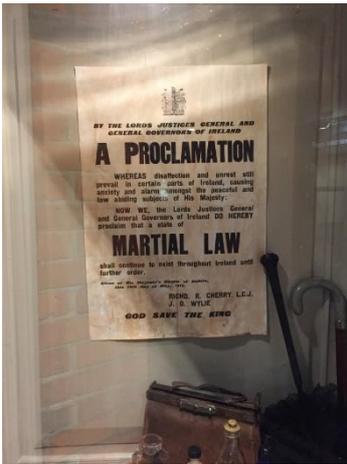


IRISH BELL NEWS

December 2016

This is a very last minute effort this time – being (roughly) finished off the day before Christmas Eve. Hopefully 2016 has been a good year for Irish ringing, and it can be seen that a number of towers have gained new ringers and a lot of work is being done in teaching new people. So, a happy Christmas and prosperous new year to all, with all the progress continuing.

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BIT OF HISTORY

During the course of the year Nigel Pelow sent me this interesting item of Irish history which has a ringing connection. It is a declaration of martial law issued during the 1916 Easter Rising. One of the signatories of this proclamation was Richard R Cherry, the first president of the IACR, who was a ringer at St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin and was the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

About chime too as Ballymena's century old church bell fixed for Christmas

From the Belfast Telegraph

A Ballymena church bell will be ringing out for the first time in two months and in time for Christmas Day after undergoing repair.

It will be music to the ears of parishioners after the peal of the bell at All Saints' Church stopped for the first time in more than 120 years in October due to a fault.

Yesterday church sacristan Barney McKeown - a former member of showband The Freshmen - rang the bell once again.

The sound of the tolling across Ballymena from the Broughshane Road church, on the edge of the town centre, has been a regular feature of life since the massive bell was installed in 1893 by Fr Alexander McMullan.

Not only does it call worshippers to Mass, but each day at noon and 6pm the Angelus is also marked.

Parish priest Fr Paddy Delargy told the Belfast Telegraph yesterday: "We discovered about a year ago that the bell was slightly off its bearing and there was a possibility that there might be damage done if we didn't get it repaired. So we called in a very expert firm who were able to identify what needed to be done.

"There was scaffolding put around the bell and the inner workings were taken away to Co Cork, and the bell has been repaired and they have now installed it.

"We are glad to have the bell ringing again in time for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, and we will be ringing out the bells for Christmas."

The priest is delighted the bell is working again, as he could not remember a time when it had not sounded.

Fr Delargy said it features the inscription 'Peace and prosperity to Ballymena', and said the first time the one-and-a-half tonne bell tolled in the 1890s was for the funeral of a churchman associated with St Patrick's Church of Ireland in the town. The cortege of the Very Reverend JW Murray, Dean of Connor and a former Rector of St Patrick's, came from the old rectory near All Saints, and then the bell of St Patrick's took up the lament for the rest of the journey.

"There was an interconnection with the other churches at that early stage," Fr Delargy explained.

Mr McKeown (73) rings the bell at least twice a day as part of his duties.

He said: "I am here 31 years and ringing the bell for the Angelus is one of my duties. It has been badly missed. "It was getting to a point where people were saying: 'What is wrong with it? We miss this bell badly, is it ever going to be ready?" "It is such a characteristic feature of the town and you can hear it for miles." "People put their tea and spuds on with the bell, too."

Mr McKeown officially rang the repaired bell for the first time at midday yesterday. "It rings 18 times, three threes and a nine, and the same again at 6pm, and I also ring it for Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Mass," he added.

Martin Hough of Cork-based MBH Engineering Services, who repaired the bell, said the work was a labour of love. He said: "I worked in England and could see there was nobody specialising in this kind of work in Ireland, and I have been heavily involved in restoring the bells at Rosscarbery in west Cork, where I am a regular ringer now."

Mr Hough said that the Ballymena bell could be even louder than previously after the repairs.

EXPERIENCES OF A NEW RINGER

"Write something," she asked me. "I will," I said. So, now I'm trying to put all my thoughts together and talk about my bellringing experience.

