

Subject: SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers
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Dear Members

Here's the latest SACR newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Sat 15 / Sun 16 Jun :: Scottish Quarter Peal Weekend. Please ask your local contacts if you would like to attempt a QP. Also, if your tower is not currently ringing (and unfortunately there are a couple for various reasons) and your ringers would be willing/keen to ring elsewhere then please let master@sacr.org know and Ruth will help to see what can be organised.

Sat 22 Jun :: ART Module 2 course :: Teaching Change Ringing :: Dunblane, 9.15am–5.30pm

Last call: If interested, please check with Judith via training@sacr.org by 7 June to see if there are any places left

Module 2C – From Rounds to Methods

This course shows new and experienced teachers how to support their students and develop the necessary foundation skills for good ringing and then move forward to ringing changes. You will learn through a mixture of practical and theory sessions about:

- Developing foundation skills - fine bell control, listening, rhythm and ropesight
- Lots of fun exercises to develop these skills
- Coaching skills and building a successful band
- Introducing Plain Hunt and Covering
- Development of change ringing, broken down into small steps

We ask that you have:

- Sufficiently good bell control to be able to inspire confidence in others
- The ability to comfortably ring up and down in peal
- Rung a quarter peal of Bob Minor inside

Further information:

- Further details can be found here: [ART Events - Courses for Teachers](https://events.bellringing.org/en/courses-for-teachers) (<https://events.bellringing.org/en/courses-for-teachers>)
- Register at: [ART Events - Upcoming events](https://events.bellringing.org/en/events/module-2c) (<https://events.bellringing.org/en/events/module-2c>)
- If you have any questions, please contact me.
- If you are unavailable on this date but would like to participate in a future course, please let me know.

Judith Frye, SACR Training Officer (training@sacr.org)

Fri 28 Jun :: Advanced Eight-Bell Practice :: Dundee, 7.30pm–9pm

Fri 26 – Sun 28 Jul :: Inveraray Festival Weekend

Fri 30 Aug :: Advanced Ten-Bell Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm–9pm

Fri 27 Sep :: Advanced Ten-Bell Practice :: Edinburgh, St Cuthbert, 7.30pm–9pm

Sat 19 Oct :: Autumn Meeting :: Advanced Eight-Bell Practice, followed by General Ringing, Meeting and Social :: Haddington

Fri 29 Nov :: Advanced Ten-Bell Practice :: Glasgow, 7.30pm–9pm

News

SACR Striking Competition and AGM :: St Salvator's Chapel Choir, St Andrews, hosted the Scottish Association Striking Competition and AGM on 18 May.

Dunblane won the Inveraray Trophy, represented by 1 June Peterson, 2 Jenny Dearie, 3 Magnus Peterson, 4 Stuart Bamforth, 5 Chris Frye (C), 6 Matthew Frye. Special congratulations to Magnus Peterson, who is still striking well and in the winning band at the age of 86!

Dundee won the St Andrew's Shield for best performing limited experience band, represented by Stephen Elwell-Sutton, Christina Howie, Andy MacKenzie, Matthew Bellhouse Moran, Sean Smith and Carly Cooper.

Big thanks to Matt Edwards for judging the competition. Thanks to St Andrews for hosting. And thanks to Anthony Cole and Christina Howie for the photos.





50:50 Club :: Latest winners are:

- Eli Farquharson -- April
- Elizabeth Gatland -- May

Thanks to Ruth Ogilvie for all her work in running the 50:50 club, which raises significant funds for the Bell Restoration Fund. Please email Ruth at 50-50club@sacr.org if you'd like to join to 50:50 Club.

New and long-standing members

- Welcome to new SACR member Simon Bains (Aberdeen)
- Congratulations on 40 years of membership to Linda Drake-Brockman (Associate member, Inverness)
- Congratulations on 20 years of membership to:
 - Susan Talboys (Aberdeen)
 - Fiona North (Aberdeen)
 - Freddie Cumming (Aberdeen)
 - Hugh Collins (Inverness)


Learning the Ropes

- Annette Boerlage from Inverness recently received a "Learning the Ropes" certificate for bell handling
- And congratulations also to the crew at St Mary's Edinburgh -- Annabel, Andrew, Louise, and Kenton -- for their newly acquired "Learning the Ropes" certificates.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/t1qcK6gobqCJRfbS/>
- Here's to many more years of happy bell-ringing!



- The latest edition of **TowerTalk** from "Learning the Ropes" is out now, and as ever has an array of interesting articles including one on ringing heavy bells, and one by Jonathan Frye giving Ten Top Tips for Belfry Tower. <https://bellringing.org/tower-talk-29>

Tower Talk

The newsletter for ringers using  Learning the Ropes™

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

504 Plain Bob Triples at Inverness :: Congratulations to Corbetteers Nick Sturgess and Nicola Marshall... 20 minutes of ringing ... many years of walking! <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1739559>

Inverness Bells :: The Cathedral bells feature on a new website guiding visitors around the sights of Inverness: "Inverness Festival of Walking and Wheeling": <https://www.wawfest.com/loop/cathedral>



