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Dear Members

### Upcoming Events

**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](mailto: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**

### 2024

**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**

Inveraray Ringing Festival at 50 :: A great weekend in Inveraray: [https://www.sacr.org/images/media/230804\\_50th\\_inveraray\\_ringing\\_festival\\_argyllsh\\_adv.png](https://www.sacr.org/images/media/230804_50th_inveraray_ringing_festival_argyllsh_adv.png)



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# Ringling festival has international sound

Somehow we've pulled out from Inveraray Bell Tower last weekend as the annual half-ringing festival was held, writes Martin Miller.

The Inveraray Ringing Festival is 50 years old this year and a gem under our feet. It's on the evening at the main body of St John's church with a special Festival Choral Evening featuring the Inveraray Chorus, which is currently touring the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles.

This highlights the ringing calendar days beginning from far and wide for a challenging and enjoyable weekend.

There'll be rings in Inveraray over the weekend around a wide range of ages and origins.

Bob Skene from London has attended dozens of festivals, including the second Inveraray one in 1974.

Tom Charlton, who first attended as a teenager, has always found the 'Young Bells in York' as an education in how to ring the bells, from which he's spreading 'these days with like-minded ringers who really want to bring out the best in ringing effort here'.

The younger generation were represented by rings from Inveraray down to the north to Stirling in the south and even from London, although Kevin Dylan Thomas, currently living in London, was chosen by Rachel Alford from Inveraray as the ringer who had learned the fastest.

Some attendees were too young to pull on the ropes but the parents of these young learners Rogers, Oliver and



Rogers, Oliver and Timothy Blackburn, the last generation of bell ringers.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Royal via Plain Bob, Kent, Cloisters, Double Norwich Caters (always exciting!), Stedman and various Surprise Royal methods. The focus method both on the tower bells and in hand was Sgùrr a'Chaorachain... nothing better than a method with a good Gaelic place name for these Argyllshire bells.

The weekend included a peal of [Stedman Caters](#) and a quarter of [Plain Bob Major](#), both in hand. The presence of handbells also meant that Maximus as well as Caters and Royal were rung over the weekend, including Kent and Bristol Maximus.

1280 Kent Major :: Well done, [Anthony!](#) <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1650027>

**Anthony Cole** is 🥳 feeling accomplished. Yesterday at 18:34

Dead chuffed to have conducted my first quarter peal of Treble Bob Major today as part of the Highland Handbell ringers day... blessed to have such amazing friends 🥰 with [Rachel Milner](#), [Catherine Pelleymounter](#), [Sue Turner](#), [Nick Jones](#), [Jenny Holden](#) and huge thanks to Dawn for hosting 🙏

BB.RINGINGWORLD.CO.UK  
Ringing World BellBoard  
1280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Inverness (7 Boarstone Court), ...

**Scotland's Churches Trust** visited St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh in July. "Thanks to Mike and Simon from Scottish Bellingring for the tour today of the incredible 18th century bell tower of St Andrew's and St George's West Edinburgh. 🛎️

Our director's heartbeat and wobbly legs have almost returned to normal now! 🤖"

- <https://www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk>
- Photos at on the Trust's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ScotlandsChurchesTrust/posts/pfbid035wmRbQ97yxKCN2hiju94BAymL7hF2LV3pP14ByYDxYoMCT1ATUTvRqTkFF9yeUSsl>

### **Social media**

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