A few months ago, I had no idea about bellringers. I was born in a village in Italy where there is only one bell and it plays automatically: every hour and half an hour, and to call people to the church, of course, when it's time for celebrations.

Long story short, I have started "dating" St. Patrick's bellringers since February – quite regularly, once a week. And since then I have learned a bit about bells and ringing them. Besides that, I have met wonderful people. That is always a good added value.

You have so many opportunities, while you are ringing your bell. You can breathe deeply, actually you need to, have a look to the world around you, look at the people that are making such kind of harmony with you and learn when it's your turn, pulling the rope just enough to make it good.

Then, on 9th of July, we went to Kilkenny to visit their tower and have a ring together. This is something that happens every year: a tradition. We had a wonderful time; Ian, the tower captain, welcomed us and showed us around. We had the possibility to touch and ring different bells, to visit the tower and see the bells up close, as they are housed just a few meters over the space where you ring, and to ring with new people. And one of the best things is that you always feel welcome.

As regards the newbies in St. Patrick's, we are quite a mixed group, from different countries.

Being part of such a thing, has taught me that there is always an opportunity, after you have paid your visit to the bells, to gather around the table and share a cup of tea or a lovely dinner, as we did in Kilkenny. And of course taking pictures of bellringers "family reunited".

Nicoletta Giusti

BELL BROADCAST

In 1985 RTÉ Radio 1 broadcast a series offering an insight into some of Dublin's lesser-known Churches...30 years on the station replayed Churches and People, which featured St Georges, Hardwicke Place. The bells were heard ringing call changes and Pamela Rutledge, the tower captain of the time, was interviewed explaining about ringing at the church.

PICTURES FROM THE PAST



This photograph from the 1950s shows the team at Enniskillen Cathedral. Can anyone spot Stewart Scott?



Here we have the newly-augmented bells of Kilkenny Cathedral prior to their rehangng in 1892.



The 32 cwt tenor of the new ring of ten being delivered to Londonderry in 1929.

TOWER NEWS

BALLYMENA (St Patrick)

Jean's Big Birthday Party



Jean Letters who many of you will know recently celebrated a second big birthday. It really is a big birthday - don't say I told you, but Jean has reached the grand age of 91 years. So, for the last two years instead of buying her presents she held a party and dance to raise money for the S.A.M Charity - Struggle Against Muscular Dystrophy. This Charity is very close to Jean's heart as her great nephew Sam suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

which affects 1 in 3600 males and results in muscle degeneration.

The party was held in the Adair Arms Hotel and attended by family, bowlers and bellringers. Once again it proved a very enjoyable night singing, dancing and the usual delicious spread that the Hotel provided for all those present. As you can see from the photograph (below) Jean was presented the Charity this year with a cheque for £1410.

The Bucket List Wish

Following the Service of Remembrance a member of the choir, who is part of the Safeguarding Trust Team, asked could she check her list relating to the Tower to make sure it was correct. As she was about to leave she said that she had had a request from a member of the Methodist church that his wife would like to ring a bell as part of her Bucket List. The following morning I rang Robert and arranged for his wife Corena to visit us at our Friday practice. Robert not only brought his wife, he also brought along his daughter Grace to see her mum ring a bell. Corena turned out to be a very good learner and our only regret is that she is not able to learn to ring and join us on a Sunday as her services unfortunately are at the same time as ours. As a momentum of her visit we gave her a photograph and a certificate to confirm that she had completed one of her wishes from her Bucket List.



Lorraine Watt

BANGOR (St Comgall): Ringing recommenced at the beginning of February with a try-out of the new ropes on a Friday evening and a decision to recommence Sunday service ringing the same weekend. We were concerned that our neighbours might have got used to the silence but all feedback has been very positive with comments such as “we missed you”.

We have a core of five active ringers, supplemented regularly by visitors from near and far.