4. The Cathedral

St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

- The **Cathedral Open Day** was a good opportunity to show off the ringing chamber. Here's a selection of photos. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1MX2X7QJnULSBnYs>
- And here are some historical photos as a reminder of the **two new trebles** being installed in 2008: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/fDgV5xRSoxcHcszv/>
- **5040 Plain Bob Triples** was rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the laying of the cathedral foundation stone. In the tower is a peal board to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone, so we thought we should go for the 150th as well. The band is based on regular cathedral ringers and supporters. In the main we are not regular tower-bell peal-ringers, plus it was Alison's first peal as conductor. Eli confessed her last peal was probably before Alex was born! Morven and Matthew hadn't rung a peal for a few years either. So we were a little nervous, but we scored a sound and uneventful peal! The peal was publicised on the cathedral website, which helps alerts the locals that there will be a sustained period of ringing. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1734224>

Stirling celebrates 900 years :: Birthday bells in Stirling and an interview with Magnus Peterson starts this piece on 900th anniversary celebrations for the Royal Burgh. Good footage of the bells turning full circle #stirling #stirling900

<https://news.stv.tv/v/stirling-launches-year-long-900th-birthday-celebrations>

<https://x.com/stirlingcouncil/status/1783789192335524329>

Stirling launches year-long 900th birthday celebrations

All of the city's memorable moments will be celebrated over the next 12 months.



Fifty Years of Peal Ringing :: A superlative anniversary. Congratulations to Mike Clay.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1725362>



Inveraray :: New view of Inveraray bell tower! Ringers visiting Inveraray this year can enjoy seeing the tower from the newly reopened pier. Great to see this historic facility available again. The Inveraray Festival Weekend is Fri 26 – Sun 28 Jul



Historical Handbell Holiday House :: In this week's *Ringing World* (8901, pp.504-505). On the west coast of Argyll, opposite the Isle of Jura, in the hamlet of Kilmory Knap, a house called Dun a Bhuilg was the location of the second and third handbell peals by the Scottish Association, in 1936 ...

https://sacr.org/images/media/RW5901_505_Kilmory_Knap.pdf

Historic handbell house holiday by Simon Cox

On the last night of August, the historic handbell house holiday in Edinburgh is celebrated with a special service at the Edinburgh City Chambers. The service is held at 10.30pm and is broadcast on BBC Radio 2. The service is held at the Edinburgh City Chambers and is broadcast on BBC Radio 2. The service is held at the Edinburgh City Chambers and is broadcast on BBC Radio 2.





After celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Handbell Society in 2023, the Scottish Handbell Society is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Handbell Society in 2023. The Scottish Handbell Society is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Handbell Society in 2023. The Scottish Handbell Society is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Handbell Society in 2023.

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Historic handbell house holiday (see opposite)

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 8 Apr. 1920) Stephen Brown, Simon J. Gay, 1-2, Malcolm J. L. Dunham, 3-4, Julia R. Cator, 5-6, Malcolm IV James, 7-8.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 7 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 7 Apr. 1950) John B. Major, James H. Dewart, 1-2, Tim R. Robertson, 3-4, Simon J. Gay, 5-6, Malcolm IV James, 7-8, Malcolm V James, 9-10, Malcolm VI James, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 9 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 9 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 9 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 11 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 11 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 11 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 13 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 13 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 13 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 15 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 15 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 15 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 17 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 17 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 17 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 19 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 19 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 19 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 21 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 21 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 21 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 23 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 23 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 23 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 25 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 25 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 25 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 27 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 27 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 27 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 29 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 29 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 29 Apr. 1950) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 31 Apr. 1920) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

Kilmory Knapp, Argyll. (Sun 4 Brigid 31 Apr. 1940) Catherine B. Robertson, Angela M. O'Neill, 1-2, Peter D. Parker, 3-4, Jennifer B. Brown, 5-6, Nicholas W. James, 7-8, Tim R. Robertson, 9-10, Simon J. Gay, 11-12.

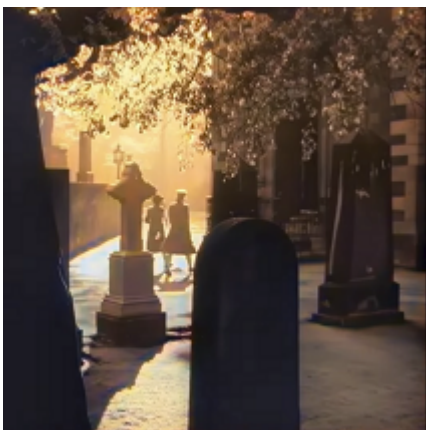
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Bellboard :: Here's a link to SACR performances since the last newsletter: [link](#). There are quite a few hand bell quarters (and peals) and quite a few tower bell peals (and quarters), including good spread of ringing at the Scottish Handbell Day.

Bellringing at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh in 1948

Edinburgh: Steam trains, cobbled streets, bells, horses and carts, trams, one-o'clock gun... this beautiful 30-minute film steps right back to over 75 years ago and within the first few minutes there's a short sequence that includes St Cuthbert's (then) ring of eight. It showcases many iconic locations of Edinburgh. The bells are heard only at the start, but the whole film is worth a watch if you love Edinburgh. Thanks to Andrew Kelso for sending the link.

- Short sequence with the bells: <https://www.youtube.com/clip/Ugkxd0JNVLesVTTSirYkwmODRtMeeQxl0Zqt>
- Full 30-minute film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIw5swnCThg>



Open Doors Days in September :: September can be a good month to showcase bellringing in your tower. To check dates for your area, see doorsopendays.org.uk/2024-weekends

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Fun with Bells podcast :: The latest episode "[Bridging Generations](#)" comes from the ART Conference 2024, and included on the panel discussion is Tina with her CCCBR presidential hat on. funwithbells.com/episode/art-conference-2024-bridging-generations



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