

**THE BELLS AND RINGERS OF
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
LLANBRADACH
SOUTH WALES
(Now hung in Kingstone, Herefordshire)**

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INTRODUCTION

This book has been written primarily to document the history of the bells and ringers from 1911 to 1996, 10 years after the Church of All Saints' Llanbradach was closed. However, I hope it will appeal to ringers and non ringers especially those interested in what is a relatively small part of the village's history. Technical ringing terms or 'jargon' are used without apology, but explanations of common bellringing terms can be found in Appendix 8.

This book traces the history of the bells from installation to removal and relocation, and also looks at some of the notable performances that were achieved on them during their 75 years in the tower. It explores the local ringer's activities and some 77 people have been identified as taking an active part in the local ringing during three distinct periods 1911 – 1934; 1945-1951 and 1982-1986.

The book is dedicated to all Llanbradach ringers 1911 – 1986.

Brief background of the Village

The village of Llanbradach is situated between Caerphilly and Ystrad Mynach. It was once on the main thoroughfare between the two towns but these days, with the introduction of a by-pass road, travellers visiting the area could easily miss it. In 1911 when the bells were installed the population was approximately 5000.

Coal and the Llanbradach Mine

As with so many villages and towns in South Wales, coal was to bring jobs and therefore more people to Llanbradach. Coal was first raised at the Llanbradach mine in 1893 and at its peak it employed over 2300 men. In the early days the mine owners, Cardiff Steam and Coal Co. Limited, had a heavy influence on village life and were keen supporters of the annual flower show at which the Llanbradach Silver Band presided. By 1914 the mine had claimed the lives of 88 men and it was closed in 1961.

Miss Clara Thomas

Miss Clara Thomas was the last in the line of the Thomas family who had had a presence in the area for over 400 years. She was born in 1841 and died in 1914 at the age of 72. Her family had owned the land from which coal was emerging, and she played a major part in improving the welfare and religious life of the rapidly expanding village population. The Thomas family (originally from Llwynmadoc, Breconshire) are commemorated in both carved monument and a stained glass window at Llandaff Cathedral.

Church activities in the village were initially held in a house in Wingfield Terrace and in 1892 a corrugated iron hall was opened as a Church and a day school, the land being donated by Miss Thomas. The Workman's Hall now

occupies this site. It was soon apparent that a larger building was required and Miss Thomas came forward to donate the site on which the new Church was to stand. During a ten year period Miss Thomas provided some £15000 towards religious and educational life in the village and also donated the capital to fund a permanent Vicar in the Parish.

The Building of a New Church

All Saints' Llanbradach was opened and dedicated on 2nd June 1897 and at that time formed what was to become the nave of the finished building. The work cost £2000 and christening ceremonies were authorised there from 1899.

The Parish of Llanbradach was brought into being by an Order in Council held in Buckingham Palace on 7th March 1904 and was formed out of the extremities of the parishes of Caerphilly and Ystrad Mynach. A licence for marriage ceremonies was also granted at this time. The first Vicar was Rev Edwin Edwards, who had been Curate in Charge from September 1903.



*The Opening of the new Church, without the Tower, Chancel or Vestry
1897*

In 1908 it was decided to extend the Church, adding a chancel and vestry. A tower was also proposed, and Miss Thomas promised to pay half the costs if the villagers raised the other half. (The total cost was £3500). The final stages of building were completed and the Church reopened on All Saints Day 1909. As soon as the work was completed parishioners set about raising more funds for the installation of an organ and a ring of bells and within nine months, Messrs John Taylor & Co. Bellfounders of Loughborough were contacted for advice.

CHAPTER 1

1911 – 1939

The Tower

The tower was set on a 15-foot square base and reached a height of 66 feet to the top of the turret. The architect, E M Bruce Vaughan designed the 1908 Church extension, the tower and also the Working Men's Hall. The building contract was awarded to Messrs Turner & Sons of Cardiff and the Rev Edwin Edwards laid the final stone at the top of the tower in August 1909

Details of the Bells

There were many new rings of bells being installed around the time that Llanbradach bells were cast. In the Llandaff Diocese alone there were at least three more rings of similar weight at St Martin's Caerphilly, Christ Church Radyr, and St Catherine's Pontypridd.

Following the building of the final parts of the Church and tower the work on the installation of a ring of 8 bells was completed on 9th June 1911. Because of the relatively small internal tower dimensions, it was necessary to hang the bells on two levels. Numbers 1,3,6 and 7 were on the top layer and 2,4,5,8 underneath. The frame was installed right at the top of the tower and, even though there was a spiral staircase all the way from the ground floor to the roof, it was impossible to enter the chamber in which the bells were hung from the staircase because the iron framework passed right behind the door opening.

As a result, to get to the bells one had to ascend the spiral staircase to the room above the ground floor ringing chamber, and then climb a narrow metal ladder that reached from the centre of the room to a small trap door in the floor of the belfry. This was a rather precarious ascent, and when inside the belfry there was a gap of just a few feet square to stand in (the trap door having been closed first!). The four bells on the lower level surrounded one immediately, and maintenance, particularly on the upper frame, was not for the faint hearted.

The bells were cast by Messrs John Taylor & Company, Bellfounders, Loughborough and were purchased for £560. The bellfounder's name and the date, 1911, appears on the opposite side of each bell to the inscription. Decorative ornamentation of blackberries and leaves was included around the crown of each bell.

The bells were hung on plain bearings with iron headstocks, Heywood lubricators and Hasting stays. The two-tier iron frame stood on stout steel girders.

Bell	Note	Diameter	Cwt	Qtr	Lbs	Inscription
1	G	1ft 11 ³ / ₄ in	3	0	4	Let him that is athirst come
2	F#	2ft 0 ¹ / ₂ in	3	0	23	God save his Church
3	E	2ft 2 in	3	2	24	God save King George V
4	D	2ft 4 in	4	1	1	Thanks be to God
5	C	2ft 7 in	5	3	8	Praise ye the Lord
6	B	2ft 8 ¹ / ₂ in	6	1	21	Edwin Edwards, Vicar
7	A	3ft 0 in	8	0	9	Parish of Llanbradach formed 1904
8	G	3ft 4 ¹ / ₂ in	12	0	20	Clara Thomas, Patron and Benefactress

The Dedication

The bells were dedicated at a special service held on Saturday 29th July 1911 at 5p.m. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Llandaff, Rev Dr J Pritchard Hughes, who was assisted by the Vicar, Rev. Edwin Edwards, and the Curate, Rev. James Bevan. After the prayers of dedication the bells were rung in rounds for one minute by eight members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers. The records show that the collection was £2 7s 8d, and it was a *'nice service and well attended.'* General ringing took place after the service and the first quarter peal, 1260 Grandsire Triples, was rung that evening by representatives of 7 local towers.

Refreshments were provided by the Vicar in the Parish Rooms, and the new *'sweet toned'* handbells that had been provided with the tower bells were demonstrated.

The First Local Band

A local band was formed and instruction provided by the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers, lead by Mr John W Jones of All Saints Church, Newport. Mr Jones was at the time Honorary Secretary of the Association (1902-1945), having been Master in 1898 and subsequently in 1948, and took a very active part in the promotion of ringing in the area. He was born in Tidenham, Gloucestershire 5th December 1865 but moved with his parents to Caerleon, Monmouthshire at two years of age. Mr Jones learned to ring in 1888, and in 1892 joined the ringers at St Woolos Church Newport. In August 1897 the building of All Saints' Church, Brynglas Hill, Newport commenced, and this was opened on All Saints' Day 1898. Mr Jones was instrumental in getting a ring of 8 bells installed there and these were first rung on 5th March 1902.

Whilst running the ringing at All Saints' Newport he still gave his time voluntarily to teach new ringers, and was training the band at Caerphilly at the same time as Llanbradach. The fact that both Llanbradach and J W Jones'

Church were dedicated to All Saints' was not to be their only similarity, as the reader will discover. Ironically, both were, in the end, to suffer a similar fate.

Quite a number of men came forward once the bells had been installed and it is quite possible that some of them were ringers before they moved to Llanbradach. The men were encouraged to join the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers, and the following names are recorded for 1911:

Charles H Mountstephen (Captain)	Rev. Edwin Edwards
Rev James Bevan	Frederick Hurford
William Burgess	Frank Stevens
George Gwilim	W Maybeir
W Blackmore	G Christmas
H Blackmore	W Kemp

Charles H Mountstephen was born in 1887, and was the first Tower Captain at Llanbradach. He was a labourer by trade, and his father, William, was a local police constable. Charles married Emily Snook in December 1911 at All Saints, and lived at Wingfield Terrace, Llanbradach.

The First Peal on the Bells

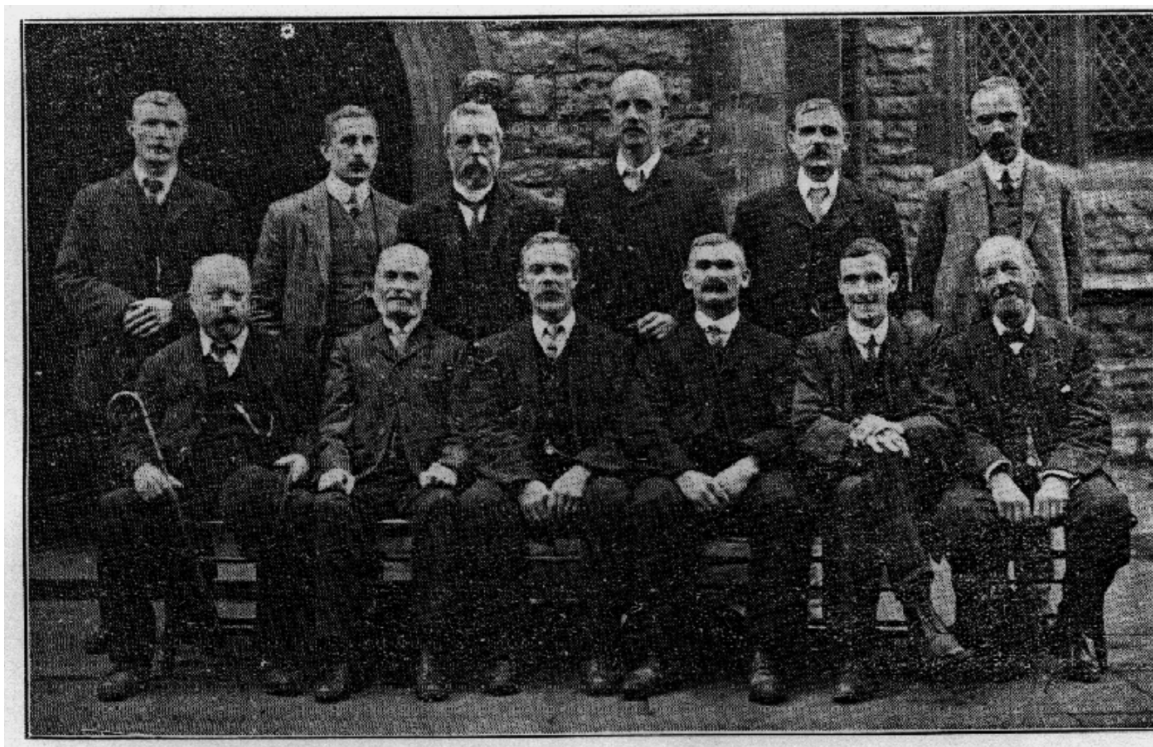
Shortly after the bells had been installed and dedicated the first full peal was rung on 15th September 1911 and, by the ringing standards of the day, this was to be no ordinary peal.

Mr John W Jones had agreed to organise a week's ringing for Mr William Pye (London) and his party drawn from across the Country, and the distinguished company arrived in Newport on 9th September 1911. The gentlemen taking part in this trip were some of the ringing pioneers of the time and during their stay they achieved 12 peals on various rings of bells in the area.

The peal, 5056 Bristol Surprise Major, was successfully completed in three hours and four minutes. Those readers familiar with bellringing methods, will appreciate that Bristol was rarely rung at this time, and with such a distinguished band it would have, no doubt, been a delight to witness.

Not such happy conclusions however for four of the ringers in this peal whose lives came to very sad endings:

Isaac Shade (Greenwich) rang the treble. He was a gas fitter with South Metropolitan Gas and by the time he died he had rung 1450 peals. On 19th July 1926 he was returning home from a practice at St Botolph Bishopsgate, London when he was knocked down and killed by a motor car travelling at 15 miles per hour. He was 72 when he died.



From left to right Back Row: Ernest Pye; Gabriel Lindoff; George Dent; Rev A T Beeston; John Flint; Thomas T Gofton. Front Row: William W Gifford; Isaac G Shade; William Pye; John Holman; Bertram Prewett; James George.

Ernest Pye (London) rang the third. He died on 8th December 1915 after suffering a nervous breakdown and wandering onto a railway line in front of the 5 a.m. Liverpool Street to Colchester Express. He had rung 852 peals.

Bertram Prewett (Bushey, Watford) rang the sixth. He was born in 1878 in Hampstead and learned to ring in 1897. He was killed in action on 31st August 1918 having been 'shot through the throat with a machine gun bullet'. He was a prolific ringer and had rung 953 peals when he died. The Ringing World 1st November 1918 reads: *'Of all the ringers that have made the great sacrifice, none we think, will be more widely mourned or greatly missed than Bertram Prewett who fell in action on the last day of August. Without any exaggeration, one can say that Bertram Prewett was among the greatest of all ringers, and, had he lived, there was no saying to what degree he might have extended his already remarkable record'*.

His widow Ida wrote to the Ringing World explaining that Bertram was killed on the main Peronne-Bapaume Road opposite the village of Borechavesnes

William Pye (London) rang the Tenor. He was one of the most prolific ringers of his time and rang over 1950 peals during his lifetime (including the first ever peal of Surprise Maximus). His thousandth peal came in the same year as the peal at Llanbradach. William, like his brother Ernest, also suffered in later life from mental health problems and died suddenly in March 1935

Further Peals in 1911

The second and third peals on the bells followed quickly, as experienced ringers in the local area were keen to participate in the performances. The second peal, rung on 7th October 1911, included Mr John W Jones who was teaching the ringers at Llanbradach. The third peal was rung by a band from St Tydfil's, Merthyr Tydfil on 18th November 1911. Both peals consisted of 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples rung in 3 hours.

1912

The ringers must have progressed very quickly into change ringing because the Ringing World of 8th March 1912 states that: *'the young band which was formed last year...is making good progress. On Saturday last they rung several courses of Grandsire Triples splendidly, and are developing into a good band'*.

The ringers were keen to show off their new bells, and on 27th July 1912 the Association held its Quarterly Meeting at Llanbradach. Ringers attended this event from Bridgend, Caerleon, Cardiff, Newport, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Machen and Rhymney. Mr Stedman from Merthyr volunteered to provide extra tuition at Llanbradach, and J W Jones described the Parish Rooms in the minutes as *'said to be the finest suite of rooms belonging to any Church in Wales'*.

Two things of note were discussed at the meeting, which was held following the ringing. A vote of congratulations was *'heartily carried'* to the eight ladies who were successful in ringing the first ladies peal at Christ Church Cubitt Town, London. This was achieved on 20th July 1912. Up to this time ringing had been very much a male occupation and, even though change ringing had been performed from as far back as the latter half of the 17th Century, women were only to feature in the belfry towards the latter end of the 19th Century. Indeed, the first woman to ring a tower bell peal was Miss Alice White of Basingstoke in 1896. Women in the belfry at Llanbradach, however, were to play a major part in forging the tower's history.

At the time of the installation, the sound of the bells was said to have been deafening outside, as they were hung right opposite the louvers and there was no sound control installed. The second item of note at the meeting was the discussion of suitable sound control methods. It would appear that by this time some work had been done at All Saints', as Mr Jones made comment on the sound control that had been installed. This involved bricking up the louvers on the inside almost to the top, leaving a gap of approximately 2 feet. This allowed the sound to travel further afield, and at the same time avoided the bells 'shouting' in the neighbouring streets!!. He comments, though, that *'anyone can scarcely credit it is the same ring of bells'*.

The local ringers formed the 'Company' officially in 1912 with some very rigid rules and regulations. These included fines for lateness of more than 5

minutes and expulsion for misconduct or unruly behaviour. The full set of rules laid down at that time is reproduced in Appendix 1.

1913

By February 1913 it was obvious that relations between the ringers and the Church were well bonded. During this month the ringers were 'entertained' by the Churchwardens (Messrs J Barry and T Lane): *'The Vicar Rev. Edwin Edwards presided and submitted the toast of "The Churchwardens", which was received with enthusiasm. In responding the Churchwardens expressed their pleasure at having such a Company of young gentlemen ringers who, "in the face of many obstacles and difficulties, had stuck to their posts and had regularly rung for services". The Vicar then proposed a toast to the Bellringers. He was pleased, he said, to have such a sturdy and faithful company belonging to his Church, and to show his pleasure he intended to ask them to allow him to become a ringer. Mr W Maybeir and Mr Frank Stevens responded, indicating their pleasure in being so appreciated'*.

