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of Change Ringers**

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SACR Events - 2021

Dates for your Diary

23rd January 2021	Winter Meeting	Zoom
30th January 2021	Advanced Practice	Zoom
6th March 2021	Training Day	Zoom
27th March 2021	Advanced Practice	Zoom
15th May 2021	AGM & Striking Competition	Zoom
30th July 2021	48th Inveraray Festival	Cancelled
October 2021	21st Scottish Handbell Day	TBC
23th October 2021	Social Meeting	TBC
22nd January 2022	Winter Meeting	TBC

**Additional meetings or events will be announced on
the SACR website: www.sacr.org**

President's Report

I opened last year's report with the statement "*perhaps it is a good thing to report that – for our Association – the year was a relatively quiet one: generally successful, with mostly 'more of the same'.*". Note to self: enjoy it while you can.

I am sure what I am about to say will be repeated in many reports for 2020, ad nauseum, but it is true – when we met in Haddington in January for our committee meeting where we plan the events for the year ahead, we had no real sense how much of the plan would have to be shredded. COVID-19 has changed so much this year, with the shutting down of tower-bell ringing being, in the big picture, one of the less important effects. But we are all missing "real" ringing. For me, virtual ringing has helped keep "the little grey cells" working, but I greatly miss the physical benefits from ringing a real bell on a real rope.

What for me has been a highlight of the year, though, is the way our members have pulled together (pun intended), continued to remain as active as possible, and strongly supported SACR virtual meetings. Many towers have continued with weekly practices through Ringing Room, with virtual pub events to maintain social contact for those not inspired by keyboard ringing. This has resulted in some inter-tower cooperation that would not normally be possible. Handbell ringing (online mostly) has attracted some new converts. Freed from the physical challenges of rope and bell, many of our members have taken great leaps forward in method ringing. We hope that, when we are freed to enter towers again, this improved theoretical understanding will rapidly pay off.

A big thank you to Simon Gay for all his work as Ringing Master over the last five years. He organised one of the last real events of 2020, the March training day in Tulloch. These events have been a notable success of his for several years now. He stepped down at the AGM having served the maximum sentence as prescribed in the by-laws.

Ruth Marshall takes over as Ringing Master at a unique time for the association. Not only do we depend on her strong ringing and organisation skills, but this year she has excelled as Zoom Master and organiser of Ringing Room breakout sessions (a term we didn't know was relevant to ringing until this year!).

Following the review last year of our IT needs by Tina Stoecklin, Stephen Elwell-Sutton, and Jonathan Frye, we have this year seen benefits from a move to a MS Office account for officers, and resolution of some of the email glitches we'd suffered. Thank you to Jonathan for his implementation work and keeping the bits flowing.

The next few sentences I can repeat almost verbatim from last year's report. Work has continued to find a new home for the bells rescued from St James' Paisley. The challenge is to find a location where all the necessary parameters, technical, financial, and social, are all in place at the same time. In the Autumn, we thought a location had been found, and we even had an inspection from a professional bell-hanger, but at the end of the year, and despite much lobbying, the local congregation decided they could not support the project, the fundraising being a challenge too far for them.

Now for the new bits. Many thanks are due to Mike Clay, assisted by Simon Aves, for again leading on this project. Over 100 possibilities in Scotland have now been seriously evaluated. As the year closed, we have run out of *suitable* potential locations, with the areas of the country remaining being more geographically isolated and likely to be difficult to support from other ringing centres. We do not want to rehome the bells only to end up with them not being regularly rung. The economic implications of COVID-19 are likely to accelerate future church closures, further reducing possible locations and bringing yet more bells onto the market. As custodians of these heritage assets, simply selling them for scrap metal value is not an option we can support. The desire is still to find a place where they will be rung as originally intended, even if that is not in Scotland. Some hard decisions are going to be needed in due course.

Fundraising for the augmentation from 8 to 10 at St Paul's Cathedral in Dundee has inevitably been impacted badly by the Covid shutdown. Rejuvenating this project must be a high priority in 2021, and we have already highlighted it as a focus for post-COVID recovery of ringing in Scotland.

With a vaccination programme beginning, I have real hope that 2021 will see us back together again. But we will have new challenges to solve to return everyone to ringing, stimulate recruitment of new ringers, and develop a strong training support programme. These are preferable, however, to being locked down and unable to ring!

Thank you for your support of SACR. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during 2021 – in person!

Colin P. North



Secretary's Report

As will be mentioned by others, 2020 has been a year like no other for the SACR. Despite a coronavirus pandemic, however, we have managed to meet on several occasions – as usual in January at Haddington, and virtually via zoom and ringing room since.

The Association came together four times during 2020: the winter meeting in January was hosted in Haddington; the March training weekend in Tulloch; the AGM in May was held online and the October meeting again online. Thanks to Haddington for hosting the January meeting and also to Dumfries who made great preparations for the striking competition – we will get there one day soon!

The committee met once during the year, in January. The Association had formal business meetings in January and May (AGM). In addition to the formal meetings, the office bearers met on several occasions via Zoom to ensure the Association continued to function during the pandemic, and to begin to work on a strategy for the Association looking towards the future.

Overall, 10 new members were elected during the year – welcome to you all! Congratulations are also due to Susan Bryce and Sally Thomas who have been SACR members for 40 years, Colin North and Isobel Crane who have been SACR members for 30 years, and Ian Talboys, Jonathan Frye, Frank Ewing, Tina Stoecklin, Jenny Mackie, Rachel Mackie and George Playfair who have been members for 20 years. Sadly, three of our members died during 2020: Bill Brotherton, Ian Peacock and Steven Toase.

Prior to lockdown, and the advent of social distancing, 9 peals were rung for the Association. Among them was a handbell peal of 5056 Spliced Treble Bob major rung by Scottish resident 1000 pealers, Al Rossin's first peal on tower bells (which was also James Holdsworth's 1100th peal), the first peal of Surprise on handbells by a resident Edinburgh band, and Ian Turner's first peal of Surprise.

Susan Bryce



Scottish Association of Change Ringers General Fund

Treasurer's Report

The subscription fee was increased from the start of 2020 with the intention of being able to use additional funds for a wider range of activities within the association - in particular helping towers with local projects that would not qualify for a grant from the Bell Restoration Fund. Unfortunately, with all ringing activity having been severely curtailed, those calls on the Association's funds were not made. There was also a reduction in expenditure, partly due to our representatives not having to travel to a Central Council meeting. All in all we are in a very healthy position to plan for the resumption of ringing in the not too distant future.

Our loan from the Keltek Trust was due to be repaid in April 2021, but we were granted an extension in recognition of the difficulty in pursuing our search for a new home for the Paisley bells during the pandemic. As at the end of December 2020 we remained of the opinion that the value of the bells exceeded the amount due.

Author: Simon Aves

Bell Restoration Fund Trustees' Report

No new applications for grant assistance were received by the Trustees during 2020; the grant of £10,000 offered to St Paul's Dundee for the augmentation project is the only current commitment on the Fund. There was no expenditure from the Fund.

After January there were no meetings of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers, and thus no cash collections were taken. The Fund's income increased slightly on the preceding year however, thanks to a single large donation. The Trustees would like to thank those who make regular small donations by standing order, and also Ruth Ogilvie who runs the 50-50 Club.

There was one change in the members of the board of Trustees - Ruth Marshall replacing Simon Gay at the Association's AGM in May.

Simon Aves, Susan Bryce, Michael Clay, Simon Gay (to May 2020), Ruth Marshall (from May 2020), Colin North.

Author: Simon Aves



Scottish Association of Change Ringers

	2020	2019
<u>Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31 December 2020</u>	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Membership subscriptions	2,010.00	1,067.50
Annual Report advertising	135.00	140.00
Donations	5.00	-
Income from sale of book (net of transaction fees and postage)	8.17	90.13
Sales of Polo shirts/fleeces	3.98	-
Peal fees	62.00	233.00
Total Income	<u>2,224.15</u>	<u>1,530.63</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Central Council subscription	80.00	80.00
Central Council travel expenses	-	206.40
Audit	63.10	57.30
Association of Ringing Teachers	-	100.00
Admin.and travel costs (including lottery license)	56.67	192.11
Annual Report printing/postage	150.00	159.48
Web hosting/domain	105.00	90.00
Ringing World notices	10.32	39.78
Total Expenditure	<u>465.09</u>	<u>925.07</u>
Profits on Book to BRF	(8.17)	(90.13)
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	<u>1,750.89</u>	<u>515.43</u>
Retained Profit at 31 December 2019 and 2020	6,548.43	4,797.54
Represented by:		
Bank of Scotland	6,482.18	4,811.57
Cash in hand - Debtors	66.00	64.03
Paisley bells	12,216.25	12,216.25
Creditors	<u>(12,216.00)</u>	<u>(12,294.31)</u>
	<u>6,548.43</u>	<u>4,797.54</u>

Scottish Association of Change Ringers Bell Restoration Fund

Scottish Charity Number SC011080

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>		
<u>Year Ended 31 December 2020</u>		
Private Donations	569.00	669.00
Tax reclaim	196.33	173.75
Collected at Meetings & Other Fundraising	500.00	197.30
Tulloch donations	-	-
50-50 Club	400.00	350.00
Profits on Book	48.17	90.13
Interest	71.80	108.05
Total Income	<u>1,785.30</u>	<u>1,588.23</u>
Grants paid in year	Inverness	
	-	(314.40)
Total Expenditure	<u>-</u>	<u>- 314.40</u>
Net Income/(Deficit)	1,785.30	1,273.83

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

Cash/Debtor	8.17	-
Creditor	-	-
Santander	£ 20,878.31	£ 19,101.18
	<u>£ 20,886.48</u>	<u>£ 19,101.18</u>
Grants committed		
Dundee St Paul	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Funds available for grants	£ 10,886.48	£ 9,101.18
	<u>£ 20,886.48</u>	<u>£ 19,101.18</u>

Ringling Master's Report

My first year as ringling master has been a very strange one as we have not been able to do any ringling for the Association in tower in person since I took over from Simon Gay in May 2020. Most notably, there was no Striking Competition and no Inveraray Festival Ringling in 2020, and it's looking likely that this will be the same in 2021. However, that has not stopped ringling in Scotland continuing in hand and over the new virtual tools of Zoom and Ringling Room.

Our January meeting was held at Haddington. From January to March 2020, there were 9 peals rung for the Association – 8 in tower & one in hand. We had advanced ringling practices in Edinburgh & Dundee; and there was a training day at Tulloch organised by previous ringling master, Simon Gay.

