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## Gerald Penney 1940-2011



Gerald began to learn to ring at St Albans Cathedral in 1954, when his school friend, John Ewer, explained the delights of ringers' teas. He was taught by Geoff Dodds, who, at that time, had taken on the daunting task of teaching twenty or so youngsters. These youngsters formed a 'Society Junior Band'. They had their own rules and organised their own outings. Several of them became the backbone of St. Albans District ringing for many years. Gerald was elected a member of the Hertford County Association in 1954.



In April 1956 Gerald rang his first peal. Plain Bob Major at Aldenham conducted by Tom Southam. Gerald was but one of four first pealers (at first attempt) in that band. This says rather a lot about the encouragement that was given to up-and-coming ringers at that time and to the care taken to nurture their skills. Gerald came to repay that care over many years as Abbey Ringing Master a role he took on in 1967 and continued in for 44 years.

Even before 1967 Gerald's abilities were evident and, having become a regular supporter of St Albans District activities, he was elected District Ringing Master in 1960 a post he held until 1969. The Association more widely was becoming alive to Gerald's skills and he was elected County Peal Secretary in 1968, serving until 1971. In addition, Gerald served as a Central Council Representative from 1974 to 1981. In 1990 the Association was pleased to invite Gerald to become President, a role he fulfilled with modesty but with his, as I had come to

appreciate, thoughtful and careful insight and helpful, practical support. Gerald became an elected Life Member of the Association.



He met Janet after a ringing session at St Peters in 1968 and persuaded her to ring at St Albans Cathedral. They were married on October 10<sup>th</sup> 1970 and rang a total of 163 peals together.

Many of Gerald's peals were rung on Tom Lock's annual peal tours which Gerald first went on when he was 21 years old. He took over organising the tours from Tom in the late 1970's.



Early on, Gerald took to the delights of hand bell ringing and was greatly encouraged by Geoff and Joyce Dodds ringing many of his early hand bell peals at their house in Queen Street, St. Albans. In 1968 he rang in the then longest peal of Major on Hand bells, 17,824 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Leverstock Green.

John Mayne was another great influence on Gerald's hand bell ringing and in 1969 the band rang 32 Spliced Surprise Major, the greatest number of Surprise methods to be rung on hand bells at the time; the second only peal on 14 hand bells, and the first peal ever on 16 hand bells

Gerald rang a total of 1125 peals, 869 on tower bells, 256 on hand bells and he conducted 450. His last peal was of Kent Treble Bob Major in hand with Roger and Kath Baldwin and Christine Darby, and his last tower bell peal was on the treble to Stedman Cinques at The Abbey to welcome the new Bishop.

Amongst his tower bells achievements were to take part in 4 peals of Cambridge in a day in St. Albans, and 5 peals at Loughborough in a day.



A welcome pint after four peals of Cambridge in a day (1973).

To no surprise, Gerald's leading peal tower was St Albans Cathedral, ringing the 11<sup>th</sup> 50 times, and he was the first person to circle the tower.

As well as being a member of the Hertford County Association, he joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1962, along with many other ringing societies too numerous to mention.

Without a shadow of doubt though, Gerald's greatest achievement in ringing by far was to spearhead the provision and installation of the superb new ring of bells now in place at St Albans Cathedral. This was a project that was brought to fruition by hard work, single mindedness, devotion and love over many decades. It remains a savage cruelty that his illness robbed him of the opportunity to actually ring on the bells for which he had worked so hard. A recording of the first ring on the bells was played to him the night before he died.

May he rest in peace in the garden of the Cathedral and may he not ever be troubled by poor striking.

*- Janet Penney, Stephen Penney & Charles Pocock.*

There are some great stories and some photos of Gerald in the St Albans District Scrap Book. This book is a collection of mainly local newspaper cuttings dating from 1937 up to the late 1980's. It is kept at St Peter's and was presented to the HCACR in memory of Walter Eyre in 1978.

In 1969 during a peal, the 11<sup>th</sup> bell at the Abbey sheared through one of its gudgeon pins and fell into the pit smashing the wheel and most of its fittings. The picture below was scanned from the rather faded newspaper cutting so is a bit 'grainy'. Gerald is pictured together with Mr Hughes of the Whitechapel Foundry and the Churchwardens of the time.



