

## **John hits the Big 80!**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 celebrations for John Ketteringham's forthcoming 80<sup>th</sup> birthday got underway with two peals being rung simultaneously at St John's Washingborough and St Giles Lincoln. The method for both these peals was of course Ketteringham Delight Major, what else! Ringers gathered from all over the country to ring in these two celebratory birthday peals and included ringers from as far away as Devon, Oxfordshire, and North Yorkshire, to name just a few places. It has become an annual tradition for John to organise a peal on the nearest Saturday to his birthday with the first taking place in 2001. These peals also helped John keep in touch and to meet up with his many ringing friends that he has made over the years, and they soon became annual reunion peals as well as birthday peals.

After the two peals at Washingborough and St Giles the ringers were invited to gather back at Bunkers Hill for the main business of the day, to celebrate John's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! John and his wife Joan put on a lovely spread and entertained the band to tea, where there was much reminiscing and catching up during the evening.

### **Lincoln Diocesan Guild**

**St Giles, LINCOLN**, Lincolnshire,

Saturday 24 October 2009 in 3 hrs 7 (18-0-2)

#### **5056 Ketteringham D Major**

Composed by: Ian Butters no 430

1. Roger Bailey
2. Ian G Campbell
3. Jennifer A Town
4. David A Town
5. Nicholas D Soanes
6. Richard A G Inglis
7. Ian Butters (C)
8. Andrew B Mills

Specially arranged as an 80th birthday compliment to John R Ketteringham.

### **Lincoln Diocesan Guild**

**St John, WASHINGBOROUGH**, Lincolnshire,

Saturday 24 October 2009 in 3 hrs 1 (12-1-11)

#### **5088 Ketteringham D Major**

Composed by: D F Morrison (No 4134)

1. George A Dawson
2. David C Brown (C)
3. William Butler
4. Michael Hatchett
5. Timothy G Pett
6. Robert H Jordan
7. Peter Bridle
8. Andrew W R Wilby

With best wishes to John Ketteringham on his forthcoming 80th birthday.



*The two peal bands L-R: Richard Inglis, Ian Campbell, George Dawson, Andrew Mills, Roger Bailey, Jennifer Town, Andrew Wilby, Peter Bridle, Nick Soanes, Tim Pett, Bill Butler, John Ketteringham, Ian Butters, David Brown, Michael Hatchett, David Town. (Missing Robert Jordan).*

This was not the end of John's birthday celebrations as on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009, John's actual birthday, two simultaneous quarter peals were rung at St Andrew's Potterhanworth and St Germain's Scothern. These two quarter peals included the many local ringers who ring regularly with John and of course included the birthday boy himself! The ringers who took part in these two quarters were made up of those who take part in John's Monday morning quarter peals and who have supported and helped him continue his ringing.

Again after the two quarter peals both bands gathered back at Bunkers Hill to be entertained to lunch, which had been prepared by John's wife Joan and Amie Burkitt. Again a lovely time was had by all and everyone wished John a very happy birthday!

### **Lincoln Diocesan Guild**

**St Andrew, POTTERHANWORTH**, Lincolnshire,

Wednesday 28 October 2009 in 34 mins (6-3-24)

**1260 Cambridge Surprise & Plain Bob Minor**

(being: 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor & 540 Plain Bob Minor)

1. David M Burkitt
2. Fiona M Dawson
3. John R Ketteringham
4. Sylvia M Taylor
5. G John Collett
6. Christopher C P Woodcock (C)

Rung with the bands best wishes to John R Ketteringham on his 80th birthday.

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild**  
**St Germain, SCOTHERN**, Lincolnshire,  
Wednesday 28 October 2009 in 40 mins (11-0-0)  
**1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

1. Kate Morgan
2. Michael E Stracey (C)
3. Rt Revd Barry F Peachey
4. John Nicholson
5. Heather L E Peachey
6. Robert H Jordan

Best wishes to John R Ketteringham on his 80th birthday.



*The two quarter peal bands L-R: Heather Peachey, Barry Peachey, Sylvia Taylor, Chris Woodcock, Fiona Dawson, Mick Stracey, John Ketteringham, John Collett, John Nicholson, Dave Burkitt, Kate Morgan. (Missing Robert Jordan).*

And so ended John's birthday "ringing" celebrations (for this year at least!) to mark this great milestone. No doubt we will do it all again next year!

Many happy returns John and here's to many more years of ringing!  
Happy Birthday!

CCPW