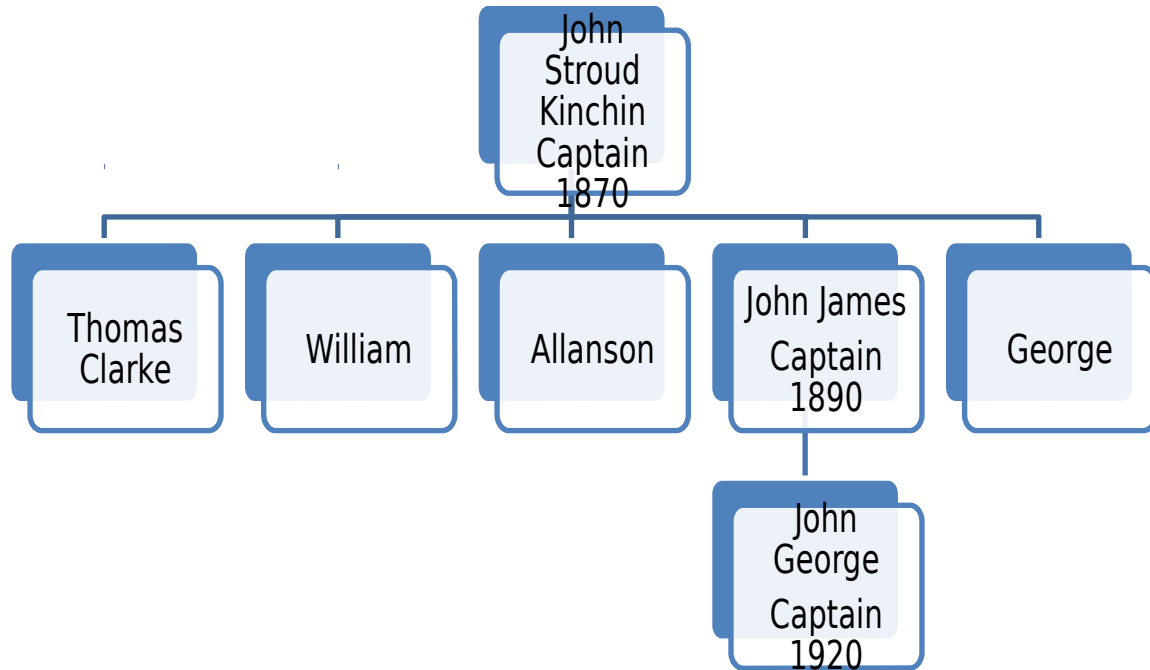


A family of bellringers<sup>i</sup> Rang the old year out and the new year in 1870/71  
 John Stroud Kinchin Captain 1870 - 5 sons  
 Thomas Clarke  
 William  
 Allanson  
 John James Captain 1890  
 George



Attendance book (year commenced calculated as October 1910 from subsequent pages dated 1914 onwards)<sup>ii</sup>

October 1910, J. Kinchin listed second in order after J Peake (assume the latter Captain?). November 1912 J Kinchin listed first (now Tower Captain); Peake no longer listed. J Kinchin recorded as J G Kinchin January 1912. J J Kinchin listed lower in the order (father and past Captain?)

From January 1915 Kinchin is marked absent and in June 1915 Frenchum heads the list (Tower Captain). A Peal Book entry on January 10<sup>th</sup> 1915 indicates that Kinchin (“our Captain” has “left to serve his King and Country” )  
 November 1915, Thorpe and Williams appear in the list below Kinchin (both absent since November)

January 1916, Willis heads the list. Williams and Thorpe remain, but Kinchin is no longer listed. April 1916, Williams is crossed through (deceased?)

Nov 1916 J Kinchin return to the lists.

October 1917<sup>iii</sup> R Todd replaces Willis at the head of the list and second listed is J Todd. J J Kinchin reappears, also J S Kinchin and J G Kinchin.

January 1918 J G Kinchin heads the list again. R Todd next and J S and J J Kinchin continuing.

Ringers ordered as in the MSS attendance record (belfry archives)				
January 1914	October 1918	January 1919	October 1925	January 1930
J Kinchin	R Todd	J G Kinchin	G Holmes <sup>iv</sup>	G Holmes
J Thirkell	J Todd	R Todd	J G Kinchin	J Kinchin
Frenchum	G Tempest	G Holmes	J Frenchum	J Frenchum
R Todd	F Ridsdale	J S Kinchin	R Todd	S Thorpe
G Holmes	J T Frenchum	J J Kinchin	S Thorpe <sup>v</sup>	W Downall
S Thorpe	J J Kinchin	Frenchum	W Downall <sup>vi</sup>	C Jackson
Cherry	T Watkin	J Todd	J Lunn <sup>vii</sup>	R Horner
C Frenchum	J S Kinchin	Tempest	T Walton <sup>viii</sup>	T Walton
Watkins	J G Kinchin	T Watkins		
Willis		T Ridsdale		
Henstock				

NB: 1920 appears to mark a change in symbols for attendance/absence, from O for present to x for present. The only alternative interpretation is that almost no-one was attending each week).

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Account Book and Minute book June 1896 St Mary's Society of Ringers. Richmond. Yorkshire

Income: July 17<sup>th</sup> 1896 Grinton outing £1-10-9d

Mr Hudson	Mrs Borrows
R Borrows	Mrs Briscoe
R Briscoe	Mrs Bullock
J Kirby	Miss Bullock
T Kirby	Mrs Shelton
J T Frenchum	Mrs Underwood
J T Rushton	Mrs Glenton
A Shelton	Miss Dodsworth
W Phillips	

Income: August 22 1896 Grinton Feast and Sports £2-2-0d.