There were peals and quarters from as wide a field as Derbyshire, Cardiff, Portsmouth and even Pennsylvania rung in memory of Gerald – see Pages 7-10

### **Errors, Omissions and Apologies from Issue 2**

1. BIG apology to Joyce Dodds. The obituary to Geoff was not written by Stephen Penney but by the Dodds family.
2. Also last issue I mentioned that Geoff had written two books but Joyce wrote the second book (Hertfordshire Bellfounders) – my apologies for not researching properly.
3. Several peals and a number of quarter peals rung in memory of Geoff Dodds never quite made the last issue for various reasons and these are now included on Pages 11 and 12.
4. Geoff was in the final quarter peal at the Abbey on the old bells. It was Grandsire Cinques on 27th March 2010. It was never intended to be the final published ringing on the old bells but various attempts at the last peal and quarter by Abbey bands were lost. It was arranged by Jennifer Johnson and Geoff was the only Abbey ringer free that day.

### **HERTS YOUTH BAND (Five from St Albans District)**



Claire Nicholson circulated this in March and you may remember that a team from Hertfordshire entered the Ringing World National Youth Contest, and competing against 12 teams, the HCACR team carried off the trophy for the best ringing of the day.

Attached is a photo of the team looking justifiably pleased and proud.

The team were (l-r) Laurance Bourton (3rd), Miriam Franklin (2nd), William Lay (Tenor), William Grimwade (4th), Katherine Butler (Treble), Dominic Holroyd (6th), Nicholas Butler (5th), Edward Mack (7th and conductor).

Ed Mack writes:

I'd like to thank everyone for helping me raise the Hertfordshire Team for the National Youth Contest held last Saturday. The support from Hertfordshire was fantastic, helping me form the team, pay the entry fee, run the practices and count the changes. Our team had a very enjoyable day, and in the end we actually won the competition - a victory we were all very pleased with!

## THE WOOLFORD CUP (Sandridge 21 May)

Four teams entered the Woolford cup competition this year with teams from The Abbey, St Peter's (two teams), and a fourth 'scratch' band made up from ringers from an assortment of towers including Hatfield and Sandridge. The "Sandridge/Hatfield" band rang first and was the only team to ring Minor. Perhaps this was their mistake because they came last. The other three teams rang Doubles and the judges (Sue Morton and Andrew Coe) could not find much between them.

The final scores and Judges' comments are given below.

*Team One:* The practice was a bit slow, sounded nervous – always horrible ringing first! They speeded up for the test piece and there was a very good bit of ringing in the middle. Often the faults were caused by the blow in 5ths place being late. It improved towards the end – they seem to have "found the rhythm"

*Team Two:* The practice was more confident – but there was a mistake! At least they got it out of the way in the practice. They rang more opening rounds and this seemed to settle it better. There were some very good bits in the test piece, but the speed was a little variable. Some of the ringing was very pleasing to listen to.

*Team Three:* Another confident practice. Good speed. Again they rang more opening rounds and despite a couple of faults being picked up here, it was worth it as the test piece was more settled. A little quicker than the previous teams. In the first half, the bell in 2nds place often clipped the bell leading, but this was much improved in the second half. Again, some very pleasing ringing to listen to.

*Team Four:* Not sure what happened in the practice – 6 bells, then 5, then stopped, then started again! Practice was very brisk, we felt a little too brisk. The must have felt this too, as the test piece started at a much better pace – almost sounded like a different band! The second half of this was excellent, much better than the first, where the majority of the faults were. A real treat to listen to the second half.

### Results

4 <sup>th</sup> place	Team number 1 with 75 faults (Hatfield/Sandridge)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Team number 2 with 58 faults (St Peter's "Ben")
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Team number 3 with 51 faults (Abbey)
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Team number 4 with 48 faults (St Peter's "Judith")



Judith collecting the Cup



Vivian Nutton with the 'Half Cup'

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Alex and Liz Sage, both members of the band at St Michael's, St Albans, on becoming parents recently. Baby Eleanor Rosalynd kept everyone waiting, until finally making her appearance on 8<sup>th</sup> March, weighing in at 8lbs, 4oz. She is doing well, growing rapidly and has a lovely smile.

