

Performance Review 2020

I concluded my 2019 report with the line 'Let us see what 2020 brings'. Who would have known that in 2020 ringing would be curtailed in a way not seen since the Second World War. January and February saw normal activity, but historically these two months tend to be quieter anyway and no peals were rung. By March advice and restrictions were beginning to come in and the last 'proper' ringing on tower bells was in the week leading up to the 23rd March.

During this time Jake Barnicott rang his first quarter peal at St Erme. Congratulations Jake.

A number of solutions, both old and new, have been used to keep 'ringing' going. Handbells allowed people in the same household to ring together and, once some restrictions were lifted, people could meet outside the tower. Andy Smith and Jo Wenborne rang the 'Standard 11' Minimus methods and two further quarters were rung in hand at Hurland road at the tail end of 2020.

Ringling Room and Handbell Stadium were two online systems that brought people together from their isolation. The one quarter was rung using Ringling Room by the Carbis Bay band after several attempts in a St Buryan pace of 61 minutes. It should not be underestimated how difficult it is to maintain concentration and rhythm tapping a keyboard. Well done to that band.

Owen Borlase took socially distanced ringing to the limit by ringing a couple of quarter peals on his garage dumb-bell linked to Abel.

There were countless events and anniversaries that would have been rung for during 2020 including the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Some tolling was carried out but these events were not commemorated as they should have been.

I suspect the volume of ringing in 2021 will again require a single report. At date of writing the 2020 report (end August) there were 63 performances recorded on Bellboard (the Ringing World) for 2021. I would again ask if you have rung what you have deemed a 'performance' get it recorded. If you don't think it's appropriate for Bellboard then you can send it directly to me (ringingperformances@tdgr.org.uk) and it can be added in this report. There are no rules for what we can include.

Jonathan Young

Quarter Peals

Truro 16 Hurland Road. 02-Jan-20 45m 1260 Plain Bob Royal 1-2 Phil Tremain, 3-4 Peter Sharp, 5-6 David Ralls, 7-8 Norman Mattingley (C), 9-10 Andrew G Smith, 1st on ten handbells : 1-2.

Marhamchurch St Marwenne. 06-Jan-20 43m 1260 Grandsire Doubles 1 Liz Gliddon, 2 Esther Jones, 3 Sue Shadrick, 4 Helen Barnes, 5 Robert Corney (C), 6 Nigel Cann, In memoriam Charlie Taylor 07/01/30-30/11/19, rung in his home tower with members of his family present.

St Columb Major St Columba. 06-Jan-20 46m 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major 1 Rob Corney, 2 Phil Tremain, 3 Ruth Reeves, 4 John Insley, 5 Phil Morse, 6 Peter Sharp, 7 Dave Ralls, 8 Andrew G Smith

(C), For the dedication of the new training bell which took place yesterday. Circled tower x 5 to quarters - 2.

St Mawgan in Pydar St Mawgan. 06-Jan-20 46m 1280 St Clement's College Bob Major 1 Ruth Reeves, 2 Rob Corney, 3 Phil Morse, 4 John Insley, 5 Peter Sharp, 6 Dave Ralls, 7 Andrew G Smith, 8 Phil Tremain (C), 1st St Clements Major 2,3&8. Remembering Charlie Taylor of Marhamchurch on the eve of his 90th birthday anniversary.

Truro 16 Hurland Road. 09-Jan-20 45m 1260 Plain Bob Royal 1-2 Phil Tremain, 3-4 Peter Sharp, 5-6 David Ralls, 7-8 Norman Mattingley (C), 9-10 Andrew G Smith, Wishing Martin Spittle a speedy recovery from his skiing accident.

Truro Cathedral Church of St Mary. 11-Jan-20 60m 1320 Plain Bob Maximus 1 Helen Hood, 2 Jane Hitchens, 3 Jo Wenborne, 4 Claire Sowden, 5 Hayley Young, 6 Adam Pym, 7 Andrew G Smith, 8 Nigel Williams, 9 Carolyn Howell, 10 Neil Hitchens, 11 David Ralls, 12 Robert Perry (C), To celebrate the life of Peter Reed, 16/7/35 - 9/1/20, Grandfather of 5th. Also for the birth of Poppy Emily Douglas, Niece of the 6th, born on 8th January First Maximus- 4 & 6.

