

**Subject:** SACR Newsletter :: Scottish Association of Change Ringers

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Dear Members

Here's the latest SACR newsletter. Season's greetings!

### Upcoming Events

**Fri 24 Jan :: Advanced practice, Edinburgh St Cuthbert's**, 7pm–9pm. Focus methods Stedman, Yorkshire, and London No.3 Surprise Royal. Nearer to the time, please let Ruth ([master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org)) know if you'll be attending.

**Sat 25 Jan :: Alloa** :: Practice on the *last* Saturday of each month, from 11am–1pm on 25 Jan, and then 3pm–5pm for Feb/Mar/Apr. More information from [dunkeld@sacr.org](mailto:dunkeld@sacr.org) (note that *last* Sat of month is correct: this is a change from the previous newsletter)

**Sat 1 Feb :: Winter Meeting :: Aberdeen**, with general ringing and a Surprise Major practice (details to be confirmed)

**Fri 21 Feb :: Advanced practice, Glasgow**, 7pm–9pm

**Sat 22 Feb :: Alloa** :: Last Saturday practice from 3pm–5pm. More information from [dunkeld@sacr.org](mailto:dunkeld@sacr.org)

**Sat 8 / Sun 9 Mar :: Training Weekend :: Tulloch**

**Fri 28 Mar :: Advanced practice, Edinburgh St Cuthbert's**, 7pm–9pm

**Sat 29 Mar :: Alloa** :: Last Saturday practice from 3pm–5pm

**Fri 25 Apr :: Advanced practice, Glasgow**, 7pm–9pm

**Sat 26 Apr :: Alloa** :: Last Saturday practice from 3pm–5pm

**Sat 17 May :: AGM and striking competition :: Glasgow**

**Sun 18 May :: Bell Sunday**

**Fri 30 May :: Advanced practice, Edinburgh St Cuthbert's**, 7pm–9pm

**Fri 25 – Sun 27 Jul :: Inveraray Festival Weekend**

### Obituary

**Michael Mulvey** (12 Mar 1942 – 4 Oct 2024)

We were sad to hear that Michael Mulvey died recently. He was tower captain at St Mary's

Cathedral in Edinburgh during the 1970s and some of you may remember him. He and his wife, Frances, moved to Gloucester in 1976 and are remembered as very kind and generous people. There's an obituary of Michael in the 6 Dec 2024 issue of *The Ringing World* (No.5928, p.1150)

## News

There was ringing for **Remembrance** across Scotland, with photos and notes at <https://www.facebook.com/scottishbellringing>



(Scott Monument, Remembrance tree; photo from Annie Brechin)

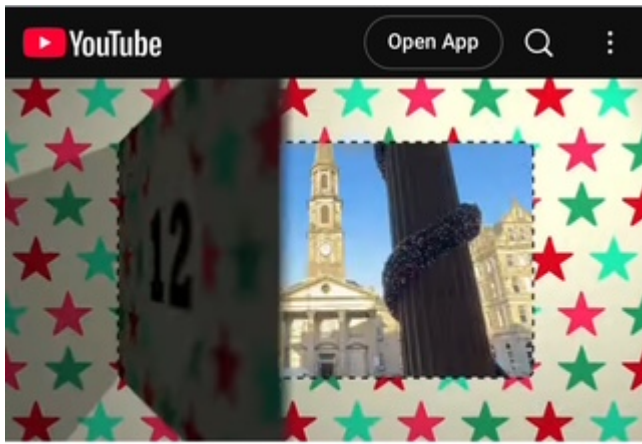
**Dundee society is 150 year old** :: Members of the Dundee Society of Bell Ringers celebrated 150 years of the society with a quarter and special new sweatshirts. The quarter also celebrated the 200th anniversary of the completion of HMS Unicorn. First quarter congratulations to Andrew MacKenzie.