Having had a short period to settle down the active ringers met informally with the rector, Rev. Nigel Parker, after Easter to talk about the way forward. A very positive discussion ensued, covering many issues and we are confident that the bells will form part of the ministry of Bangor Parish for many years to come.

Following from this we have also made a presentation to the property committee, explaining the particular dangers of bells to them and discussing some possible improvements to the ringing environment. As a result of the major renovation of the church building, some long term issues with the fabric have appeared and we are working with the committee to resolve them. Our own steeplekeepers, Martin and Brian, also have regular work sessions in the belfry resulting in the bells and fittings being in much better mechanical condition than for many years.

In June the parish held a flower festival at which we erected the mini bells. It was somewhat of an experiment for both flower arrangers and ringers. We achieved our aim of publicising bell ringing and ringers with plenty of visitors having a go. Thanks are due to the various ringers who helped out.

Friday 1st July saw us commemorating the centenary of the start of the battle of the Somme. We have the particular distinction of being the tower that lost the most ringers in the Great War with five making the supreme sacrifice, three of them on 1st July 1916. As Bangor was a call change tower at that time, it was agreed that the bells would be rung in the way that those ringers would have recognised. Accordingly in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to call changes, finishing with “the dead soldiers” and then observing two minutes silence before tolling the tenor bell. Our curate, Rev. Jim Cheshire, then led the readings and prayers. Our thanks go to Jean, Maud and Don for their help. A full page article in the Bangor Spectator also meant that there were a large number of visitors, both inside and outside the tower, who came to witness the solemn occasion.

Resulting from all the publicity surrounding these events, there have been ten people so far who have “had a go”. Three have progressed as far as handling a bell competently and should be joining the band before too long. A couple more have indicated that they would like to come and learn in the future. To cope with all this activity we have started a second practice night for learners on Monday evenings. A set of clapper ties have been refurbished so that we do not disturb our neighbours. Brian has been learning to teach under the supervision of Martin and Colin and is proving to be very competent. We hope to have him accredited in the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme in due course.

Friday evening practices are also going well with Martin and Colin gently pushing back the boundaries of our knowledge whilst working towards their level 2 ITTS accreditation. Jim Strahan from Holywood regularly joins us and his support is very much appreciated.

Most recently, on Friday 11th November, we recommenced ringing for the armistice at 11.00. Rev. Jim Cheshire again led a service of remembrance and we are indebted to Jean, Maud and Eric for making up the numbers.

Our activities have not been confined to our own tower. Bangor ringers have visited Inverness, Cumbria, Derbyshire, various London towers, Limerick and West Cork, as well as the usual contribution to the Bradfield Ringing Course. Brian also attended the Association London trip and Colin and Martin met up with old friends and new at the Autumn Ringing Festival.

Season's greetings to you all.

Colin Holliday

BELFAST (St Donard): Not a lot really to report since the last issue.

I am delighted to be able to report though that Rowena is now ringing for Sunday Services and is looking forward to being proposed as a member of the IACR at our next AGM in April.

John Martin is also making steady progress and has now perfected his ringing style so will be taking the whole bell when we resume again after the Christmas break.

As usual we are still short of ringers on a Sunday morning because of work commitments, etc. However we make up for it on Sunday evenings.

I would like to thank Julia Lysaght for organising the ringing day in London on 24 September – this was a very enjoyable day indeed, so thank you Julia.

Another enjoyable day was the Ringing Festival at the end of October held in St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, and it was lovely to meet up with the ringers from the other two districts

Because of the forthcoming Christmas holidays, New Year and events taking place in the Church, our practices have now stopped until Tuesday 17 January at 6.30pm. So those who normally come to our practice, and there are quite a few, to whom we are entirely grateful, please note – no practice at St Donard's until 17 January 2017.

This is all we have for now and would take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Jean Jeffery

BLESSINGTON (St Mary): The six bells were rung for the harvest service on Friday 16th September featuring our new ringers for their first service ring. Our new ringers are progressing rapidly and will be ringing in the new year on December 31st.