Thereafter whilst some Scottish towers have been able to ring occasionally for services on a small number of bells, lockdown restrictions have largely prevented any physical ringling in our towers since mid-March. It has been good to see that most of our towers have embraced the use of virtual tools to keep regular ringling sessions going – if your tower is not, there are opportunities to join other bands as distance is no barrier so please contact me to find out more.

In April & May, Mike Clay and Simon gave a couple of very interesting talks about Cyclic Royal and advanced method ringling and we have continued with our monthly Advanced Practices ringling Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Bristol Surprise Royal, Littleport Little, Stedman Caters and surprise major virtually.

We had some general ringling on 4 virtual towers at the May AGM & October Social via Ringling Room. This catered for ringers at all levels and it has been great to see some of our tower new learners making great improvements in their method ringling in the virtual world.

The first quarter scored in Ringling Room for the Association was in June, and there have been 7 in total. There were also 13 quarter peals in hand with social distancing adding to the 3 in tower at the start of the year.

I look forward to 2021 being a strong year for Ringling in Scotland even if we are not able to meet in person.

Ruth Marshall



Report by Central Council Representatives

By Ruth Marshall and Tina Stoecklin

The 2020 Annual Central Council Meeting was held virtually via Zoom on 6th September. The Council officers clearly took advice from other societies (including the SACR) on holding virtual meetings, as it was a well-organised operation.

While there were not the same opportunities for arm-twisting (otherwise known as persuading), it was a very successful meeting. The chat area allowed for more nuanced discussion slightly under the radar, and many new attendees felt more encouraged to speak out.

The most controversial issue on the table this year was the motion to allow 'associate' (i.e. non-voting) membership for ringing societies that wish to affiliate but do not meet the current affiliation criteria. After a lot of procedural wrangling, the motion was discussed and passed. This is clearly a short term solution while the Council grapples with the issue of changing it's membership model. More information on this ongoing consultation is here: <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/reforms/>

The Ringing World meeting also had a bit of controversy, as some organisational snafus sank a motion to change its business model. There was some unparliamentary language. This overshadowed the financial outlook for the next year, which is precarious. Notwithstanding, the lockdown issues of The Ringing World have been some of the best ever, and this was noted by several members.

Outwith the main meeting, the Council itself has been busy and very visible working on lockdown-related issues and promoting virtual ringing events. It has been notable the extent to which the Council is working with other ringing organisations, such as ART and The Ringing World, to tackle ringing recovery, and to keep going with other ringing initiatives. For a flavour of this work, check out the President's monthly blog: <https://cccbr.org.uk/news/>

Your council reps have not been idle: Tina has been part of a new Women in Ringing working group, which established and published extensive data on the leaky pipelines in women's progression in ringing. You can read more about this here: <https://womeninringing.info>
Ruth has been lending her expertise on the Stewardship and Management working group.



Publicity Officer Report

In 2020 there were few opportunities to promote towers and bells “in real life” due to the extended periods of Covid-19 lockdown, but a couple of production companies were nevertheless interested in filming at Inveraray bell tower. Both sets of filming took place in 2020 with appropriate social distancing, etc. to produce short segments for Channel 5’s *Secret Scotland* programme and for BBC Scotland’s *Grand Tours of Scotland’s Lochs*. Thanks to everyone who made that happen, especially Ruth and Angela in their starring roles. Social media has allowed SACR to keep in touch with members and the wider ringing community with regular posts on the Facebook and Twitter pages (which were set up by Liz Evans, who was publicity officer until May 2020), and a newsletter is sent out to members by email every few weeks.

For up-to-date information see:

<https://sacr.org/index.php/association/newsletters-reports>

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishbellringing>

<https://twitter.com/SBellringing>

@SBellringing

Martin Mellor



50-50 CLUB REPORT

The results of the draws for the 50-50 CLUB in 2020 were as follows:

January	Cassia Ogilvie	Aberdeen	£31.50	Drawn at the Winter meeting in January 2020, Haddington
February	Ed Gosden	Glasgow	£30.50	Drawn at the Training Day in March 2020, Tulloch
March	Eric McNally	Dunblane	£30.50	
April	Isabel Crane	Aberdeen	£30.00	Drawn in Aberdeen in June 2020 at a weekly Tower meeting*
May	Heather Barrington	Dumfries	£30.00	
June	Margaret Williams	Glasgow	£29.50	
July	Frank Ewing	Glasgow	£29.50	Drawn in Aberdeen in October 2020 at a weekly Tower meeting*
August	Maggi Churchill	Dundee	£29.50	
September	John Elcock	Haddington	£29.50	
October	Dawn McAleer	Edinburgh	£29.50	Drawn in Aberdeen in December 2020*
November	Eric McNally	Dunblane	£28.50	
December	Colin Crawford	Glasgow	£28.00	

*All draws after March 2020 were carried out during online meetings due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Total raised by 50-50 club in 2020: £729.00

It has been a surprisingly good year for the 50-50 club since there have been no physical meetings since March 2020. The prize money - and therefore money raised for the BRF - did not quite reach the heights of last year but we have tried hard to keep everyone interested and enthusiastic via online draws and emailed reminders! Thanks to your generous support we were able to pay £450 into the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF). Please continue that support into 2021 (end keep an eye out for emailed reminders!!) so we can keep the prizes high and raise even more funds for the BRF.

You can buy tickets at any time of year for as many months as you want:

- when you see me at meetings
 - or email me for an entry forms and payment options (cheque, online transfer, paypal)
- at 50-50club@sacr.org

The 50-50 Club exists to raise funds for the Bell Restoration Fund but at the same time gives you the opportunity to win cash as well. If you would like to support this worthy cause you can purchase numbers as described above. Each month we draw a number from 1 to 75, and the winner receives half of the takings for that month, the other half going to the BRF. You can buy the same number(s) for a year at £12 each, or you can purchase one number one month at a time for £1 per month. All contributions however small or large are very much appreciated!

Thank you once again for your support and looking forward to 2021 draws....

Ruth Ogilvie



Obituary

Bill Brotherton

Edinburgh St Mary's

1945 - 2020

Bill was born in Wolverhampton on 22nd August 1945. His father, Francis (Frank) Brotherton, was an excellent studious ringer and Tower Captain at St Peter's Wolverhampton, a 33cwt Gillett & Johnston ring of twelve. Bill was taught to ring there by his father at the age of about 17 in a two-hour session. He then joined the regular practice night and was ringing Grandsire Doubles on an inside bell (by numbers) when his future wife Helen arrived to see the ringing with a view to learning. Bill was also a server at St. Peter's, a member of the church badminton club, and the Friday Club (an art, music and literature discussion group – which he attended only intermittently as he considered it a bit highbrow!). Bill then attended a local college where he completed a sandwich course in Mechanical Engineering, gaining a 1st Class Honours degree.

Bill and Helen married in 1967. The following year Bill was offered a PhD placement at Cambridge University, which he accepted. However, for political reasons funding was not available and he could not take up the place. Contact with Cambridge continued, however, and he did some work there.

In 1973 Bill joined the now defunct electrical engineering and equipment firm Ferranti in Edinburgh, working in micro-electronics. The family moved at that time to Edinburgh and subsequently to Rosyth, and Bill started ringing in Edinburgh at both St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral and St Cuthbert's Church. He gave up ringing whilst their children Clare and James were very young, but the whole family took up ringing again once the children had learnt to ring.

Bill was Steeplekeeper and then Tower Captain at Edinburgh Cathedral between 1990 and 2014, where he put a great deal of time and effort into both the general ringing and the training of new ringers. He was instrumental in augmenting the ring of ten to twelve whilst achieving his ambition (and Historic Scotland's requirement) of retaining the original historic wooden bell frame. This made St Mary's Cathedral the first ring of twelve bells in Scotland. He also served a three-year term as Master of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers.

Following the closure of Ferranti in the 1990s, Bill worked for Fife Council as a technician at a local school from 1996 until he retired in 2010.

Bill rang his first peal in October 1964 at Shifnall, Shropshire, inside to Grandsire Triples, for the Shropshire Association. His first peal together with the whole family, which he conducted, was at St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh in 1987 in three minor methods. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Edinburgh Cathedral in September 1992 celebrated Bill and Helen's Silver Wedding Anniversary. Plain Bob Maximus at Edinburgh Cathedral in October 2009 was the first peal on twelve bells in Scotland.

Bill rang in over 130 peals and a great many quarter peals. Of all the peals and quarter peals he conducted, he was proudest of a little-mentioned quarter peal of Bastow Little Court in 1993 rung entirely by an Edinburgh Cathedral band and containing 91 calls.

In December 2014 Bill and Helen moved to the East Coast of Lincolnshire, where he and Helen joined the local band at SS Peter & Paul, Ingoldmells. They also travelled extensively throughout the county, ringing many quarter peals together, and became valued and very active members of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. Although Bill did not hold an office within the Guild, he supported Helen, who held two offices concurrently for a time and continues (2021) as Guild General Secretary.



Bill was a very competent ringer. He had a sensitive disposition and would happily ring with both learners and experienced ringers alike. Whilst ringing he would often offer helpful gestures to assist others when the need arose. On completion of some good ringing or following the achievement of something being properly rung by a novice for the first time, Bill would always offer positive acknowledgement.

Bill suffered from poor hearing for most of his life. He was not born deaf but became so in childhood, probably following a bout of measles. He never became totally deaf but suffered from both middle frequency deafness - about the range of the human voice - and tinnitus. While he could hear parts of many words that were outside his range of hearing he had to guess what the rest of the word was, which explains why he could hear sometimes but

not others. He could hear bells and, as with words, where the sound was outside his range of hearing he could feel the "tap" of the clapper. Despite this hearing deficiency he was an excellent striker. Ingoldmells tower benefitted from having Bill in their striking contest team, winning the Guild plate competitions in 2016 and 2017. He was also in an Eastern Branch team that won the Guild 8-bell striking competition for the first time ever in 2016. During his time in Lincolnshire Bill supported ringers and ringing throughout East Lincolnshire and made many ringing friends throughout the wider county of Lincolnshire.

Bill had a very effective formulaic approach to learning and revising the structure of methods. He would regularly revise his knowledge, often by just running through a method mentally without visual aid. When gardening he would sometimes seem lost in thought and could be seen writing down the figures of some composition. Bill was also affected by a form of synesthesia that resulted in him seeing methods in different colours. For him, knowing place bells was essential and a comment from a ringer that "Yorkshire is simply Cambridge above the treble" was met with the reply "yes - but that's not much use to you if you don't know where you're coming from or going to next".