To celebrate Eleanor's arrival, the St Michael's band organised a quarter peal. This gave us a rare and enjoyable opportunity to ring all eight bells, as our reduced numbers do not often allow us to do any eight-bell ringing at the moment, so we were grateful for support from local ringers, Deborah Butler and Bob Picton, as well as former members, John and Cathy Hughes D'Aeth, who moved away from the area last year.

It will be some time before Eleanor finds herself on the end of a rope but we look forward to being able to welcome Liz back to the ringing chamber soon.

St Michaels, St Albans  
Sunday, 20 March 2011 in 47 mins



## 1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 John N Hughes D'Aeth (C)
- 2 Catherine E Hughes D'Aeth
- 3 Alison Evans
- 4 Deborah M E Butler
- 5 Bob Picton
- 6 Neil Evans
- 7 Alexander F Sage
- 8 Howard J Wastling

First inside in method for the 3; first inside at triples (6).

## THE QUIZ NIGHT

One of the best supported events of the St Albans District calendar and this year was no exception. Held in the Church Hall at Hatfield, seven teams entered with varying degrees of success and our thanks go to Stephen Penney (Question Setter) and Richard Sales & Ann Evans (Markers) for their efforts on the night.

St Peter's St Albans won but an enjoyable evening with fish & chips was had by all. A small profit was made for the District Fund.

## ARTICLES FOR FUTURE ISSUES

**If you have any news or details of any peals or quarters you want published – then please send them to my wife on [mary.goss4@virginmedia.com](mailto:mary.goss4@virginmedia.com) and hopefully she won't delete them before I see them!!**

**PEALS RUNG FOR GERALD PENNEY**

**Hertford County Association**

**Watford**, Hertfordshire

15 Harford Drive

Sunday, 10 April 2011 in 2h11 (14)

**5056 Plain Bob Major**

Composed: R Baldwin

1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin

3-4 Christopher D O'Mahony

5-6 Roger Baldwin(C)

7-8 Guy W Morton

In memory of Gerald Penney and Rod Pipe.

**Freehold Society**

**Belper**, Derbyshire

St Peter

Monday, 4 April 2011 in 2h 54m (14-0-26)

**5088 New Cambridge S Major**

Composed: D F Morrison (#565)

1 Frank Beech

2 Patricia A M Halls

3 Rosemary A Maddocks

4 Raymond H Daw

5 Colin Aked

6 Francis W Fisher

7 Philip J H Hudson

8 Andrew F Alldrick(C)

First in method - 3, 5, 7 & 8

100th Surprise major method and completes alphabet as conductor - 8

Rung in memoriam Roderick W Pipe and Gerald Penney

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths**

**Pittsburgh**, Pennsylvania

Southminster Presbyterian Church

Friday, 8 April 2011 in 2:21 (13)

**5088 Kent Treble Bob Major**

Composed: John Reeves

1-2 Mark R Rizzo

3-4 Cally D Perry

5-6 Elaine M Hansen

7-8 Donald F Morrison (C)

In memory of Gerald Penney, Rod Pipe and Harry Winter.

**Saint James' Guild**

**Portsmouth**, Hants

Cathedral of St Thomas of Canterbury

Saturday, 9 April 2011 in 3h 18 (25)

**5088 Bristol S Maximus**

Composed: Alan G Reading (5088 No 4)

1 David Dearnley

2 David C Brown (C)

3 Ruth Curtis

4 Nicola J Turner

5 Colin M Turner

6 Paul N Mounsey

7 Bernard F L Groves

8 Paul F Curtis

9 Simon A Rudd

10 Christopher J Pickford

11 Alex F Byrne

12 Mark Regan

Remembering Rod Pipe, Gerald Penney,

Harry Winter, David Lane and Alan

Jacques.