Kenwyn St Keyne. 19-Jan-20 47m 1344 Spliced Surprise Major (4m) 1 Jo Wenborne, 2 Jane Hitchens, 3 Ruth Reeves, 4 Adam Pym, 5 Ian Young, 6 Neil Hitchens, 7 Andrew G Smith, 8 Jonathan Young (C), For evensong and a get well compliment to Renfree Stephens.

St Dominic St Dominica. 27-Jan-20 41m 1260 Doubles (1p/2m) 1 Phil Morse, 2 Mike Erith, 3 Anne Body, 4 Kevan Borlase, 5 Owen Borlase (C), 6 Ian Banbury, Most methods/principle: 2. 1st Original & Rev. Canterbury: 2. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mary Borlase and Doug Petipher.

Zennor St Senara the Virgin. 29-Jan-20 44m 1260 Doubles (2m) 1 Dorcas Jellis, 2 Dilys Rowe, 3 Jane Hitchens, 4 Neil Hitchens, 5 Sam Nankervis (C), 6 Phil Simpson.

Gulval St Gulval. 02-Feb-20 45m 1260 Grandsire Doubles 1 Phil Peters, 2 Claire Sowden, 3 John Pladdys, 4 Jane Hitchens, 5 Neil Hitchens (C), 6 Jan de Vries, Birthday compliment to 6. Rung for Candlemas and for Evensong.

Penzance St Mary the Virgin. 17-Feb-20 55m 1280 Bristol Surprise Major 1 Jo Wenborne, 2 Claire Sowden, 3 Carolyn Howell, 4 Hayley Young, 5 Norman Mattingley, 6 Andrew G Smith, 7 David Ralls, 8 Sam Nankervis (C).

Truro 16 Hurland Road. 20-Feb-20 44m 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major 1-2 Peter Sharp, 3-4 Norman Mattingley (C), 5-6 David Ralls, 7-8 Andrew G Smith.

St Erme St Hermes. 21-Feb-20 46m 1260 Doubles (3m) 1 Eric Bannister, 2 Valerie Williams, 3 Joanna Wenborne, 4 Hayley Young, 5 Andrew G Smith (C), 6 Jake Barnicoat, 1st quarter at first attempt: 6.

Truro 16 Hurland Road. 27-Feb-20 44m 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major 1-2 Peter Sharp, 3-4 Andrew G Smith, 5-6 Norman Mattingley (C), 7-8 Phil Tremain, Belated 'clickety-click' birthday compliments to 7-8.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 29-Feb-20 23m 1272 Plain Bob Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith, We needed the date!

Penzance St Mary the Virgin. 02-Mar-20 54m 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (4m) 1 Jo Wenborne, 2 Jane Hitchens, 3 Claire Sowden, 4 Neil Hitchens, 5 Norman Mattingley, 6 Hayley Young, 7 Andrew G Smith, 8 Sam Nankervis (C), Rung to welcome a son to David and Jenny Mattingley born today.

St Dennis St Denys. 03-Mar-20 47m 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major 1 Dave Ralls, 2 Phil Morse, 3 Ruth Reeves, 4 Peter Sharp, 5 John Insley, 6 Martin Spittle, 7 Andrew G Smith, 8 Phil Tremain (C), First Kent Major as C, 300th date for a quarter - 8.

Kenwyn St Keyne. 07-Mar-20 45m 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples 1 Debbie Spittle, 2 Helen Perry, 3 Phil Young, 4 Robert Perry, 5 Ian Young, 6 Jonathan Young, 7 Norman Mattingley (C), 8 Martin Spittle, Rung as a compliment to Edward Carlyon as he retires from many years service as a Kenwyn bellringer.