Parish newsletter

DROGHEDA (St Peter): September 1st, 2016, was a red letter day as we rang joyously for the institution of our new rector, Iain Jamieson. We had lots of help from Dublin towers and from St Patrick's, Ballymena whom we hope to see ringing with us again soon.

The bells were kept ringing for years by Bobby Rusk and his wife Doris who recruited locals, singers such as Hugh O'Donnell and Paul O'Brien who maintain the bells as well as ring them. After an hiatus

the society was started up again a few years ago with five or six bells ringing on Sundays. Numbers are up now and all eight bells can be heard regularly in a musical tradition dating from 1791, when the peal of eight was cast. Seven of those eight bells are still there ringing out for 225 years.

St Peter's, Drogheda, are making steady progress and frequently are now able to ring all eight bells, allowing for a more pleasing sound.

We also recently got our eight handbells repaired and we will learn how to ring them soon.

Our practice sessions on Wednesdays at 6 pm are well attended and often supported by some ringers from Dublin.

Among learners we are delighted to have our new Rector, Iain, who joins us when his duties allow.

We recently elected Liz O'Reilly to be Tower Secretary. She can be contacted at +353 (86) 382 2480 or email: lizmanville@eircom.net .

Derek and Martha Waller have recently joined the society and have been regular attenders at both practice and at Service ringing. The addition of two experienced ringers is most welcome. Derek also assists in teaching beginners and learners and he can be handy with a spanner if necessary.

Paul and Hugh are our steeple keepers and they now can call on Paddy and Derek to assist.

The two stalwarts of the belfry, Bobby and Doris Rusk remain with us. It is due to the fact that they in the past brought in friends and got them ringing that we were able to start up again a few years ago.

It is through them that we are able to trace back to Fred Dukes and his co-ringers and predecessors. If we had records we'd be able to go back to 1791 when the peal of eight was cast.

We now have a healthy number of ringers, two of whom are also members of other towers. The gender mix is good and there is a satisfactory age profile too.

A word of thanks to Robert Macdonald (St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin) and June Kelly (John's Lane) for their help on practice nights.

Two St Peter's, Drogheda ringers, Tom Murphy and Paul O'Brien, took part in the 25th London Welsh Festival of Male Voice Choirs recorded and filmed in the Royal Albert Hall on October 16th, 2016.

The film will be broadcast by S4C early in 2017. Paul and Tom are members of the Drogheda Male Voice Choir which was invited to participate in the concert which takes place every two years.

David Taylor

DRUMBO (Holy Trinity): Since our last issue, we have lost our Rector Canon Robert Neill through retirement. While not being a ringer he was very supportive of the ringers. He never failed to thank us for our efforts. When he paid tribute to those who paid a part on special occasions we always got a mention. He seemed to enjoy the sound of the bells and the part they paid in the worship of the Church - a very rare rector indeed. We wish Robert and Angela good health and happiness in their retirement.

Well life goes on in the tower, we usually manage six bells on Sunday. We are sometimes joined by Denise and Don and they are most welcome. At the time of writing Ester is back part time after illness by the time these notes hit our in boxes we hope it will be full time.

Now on a personal note. During the English half term, my daughter Carole and her husband Peter with my Granddaughter Rebecca were here on a short break. Rebecca wanted to grab a couple of towers, Rostrevor and Newcastle were suggested. These were arranged for the afternoon of the day they arrived. The arranging was easy the problem arose with the plane being five hours late. I was able to rearrange the programme with the willing cooperation of both towers. We headed straight to Rostrevor, where we were joined by Kennedy and two ringers. It is nice to see Rostrevor back ringing. The one thing that has not changed from the old days is the warm welcome.

On to Newcastle where we were joined by Philip Kimber. The bells are ringable but the tower needs attention. Having spoke to Canon Ellis at Synod this is in hand. Perhaps this is the time to make contact to get the bells ringing again. A quarter peal was arranged at Hillsborough on Sunday but was unfortunately lost. Sunday service at Drumbo saw us ringing all eight bell. They then joined Lurgan for practice on Monday. My thanks to all those ringers who made them welcome. Lurgan had other visitors that night The Hull family who came from Lurgan and now live and ring in West Yorkshire. The two families are well known in bell ringing circles in Yorkshire.