Bill was very interested in method composition and liked to produce his own compositions for practice night touches, quarters and peals. His competence in conducting is therefore not surprising, as composition and performance trueness were important to him. In a quarter-peal, whether conducting or not, he would be checking the coursing order throughout. If there was a discrepancy that he considered too great he would not make a fuss, but he sometimes chose not to include the performance in his own records. Bill took ringing and the Church seriously and did not suffer fools gladly.

Grammatical correctness was important to Bill: for example, a mobile phone was a portable phone and for self-isolation, why not simply use the term quarantine? He found errors in notices amusing and liked to point them out, 'No Nuts in How Cakes' being a recent example!

Outside of ringing, Bill's other interests included climbing the Scottish Munros and he and Helen accomplished 81, mainly while living in Scotland. Bill liked to read books by Winston Churchill and enjoyed the challenge of Sudoku puzzles. He was strong on general knowledge and a useful member of his local Lincolnshire quiz team.

In the Covid self-quarantine period in the spring of 2020 Bill and Helen kept busy at home, Bill with his interest in DIY projects as tower bell ringing wasn't an option. In April 2020 he was taken ill with breathing difficulties and on 16th April 2020 he was admitted to the Pilgrim Hospital in Boston, where he passed away the same day from a myocardial infarction. Although he was tested for the Covid-19 virus, the test result was negative. He was cremated in Alford Crematorium on 4th May 2020 attended by six family members, but an 'honour guard' of local ringers, who were able to travel there, stood along the route into Alford Crematorium.

He leaves behind his wife Helen, his children Clare and James, four grandchildren and a sense of great loss to the ringing community both in Scotland and elsewhere.

In short, Bill was a tremendous asset to ringing and particularly to Scottish ringing and the ringing at Edinburgh Cathedral. He is sorely missed.

With thanks to material from Helen Brotherton and Tony Barker.

Author: Mark Hutcheson

Obituary

Steven Kennedy Toase

Dunkeld

Died 2020

Steven, a Chartered Surveyor, learned to ring in his native Northern Ireland, and already knew how to handle a bell when he came to work for Allied Surveyors Scotland as a Director in their Perth office in 2011. He immediately joined the band at Dunkeld Cathedral in 2011, where his solid tenoring and steady progress into changes quickly turned him into one of Dunkeld's most reliable band members. He rang his first quarter peal at Dunkeld in 2014, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the casting of the bells there. He married Christine Malcolm in Dunkeld Cathedral on 1 June 2018; afterward, Steven joined a band of ten well-wishers in the ringing room to ring for his own wedding, splendid in kilt and Prince Charlie jacket.

Steven battled cancer for several years and it never stopped him from living life to the fullest, with good humour and determination packed in to all he did as a colleague, a sailor, a traveller, a ringer and a father. In addition to ringing with the Dunkeld team, since 2017 he served as the band's Treasurer. Whenever he was able, Steven continued ringing throughout his illness, stopped only by the pandemic in early 2020.

Steven will be hugely missed by his wife Christine and their girls Ailsa and Caitlan, and by the ringers at Dunkeld who have come to rely on him both as a team member and as a dear friend.

Author: Elizabeth Gatland

Obituary

Ian Peacock

Paisley St James

Died 2020

I was sad to hear today that ex. Paisley, St James ringer Ian Peacock died this morning (12 November). Ian hadn't been well for a while and was in a care home, but I don't remember him like that ... I remember a very kind and generous man with a cheeky wee smile. I first met him when I was a teenager. I'd learnt to ring at Morpeth (light 8 in Northumberland) so when we moved to Scotland, Glasgow's ten were a scary prospect & I took refuge at Paisley on the easier 8. At our Monday night practices, we had tea & biscuits (and Jelly Babies) mid-evening. During the Summer months, we went up to Ian's house after practice for a swim in his pool. He was in the hotel trade and we benefited from some excellent tower meals out as a result!

He learnt to ring when he was under 16 years old and rang at the SACR meeting in 1944, yet I was privileged to ring in his first peal in 1999! The peal board currently hangs on a wall at Glasgow, rescued when Paisley church closed and the bells were removed.

He was a great man and I'm very thankful to have known him. Rest in Peace.

PAISLEY, Strathclyde, St James

Saturday 27 February, 1999, 3h 25 (22-1-17cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Triples

Comp: R. Bailey

- 1. Rose M Hancock*
 - 2. Ian Peacock*
 - 3. Alexander C Scott*
 - 4. Eric McNally*
 - 5. Terry G Williams*
 - 6. Ruth M Williams*
 - 7. Robert J Hancock (C)*
 - 8. Gavin Howat*
- 1st peal: 2, 8.*

Author: Ruth Marshall



All peal figures have been extracted from the SACR peal database and are believed to be correct.

If anyone has a query about any of the figures, please contact the database administrator:

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TOWER REPORTS

All members listed in this report are those who have paid their 2020 subs

ABERDEEN	Cathedral Church of St Machar, The Chanonry, Old Aberdeen	Grid Ref: NJ 939 088
8 Bells,	Tenor 14-0-6 in F#	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-11.00	Practice: Monday 19.30-21.30
Tower Captain:	<i>Ian Talboys</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Ruth Ogilvie 11 Hermit Seat, Auchleven, Inch, Aberdeenshire. AB52 6QZ</i>	
		Email: stmachar@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1979	John Thorogood	-	15
1990	Isabel Crane	-	-
1990	Colin P North	4	86
1999	Simon Lucas	-	-
2000	Ian Talboys	-	-
2004	Fiona North	-	-
2004	Susan Talboys	-	-
2005	Ruth Ogilvie	-	-
2006	Shona Buxton	-	-
2006	Torquil Buxton	-	-
2012	Jennifer A Holden		18
2014	Cassia Ogilvie	-	-
2014	Molly Williams	-	-
2017	Ross Greig	-	-
2017	Sylvia Greig	-	-
2020	Sarah Hyatt	-	-

A very different year at St Machar's Aberdeen in 2020, along with everyone else, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

At the start of the year, we rang for most of the Sunday morning services and had good attendance at our practice nights. We continued to teach a number of learners from the congregation at St Mary's Aberdeen with a view to them forming a band at some point in the future to ring their bells. In addition, our own learners continued to progress, improving their bell handling and some moving on into Bob Doubles. Other members of the band worked on improving their ringing of Cambridge and, on occasions, other surprise methods.

As with most other towers ringing came to a sudden end on 23rd March when the country went into lockdown.

Some of the band have been meeting each week on Zoom and Ringing Room for some online ringing. It has taken a while to master the 'bell handling' but now we are managing more methods including Cambridge Minor, Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples. Thanks to Jenny and Colin for coaching and encouraging the band in Ringing Room! During this period we have welcomed Eleanor Farquharson back to the band after many years away, and Tom McGonagle, a student on placement from York.

During lockdown, a major restoration project was started in St Machar's with the pre-reformation heraldic ceiling being fully restored, restoration of the stained-glass windows and a new roof. This work resulted in a lot of fine grit ending up on the bells, sliders, pulleys, bearings, frame and in the ringing room. All of these areas were cleaned just before Christmas in anticipation of some limited ringing for the Christmas services. However, at the last minute the services were cancelled with Covid numbers rising.

Work on the roof continues into 2021. Once the building is open to visitors again, it is worth a visit to see the vibrant colours in the stained glass and the restored heraldic ceiling, and of course to ring the bells!

Ian Talboys

ABERDEEN	Cathedral Church of St Mary of The Assumption, Huntly Street	Grid Ref: NJ 936 061
8 Bells,	Tenor 12-0-6 in A	Roman Catholic
	Sunday Ringing: No regular ringing <i>(check to confirm)</i>	Practice: Thursday : No regular ringing <i>(check to confirm)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>No band as yet</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Contact Cathedral direct</i>	
Email: manager@cathedral-abdn.org		

The bells at St Mary's Aberdeen have not been rung, but in the first few months of the year some members of the congregation attended practices at St Machar's Aberdeen where they had started to develop their bell handling skills. The intention had been to start the teaching at St Machar's where sound control means it doesn't disturb the neighbours and the bells are easier to handle, then move on to St Mary's. When lockdown struck in March 2020 ringing had to stop. Hopefully in 2021 the learners will return to St Machar's practices to continue learning once it is safe to do so and may be some others will come forward from the congregation to boost numbers and get the bells ringing.

Thanks to the St Machar's ringers for putting in the time to teach and support the learners.

Ian Talboys



ALLOA	St John the Evangelist, Broad Street	Grid Ref: NS 886 926
8 Bells,	Tenor 13-0-20 in F#	Episcopalian
	No regular Sunday Ringing	Practice: 2nd & 4th Friday of Month <i>(joint with Stirling - check to confirm)</i>
Correspondent:	<i>Peter Lewis 2 Ashley Court, Linlithgow, EH49 7BD</i>	
	<i>- or - Church Office St. John the Evangelist Broad Street, Alloa, FK10 1AN</i>	<i>(church office)</i> 01259 724550
		Email: alloa@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals	Due to Covid there has been no ringing at Alloa and as it's a small tower there will probably be none the rest of this year due to small space, close ringing and poor ventilation
2013	Peter Lewis	-	-	
2013	Helen Wilson	-	-	

The church is again trying to locate a minister and with a very small congregation they hope to reopen at the end of Covid restrictions and allow ringing to continue.

Peter Lewis



DUMFRIES	St John the Evangelist Newall Terrace	Grid Ref: NX 974 764
6 Bells,	Tenor 10-3-18 in A Flat	Episcopalian/Methodist
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-10.50	Practice: Thurs 19.00-21.00
Tower Captain:	<i>Debbie Johnson</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Heather Barrington or St John's Church Office</i>	
Email: dumfries@sacr.org		

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
2015	Heather Barrington	-	-
2015	Guy Beaumont	-	-
2015	John Higgon	-	-
2015	Andrew MacKenzie (Assoc)	-	-
2015	Tony McIlwrick	-	-
2015	Kenmure A Russell	-	1
2015	Linda Scott	-	-
2015	Douglas Solley	-	-
2015	Emma Westmancott	-	-
2015	Debbie Johnson	-	1
2016	Raymond Budd (Assoc)	-	-
2016	Ian Cooper	-	-
2016	Ann Roberts	-	-
2016	Alister Stewart	-	-
2019	Lynn Sydes	-	-
2020	Julie Black	-	-
2020	Jane Martin	-	-

This time last year, I was able to report that the work on our tower both external and internal was almost complete, meaning that we could then have the electrics in the tower sorted out, and embark upon the next phase of getting some youngsters into the tower to train up as new ringers. What could possibly stop us from achieving this before another year was up?!!! Needless to say, we are still no further down this particular road. The tower is still awaiting new electrics, and we hope very much that this will happen during the later part of this year, but that will depend on how things progress generally.