Kenwyn St Keyne. 15-Mar-20 44m 1264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1 Jo Wenborne, 2 Ruth Reeves, 3 Norman Mattingley, 4 Andrew G Smith, 5 Phil Tremain, 6 Ian Young, 7 Dave Ralls, 8 Jonathan Young (C), Compliment to Adam Pym on the successful completion of his PhD viva.

Carbis Bay St Anta and All Saints. 16-Mar-20 33m 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor 1 Neil Hitchens, 2 Sam Nankervis, 3 Carolyn Howell, 4 Jane Hitchens, 5 David Ralls, 6 Norman Mattingley (C), Rung on the front six to congratulate Roger Sullivan on being awarded the St Piran Cross.

St Columb Major 24 Penkernick Way. 09-Apr-20 36m 1272 Plain Bob Minimus 1-2 Denise Tremain, 3-4 Phil Tremain (C), 1st in hand 1-2, and as conductor. On and for the band's 37th wedding anniversary; also for the 30th birthday of Char Bolton (future daughter-in-law).

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 18-Apr-20 25m 1272 Minimus (3m) 1-2 Joanna Wenborne, 3-4 Andrew G Smith (C), Umpire : Mr Pickles the cat.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 28-Apr-20 25m 1272 Double Bob Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne, 3-4 Andrew G Smith (C).

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 30-Apr-20 27m 1272 Reverse Bob Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne, 3-4 Andrew G Smith (C), 100th birthday compliment to Captain Tom Moore.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 07-May-20 25m 1272 Reverse Canterbury Place Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith (C).

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 08-May-20 25m 1272 Single Court Place Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith, On the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 09-May-20 26m 1272 Reverse Court Place Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 13-May-20 26m 1272 Double Court Place Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith, Remembering Richard Dorrington.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 14-May-20 26m 1272 Canterbury Place Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith, A Clap for our Key Workers Quarter.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 19-May-20 25m 1272 Double Canterbury Place Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 21-May-20 27m 1272 St Nicholas Bob Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith, A Clap for our Carers Quarter.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 21-May-20 26m 1272 Reverse St Nicholas Bob Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne (C), 3-4 Andrew G Smith, Completes the standard 11 Minimus methods in hand for all the band.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 11-Jun-20 24m 1287 Minimus (2m) 1-2 Joanna Wenborne, 3-4 Andrew G Smith (C), In memory of Rev. J Graham Smith, father of 3-4 who died recently at the age of 87.

Kea The Grainstore (Sparnock Farm). 13-Sep-20 22m 1272 Plain Bob Minimus 1-2 Joanna Wenborne, 3-4 Andrew G Smith (C), 80th Birthday compliment to Roger Sullivan, following his virtual birthday party.

Truro 16 Hurland Road. 29-Oct-20 40m 1440 Plain Bob Minor 1-2 Phil Tremain, 3-4 Andrew G Smith, 5-6 Norman Mattingley (C).

Truro 16 Hurland Road. 14-Dec-20 40m 1264 Plain Bob Major 1-2 David Ralls, 3-4 Norman Mattingley (C), 5-6 Andrew G Smith, 7-8 Phil Tremain, Pre Wedding compliments to Tom Hinks and Helena Mattingley, and David (the younger) Ralls and Nicky Lloyd.

Ringing Room 28-Dec-20 61m 1440 Plain Bob Minor 1 Andrew G Smith (Kea), 2 Debbie Spittle (Skinners Bottom), 3 Martin Spittle (Skinners Bottom), 4 Hayley Young (Ladock), 5 Carolyn Howell (Camborne), 6 Norman Mattingley (Truro), 1st on Ringing Room for all, by a resident in Cornwall band and for the Guild.

Other performances

Call Changes

Mullion St Mellanus 07-Jan-20 120 Reverse Peal no 1 Doubles Call Changes 1 Jeremy Allerton, 2 Mary Durrant, 3 Nadin Rawson, 4 John Davis (C), 5 Philip Burgess, 6 Tim Parker, Calls made every other handstroke.