1914

With the outbreak of World War One ringing activities were somewhat curtailed as many men joined His Majesty's forces. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung that year however on 8th January in 3 hours and 3 minutes, and was the first to include any Llanbradach ringers - William Burgess and William Blackmore.

1915

Whilst there are no ringing activities recorded for 1915, one of the Llanbradach men, Frederick Hurford, who had enlisted in the 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment, with his fellow ringer, Charles Mountstephen, was killed in action on 1st May 1915. His body was never found, and he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium.

1916

Sadly Charles H Mounstephen, the first Tower Captain, was also killed in action on 6th August 1916. He was 28 years old and is buried at Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, in the Somme region of France. His name, and that of Frederick Hurford, can be seen on the War Memorial in Llanbradach, opposite where the Church once stood, and Charles is also remembered on a memorial tablet in the belfry of Llandaff Cathedral.

1917



Llanbradach Ringers circa 1917

In 1917 a fresh influx of recruits were learning to ring, and these included four women. The above picture was taken in 1917/1918. Miss Mabel Griffin is seated (second left), but whilst the names of the other ladies are known (Miss Elizabeth Notley, Miss Doris Phillips and Miss Ivy Williams) it is uncertain where they are seated. Of the gentlemen the only positive identifications are Rev Edwin Edwards (top inset) and Mr Harold Cassel (at the centre of the back row). Written records suggest that Messrs Stanley Voyzey, George Gwilim, John (Jack) Gwilim, Frank Stevens and William Burgess could form the remainder of the group.

Elizabeth Notley was born in 1888. She was the Vicar's housekeeper and records suggest that it was mainly due to her influence that women started ringing at Llanbradach in 1917.

Mabel Griffin was born in August 1897. She lived at Ffrwd Terrace, Llanbradach, and was one of seven children. During the period she was ringing at All Saints', she was an 'uncertificated' teacher at Coedybrain infants school, earning £45 per annum. By 1925 Miss Griffin was a schoolteacher at Twyn Junior School for Girls.

Stanley Voyzey rang 5 peals in total – 4 at Llanbradach and one at Lower Machen. (Grandsire Triples 21st April 1919, with Harold Cassel, and conducted by George Cooke of Caerphilly).

Harold Cassel was born in 1899 and was to become a name familiar in ringing circles in the area until his death in 1969. He remained closely associated to the tower at Llanbradach until the late 1950's and rang a total of 20 Peals. His last peal, which was his first on ten bells, was rung at St Johns Church Cardiff, conducted by Albert J Pitman on 31st January 1957. (A later photograph of Harold Cassel is reproduced in Chapter 3).

The next peal, rung on 13th October 1917, comprised a band made up from Caerphilly and Llanbradach ringers. Messrs Jones, Boucher, Evans, Addicott and Cooke from Caerphilly and Messrs Stevens, Voyzey and Williams from Llanbradach. It was the first peal by all the band with the exception of George Cooke who was calling a peal for the first time. The method was Grandsire Doubles with 3 covering bells and it was completed in 2 hours and 50 minutes.

Whilst the bells would have been rung regularly at this time, there is just one other piece of ringing recorded for 1917: *'On October 15th 1917 the band, with the help of some of the Caerphilly ringers, rang 720 Grandsire Doubles for Harvest Festival:*

1 John (Jack) Gwilim	5 Frank Boucher (Caerphilly)
2 John Jones (Caerphilly)	6 Stanley Voyzey
3 Frederick Evans (Caerphilly)	7 William Burgess
4 Frank Stevens	8 J Phillips (Caerphilly)

Conducted by Frederick Evans; 4,6,8, covering.'

1918

A significant peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on 2nd February 1918, half muffled, in memory of the men of the parish, including Frederick Hurford and Charles H Mountstephen, Llanbradach ringers who had given their lives in active service during the Great War. *'The Vicar, Rev Edwin Edwards, was good enough to arrange Evensong two hours earlier to enable the peal to be rung. The tenor ringer is of the local band, and chiefly owing to his efforts the company at Llanbradach are now practising change ringing. The band [at Llanbradach] includes several ladies who have taken the place of those gone to war. The ladies are most enthusiastic and heartily congratulated the band at the end of the peal. Opportunity is now taken of thanking them for their kind hospitality in providing tea. Mr Dawe belongs to the Llandaff Cathedral Band, Mr J W Jones to Newport, and Messrs Pike, Boucher, Cooke, Addicott and Evans to Caerphilly.'*

By 1918 the ringers had started to travel further afield: *'The ringers of St Martin's Caerphilly and All Saints' Llanbradach paid a visit to Rumney*

(Monmouthshire) on Saturday 16th February 1918. On arrival they were met by the local band. The party in all numbered 25, among whom were nine ladies who could all ring Grandsire Doubles. They took part in several six scores without the help of the men. Two touches of minor were rung during the evening, and a well struck six score was rung to finish the proceedings, after a good three hours practice'.

It is very likely that Miss Ethel Pacey (who was to become Mrs Fred Hannington) was present at this practice, as she was a member of the Rumney band at the time. Miss Pacey was the first woman in Wales to ring a full peal (ringing the 5th bell at Rumney to Grandsire Doubles in 1913) and could well have inspired the women of Llanbradach to go on and ring peals themselves.

The following month the ringers visited the (now long unringable) 6 bell tower at Bedwas: *'On Saturday 2nd March 1918, the ringers of All Saints Llanbradach journeyed to Bedwas, where several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, including a quarter peal by the following: Jack Gwilim 1; Frank Boucher (Conductor) 2; Miss Mabel Griffin 3; Stanley Voyzey 4; William Burgess 5; James Phillips 6. The longest touch of doubles for the ringers of 1,3,4 and 6. It is believed to be the longest touch of method ringing on the bells, which date back many centuries'.*

In May another visit was arranged: *'On Saturday 11th May 1918 a visit was paid to Machen (Monmouthshire) by the ringers of All Saints' Llanbradach and St Martin's Caerphilly. Some good ringing was done in Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor by the 16 ringers present. This is the first time these bells have been rung for over 12 months'.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association visited Llanbradach for a Quarterly Meeting on Saturday 14th September 1918. After the ringing, which included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, the meeting was held at 4.30p.m. and Evensong was at 7p.m. 50 people sat down to tea, provided by *'the local men'*, and the meeting was presided over by Rev Edwin Edwards, Vicar of Llanbradach. During the meeting the members stood in silence in memory of an Association member, and Caerphilly ringer, Regimental Sergeant Major S Tucker, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who had been killed in France on the preceding Sunday. As a mark of respect Mr George Cooke, Captain at Caerphilly formed a band to go to Caerphilly and ring the bells muffled as a last tribute to Sgt Major Tucker, who had been one of the members of the band to start change ringing when the bells were installed.

During the business meeting: *'Mr Frank Stevens, Llanbradach, gave notice that he would, at the Annual Meeting, move that something be done at the conclusion of the war by this Association in the way of a memorial to those fallen in the war'.* The memorial was discussed at the AGM held at Llandaff on Boxing Day 1918, but as no specific scheme was proposed the subject was adjourned until the next Committee Meeting.

On Saturday 9th November 1918 the bands at Caerphilly and Llanbradach had decided to hold a joint practice once a fortnight: *'The first was held at Caerphilly, when several long touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducting being shared by George Cooke, Frank Boucher and William Burgess. The ringers were also able to master a plain course of Plain Bob Major just before time for lowering the bells. The next practice will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday 23rd November 1918 at 6p.m.'*

On the 11th November 1918 the ringers met to ring for the 'Great Service of Praise and Thanksgiving'. This account appears in their records: *'Ringing commenced at 5.15p.m. and the bells were kept going until the service time of 6 o'clock. Ringing commenced again at 7p.m. and continued until 8 o'clock when the bells were lowered, thus bringing to an end a most enjoyable time for all the ringers.'*

Before the Service touches of Doubles were rung by:

<i>William Burgess (Captain)</i>	<i>Miss Elizabeth Notley</i>
<i>Frank Stevens (Vice Captain)</i>	<i>Miss Mabel Griffin</i>
<i>Harold Cassel</i>	<i>Miss Doris Phillips</i>
<i>Joseph Williams</i>	<i>Mr Hancock</i>

After the Service touches of Doubles and also Bob Minor were rung by:

<i>Miss Elizabeth Notley</i>	<i>Stanley Voyzey</i>
<i>Miss Mabel Griffin</i>	<i>Harold Cassel</i>
<i>William Burgess</i>	<i>Mr Hancock</i>
<i>Frank Stevens'</i>	

The following day the ringers were in action again, ringing for a special Communion service: *'The bells were raised at 8a.m. and lowered at 8.30a.m. and during this time touches of Doubles were rung by:*

<i>Miss Elizabeth Notley</i>	<i>Stanley Voyzey</i>
<i>Miss Mabel Griffin</i>	<i>Harold Cassel</i>
<i>Miss Doris Phillips</i>	<i>Joseph Williams</i>
<i>William Burgess</i>	

Later that day the ringers were paid a surprise visit by some of the enthusiastic members of the Caerphilly band:

<i>George Cooke</i>	<i>Percy Jones</i>
<i>Frank Boucher</i>	<i>Tom Love</i>
<i>William Pike</i>	

The bells were raised in peal and a touch of Grandsire Doubles rung. Afterwards various touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, including a quarter peal.

In the evening three of the Llanbradach ringers (Miss Notley, Miss Griffin and Mr Voyzey) paid a return visit to Caerphilly tower where another quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 minutes:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>1 Miss Elizabeth Notley</i> | <i>5 Mr Frank Boucher</i> |
| <i>2 Mr William Pike</i> | <i>6 Mr Percy Jones</i> |
| <i>3 Miss Mabel Griffin</i> | <i>7 Mr George Cooke (Conductor)</i> |
| <i>4 Mr Stanley Voyzey</i> | <i>8 Mr Thomas Love</i> |

Afterwards another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung and the bells lowered in peal, bringing a very pleasant day to a conclusion'.

1919

The next two peals have great significance in the tower's history as three lady members of the local band were to ring their first peal. On 22nd March 1919 a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with 4,6,8, covering in 3 hours. There were 6 local ringers taking part, four of whom were ringing a peal for the first time.

It is clear that women had been readily accepted in the belfry at Llanbradach. In little over 18 months since they had started learning to ring they became, with the exception of Miss Ethel Pacey of Rumney, the first women in Wales to achieve this success.

On 8th December 1919 Miss Elizabeth (Lizzie) Notley married Mr C B Powell a coal miner from Mountain Ash and shortly after moved away from the area. She was described as a 'true and enthusiastic ringer' and her departure was seen as a great loss to the belfry. She was 31 and he was 37 at the time.

The account of the wedding ringing was recorded as follows: *'The marriage of Mr C B Powell and Miss Lizzie Notley took place at All Saint's Church Llanbradach on the morning of December 8th 1919, the bride being one of the local ringers. Needless to say the bells rang out a merry peal as the newly married pair left the Church. An attempt was made for a quarter peal but it came to grief owing to a mishap to a stay. The ringers who took part in the ringing were Miss Doris Phillips 2; Miss Mabel Griffin 3; Stanley Voyzey 4; Frank Stevens 5; Harold Cassel 6; William Burgess 7; Joseph Williams Tenor. The ringing was conducted by Stanley Voyzey'. [Note: only seven bells (Nos. 2-8) were recorded as being rung and this leads the writer to believe that the 'mishap with a stay' would have involved the treble bell].*

'The band of ringers at Llanbradach is all the poorer by the departure of Miss Notley. She was very keenly interested in ringing, and, while extending to Mr & Mrs Powell hearty good wishes for long life and happiness, the ringers deeply regret the loss of such a true and enthusiastic ringer. It was partly due to her influence that lady ringers found themselves installed in the belfry of All Saints' Church Llanbradach in 1917'.

1920

Miss Ivy Williams became the third woman to ring a peal at the tower, and the fourth to do so in Wales with a peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles rung in 3 hours for the dedication of the village War Memorial on 3rd October 1920

The memorial to the ringers that gave their lives in World War One was unveiled at a service in Llandaff Cathedral prior to the Association AGM on 27th December 1920. The Association Minutes recall *'a large gathering and a day which will not be forgotten by those who attended the Cathedral in the morning to pay tribute to those who died that we may live'*. At that time monies received towards the memorial amounted to £16 11s 3d.

1921

At an Association Quarterly meeting in Monmouth the Llanbradach ringers donated 11 shillings to the Memorial Stone fund.

1924

On 16th February 1924 a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hours.

1927

On 8th October 1927 a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hours and 4 minutes.

1928

On Tuesday 28th February 1928, Arthur Williams, one of the local ringers, passed away. The following is the account given in the ringer's records: *'The sudden death has occurred at Llanbradach of Arthur Williams one of the ringers at All Saints' Church. After only five days illness of bronchial pneumonia he passed away on Tuesday February 28th. He was interred at Ystrad Mynach on Saturday 3rd March. A wreath in the shape of a bell was given by his fellow ringers. He will be greatly missed as he was a regular Sunday Service change ringer.*

On Sunday March 4th for morning service, the bells were rung half muffled. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the back 6: C Stevens 1; Frank Stevens (C) 2; Leslie Stevens 3; Harold Cassel 4; William Burgess 5; William Fisher 6.

For evening service a half muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with three ringers coming from Caerphilly especially to help out the local band'.

On August 22nd in the same year the Vicar, Rev Edwin Edwards also died: *'On Wednesday August 22nd the Vicar of Llanbradach, (The Rev Edwin*

Edwards) passed away and was interred near Brecon on August 27th. On Sunday August 26th the bells were rung half muffled to Grandsire Triples and Doubles. On Sunday September 9th, before a memorial service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half muffled’.

Two peals were also rung during 1928; 5040 Stedman Triples on 21st January in 3 hours and 5040 Grandsire Triples on 5th May in 2 hours and fifty minutes.

On Monday November 5th 1928 Rev D J Wills was inducted as the new Vicar. The records indicate the ringers were unable to meet in time for a quarter peal, but the bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles with 4,6,8 covering. However, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung on 1st December in 3 hours and 4 minutes to welcome the new Vicar.

1929

Rev Edwards was remembered a year later when: *‘On Sunday August 25th 1929 a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half muffled in memory of the late Vicar, Rev Edwin Edwards’.*

Later in the year on 24th November 1929 the ringers also commemorated the first anniversary of the induction of Vicar Wills with a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, this time with 6,4,8 covering.

1930

The next peal on the bells came on 29th November 1930, 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

Two quarter peals are recorded for the year 1930, one of Grandsire Doubles on the back six for Harvest Festival and the other on 2nd November 1930 for the Festival of All Saints’.

Also in this year the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association held a Quarterly Meeting at Llanbradach on Saturday 1st November which included a *‘full evening service with longer than usual address mainly on the meaning and duties, qualities and everything pertaining to ringers’.* A *‘sumptuous knife and fork meat tea’* was provided and 10 new members were elected from Llanbradach. The vicar, Rev D J Wills, paid *‘a very fine tribute to the local band for so faithfully turning up regularly and punctually to ring for Sunday services’.*

1931

With the exception of a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples rung on 5th September 1931 in 3 hours, the only event noted in the ringers records for this year was a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on 7th July 1931 to commemorate the first confirmation service at Llanbradach by Bishop Timothy. The eight bells were rung with 4,6,8 covering.

1932

On 13th September 1932 Mr Charles W Roberts of London brought a visiting band to Llanbradach and they completed a peal of 5056 Superlative Surprise Major in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

Two quarter peals are recorded for 1932, both Grandsire Doubles, one for Harvest Festival on 26th September and the other for All Saints' Day on 31st October.

1933

On Sunday September 25th 1933 a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with the tenor covering) was rung for Harvest Festival after meeting short for Triples: *'Joseph Williams 1; Frank Stevens 2; Sidney Bailey 3; John (Jack) Gwilim 4; George Gwilim 5; Leslie Stevens (Conductor) 6, C W Hendrickson Tenor. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells by a local band, the first 720 of Minor for the ringers of 1 and 3 and the first 720 as Conductor'*.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples for Harvest was, however, achieved the following day and was the first of Triples on the bells by a local band.

1934

Just two quarter peals are recorded for the year 1934, again both Grandsire Triples, one on 1st April and the other on 3rd November.

1935

Gilbert Morse, one of the local ringers, was married to on 5th August 1935. Mrs Daisy Morse recalled, in a letter in 1996, that all 8 bells were rung for their wedding.