**Non Association**

**Oxford**, Oxfordshire

St Mary Magdalen

Sunday, 10 April 2011 in 2 hrs 44 (7-1-12)

**5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal**

Composed: J Clatworthy

1 Angela M Athawes

2 Adam S Greenley

3 Mark R Eccleston

4 Shirley E McGill

5 Arthur J Reeves

6 Michael R Crockett

7 Benjamin J Carey

8 Benjamin D Constant

9 Alan Regin

10 Ian R Fielding (C)

In memory of Gerald Penney.

**Middlesex County Association &  
London Diocesan Guild**  
**Isleworth, Middlesex**  
All Saints  
Thursday, 14 April 2011 in 2h52 (16)

**5085 Stedman Caters**

Composed: J Pladdys

- 1 Anne L Rueff
- 2 Susan L Apter
- 3 Catherine E Hughes-D'Aeth
- 4 John Pladdys (C)
- 5 Vivian Nutton
- 6 Christopher H Rogers
- 7 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth
- 8 David J Dearnley
- 9 Alan D Flood
- 10 Ian G Campbell

Rung to the memory of Geoffrey Dodds,  
who learned to ring on these bells, and of  
Gerald Penney, who rang some of his  
early peals here

**Saint James' Guild**

**Putney, London, SW15**

St Mary the Virgin

Saturday, 16 April 2011 in 2h 50 (12-3-8)

**5024 Spliced Surprise Major (7  
Methods)**

992 Spitalfields; 800 Charleston; 768  
Heptonstall; 640 Adelaide; 608 each  
Glasgow, Kenninghall and London. 138  
changes of method, all the work.

Composed: G A C John

- 1 David G Maynard
- 2 Richard M Hobbs
- 3 Gwen Rogers
- 4 Graham M Bradshaw
- 5 Andrew J Graham (c)
- 6 Stephen A Coaker
- 7 David C Brown
- 8 Philip Rogers

Remembering E Alan Jacques, Gerald  
Penney, Rod Pipe, Jim Reeve and Harry  
Winter.

**Non Association**

**Holloway, London, N7**  
St Mary Magdalene  
Sunday, 17 April 2011 in 3h 14 (17-2-15)  
**5024 Spliced Surprise Major (7  
Methods)**

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Heptonstall; 640 Adelaide; 608 each  
Glasgow, Kenninghall and London. 138  
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Composed: G A C John

- 1 Stephen A Coaker
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- 3 Richard M Hobbs
- 4 Katherine L Town
- 5 Andrew J Graham (c)
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- 7 Graham M Bradshaw
- 8 Ian R Fielding

Remembering E Alan Jacques, Gerald  
Penney, Rod Pipe, Jim Reeve and Harry  
Winter.

**Ancient Society of College Youths**

**Llandaff, Cardiff**

Cathedral Church of Ss Peter & Paul,  
Dyfrig, Teilo & Euddogwy  
Monday, 2 May 2011 in 3h 17m (24-1-  
15)

**5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus**

Composed: J Clatworthy

- 1 Katherine L Town
- 2 Eleanor J Linford
- 3 Ian P Hill
- 4 Graham M Bradshaw
- 5 Andrew J Graham (c)
- 6 David I Bassford
- 7 Gwen Rogers
- 8 R Mark Esbester
- 9 Roy LeMarechal
- 10 Stephen W Penney
- 11 Philip Rogers
- 12 Andrew W R Wilby

Remembering Gerald Penney.

## QUARTER PEALS for Gerald Penney

### Dunstable, Bedfordshire

Priory Church of St. Peter

Saturday, 2 April 2011 in 47 minutes (23-2-15)

### 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed: Glenn A A Taylor

1 Chris Williams

2 Courtney J Spoerer

3 Roger I Kendrick

4 L Roy Woodruff

5 Ann Evans

6 Robert Tregillus

7 Alan M Shepherd (C)

8 Richard A Horne

First of Yorkshire 2

The Band would like to Dedicate this Quarter to the Memory of Gerald Penney.

### Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association

#### Llandaff, Cardiff

Cathedral Church of Ss Peter & Paul, Dyfrig,

Teilo & Euddogwy

Sunday, 3 April 2011 in 47 (10)

### 1280 Pudsey S Major

Composed: Anon (Q500 pg18)

1 Marie Carson

2 Patricia A Moore

3 Rebecca M Shipley

4 Peter E R Brennan

5 David F Moore

6 Halisi Drysdale

7 John A Vesey (C)

8 David J Llewellyn

For Compline. In thanksgiving for the lives of Roderick Pipe and Gerald Penney.

