

IRISH BELL NEWS

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A great deal has happened since the last edition of the Irish Bell News, much of it positive for ringing. However, it is with real regret that we must report the deaths of two keystones of ringing in Dublin. Charlie Reede and Leslie Taylor were absolutely central to the practice of ringing in the cathedral churches of Dublin. Such was the standing of both men, that their work is commemorated by bells bearing their names in their respective towers. However, the lasting legacy which would have given them most satisfaction is the large number of active ringers they taught. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and to the ringers of Dublin, for whom Charlie and Leslie represented all that was best in service to ringing.

We also note the passing of Rev Canon Noel Warren, formerly of Newcastle and a prime mover in the installation of the bells there, and Mrs Ada Bolton, formerly of St George and St Patrick, Dublin, sister of the late Fred E Dukes.

As I said in the last edition, I should be very grateful to anyone who can provide me with news about any aspect of Irish ringing for inclusion in the Irish Bell News. My email address is:

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Feel free to circulate this edition, either by hard copy or electronically, and do let me know of any ringers who aren't receiving it and who would like to.

It only remains to wish all ringers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with happy active towers!

Simon Walker

CHARLES J. REEDE – 4th October 1925-26th August 2015



Charlie Reede was an omnipresent, all-knowing and indispensable part of Saint Patrick's Cathedral for many, many years. He was small in stature but had a great effect on those he met through generation after generation.

Charles John Reede was a prime mover in promoting change ringing in Dublin from the 1950s, and through the following decades, ringing up to only weeks before he died just short of his ninetieth birthday.

When Charlie came back from war service in the Royal Navy he joined the band of ringers at Saint Patrick's Cathedral where a few years earlier he had been a boy chorister. As the earlier generation of ringers were gradually called home he stepped into the breach and began to train new, young ringers. These were recruited from the then all-male school but along came sisters and sisters' friends. I first met him when I was learning to ring in Christ Church Cathedral. The number of people he trained through many decades is legion: young ladies in particular seemed to appreciate his skilful tutoring. Certainly, the number of grandmothers, for that is how long he was with us as a ringer, who are grateful to have been instructed by him, whether as young teenagers or as university students, is considerable.

Charlie was a sort of Saint Paul of bell ringing. He ranged far and wide, especially after retiring from business, helping ringers in places as far apart as Drogheda and Wexford town. Blessington, Arklow and Kilkenny benefited from his visits too and he was tireless. Bell ringing tours in England with Dublin University's guild, largely organised by him, were exhausting affairs: Charlie did not do "leisurely"- it was at least four towers in the morning and four in the afternoon, and then probably join local ringers at their evening practice session. Remember, he was at least twenty years older than anyone else on those trips.

Charlie spent a great deal of time ferrying ringers from place to place. He did maintenance work on the magnificent peal of bells, physical work of a kind that belied his size and apparent strength and certainly did not chime with his professional status. (To allow him to run the belfry he had given up his position as Ship's Purser and taken a shore job with regular hours).

Charlie was a man of many parts: he was a skilled researcher, indefatigable in his discovery of information especially pertaining to Saint Patrick's Cathedral and its historic significance. He also searched sources for references to bells and bell ringing, and his house was full of files of works in progress.

As a youth, Charlie was in the first group at the Cathedral School to take Irish language State examinations. He thought this a notable achievement but, cutting turf in The Emergency, before he enlisted, he tried to engage some older men from the West in a cúpla focal: they laughed and told him to get away with his Radio Éireann Irish. Nevertheless, we can agree, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Charlie belonged to a generation to whose suffering and quiet, steadfast endurance we in Europe and abroad owe so much: our freedom to live without fear of arbitrary arrest and incarceration is thanks to those like him who volunteered to face down Nazism and Fascism, risking death to do so. He was a radio operator on the corvette HMS Dianthus, having upped his age a year or two (not for the first time) to join up under age. He never spoke about the horrors of war but what we now call post-traumatic stress disorder surfaced when there was a lot of publicity about the Titanic film remake. He was having terrible nightmares and waking up on the floor. On inquiry, he told me that his Flower-class corvette had collided with another ship and, to save it, bulkheads and hatches had been sealed with sailors inside. Fifty years later, Charlie could hear the screams of those young men as the water rose to drown their cries for help.

He sailed the world, even going to Murmansk and Archangel – terrible voyages under constant attack from the air and enduring awful weather. It was hard to extract this information: all that he would volunteer was that he was seasick for three years. Delivering materiel to Russian allies was so important that after the Cold War the Russian government struck medals for award to the allied sailors, many of whom had died. Charlie never claimed his. If it ever arrives it would look good on the belfry wall.

In recent years our dear friend and mentor Charlie experienced frustration and difficulty in scaling down his activities. He'd been so long at the helm and he refused to accept that there are limits to human endurance – so it seemed to those around him who had known and admired him for so long.

Charlie was a kind and loving person to the end: a man who loved, used and enhanced his cathedral, his worldwide circle of ringers, Dublin, his home and his Christian faith. This affection was felt and returned by the many people whose lives he had touched in his long, long journey.

DHTT

On Saturday, 3rd October, members of the Irish Association of Change Ringers rang a peal in St. Patrick's Cathedral as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Charles J. Reede, mentor and friend.

The following appreciation of Charlie was originally printed in Close News, the newsletter of St Patrick's Cathedral:

About a year ago I managed to persuade Mr Reede to tell me how long he had been associated with his beloved Saint Patrick's Collegiate Church. He amazed me by telling me he had joined the choir in 1936. I say amazed me because at the time he had been there almost as long as I have been alive; which was then 83 years. So for almost as long as I have lived he was serving in Saint Patrick's – to me a staggering achievement. It occurred to me he must have been a probationer under the direction of Dr Hewson, Master of the Choristers, way back in the times when the choristers sang the Sunday services in Trinity College Chapel and then walked or cycled to this venerable establishment and sang morning service all over again and then Evensong – what a record.

I have known Charles Reede at sight since I began to attend the Cathedral irregularly in 1948 but very much more closely after the Flower Festival 1996 and the establishment of the original volunteers under Dean Stewart. I used to tell new volunteers to make his acquaintance as soon as they decently could and then to keep their peace and just listen to everything he had to say.