An Association Quarterly Meeting was held at Llanbradach on 14th September and the minutes record important work being undertaken in nearby towers. The 8 bells at Cowbridge had been restored and rehung and were to be dedicated on 1st October, and the new ring of 8 at Penarth had been dedicated the previous week. A 16cwt ring of 8 had also been hung for chiming *'in a temporary tower'* in Porth. The work at these three towers had been completed by Messrs John Taylor & Co, Bellfounders, Loughborough, the same firm that cast and installed the bells at Llanbradach.

It is uncertain what happened to the ringers in 1935, but, with the exception of Mr Harold Cassel, no one renewed their membership to the Association, and unfortunately there are no further records of ringing events, from 1936 to 1944.

CHAPTER 2

1940 – 1951

The bells would certainly have remained silent throughout 1939 – 1943 at the time of the Second World War. Bells were only to be rung during this time to sound an emergency warning and with special exception. The ban was lifted in April 1943 allowing ringing on Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day.

1941

The threat of war damage to the Church property was very much on the agenda at the PCC meeting of Monday 29th April 1941: *‘War Damage and Insurance: Mr Coppage proposed that the Church organ valued at £1000 and the Church bells valued at £1000 be insured at a premium of £30. This was seconded by Mr Arthur Jenkins and carried’.*

1945

In April 1945 Arthur Jenkins and Harold Cassel set about training a new band of ringers. This was in time for the Victory in Europe (VE) Celebrations on 8th May 1945: *‘It gave great pleasure to the ringers of All Saints’ Llanbradach, as to the ringers of many other parishes all over the world, to ring the bells on this joyous occasion. The bells having been silent through six long years of War, their chimes of peace brought happiness and comfort to all.*

The bells were rung from 5.45p.m. until 7p.m. when the Service of Thanksgiving was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Handel Thomas. After the service the bells were rung for a further 30 minutes.

The occasion was further marked at Llanbradach Church by the fact that the bells were rung by an entirely new band of ringers. This band comprised chiefly of young people in their ‘teens and rung openly for the first time on the previous Sunday. It had been formed but 5 weeks previous to this memorable occasion but the guidance of a few experienced ringers, particularly Mr Harold Cassel and Mr Arthur Jenkins, and the certainty that a great victory was at hand, had done much to foster enthusiasm.

The ringers present on May 8th were as follows:

<i>Mr Gilbert Morse</i>	<i>*Mr Dewi Ashdown * = new ringers</i>
<i>Mr Arthur Jenkins</i>	<i>*Mr Brynley James</i>
<i>Mr Harold Cassel</i>	<i>*Mr Colin Phippen</i>
<i>*Mrs Muriel Cassel</i>	<i>*Miss D J Jenkins’</i>

The first formal ringer’s meeting to establish the Belfry Officers was held on Tuesday 29th May 1945:

'Minutes of All Saints' Bellringers at All Saints' Rooms, Tuesday 29th May 1945:

The President's address of welcome to the new band of ringers.

Election of Officers:

Captain: Mr Arthur Jenkins, Proposer: Mr Harold Cassel, Seconder: Mr Brynley James

Vice Captain: Mr Harold Cassel, Proposer: Mr Colin Phippen, Seconder: Mr Dewi Ashdown

Secretary: Miss D J Jenkins, Proposer: Mr Dewi Ashdown, Seconder: Mr Harold Cassel

Treasurer: Mr John Coppage, Proposer: Mrs Muriel Cassel, Seconder: Mr Brynley James

Steeple Keepers: Mr Harold Cassel and Mr Gilbert Morse, Proposer: Mr Arthur Jenkins, Seconder: Mr Colin Phippen

Decision taken that 6d. weekly be paid by each member of the fund for the annual outing.

First outing to Penarth to be on Saturday 6th June 1945'.

The outing did indeed take place, but unfortunately the ringers were unable to ring at St Augustine's, Penarth on that day.

On June 16th of this year Mr Joseph Williams died. He was a member of the band for many years and had rung 2 peals and at least 9 quarter peals on the bells. Mr Williams lived in Pencerrig Street, (which was situated opposite the Church), and on Sunday 17th June the bells were rung muffled as a token of respect.

Victory in the Far East (VJ Day) was celebrated on 15th August 1945: *'Once again the ringers of All Saints' Llanbradach joined with their fellows in heralding victory and peace on earth. The bells were rung from 5.30p.m. until 7p.m. when a Service of Thanksgiving was conducted by the Vicar, Rev Handel Thomas.*

The ringers present were:

<i>Mr Harold Cassel</i>	<i>Mr John Coppage</i>
<i>Mrs Muriel Cassel</i>	<i>Mr Colin Phippen</i>
<i>Mr Arthur Jenkins</i>	<i>Mr Glenville Lewis</i>
<i>Mr Brynley James</i>	<i>Miss D J Jenkins'.</i>

The ringers marked the end of 1945 by ringing the old year out and the New Year in: *'For the first time for many years the old year was rung out and the New Year in. Perhaps there was a greater poignancy in the observance of this time, since 1946 is to be our first year of peace for such a long time.*

The ringers present were:

<i>Mr Harold Cassel</i>	<i>Mr Colin Phippen</i>
<i>Mrs Muriel Cassel</i>	<i>Mr Thomas Thomas</i>

1946

In February 1946 the first ringers and choir supper was held for seven years: *'There was a good attendance and despite the rationing difficulties the atmosphere was almost pre-war. Special mention was made of the new band of ringers in a speech by the Vicar, to which Mr Cassel replied'*.

In April 1946 the Association AGM was Held at St Woolos Newport and the minutes record that several new members were proposed from Llanbradach and *'it was gratifying to note the re-affiliation of Llanbradach to the Association, and to learn that their bells are ringing again'*.

On June 8th 1946 further post war celebrations took place: *'Victory Day, June 8th 1946 - This day was set aside by the Leaders of our Country as one on which to remember our well-deserved victories and to give thanks for them to God. All over the Country the people joined together in celebrations, and it was fitting that the ringing of the bells should not be omitted. At All Saints' Church Llanbradach the bells were rung from 10.30p.m. until 11.15p.m. during the floodlighting of the church.*

The ringers present were:

<i>Mr Harold Cassel</i>	<i>Mr John Coppage</i>
<i>Mrs Muriel Cassel</i>	<i>Mr Thomas Thomas</i>
<i>Mr Colin Phippen</i>	<i>Miss D J Jenkins'.</i>

On Saturday 29th June 1946 the ringers held their second outing, and this time it was more successful, as they were able to ring. Rev D J Wills, who had been Vicar of Llanbradach had, by now, moved to St Brides Major: *'A very enjoyable day was had by all. After spending some time at Ogmere a visit was paid to the Rev and Mrs D J Wills at St Brides Vicarage where tea had been set out for us. Both before and after tea the bells of St Brides Church were rung by our ringers.*

Those who rang them were:

<i>Mr Arthur Jenkins</i>	<i>Mr Colin Phippen</i>
<i>Mr Harold Cassel</i>	<i>Mr Brynley James</i>
<i>Mr John Coppage</i>	<i>Mr Thomas Thomas</i>
<i>Mr Ken Smith</i>	<i>Mrs Muriel Cassel</i>
<i>Vicar Wills and five local men'.</i>	

1947

Insurance was yet again on the agenda of the PCC meeting Tuesday 2nd December 1947: *'Mr Richards reported that the Bellringers were not covered by insurance. Mr Coppage proposed and Mrs Perry seconded that the sum of £1 be paid to insure the Bellringers against accidents.'* The premium was paid on 24 January 1948, being 14s 9d.

1948

At a PCC meeting on July 14th 1948 it was *'formally proposed by Mrs Perry and seconded by Mrs Coppage that tea be provided for the Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers when they visit the Parish on Saturday 4th September 1948'*.

Forty people sat down to tea at the Quarterly Meeting and during the service the Vicar, Rev Handel Thomas, gave *'and inspiring address on ringer's services and obligations to the Church, appealing to all ringers to attend the services for which they ring'*.

9 new members were elected from Llanbradach and Mr Frank Stevens of the local band presented a notice of motion regarding a *'set ringer's service for Association meetings'*.

1949

Saturday 4th June 1949 saw the induction of Rev Cyril Edwards as the new Vicar of Llanbradach. *'The bells were rung to Grandsire Triples for three quarters of an hour by:*

<i>Mr Dennis Sellwood</i>	<i>Mr Brynley James</i>
<i>Mr Hubert Sellwood</i>	<i>Mr John Coppage</i>
<i>Miss Margaret James</i>	<i>Mr Gilbert Morse</i>
<i>Miss Shirley Thomas</i>	<i>Mr Harold Cassel</i>

The following day a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted and succeeded'.

At the PCC meeting on 14th December 1949: *'Mr Coppage proposed and Mr May seconded that the Bellringers supper be held on February 4th 1950. This was agreed'*.

1950

The ringers made the newspapers towards Christmas this year and again it was the lady ringers in the spotlight.

'Belles of the Belfry

Campanology has a fascination for the fair sex in many parts, and in the mining township of Llanbradach two of the eight Bellringers at All Saints' Parish Church are girls. They are 15 year old Margaret James of School Street, and Shirley Thomas aged 14 of Coedybrain Road. Both have been members of the team for 18 months and their Captain, Mr Harold Cassel, speaks very highly of their ability.

Margaret is employed at a local factory, and Shirley is a pupil at Caerphilly Girls' Grammar School. Both girls are enthusiastic over being

church bellringers and spare no effort to acquit themselves with the male members.

Listen on Christmas morning as they chime the evergreen story, and think of Margaret and Shirley the two young campanologists’.

Two quarter peals are recorded for 1950. On 10th February and 21st May, both Grandsire Triples.

1951

Mr Dennis Sellwood, now residing in Caerphilly, followed in his father, Hubert’s, footsteps and learned to ring in 1948 at the age of 16. Some 50 years on he recalls the Bellringers and Choir Supper at Llanbradach held on 4th March 1951.

‘The supper was held in All Saints’ Rooms and the 5 trestle tables were arranged in a U formation. They were draped with white table cloths and daffodils were used for decoration. Rev and Mrs Cyril Edwards were on the top table together with the Churchwardens and their wives. One of the Churchwardens was Mr John Coppage, who also rang at Llanbradach. The meat was Tongue (“never seen but once a year”) together with vegetables and various spreads. Desert consisted of jelly, blancmange, trifles and fairy cakes and the beverage – tea (“and nowt else!”).

The speeches followed the meal and Mr Harold Cassel spoke on behalf of the ringers. He was a small man who was very proud to make a speech. Mrs Cassel would on occasions motion nervously to him to sit down – she thought he had said enough!. He closed his speech by saying that the post World War Two band was “the best Llanbradach had ever had”’.

On April 29th 1951 the clappers were rebushed and some of the spindles and pulleys replaced at a cost of £29

CHAPTER 3

1952 – 1981

This thirty-year period was to be the leanest of times for local ringing. It appears that the tower was mostly silent, except for visiting groups on tours, or ringing for special occasions.

1955

Records of ringing activities were by now becoming scarce, and it seems likely that the bells had been rung irregularly in the previous few years. At the PCC meeting on 6th March 1955: *‘Mr Colson raised the question of the ringing of the bells. The chairman, in reply, said he had the matter in hand with Mr Cassel’*.

Harold Cassel was doing more and more ringing with the St John’s Cardiff band and rang 3 of his last 4 peals there, the final one being his first on ten bells, Grandsire Caters, conducted by the famous ringing composer Albert J Pitman. Harold Cassel gave up ringing in 1964.



Ringers at St John’s Cardiff 1956 / 7

From left to right Back Row: Penarth ringer; Ryan Price (Bedwellty); Thomas T Yeomans (Cardiff); Frank Rowsell (Llantrisant); Trevor T Lewis (Radyr); Len Hulbert (Cardiff); Bill Dare (Whitchurch); John Evans (Llantrisant); Fred Hannington (Cardiff). Front Row: Harold Cassel (Llanbradach); Dilys Hulbert (Bedwellty); John Davies (Cardiff); Seymour Barker (Cardiff); Len Muller (Cardiff).

1965

The first full peal for 33 years, 5056 Plain Bob Major, was rung on 29th May 1965 in 2 hours and 58 minutes by a group of Association members from the Cardiff area.

1971

With the induction of the Rev Evan Sedgmore in April 1971, the bells suddenly appear to become more available despite the fact that there are no local ringers to ring them. An Association Band rang a peal of 5040 Plain Bob Major on 11th June in 2 hours and 40 minutes.

1972

The first known visit of a Guild other than the Llandaff & Monmouth Association came on 26th February 1972 and is described in the records by Mrs Jacqueline King of Chepstow: *'The South Wales District of the Ladies Guild held their meeting at All Saints' Llanbradach. The bells were available for ringing from 2.30p.m., and a good crowd attended to ring. The Guild Service was held at 4p.m. taken by the Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgmore. Mr Thomas Rees kindly played the organ and Miss Jane Sedgmore read the lesson. Afterwards an excellent tea was waiting in the Vicarage prepared by Mrs Sedgmore and her helpers. These kind people were thanked by the Guild Vice President Mrs Audrey Bruton of Ebbw Vale. Afterwards the gentlemen returned to the tower and the ladies held their Annual District Meeting'*.

Members, husbands and friends attended and the tower visitor's record shows a list of 28 names.

1973

On 10th February 1973 the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association held their annual meeting at Llanbradach. Mr Iolo Davies (Cowbridge), who was Branch Secretary at the time, and Mr W (Bill) H Harford (Whitchurch), Branch Master, recorded that some 55 people sat down to tea and a collection during the service raised £6.05

Further visitors arrived on 24th April 1973 from the Surrey area, some 18 ringers signing their names in the record book as 'The Tuesday Tourists' on 'Outing number 36'.

Celebrations for the Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association's 80th birthday were organised during the year, the Association being formed on 13 October 1893. Quarter peals were rung in some 57 churches throughout the two Diocese and a band from the Cardiff area came to Llanbradach on Thursday 21 June 1973 to ring Plain Bob Major.

2 further bands visited the tower during this year. On 7th July 1973, 18 visitors from Suffolk and Norfolk signed the visitor's book, and on 31st July 1973 the 'Society of Rambling Ringers' brought 36 visitors.

1974

A Hereford District band visited the tower on 21st September 1974, 12 ringers signing their names in the records.

1975

26th April 1975 saw the visit of the University of Wales Society, 7 of whom signed the visitor's record. The Band at Caerphilly was also revived during the year, and these ringers were brought to Llanbradach on Tuesday 10th June 1975.

A number of those who recorded their names (below) still ring at Caerphilly today:

Philip J Evans	John S Davies
Peter M Jones	David Marshall
Alan Bartley	David Llewellyn
Brian Backhouse	Helen Wiegold

On 27th August 1975 the Vicar, Rev Evan Sedgmore, welcomed 15 members of the Leeds University Society, said prayers with the ringers and pronounced the Benediction.

1976

A Llandaff Branch Practice was held at Llanbradach on 3rd January 1976 and those who signed their names in the visitor's book are as follows:

John C Baldwin	Llandaff Cathedral
Yvonne Apsitis	Llandaff Cathedral
Andrew Giles	Llantrisant
Ian Watkins	Llantrisant
Nigel Bosanko	Llantrisant
Maggi Fanfani	Washington Cathedral, USA
W Geoffrey Morgan	Cowbridge
M Jack Pryor	Cardiff
David Bounds	Cowbridge
Mike J Austin	

On Saturday 3rd April Rev Evan Sedgmore again welcomed visitors to the tower from Devon this time to ring a quarter peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

On 3rd August 1976, 9 recorded visitors from Essex were welcomed, during the interregnum, by Mr Graham Williams, Churchwarden.

1977

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations were marked by ringers all over the Country, and on Tuesday 7th June 1977 a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung by members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

On 11th June 1977 some 9 visitors from Hughenden were welcomed to the tower by the Churchwarden, Mr David Hall and on 6th August 1977 more local visitors were present in the tower:

David James	Llandaff
Guy Morgan	Llantrisant
Rev Stephen Ryan	Llantrisant
Andrew Giles	Llantrisant
Hilary Jones	Llandaff
Hilary Symes	Llandaff

1979

The only recorded ringing for this year was a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples on 8th December.

1981

On 24th January a peal of 5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on the bells in 2 hours and 47 minutes.

CHAPTER 4

1982 – 1985

NOTE – in this section the writer moves the dialogue into the first person, describing the activities and events throughout the early nineteen eighties. Quarter peals for the years 1982 – 1985 inclusive are numerous and full details all known quarters can be found in Appendix 6.

1982

Early in 1982 the writer moved to Llanbradach, and at the time was a member of the band at St Catherine's Pontypridd. Pontypridd bells were to be rehung, and dismantling began on 18th March 1982. The band was reasonably strong and, without a tower to ring at, was keen to keep practices going throughout the period of silence. I was aware that there was virtually no ringing at Llanbradach at the time, with the exception of visiting bands. I also recalled, from the visit I made in January 1981 to ring a peal, that they were in need of some attention, as they were very difficult to ring well.