Bratton Fleming St Peter 07-Feb-20 120 Yewcroft 4th Hunt Doubles Call Changes 1 Paul Hext, 2 Norman Cowling, 3 Kevan Borlase, 4 John Lagdon, 5 Mike Webster, 6 Owen Borlase, Rung to mark the birthday of Denise Pinhey.

Charles St John the Baptist 07-Feb-20 120 Speedwell Doubles Call Changes 1 John Lagdon (C), 2 Norman Cowling, 3 Paul Hext, 4 Owen Borlase, 5 Kevan Borlase, 6 Mike Webster.

East Buckland St Michael 07-Feb-20 120 Betjeman Doubles Call Changes 1 Owen Borlase (C), 2 John Lagdon, 3 Norman Cowling, 4 Kevan Borlase, 5 Mike Webster, 6 Paul Hext.

Filleigh St Paul 07-Feb-20 120 Mayflower Doubles Call Changes 1 John Lagdon (C), 2 Paul Hext, 3 Mike Webster, 4 Norman Cowling, 5 Owen Borlase, 6 Kevan Borlase, With thanks to Paul for organising a cracking day.

Swimbridge St James the Apostle 07-Feb-20 120 Whyatt Doubles Call Changes 1 Norman Cowling, 2 Owen Borlase (C), 3 Mike Webster, 4 Kevan Borlase, 5 Paul Hext, 6 John Lagdon, 425th recorded Call Change Peal: 2.

West Buckland St Peter 07-Feb-20 128 Queen's Minor Call Changes 1 John Lagdon, 2 Paul Hext, 3 Norman Cowling, 4 Mike Webster, 5 Kevan Borlase, 6 Owen Borlase (C).

St Dominic St Dominica 15-Mar-20 120 I'll Be Back Doubles Call Changes 1 Owen Borlase (C), 2 Hilary Davis, 3 Sue McClaghry, 4 Luke Mitchell, 5 Kevan Borlase, , Rung on the back 5 before Matins to recognise the service of Robert Perry, Secretary of the TDGR for the past 39 years.

Commemorative ringing

St Erme St Hermes 05-Jul-20 Rounds 2 Annette Bersey, 4 Jane Lewarne, 6 Eric Bannister, First 9.00 Sunday service ringing for three months. Also 5.00 ringing for 72nd anniversary of the N H S.

Gulval St Gulval 12-Jul-20 Rounds 2 Phil Peters, 4 Trina Peters, 6 Jane Hitchens, 8 Neil Hitchens, Rung socially distanced for morning service. First ringing on the bells since March 15th.

St Erme St Hermes 08-May-20 Tolling 5 Eric Bannister, Rung for 75 year anniversary of the end of second world war in Europe.

Calstock St Andrew 15-Aug-20 75 Tolling 3 Peter Bonsey, Rung for 75th anniversary of VJ day

St Tudy St Tudy 15-Aug-20 Tolling 2 Paul Tucker ,3 Paul Tucker , Muffled #2 before War Memorial Service + 75 full circle rings #3 after.

St Clement St Clement 11-Nov-20 Tolling 6 Terry White, Tolling for Armistice Day.

St Erme St Hermes 11-Nov-20 Tolling 5 Eric Bannister, Tolling for Armistice Day.

Solo ringing

Callington The Garage 02-May-20 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major 1-7 Abel, 8 Owen Borlase, Rung on my birthday using my purpose built dumbbell which was hung by my Father and myself. Today marks the 15th anniversary of my first peal as conductor and first in the method, at Buckfastleigh. With grateful thanks to all who helped me along the way!

Callington The Garage 31-Dec-20 146 Brannel Mk2 Triples Call Changes 1-5 Abel,6 Owen Borlase, 7-8 Abel,First Call Change Peal on the installation. Rung in affectionate memory of Joyce Pengelly, former Tower Captain at St. Mary's, within view of my garage.

Callington The Garage 31-Dec-20 1280 Cornwall Surprise Major 1-7 Abel,8 Owen Borlase, Rung to mark the end of 2020 with the hope of normal ringing in 2021!