Charles Reede was a remarkable man. He saw several years at sea in WWII, then went through Trinity College, became an enthusiastic Purser on the Dublin-Liverpool services of the old B & I company. He was a notable archivist at Saint Patrick's. A man who could guide Deans and official architects, and anyone who had anything to do with the physical condition of the building; a man who knew the lie of the land from the chairs, to the most obscure detail; the gutters, the downpipes; the underground passage dating from the Guinness era and the most interesting life of the monuments; the Order of the Knights; the bells; the old ring of eight, some of which were given or loaned to C of I parishes which had no bells - Saint Bartholomew's in Belfast, I recollect hearing about and when Killorgan in Kerry was replaced a few years ago he was reputed to have brought back one of the old ring of eight from there in his own car.

On several occasions I asked him to make available to me the script of a talk given by him on Saint Patrick's topics only to be told there was no script! I recall an impromptu lecture given by him to the Friends ten or twelve years ago about all the ringing towers of the Greater Dublin area – again no script!

He managed to repair, with Mr Julian Cosby, the carillon machine in the tower; obtained from the Diocesan Cathedral; it was fettled by that pair unbelievably at no cost or expense to this Cathedral. Then there is Saint Patrick's clock! One could have held an intensely interesting conversation with Mr Reede, in the midst of which, he could unobtrusively direct his attention momentarily (when the clock rang the hour) to glance at his wristwatch to check if the clock was accurately on time. I can visualise that is happening in heavenly places where he could be walking with Saint Patrick himself and an email being sent off to the Dean, should the clock be a second or two out.

One of God's gentlemen – may his shadow never grow less and may his Maker rest him well, long to hear his beloved ring of twelve in Dublin.

Bill Magowan, Sometime convener of the St Patrick's Cathedral Volunteers

LESLIE TAYLOR, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

In the early morning of the 7th of October last, Leslie Robert Taylor, for a long time Ringing Master at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, passed away peacefully at his home in the presence of his loving family from Motor Neuron Disease (MND). MND that was first diagnosed in December 2012 just three short years ago. However it is a disease by which Leslie refused to be defined. Being very private regarding his own health, for many months only his family were aware of the diagnosis and even when it became more widely known, he did not wish to have it discussed. He preferred instead to direct his focus towards his family and bell ringing at Christ Church.

But MND is nothing if not relentless and over the intervening period Leslie's condition worsened. We Christ Church ringers, privileged to have rung with him were witnesses to his bravery in confronting his inexorable decline. His dogged determination to climb the tower stairs to ring (as well as conduct tours of the belfry!) for as long as possible before ill-health prevented it, reflects his great strength of character and is surely an example of an indomitable human spirit.

Leslie came to the Cathedral as a choirboy in Christ Church Cathedral Grammar School in the early 1960s and from an early age sang for Sunday services morning and afternoon. When his voice changed, but with the routine of going to the Cathedral established, it was easy to follow in his elder brother David's footsteps and become a bell ringer. In those days on Sundays the two brothers would often ring in St Patrick's then dash up to Christ Church to ring and in the days long before ecumenism became a popular concept would ring at Johns Lane for 12.30 mass too.

In the early 70s David who had been Ringing Master handed over the baton to Leslie which he was to retain until 1983 when he took a three-year break from ringing. It was not until the early 90s that he came to be ringing master again. From then on in his stewardship of the role Leslie was unstinting in his devotion to ringing bells at Christ Church. During the late John Patterson's period as dean, he was involved in augmenting the bells from ten to the current ring of sixteen (1998). It was a massive undertaking and in recognition of Leslie's contribution to the project one of the additional bells is named after him. Many of the current ringers are here because of his recruitment drive and tireless tutoring at that time.

Since then there has been a steady flow of pupils. While always focused on the task of passing on his skills to others, he did so with a deep understanding and passion of the historical context of bell ringing generally, but with particular regard to Christ Church.

Going back over forty years both he and his wife Ann have been pivotal in encouraging the social aspect of ringing in Dublin and many ringers far and wide have been the beneficiaries of their hospitality. Interested in the culinary arts Leslie, in concert with Ann, would often try out new recipes on willing guinea pigs and many pleasant meals were had in Taylor's by many ringers and friends.

Throughout his journalistic career culminating as Features Editor in The Evening Herald he was well placed to publicise bell ringing at Christ Church over the years. He took and often created opportunities to promote the art of ringing to a wider public with interesting articles on bell ringing in the paper.

Leslie was last in the Cathedral tower on the afternoon of 10th August 2014, after which we had a ringing competition in Christ Church, Taney. The emphasis that afternoon was on fun - it was an occasion enjoyed by all, including Leslie.

I know that his commitment to ringing was not just from a deep sense of duty and tradition but primarily and quite simply because he enjoyed ringing so much. And the comradeship he shared with many ringers over many decades meant a great deal to him. For Leslie 'fun' epitomised what ringing was about. His dry and often wicked sense of humour and puns were so typical of him.

His funeral service in the Cathedral which was packed, was by all accounts quite remarkable and the choir were superb. At Leslie's express request no change ringing was permitted but his passing was marked by ringing the bell named after him.

To his wife Ann, their children Edwin and Lisa as well as their families, his siblings Denise, David and Jill we extend our deepest sympathy.

Nigel Pelow



Leslie (right) at work in the tower at Christ Church.

Bell Broadcasts

In his programme, "Lesser Spotted Journeys", on UTV, Joe Mahon visited St Flannan's Cathedral in Killaloe. He met former organist and Limerick ringer, Brian Brislane, who gave a demonstration of chiming on the cathedral bells, as well as giving an account of some of the fascinating features of this medieval cathedral.

Irish clock that plays God Save the Queen sold for £84,000

By Laura McDaid, BBC News NI.

The BBC and the Irish Times carried the story of the sale of a Georgian clock, once owned by the architect Francis Johnston. He was a fanatical ringer, and designed St George's Church in Dublin and presented and rang the bells there. He also rang at Armagh cathedral and Hillsborough. In his book, "Dublin 1660-1860", Maurice Craig describes Johnston's politics as being "loyal", and his clock would seem to confirm this notion!