Shortly after moving to the village I started attending the Eucharist Service at All Saints'. In February I approached the Vicar, the late Rev S James (Jim) Dunstan, to check out the possibility of the St Catherine's band ringing at Llanbradach while their bells were out of action. Jim was very keen to have the bells used, and I discovered that he was able, as he described it, to 'pull a rope'. I was later to discover why he wisely used this term rather than describing himself as a ringer! Jim also had the foresight to suggest it would be a great opportunity for some of the local congregation to come and watch the ringing, and possibly volunteer to learn to ring themselves

Prior to the first ringing practice, which was to take place on Wednesday 17th March 1982, I inspected the bells with Ian C Watkins. Ian learnt to ring in 1973 at the same time as myself at Llantrisant (but gave up ringing when he moved away from the area with work shortly after this time).

We found that, as with many towers that are infrequently used, the ground floor ringing chamber was full of things that needed to be kept out of sight, including a number of old cupboards, cleaning equipment and a lawn mower.

This should have warned us of what was to come upstairs, and our first sight of the narrow metal ladder on the second floor that led to the small trap door in the floor of the belfry filled us both with trepidation. When belfries are approached from, for example, a spiral staircase, then one is able to assess the room from a reasonably safe distance. However, when the only access to the bells is from underneath them, through the floor, and there is a likelihood of finding it full of birds, bird mess or whatever, then the reader will understand our concerns.

We were fortunate that previous steeplekeepers, (the last recorded ones being Gilbert Morse and Harold Cassel elected in 1945), had installed small-holed wire mesh over all the openings in the louvers, and as a result the belfry was reasonably clean and also dry.

I was fascinated how an installation of bells this size could have been made to fit into such a small space, and John Taylor's, the Bellfounders certainly did an expert job in designing the 2 tier frame. It was obvious on closer inspection why we had failed to gain entry from the spiral staircase – the lower tier H frame of the fifth bell cut right across that particular wall thus allowing the original door to open just a few inches.

The louvers of the bell chamber had been bricked up back in 1912 as described in an earlier section. We discovered when we clambered up the vertical ladder to the top frame housing bells 1,3,6 and 7 that all four sides had had plywood boarding cut out to fit the remaining gaps at the top of the louvers. This explained the lack of much natural light save for the west side where some of the boarding was missing.

Having decided that no drastic action was needed prior to ringing them, except for oiling the plain bearings, the first Pontypridd ringers practice was organised for Wednesday 17th March 1982. We also rang for Mother's Day Evensong on Sunday 21st March.

Ringing continued on Wednesday nights until early May and a quarter peal was rung on Palm Sunday 4th April 1982. During this time Rev. Jim Dunstan had been 'gathering the troops' as he called it, some of whom came, saw and went away again. Fortunately, others expressed an interest in learning to ring. This resulted in the first Llanbradach learner's practice taking place on Friday 30th April.

We were fortunate that there were two other 'ready made' ringers in the village; Judy Batt who lived very close to the Church, and Ian Hoskins who was also at the time a member of the Pontypridd band. A good number of potential recruits attended the session that Friday evening, and I remember feeling very apprehensive about standing in front of strangers and explaining about an Art they might find even stranger! I was also acutely aware that the bells were not the easiest in the world to handle, and as the rope circle was quite tight anyone learning would have to be able to keep their bell in control from a very early stage.

The members of the congregation who did make it through the initial few weeks were:

Miss Debbie Batt	Mrs Wendy Hampson
Mr Jonathan Batt	Mrs Lorraine M Jones
Miss Helen Hampson	

Help also came at this time from Philip J Evans (Caerphilly) and Stephen Avery (Bedwellty). Both were capable ringers and were to put in tremendous

effort, as indeed did Judy Batt and Ian Hoskins, over the coming years. With 5 capable ringers regularly attending the learners began to progress quickly.

Practices continued with enthusiasm, and the new Llanbradach ringers were also helped along by the Pontypridd ringers in the first few months.

Once the basic art of handling a bell had been achieved and the new recruits were able to ring rounds, ringing commenced on Sunday mornings for the Eucharist Service. Rev Jim would join us whenever he could 'to have a pull'. He had learnt on the heavy bells of St Peter's Pentre (a 26³/₄cwt ring of 8 – the heaviest ringing peal in Wales) and he always made out that he could never quite understand why he was always asked to ring the seventh at Llanbradach. The answer was simple – Jim would pull so hard that we liked to minimise the damage by putting him on one of the heavier and more difficult bells in the tower!!

A peal of 5056 Bristol Surprise Major was rung on 8th May in 2 hours and 39 minutes as a christening compliment to Jim and Valerie Clatworthy's first child Jonathan James Clatworthy. Jim learnt to ring at Aberdare and is now very well known in ringing circles. The peal, which was in the same method as the first peal on the bells in 1911, was rung some 25 minutes quicker than the first peal, perhaps emphasising how ringing styles have changed over the years.

In August 1992 our numbers increased when Michael Dickinson and Richard Spencer from Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach, and Margaret Walby from Llanbradach started to learn. Michael and Richard chimed the bells at Holy Trinity Ystrad Mynach (a ring of 8 hung for chiming only) and were curious about how bells were rung full circle. All three got to the stage of ringing with others, but unfortunately only Michael remained with the band through the following years.

Roy Brabham, Tower Captain at St Peter's Pentre, Rhondda Valley, asked if we would like to join his ringers on their outing to the West Country on 11th September. The link here, again, was Rev Jim Dunstan, who had served as Vicar at Pentre before coming to Llanbradach. Many of the Llanbradach ringers went, and the learners were able to experience ringing on some very different bells to their own.

The first tower AGM was held on 17th September 1982, and the following were elected to office:

Andrew Giles	Tower Captain	Judy Batt	Secretary
Stephen Avery	Vice Captain	Lorraine Jones	Treasurer

Monday 11th October was when the Harvest Supper was scheduled for, but something happened that day that was to drastically change the course of events for some of the ringers over the next few months. Ian Hoskins was due at a business meeting in Bristol that morning, and suffered a near fatal car crash on the way. He was taken to the Royal Gwent Hospital in Newport, and

visited by many of the ringers throughout the following period. Ian was lucky to have escaped the accident alive and spent many months in traction and plaster waiting for his leg to heal. He eventually left hospital in plaster on 5th December 1982.

Our first 'official' engagement came on 16th October when the local band rang for 2 weddings. The bellropes were badly in need of replacing, and some other minor maintenance work needed, so various ways of fundraising were discussed. Such was our faith in being able to raise the money, an order was placed in October 1982.

One of the fund raising ideas to be tried was a barn dance in All Saints Rooms, which was advertised to the local congregation and also to members of the Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association. The first of what were to be a series of these events took place on Friday 12th November 1982 at a price of £1.00 including refreshments.

Mrs Barbara Jackson, then a member of Whitchurch tower, described the event in the Llandaff Branch Newsletter: *'All those who attended the barn dance at Llanbradach will, I am sure, agree that it was a very agreeable, if somewhat exhausting, evening. Everyone was put through their paces by Roger Jones [Lorraine Jones' husband], who had the unenviable task of trying to maintain order..... All credit must go to the Llanbradach ringers for organising this successful event, which was both good value, and a good evening's entertainment. It is hoped that their rope fund has been suitably bolstered by the proceeds'*.

The year continued with regular practices and on 10th December, a joint practice was held with the Caerphilly Band, just as it had been in the early part of the Century. To bring the year to a successful conclusion, Judy Batt rang her first quarter peal on 28th December, and the bells were rung at midnight on 31st December to welcome the New Year. All were also pleased that Ian Hoskins was by this time making good progress in recovery.

1983

Our numbers were to increase again in 1983. In the early part of the year Mrs Barbara Spragg and daughter Patricia together with David Morgan, the organist at the Sunday evening services, volunteered to learn. David had tried his hand many years before at Bedwellty and recalled visiting Llanbradach in the late 1960's to look at the bells, which were hardly ever rung at that time. We were also lucky in that some of the experienced ringers from Pontypridd, James E Gamble and Stuart A Aitken became steady supporters, particularly at Evensong and for Friday night practices. Miss Charlotte Denwood, who was later to become Mrs Gamble, joined the band formally in 1983. Also Mrs Christine Lucas and son Jonathan started to attend practices and social events on a regular basis which again swelled the number of experienced ringers able to help those progressing with change ringing.

Practices and Sunday service ringing continued to be well supported, and the recruits soon started to progress into change ringing. Another joint Caerphilly and Llanbradach practice was held on 11th March, and a second barn dance, this time costing an extortionate £1.50 including refreshments, was held to boost the rope fund.



From left to right Back Row: David Morgan; Jonathan Batt; Judy Batt; Andrew Giles; Wendy Hampson; Lorraine Jones; Ian Hoskins. Front Row: Barbara Spragg; Helen Hampson; Margaret Walby; Patricia Spragg; Debbie Batt; Richard ?.

30th April saw the start of the first tower weekend break. Judy Batt who was originally from the Wells area arranged with her friends, Colin and Jo Symes, owners of the Bucklegrove Caravan Park at Rodney Stoke, to accommodate some 23 ringers and friends. 22 towers were visited over the Bank Holiday weekend one of the highlights undoubtedly being Wells Cathedral on the Sunday afternoon. The weekend cost £8.70 per person, which included caravan hire, tower fees, administration and an indoor swimming pool party!

On 21st May redecoration of the ringing chamber began and this posed a problem about continuing ringing for the next month or so. Steve Avery, Jonathan Batt and myself experimented with the possibility of using the chamber between the bells and the ringing chamber as a temporary ringing room. Despite the fact that the most of the ropes from there fell very close to

the walls the bells surprisingly handled much better. 2 quarter peals were rung from upstairs and practices and Sunday ringing continued uninterrupted.

The money had been raised for the new ropes and these were soon installed at a cost of £308.74. The previous set of new ropes (8 plus a spare), which were fitted on 28th March 1946 had cost just £21 6s 6d!



Somerset 1983

On 4th June the tower entered the Llandaff Branch Striking Competition and was very proud to take first place in the Call Changes Section. We also participated in the Llandaff Diocesan Festival 'Margam Calling God's Family'. A portable 4cwt ring of 8 was set up in Margam Park, and ringers from all over the Association area came to join the celebrations and demonstrate the art of change ringing to the general public. These bells are now permanently installed in St Paul's Church, Riverside, Chicago, USA.



Striking Competition Band 1983. Left to right: Jonathan Batt; Judy Batt; Debbie Batt; Andrew Giles; Helen Hampson; Ian Hoskins.



Open air ringing at Margam Park

With so much ringing activity in the tower it was decided to limit peal attempts to one a year and, where possible, to accommodate local ringers. On 18th June five local ringers took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, two of them ringing their first peal. Some time prior to this Thomas T (Tim) Yeomans, Captain at St John's Cardiff approached me about the possibility of being in a peal attempt at Llanbradach, something that many of his predecessors at St John's had done but he had yet to achieve. We were delighted that Tim (aged 77) rang the third in what was to be the last peal on the bells in their first home.



1983 Peal Band. Left to right Back Row: Andrew Giles; John Hughes; Philip Evans; Stuart Aitken. Front Row: Judy Batt; Geoffrey Kerley; Tim Yeomans; Stephen Avery.

June was indeed a busy month for the ringers. On 26th June the band met at Llandaff Cathedral to ring for Evensong, something that was rotated amongst active Branch towers in those days.

As with any organisation new people join and some people have to leave. We gained four new recruits: Andrea Wallace, John Hampson, Angharad Jones and Anne E Price but were very sorry to have to lose the Batt family, Judy Jonathan and Debbie, who were moving from the village back to Wells.

The Annual General Meeting on 16th September saw the existing officers reinstated and discussions centred around looking after the Association when they visited the tower on 5th November for a Quarterly Meeting. A day outing was being planned for October, a return to Somerset in 1984 and also initial plans for a ringing week in Scotland.

The 15th October saw a good tower representation at the Llandaff & Monmouth 90th anniversary dinner in the Park Hotel Cardiff. The outing duly took place on 29th October visiting 5 towers in the Bath area starting at Swainswick and finishing at Newton St Loe. The learners were improving rapidly now and experience on other sets of bells was proving to be invaluable.

The Parish held a dinner dance every year in All Saints' Rooms, and the ringers were volunteered by the Vicar, who knew that Ian Hoskins had extensive catering experience, to cater and serve at the one to be held on 26th November 1983. This was an excellent night, even when Ian's 'kitchen manner' seemed a little fraught at times (we blamed it on his bad leg)!

Throughout the year we received encouragement from many of the congregation, none more so than Mrs Lilian Williams who had been associated with the Church for many years as parishioner and Churchwarden, and whose late husband, David, was organist there before Mr Eddie Price.

We were also pleased to be paid a visit by Mr Hubert Sellwood, who learnt to ring at Llanbradach in 1932 and who joined us in ringing some Grandsire Triples for a Morning Service. During the year 26 quarter peals were rung, mostly for Evensong, 6 locals ringing their first (See Appendix 6).

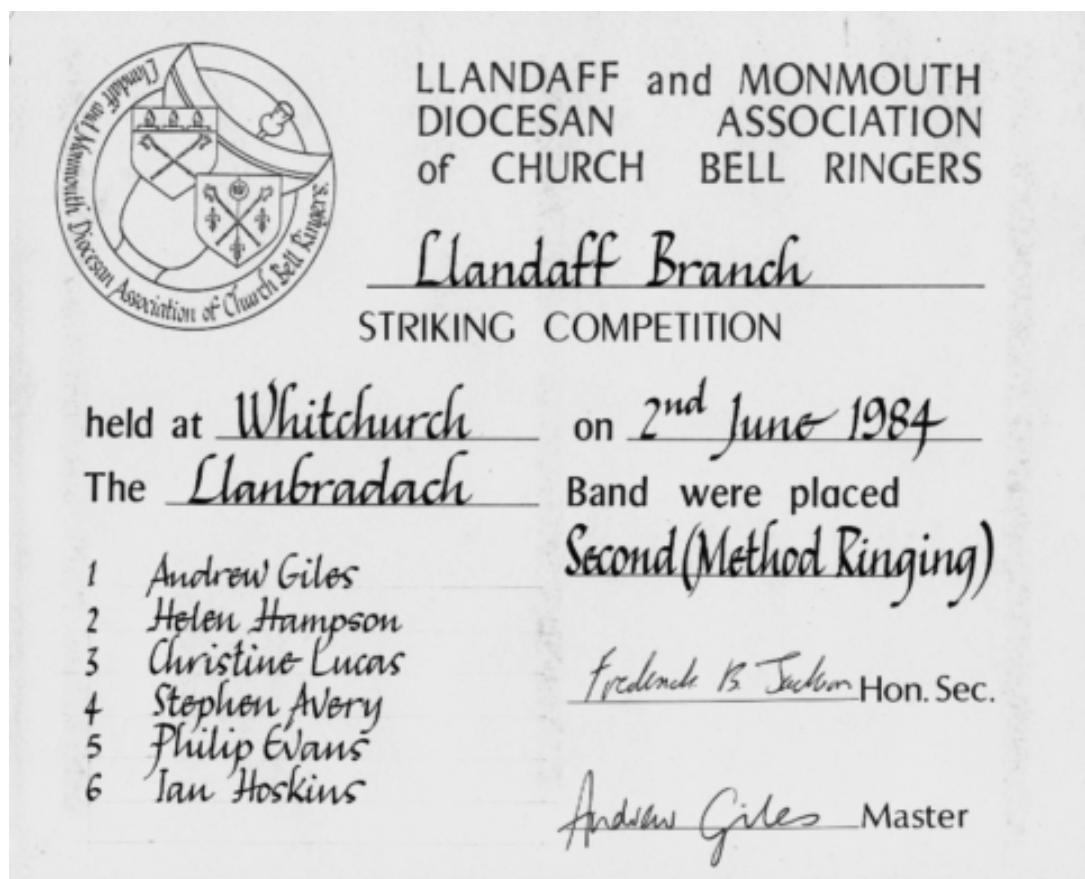
1984

Membership remained steady throughout 1984. John Hampson decided to 'retire' following a nasty mishap when a stay broke on the sixth, and we were joined by Simon J Gordon, who had learned to ring under Dr Peter Oldham at Penmark. Simon's family had moved to Bargoed where his father had taken up the position as curate.

During the year another barn dance was held, ringing continued at Llandaff Cathedral on the rota and in March the ringers joined with the rest of the congregation in singing a marathon 100 hymns to raise funds for the Church, organised by Roger Jones. This event raised over £300.