**Committee meeting September 21<sup>st</sup> 1898:**

Proposed J T Rushton

Sec A Shelton

"That any member or members creating any disturbance in the Belfry & continuing the disturbance after being warned by the Captain or Vice Captain to desist will be liable to be suspended or dealt with as the committee think proper".

“ Any member having any grievances or any propositions to make shall put it in writing in the book set apart for that purpose with their names for the committee to consider it at the next meeting”

Proposed     A Shelton  
Sec            R Borrows

“That practice takes place as usual on a Monday night & the Captain or vice Captain to attend or no practice untill (sic) further orders. The practice to be voluntary.

**October 7<sup>th</sup> 1898**

Proposed     R Borrows  
Sec            A Shelton

“That a peal of 5040 minor be attempted about the latter end of the year or the beginning of the next. The date to be fixed later on.”

“.. the Vice Captain to ask J T Frenchum to become a member of the Association before commencing the peal” .

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1899**

“ Meeting called to consider the proposition made by the ringers & entered in the book on February 12<sup>th</sup>

Think the proposal of a new ceiling in the Belfry, an unnecessary expemse to the church”

“R Borrows proposed the Churchwardens be approached about it, not seconded meeting postponed untill (sic) all the committee are present”.

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1899**

Proposed     R Borrows  
Sec            J T Rushton

“That the Churchwardens be approached about the ceiling in th Belfry as recommended by the Rector. Not carried.

The seconder proposed that the decision be held over until the general meeting. This took place on Friday evening May 12<sup>th</sup> 1899, but the matter, if raised, was not minuted. There was, however, a contested election for Tower Captain, Mr Shelton being proposed by Mr Frenchum, seconded Mr Todd, with Mr Borrows being proposed by Mr Rushton seconded by Mr Peake. Shelton was elected by 4:2. Mr Frenchum was unanimously elected as Vice Captain, Mr Briscoe unanimously as secretary, and, by a majority of 4:2 Mr Borrows was appointed a member of the Committee.

Fines agreed: Sundays: late arrival 1d; 15 minutes late 6d; absent without notice 1 shilling.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 1899**

A proposal carried that 2 probationers be appointed.

June it was agreed that Mr Quainril be given a trial prior to becoming a probationer; and in July it was agreed that J Hutchinson become a voluntary member, Mr

Quaintril a probationer, and J Wetherill be given a trial. On October 6<sup>th</sup> it was agreed to also give J Woody (Woddy) a trial.

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900**

J Wetherell clearly made good progress or impressed with his attendance record, for he was made-up to a paid member effective from “when A Shelton goes away”.

At the same time, it was agreed that fines would be deducted prior to payment for ringing and that each man would be presented with “ ... a slip of paper showing how much he is entitled to receive after fines have been deducted”.

### **April 1900 General meeting**

Mr Borrowes resigned (accepted by 6:2);

John Woddy elected as full member (unanimous)

Mr Morton made an honorary member (unanimous)

NB attendees not named but following cited: R Borrowes, R Briscoe, J T Frenchum, R Todd, J Woddy, J T Rushton, W Phillips,

### **AGM April 24<sup>th</sup> (assumed 1901)**

Rushton, Todd, Briscoe, Frenchum, Woddy, Phillips, Wetherill

Briscoe – Captain

Todd - Vice Captain

Woddy – Secretary

Frenchum – Committee member

Agreed that Captain, Vice Captain and Peake “share the chiming for the ensuing year”.

Also agreed that fine money (13shillings 2d) be apportioned at 1/6d per ringer, the surplus to the fund “which now stands at 5/2d halfpenny.

### **Committee meeting Nov 27 1900**

R Briscoe, R Todd, J T Frenchum, J G Woddy.

W Phillips resignation as a paid ringer accepted and he made a voluntary ringer.

F Brand and J Kinchin made paid ringers to make up full number in place of J Peake and W Phillips backdated to 01 October 1900.

AGM April 19<sup>th</sup> 1901

Briscoe, Frenchum, Morton, Thirkell, Hutchinson, Brand, Underwood, Kinchen, Woddy. (Todd crossed through)

Offices elected as in 1900.

Briscoe and Todd to share the chiming. Fines into the fund (6shillings 6d halfpenny).

Period of stability of membership, AGMs, and officers being re-elected, in 1901, but at **April 1902 AGM** provision for Mr Briscoe to be Captain “ until he left the town”, Mr

Woddy elected vice captain and to become Captain when Briscoe left, J U Frenchum secretary, Mr Morton elected conductor.

J Peake re-elected an honorary member.  
Morton and Toss to committee

**July 25 1902**

J Hutchison resigned, "not wanting to comply with the rules with regard to fines".

JJ Peake appointed in his stead.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 1902**

R Todd Vice Captain

27 March 1902

W Phillips paid 15 shillings and to become a full member

Easter Sunday morning – A Morton presented photo of bellringers.

1903

R Todd - Captain (prop. Woddy, sec Phillips)

T Thirkell - Vice Captain

Mr Morton - Conductor

- i Press Cutting, October 1944, Belfry archives
- ii Belfry archives
- iii Assumed 2017 following a gap in recording February 1917 to October. Handwriting changes – a resurrection of the team?
- iv Replaces Kinchin as head of list on this date)
- v First listed May 1919
- vi First listed November 1921
- vii First listed December 1923
- viii Is this T Watkin who appears to disappear February 1924. Walton is listed in the same place in the order from May 1924