"It's a clock that kept its options open for more than two centuries of fluctuating Anglo-Irish relations.

The Francis Johnston Speaker Clock, that until recently stood in the Irish Parliament but plays God Save the Queen, was sold at auction on Tuesday for €115,000 (£84,000). The 220-year-old timepiece went under the hammer in Naas, County Kildare. Its previous owner, Patrick Guinness, is a direct descendant of brewery founder Sir Arthur Guinness. The clock went on sale along with hundreds of other heirlooms from the Furness House estate of the Guinness family. Auctioneer George Fonsie Mealy described the piece as "a highly important mahogany long-case clock" and stated that, "There was huge interest in the piece given the wealth of history it represented. We expect it will go on public display eventually. Its bells need a bit of an overhaul as the tune isn't as clear as it should be, but that will be straight-forward enough."

The clock is crested with a scallop shell, flanked with a hound and cherub and inscribed with the Johnston motto "Nunquam Non Paratus", meaning "never unprepared".

The antique, which was bought by a private investor, chimes the national anthem every half hour. Of course it would have been 'God Save the King' when it was built in about 1795. At that time George III was King of Great Britain and Ireland until the union of the two countries in 1801, after which he was King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. It was built by Armagh man

James Waugh, who was a member of a well-known family of clock makers. Mr Waugh worked in Armagh from 1785, producing an astronomical clock for use in Armagh Observatory in 1793, before moving to Dublin in 1805. The Grandfather clock derived its name from its one-time owner Francis Johnston, who was the architect of Dublin's General Post Office (GPO) and the Armagh Conservatory. It was loaned to the Irish legislature, the Oireachtas, by businessman Frank Kerins in 2007 before being damaged in recent times by the heating system in Leinster House where the Oireachtas sits."

A CRY FROM THE DOCKSIDE

WHOOSH!! On the sunny day this summer the 'Observer' was making his way from the Home for Retired Gentlefolk when he heard that sound. He steadied the zimmer and returned to investigate. The news awaited. The new 'Irish Bell News' had been launched!

Oh! The shame of it! Being left behind like a drunken matelot on the dockside. Having sailed before the mast (as a stowaway?) on the first 'IBN', it behoves me to say that it is a bold man who takes the bridge of the new 'IBN'. It's nigh on forty years since the Observer put pen to paper and boarded Capt Fred Dukes' beloved vessel, before transferring to the good ship 'Northern News' with JJ in charge. While surviving the vagaries of an itinerant career across GB; the Observer' always felt happy in the knowledge his bell ringing 'family' were still active; possibly even still reading his odd messages; maybe wondering why he had been 'let out'; IF he had been 'let out'.

Whatever: Many years down the 'slipway' of time I heard this sudden 'whoosh' and the 'IBN' was sailing again. No word of champagne splashing mind you but never mind. Please let there be plenty of something else. Load the vessel with news. Let there be queues of contributors and writers forwarding news items and articles displaying views both technical and whimsical - recruiting ideas, fundraising schemes, training techniques and photos of ringers and places. Put faces to names. If you think you have the solution to dealing with lethargy don't hang about. Get moving. Give the captain (editor) lots of cargo to decide how to store and distribute. Help make the maindeck of the IBN become the popular place to visit.

The Observer is getting blurred of vision and unsteady of foot nowadays (losing his sea legs) and the escapades of the 70s and 80s are dimming in the mind but the destination target stays the same - more bells ringing, more often. Consider the situation. Look around you. Ringing rooms are getting more and more like the cabin of the 'Mary Celeste'. Once the tower captains leave their post, 'switch off the light' and disappear, the establishment is done for. Isn't it time (yet again) to look around and reflect on the 'times we are in' as ghosts of the past whisper through the ropes and slither round the bell frames?

How do you rectify the disappearance of bell ringers? Ageing is natural; ringers pass along the calendar just like ordinary mortals but sports clubs and lounge bars don't face the same predicament. They aren't short of volunteers. How do we 'sell' to the rectors of 'expiring' bell towers the news that they have legal, loud, 'worship calling' instruments at their fingertips? Legitimate broadcasting tools. Installed. 'Ready to go!' Parishioners for the use of.

Maybe towers need to adopt tactics used at public roundabouts. Introduce advertising & sponsorship. Imagine St Agony's tower wall adorned with a sponsor's brightly coloured sign announcing the tower's link with the local 'open all hours' convenience store? "Ring one bell and get a bell free" (belfry? get it?! - anyone?) Perhaps the NHS could contribute too. After all, more ringers are gracing the wards and treatment rooms than ever before. To advance a proposal in 2009 (on forming a 'pool' of 'agency ringers') perhaps Sunday ringing and contests could be reinforced by an outpatient's team from the like of Dunclashin Medical Centre or the Sanatorium for Disabled Ringers and Gentlefolk. O'Flaherty's Joinery Works, while they may not be involved in recruiting matters, could be a source of new stays - and crutches? - and 'Lucinda's Lotions' could provide calming balms for the (morally) depressed and/or slightly decrepit.

The sole remaining ringer at St Totterin on the Edge, ould Sid Snatcher, self-appointed captain (as no-one else attended) has even seen his dog 'Bob' disappear. 'No call for a bob round here anymore, anyhow'. He has considered forming the Honourable Irish Corps of Bell Sentinels. Only captains will be allowed to join as they are left alone at their posts to sound the final bell.

A suggestion was made that all parishioners over 20 should be DNA tested to see if they have ever rung before - anywhere - and if they have any traces in them of an inclination to want to ring again. If they had they could be herded up to the tower on a rota basis to man the bells. That idea was another non-starter as we can't get cattle prods, we haven't enough kit in the first-aid box and the local A&E Dept would probably be closed on a Sunday, just when they were needed. In the same vein of thought someone floated the idea of creating a new version of the 'Phoenix 2' capsule which was used to rescue trapped miners in Chile. The thinking was that if you can extract 24 lost men out of 1/2 mile of solid rock surely it's possible to extract lost ringers and deliver them back to the tower? "Read all about it!" 'Recovery Capsule delves into homes to retrieve ringers who have long felt forgotten about or abandoned and returns them to the tower to exercise their old talents.