The Somerset trip took place in May, again staying at Bucklegrove in Rodney Stoke. This time 23 towers were visited and a local band quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung on Friday 4th May at Wookey by Debbie Batt 1; Andrew Giles 2; Helen Hampson 3; Judy Batt 4; Stephen Avery 5; Philip J Evans (Cond) 6.

In June the tower was again represented in the striking competition at Whitchurch and came second in the method section. On 30th June many of the local ringers journeyed to London to listen to a competition being held on the magnificent 62 cwt ring of 12 at St Paul's Cathedral.



Striking Competition Certificate 1984

On 15th September the day outing took place around Trowbridge visiting 5 towers. This was closely followed at the end of September by another, rather more adventurous weekend. 6 of the band accompanied by Yvonne Apsitis (Llandaff Cathedral), Dennis Perry (Llandaff Cathedral) and Jonathan Lucas (Llanishen) travelled by minibus and ferry to Jersey and Guernsey. At that time there were just 2 towers on Jersey and one ringable on Guernsey. By this time Helen Hampson had progressed to Surprise Minor ringing and participated in Dennis Perry's first quarter peal of Surprise Minor (Cambridge) at St Michael du Valle, Guernsey on 30th September: Yvonne Apsitis 1; James E Gamble 2; Helen Hampson 3; Dennis A Perry 4; Andrew Giles 5; Philip J Evans (Cond) 6.

Further decoration took place in the belfry in October prior to S4C television cameras coming to film us ringing for a wedding on Saturday 27th October. The film was used in a Welsh programme 'Can y Clychau' (Sound of the bells) and broadcast at Christmas time.



Trowbridge 1984

We also bade a sad farewell to Rev Jim Dunstan and his wife Margaret. Jim was inducted as Vicar of Skewen on 10th December 1984. 44 quarter peals were rung during the year, again mostly for services, 5 ringers ringing their first and a number progressing from 6 to 8 bell ringing (See Appendix 6)

1985

Things continued to improve during 1985 with a strong core of local ringers all keen to progress. We said farewell to James E Gamble and Charlotte Denwood who left the area in March and were married in April 1985. Striking was much improved and at the June Striking competition at Cadoxton a team from Llanbradach took first place in the Call Change Section.

The third Somerset tour took place in May visiting 20 towers and one of the successes of this tour was the quarter peal rung on the 37cwt ring of 10 at Wrington. Linda Davies from Cadoxton joined 9 of the Llanbradach band for a well struck quarter of Plain Bob Caters:

Andrea Wallace 1; Helen Hampson 2; Charlotte Gamble (nee Denwood) 3; Linda Davies 4; James E Gamble 5; Stuart A Aitken 6; Stephen Avery (Cond) 7; Philip J Evans 8; Andrew Giles 9; Michael Dickinson 10. This was the first attempt on ten bells for Andrea and Michael and the first of Plain Bob Caters for Linda and Stuart.



Somerset 1985

The tour of Scotland that had been in planning for well over a year came to fruition 27th July - 3rd August 1985. 15 ringers enjoyed a superb week organised meticulously by Philip J Evans and all 12 (then) ringable towers were visited from Glasgow right up to Inverness. One of the highlights was the superb 42 cwt 10 at Inverary, where we joined the annual ringing festival week. At this time neither Patricia nor Barbara Spragg were in the best of health but both were determined to ring at all the towers. They succeeded in this ambition, Pat having to ring one handed everywhere following a recent operation.

The September outing took us to the Cheltenham area starting at Dursley and finishing at Chipping Sodbury. Tetbury bells were definitely voted the best of the day, and some excellent 3 Sliced Surprise Major was achieved.

The tower AGM saw a change of Officers, Lorraine M Jones taking over as Captain. Helen Hampson became Vice Captain and David R Morgan Secretary.



The Touring Party at Inverary, Argyll, Scotland 1985

On Thursday 17th October 1985 we had a full turn out for the induction of the new Vicar Rev Malcolm D Brooks, who was also Vicar of Ystrad Mynach.

During 1985 25 quarter peals were rung with what was to be the last on the 8th December.

1986 was to be a very sad year.....

CHAPTER 5

1986 – 1996

1986

The Llandaff Branch of the Association visited Llanbradach on Saturday 8th February 1986 for the Annual Meeting, and the attendance was very high indeed. No doubt a number of people rang here for the first time that day, but most visitors, however, would ring here for their last time.

News came on 15th April 1986 that the Church Architect's Quinquennial inspection had been conducted that day and the outcome was not good. According to the report the tower was affected as the parapet walls were said to be in an extremely dangerous condition and the top section of the turret staircase was in danger of collapse. The report advised that the bells should not be rung until further notice.

The band met as usual that Friday but instead of practice we gathered at the home of Lorraine and Roger Jones to discuss the future. At that time little was known of the outcome of the report and we decided to seek alternative practice venues as a matter of urgency and to continue as best we could for the time being.

The band of ringers continued to hold things together and in August spent a weeks ringing holiday in North Wales, ringing at 33 towers. But it was increasingly obvious by now that the bells were to be removed and never rung again, save for prospective buyers trying them out.

I wrote the following for the August 1986 Llandaff Branch Newsletter: *'When I wrote the cover feature for this Newsletter in January 1984 it was with much pride and enthusiasm. The new band at All Saints' was progressing well and a tower that had been silent for over 30 years was again back in full swing, joyously proclaiming God's message to the delight of the congregation and villagers.*

Within just four years, we had progressed from nothing to a band capable of ringing all eight bells well in changes and between March 1983 and December 1985, 95 quarter peals were rung with no less than 83 of them for Sunday service.

All members on reaching a suitable standard were elected to the Llandaff & Monmouth Association, and have taken an active part in Association activities and events, and it was with great pleasure that we were able to welcome the Llandaff Branch earlier this year for their AGM.

We have enjoyed many tours and events together, and I hope that all who have been able to join in our activities in any way have enjoyed them, and even benefited in their own ringing careers in some way.

The bells were dedicated on 29th July 1911 and will celebrate their 75th anniversary this year. They will, of course, not be rung to mark the occasion..... The last service was held in All Saints' on Tuesday 10th June when the Bishop celebrated confirmation. The bells were not rung to mark the occasion, and I would ask all those ringers who have had any connection with the tower to remember the parish in their prayers, with thanks to God for what has been, and with hope that this particular cloud will have a silver lining.'

The newsletter editor, Fr John M Hughes added a footnote: 'Bearing in mind the sad news about Llanbradach Church and bell tower, I'm sure that all those at the striking competition were pleased to see 'The Brad' go out with a bang: First in the call change section and second in the method section. But where is the band going to hang the certificates? The 'Brad Band very much hope that the bells will be kept as an intact ring and find a home somewhere in the Association area



All Saints' Llanbradach - the Nave and Chancel

The Kingstone (Herefordshire) Project

A number of parties were interested in purchasing the bells, no one more so than the band at Kingstone, Herefordshire. At the time they had a ring of six bells which were, in the very near future, going to need some work doing on them to improve their 'go'. It was found that the frame had rotted in places and a full rehang would be necessary. Reg and Mrs Evelyn Powell started the fundraising project at Kingstone in 1984 and in autumn 1986 heard that Llanbradach bells were for sale. A hasty visit was arranged and an emergency PCC meeting called. The bid from Kingstone was successful and the Kingstone ringers promised to remove the bells at the earliest opportunity. This work took several weeks and was completed on 6th November 1986.



The fifth bell being lowered from Llanbradach Tower

With the expert help of Mr Leslie Evans a bell hanger from Eardisland the bells were removed and rehung on new bearings in Kingstone a year later in the autumn of 1987. The people who assisted Reg and Evelyn in this project included Leslie Evans, Ted Hoad, Mike Powell, Tom Grundy, Linda Hoad, Rev. Morris, Brian Werry and the late Gordon Jenkins.



Some of the bells and fittings ready to be transported to Kingstone



Handing over the cheque. Left to right: Graham Williams (Llanbradach); Reg Powell (Kingstone); Mrs Coleman (Kingstone); Mrs Lilian Williams (Llanbradach).

1987

The Llanbradach ringers continued to ring at other towers during the year and it was with great sadness that Barbara Spragg an enthusiastic and energetic member of the band passed away in March. The funeral service was held on 3rd April 1987 in the lower hall of All Saints' Rooms, which had been converted into a temporary church.

1988

On Saturday 13th February 1988 the Bishop of Ludlow dedicated the bells at Kingstone at an extremely well attended service. The Vicar of Ystrad Mynach with Llanbradach, Rev Malcolm Brooks, handed a token rope to Reg Powell the Tower Captain at Kingstone and the dedication ceremony took place. Rounds were rung on the bells for a few minutes and it was a wonderful experience to witness the quality of the sound of the bells once again. They had been hung at Kingstone on one level, using the old frame from Llanbradach.



The fifth bell in situ at St Michael & All Angels, Kingstone, Herefordshire

On Saturday 25th June 1988 7 former Llanbradach ringers, together with Fr John M Hughes rang a peal of Plain Bob Triples on the bells. It was hoped that this would be an all Llanbradach band but unfortunately Philip J Evans was out of ringing for a while at this time, and Fr John Hughes gladly stepped in to assist. This was Ian Hoskins' first peal. He had rung 45 quarters on the tenor bell at Llanbradach and despite ringing it in a peal attempt for over 2 and a half hours in 1985 he was to see the achievement slip away when one of the band became unwell.

Ian was delighted that this attempt was successful and commented afterwards that the tenor went much better at Kingstone than it ever did on the plain bearings at Llanbradach!

Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association
Kingstone Herefordshire, St Michael & All Angels
Saturday 25th June 1988 in 2 hours 59 minutes
5040 Plain Bob Triples
Composed by Roger Bailey

1 Anne E Price	5 Stephen Avery
2 Judy M Gay (nee Batt)	6 Andrew Giles
3 Stuart A Aitken	7 Fr John M Hughes (Cond)
4 Simon J Gordon	8 Ian Hoskins

First peal - 8



The 1988 Peal Band

1995: The Church and Tower are Demolished.....



The views show the complete tower attached to the Church, the tower with battlements and Church removed and the plot of land that now remains.

1996

The final chapter in the story now brings us up to 1996, when, on 20th April eight ringers who had formally been members of the band at All Saints' gathered at Kingstone to ring a peal on their old bells, 10 years after the Church had closed. There was an air of apprehension on that crisp spring morning with the realisation that in the bells 85 year life span there had NEVER been a peal rung by a band consisting entirely from a team belonging to Llanbradach Belfry. Some of the ringers in this attempt hadn't rung their first peal until a number of years after the bells had been removed from Llanbradach.

The peal was successful and came round in fine style and the band adjourned to the local hostelry with some people counting their blisters and others reminiscing about the former happy times together.

Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association
Kingstone, Herefordshire, St Michael and All Angels
Saturday 20th April 1996 in 2 hours 55 minutes
5056 Plain Bob Major
Composed by J R Pritchard

1 Andrew Giles	5 Stuart A Aitken
2 Anne E Aitken (Nee Price)	6 David R Morgan
3 Patricia E Spragg	7 Stephen Avery
4 Andrea Wallace	8 Philip J Evans (Cond)

200th Peal – 1
1st of Major – 3.



The 1996 Peal Band left to right
Back Row: Stuart A Aitken; Philip J Evans; Andrew Giles; David R Morgan.
Front Row: Stephen Avery; Anne E Aitken (nee Price); Andrea Wallace;
Patricia E Spragg.

CONCLUSION

It may have been just an ordinary bell tower in an ordinary village, but what is exceptional about Llanbradach belfry is that a wealth of information about the activities of the ringers has survived. Many other towers across the country might have longer and more interesting histories but very often, important historical information is lost through time, and I am grateful that the past ringers kept some record of their activities.

The first chapter of this book made reference to the efforts of Mr J W Jones from All Saints' Newport in training a band of ringers at Llanbradach. It was also suggested that both Churches' fate was very similar.

In 1989 All Saints Newport, just like Llanbradach, was found to be structurally unsound and was therefore demolished. The bells were removed in October 1993 and the demolition completed in January 1995. Fortunately, Newport All Saints' bells, like Llanbradach, have found a new home and have now replaced the old steel six at St Basil's Bassaleg.

In its relatively short life span the tower at Llanbradach hosted not only some productive and prosperous times but also some very lean ones as well. During the three main active ringing periods the bells and ringers attained some notable achievements but there were many many years when the bells were hardly heard at all. Whilst it is sad that they will never be heard again in the village, they have certainly been moved to a good home at St Michael and All Angels, Kingstone, Herefordshire, which is only just 'across the border'.



St Michael & All Angels Church, Kingstone, Herefordshire

APPENDIX 1

RINGERS RULES AND REGULATIONS 1912

1. **Rules** to be observed by the ringers attached to and practising in the tower of All Saints' Church Llanbradach.~~~~~
2. **Affiliation to Main Society** - That this company of ringers shall be in union with the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers and, save for grave and sufficient reason to be openly declared, shall not sever its connections therewith. It shall adhere to the rules, and strive to further the objects of that Association.~~~~~
3. **President** – That the incumbent of the parish be the President of the company.~~~~~
4. **Number of Members** – That the company shall consist of 14 ringers and 6 probationers.~~~~~
5. **Qualifications** – That both ringers and probationers shall be persons of good moral character, and be members of the Church of England.~~~~~
6. **Admission** – That any duly qualified person desirous of joining the company shall be proposed, seconded and elected by a two-thirds majority of the members of the company, subject to the approval and confirmation of the President, by whom he shall be admitted to the company in the Church or in the tower, with the form approved for that purpose.~~~~~
7. **Head Ringer** – That the members of the company shall choose from among their number when necessary, one to act as Captain, subject to the approval of the President and Churchwardens.~~~~~
8. **Duties of Head Ringer** - That the Head Ringer shall be responsible for the observance of the tower rules by the company; shall keep order in the ringing chamber on all occasions and shall insist on seemly and reverent behaviour therein, and shall keep the register of attendances and forfeits. He shall arrange with the President the times of practice and special ringing; and shall report to the President all cases of misconduct on the part of any of the members, and to the Churchwardens, defects and needful repairs in the belfry.~~~~~
9. **Steeplekeepers** – That two of the Ringers shall be appointed by the President and Churchwardens to the office of Steeple-keepers, whose duty it shall be to lubricate the bell-bearings, lash on muffle clappers when

required, and keep the bell frame and floor free from accumulations of dirt.