Our practices have settled into a joint practice for all ringers which begins at 7.30 and ends at 9.00 pm on a Thursday. We now have a regular monthly 'meeting' in a local hostelry after the last practice in the month, and indeed we have been doing something similar on Zoom since May last year.

One thing which we did achieve before lockdown started last March was that we now have our own tower fleece and polo shirt with a logo designed by one of our ringers. They were ordered back in March, and eventually delivered back in the summer, and distributed to the ringers as and when it was possible.

Our set of handbells which was restored at the end of 2019 was returned to us looking wonderful, and we decided that we really should have a proper box to keep them in. One of our ringers, John, who has great skill in working with wood very kindly made us an excellent case to house the bells, and when we are back in the tower, it is our intention to have a brass plaque made for it to say they belonged to Anthony Howell, a former (much missed) ringer here.

Our AGM in July was held on Zoom last year, and I can wholeheartedly recommend this as a great way of keeping a meeting to just 40 minutes. We decided that a change of personnel in the roles within the tower was probably not hugely relevant at that point, and that it would be looked at again the following year.

Our ringing achievements and visitors have been very few and far between for obvious reasons, although one of our newer ringers has rung in several quarter peals in other areas of the country. Some of us have ventured into Ringing Room with varying measures of success. When the ringing restrictions were lifted slightly back in the summer, we realised that with a small ringing room such as ours, and a diameter of 1.8m on our ringing circle, that ringing even four out of our eight bells was not going to be an option.

Many thanks are due to Tony McIlwrick who started putting together a weekly newsletter way back in the late Spring. He asked for information from the ringers about their ringing careers and any other (unusual) hobbies that they might have, and we now know much more about our ringers than we ever did before.

In addition to this, in 2019 Tony gave an illustrated talk on the history and practice of ringing to the Dumfries Rotary Club. A year later and it was the turn of the Devorgilla Rotary Club to request a speaker – but this time because of the virus restrictions the talk was given via Zoom which presented its own challenges particularly in the use of YouTube clips as illustrations of good ringing.

Finally the SACR Striking Competition had to be postponed in May due to Coronavirus and may take place here next year. Before lockdown SACR members had been to test the complex sound arrangements needed for judges, participants and visitors.

Judging by comments in our Zoom meetings, all our ringers are hugely missing ringing and our ringing friends, and cannot wait to get back into the tower.

Debbie Johnson



DUNBLANE	Cathedral Church of St Blane and St Laurence, The Cross	Grid Ref: NN 781 014
8 +1 Bells,	Tenor 24-2-24 in E♭	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 09.30-10.30	Practice: Weds 19.00-21.00 (Doors also opened at 19.30)
Tower Captain:	<i>Judith Frye</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Vacant - Contact Tower Captain Blairgarry, Doune Road Dunblane, FK15 9AR</i>	
		Email: dunblane@sacr.org www.dunblaneringers.org.uk

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals	Early in the year we were excited to receive our long-awaited new set of Dynema ropes. We only used them twice before ringing stopped as the pandemic arrived!
1962	Magnus M Peterson (Life)	-	62	
1966	June Peterson (Life)	-	-	It has not been possible to ring since, other than on Christmas Day and some chiming on the Ellacombe. However, we have not been idle. Practices have continued using Ringing Room and this has proved very successful.
1985	Christopher J Frye	-	99	
1985	Judith L Frye	-	9	
1989	Stuart I Bamforth	-	14	
1991	Robert D McGowan	-	11	
1992	W John Grainger	-	190	The less experienced ringers are making good progress with plenty of opportunity to discuss theory and this should stand them in good stead when we return to the tower. The more experienced ringers are practising surprise major and a couple of ringers have taken up handbells.
1998	Katherine A Grainger	-	24	
2000	Jonathan S Frye	-	176	
2002	Fiona R Wheeler	-	4	We are a sociable group and Covid-19 has not prevented this; every couple of months we hold a social event. We have browsed old photographs, enjoyed a cheese and wine evening, had a lot of laughs at the “guess the baby photo” competition and been entertained with two fascinating talks on Italian bell ringing.
2010	Alexander P Frye	-	6	
2011	James Fraser	-	1	
2019	Jane Farquarson	-	-	
2019	Molly Holmes	-	-	
2019	Miranda Jones	-	-	
2019	Niki Wildman	-	-	Most of the band are participating regularly so we are keeping up our skills and staying in touch while we cannot meet in person.

Judith Frye, Tower Captain



DUNDEE	Cathedral Church of St Paul High Street	Grid Ref: NO 404 303
8 Bells	Tenor 21-0-0 in E ^b	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 9.30.00-10.30 (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)	Practice: Monday 19.00-21.00 (1 st & 3 rd Mondays)
Tower Captain:	<i>Margaret C Gamble</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Carly Cooper</i>	
		Email: dundee@sacr.org www.dundee.sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1989	Christina G Howie	-	3
1993	Stephen A Elwell-Sutton	-	95
1993	Ron Oliver	-	1
2004	Freddie Cumming	-	-
2005	Barbara Barnard	-	-
2012	Heather Fairley	-	-
2014	Mark G Lloyd	-	9
2015	Margaret C Gamble	2	52
2015	Peter Valuks	1	19
2017	Lucy Smith	-	-
2017	Sean D Smith	-	4
2017	Carly Cooper	-	-
2017	Gillian Ferguson	-	-
2018	Elizabeth A Evans	1	6
2019	Brenda M M Elwell-Sutton	-	1
2020	Gary Willetts	-	-

We started 2020 with a focus on our fundraising efforts for the St Paul's Dundee Bells ApPEAL, to raise money for the two new bells, but obviously things did not go according to plan. Several of our ideas have had to be postponed for the time being such as guided tours of the tower, ringing demonstrations, sponsored events, etc. The amount raised in our account currently stands at £16,376.92, which includes the £10,000 ringfenced from the Bell Restoration Fund. Other funds have been raised through the sale of jars of marmalade, donation from a quiz night, private donations and a rather unique source has been through the sale of bellringing greetings cards and cartoon books. Stephen Elwell-Sutton has taken a lead on this and created cards and books from former Dundee ringer Christelle Denize's rather hilarious take on learning to ring through cartoons. The book can be purchased for £10 and the cards are £6 for a pack of 10. All money will go towards our appeal so please have a look on our website dundee.sacr.org for more information.

Furthermore, we were delighted to receive a large donation of £2000 (included in the above figure) from the Black Watch Regiment. It is our intention to dedicate one of the new bells as a lasting memorial to those from the Regiment, and in particular those from the 4th Regiment 'Dundee's Own', who gave their

lives in The Battle of Loos in 1915. For those interested in contributing to our ApPEAL please visit <https://www.saintpaulscathedral.net/st-pauls-cathedral-bells-appeal/>.

From August to December a small number of the band resumed ringing duties following social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and ringing alternate bells for 15 minutes before Sunday Service. We rang for a wedding at St Paul's in October, and those involved donated their fee to our fundraising efforts. Obviously with further restrictions all ringing has stopped again.

Lastly, we bid a fond farewell to our Deputy Tower Captain Liz Evans in October, who has left Dundee to take up a new position at Reading. Liz contributed hugely to the Dundee band while she was here and will

be greatly missed. Her position has been filled by longstanding member Christina Howie, who we have no doubt will do an equally fantastic job.

Carly Cooper

DUNDEE	St Mary (Old Steeple), Nethergate	Grid Ref: NO 401 301
8 Bells	Tenor 19-2-10 in E	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 9.30-10.30 <i>(1st and 3rd Sundays)</i>	Practice: Monday 19.00-21.00 <i>(2nd and 4th Mondays)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>Margaret C Gamble</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Carly Cooper</i>	
		Email: dundee@sacr.org www.dundee.sacr.org



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6 Bells	Tenor 6-3-2 in B	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Service Ringing: 10.00-11.00	Practice: Saturday 10.00-11.30 (Check to confirm)
Tower Captain:	<i>Tim Gatland</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Anne Graham 131 Glasgow Road Perth, PH2 0LU</i>	Email: dunkeld@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1989	Iona O'Connor	-	-
2002	Elizabeth Gatland	-	-
2002	Tim Gatland	-	1
2007	Margaret S Churchill	-	3
2007	Robin R Churchill	1	212
2011	Chris Claydon	-	-
2011	Mara Maggio	-	-
2012	Steven Toase	-	-
2014	Anne Graham	-	-
2015	David Roemmele	-	-
2017	Godfrey S Hall	1	2
2017	Lesley Hall	-	-
2020	Valerie Bramwell	-	-

If 2019 was our 'golden age of ringing at Dunkeld', 2020 almost isn't worth reporting on. Nevertheless we persisted! As in other years, we didn't ring in January, as the temperature often doesn't rise above 5C in the ringing room and the service is held at our sister church, Little Dunkeld, in winter. When we began ringing again in February, there were rumours of a respiratory virus going around... We ceased ringing before the first 2020 lockdown began.

July 2020 brought us the death of our dear friend and Treasurer, Steven Toase, following a valiant battle with cancer. We'd rung for his wedding not two years earlier, and it felt strange and cruel not to be able to ring in celebration of his life. Tim, our Tower Captain, was able to attend the funeral. We will miss Steven's humor and good nature very much.

After a good deal of email discussion and forward planning regarding safety and social distancing, including a visit from a member of Historic Scotland to inspect the tower's access and ventilation, in the autumn of 2020 we were able to provide a limited

amount of ringing for the Sunday service at Dunkeld. When not in full lockdown, we have been permitted to ring with two households only, fully masked, and everyone staying on the same bell throughout the session. 'Two households' for our members means a maximum of four ringers! So there has been a lot of Singles and Minimus pealing across the Cathedral grounds. We marked the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II with three bells, and Christmas Day with four. We believe that our performance of 360 Plain Bob Minimus on Christmas Day was the longest length rung on tower bells in Scotland since the beginning of the national lockdown in March 2020!

Ordinarily, our Saturday morning practices and Sunday service ringing are at 10.00 a.m., but we expect these to be suspended for the foreseeable future and there is no ringing at Dunkeld at the time of this writing. Going forward, we would love to be able to welcome visitors to Dunkeld again. As lockdowns ease, it may be possible to schedule a visiting 'household' to ring with us on a Sunday morning. Please contact us well in advance if you're interested!

