EDINBURGH ST MARY  | 1335 | 79.10 | 1       |
| ✓ 3       | DUMFRIES / DUNFRAZ | 1350 | 79.57 | 3       |
| ✓ 4       | GLASGOW 2          | 1405 | 79.7  | 6       |
| SACR 2024 |                    |      |       |         |
| ✓ 5       | DUMFRIES 2 (2nd)   | 1420 | 80.02 | 4       |
| ✓ 6       | INVERARAY          | 1430 | 80.35 | 7       |
| ✓ 7       | ABERDEEN 1         | 1435 | 80.36 | 3       |
| ✓ 8       | ABERDEEN 2 (1st)   | 1445 | 80.44 | 5       |
| ✓ 9       | DUNDEE             | 1520 | 80.60 | 4       |





St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh ·

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The Cathedral Bell Ringers entered a team for the Scottish Association of Change Ringers Striking Competition, held in Dumfries on 20th May, with the judges look for even and accurate ringing.

Our team were delighted to receive the Inveraray Bell Trophy, awarded for first place (last won by St Mary's 23 years ago). We have some enthusiastic learners in the tower and hope they will be joining us for the competition next year! Thanks [Scottish Bellringing](#) for a great day.

**Handbell ringing** :: At the AGM, as well as the striking competition in the tower, there was also a good amount of handbell ringing: <https://www.handbellringing.co.uk/blog/handbells-at-the-sacr-agm>

**SACR BRF 50-50 Monthly draws** :: Two draws for the Bell Restoration Fund for April and May were made at the Striking Competition/AGM meeting in Dumfries on the 20th May 2023. The winners were:

- April: Karen Ewing (Glasgow), who won £34.50
- May: Cassia Ogilvie (Aberdeen), who won £34.00

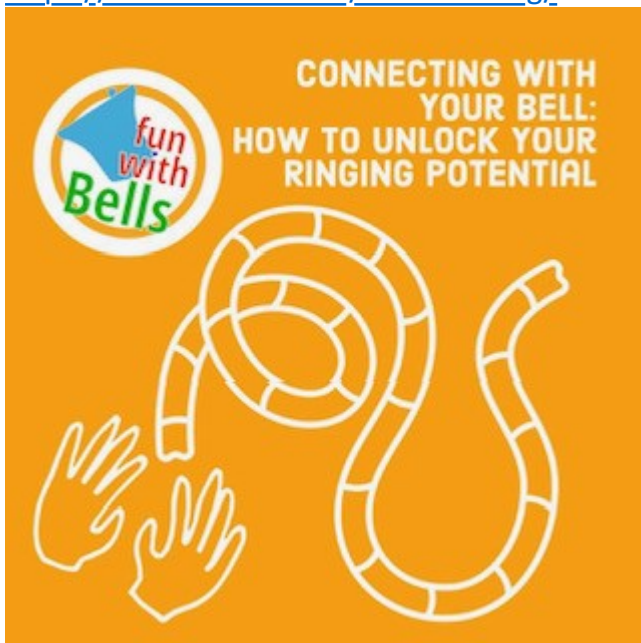
We still have a few numbers left for purchase if anyone wishes to donate £1 per month to the BRF whilst being in with a chance of winning over £30 each month!! Just email Ruth Ogilvie at [50-50club@sacr.org](mailto:50-50club@sacr.org) and she will send you details of how to play and how to pay!

**Annual Report** :: The SACR 2022 Annual Report is available via this link: <https://www.sacr.org/index.php/resources/annual-reports>; and many thanks to retiring report editor Iain Milne for putting these reports together for the last six years.

**First Peal Congratulations** to Rachel Milner :: <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1627629>



**Fun with Bells** :: Dunblane's Judith Frye joins other teachers on this month's Fun with Bells podcast, which focuses on bell-handling  
<https://funwithbells.com/bell-handling/>



**In Memoriam** :: Remembering Margaret Berwick, who had been a member at Dundee for many years; the local band rang a [quarter peal](#) in Margaret's memory in April 2022. And Jose Symes, a longstanding member at Glasgow, who died last month. Glasgow had hoped to propose Jose as a life member of the association at the AGM. A half muffled quarter of [Plain Bob Triples](#) was rung at Glasgow in tribute to Jose.