One idea seemed to have potential. Start talking about an odd activity taking place in an out-of-the-way room at the church at odd hours of the week: Carried out by odd people who speak in numbers and an odd language, interspersed with 'doubles', 'surprise', 'hunt' and 'blue line' etc. Wonder aloud why the police haven't raided yet. It might generate some interest. Perhaps the out-of-the-way room could be referred to as "the hi 10" or "the upper room 4u" gamblers. Hinting at muffles being fitted might go too far!

Now I must go. I have a plan to devise for a handicapping system being considered for use at St Agony's before the next striking contest. Something to arrest the slide towards two team contests. It could involve mittens and blindfolds and .com team names.

Remember! Plan well and quickly so that our ringing rooms don't end up like the 'Mary Celeste'; kitted out but crewless. The "Irish Bell News" MUST be a happy, busy and well crewed vessel ... even if it sailed away while the Observer was 'busy'. Anyway, where was I? Aye. "In an old dockside bar, where old ringers spend an hour" ... Aye, a double, please.. " There's a place in the team just for you....."

Observer O'Hoolycan

Dunclashin on the Hill

HISTORICAL NOTE

Having been given a tip-off about “some booklet about Hillsborough bells”, which had just been deposited in the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, a local ringer took it upon himself to find out exactly what this was.

A remarkable – and up to now, unknown - piece of history was unearthed. The book was in fact Hillsborough bell ringers’ account book 1837-1848. Written in beautiful copperplate handwriting, it records the teams which rang Hillsborough bells on every occasion for these eleven years. For a period of time about which we knew so little, we now know the names of the ringers, which bells they rang and how much they were paid. For example, the following rang the bells on New Year’s Day 1837:

1 Matthew Eagan	5 William Hunter
2 Thomas Stewart	6 John Stewart
3 Edward Mateer	7 John Creighton
4 Richard Hamilton	8 John Hamilton

The book even records the cost of the candles used by the ringers and that the bells were greased with oil and lard! In 1837 the team rang on twenty-eight occasions, all but Easter Day and Christmas Day were non-religious events, e.g. the Earl of Hillsborough's election as an MP and the Gunpowder Plot.

Each year Lord Downshire's agent signed off the accounts for payment. However he wrote the following at the end of 1838: "The ringing has been so bad for the last year that I shall not hold myself accountable for the current year"!

Alas, nowadays we are not paid for ringing – either good or bad.

TOWER NEWS

BALLYMENA (St Patrick): From Ballymena we have news of the retirement of ringing rector Canon Stuart Lloyd. Sunday 1st November saw St Patrick’s PC, Ballymena, packed for the final service of the rector Canon Stuart Lloyd. It was in January 1989 that the then Rev Lloyd arrived in Ballymena for his institution as the rector of the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug which was conducted by the then Bishop of Connor Rt. Rev Samuel Poyntz. Jane and three daughters, Lucy, Sophie and Sarah settled into parish life very quickly too. Life in Ballymena began with the girls starting school and the rector getting out and about meeting his parishioners. Jane also took on various roles within the parish and it wasn’t long before the family were well known to all the parishioners.

The Canon soon became known ‘as the wee man on the bike’ for it was by bike he would ride around the town visiting his flock. Around the parish he was known as a workaholic for no matter what the task he was the first to lend a hand. He enjoyed his walks up Slemish and before going on one of his

trips to Nepal he climbed Slemish fifty times, raising money to take with him. His sermons were always well thought out and visiting the sick and elderly took up a lot of his time along with all the committees' posts he held. As everyone who attended a funeral knows his eulogy was sensitive and always from the heart. So, it was no surprise that Sunday saw the huge turnout for his last service of Morning Prayer with the choir and the music group leading the people singing. Following the service almost all the congregation walked over to the hall for a light lunch and the presentation of gifts and as a bit of fun at the rector's expense. Our rector liked to take part in a sketch for the Harvest Supper each year, so naturally this one had to be about Ted and Dougal. As always the catering team worked wonders with the catering.

Today, Monday 2nd November, he was as usual spotted on the bike waving and saying hello to the people of Ballymena not as rector but Stuart. We all wish him a very happy and long retirement to enjoy his time with the grandchildren and Jane, but he may have stepped down from pressures of Ballymena but no doubt there will be a pulpit or two where he'll ascend on a Sunday in future.

Lorraine Watt

BANGOR (St Comgall): Work has progressed well in the tower and the new ropes are on order. We had a mini ring demonstration at West Presbyterian Church on Saturday 28th November which created a lot of interest. We will follow this up with an open evening in the tower early in the new year. Martin and I have recently attended an ITTS Module 2 training course courtesy of the Eastern District. We will be progressing our practical coursework over the next few months and will qualify as full members of the Association of Ringing Teachers on completion.

Colin Holliday

BELFAST (St Donard): First of all congratulations to Simon on a super new edition of Irish Bell News and with all the towers arranged alphabetically it made it easier to find a particular tower when wanting to re-read something or check something out. Good thinking, Simon. Ringing is progressing all but slowly in St Donard's. Our beginner, Luke, is now able to ring a whole bell by himself and has also had his first attempts at ringing in with three or four other bells which he has done with great success. So, very pleasing indeed. Rowena is also progressing, so all good with the beginners.

I was approached recently by a Presbyterian Clergyman who wants to come and learn to ring in the New Year. At first I was a bit dubious about putting all that effort into teaching someone that I was not going to get benefit from on a Sunday. However, he has reassured me that he is free a couple of Sunday evenings in the month and would be happy to ring with us on those occasions. So, another beginner who is starting with us at the beginning of January. All looking good for the future.

I would like to thank all those ringers, ie Maud Lindsay, Esther Whyte, Gaurang Patel, Andrew White and Billy Chapman who made up the band to ring for the opening and dedication of our new Parish Centre in November. I was not free to ring myself due to my being involved with the ceremony, but I did hear the ringing and it was a joy to listen to. Thank you, one and all, for giving up your time to ring for this occasion.

I would also like to thank David Galbraith for giving me the opportunity of ringing a quarter peal in Taney on 12th December. This was rung to celebrate Cyril Galbraith's 70 years ringing, myself 65

years ringing and Peter Brown and David Galbraith each 50 years ringing. It was a good quarter and thank you to David for his kind gesture in including me when arranging this for his dad.