10. **Times of Ringing** – That the bells be rung (or chimed) regularly for the services of the Church, as the President shall appoint; the attendance of the ringers and probationers for that purpose being arranged and regulated by the Head Ringer. And that those who ring (or chime) should make a point of attending, if possible, the service for which they ring (or chime). That the bells shall also be rung on the great festivals of the Church, at such time, or times, as the President and Churchwardens shall appoint. Peal ringing by the company, or visitors, to be arranged by the Head Ringer with the permission of the President.~~~~~
11. **Practices** – That the company shall meet for practices on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 7p.m., a distinct practice hour being set apart for learners, either on a separate day, or previous to the regular practice.~~~~~
12. **Attendance** – That all members of the company shall attend regularly for practices, and when absent without reasonable cause, or more than 5 minutes late shall incur a forfeit of 1d; reasonable cause to include sickness and temporary employment at a distance. All attendances and forfeits to be entered in the Register Book, to be kept by the Head Ringer, and to be open to inspection by the members.~~~~~
13. **Forfeits** – The total amount received from forfeits in any year, shall be added to the tower fund referred to in Rule 16.~~~~~
14. **Learners** – That young men and boys, suitable for future admission to the company, be encouraged in every way possible to learn, the art of ringing, and be taken on for instruction with a view to their becoming probationers of the company as vacancies occur.~~~~~
15. **Exclusion** – That no one, save members of the company or Church Officials, be present in the ringing chamber during practices and other occasions of ringing, except with the express permission of the Head Ringer or his deputy.~~~~~
16. **Tower Fund** – That a tower fund be formed, to which each ringer shall pay one penny per week. The subscriptions of the members to the Diocesan Society shall be paid as a first charge on the fund, as a company subscription, and the balance shall be available for the payment of the train fares of delegates to Association meetings and for such purposes as the company may from time to time decide upon.~~~~~

17. **Treasurer** – Some responsible person shall be asked to act as Treasurer of the fund to whom and by whom all payments shall be made, and who shall keep the accounts thereof.~~~~~
18. **Complaints &c** – That and grievance, complaint or dispute that may arise in connection with the tower or ringers shall be at once referred to the President, whose decision shall be final.~~~~~
19. **Dismissal** – That, for proved misconduct or unruly behaviour, any member of the company shall be liable to dismissal, or suspension, as the President and Churchwardens may decide.~~~~~
20. **Meetings other than for Ringing** – That all meetings of the company for the transaction of business, or for social intercourse, be held in the All Saints' Rooms.~~~~~

Signed: *Edwin Edwards, President* *Charles H Mountstephen, Captain.*
1st October 1912

APPENDIX 2

EXPENSES INCURRED 1910 - 1951

DATE	DETAILS	£	s	d
04.07.1910	To George Gwilim, Bellringer	0	9	0
19.09.1910	Received from tower band	12	0	6
29.09.1910	To George Gwilim, Bellringer	0	13	0
03.10.1910	To George Gwilim, Bellringer	0	10	0
12.12.1910	Received from tower band	5	10	0
08.10.1911	Harvest – towards bells	11	3	9
19.06.1912	For bell sold	1	5	0
07.08.1912	To Mr J W Jones, bellringer rail fares	1	2	9
19.08.1912	To Mr Hockquler for bell stays		3	0
02.10.1912	Mr Gardner – bell stays		1	6
11.12.1912	Bell Stays		4	0
1913	J Taylor & Co, Bellfounders, bell muffles	1	4	4
29.02.1914	Tilley Gas in tower	1	5	5
22.02.1915	J Taylor & Co, Bellfounders, bell rope		15	4
24.09.1918	Repairs to bellropes	1	2	3
12.03.1918	Splicing bellrope		1	0
11.11.1918	Cross Bros. For belfry lamp		7	3
1920	Bellropes and stays	2	3	9
10.05.1920	Repairs to bellrope		9	3
24.10.1921	Messrs John Pritchard, repairs to bellropes	1	17	9
1922	Bellringers supper	8	7	5
31.12.1924	Mr John Gwilim for bell stays		7	0
25.09.1925	Bell stays		12	6
30.01.1926	Repairs to bellrope		13	1
27.12.1926	New bell stay		3	5
1927	Bellrope repairs		6	3
27.12.1927	Bell stays and oil		11	0
20.12.1928	3 oak bell stays		7	6
20.12.1928	Bellropes		7	6
15.01.1929	Mr Harold Cassel – tower and bells expenses	1	0	9
17.04.1929	Bell stays		7	3
30.10.1929	Bellstays		3	0
01.11.1929	Bell stays		6	0
13.10.1930	John Taylor & Co, Bellfounders for chiming tubes		12	9
19.06.1930	Iron bolts and plates for bells		6	0

DATE	DETAILS	£	s	d
01.11.1930	Bellringers tea		11	6
21.02.1931	Bellringers and choir supper	5	15	10
10.04.1934	Bellringers and choir supper	4	18	5
24.12.1934	Repairs to bell (stay bolts etc.)		14	0
15.01.1934	Messrs John Pritchard, new bellrope	1	7	6
15.01.1934	Stays and bolts		15	0
18.02.1935	Bellringers and choir supper	4	12	0
13.01.1936	Bellringers, choir and Sunday School teachers supper	4	13	6
19.12.1938	Belfry repairs		4	0
08.02.1939	Bellringers and choir supper	6	13	8
20.12.1945	Bellringers dance	1	16	9
02.05.1946	Messrs J Pritchard, ropes and muffles £ s d New set of 9 bellropes - first new set 21-6-6 8 muffles @ 10/6 04-4-0 38yds chiming cord @ 9d per yard 01-8-6	26	19	0
26.06.1946	Leather washers, bolts and split pins for clappers		5	0
24.01.1948	Bellringers insurance		14	9
24.01.1948	Llandaff Association bellringers supper	3	3	6
24.12.1948	Repairs to old muffles	1	12	6
28.05.1951	Messrs J Taylor & Co, clapper repairs Re-bush Clappers (£24) plus new spindles and pulleys.	26	7	4

APPENDIX 3

LOCAL RINGERS 1911 - 1986

The ringers listed below are known to have served the Belfry of All Saints' Llanbradach between 1911 and 1986

Name	Earliest Reference	Name	Earliest Reference
Aitken, Stuart A	1983	Gwilim, W	1928
Ashdown, Dewi	1945	Hampson, Helen	1982
Avery, Stephen,	1982	Hampson, John	1983
Bailey, Sidney	1932	Hampson, Wendy	1982
Batt, Debbie	1982	Hancock, ?	1918
Batt, Jonathan	1982	Hendrickson, C W	1930
Batt, Judy M	1982	Hoskins, Ian	1982
Bevan, Rev James	1911	Hurford, Frederick	1911
Blackmore, H	1911	James, Brynley	1945
Blackmore, William	1911	James, Margaret	1949
Burgess, William	1911	Jenkins, Arthur	1930
Cassel, Harold	1917	Jenkins, D J Miss	1945
Cassel, Muriel	1945	Jones, Angharad	1983
Christmas, G	1911	Jones, Lorraine M	1982
Coppage, John	1945	Kemp, W	1911
Denwood, Charlotte	1983	Lewis, Glenville	1945
Dickinson, Michael	1982	Maybeir, W	1911
Edwards, Rev Edwin	1911	Morgan, David R	1983
Evans, Philip J	1982	Morse, G (Snr)	1934
Fisher, William	1928	Morse, Gilbert	1934
Gamble, James E	1983	Mountstephen, Charles	1911
Giles, Andrew	1982	Notley, Elizabeth	1917
Gordon, Simon J	1984	Osborne, H	1934
Griffin, Mabel	1917	Phillips, Doris	1917
Gwilim, George	1910	Phillips, James	1918
Gwilim, H	1929	Phippen, Colin	1945
Gwilim, John (Jack)	1924	Price, Anne E	1983

Name	Earliest Reference	Name	Earliest Reference
Sellwood, Dennis	1949	Thomas, Shirley	1949
Sellwood, Hubert	1932	Thomas, Thomas	1945
Skinner, Harry	1928	Voyzey, Stanley	1917
Smith, Ken	1945	Walby, Margaret	1982
Spencer, Richard	1982	Wallace, Andrea	1983
Spragg, Barbara	1983	Waters, W	1934
Spragg, Patricia	1983	Williams, Arthur	1925
Stevens, A	1933	Williams, Ivy	1920
Stevens, C	1928	Williams, Joseph	1918
Stevens, Frank	1911	Williams, William	1917
Stevens, Leslie	1928	Wormwald, Arthur	1950
Thomas, A	1918		

APPENDIX 4

PEALS

1 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints

Friday 15.09.1911 in 3 hours 4 m

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Composed by Arthur Knights

- 1 Isaac G Shade
- 2 Thomas T Gofton
- 3 Ernest Pye
- 4 George Dent
- 5 Rev. A T Beeston
- 6 Bertram Prewett
- 7 John Flint
- 8 William Pye (Cond)

Rung on William Pye's peal tour, and arranged by John W Jones, Hon. Secretary, Llandaff Diocesan Association.

3 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 18.11.1911 in 3 hours

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by J J Parker

- 1 James Smith
- 2 Frederick B Stedman (Cond)
- 3 Charles Paley
- 4 Frank Chave
- 5 William D Allen
- 6 William Roberts
- 7 Alban E Slatter
- 8 P.C. John Phillips

First Peal – 8

All ringers are from Merthyr Tydfil

5 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 13.10.1917 in 2 hours 50 m

5040 Grandsire Doubles

42 six score; 4,6,8, covering

- 1 John Jones
- 2 Frank Boucher
- 3 Frederick Evans
- 4 Frank Stevens
- 5 Albert Addicott
- 6 Stanley Voyzey
- 7 George Cooke (Cond)
- 8 William Williams

First peal by all except the Conductor

First peal as Conductor – 7

2 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 07.10.1911 in 3 hours

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by John Carter

- 1 Clarence O Hobbs
- 2 William B Biss
- 3 Frank Morgan
- 4 Arthur E Morgan
- 5 Francis E B Charles
- 6 John W Jones (Cond)
- 7 Sidney Dawe
- 8 Seymour R Barker

4 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints

Thursday 08.01.1914 in 3 hours 3 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by Taylor

- 1 William Burgess
- 2 Benjamin Thorpe (Cond)
- 3 Frederick B Stedman
- 4 William Cathro
- 5 Charles H Perry
- 6 Joseph E Sykes
- 7 George Cooke
- 8 William Blackmore

First peal, first attempt – 8

6 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 02.02.1918 in 3 hours 7 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by John Carter

- 1 William Pike
- 2 Frank Boucher
- 3 George Cooke
- 4 Albert Addicott
- 5 Frederick Evans
- 6 John W Jones (Cond)
- 7 Sidney Dawe
- 8 Frank Stevens

First peal of Triples – 1,2,4,5,8

Rung half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of upwards of sixty men from the Parish, and especially to C Mountstephen, Tower Captain, and F Hurford, local ringer all of whom have fallen in the war.

7 Llandaff Diocesan Association

Llanbradach, All Saints
Saturday 22.03.1919 in 3 hours

5040 Grandsire Doubles

42 six score; 4,6,8, covering

- 1 Miss Elizabeth Notley
- 2 Miss Mabel Griffin
- 3 Frank Boucher (Cond)
- 4 Harold Cassel
- 5 George Cooke
- 6 Joseph Williams
- 7 William Burgess
- 8 Stanley Voyzey

First peal – 1,2,4,6

First peal as Conductor - 3

8 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints
Sunday 03.10.1920 in 3 hours

5040 Grandsire Doubles

42 six score; 4,6,8, covering

- 1 Miss Ivy Williams
- 2 Harold Cassel
- 3 John (Jack) Gwilym
- 4 Frank Stevens
- 5 Stanley Voyzey
- 6 William Burgess
- 7 George Cooke(Cond)
- 8 Joseph Williams

First peal – 1

Rung with the bells half muffled on the dedication of the War Memorial to the fallen of the Parish, two of whom were ringers here.

9 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints
Saturday 16.02.1924 in 3 hours

5040 Grandsire Triples

Holt's Ten Part

- 1 John (Jack) Gwilym
- 2 Albert Addicott (Cond)
- 3 Harold Cassel
- 4 Alban E Slatter
- 5 George Cooke
- 6 Frank Boucher
- 7 Stanley Voyzey
- 8 Thomas Love

First peal of Triples – 1

First peal of Triples inside – 3

10 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints
Saturday 08.10.1927 in 3 hours 4 m

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

Composed by T B Worsley

- 1 William Pike
- 2 Wilfred Williams
- 3 Sydney Rackham
- 4 George Popnell
- 5 Percy Jones
- 6 George Cooke
- 7 Alban E Slatter
- 8 Charles Greedy (Cond)

11 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints
Saturday 21.01.1928 in 3 hours

5040 Stedman Triples

Heywood's Transposition

- 1 William Pike
- 2 Wilfred Williams
- 3 William Hurford
- 4 Charles Greedy
- 5 Percy Jones
- 6 George Cooke
- 7 Albert Addicott (Cond)
- 8 George Popnell

First peal of Stedman – 3

12 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints
Saturday 05.05.1928 in 2 hours 50 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by J J Parker

- 1 William Pike
- 2 Albert Addicott
- 3 Harold Cassel
- 4 George Cooke
- 5 Percy Jones
- 6 Alban E Slatter (Cond)
- 7 Harry Broughton
- 8 Thomas Love

13 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 01.12.1928 in 3 hours 4 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

Groves transposition of JJ Parker's 12 Part

- 1 William Pike
- 2 George Cooke
- 3 Harold Cassel
- 4 John Phillips
- 5 Percy Jones
- 6 John W Jones
- 7 Alban E Slatter (Cond)
- 8 Harry Broughton

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. D J Wills

14 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 29.11.1930 in 3 hours 5 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

Groves transposition of JJ Parker's 12 Part

- 1 Harry Broughton
- 2 William Pike
- 3 George Cooke
- 4 Arthur Martin
- 5 Percy Jones
- 6 Cyril Davies
- 7 Alban E Slatter (Cond)
- 8 Harold Cassel

Rung on Advent eve and as a birthday compliment to Arthur Martin

15 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 05.09.1931 in 3 hours 20 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

AJ Pitman's transposition of Parker's 12 Part

- 1 Leslie Stevens
- 2 Harold Cassel
- 3 Harry Broughton
- 4 Charles H Perry (Cond)
- 5 Percy Jones
- 6 William Pike
- 7 Alban E Slatter
- 8 Thomas Love

First peal – 1

16 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Tuesday 13.09.1932 in 3 hours 3 m

5056 Superlative Surprise Major

Composed by F H Dexter

- 1 John W Jones
- 2 Charles W Roberts
- 3 Alfred T Greenwood
- 4 George Popnell
- 5 Nelson Elliott
- 6 Jack M Cripps
- 7 Frederick W Rogers (Cond)
- 8 Oliver Sippetts

Rung on C W Roberts' Peal Tour

17 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 29.05.1965 in 2 hours 58 m

5056 Plain Bob Major

Composed by J R Pritchard

- 1 Harry Parkes
- 2 W James Goodfellow
- 3 Penelope J Welch
- 4 Alan Smith
- 5 Stephen Fenwick
- 6 Christopher Aldridge
- 7 M Jack Pryor
- 8 David J Llewellyn (Cond)

First peal of Major – 4

18 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Friday 11.06.1971 in 2 hours 40 m

5040 Plain Bob Major

Composed by Peter S Bennett

- 1 Stephen Fenwick
- 2 James Clatworthy
- 3 Nicholas W H Simon
- 4 Philip W Weeks
- 5 David J Llewellyn
- 6 Michael R Meadows
- 7 Peter S Bennett (Cond)
- 8 Tudor P Edwards

19 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 24.01.1981 in 2 hours 47 m

5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by W J Cooperthwaite

- 1 W Geoffrey Morgan
- 2 Robert C Woodward
- 3 Marcus A G Williams
- 4 Philip J Evans
- 5 Frederick B Jackson
- 6 Robin R Churchill (Cond)
- 7 Andrew Giles
- 8 John M Hughes

20 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 08.05.1982 in 2 hours 39 m

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Composed by Ian M Holland

- 1 D Geoffrey Kerley
- 2 Andrew Giles
- 3 Tudor P Edwards
- 4 Marcus A G Williams
- 5 John M Hughes
- 6 Robin R Churchill
- 7 Paul A Williams
- 8 James Clatworthy (Cond)

21 Llandaff & Monmouth D A

Llanbradach, All Saints

Saturday 18th June 1983 in 2 hours 48 m

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by J J Parker

- 1 Judy M Batt
- 2 D Geoffrey Kerley
- 3 Thomas T Yeomans
- 4 Stephen Avery
- 5 Andrew Giles
- 6 John M Hughes
- 7 Philip J Evans (Cond)
- 8 Stuart A Aitken

First peal – 1,4

First in method as Conductor – 7

Rung with thanksgiving for the restoration of the ringing chamber and the addition of new ropes

APPENDIX 5

PEAL RINGERS LIST

Name	Number of peals	Home Tower or Location at the time of the peal (s)	Llandaff & Monmouth Association Master
ADDICOT, Albert	5	Caerphilly	
AITKEN, Stuart A	1	Llanbradach	
ALDRIDGE, Christopher	1	Llandaff	
ALLEN, William D	1	Merthyr Tydfil	
AVERY, Stephen	1	Llanbradach	
BARKER, Seymour R	1	Cardiff	1932
BEESTON, Rev A T	1	New Mills	
BENNETT, Peter S	1	Newport, St Woolos	1988
BISS, William B	1	Llandaff	1916
BLACKMORE, William	1	Llanbradach	
BOUCHER, Frank	4	Caerphilly	
BROUGHTON, Harry	4	Caerphilly	
BURGESS, William	3	Llanbradach	
CASSEL, Harold	7	Llanbradach	
CHARLES, Francis E B	1	Newport	1911
CHAVE, Frank	1	Merthyr Tydfil	
CHURCHILL, Robin R	2	Llandaff	
CLATWORTHY, James	2	Aberdare	
COOKE, George	11	Caerphilly	1920
CRIPPS, Jack M	1	Crawley	
DAVIES, Cyril	1	Caerphilly	
DAWE, Sidney	2	Cardiff	1908
DENT, George	1	Harlow	
EDWARDS, Tudor P	2	Pentre	
ELLIOTT, Nelson	1	Crawley	
EVANS, Frederick	2	Caerphilly	
EVANS, Philip J	2	Llanbradach	1987
FENWICK, Stephen	2	Llandaff	
FLINT, John	1	Bolsover	
GAY, Judy M (nee Batt)	1	Llanbradach	
GILES, Andrew	3	Llanbradach	
GOFTON, Thomas T	1	Newcastle upon Tyne	
GOODFELLOW, W J	1	Llandaff	1993
GREEDY, Charles	2	Newport	1919
GREENWOOD, Alfred T	1	Shoreham	
GRIFFIN, Mabel	1	Llanbradach	
GWILYM, John	2	Llanbradach	
HOBBS, Clarence O	1	Llandaff	
HUGHES, John M	3	Pontypridd	1991
HURFORD, William	1	Bedwas	
JACKSON Frederick B	1	Llandaff	
JONES, John	1	Caerphilly	
JONES, John W	4	Newport, All Saints	1898,1948
JONES, Percy W	6	Caerphilly	1947
KATHRO, William	1	Caerphilly	
KERLEY, D Geoffrey	2	Aberdare	