### **Coronation Collation**

*with thanks to Alex Linton for help in pulling these together*

Over the Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend bells rang out across Scotland to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. From Inverness to Dumfries, and from Inveraray to Aberdeen, there were peals, quarter peals and a huge variety of general ringing covering practically every Scottish tower (Alloa being the only exception, we think)... and handbell ringing too.

Robert Lay rang in Glasgow and Mike Neale rang in Inverness were two of a fairly small number of ringers worldwide who also rang for the last Coronation 70 years ago. And they were joined by new ringers who began ringing with the Ring for the King recruitment campaign... if you're a new ringer, hopefully you'll be able to develop your skills and start to ring regularly on Sunday mornings and also explore change-ringing methods that can lead to your first quarter peal.

Bellboard has a listing of all performances, some including photos; SACR performances are listed here: [https://bb.ringworld.co.uk/search.php?association\\_id=35&event=16697](https://bb.ringworld.co.uk/search.php?association_id=35&event=16697)

**Aberdeen ::** Proud ringers at St Machar's Aberdeen, both by video ([https://youtu.be/KxbmFmPOU\\_0](https://youtu.be/KxbmFmPOU_0)) and by photo. Rounds and call changes including 'Queens' and 'Kings' and Plain Bob Triples were rung



**Haddington :: Grandsire Triples ::** A snatch of the coronation ringing at Haddington: the end of a course of Grandsire Triples <https://twitter.com/HughPumphrey/status/1654853382392238080>



**Glasgow ::** A glowing band after 5152 changes of Bristol Surprise Major at St Mary's Glasgow



**Edinburgh STAGW ::** What a great turnout at St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh



**Dunblane ::** Firing the bells at Dunblane to celebrate the coronation

**Scottish Association**

**Dunblane**, Stirlingshire

Cathedral Church of St Blane and St Laurence

Saturday, 6 May 2023 (24-2-24 in E b )

**Call Changes, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Minor and Firing**

Chris Frye

Judith Frye

John Grainger

Miranda Jones

Siobhan Kewley

Robert D McGowan

Susan McGowan

Magnus Peterson

Phil Smith

This performance is linked to the event [Coronation of King Charles III](#)

**Edinburgh :: Fettes College** bells rang out to a peal of 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**Scottish Association**

**Edinburgh**, Edinburgh

Fettes College Chapel

Friday, 5 May 2023 in 2h 29 (2-1-14 in G)

**5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

R Bailey (no 1)

- 1 Peter J Williamson
- 2 Anna M Perrins
- 3 Alexander S M Davies
- 4 Simon H Aves
- 5 Thomas M Perrins
- 6 Michael J Clay (C)

First Minor - 3

First in Scotland - 2,5

For the Coronation of King Charles III

**Edinburgh St Mary's ::** All 12 bells at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh were ringing in celebration of the coronation and were featured on BBC Scotland





**St Mary's Cathedral  
Edinburgh**

**#ringfortheking** :: And here's to all the new ringers who had their first major performance on Saturday 6th May, learning to #ringfortheking ... Andy in Dundee, Antje and Alison in Glasgow, Ken and Annabel at St Mary's Edinburgh, and others around Scotland.

**Inverness** :: 1953 and 2023 ... 70 years later and still ringing! Inverness service ringing on the Sunday morning following the coronation, included Mike Neale (2nd from left) who also rang for the last Coronation 70 years ago



And later a quarter of Plan Bob Triples



**St Andrews** :: Stedman and Plain Bob at St Salvator's Chapel



**Dundee** :: Orb and Sceptre changes were rung at Dundee



**Haddington** :: Here's a photo of the band at St Marys Church Haddington for Saturday's general ringing for the coronation.