Ringers at St Donard's wish everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jean Jeffery

BELFAST (St Thomas): There was a gap of 64 years between the first time St Thomas' won the Murphy Cup in 1947 and the second time in 2011, so we are delighted that the cup is back again in the tower after just four years. One of the ringers in the St Thomas' band was 15 year-old Adnan Zahoor-Ali, who learnt to ring a few years ago and was ringing in a competition for the first time.

On Sunday 7th June we very regretfully said goodbye to Geoffrey Bourton who had been ringing with us during university terms from September 2011 when he came to Belfast to study Aeronautical Engineering. We shall miss Geoffrey and also his very regular attendance at practices and Sunday Service ringing. After spending a year in Jerusalem with her family, Georgina McDowell returned to ring with us in September.

Perhaps uniquely in Ireland or even further afield, one of the windows in the ringing chamber has stained glass. Appropriately the glass is a representation of St Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, Campania, Italy, who required his diocesan priests to ring a bell before celebrating the Eucharist, from which comes the word campanology. The window was designed, made and presented to the bell ringers and parish by Paddy Robinson, who was then a student glass artist and also a ringer at St Thomas' 1959-1965. She emigrated to Australia, where she has earned an international reputation in stained glass design. Paddy had planned to visit the tower and unveil the small plaque beside the window when in Ireland at the end of May this year. Unfortunately she was unable to complete her journey and now plans to make her delayed visit next year. We also hope the window will be included in the database of Church of Ireland stained glass which is nearing completion and can be seen at www.gloine.ie.

Duncan Scarlett

BLESSINGTON (St Mary): Mr Charlie Reede has been a real friend to St. Mary's and Blessington bell-ringers for many decades, giving freely of his time, expertise and financial support. He has been the inspiration and motivation for generations of our young people. He didn't want any recognition for this but we are really grateful for all he has done. We were sad to hear of his passing and offer our sincere sympathy to his brother David and the wider family.

From the Blessington Union parish magazine.

BRAY (Christ Church): We were very saddened to learn of the death of Tommy Mason, who had been a ringer here for over sixty years, and ringing master for a long period of time. In his day he was an accomplished change ringer and had rung in a number of peals on our bells. With the help of the Dublin ringers we were able to ring for his funeral.

COLERAINE (St Patrick): Ever fancied becoming a bell ringer? St Patrick's Church in Coleraine are looking for bell ringers to join their team.

Last Monday night I was invited to join the group, headed by Tower Captain Trevor McCandless to find out more.

There's a great history to the bells of St Patrick's, with reports suggesting that there was one bell in the church when it was rebuilt back in 1884.

Vestry notes record that the church was sold in 1893, at which point the present ring of bells was installed. A special fund was opened at the time, as the parishioners insisted that the church should have a peal of bells.

A sawmill had been bequeathed to the church, the mill was to be sold and the proceeds devoted to the cost of the bells. That sale raised £200, and this along with gifts from others enabled the parish to buy eight bells and their accompanying apparatus.

Today the same eight bells hang in a square tower at the west end of the church.

Climbing up the tight, steep staircase into the Bell Ringers room, I was met and welcomed by the Coleraine ringers, Trevor McCandless, Brian Hume, Karen Smyth, Claire Smyth and Peter Langton.



There's a great family connection to the St Patrick's team - Tower Captain Trevor McCandless, his sister Karen Smyth and her daughter Claire Smyth, who is currently learning, are carrying on a McCandless family tradition. Trevor and Karen's father, the late Tommy McCandless was the previous Tower Captain.

"Hand eye co-ordination is all that is required," explained Trevor as he pointed out the sally - the upper part of the rope, and the tail end.

Trevor, who has been ringing the bells since he was a teenager said: "We only have six bell ringers here now, so we are unable to ring for a Sunday Service. It would be lovely to get a few more people involved and they we could ring every Sunday."

On Monday night, the ringers from St Patrick's Church in Ballymena, Lorraine and Colin Watt, Sam Letters, Alex McKay and Alistair Marrs, joined the four present at the St Patrick's practice, so that all eight bells could be rung at the same time.

“We call on the services of our friends in Ballymena if we have to ring for a wedding or another special occasion,” said Trevor.

So what does it take to be a good bell ringer?

“You don’t need any musical background,” explained Trevor. “Strong arms and good hand eye co-ordination, a sense of rhythm would also be handy,” he confided.

As the Ballymena ringers took up their stance behind a rope, I stood back and watched as they pulled one after the other making a wonderful sound.

The eight bells are all different in sound and are of differing weights. Bell number one weights the least, bell number eight is the tenor and weighs the most.

Eighteen year old Claire Smyth is learning the practice: “I went to Ballymena with my uncle and my mum as they were ringing at the church there, and I got interested.

“I have just joined the church choir, so I thought why not get involved with the bells too, and keep up the family tradition.

“It’s not something that I ever thought I would get into but it is very enjoyable. I wouldn’t say I am really that confident yet, especially when they are all ringing, and you have a conductor there calling the changes, but I’ll get there,” joked the Limavady College student.

If you would like to find out more about bell ringing, or would like to join the team at St Patrick’s, contact the Parish Office, Brook Street, Coleraine. Alternatively you will find more on the website.

From the Coleraine Times

DROGHEDA (St Peter): Ringing is continuing at Drogheda every Sunday at 10.30 am except the fifth Sunday in a month.

Usually we ring six bells and very occasionally eight. There is one adult learner, who is making very good progress, and one child beginner who is growing in to the role! It is very satisfying to see people enjoy learning to ring and well worth the time and effort required.

Ringling at St. Peter's is augmented by occasional support from two people, Maurice and Derek, who both live in Dublin city. They are a great help. It is always encouraging to have support from outside the immediate area so long may they continue to help.