Cecil Shaw

DUBLIN (St Audoen): The alluring Bells of St Audoen's (High Street/Cornmarket) continue to seduce the local citizenry from their Sunday morning slumbers – with ringing for half an hour prior to Morning Service at 10.00 am. Since three of the six Bells have rung out since 1423 an early morning pardon is always assured. A full complement of ringers is invariably in attendance – comprised of both experienced ringers and some of Derek McEndoo's many recent recruits – wishing to "impress" with their enthusiasm - even if recently taught techniques on occasions elude them.

Canon Mark Gardner is most welcoming – and during recent cold weather a pre-ascent warm-up in the Church nave can always be relied upon. (Bell ringers never feel the cold I hear you protest; our answer to that – only if it is sub-zero at 9.30 on a Sunday morning!)

In recent weeks we have resumed our support of near neighbours – the Merchants Quay all night Café where our most vulnerable seek refuge and a warm meal. Donations of warm clothes, food and toiletries are left at the back of the Church and subsequent delivery to the café is arranged through Canon Gardner. We are very much hoping to build on this project during the next twelve months and we will keep you advised. In the meantime should you consider you can assist please do not hesitate – the need is great and becoming greater.

We extend Christmas and New Year greetings to each of you and a warm invitation to come and join us at St Audoen's whenever you are in Dublin and have an urge to ring one of our acclaimed Bells.

Kathleen McEndoo/Kenneth Morgan.

DUBLIN (Ss Augustine and John): I would like to thank everybody who helps with the ringing of the bells, on a monthly basis for Sunday Service.

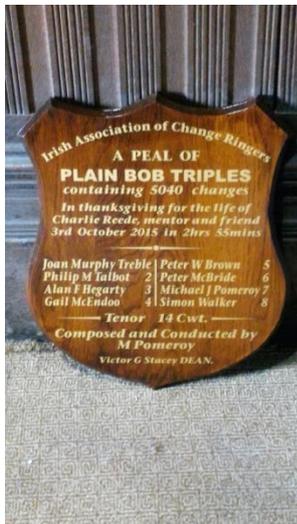
It was also nice to have so many visiting bands from the UK throughout 2016.

Wishing one and all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017.

June Kelly

DUBLIN (St Patrick's Cathedral): Kilkenny turned out to be our tower of choice for outings this year. Ian and his colleagues always make us feel so welcome. Our first trip was our annual beginners' day out at the end of May when we were joined by ringers from Christchurch Cathedral, Blessington, Drogheda and of course Kilkenny. It is good for beginners from different towers to meet together and it was an important social event as much as a new ringing experience. July saw us back for our annual outing and a good turn-out gave us some good ringing followed by a meal in Langton's Hotel. We had good representation at the latest Kilkenny trip which was part of the Autumn Ringing Festival and our thanks go to the Southern District for organising this year's event.

September saw the installation of our new Dean, The Rev. William Morton formally Dean of Derry Cathedral. We wish him well in his new role and look forward to welcoming him to the belfry soon.



One of his first actions was to dedicate our new peal board which commemorates the peal rung in October last year to recognise the contribution Charlie made to ringing both at St. Patrick's and the wider ringing community. This, we believe, is the first peal by a local band at St. Patrick's since the 1930's and the first board here with women's names on it. Well done Joan and Gail!

We have had our share of technical issues this year starting with a broken gudgeon which left us ringing the back eight while Martin Hough repaired the headstock. We had to call on Martin again recently when the clapper of the same bell broke and, as I write this, we are again back to ringing the heavy bells. Particular thanks to Mervyn and Joe for all their work throughout the year. We don't always see the fruit of their efforts but, without regular maintenance, the bells would not run as well as they do.