**Highlands** :: With four coronation quarters – including Royal in hand – and a big turnout for general ringing, it was a great weekend for ringing in the Highlands. And it seems that everyone enjoyed it immensely!



Rachel Milner is 🧑 feeling fantastic. ...

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I am so proud to have been able to "Ring or the King!" this Coronation weekend. The Inverness band have scored all four of our Quarter Peal attempts over the Coronation weekend, as well as having 21 ringers joining in the general ringing on Saturday - well done everyone! I think I am most proud of this Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells. Thank you to all my ringing friends for such an amazing few days, and especially to [Anthony Cole](#) and Nick Jones for their conducting skills 😊



**Inveraray** :: The Argyllshire Advertiser features Inveraray quarter peals as part of their coronation coverage, and highlights ringing across Scotland over the coronation weekend

Inveraray bell ringers' celebratory note

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Inveraray's bells sounded on Monday's Bank Holiday to mark King Charles III's coronation.



The bell-ringing crew taking a rest in Inveraray.



The bell ringers in Inveraray who were hard at work during one of the two quarter-peels on Monday.

## Inveraray bells' celebratory note

The sound of bells ringing in Inveraray reverberated around Scotland on Bank Holiday Monday as King Charles III's coronation was marked in the former garrison town.

Inveraray Bell Tower sounded twice on Monday, at midday and 3pm, with quarter peels performed.

Martin Mellor, from the Scottish Association of Change Ringers, said: "During the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend, bells rang out across Scotland to mark the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla - including in Mid Argyll.

"These rang out in peals of 5,000 or more changes (or permutations) taking three hours, in quarter peals of an hour or so, and in general ringing of rounds and call changes.

"In Inveraray, there was a quarter peal of 1,250 changes of Yorkshire Surprise Major, ringing the largest eight of the 10 bells in All Saints Bell Tower, and then a quarter peal of 1,260 Plain

Bob Doubles on six of the bells.

"The sound rang out across the town and Loch Fyne during Monday afternoon.

"Ringing involved new recruits under the #ringfortheeking banner and seasoned ringers with decades of experience.

"Three full peals were achieved in Scotland, with 10 quarter peals in total, which take around 45 to 55 minutes, rung across Scotland.

"We even had two volunteers - one in Glasgow and one in Inverness - who also rang for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation 70 years ago.

"The campaign has seen a new set of enthusiastic learners in various parts of Scotland - and across the whole of the UK - begin their ringing journey by learning to handle a bell and start to ring in sequence with the other bells.

"In the coming months these new ringers will be able to develop their skills and start to explore change-ringing methods that can lead to the performance of a first quarter peal."



**Glasgow ::** Robert Lay in Glasgow rang for his second coronation, and he rang alongside two new ringers -- Alison Black and Antje Boekhorst -- who are learning under the #ringfortheeking banner.





**Dumfries** :: It felt as though it was non-stop over the coronation weekend in Scotland ... Dumfries fired the bells, rang Queens and Kings in call changes and had a touch of Grandsire Doubles



And a quarter of Plain Bob Triples was rung on the Sunday.



**Dunkeld** :: Five doubles methods were rung in a quarter peal at the Ruined Cathedral Church of St Columba



**Dunkeld  
quarter peal band**

**Handbell-ringing** :: The Royal icing on Sunday's ringing following the coronation in Highland was a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in hand, with a good set of firsts!



**Balnaferry** :: Another Highlands quarter, this time at Balnaferry Campanile. Highlands was the most active region in Scotland for coronation ringing!



**Edinburgh St Cuthbert's :: Royal for the Regal occasion at St Cuthbert's Edinburgh with a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal with London, Bristol, Cambridge and Yorkshire**



You can also see the posts, with higher resolution photos, at <http://facebook.com/scottishbellringing>; this is a public page that all can view, so you don't need to have a facebook account to access it.

### **Social media**

For up to date info on social media:

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