Hugh is a faithful member who rings for half an hour before choral duty in another Drogheda church and his contribution too is cheery and convivial. Paul and Hugh do sterling work maintaining the bells and we'd be lost without their skills. The backbone of the tower of course is the Rusk duo, Doris and Bobby who keep up our sartorial average. Naming people brings the risk of omitting someone through forgetfulness but coming up to Christmas and checking availability of ringers reminds one that regular ringers on Sunday mornings include Tom (St Patrick's Cathedral) and Willy (Christ Church Cathedral) who both then go on to ring in their home towers in the afternoon. At the moment Kevin is on the injured list. We hope he soon recovers as he is really missed.

A highlight of 2015 was the presence of ringers from all three districts at Drogheda to complete the IACR annual ringing festival and our heartfelt thanks go to the rector for the use of the bells that day. Christmas is almost upon us now so, from St Peter's belfry, Drogheda, Happy Christmas to all ringers in Ireland. May you all ring merrily for the Christ Child.

David Taylor.

DRUMBO (Holy Trinity): First congratulations and thanks to Simon for producing an excellent online edition of our magazine. Now it is up to us in each tower to send articles for each edition.

In the last edition I told of the problems which resulted in us having to dodge the water that was pouring into the ringing room and on down to the porch. The Select Vestry in an act of faith before raising the money put the work in motion. Therefore over the summer we have had the work in progress. Some work was needed inside the tower and as this required scaffolding we were unable to ring for three weeks. One of the workmen managed to put his foot through the ceiling and we now have a patch. The workmen are now away and we are back to normal. While the work was in progress lead was removed from the tower.

Prior to the Lindsay Family arriving in Drumbo there were no records kept, Maud started a scrapbook and I have been looking through these for items for the Church Magazine.

In the 1970s the bell ringers held an annual Garden Show which was well supported by the locals and prizes were awarded for various categories. Also about this time one of our ringers Dr Bruce Campbell (a lecturer in Queens) put on an exhibition of his own brass rubbings. The two events raised some finance.

Cecil Shaw

DUBLIN (St Audoen): Attendance at Sunday morning ringing is very steady and most Sundays there are two or three ringers waiting in the church porch for me to arrive with the key, which is impressive as ringing starts at 9.30 on a Sunday morning! We have a half an hour's ringing including ringing up and ringing down and I think we are getting better at both although we rarely go for putting all 6 up or down together - maybe next year we'll make that our aim. October was a busy month with a Harvest celebration and a wedding.

The ringers from Christchurch rang for the Harvest and then some of us attended a concert in the church in aid of the Merchant's Quay all night cafe for the homeless. St Audoen's parish was approached earlier this year and asked to support a new all night cafe where homeless people who cannot get into a hostel can go for tea, coffee, a shower and some dry clothes. Several of the bell ringers are regularly donating items such as warm socks and toiletries which are passed on to the project by Martha Waller.

On the day of the Eastern District Practice in at St Audoen's we also had a wedding, so as we were planning on being there anyway we agreed to ring before and after the wedding - well all I will say is the bride was "a bit" late so there were 6 very tired bellringers upstairs in the tower by the time we got the news that she had arrived in the church porch. As St Audoen's is a small parish, weddings don't happen often so it was nice to send the bride and groom off to start their married life with the sound of the bells. A couple of weeks before the wedding the bride & groom together with their

parents accepted an invitation to visit the belfry on a Sunday morning to see how the bells are rung - I think that's a first for me and again I was impressed that at such a busy time they would take time so early on a Sunday morning to climb the stairs so they could see the bells being rung and hear a little bit about the history of the bells. Unfortunately the happy couple are living in London so no chance of recruiting them as new ringers but you never know they might think of investigating some of the local towers back in London.

Since the last newsletter sadly we have lost Charlie who was such a good friend to St Audoen's. Up to late 2011 CJR was always marked present in the St Audoen's attendance book but then the anti-clockwise uneven steps made it very difficult for him to climb up to the ringing room. On Sunday 30 August the bells of St Audoen's were rung half muffled to mark his passing. On the following Sunday we were joined in St Audoen's by Sheelagh Tillotson who had traveled back to Dublin from Bangalore to attend Charlie's funeral. Sheelagh joined in the ringing as if she had never been away and I'm sure it would have brought a smile to Charlie's face to see how easily she rang the bell in her very high heels and her wonderful outfit which put the rest of us to shame.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year

Kathleen McEndoo

DUBLIN (St Patrick's Cathedral): Charlie Reede, who was the backbone of ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral for very many years, was admitted to hospital on Wednesday, 22nd July, and died on the evening of Wednesday, 26th August. Ringers came from far and wide (including Bangalore) to honour Charlie and bid him farewell. The funeral service took place in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 1st September. An IACR peal was rung on his beloved bells on Saturday, 3rd October (planned for Charlie's 90th birthday). Our belfry tours during Heritage Week were booked to capacity and resulted in some new learners.

Robert MacDonald arranged with the Grammar School for some Transition Year (4th Year) students to include bell ringing as part of their Gaisce (President's Award) programme. Five students are now keenly progressing in the ancient art.

Imelda Byrne

GREYABBEY (St Saviour): We are delighted to welcome a new ringing member to the Northern District. Paul Rusk, the husband of Grey Abbey Church's organist, now rings every Sunday morning. Taught by Rosemary Davison, he has progressed very well. We look forward to introducing him to other Towers next year.

As in previous years, we shall be ringing for Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve and to welcome 2016 on New Year's Eve. Visitors are always welcome.

Amanada Blackmore

HILLSBOROUGH (St Malachy): We were saddened to learn of the passing of Charlie Reede and soon afterwards of Leslie Taylor. Down the years they were both welcome visitors here and we know the immeasurable loss their deaths represent to Irish bell ringing, but more particularly to their families.

The tower has been very active since the last edition of the Irish Bell News, with great progress being made by all of our beginners. Within the last couple of months the standard of ringing has really steadied up and they are turning out to be good strikers. Sarah, Alice, Andrew and Neville have all been introduced to Plain Hunt, and Andrew and his dad, Stephen, have started to hunt the treble to Grandsire. In all of this progress we must thank Billy Chapman and Gaurang Patel who faithfully attend each week and have a steadying influence on the ringing. We are now ringing all ten bells every Wednesday night and also most Sundays.

