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Dear Members

After all the excitement of Coronation ringing in May, it's a shorter newsletter this time round.

Upcoming Events

Fri 28 – Sun 30 Jul :: Inveraray Festival :: 50 years since the first festival in 1973 :: 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

Sat 2 Sep :: Annual Meeting of CCCBR :: Ipswich :: If you have any comments or questions, please contact Tina, who is our representative, on ccrep@sacr.org

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

Sat 28 Oct :: October meeting :: Edinburgh :: A rough outline for the day is as follows:

- 10.30–12.00 – Advanced practice St Cuthbert's
- 12.00–13.00 – Lunch (bring your own)
- 13.00–14.30 – General ringing St Mary's
- 15.00–16.30 – General ringing StAGW
- 16.30–16.45 – Service StAGW
- 16.45–17.00 – Short business meeting (new members and significant updates only)
- 17.00–19.00 – Tea and social event: St Andrews and St Georges West (Undercroft cafe)

There is parking at both Castle Terrace car park and Greenside car park but do be aware that all parking in Edinburgh is very expensive. There are several park and ride options available:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parkandride>

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

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Sat 27 Jan :: Winter Meeting :: Glasgow

Sat 16 March :: Training Day :: Tulloch

Sun 12 May :: Bell Sunday :: <https://bellsunday.org> :: St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bellringers due to his experimentation in early forging of bells in the 900s CE. Bell Sunday is on a

Sunday near to his feast day, a day where the contribution of bells and bellringers to the life of the Church is recognised.



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

News

Graduation ringing in St Andrews :: Simon Chadwick writes in the *Ringling World* about ringing during graduation week in Fife in June. Click on the image for a larger version.

Graduation Ringing in St Andrews

From Monday 12th to Friday 15th June 2023, the University of St Andrews in the East of Scotland is proud to be ringing before and after great ceremonies during the week of Graduation.

The University is based throughout the town of St Andrews, which stands on the cliffs overlooking the North Sea. The University was founded a bit over 500 years ago and the 15th century shaped and some of the old St Andrews's college is preserved in the town. The 17th century University buildings in the town were expanded to sit in 1818 and since then there has been a steady flow of University students, staff, and faculty.

Graduation week was a series of ceremonies for the students who have finished their studies. As a Member, there were two ceremonies in the afternoon, and on the other four days there were two ceremonies in the morning and one in the afternoon. There was also a chapel service in each week. The University's traditional ringing before the chapel was very plain before and after each of the ceremonies. So the bells rang in 25 minutes of ringing, which really isn't too long or too short.

It takes some effort to make sure there are enough ringers for each ceremony, but we had a number of occasions we had only two ringers available, and we had some interesting instances of ringing being more common methods or quarters than that we had no ring before. Some of the occasions had only two ringers, and we speculate that changes or touches of double were the result of the day. And for some of the ceremonies we were able to ring all six bells. We managed a service at Cambridge, and a 12th of Bob Johnson, as well as two quarters of double.

The graduation ceremonies are perhaps the most public and the most spectacular part of the life of the university. The small town is filled with the graduating students, dressed in their traditional academic robes, and they spend some of their time in the town and making a big effort. The ceremonies in the Young's Hall are



After the ceremony, having in the ringing the newly graduated students and their friends and families in the ground.

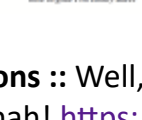
provided as in the University officials: the Principal, Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and the Chancellor, Master, and Chaplain.

At the end of each ceremony, all the participants proceeded to the hall, and during lunch break, and into the old quadrangle through the archway at the base of the tower. They were greeted by a group of the University's three national (the University's three national) of officers, and that of the students and officers of the University in their library and the new grounds where some general study, and updates from the individual. This was when we used to do our first ringing and this was the occasion we could do for a particular part. It is a really special feeling to ring for such a long, formal public occasion in the hall of the University, and as rings we had very present and appreciated in the celebration and continuity of the event.

In the years before we ring, we had a number of occasions in the many years in St Andrews, trying to spend our budget that the University kindly provides.

Some in the end of the week we are delighted that the day of ringing, socialising, and other activities. And those of us who returned to St Andrews for the week to be there for the day among many experiences are already planning for next year!

Simon Chadwick
The university's bells have been rung with the three original 15th century bells.



First Peal Congratulations :: Well, not first peal nor first Bristol Major, but first tower-bell peal. Congratulations Susannah! <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1645101>



SACR ringing :: Plus a good variety of hand-bell and tower-bell ringing in June and July by SACR reported on Bellboard :: https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/search.php?association_id=35

In Memoriam :: Remembering Gavin Howat, who died in June. Gavin was a ringer at Paisley but didn't continue ringing anywhere else after the bells were taken out in 2016. He rang one peal for SACR, covering to a peal of Plain Bob Triples at Paisley in 1999.

Social media

For up to date info on social media:

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