Elizabeth Gatland



EDINBURGH	St Cuthbert, 5 Lothian Road	Grid Ref: NT 248 736
10 Bells,	Tenor 21-0-0 in E ^b	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 10.25-11.00	Practice: Tuesday 19.30-21.00 (not in August)
Tower Captain:	<i>Susan Bryce</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Simon Aves 5 Swanston Gardens Edinburgh. EH10 7DJ</i>	
		Email: stcuthbert@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1980	Susan E Bryce	4	340
1989	Judy A Barker	-	60
1989	Michael G Barker	-	215
1998	James Bryce	-	-
1998	Bernard E Matthews	-	26
1998	Julie I Matthews	-	8
2010	Alex G Hunsley	-	28
2011	Edmund G N Smith	6	116
2013	Matthew Gretton	-	-
2014	Ruth Giblin	-	-
2015	Phyllida J Alexander	-	1
2017	Rachel Frost	-	-
2018	Anne M Brechin	4	19
2018	Ian Stark	-	-
2018	Judith Stark	-	-

St Cuthbert's was one of only five towers in Scotland where a peal was rung during 2020 - although it was not rung on the tower bells. Instead, the four ringers who have completed more than 1,000 peals, and who are resident in Scotland, got together in the ringing chamber and rang a handbell peal. There were no further attempts at peals or quarter peals.

Belfry Sunday was still observed the week after Easter, but only by the Minister conducting part of the online service alone upstairs beneath the motionless ropes. After March the ringing chamber remained silent until the start of July when two members of the band were admitted each week to sound the Ellacombe Chimes for Sunday service. Much fun was had in teasing out musical sequences on eight that are not usually encountered in call-changes. Hopefully these will be remembered once we get back to ringing, so that we are not so reliant on Queens, Kings, Whittingtons, Tittums, and Exploding Tittums. The limited congregation much appreciated the sound of bells as they sanitised and gave their contact details. Sadly services returned to online only well before Christmas.

It was a pity that the lockdown meant that we were unable to say goodbye to Rachel Frost, one of our

student ringers who was in her final year. Rachel has been a loyal member of the band during her time in Edinburgh and she will be greatly missed.

Simon Aves



EDINBURGH	Cathedral Church of St Mary, Palmerston Place	Grid Ref: NT 242 735
12 Bells,	Tenor 41-1-15 in B	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 09.45-10.30	Practice: Thursday 19.00-21.00
Tower Captain:	<i>Ian Bell</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Barbara Bell 27 House O'Hill Crescent, Edinburgh, EH4 5DE</i>	
	Email: stmaryedin@sacr.org	

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals	Looking back at the report from last year, we were looking forward with optimism to building up our band and teaching new people to ring. How sad that we look back to the year just gone by with trepidation!
1975	Mark R Hutcheson (Life)	-	15	
1992	Neil Ballard	-	7	On 19th March, when ringing had to be suspended due to COVID-19, a small group of ringers rang all the bells down. While ringing has been impossible up in the tower, we have been holding “virtual ringing” sessions on the internet platform RingingRoom. This has kept us together socially as a group and kept at least our minds on ringing, increasing our repertoire. It remains to be seen whether we can manage to ring the new methods people have learned on our real bells! Unfortunately all training has come to a halt, and we can only hope that our learners return to ringing, when we can eventually teach them. During the lockdown period we were very sad to hear that Bill Brotherton had died. He was Steeple-keeper and Tower Captain at the Cathedral for many years, and the driving force behind getting the bells augmented to twelve, the first ring of twelve in Scotland. He was tireless in teaching people to ring, and is remembered fondly by our band.
1993	Roy Dodds	-	1	
2009	Jonathan Aves	-	-	
2012	Steven Worbey	-	9	
2013	Barbara J Bell	1	8	
2013	Ian P Bell	1	27	
2015	Diana Cheesman	-	-	
2015	Michael O'Neill	-	-	
2016	Susannah M Ewens	1	2	
2016	Wilma Tolmie	-	-	
2019	Alison Fyfe	-	-	
2019	Philip Geary	-	-	
2019	Inge Müllejeans	-	-	

Roy Dodds decided recently that he would retire from ringing. We would like to thank him for all his dedication to the tower, including great help with steeple-keeping and practical ideas.

It was with great joy that we returned to the belfry on 19th July, to ring for the afternoon service. After a thorough inspection of the bells and fittings, and an even more thorough risk assessment by Mark Hutcheson, we felt safe to ring in our spacious ringing room, even though it has been necessary to space ourselves out and ring a pentatonic mix of bells! Up to and including Christmas Day, six people rang each Sunday for 15 minutes. It was heartwarming to hear from local residents and Cathedral members how delighted they were to hear the bells again. We are looking forward to restarting ringing as soon as possible.

Barbara J. Bell

Edinburgh - St Mary's Quarter Peal

26/01/2020

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 46m

1 Mark R Hutcheson	2 Barbara J Bell	3 Susannah Ewens	4 Neil Ballard
5 Ian P Bell (C)	6 James W Holdsworth		

1st Surprise on tower bells: 3. For the Service of Installation of Revd. Canon Dr. Marion Chatterley as Vice Provost.



EDINBURGH	St Andrew and St George West, 13 George Street	Grid Ref: NT 254 741
8 Bells,	Tenor 14-2-23 in E	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 12.00-12.30	Practice: Monday 19.30-21.00 (Not during August)
Tower Captain:	<i>Annie Brechin</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Anne Leigh-Brown</i>	
Email: sta_stg@sacr.org www.stagw.org.uk/music/bell-ringers		

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals	Like all Towers across the UK our ringing has been suspended for most of the year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The year started as normal but then, about a week before it was formally prohibited, we took the difficult decision to stop practice and Sunday ringing.
1997	Michael J Clay	7	360	
2007	Simon H Aves	5	198	This has not meant that all ringing activity has ceased as we have made good use of the online platform Ringing Room. A lively gathering takes place most Monday evenings via Zoom and we have progressed from call changes and Plain Bob to more complicated methods as we have become more familiar with the platform. We have advanced to ring 8-spliced together with our special method of Battersea Surprise Major. We have rung four quarter peals to date and although technical errors sometimes crop up it has been a valuable way to keep our practices going. The ringing is followed by
2007	Alison Campbell (Assoc)	-	-	
2007	Morven S Cross	-	2	
2007	Joycelyn Cunliffe (Assoc)	-	-	
2007	Sally A Evans (Assoc)	-	5	
2007	Barbara Ross (Assoc)	-	-	
2008	Mary K Clark-Maxwell	-	15	
2008	Sandra Clay	-	6	
2009	Anne Leigh-Brown	-	2	
2011	Richard A G Inglis	-	14	
2015	Christopher Hunt	-	-	

a virtual pub get-together which has been a great success. A short demonstration of virtual ringing was included in the St Andrew and St George's West newsletter to keep the church community updated on our activities.

Activity has also taken place in the tower itself as it proved possible to carry out planned maintenance work during the period that pandemic restrictions were eased. One of our ringers also tolled the tenor to mark Remembrance Sunday which was well received by the congregation. Three of our ringers in a family group rang the bells on Christmas morning.

The Tower AGM was held virtually on Monday 28th November, chaired by our Minister, Rosie Magee. We are hoping that with the roll-out of the vaccination programme we may come back to 'proper' ringing before too long and be able to serve the Church and community by celebrating worship and calling the faithful once more.

Anne Leigh-Brown



EDINBURGH	Fettes College Chapel, East Fettes Avenue	Grid Ref: NT 236 752
6 Bells	Tenor 2-1-13 in G	College Chapel
Ringling: By arrangement, not during term time (except pupils)		
Correspondent:	<i>Craig Marshall Fettes College, 24 Carrington Road, Edinburgh, EH4 1QX</i>	Email: fettes@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals	Bell-ringing at Fettes throughout 2020 certainly didn't turn out as we had anticipated at the start of the year. We began with a few ringing sessions in the Spring Term with a small but loyal pair of students, but when lockdown forced us into home learning for the entire Summer Term, the bell tower fell silent.
2018	Antonia Clarke	-	-	
2018	Craig Marshall	-	-	

On Founder's Day at the end of June we had to say a virtual goodbye to Amy our Tower Captain, who had first taken up bell-ringing in January 2015. We were disappointed that Amy had been prevented from attempting her first full peal due to lockdown, and that we were unable to send her off with the joyous sound of the bells on her last day at Fettes. But we wished her well and hope she continues with bell-ringing.

Although we were able to return to school in September, social distancing rules meant that bell-ringing could not be restarted. In October, we had hoped to have our final year students ring as part of the College's 150th anniversary celebrations, which was permitted as the girls were all in a "boarding house bubble", but the need for one of the group to self-isolate prior to a negative test for Covid-19 scuppered our plans.

As with so many other ringers, we are looking forward to better times in 2021, and to being able to herald our emergence from the global pandemic with the sound of the bells.

CW Marshall



FORRES	Balnaferry Campanile Balnaferry House, Forres, Moray	Grid Ref: NJ 030 574
8 Bells	Tenor 15 lbs	Private
	Ringling 2nd Sunday monthly, 2 - 4pm	Ringling by Arrangement
Tower Captain:	<i>Anthony Cole</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Anthony Cole Balnaferry House, Forres, Moray IV36 2SG</i>	Email: forres@sacr.org FB: BalnaferryCampanile

Ringling at the Balnaferry Campanile started off well with the January practice being attended by 13 ringers including two who hadn't rung these bells before. We rang a mixture of plain Doubles and Minor and some call changes. February's practices had only 8 ringers so we stuck to Doubles and call changes and practising for the planned quarter peal 2 weeks later which proved successful.

March saw 8 ringers visit plus a non-ringing visitor who was given a lesson in bell handling and a tour of the bells. Each of these practices involved cakes being consumed - part of how we do ringling!

Sadly Covid saw a halt to our main monthly practices from April, but we did manage to ring some Plain Bob Doubles at Easter (video on Facebook). We were able to ring a couple of other times when one non-family ringer was permitted into the house (all of us ringling with face masks), but restrictions brought in around October have since prevented even that.

We rang some call changes after Christmas (again recorded for Facebook, family only, ringling double handed) and rang in the New Year with all 8 bells (again family only, double handed ringling) and some of our friends in the Inverness band watching via Zoom.

I have now installed sensors on the 7th and tenor so we can ring with the Abel simulator.