<https://www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk/news/article/23439>

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1788779>



**Edinburgh New Town Church** :: Day 12 of Edinburgh New Town Church's Advent Calendar at <https://youtu.be/LE8qBnY3oFc> is bells and poetry and Christmas cheer from the church's bellringers



Edinburgh New Town Church Advent Calendar  
2024, Door 12

**Dumfries** :: If you plan to join Dumfries on a Thursday evening practice night (7.30pm–9pm), please check ahead since sometimes a practice night is cancelled. The email is [dumfries@sacr.org](mailto:dumfries@sacr.org)

**Snow bells** :: The snow didn't put ringers off attending the learners' session at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh at the end of November. Photos by Jeanny Basset



**Bells in the Theatre** :: Edinburgh offers theatrical bells again. From the play “Bellringers” at the Edinburgh Fringe to this season’s Christmas show at the Lyceum: “Treasure Island” begins — and closes — with handbells, on loan from St Cuthbert’s. No change-ringing but real handbells nonetheless. A fabulous family friendly show. On stage until at Lyceum Edinburgh until 4 Jan Here's a video clip from the Lyceum: <https://fb.watch/wrPwp9ygvk>



**Handbells and Numbers** :: An innovative first named Numbers. A quarter of Numbers Royal was rung this week by the Albany Quadrant band. <https://www.handbellringing.co.uk/blog/a-quarter-of-numbers>

**St James, Paisley** :: From a Paisley 8 to a St Cleer 10... further fundraising is underway to enable the Paisley bells to be heard again at St Clarus church in St Cleer, Cornwall. This is hopefully a final push, to see the project to completion. Donations will help ensure the Paisley bells are sounding out again soon, and every little helps!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19qwBuatCR>

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/paul-white-180>



**Bellboard** :: Here's a link to SACR performances since the last newsletter... quite a long list with 9 peals and 31 quarters (the quarters were mainly rung at Tulloch): [link](#).

- Peal firsts:
  - First peal in 35 years for Ian Stark
  - First Rutland for Brian Heys
  - First Royal as conductor for James Blackburn
  - First Bristol Royal for Zoe Bennett
  - 200th peal together for Simon Aves and Mike Clay
  - 100th peal on St Cuthbert's bells and 450th as conductor for Mike Clay
  - 400th peal for SACR for Peter Williamson
- Quarter peal firsts:
  - First quarter peal for Ian Broan and Fiona Bridge
  - First caters inside for Ian Turner
  - First caters and first Stedman and first Little Bob for Tanya Hart
  - First Grandsire Caters for Rachel Milner
  - First surprise inside for Sue Turner
  - First minor for Jim Gulliver
  - First quarter inside for Moe Harrison
  - First on two tower bells for Robin Daw
  - First quarter away from cover for Alison Peel and for Doug Peel
  - First on eight, and first minor, for Alexis Martin
  - First major for Nor James
  - First treble to triples for Sally Vos
  - First minor for Jim Gulliver
  - First quarter of Numbers

- Celebrations:

- Welcome to Bishop David Railton to the role of Bishop of Argyll and the Isles
- Welcome to the world to Arkady A Nurmukhametov, son of Irina and Alekesi
- Congratulations to Zoe Bennett on graduating from Strathclyde University with an M. Arch, with distinction, in Advanced Architectural Design
- Celebration of the Dundee Society of Bell Ringers 150th anniversary. Also for the 200th anniversary of the completion of HMS Unicorn (docked in Dundee).
- Congratulations to Minister elect of New Town Church, Revd Dr Conor Fegan
- Congratulations to new graduates of the University of St Andrews



### Nominate someone for an ART Award

<https://bellringing.org/2024/10/26/the-2025-art-awards-are-open>

Please do consider whether you know anyone who would be good to nominate for any of these awards. If you are unsure how to do this please contact Sue ([secretary@sacr.org](mailto:secretary@sacr.org)), Ruth ([master@sacr.org](mailto:master@sacr.org)) or Judith ([training@sacr.org](mailto:training@sacr.org))

### CCCBR Ringing Forums

A reminder that there are various discussion groups on this forum website: <https://www.ringingforums.org/categories/all> and general CCCBR news, resources, etc. at [cccb.org.uk](http://cccb.org.uk)



**Fun with Bells podcast** :: Cathy Booth has just released the final episode of this podcast with "A Celebration of Bellringing: More than a Hobby". There are 75 episodes giving a lot to listen to online: all episodes are available at <https://funwithbells.com/episodes>, including "A history of change ringing in Scotland" with Simon Aves and "What Ringers Wear" featuring Alex Linton



### Young Change Ringers Association ::

- Webinar series
  - 19 Dec 24 – Christmas Quiz!
  - 10 Jan 25 – Youtube & Videoing Ringing with Simon Edwards
- YCRA is also on <https://www.facebook.com/YCRA.official> and <https://www.instagram.com/ycra.official/>



As ever, please send in photos, articles, your social media posts and other updates about your local ringing to [publicity@sacr.org](mailto: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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