On 15th August fourteen ringers, young and old, gathered at noon to ring call changes for fifteen minutes to mark the seventieth anniversary of VJ Day. The following week we moved our practice to Rostrevor for a night. A beautiful night it was too, surmounted by the welcome and hospitality of Ken and Sheila Roberts. Our newer members enjoyed the experience of handling 'different' bells and, by the end of the session, that wonderful thing happened. People came in off the street to watch the ringers in action!

Eight of us travelled to Dublin and Drogheda for the Autumn Ringing Festival and thoroughly enjoyed it – especially the great meal in Monasterboice. Well done to the organisers.

Our captain spent a week in the USA and was close to bells, but didn't touch a rope. He heard the bells of Trinity Church in New York, stayed across the street from the Old Post Office tower in Washington, and when asking what the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia sounded like was told it hadn't been rung since 1846!

In November Catherine Beatty rang the treble in her first quarter peal along with two other locals. We are grateful to Mike Pomeroy, Philip Talbot and Gaurang Patel for helping Catherine to achieve this.

On 21st November a peal of Bristol Surprise Royal was rung here by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Our handbells, which usually gather dust under one of the seats, were put to good use by pupils to play carols at the Dromore High School carol service in Dromore Cathedral on 16th December. These got a very enthusiastic response.

Edmund White and Simon Walker

HOLYWOOD (Ss Philip and James): The big event in Holywood recently has been the institution of our new vicar, Revd Gareth Harron, on Monday evening 9 November. Thanks to a good turnout of our ringers and, critically, thanks to Jean, Simon and Gary, we were able to have all eight bells ringing for half an hour before the service. There have also been several autumn weddings for which bells were requested and, thanks again to Jean and our own ringers, we rang five or six bells on these occasions. For the rest of the time, we still ring each week for the 11:30 morning service, usually managing to ring at least three bells, and having an average of four bells for recent months.

Jim Strahan

KILKENNY (St Canice's Cathedral): Not a lot to report from St. Canice's other than that we had a good IACR ringing practice on 28th November, organised by Julia, at which there were about twenty-five ringers from all parts.

We intend to hold our annual New Year's Eve ring again this year with, hopefully, a little help from neighbouring towers.

Ian McCullagh

LIMERICK (St Mary's Cathedral): CULTURE NIGHT – On the 18th of September, along with many

Other venues across Limerick, St Mary's Cathedral opened its doors at 6pm. The Cathedral bell ringers organised a wonderful evening for the crowds of visitors who came through the doors, many of them for the first time. Young and old enjoyed trying out the practice bells in the old baptistery, and the highlight for most visitors was the opportunity to climb up the narrow winding steps up to the Ringing Chamber, to see at close hand how the bells are handled and rung.

One enthusiastic visitor was overheard on her mobile telling friends what a fantastic experience it was. For those who did not want to climb up, two new monitors, a gift from Dell, allowed people at the west end of the cathedral to see the action in the chamber. The organisation was well done – groups of fifteen people were allowed up at a time, to ensure safety.

LONDONDERRY (St Columb's Cathedral): In the November cathedral magazine, parishioner Margaret McKie (nee Wray) recollected about her life at the cathedral and included these words: Lily Hughes was our next door neighbour and Jack Campbell and Lily were top bell ringers. She asked me to join, and, to be honest now, I didn't really want to, but was told to go by mum and dad. So I went to the practices and how I didn't go up with that sally (the name for the bell pull) I'll never know. I didn't like climbing up to the Belfry – it was dark and scary – and coming back down some of the men used to play havoc with my nerves with their stories of belfry ghosts and bats and more besides!

The same issue, focussing on the theme of remembrance, carried the following article:

First bell ringer from the cathedral to die in The Great War

Through research into The Royal Navy in both the First and Second World Wars, the former Dean of Belfast, The Very Reverend Dr Houston McKelvey, has discovered some very interesting information about the first bell ringer from the Cathedral to die in The Great War.

Marconi Operator Louis Allen Cattley, Mercantile Marine, S.S. 'Geo' (London), was only 18 years old when he perished at sea on 29 January 1918. His name is recorded on the Tower Hill Memorial, London and also commemorated on the War Memorial in The Diamond.

The information which Dean McKelvey has found is recorded as follows:

“Son of Herbert (born England 1860/61, and worked as a clerk in a shirt factory circa 1901) and Gertrude Nelson (born England 1858/59) Cattley, Carlisle Road/22, Bishop Street/6, Kennedy Place, Londonderry. Brother of Irvine Cattley (born 1893/94).”

“It appeared that on the evening of January 29, 1918, Louis Cattley's transport vessel left Messina, and had been for an hour at sea when a periscope was sighted. The transport gunner fired, and at the same time the vessel was torpedoed. Mr Cattley remained at his post, sending out an S.O.S., and the signals were taken up by another vessel some considerable distance away. Mr Cattley was at his post when the transport went down. The vessel which got his signals arrived an hour later and rescued fifteen of the crew, who had jumped overboard, so that while Mr Cattley lost his own life his self-sacrificing devotion to duty saved fifteen of his comrades. He was the first of the large number of St Columb's Cathedral (Church of Ireland) Honorary Bellringers, serving with the colours, to die in the Great War.”

“Louis Cattley's name was read out during a memorial service held, in St Columb's (Church of Ireland) Cathedral, Londonderry, on Sunday, June 28, 1918, to commemorate the Derry soldiers, who had been killed over the past year.”

ROSTREVOR (St Bronach, Kilbroney): The interdenominational tower bell ringers are progressing well, and are now ringing rounds, there are fifteen new ringers, both young and young at heart, learning the ropes!

The hand bell ringers, who are also an interdenominational group, have three “concert” performance over the Christmas period including performing two pieces at the Christmas Carol Service, in Kilbroney at 7pm on Sunday 20th December .

Kennedy Roberts

WEXFORD (Church of the Immaculate Conception): Ringing continues at Wexford and the tower Facebook page indicates that a good number of new ringers are being trained. The local team rang for the opening of the Wexford Festival of Opera.

PEALS

Dublin, St Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 3 October 2015 in 2h 55 in. (14-2-14)

5040 Plain Bob Triples

Composed by M. J. Pomeroy

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Joan Murphy | 5 Peter W Brown |
| 2 Philip M Talbot | 6 Peter Mc Bride |
| 3 Alan F Hegarty | 7 Michael J Pomeroy (C) |
| 4 Gail McEndoo | 8 Simon Walker |

First peal on light eight. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Charles J Reede, mentor and friend.