Our monthly practices will resume as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

Anthony Cole

Forres Campanile Quarter Peals

23/02/2020

1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 37m

1 Dawn McAleer

2 Sarah E Cole

3 Catherine Pelleymounter

4 Richard Clement

5 Anthony C Cole (C)

6 Rachel M Milner

1: 1st on a working bell

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Eilish Rimmer



GLASGOW	Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Western Road	Grid Ref: NS 577 668
10 Bells	Tenor 32-1-6 in C#	Episcopalian
	Sundays: Morning Ringing: 10.00 - 10.30 Evening Ringing: 17.30 - 18.30 <i>(Usually 1/4 peal 2nd Sunday, not service ringing)</i>	Practice: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Tower Captain:	<i>Ruth Marshall</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Margaret Williams Craigallan, 12 Glebe Road Beith, Ayrshire, KA15 1EY</i>	Email: glasgow@sacr.org FB: GlasgowBellringers

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1962	Michael J Pink (Life)	-	6
1973	Margaret Williams (Life)	-	5
1973	Terry G Williams (Life)	-	20
1982	Robert G Lay	-	25
1985	Jennifer Tomkinson	-	60
1986	Jose Symes (Assoc)	-	-
1993	Ruth M Marshall	-	96
1996	Karen Ewing	-	2
2000	Frank Ewing	-	1
2000	Tina R Stoecklin	-	102
2001	Clyde W Wallbanks	-	61
2002	Angela H Deakin	-	70
2002	Peter Whyatt	-	1
2007	Simon J Gay	-	103
2011	Thomas Gay	-	-
2012	Peter Kirton	4	97
2013	Iain Milne	-	1
2016	Colin Crawford	-	-
2016	Dorothy Gay	-	-
2018	Ed Gosden	-	4
2019	Zoe Bennett	-	-
2019	Zoe Martin	-	-
2020	Jessica Bowden	-	-
2020	Don Spaeth	-	-
2020	David Towers	-	-

2020 started well. We have a strong band of experienced ringers and several learners who were making excellent progress. We rang for both morning and evening services on Sundays and for the Epiphany service.

We attempted a quarter peal of Sgurr A'Chaoarachain for our Tower Captain's birthday but that was unfortunately unsuccessful.

In February we had an outing to Edinburgh when we were able to ring on all four rings of bells in the city and had a delicious lunch together. This was a very enjoyable day in spite of heavy rain and consequent disruption to the train services back to Glasgow.

We held our AGM and annual tower spring clean on 15th March. Unfortunately a couple of days after that all ringing stopped as the country went into lockdown. Ringing for Sunday services resumed for 3 weeks in August. We were not able to ring all the bells on these occasions because of restrictions on the number of households meeting indoors and social distancing. Even this had to stop again when Glasgow was put under more severe restrictions in September and there has been no ringing since then. The peals which were booked had to be cancelled.

We have been holding weekly Zoom meetings on our normal practice night. Most of these have included some chat and some ringing on 'Ringing Room' site. This virtual ringing has proved challenging even to some of the more experienced ringers. It has meant, however, that we have all kept in touch with each other and hopefully it won't be too long before we are able to resume ringing on the 'real' bells.

Margaret Williams



HADDINGTON	St Mary, Sidegate	Grid Ref: NT 518 736
8 Bells,	Tenor 11-1-20 in F#	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 09.00-09.30	Practice: Friday 19.30-21.30 (Door closes 1930, reopens briefly at 2030)
Tower Captain:	<i>Sally Thomas</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Liz Barr 60 Main Street, Pathhead Midlothian, EH37 5QB</i>	Email: haddington@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1977	Nigel E Booth (Life)	-	86
1980	Sally L Thomas	1	95
1982	Christopher W Thomas	2	96
1988	John E Elcock	-	4
1988	Valerie Elcock	-	-
1992	Elizabeth Barr	-	-
1993	Hugh C Pumphrey	-	1
2000	Jenny Mackie	-	2
2000	Rachel Mackie	-	-
2000	George Playfair	-	-
2003	Rose Pipes	-	-
2004	Ronald A Wright	-	4
2007	Jill Whyte	-	-
2013	Bill Thomson	-	-
2015	Nicola Elliot	-	-
2015	Zachary Elliot	-	-
2016	Julie Slocomb	-	-
2017	Mitch Gregory	-	-
2019	Margaret Johnson	-	-
2019	Robert Johnson	-	-
2019	Pauline McLean	-	-

The year began well with both practice nights and Sunday service ringing being well attended. Two Saturday morning teaching sessions were held which focused on Plain Hunt and Plain Bob. We were invited to be part of the Church information stall at an event in Haddington for community groups. This event promoted community activities available to local people. The event generated a good level of interest in ringing and a couple of potential new recruits. However, by the following weekend it was clear that the Covid situation was worsening very rapidly and the band took a decision to cease ringing with immediate effect.

We held our tower AGM by Zoom in early June, and since then have been meeting each week via Zoom and Ringing Room for our usual Friday practice. It took us all a while to get used to Ringing Room and not everyone in the band has sufficient internet connectivity to be able to join us. Practices are a mix of familiar methods, and exploring a few Doubles methods which we don't ring very frequently in the tower. Ringing Room has also proved to be a useful teaching resource for those who are beginning method ringing.

We held a Christmas social on Zoom and John Elcock organised an excellent quiz for the evening. At the request of the Church, Sally and Chris Thomas rang two bells on Christmas Eve immediately prior to the online Christmas services. This was well publicised in the town and local people enjoyed hearing the bells ring. It also enabled us to undertake an inspection of the bells.

There were two peals rung in February, both of which were for the SACR.

Sally Thomas - Ringing Master



INVERARAY	All Saints, The Avenue	Grid Ref: NN 095 085
10 Bells,	Tenor 41-2-8 in C	Episcopalian
Correspondent:	<i>Angela Deakin 20 Kingshill Avenue, Blackwood, Cumbernauld, G68 9NF</i>	Email: inveraray@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
2018	Martin D Mellor	-	1

Apart from some plain hunt on three for the filming of Secret Scotland, Inveraray bells were not rung at all in 2020. This meant that the 100th anniversary of the casting of the bells in November passed unmarked. A

very small group carried out basic maintenance of the bells and tower in March just before the start of lockdown. Unfortunately the festival ringing in July had to be cancelled.

During lifting of restrictions in the autumn two visits were made to the bell tower to film for television programmes, Susan Calman's Secret Scotland (aired in December 2020) and Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs with Paul Murton (to be aired in February 2021). These were excellent opportunities to gain publicity for the bell tower and ringing.

There has been little progress with the Diocese on a new management structure for the tower but a new charity (SCIO) has been set up by the ringers so there is a formal entity that can enter into any arrangements that the Diocese wish to make.

Angela Deakin



INVERNESS	Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Ardross Street	Grid Ref: NH 664 449
10 Bells,	Tenor 16-3-12 in E ^b	Episcopalian
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-10.55	Practice: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Tower Captain:	<i>Mike Neale</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Mike Neale 'Firthside', Balblair Dingwall, IV7 8LG</i>	
Email: inverness@sacr.org		

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 peals	Total peals
1970	Cynthia Preece (Hon Life)	-	-
1984	Linda Drake-Brockman	-	-
1988	Heather A Preece	-	4
1988	Nicholas C Sturgess	-	53
1997	Frank Fraser	-	-
2002	Michael A Neale	-	7
2004	Hugh G Collins	-	6
2004	Sue Varley	-	-
2007	Michelle Wiseman	-	-
2011	Nicola A Marshall	-	2
2011	Rhiannon Pitt	-	1
2013	Michael Foulds	-	1
2016	Alex McKensie	-	-
2014	Catherine Pelleymounter	-	1
2016	Ellen Felber	-	-
2017	Dawn Macaleer	-	-
2018	Anthony Cole	-	1
2018	Samuel Cole	-	-
2018	Sarah Cole	-	-
2018	Rachel Milner	-	-
2019	Stephen Carr	-	-
2019	Barbara Hummel	-	-

Not the report I would like to be giving but here goes.

2020 got off to a slow start as there were insufficient ringers to ring for the new year. Regular Thursday practices and Sunday morning ringing were run during January and February, with the addition of a Quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the 1st March. On February 15th ringers, their families and clergy gathered for the annual tower dinner at the Craigmonie Hotel. A big thank you to Heather and Frank for organising this.

Sunday 15th March was the last time we rang as a band in the tower. We were joined by Liz Evans, SACR publicity officer before she moved down to England.

From that date on the tower has been out of bounds unfortunately, as there is no ventilation in the tower so we have stayed away; however, when the cathedral was allowed to reopen, the bells were rung using the Ellacombe frame. Thank you Heather.

There has been no tower bell ringing but we have still been practising our skills. Organised by Anthony we have met in 'Ringing Room' most Thursday evenings for a virtual practice, numbers varying up to 14 of us. In addition, some members have been getting to grips with hand bell ringing and joining with other groups on-line.

The tower has been represented at the SACR meetings, both in person and on-line during the year. Now all we can do is wait until we are able to get back into the tower and enjoy our hobby.

Mike Neale

Inverness Quarter Peal

01/03/2020

1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 46m

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Dawn McAleer | 2 Rachel M Milner | 3 Michael A Neale | 4 Hugh G Collins |
| 5 Anthony C Cole (C) | 6 Michelle Wiseman | | |

Rung in memory of Roland Mardon of Ardross who peacefully passed away 29/02/2020



ST ANDREWS	College Chapel of St Salvador North Street	Grid Ref: NO 510 168
6 Bells,	Tenor 7-3-20 in A	University Chapel
	Sunday Ringing: 10.15-11.00	Practice: Tuesday 19.00-21.00 (University term only, check before visiting)
Tower Captain:	<i>Al Rossin</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Rachel Davies c/o Chaplaincy, University of St Andrews, Mansefield, 3A St Mary's Place, St Andrews. KY16 9UY</i>	Email: st-andrews@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 Peals	Total peals	In the start of 2020 we resumed ringing for Sunday Services and holding regular Tuesday evening at the beginning of semester 2 as usual. On Shrove Tuesday we had our AGM and pancake party, kindly hosted by Peter and Steph Jupp. The start of lockdown coincided with Spring Break, and there were no ringing practices for the rest of the academic year. Not to be thwarted though we have set up a virtual ringers chat on a Tuesday evening. This has been a real bonus as ringers not based in St Andrews have been able to join us, including Al in California, Isabella in Chicago - and slightly less exotically Richard in Lossiemouth and Peter in Glasgow. A subset of the 'chatters' also have made good use of Ringing Room.
1991	Dundan Malloch	-	-	
2009	Peter J Williamson	6	342	
2010	Rachel Williamson	-	-	
2013	Struan MacLean	1	3	
2017	Peter Jupp	-	-	
2017	Sherill Keefe	-	-	
2017	Al Rossin	1	3	
2019	Briony Harding	-	-	

At the end of the academic year we said a 'virtual' farewell to Hao. We had welcomed Gus and Susannah in January and they were making good progress with bell handling, although this has been paused for now. We were fortunate to be able to resume some tower bell ringing in Semester 1- three masked individuals for 15mins. We were excited to welcome two first year students, John and Jason, who can already ring and they have been very keen to contribute. In addition to the normal services in semester 1 we rang for Remembrance Day and a service of nine lessons and carols. Although it might not quite be ringing as we know it we are very fortunate to have a supportive Chaplain who really appreciates the contribution of the ringers to the life of the chapel.