Name	Number of peals	Home Tower or Location at the time of the peal (s)	Llandaff & Monmouth Association Master
LLEWELLYN, David J	2	Llandaff	1965
LLEWELLYN, Penelope J (nee Welch)	1	Llandaff	
LOVE, Thomas	3	Caerphilly	
MARTIN, Arthur	1	Bedwas	
MEADOWS, Michael R	1	Cardiff	
MORGAN W Geoffrey	1	Cowbridge	
MORGAN, Arthur E	1	Newport	1909
MORGAN, Frank	1	Newport, All Saints	
NOTLEY, Elizabeth	1	Llanbradach	
PALEY, Charles	1	Merthyr Tydfil	
PARKES, Harry	1		
PERRY, Charles H	2	Bridgend	1928
PHILLIPS, John	1	Cardiff / London. Master, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1963	1931
PHILLIPS, PC. John	1	Merthyr Tydfil	
PIKE, William	7	Caerphilly	1930
POPPELL, George	3	Bedwellty	1939
PREWETT, Bertram	1	Watford	
PRYOR, M Jack	1	Cardiff	1979
PYE, Ernest	1	London	
PYE, William	1	London	
RACKHAM, Sydney T	1	Llanelly Hill	
ROBERTS, Charles W	1	London	
ROBERTS, William	1	Merthyr Tydfil	
ROGERS, Frederick W	1	Portsmouth	
SHADE, Isaac G	1	Greenwich	
SIMON, Nicholas W H	1	Llandaff	
SIPPETTS, Oliver	1	Crawley	
SLATTER, Alban E	7	Merthyr Tydfil / Bedwas / Machen	
SMITH, Alan W	1	Llandaff	
SMITH, James	1	Merthyr Tydfil	
STEDMAN, Frederick B	2	Merthyr Tydfil	
STEVENS, Frank	3	Llanbradach	
STEVENS, Leslie	1	Llanbradach	
SYKES, Joseph E	1	Huddersfield	
THORP, Benjamin	1	Ashton under Lyne	
VOYZEY, Stanley	4	Llanbradach	
WEEKS, Philip W	1	Ebbw Vale	1980
WILLIAMS, Ivy	1	Llanbradach	
WILLIAMS, Joseph	2	Llanbradach	
WILLIAMS, Marcus A G	2	Whitchurch	
WILLIAMS, Paul A	1	Bassaleg / London. Master, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1986	
WILLIAMS, Wilfred	2	Gilwern / London. Master, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1958	
WILLIAMS, William	1	Caerphilly	
WOODWARD, Robert C	1	Llandaff	
YEOMANS, Thomas T	1	Cardiff	1957

APPENDIX 6

QUARTER PEALS

1 29.07.1911
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Hunt, S
2 Biss, William B
3 Chamberlain, Frederick
4 Slatter, Alban E
5 Butler, J
6 Cross, J
7 Jones, John W (C)
8 Smith, J

2 12.11.1918
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Notley, Elizabeth
2 Griffin, Mabel
3 Boucher, Frank
4 Pike, William
5 Voyzey, Stanley
6 Jones, Percy
7 Cooke, George (C)
8 Cassel, Harold
1st Triples - 1,2,8

3 04.03.1928
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Stevens, Leslie
2 Addicott, Albert
3 Stevens, Frank
4 Cooke, George (C)
5 Broughton, Harry
6 Cassel, Harold
7 Burgess, William
8 Stevens, C
1st Quarter - 1,8
In Memoriam, Arthur
Williams, local ringer

4 9.09.1928
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Stevens, Leslie
2 Gwilim, John (Jack)
3 Stevens, Frank (C)
4 Gwilim, W
5 Cassel, Harold
6 Skinner, Harry
7 Burgess, William
8 Williams, Joseph
4,6,8, covering
In Memoriam, Rev Edwin
Edwards, Vicar

5 25.08.1929
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Gwilim, W
2 Stevens, Frank
3 Gwilim, George
4 Skinner, Harry
5 Cassel, Harold (C)
6 Gwilim, H
7 Burgess, William
8 Williams, Joseph
4,6,8 covering
1st as conductor
In Memoriam, Rev Edwin
Edwards, Vicar, one year
after his death

6 24.11.1929
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Gwilim, George
2 Stevens, Frank (C)
3 Gwilim, John (Jack)
4 Gwilim, W
5 Cassel, Harold
6 Skinner, Harry
7 Burgess, William
8 Williams, Joseph
6,4,8 covering
On the anniversary of the
induction of Vicar, Rev Wills

7 29.09.1930
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Gwilim, John (Jack)
2 Stevens, Frank
3 Gwilim, George
4 Cassel, Harold (C)
5 Burgess, William
6 Williams, Joseph
Back 6
For Harvest Festival

8 02.11.1930
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Gwilim, W
2 Cassel, Harold (C)
3 Gwilim, George
4 Williams, Joseph
5 Gwilim, John (Jack)
6 Jenkins, Arthur
7 Burgess, William
8 Skinner, Harry
4,6,8 covering
1st Quarter - 6
For the festival of All Saints

9 07.07.1931
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Stevens, Leslie
2 Stevens, Frank (C)
3 Gwilim, George
4 Williams, William
5 Cassel, Harold
6 Skinner, Harry
7 Burgess, William
8 Jenkins, Arthur
4,6,8 covering
To commemorate the first
Confirmation Service at
Llanbradach by Bishop
Timothy.

10 26.09.1932
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Williams, Joseph
2 Cassel, Harold (C)
3 Gwilim, George
4 Gwilim, John (Jack)
5 Jenkins, Arthur
6 Stevens, Leslie
7 Hendrickson, C W
1st Quarter – 8
Rung on bells 2-8:
6,8 covering
For Harvest Festival

11 31.10.1932
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Bailey, Sidney
2 Stevens, Frank (C)
3 Gwilim, George
4 Hendrickson, C W
5 Gwilim, John (Jack)
6 Jenkins, Arthur
7 Stevens, Leslie
8 Williams, Joseph
4,6,8 covering
For the festival of All Saints

12 26.09.1933
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Williams, Joseph
2 Stevens, Frank
3 Bailey, Sidney
4 Gwilim, John (Jack)
5 Gwilim, George
6 Stevens, Leslie
7 Cassel, Harold (C)
8 Hendrickson, C W
1st Triples - 1,3,5,8
1st Triples as conductor
First quarter of Triples on the bells by a local Band

13 01.04.1934
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Waters, W
2 Cassel, Harold (C)
3 Morse, Gilbert
4 Gwilim, John (Jack)
5 Gwilim, George
6 Stevens, Frank
7 Stevens, Leslie
8 Williams, Joseph
1st Quarter – 1
On Easter Sunday

14 03.11.1934
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Cassel, Harold
2 Waters, W
3 Gwilim, George
4 Gwilim, John (Jack)
5 Bailey, Sidney
6 Morse, Gilbert
7 Stevens, Frank (C)
8 Hendrickson, C W
1st Quarter inside - 2
1st Triples as conductor

15 05.06.1949
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Sellwood, Dennis
2 Sellwood, Hubert
3 James, Brynley
4 Coppage, John
5 Cassel, Harold (C)
6 Thomas, Thomas
1st Quarter - 1,2,3,6
Back 6
To celebrate the induction the previous day of Rev Cyril Edwards as Vicar

16 10.02.1950
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 James, Margaret
2 Cassel, Harold
3 Sellwood, Hubert
4 Coppage, John
5 Bailey, Frederick J (C)
6 Morse, Gilbert
7 Dare, William
8 Wormwald, Arthur
1st Quarter - 8
Rung half muffled in memoriam W Amos

17 21.05.1950
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Cassel, Harold (C)
2 James, Margaret
3 Sellwood, Hubert
4 Thomas, Shirley
5 James, Brynley
6 Morse, Gilbert
7 Coppage, John
8 Thomas, Thomas
1st in method - 2,3,4,5,7,8

18 21.06.1973
1260 Plain Bob Major
1 Harford, William H
2 Gardener, Susan
3 Bailey, Frederick J
4 Baldwin, John C
5 Redmond, Susan
6 Hall, Richard J
7 Reynolds, J
8 Lewis, Trevor T (C)
For the 80th anniversary of the Llandaff & Monmouth Association

19 03.04.1976
1280 Rutland S. Major
1 Rose, Janet M
2 Lazzerini, Lynda M
3 Tomlinson, Lesley A
4 Yeo, Lester J
5 Lazzerini, D W F
6 Atkins, D J
7 Mears, Michael E C
8 Collins, Timothy F (C)
Rung on a Devon ringers tour of Wales

20 07.06.1977
1272 Plain Bob Minor
1 Baldwin, John C
2 Baldwin, Judith A
3 Apsitis, Yvonne
4 Davies, Ann
5 James, Nevil A
6 Davies, Anthony E (C)
1st Quarter inside – 2;
Back 6

21 08.12.1979
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Andrews, David (Archie)
2 Oldham, Harriet G
3 Williams, R William
4 Oldham, Peter
5 White, Nicholas M
6 Giles, Andrew
7 Smith, T David (C)
8 Payne, Kevin A M

22 04.04.1982
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Davies, Helen
2 Gamble, James E
3 Barr, Garry S
4 Giles, Andrew
5 Cleaver, R Philip
6 Williams, Marcus AG(C)
Back 6
For Evensong

25 20.03.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Batt, Jonathan S
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Aitken, Stuart A
4 Batt, Judy M
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st Quarter – 1
1st inside – 4
Back 6 For Evensong

28 17.04.1983
1260 Doubles (2 Methods)
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Giles, Andrew (C)
3 Gamble, James E
4 Sharp, Paul
5 Lewis, Tony
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Evensong

31 15.05.1983
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Avery, Stephen
2 Batt, Judy M
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Gamble, James E
5 Giles, Andrew
6 Aitken, Stuart A
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st on 8 - 2,3,8
For Evensong; Birthday
Compliment to Stuart A
Aitken

23 28.12.1982
1320 Doubles (5 Methods)
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Queen, Stephen B
3 Waterhouse, Dawn
4 Williams, Paul A
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Avery, Stephen
1st Quarter - 1
Back 6

26 27.03.1983
1260 Doubles (5 Methods)
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew (C)
4 Gamble, James E
5 Aitken, Stuart A
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Palm Sunday

29 24.04.1983
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Gamble, James E
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Aitken, Stuart A (C)
6 Giles, Andrew
Back 6
For Evensong

32 22.05.1983
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Aitken, Stuart A
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Gamble, James E
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st in method - 1,5,8
For Evensong; Rung from the
floor above the ground floor
ringing chamber, whilst
decorating in progress

24 13.03.1983
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Aitken, Stuart A
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st Quarter – 6
Back 6

27 10.04.1983
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Batt, Judy M
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Gamble, James E
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
10 different extents
Back 6
For Evensong

30 08.05.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Rogers, Wendy
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Batt, Judy M
5 Aitken, Stuart A (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6
For Evensong

33 29.05.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Batt, Jonathan S
2 Giles, Andrew (C)
3 Batt, Judy M
4 Aitken, Stuart A
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6
For Evensong; Rung from the
floor above the ground floor
ringing chamber, whilst
decorating in progress

- 34 26.06.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Batt, Jonathan S
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Aitken, Stuart A
4 Batt, Judy M
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
1st on the bells since the
addition of the new ropes and
redecorating of the ringing
chamber. Farewell
compliment to Stuart Aitken
- 35 03.07.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Rogers, Wendy
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Batt, Judy M
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Batt, Debbie
7 Hoskins, Ian
8 Batt, Jonathan S
1st Quarter – 6
7,6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 36 17.07.1983
1260 Doubles (2 Methods)
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Gamble, James E
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Evans, Philip J (C)
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Rogers, Wendy
7 Batt, Judy M
8 Hoskins, Ian
7,6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 37 24.07.1983
1260 Doubles (6 Methods)
1 Avery, Stephen
2 Evans, Philip J
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Gamble, James E
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
7 Batt, Jonathan S
8 Batt, Judy M
7,6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 38 11.09.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Gamble, James E
1st Quarter - 1
Back 6
For Evensong
- 39 25.09.1983
1260 Doubles (6 Methods)
1 Helen Hampson
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Gamble, James E
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Evensong; To celebrate
the birth of Kelly Louise
Walsh, niece of Stephen
Avery
- 40 30.09.1983
1260 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Gamble, James E
3 Evans, Philip J
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
- 41 09.10.1983
1260 Doubles (9 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Gamble, James E
4 Giles, Andrew (C)
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Evensong
- 42 15.10.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Hampson, Wendy
3 Rogers, Wendy
4 Giles, Andrew (C)
5 Batt, Judy M
6 Evans, Philip J
7 Avery, Stephen
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st Quarter – 1,2
1,2, leading
For the 90th anniversary of
the Llan & Mon Association
- 43 15.10.1983
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Batt, Judy M
4 Gamble, James E
5 Denwood, Charlotte
6 Avery, Stephen
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st on 8 – 1
1st in method - 5
- 44 28.10.1983
1264 Plain Bob Major
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Gamble, James E
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Leaker, Alison
5 Kerley, D Geoffrey
6 Giles, Andrew
7 Avery, Stephen
8 Evans, Philip J (C)
- 45 06.11.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Batt, Debbie
2 Evans, Philip J
3 Batt, Judy M
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Hampson, Helen
6 Giles, Andrew (C)
7 Hoskins, Ian
Rung omitting 2nd bell;
6,8 covering
For Evensong

- 46 20.11.1983
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Sharland, Graham M
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st away from cover – 1
1st inside - 3.
Rung omitting the 2nd and 6th
of the 8. For Evensong
- 47 27.11.1983
1260 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Gamble, James E
4 Giles, Andrew (C)
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Evensong
- 48 11.12.1983
1260 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Evensong
- 49 18.12.1983
1320 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Gamble, James E
3 Evans, Philip J
4 Giles, Andrew (C)
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Morning Carol Service
- 50 01.01.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Gulliford, Karen
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Giles, Andrew (C)
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st attempt – 1
1st affected inside – 2
Back 6
For Evensong
- 51 06.01.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Gulliford, Karen
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Sutton, Guy R T
4 Giles, Andrew (C)
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st Quarter – 3
Back 6
For Epiphany
- 52 08.01.1984
1260 Doubles (5 Methods)
1 Denwood, Charlotte
2 Evans, Philip J
3 Gamble, James E
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Jones, Lorraine M
7 Avery, Stephen
8 Hoskins, Ian
4,6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 53 15.01.1984
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Sharland, Graham M
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Gamble, James E
6 Avery, Stephen
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st on 8 – 1
1st Triples – 2
For Evensong
- 54 22.01.1984
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Gamble James E
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Giles, Andrew (C)
1st minor – 3
Back 6
For Evensong
- 55 29.01.1984
1272 Plain Bob Minimus
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Giles, Andrew (C)
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Hoskins, Ian
1st on working bell – 1
1st in method - 1,3,4,5
Back 5. For Evensong.
Completes the Plain Bob
family on these bells - 2,3,4
- 56 05.02.1984
1260 Doubles (2 Methods)
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6
For Evensong
- 57 10.02.1984
1260 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Giles, Andrew (C)
3 Evans, Philip J
4 Hayman, Barry J
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6

- 58 12.02.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Evans, Philip J
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Sharland, Graham M
5 Avery, Stephen (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st as Conductor – 5
Front 6 For Evensong.
Birthday Compliment to Mrs
Coppage, 86 today.
- 61 04.03.1984
1440 Cambridge Surp. Minor
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Gamble, James E
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Giles, Andrew
1st in Method - 1,3
Back 6
For Evensong
- 64 25.03.1984
1260 Doubles (5 Methods)
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Avery, Stephen (C)
6 Dickinson, Michael J
1st Quarter – 6
Most methods inside – 3
Front 6
For Evensong
- 67 29.04.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6
For Evensong
- 59 19.02.1984
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Sharland, Graham M
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Gamble, James E
6 Avery, Stephen
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
For Evensong
- 62 11.03.1984
1440 Cambridge Surp. Minor
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Gamble, James E
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Giles, Andrew
Back 6
For Evensong
- 65 01.04.1984
1440 Minor (2 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Gamble, James E
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Evans, Philip J (C)
7 Hoskins, Ian
Rung omitting 2nd bell, tenor
cover
For Evensong
- 68 13.05.1984
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Lucas, Jonathan
4 Lucas, Christine M
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Hoskins, Ian
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Dickinson, Michael J
6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 60 26.02.1984
1260 Doubles (12 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew (C)
4 Gamble, James E
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6
For Evensong
- 63 18.03.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Evans, Philip J (C)
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Giles, Andrew
1st on working bell – 1
Back 6
For Evensong
- 66 08.04.1984
1260 Minor (2 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Gamble, James E
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Evans, Philip J (C)
7 Hoskins, Ian
Rung omitting 2nd bell, tenor
cover
For Evensong
- 69 20.05.1984
1260 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Evans, Philip J
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Gamble, James E
5 Hampson, Helen
6 Avery, Stephen (C)
7 Hoskins, Ian
Rung omitting 2nd bell, 6,8
covering