Recruitment of new ringers continues to be our greatest challenge. Our belfry tours this year during Heritage Week did not yield any new recruits but subsequently four new faces appeared and they are currently engaged with our Saturday training programme. Our group from last year continue to progress and some of them attended the Eastern District training for advancing to change ringing. While they all understand the theory, putting it into practice has been more of a challenge but they enjoy trying and are determined to succeed. We recently gained some publicity from Dublin.ie who published a short article on our bells, and included some photos and a video shot by David, one of last year's recruits. On 20th December, RTE will be broadcasting a documentary about St. Patrick's, particularly the choir, leading up to Christmas. Some footage was shot in the belfry but we don't know whether or not we are lying on the cutting room floor!

Best wishes to all our friends throughout the country for a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Derek McEndoo

ENNISKILLEN (St Macartin's Cathedral): We had a visit from the Cumberlands, who rang a peal in honour of Stewart Scott's long years of service to the tower. The peal was a method rung for the first time, and named after Stewart's address!

Sunday 16 October 2016 in 3h16 (20-2-15)

5040 Trasna Park Surprise Royal

1 Ruth Curtis

2 Shirley E McGill

3 Paul A Cammiade

4 Matthew J L Durham (C)

5 Paul F Curtis

6 Mary E Holden

7 Ian G Campbell

8 Thomas B Mack

9 Alan Regin

10 Ian R Fielding

Rung as a compliment to Stewart Scott on 50 years of ringing at Enniskillen. First peal in the method.

HILLSBOROUGH (St Malachy): On 6th September the bells were fired before Evening Prayer on Sunday to mark the 100th birthday of Mrs Cottney, a lifelong parishioner who transpires to have a grandson ringing in London. Alan Cottney has recently rung his first quarter peal of Bob Doubles inside at St Dunstan's Church, London. Alan rang with us for our last practice of the year, and hopes to join us for ringing on Christmas Eve, which will be fitting, as his family are amongst the oldest families in our parish.

In October a peal of 5000 Bristol Surprise Royal rung here by a band of Royal Cumberland Youths, in memory of Sergeant G E Piggins, killed in action one hundred years ago.

We were delighted to have fifteen ringers for our carol service on 18th December and we rang half an hour of call changes and Plain Hunt on nine.

We have had a good year with lots of ringing, and it is really pleasing to see the progress our newer ringers are making with method ringing.

A Happy Christmas to all!

Edmund White / Simon Walker

KILKENNY (St Canice's Cathedral): Since our last notes in Irish Bell News during the summer our Friday practice nights resumed and those 'beginners' from earlier in the year are now ringing rounds and call changes.

On 2nd July we had another visit from St Patrick's Cathedral ringers and friends.



Sadly on 6th July our former ringer George Sherwood (below) passed away in his 93rd year and we rang the bells, half-muffled, as a tribute to his memory.

On 27th August Rev. David Compton (who had been a ringer in Skibbereen) was ordained in St. Canice's and has been appointed as Curate and Bishop's Vicar here. On 28th October I gave the last of four Friday Lunchtime lectures in the Cathedral entitled 'The History and Art of Campanology and the Bells of St. Canice's'. It was in the form of a PowerPoint presentation followed by a tour of the belltower. About 46 people attended.

On 29th October we were delighted to host the I.A.C.R. Autumn Ringing Festival with plenty of action in the tower followed by dinner in Langton's Restaurant.

On 26th November we hosted an I.A.C.R. practice. Unfortunately, due to very foggy weather, attendance was poor but some of our newer ringers gained valuable experience.

At this time we are looking forward to a busy time ringing for the Civic Carol Service, Kilkenny College Carol Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and culminating with our annual New Year's Eve ring with the usual 60+ in the tower to see us ring out the old (half-muffled) and ring in the New Year before retiring to the Chapter Room for mulled wine and mince pies, etc. In fact, at the time of writing we have just rung for our carol service³ and were pleased to ring the full eight.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous 2017.