At the tower AGM in 2020 we agreed to investigate installation of a dumb-bell and simulator for teaching bell handling and method ringing/striking. Thanks to some generous funding from the SACR and an alumnus of the university this has proved possible. It has arrived safely and is awaiting installation.



STIRLING	Church of the Holy Rude, St John Street	Grid Ref: NS 791 938
6 Bells,	Tenor 6-3-25 in B ^b	Church of Scotland
	Sunday Ringing: 10.00-11.00 <i>(First Sunday of the month - January-December)</i>	Practice: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday 19.30-21.00 <i>(Phone to confirm)</i>
Tower Captain:	<i>Rob Ferguson</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Rob Ferguson Middlethird, Sauchieburn Stirling, FK7 9QB</i>	Email: stirling@sacr.org

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 Peals	Total peals
1976	Alastair Macfarlane (Life)	-	-
1991	Susan McGowan	-	-
1992	Eric McNally	-	5
2003	Rob Ferguson	-	1
2016	Peter Nicholas	-	-
2018	Mary Orzel	-	-
2018	Bethany Pringle	-	-
2020	Dan Pringle	-	-

We were off to an excellent start in 2020 with busy Friday evening practices and ‘first Sunday of the month’ service ringing also being well supported. Our mixed ability band produced some very respectable plain courses and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, and real progress was being made by our newer ringers.

Then we hit the buffers with Lockdown and no tower bell ringing. After a gap of three or four weeks we heard there was the possibility of virtual ringing using something called ‘The Ringing Room’.

Magnus Peterson took the initiative and set up a virtual tower called ‘All Saints, Cloud Cuckoo Land’! After a successful trial with three ringers, all the regular Stirling

band were invited to resume Friday practices in ‘The Ringing Room’. Some ringers had already started regular family events on Fridays. Others tried the Ringing Room and found that virtual ringing was not for them. In spite of this, we have established a good core of 6-8 ringers every Friday. Particular thanks go to Niki Wildman who has been running the practice most weeks.

At first even our most experienced ringers found the new skills required were pretty challenging, and we struggled with Plain Hunt. There have been technical challenges too, with delays on the broadband, and the Ringing Room freezing in mid-touch. It can be quite alarming when nothing happens for a few seconds then all the bells ring simultaneously in the headphones. One of the most amusing incidents was when one ringer’s audio converted his voice into that of a chipmunk.

The Ringing Room has been an excellent resource enabling us to stay in touch with each other and maintain our skills, mentally if not physically. Those who were already surprise ringers have almost (but not quite) managed a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Some, who were relatively new to ringing this time last year, are now ringing touches of treble bob minor and beginning to ring surprise minor methods. It will be interesting to see how well this translates to ringing on real bells when we get back into the tower.

Sue McGowan and Rob Ferguson



TULLOCH	Tulloch Ringing Centre, and Last Tower Tulloch Farm, Roybridge	Grid Ref: NN 329 806
12 Bells,	Tenor 7-2-4 in B ^b	Private
8 Bells	Tenor 1-1-15 in A	Ringing by Arrangement
Tower Captain:	<i>Peter Bevis & Helen McGregor</i>	
Correspondent:	<i>Sue Turner Tulloch Farm, Roybridge PH31 4AR</i>	
		Email: tulloch@sacr.org www.tullochbells.com FB: TullochBells

SACR MEMBERS:		2020 Peals	Total peals
2002	Peter Bevis	-	4
2002	Helen M McGregor	-	9
2013	Nicholas W Jones	-	7
2014	John Joyce	-	-
2017	David Ford	-	-
2017	Ian B Turner	1	2
2017	Sue Turner	-	-
2018	Charlotte Hatto	-	-
2018	Leslie Thurnell	-	-

2020 started normally, we rang in the New Year at midnight and held our Open Day in January. As in previous years this did not generate any new ringers but allowed us to welcome visitors from our neighbouring towers. Thereafter, Tuesday night practices were unfortunately very intermittent due to lack of a critical mass of local ringers. One of our keen regulars had a stroke in January, dropping the number of locals from 5 to 4, so meaningful practice could only really happen with the support of visitors.

Fortunately, regular visitors returning for a week in February allowed some good practice for the locals and saw 4 Quarter peals rung but, due to Covid, these 4 became the full year total, well down on our usual number of Quarters and, without any further visiting peal bands or large groups, no Peals were rung in 2020. Our usual 3 weeks of training courses in July & October were also cancelled but we did host the SACR Training Day in March.

During lockdown, we have had an online Tulloch Ringing Room, rung in tower bell mode on our "usual" Tulloch tower practice night. The Tulloch locals are able to ring with the support of 3 Inverness ringers and one from Dundee. We also have started a regular online Highland Handbells Ringing Room at the weekend, with 2 Tulloch ringers, 3 from Inverness and one from Dundee.

During the summer, our bells were rung twice, both times for 20-30 minutes when 3 sets of visitors to the area asked to ring. They were supplemented by Tulloch locals to allow us to ring 6 bells each time, with masks and doors/windows open. A group of us were also able to do weekly handbell ringing outdoors, until winter set in. This was supplemented by one outdoor handbell day (with Tulloch & Inverness ringers) although lockdown rules prevented any further such larger gatherings.

Hopefully we will see more normal ringing later in 2021, when we will be pleased to open our doors once again to visitors. The 12 at Tulloch, being a ground floor ring with widely spaced ropes and good ventilation is ideal for when we are all allowed to return to ringing.

Sue & Ian Turner



Total number of Tower Quarters per location since 2008

Year 20xx	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Aberdeen - St Macher	2	7	-	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Aberdeen - St Mary's	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alloa - St John's	3	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dumfries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	8	1	-
Dunblane	5	8	5	3	3	10	4	5	6	7	4	4	-
Dundee - Old Steeple	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Dundee - St Pauls	-	2	-	4	6	1	-	1	6	5	7	3	-
Dunkeld	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	2	-
Edinburgh - Fettes College	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Edinburgh - St A & St G	33	17	18	19	6	3	5	2	5	3	3	1	-
Edinburgh - St Cuthbert's	19	6	19	12	19	12	7	3	1	4	4	2	-
Edinburgh - St Mary's	12	6	11	6	2	4	7	7	2	1	2	3	-
Glasgow	16	11	10	12	11	9	12	7	13	9	7	4	-
Forres Campanile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Haddington	2	2	-	2	1	2	5	3	2	4	-	1	-
Inveraray	6	4	1	3	4	2	2	4	2	2	2	-	-
Inverness	3	4	6	2	6	5	17	14	14	15	8	6	1
Nairn	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	-
Paisley	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrews	-	-	-	4	7	12	6	8	6	3	5	8	-
Stirling	6	4	4	10	7	3	4	3	3	2	3	10	-
Tulloch - Last Tower	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulloch - Ringing Centre	-	-	-	-	-	31	33	30	8	16	14	9	1
Outside Scotland									1	1	-	-	-
Tower Quarter Totals	114	79	77	83	75	102	106	92	74	78	70	56	3



Handbell Quarter Peals - By Location

Cumbernauld - 20 Kingshill Avenue

27/01/2020

1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal

1-2 Angela H Deakin

3-4 Peter G Kirton

5-6 Jonathan S Frye

7-8 Simon J Gay

9-10 Tina R Stoecklin (C)

First of Surprise Royal in hand: 3-4. First of Surprise Royal as conductor in hand.

06/06/2020

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1-2 Angela H Deakin

3-4 Jonathan S Frye

5-6 Tina R Stoecklin

7-8 Simon J Gay (C)

Rung in memory of Vera Frye, grandmother of 3-4.

Rung socially distanced in the garden.

Edinburgh - 27 House O'Hill Crescent

26/01/2020

1304 Kent Treble Bob Royal

1-2 Barbara J Bell

3-4 Phyllida Alexander

5-6 James W
Holdsworth (C)

7-8 Ian P Bell

9-10 Susannah Ewens

27/01/2020

1696 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1-2 Barbara J Bell

3-4 James W
Holdsworth (C)

5-6 Susannah Ewens

7-8 Ian P Bell

03/02/2020

1696 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 52m

1-2 Barbara J Bell

3-4 James W
Holdsworth (C)

5-6 Susannah Ewens

7-8 Ian P Bell

23/02/2020

1312 Oxford Treble Bob Major

1-2 Barbara J Bell

3-4 James W
Holdsworth (C)

5-6 Ian P Bell

7-8 Susannah Ewens

30/08/2020

1260 Minor (2m)

1-2 Susannah Ewens

3-4 Barbara J Bell

5-6 Ian P Bell (C)

Glasgow - 40 Garland Drive

09/03/2020

1280 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

1-2 Tina R Stoecklin

3-4 Simon J Gay

5-6 Jonathan S Frye (C)

7-8 Peter G Kirton

First quarter at the address

First spliced surprise in hand: 7-8

First spliced in hand as conductor

Glasgow - 1 Albany Quadrant

06/01/2020 1-2 Simon J Gay	1312 Bristol Surprise Major 3-4 Tina R Stoecklin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye (C)	7-8 Peter G Kirton
03/02/2020 1-2 Tina R Stoecklin	1280 Cambridge Surprise Major 3-4 Peter G Kirton	5-6 Simon J Gay	7-8 Jonathan S Frye (C)
02/03/2020 1-2 Angela H Deakin 9-10 Tina R Stoecklin (C)	1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal 3-4 Peter G Kirton	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Simon J Gay
20/07/2020 1-2 Angela H Deakin 9-10 Jonathan S Frye	1440 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal 3-4 Peter G Kirton	5-6 Simon J Gay	7-8 Tina R Stoecklin (C)
24/08/2020 1-2 Simon J Gay 9-10 Tina R Stoecklin (C)	1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal 3-4 Angela H Deakin	5-6 Jonathan S Frye	7-8 Peter G Kirton
First of Surprise Royal on an inside pair: 3-4.			