- 70 27.05.1984
1260 Doubles (11 Methods)
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Avery, Stephen (C)
4 Gamble, James E
5 Giles, Andrew
50th Quarter on the bells – 5
Back 5
For Evensong
- 71 03.06.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Evans, Philip J (C)
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Wallace, Andrea
7 Hoskins, Ian
8 Dickinson, Michael J
1st Quarter – 6
7,6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 72 17.06.1984
1260 Doubles (5 Methods)
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Hoskins, Ian
6 Avery, Stephen (C)
7 Hampson, Helen
1st on working bell – 1
Rung omitting 2nd bell;
6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 73 01.07.1984
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Avery, Stephen
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Gamble, James E
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Hampson, Helen
7 Giles, Andrew
Rung omitting 2nd bell;
tenor covering
For Evensong
- 74 08.07.1984
1260 Doubles (2 Methods)
1 Dickinson, Michael J
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Gamble, James E
4 Wallace, Andrea
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Jones, Lorraine M
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Giles, Andrew
1st on working bell – 1
7,6,8 covering
For Evensong. In Memoriam
Rev Cyril James, Vicar of
Ystrad Mynach
- 75 12.07.1984
1260 Doubles (3 Methods)
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Gamble, James E
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Jones, Lorraine M
7 Dickinson, Michael J
8 Morgan, David R
1st Quarter – 8
Rung fully muffled, tenor
open at handstroke
7,6,8 covering. For Evening
Eucharist on the day of the
funeral of Rev Cyril James.
- 76 15.07.1984
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Evans, Philip J
2 Dickinson, Michael J
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Avery, Stephen (C)
5 Giles, Andrew
6 Wallace, Andrea
1st Quarter inside – 2
Front 6
For Evensong
- 77 21.07.1984
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Dickinson, Michael J
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Avery, Stephen (C)
5 Hampson, Helen
6 Wallace, Andrea
Front 6
- 78 24.07.1984
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Escott, Neil
5 Gamble, James E
6 Everett, Mark
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Dickinson, Michael J
1st on 8 - 4,8
1st on 8 as conductor - 7.
- 79 29.07.1984
1260 Doubles (3 Methods)
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Giles, Andrew
5 Gordon, Simon J
6 Avery, Stephen (C)
7 Dickinson, Michael J
Rung omitting 2nd bell;
6,8 covering
For Evensong
- 80 12.08.1984
1260 Minor (2 Methods)
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Gamble, James E
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Evans, Philip J (C)
7 Hoskins, Ian
Rung omitting 2nd bell;
tenor covering
For Evensong
- 81 26.08.1984
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Giles, Andrew
5 Gamble, James E
6 Avery, Stephen
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Dickinson, Michael J
1st on 8 – 1
For Evensong

- 82 02.09.1984
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Dickinson, Michael J
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Gamble, James E
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st Triples on working bell –1
For Evensong
- 83 09.09.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Evans, Philip J (C)
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Wallace, Andrea
Front 6
For Evensong
- 84 16.09.1984
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Evans, Philip J (C)
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Dickinson, Michael J
1st inside – 2
Front 6
For Evensong
- 85 23.09.1984
1320 Doubles (3 Methods)
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hampson, Helen
Back 6
For Harvest Festival
- 86 07.10.1984
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Giles, Andrew
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st Triples inside – 5
For Evensong
- 87 14.10.1984
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Dickinson, Michael J
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Giles, Andrew
6 Evans, Philip J
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
For Evensong
- 88 21.10.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Dickinson, Michael J
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Avery, Stephen (C)
6 Giles, Andrew
Back 6
For Evensong
- 89 28.10.1984
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Avery, Stephen (C)
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Hampson, Helen
6 Gamble, James E
7 Evans, Philip J
8 Hoskins, Ian
50th on these bells – 7
For Evensong
- 90 04.11.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Evans, Philip J (C)
3 Wallace, Andrea
4 Giles, Andrew
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Avery, Stephen
Back 6
For Evensong
- 91 11.11.1984
1260 Doubles (6 Methods)
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Dickinson, Michael J
4 Gamble, James E
5 Avery, Stephen (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
For Evensong
- 92 18.11.1984
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Dickinson, Michael J
5 Avery, Stephen (C)
6 Gamble, James E
Back 6
For Evensong
- 93 25.11.1984
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Gamble, James E
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Avery, Stephen (C)
Front 6
For Evensong

94 06.01.1985
1260 Doubles (2 Methods)
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Avery, Stephen (C)
7 Hoskins, Ian
Rung omitting 2nd bell;
6,8 covering
For Evensong

97 27.01.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Denwood, Charlotte
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Dickinson, Michael J
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Gamble, James E
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
For Evensong

100 17.03.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Hampson, Helen
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Gamble, James E
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Giles, Andrew
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
Farewell compliment to
James E Gamble and
Charlotte Denwood, leaving
for Watford

103 28.04.1985
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Wallace, Andrea
4 Giles, Andrew
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Evans, Philip J (C)
Front 6
For Evensong

95 13.01.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Gamble, James E
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Giles, Andrew
1st Triples inside - 2,6
For Evensong

98 24.02.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Gamble, James E
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Denwood, Charlotte
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
For Evensong
Engagement compliment to
James E Gamble and
Charlotte Denwood. 40th
Birthday compliment to Judy
M Batt

101 31.03.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Evans, Philip J (C)
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Morgan, David R
Front 6
For Passion Sunday

104 19.05.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Evans, Philip J
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Werry, Brian
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
For Evensong

96 20.01.1985
1260 Plain Bob Minor &
Doubles
1 Hoskins, Ian
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Avery, Stephen
4 Dickinson, Michael J
5 Evans, Philip J (C)
6 Giles, Andrew
Back 6
For Evensong

99 10.03.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Denwood, Charlotte
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Gamble, James E
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
25th on the bells - 2
For Evensong. Birthday
compliment to Patricia
Spragg

102 21.04.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
1st Triples – 1
Engagement compliment to
Stephen Avery and Fae
Wilcox

105 26.05.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Price, Anne E
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Dickinson, Michael J
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Hoskins, Ian
1st Quarter - 1
Back 6
For Whitsunday Evensong

106 02.06.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Evans, Philip J (C)
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Hoskins, Ian
Front 6
For Evensong

107 01.09.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Evans, Philip J
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Morgan, David R
Back 6
For Evensong

108 08.09.1985
1280 Plain Bob Major
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Giles, Andrew
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Gordon, Simon J
6 Avery, Stephen
7 Dickinson, Michael J
8 Evans, Philip J (C)
1st Major - 1,2,5,7
For Evensong

109 15.09.1985
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Giles, Andrew
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Dickinson, Michael J
5 Gordon, Simon J
6 Evans, Philip J (C)
Front 6
For Evensong

110 22.09.1985
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Dickinson, Michael J
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Gordon, Simon J
6 Evans, Philip J (C)
Back 6
For Harvest Festival

111 06.10.1985
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Price, Anne E
2 Wallace, Andrea (C)
3 Gordon, Simon J,
4 Dabb, Douglas C
5 Evans, Philip J
6 Dickinson, Michael J
1st as conductor - 2
Back 6
For Evensong

112 13.10.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Giles, Andrew
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Wallace, Andrea
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Dickinson, Michael J
7 Evans, Philip J (C)
8 Hoskins, Ian
For Evensong

113 20.10.1985
1260 Plain Bob Triples
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Wallace, Andrea
4 Dabb, Douglas C
5 Gordon, Simon J
6 Giles, Andrew
7 Avery, Stephen (C)
8 Archer, A Harry
For Evensong

114 10.11.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Giles, Andrew (C)
3 Gordon, Simon J
4 Hampson, Helen
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Hoskins, Ian
Back 6
Half muffled for
Remembrance Sunday

115 17.11.1985
1260 Doubles (5 Methods)
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Wallace, Andrea
4 Avery, Stephen
5 Giles, Andrew (C)
6 Morgan, David R
Back 6
For Evensong

116 24.11.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Giles, Andrew (C)
2 Hampson, Helen
3 Gordon, Simon J
4 Dickinson, Michael J
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Morgan, David R
Variable hunt
Back 6
For Evensong

117 01.12.1985
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Wallace, Andrea
2 Giles, Andrew (C)
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Gordon, Simon J
5 Dickinson, Michael J
6 Hoskins, Ian
Variable hunt
Back 6
For Evensong

118 08.12.1985
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Jones, Lorraine M
2 Wallace, Andrea
3 Hampson, Helen
4 Gordon, Simon J
5 Avery, Stephen
6 Giles, Andrew (C)

Back 6. For Evensong.

The last quarter on these bells in this tower.

APPENDIX 7

QUARTER PEAL RINGERS LIST

The list gives details of how many quarters an individual has rung and on which bells.

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Addicott, Albert		1							1
Aitken, Stuart A				3	3	1	2		9
Andrews, David (Archie)	1								1
Apsitis, Yvonne					1				1
Archer, A Harry								1	1
Atkins, D J						1			1
Avery, Stephen	1	4	3	5	24	15	24	2	78
Bailey, Frederick J			1		1				2
Bailey, Sidney	1		1		1				3
Baldwin, John C			1	1					2
Baldwin, Judith A				1					1
Barr, Garry S					1				1
Batt, Debbie	1					1			2
Batt, Jonathan S	1		2				1	1	5
Batt, Judy M	1	1	9	2	1	2	1	1	18
Biss, William B		1							1
Boucher, Frank			1						1
Broughton, Harry					1				1
Burgess, William							7		7
Butler, J					1				1
Cassel Harold	2	3	1		4	2	2	1	15
Chamberlain, Frederick			1						1
Cleaver, R Philip							1		1
Collins, Timothy F								1	1
Cooke, George				1			1		2
Coppage, John				1		1	1		3
Cross, J						1			1

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Dabb, Douglas C				1		1			2
Dare, William							1		1
Davies, Ann						1			1
Davies, Anthony E								1	1
Davies, Helen			1						1
Denwood, Charlotte	1	6	11	23	5	1			47
Dickinson Michael	2	3		2	10	13	5	6	41
Escott, Neil				1					1
Evans, Philip J	2	3	5	8	10	11	28	3	70
Everett, Mark						1			1
Gamble James E		3	5	10	14	9	1	2	44
Gardener, Susan		1							1
Giles, Andrew	11	11	12	12	11	11	12	12	92
Gordon, Simon J					6	3	1		10
Griffin, Mabel		1							1
Gulliford, Karen			2						2
Gwilim, George	1		5	1	3				10
Gwilim, H						1			1
Gwilim, John (Jack)		1	2	3	3				9
Gwilim, W	2			2					4
Hall, Richard J						1			1
Hampson, Helen	8	6	26	14	6	6	1	2	69
Hampson, Wendy		1							1
Harford, William H	1								1
Hayman, Barry J				1					1
Hendrickson, C W				1				3	4
Hoskins, Ian	4		5			11	2	45	67
Hunt, S	1								1
Hurd, G Andrew G	1								1
James, Brynley					2				2
James, Margaret	1	1							2

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
James, Nevil A							1		1
Jenkins, Arthur						3		1	4
Jones, John W							1		1
Jones, Lorraine M	11		5	1		3			20
Jones, Percy						1			1
Kerley, D Geoffrey					1				1
Lazzerini, D W F					1				1
Lazzerini, Lynda M		1							1
Leaker, Alison				1					1
Lewis, Tony							1		1
Lewis, Trevor T								1	1
Lucas, Christine M				1					1
Lucas, Jonathan			1						1
Mears, Michael E C							1		1
Morgan, David R						1		4	5
Morse, Gilbert			1			3			4
Notley, Elizabeth	1								1
Oldham, Harriet G		1							1
Oldham, Peter				1					1
Payne, Kevin A M								1	1
Pike, William				1					1
Price, Anne E			2						2
Queen, Stephen B				1					1
Redmond, Susan					1				1
Reynolds, J							1		1
Rogers, Wendy	2		1			1			4
Rose, Janet M	1								1
Sellwood, Dennis			1						1
Sellwood, Hubert			2	1					3
Sharland, Graham M	3			1					4
Sharp, Paul						1			1

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Skinner, Harry				1		3		1	5
Slatter, Alban E				1					1
Smith, J								1	1
Smith, T David							1		1
Stevens, C								1	1
Stevens, Frank		5	2	1		1	1		10
Stevens, Leslie	3					1	3		7
Sutton, Guy R T					1				1
Thomas, Shirley				1					1
Thomas, Thomas								2	2
Tomlinson, Lesley A			1						1
Voyzey, Stanley					1				1
Wallace, Andrea	9	10	5	10	2	4			40
Waterhouse, Dawn					1				1
Waters, W	1	1							2
Werry, Brian					1				1
White, Nicholas M					1				1
Williams, Joseph	1	1		1				6	9
Williams, Marcus A G								1	1
Williams, Paul A						1			1
Williams, R William			1						1
Williams, W				1					1
Wormwald, Arthur								1	1
Yeo, Lester J				1					1

APPENDIX 8

BELLRINGING TERMINOLOGY

This is not an exhaustive list of bellringing terminology, but it will assist the non-ringer in appreciating some of the terms used in the book.

Band	The general term used to describe a group of ringers e.g. <i>'the band rang regularly on Sundays'</i> .
Call Changes	Changes in the order in which the bells ring. They are called out by the Conductor , e.g. if the bells were ringing in the order 12345678 (the change known as rounds) and the Conductor called '3 to 4', the bells would then ring in the order 12435678 until another call is made.
Change Ringing	This requires the order of the bells to change every time they sound, in line with the method being rung at the time.
Clappers	Are mounted inside the bell and strike the side of it thus producing the sound.
Conductor	The person who gives instructions to the other ringers whilst the bells are being rung.
Covering	This occurs when one bell (usually the tenor) rings in the same place in the changes whilst the other bells change position.
Full Circle	The term used to describe the way change ringing bells are hung in the tower. The bell rings through 360 degrees on its bearings, starting from the inverted position where it is supported by the stay . It will sound once on the initial revolution and again on its return journey.
Half Muffled Ringing	Takes place for funerals, memorial services etc. and involves one side of the clapper being covered with a piece of leather or rubber. The result is that the bells will sound normally on their first revolution and on their return journey will emit a much quieter 'echoing' effect.
Headstocks	Made of metal or wood, these enable the bell to be secured in the bellframe. The bell is attached directly to the headstock and the bearings at the end of the headstock are mounted on the bellframe.
Lowering	The reverse process to raising . It involves the bell rotating from its upturned position through its axis, gradually getting quicker and quicker until it rests mouth downward in the frame.

Methods	Learned and rung by change ringers . They are the set patterns that change the position of the bells each time they sound. Familiar methods include ‘Grandsire Triples’ and ‘Plain Bob Major’.
Peal	A performance by change ringers which involves more than 5000 different sequences being rung without a break and with bells changing position every time they sound. Typically a peal will last 3 hours.
Quarter Peal	A performance by change ringers which involves more than 1260 different sequences being rung without a break and with bells changing position every time they sound. Typically a quarter peal will last 45 minutes.
Raising	The reverse process to lowering . The bell starts mouth downwards in the bellframe and is swung on its bearings until eventually it is rotating through 360 degrees. The bell is then rested mouth upwards on its stay , and is ready for full circle ringing.
Rope Circle	The way the bell ropes hang in the room where ringing takes place. Most rings of bells are hung with the ropes falling in a clockwise circle.
Rounds	Involves the bells being rung full circle starting with the treble and ending with the tenor .
Six Score	Is a (now out of date) term that describes 120 changes being rung in a method .
Stays	Pieces of wood that enable the bell to be supported in an inverted, mouth upwards, position ready for full circle ringing.
Striking	If a piece of ringing is ‘struck well’ it means that the bells are rung in a rhythmical and regular fashion and the ringers make little or no mistakes. ‘Bad striking’ produces unwanted clashes and an erratic rhythm.
Tenor	The deepest toned (and generally the largest) bell in the tower.
Touch	A change ringing performance rung in a specified method e.g. ‘a touch of Plain Bob Doubles was rung before the Sunday service’.
Tower Captain	A person who takes responsibility for the activities in the bell tower.
Treble	The highest toned (and generally the lightest) bell in the tower.

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