

St Andrew's and St George's - Bells – Six month's progress to May 31st

Ringers : We now have 14 members of Scottish Association of Change Ringers (13 are new members) plus 3 associates. A few other people are still interested in being involved. We have been well supported by 6 other ringers who regularly ring with us.

Practices : There were 28 practices from mid January to end of May –(3 of which were held at St Cuthberts, when our bells were not available during Christian Aid and again during the installation of the rope guide).

Practices have been well attended (18 at one practice) with tremendous progress and enthusiasm. There have been a number of visitors from all over Britain and non-ringing visitors from USA.

Ringling has ranged from controlling the bells, rounds & call changes, to method ringling: Plain Hunt, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

Stays broken: 4

Service ringling: There have been 17 service ringling sessions, including services at Christmas and Easter. The regular sessions have now increased fortnightly to most weeks, normally after 11.am service. Sometimes all the ringers have been from our own tower.

Peals : 3 (1 in June postponed & 4 more booked for Sept, November & Jan and Feb 2008). During 2007 peal bookings have been reserved for SACR members.

Quarter peals: 2 plus 1 attempt

Weddings: 2 – (December and May) and another booked for July.

Visitors : Approximately 20 individual visitors during practice nights and Sunday ringling

Visiting bands: Matt Edwards and friends, celebrating his 30th Birthday

Leeds University (former students and friends)

Edinburgh University Society of Change Ringling

The Ladies Guild (45 people)

A group from St Alban's Hertfordshire (approx 35 people)

Events:

Pot Luck Supper

Premiere of "Breaking the Silence." D.V.D.

Hosted general ringling session and showing of DVD as part of SACR's 75th Anniversary weekend & AGM (30- 40 people)

Members were admitted to the Association and we were well represented at AGM

We had one table at the 75th Anniversary dinner

Future events:

Ringling across Scotland 3pm 10th June (SACR 75th Anniversary event)

Scottish Towers Open Day – 25th August (SACR 75th Anniversary event)

We also hope to ring more quarter peals towards SACR 75th Anniversary target

Doors Open Day

We're now a busy and active tower!

May 2007