Ian McCullagh

QUARTER PEALS

Limerick (Mount St Alphonsus)

14 July 2016 in 40 (11-0-4)

1260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob)

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Mark Thompson | 4 Alan Hegarty |
| 2 Philip Talbot | 5 Mike Pomeroy (C) |
| 3 Julia Lysaght | 6 Christy Pratt |

A 65th wedding anniversary compliment to Paddy and Frances Hanley and an 85th birthday compliment to Paddy.

Taney, Dublin (Christ Church)

Saturday 3 September 2016

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 Philip Talbot | 4 Nigel Pelow |
| 2 Imelda Byrne | 5 Robert MacDonald (C) |
| 3 David Taylor | 6 Irene Stokes |

1st in method : 2. To celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Ciaran and Patricia O’Cunneagain friends of the conductor.

Hillsborough (St Malachy)

Saturday 5 November 2016

1344 Plain Bob Major

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Maud Lindsay | 5 Philip Talbot |
| 2 Julia Lysaght | 6 Gaurang Patel |
| 3 Jean Jeffery | 7 Mike Pomeroy (c) |
| 4 Robert MacDonald | 8 Simon Walker |

For the ruby wedding anniversary of Julia and Mark Lysaght. With good wishes to Matthew Higby.

Drumbo (Holy Trinity)

Saturday 5 November 2016

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Jean Jeffery | 4 Maud Lindsay |
| 2 Julia Lysaght (c) | 5 Mike Pomeroy |
| 3 Philip Talbot | 6 Gaurang Patel |

Belfast (St Thomas)

Sunday 6 November 2016

1320 Minor (540 Cambridge Surprise 720 Plain Bob)

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

Early 21st Birthday wishes to Poppy.

Belfast (St Mark, Dundela)

Friday 18 November 2016

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Maud Lindsay | 4 Andrea Falk (first QP in N Ireland) |
| 2 Jean Jeffery | 5 Simon Walker |
| 3 Gaurang Patel | 6 Alan Ladd (C) |

To mark the birth of Caleb Ryan Ladd, son of the conductor.

PEALS

Rosscarbery (St Fachtna's Cathedral)

Friday 12 August 2016 in 2h44 (12-2-3)

5040 7 Minor (720 each Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford TB, Kent TB, St. Clements B, Single Oxford B, Plain Bob)

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Michael J Pomeroy | 4 Andrew B Mills |
| 2 Julia A Lysaght | 5 Philip M Talbot |
| 3 Niamh W Hickey | 6 Peter L R Hayward (C) |

Rung while local lads Gary and Paul O'Donovan were rowing to Olympic Silver, Ireland's first ever rowing medal.

Blessington (St Mary)

Saturday 13 August 2016 in 2h40 (12-0-18)

5040 7 Minor (720 each Norwich S, Single Oxford B, St Clements B, Oxford TB, Kent TB, Cambridge S, Plain Bob)

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Philip M Talbot | 4 Andrew B Mills (C) |
| 2 Peter McBride | 5 Michael J Pomeroy |
| 3 Julia A Lysaght | 6 Peter L R Hayward |

Remembering the 26 men from the Blessington district commemorated at the Woodenbridge World War 1 memorial garden.

Taney, Dublin (Christ Church)

Sunday 14 August 2016 in 2h51 (19-3-0)

5152 Cambridge Surprise Major

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Philip M Talbot | 5 Peter L R Hayward |
| 2 Julia A Lysaght | 6 Simon Walker |
| 3 Niamh W Hickey | 7 Michael J Pomeroy (C) |
| 4 Peter McBride | 8 Andrew B Mills |

First Surprise Major for 4 and 6

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

Ballymena (St Patrick)

Saturday 15 October 2016 in 3h10 (14-2-17)

5001 Stedman Cinques

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ian R Fielding (C) | 7 Matthew J L Durham |
| 2 Shirley E McGill | 8 Ian G Campbell |
| 3 Ruth Curtis | 9 Michael R Crockett |
| 4 Mary E Holden | 10 Thomas B Mack |
| 5 Paul F Curtis | 11 Alan Regin |
| 6 Paul A Cammiade | 12 Simon Walker |

With the best wishes of the band to Sam Letters.