Ringling Room

04/06/2020 1 Philip M Geary 5 Edmund G N Smith	1260 Plain Bob Minor 2 Steven Worbey 6 Michael J Clay (C)	3 Anne M Brechin	4 Simon H Aves
First SACR quarter in Ringling Room 89th birthday compliment to John Clay			
06/06/2020 1 Elizabeth C Frye (Oxford) 5 Christopher J Frye (Dunblane)	1260 Plain Bob Minor 2 Elizabeth C Frye (Oxford) 6 Jonathan S Frye (Cumbernauld) (C)	3 Matthew D Frye (Durham)	4 Judith L Frye (Dunblane)
Rung in fond memory of Vera Frye who died on 23rd May, mother of 5 and grandmother of 1-2, 3 & 6.			
18/06/2020 1 Steven Worbey 5 Edmund G N Smith	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor 2 Anne M Brechin 6 Michael J Clay (C)	3 Susan E Bryce	4 Simon H Aves
16/07/2020 1 Edmund G N Smith 5 Susan E Bryce	1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major 2 Anne M Brechin 6 Simon H Aves	3 James W Holdsworth 7 Colin P North	4 James W Holdsworth 8 Michael J Clay (C)
30/08/2020 1 Simon H Aves 5 Colin P North	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor 2 Philip M Geary 6 Michael J Clay (C)	3 Anne M Brechin	4 Edmund G N Smith
First of Surprise: 2			

08/11/2020

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 49m

1-2 Ian B Turner
(Tulloch)

3-4 Rachel M Milner
(Inverness)

5-6 Nicholas W Jones
(Fort William) (C)

First quarter on two bells and first online: 3-4

08/11/2020

1260 Plain Bob Minor in 35m

1-2 Tina R Stoecklin
(Glasgow)

3-4 Julia R Cater
(Penrith)

5-6 Simon J Gay
(Glasgow - C)

Congratulations to Joe Biden on being elected President of the USA.



Total number of Handbell Quarters per location since 2008

Year 20xx	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Alcraig - Fernlee									10	4	-	-	-
Cumbern'ld - 20 Kingshill									-	6	5	3	2
Dundee - 17 Lintrathen Gardens									1	-	-	-	-
Glasgow - 1 Alband Qdnt									20	6	8	15	5
Edderton - Sloibcoyle									2	4	-	-	-
EH - 27 House O' Hill Cr									-	2	2	9	5
Aucher'der - 3 Balmanno												1	-
Dunblane - Blairgarry												3	-
EH - Silvermills												1	-
GW - 9 Fern Cottages												1	-
GW - 48 Bank Street												1	-
GW - 40 Garland Drive													1
Inveraray - Big Wee Hse												1	-
Inveraray - George Hotel - The Barn										1	-	-	-
Roy Bridge - Lrchwood											1	-	-
St Andrews Uni Chapel (Ringing Room)										3	-	-	-
St Andrews Uni Chapel (Hebdomander's Room)											1	-	-
St Andrews - 8 Reid Gdns									1	5	1	-	-
Tulloch - Lodge									4	4	2	3	-
Tulloch Cntr - Classroom										1	-	-	-
Ringing Room (online)													5
Handbell Quarters	3	11	34	37	29	46	33	46	38	36	20	38	18



SACR Peals - 2020

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Edinburgh, Lothian

St Cuthbert

Fri 10 Jan 2020 2h37 (21-0-0)

5056 Spliced Treble Bob

Major

(4160 Kent, 896 Oxford; 56 com.)

Composer: D F Morrison (no. 1611)

1 & 2. Robin R Churchill

3 & 4. James W Holdsworth (c)

5 & 6. Michael J Clay

7 & 8. Peter J Williamson

With congratulations to Beverley Clay on graduating from Durham University with a Master's in Arts.

Rung by Scottish resident 1000 pealers.

1052

St Andrews, Fife

College Chapel of St

Salvator

Sat 25 Jan 2020 2h40 (7-3-20cwt)

5040 Cambridge Surprise

Minor

1. Al Rossin

2. Peter J Williamson

3. Godfrey S Hall

4. Peter Valuks

5. Struan Maclean

6. James W Holdsworth (c)

First on towerbells: 1.

First of Surprise: 5.

1100th peal: 6.

1053

Alloa, Clackmannanshire

St John the Evangelist

Wed 29 Jan 2020 2h52 (13-0-20cwt)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(1280 each Bristol,

Superlative; 1248 Cambridge; 1216 London; 109 changes of method, all the work.)

Composer: A J Pitman

1. Michael J Clay

2. James W Holdsworth (c)

3. Peter J Williamson

4. Anne M Brechin

5. Margaret C Gamble

6. Susan E Bryce

7. Simon H Aves

8. Edmund G N Smith

1054

Alloa, Clackmannanshire

St John the Evangelist

Thu 13 Feb 2020 2h53 (13cwt)

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(896 Rutland, 704

Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, 640

Cambridge, 576 London,

Pudsey, Superlative, 448

Bristol; 87 com; atw.)

Composer: P G K Davies

1. Peter J Williamson

2. Edmund G N Smith

3. Peter G Kirton

4. Simon H Aves

5. Anne M Brechin

6. James W Holdsworth (c)

7. Susan E Bryce

8. Michael J Clay

100th peal on towerbells: 3

1055

Edinburgh, Midlothian

27 House O'Hill Crescent

Sat 22 Feb 2020 2h29 (11)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composer: J S Warboys

1 & 2. Barbara J Bell

3 & 4. James W Holdsworth (c)

5 & 6. Susannah M Ewens

7 & 8. Ian P Bell

The first peal of Surprise on handbells by a resident Edinburgh band.

1056

Haddington, Lothian

St Mary

Sun 23 Feb 2020 2h58 (11cwt)

5056 Cambridge Surprise

Major

Composer: Bernard H Taylor

1. Christopher W Thomas

2. Ian B Turner

3. Susan E Bryce

4. Sally L Thomas

5. Simon H Aves

6. Edmund G N Smith

7. Colin P North

8. Michael J Clay (c)

First peal of Surprise: 2

1057

Haddington, Lothian

St Mary

Sat 29 Feb 2020 2h53 (11cwt)

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Composer: D G Hull (no. 13)

1. Edmund G N Smith

2. Anne M Brechin

3. James W Holdsworth (c)

4. Peter G Kirton

5. Colin P North

6. Susan E Bryce

7. Michael J Clay

8. Christopher W Thomas

With compliments to Kevin Farrell for his 50th birthday tomorrow.

Circled the tower: 1, 8.

50th together: 6, 8.

1058

Dundee, Tayside

Old Steeple

Wed 4 Mar 2020 3h13 (19-2-10cwt)

5056 Wembley Surprise Major

Composer: Robert D S Brown

1. Elizabeth A Evans

2. Anne M Brechin

3. Peter J Williamson

4. Simon H Aves

5. Peter G Kirton

6. Colin P North

7. Edmund G N Smith

8. Michael J Clay (c)

Congratulations to Ruth and David Marshall on their 20th wedding anniversary.

SACR Peals - 2020

1059

Alloa, Clackmannanshire

St John the Evangelist

Wed 11 Mar 2020 2h56 (13-0-20cwt)

5120 Cornwall Surprise Major

Composer: A G Reading (no 2)

1. Richard J W Tibbetts

2. Margaret C Gamble

3. Colin P North

4. Peter G Kirton

5. Simon H Aves

6. Peter J Williamson

7. Edmund G N Smith

8. Michael J Clay (c)

100th peal of Surprise: 7

Top Peal Ringers - 2020

Ringer	Number	Grand Total
Michael J Clay	7	360
Edmund G N Smith	6	116
James W Holdsworth	6	11
Peter J Williamson	6	342
Simon H Aves	5	198
Anne M Brechin	4	119
Peter G Kirton	4	97
Colin P North	4	86
Susas E Bryce	4	340
Christopher W Thomas	2	96
Margaret C Gamble	2	52
Al Rossin	1	3
Barbara J Bell	1	8
Elizabeth A Evans	1	6
Godfrey S Hall	1	2
Ian P Bell	1	27
Sally L Thomas	1	95
Struan Maclean	1	3
Susannah M Evans	1	2
Peter Valuks	1	19
Richard W J Tibbetts	1	48
Robin R Churchill	1	212
Ian B Turner	1	2



OTHER MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY 2020

UNATTACHED MEMBERS:		2020 Peals	Total Peals
1945	Iain Peacock (Life)	-	1
2011	Richard J W Tibbetts	1	48
2019	James W Holdsworth	6	11

ELECTED TO NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERSHIP			
2020	None elected		

MEMBERS ELECTED IN 2020	
2020	Sarah Hyatt
2020	Julie Black
2020	Jane Martin
2020	Valerie Bramwell
2020	Gary Willetts
2020	Alex Davies
2020	Georgie Hunt
2020	Jessica Bowden
2020	Don Spaeth
2020	David Towers
2020	Dan Pringle

LIFE MEMBERS RESIDENT OUTSIDE SCOTLAND		2020 Peals	Total Peals
1972	Michael J Mulvey	-	14
1972	Francis Mulvey	-	16
1973	William A Brotherton	-	126
1985	Helen M Brotherton	-	100
1987	Roger K Boulton	-	1
1987	Robert J Hancock	-	146
1988	Rose M Hancock	-	121
2006	Matt D Heatherington	-	72
2019	Michael J Dew	-	1
2019	Karen McCleave	-	1





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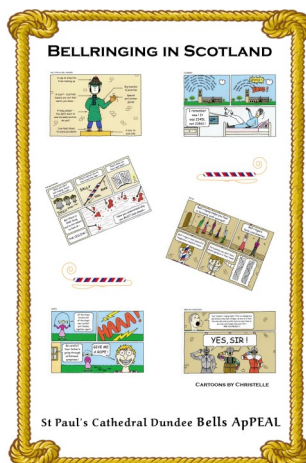
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WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Casting and installing two new trebles
- Raising and replacing ringing room ceiling
- This will increase the number of bells in the tower from eight to ten

WHY WE'RE DOING IT

- It will be easier to teach new bellringers
- The proper light six will sound better when we cannot ring the ten
- Ringing all ten bells will sound fantastic

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