

SACR Training Weekend 2008

The ringing course will be held over the weekend, Friday 7th – Sunday 9th March 2008 in Edinburgh & Haddington.

The event starts with registration and open ringing at St.Cuthbert's where you will get the final course programme & have a chance to catch up with ringing friends.

The course proper starts on Saturday with registration at St. Mary's & Haddington and tuition & ringing exercises will take place throughout the day. Pupils attending for the afternoon only register at the location of their tuition. Lunch will be provided at St. Mary's & Haddington between noon & 1.30pm.

In the evening we have dinner at the Vittoria Italian restaurant, 113-115 Brunswick Street (on the corner with Leith Walk) It is a 10 minute walk from the east end of Princes Street & 15 minute walk to the bus & rail stations On-street parking available. Buses & taxis – OK. The restaurant is licensed & does classical Italian & traditional British dishes at fairly typical prices.

The course subjects are dependant upon what the Association membership want. The following is a list of some of the things we have done in the past that might help you to decide what you want.

Plain hunting on 5 & 6 bells	Plain hunting on 7 & 8 bells
Plain bob doubles & minor	Plain bob triples & major
Surprise minor – Cambridge	Surprise major – Cambridge
Grandsire doubles & triples	Stedman doubles & triples
Double Norwich CBM	Conducting plain bob
Rope splicing	Bell maintenance
Hand bells –Plain bob minor	Tower safety & First Aid
Bell handling – call changes – better striking	
Treble-bob hunting on 6, Bastow L, Kent TB	
Listening to bells – CD – striking	

We will also be arranging tours of St. A & G bells and tours of St. Mary's ringing room & belfry to see the safety & security measures

We will be showing DVD's at St. Mary's & Haddington, & the two main titles will be:

Breaking the Silence The story of St. Andrews & St. Georges Church Georgian Bells

The Bellringers The story of bellring at St. Marys

Titles also Available will be:

Marcus Brigstocks Trophy People - 12-bell striking contest 2006

Anyone can be a Ringer – Learning to ring – Kent County Ass,

Taylor Bells – About John Taylors bells, ringing & foundry

The craft of Bellringing - dull

Car parking

Fettes College OK

Haddington OK

St. Mary's very limited. No off road parking nearby

St. Cuthbert's very limited. Off-road parking nearby

Sts. A & G none. Off-road parking nearby

A car parking option is to park about a quarter of a mile from the city centre just outside the parking zones.

Accommodation

There is no low season in Edinburgh & it is difficult to make recommendations. It seems that most city centre places are full, - probably something to do with the Six Nations Rugby match between England & Scotland at Murrayfield and the Edinburgh Diocesan Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church. However, there seem to be plenty of places available in the outskirts & beyond the city limits. Best bet would be a B&B.

Pubs

The choice of a good pub with real ale is limitless but some are likely to be crowded with ruggar supporters (noisy) and Synod reps (even noisier!). However, there will be plenty of experts about to find the right one,

There will be something for everyone, be it as tutor, student or helper and if this is not enough you could always help with the lunches.