Hereford Diocesan Guild

St Andrew, Bredwardine, Herefordshire

Saturday, 26 September 2015 in 2 Hr 30 (9-2-1)

5040 Doubles: 50 m/v 11 Methods /39 Variations

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| 1 John W Hope | 4 Martin J Kirk |
| 2 Patricia C Key | 5 Andrew L Mainwaring (C) |
| 3 Colin A Lewis | 6 Jack A Long |

Rung in memory of Charles J Reede, former Tower Captain at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

Shropshire Association

St Swithin , Clunbury, Shropshire

Saturday, 12 September 2015, in 2 hours and 44 minutes (10-0-23)

5040 Minor (7 methods: one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St Clement's College Bob, College Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob)

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| 1 Penny J Salisbury | 4 Adrian G Roberts |
| 2 E Ann Williams | 5 Gareth B R Jones |
| 3 Neil Bennett | 6 Kevin M Price © |

Rung to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II becoming the Nation's longest reigning Monarch.

Also remembering Charles J Reede of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, who died recently.

First peal on the bells since 1981.

Peals also rung for the IACR:

3/12/15: Skibbereen - 5040 Treble Dodging Minor (7 methods)

3/12/15: Skibbereen - 5040 Old Oxford Delight Minor

4/12/15: Skibbereen - 5040 Surprise Minor (7 methods)

4/12/15: Rosscarbery - 5040 Warkworth Surprise Minor

5/12/15: Limerick (Mt St Alphonsus) - 5040 Bristol Surprise Royal

6/12/15: Wexford - 5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal conducted by Mike Pomeroy

QUARTER PEALS

Hillsborough, St Malachy

5 August 2015 in 49 mins

1260 Plain Bob Triples

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jonathan Houston | 5 Michael White |
| 2 Bridget White | 6 Jean Jeffery |
| 3 Maud Lindsay | 7 Simon Walker (C) |
| 4 Gaurang Patel | 8 Eric Thompson |

Congratulations to Jonathan Houston, BA (Hons), on his graduation from Queen's University, Belfast. Also to mark sixty years of ringing at this tower by Alistair Jameson. Get well soon to our original conductor, Michael Crockett.

Rosscarbery, St Fachtna's Cathedral

6 August 2015 in 43 minutes

1260 Grandsire Doubles

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Judy Robinson | 4 Liam O'Sullivan |
| 2 Jane D Johnston | 5 Martin B Hough (C) |
| 3 George Roberts | 6 Oliver Roberts |

Get well soon, Bob Cooke, Tower captain of Rosscarbery.

Limerick, Mount St Alphonsus

Sunday 23 August 2015

1260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 720 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob)

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Imelda Byrne | 4 Jean Jeffery |
| 2 Maud Lindsay | 5 Philip Talbot |
| 3 Julia Lysaght (C) | 6 Mike Pomeroy |

Skibbereen, Abbeystrewry Church

12 September 2015 in 39 mins

1260 Grandsire Doubles

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Elena Gil | 4 Colin Holliday |
| 2 Ian S Bennett | 5 Martin B Hough (C) |
| 3 Andrew D Howell | 6 Gonzalo Gil |

First quarter peal at first attempt for Elena and Gonzalo. Rung as part of the annual "West Cork Weekend".

Hillsborough, St Malachy

12 September 2015 in 44 mins (6.5 cwt)

1260 Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles

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| 1 Alistair Jameson | 4 Gaurang Patel |
| 2 Jonathan Houston | 5 Simon Walker (C) |
| 3 Daryl Jameson | 6 Gary Patterson |

In memory of Charlie Reede of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Drinagh, The Far Cork Campanile

13 September 2015 in 31 min (11 lbs)

1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob)

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| 1 Jeanette Davey | 4 Richard Lewis-Skeath |
| 2 Jane D Johnston | 5 Martin B Hough |
| 3 Andrew D Howell | 6 Martin B Hough (C) |

First on a mini ring: 1

To conclude a successful West Cork Weekend.

Carrickfergus, St Nicholas

23 October 2015 in 45 mins

1260 Plain Bob Minor with cover

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Alex Nelson | 5 Simon Walker |
| 2 Daryl Jameson | 6 Mike Pomeroy (C) |
| 3 Philip Talbot | 7 Alistair Jameson |
| 4 Maud Lindsay | |

First of minor for treble.

Carrickfergus, St Nicholas

6 November 2015 in 45 mins

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Alex Nelson | 4 Philip Talbot |
| 2 Gaurang Patel | 5 Jean Jeffery |
| 3 Maud Lindsay | 6 Mike Pomeroy (C) |

Hillsborough, St Malachy

7 November 2015 in 46 mins

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Catherine Beattie | 4 Gaurang Patel |
| 2 Daryl Jameson | 5 Mike Pomeroy (C) |
| 3 Philip Talbot | 6 Jonathan Houston |

First quarter for treble.

For remembrance

Belfast, St Thomas

8 November 2015 in 41 mins

1260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 600 Grandsire and 180 Plain Bob).

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| 1 Maud Lindsay | 4 Gaurang Patel |
| 2 Poppy Wheeler | 5 Mike Pomeroy (C) |
| 3 Philip Talbot | 6 Eric Thompson |

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday

Limerick, St Mary's Cathedral

5 December 2015

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Alan Hegarty | 5 Philip M Talbot |
| 2 Michael J Pomeroy | 6 Alan Regin |
| 3 George H Campling | 7 James E Andrews (C) |
| 4 Clive G Smith | 8 Peter L Furniss |

Taney (Christ Church)

12th December 2015

1260 Grandsire Triples

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Maud Lindsay | 5 Peter Brown |
| 2 Vyvyenne Chamberlain | 6 David Taylor |
| 3 Jean Jeffery | 7 David Galbraith |
| 4 Julia Lysaght (C) | 8 Philip Talbot |

Rung to mark 70 years of ringing by Cyril Galbraith, 65 years by Jean Jeffery, 50 years by Peter Brown and 50 years by David Galbraith.