### St Albans, Hertfordshire St Peter

Sunday, 3 April 2011 in 52 minutes (24 cwt)

### 1282 Yorkshire S Royal

1 Thomas B Mack

2 Deborah M E Butler

3 Katherine P M Butler

4 Cynthia Warrilow

5 Ann Evans

6 James M Hills

7 Richard W Butler

8 Graham A Duke

9 Edward R Mack

10 Barry D Mack (C)

3: First of Yorkshire S Royal

Rung in memory of Gerald Penney

### Hertford County Association

#### Watford, Herts

St Mary

Monday, 4 April 2011 in 50mins (24)

### 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (5 methods)

Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative.

1 David Redfearn

2 Roderic K Bickerton

3 Richard A Hunt

4 Charlotte Gamble

5 Howard J Wastling

6 Andrew D Coe

7 John R Peverett

8 Guy W Morton (c)

First spliced as conductor.

In memory of Gerald Penney, a past president of the Hertford County Association.

### Great Offley, Hertfordshire

St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, 5 April 2011 in 0:47 (14-3-20)

### 1296 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)

Cambridge and London

1 Richard Sales

2 Sarah M Green

3 Ann Evans

4 Claire C Nicholson

5 Tom Britten

6 Bjørn E Bradstock (C)

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Gerald Penney

### Hertford County Association

#### Apsley End, Herts

St Mary

Sunday, 10 April 2011 in 45m (14-3-6)

### 1272 Ipswich Surprise Minor

1 Michael J Main

2 Sue V E Bassett

3 Deirdre R Watson

4 Penny Watson

5 Geoffrey R Fielding

6 Brian C Watson (C)

For Evensong. Also in memory of Gerald Penney, a Past President and Life Member of the Hertford County Association and former Ringing Master at St Albans Cathedral for over 40 years

**Hertford County Association**

**Tring**, Herts

Ss Peter & Paul

Monday, 11 April 2011 in 45mins

**1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

- 1 Charlotte Gamble
- 2 Alan J Luxford
- 3 Richard A Hunt
- 4 Roderic K Bickerton
- 5 Andrew D Coe
- 6 Marc A McDonald
- 7 Richard J Chandler
- 8 Guy W Morton (c)

In memory of Gerald Penney. To mark the 25th Anniversary of the Watford District "2nd Monday" group

**Kent County Association**

**Dover**, Kent

Monday, 11 April 2011 in 50 min

**1344 Stedman Triples**

- 1 Jacqueline M Barlow
- 2 Judy Young
- 3 Peter T Dale
- 4 Emma Wengraf
- 5 Robert B Powell-Williams
- 6 Mike Godfrey
- 7 Andrew J Corby (C)
- 8 Brian Lawrence

In memoriam Gerald Penney of St Albans Abbey.

**Westoning**, Beds

Wednesday, 13 April 2011

**1296 Cambridge S Minor**

- 1 Mary Rixon
- 2 Barry Cowper
- 3 Colin Walter
- 4 Stephen Wooler
- 5 Howard Collings
- 6 Alan Shepherd (C)

By the Chiltern Midweek Group rung to celebrate the life of Gerald Penney.

**Benington**, Hertfordshire

St Peter

Friday, 15 April 2011 in 0:48 (12-0-0)

**1280 Indium Surprise Major**

- 1 John M Kemp
- 2 Trevor W Groom
- 3 John J Ford
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 Claire C Nicholson
- 6 Bjørn E Bradstock
- 7 Graham A Duke (C)
- 8 David Kemp

Rung in celebration of the life of Gerald Penney.

**Hertford County Association**

**Sandon**, Herts

All Saints

Sunday, 17 April 2011 in 50mins (8cwt)

**1440 Surprise Minor**

720 Each Bourne and Cambridge

- 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 J Ann Smith
- 3 Christine A Williams
- 4 Margaret Horritt
- 5 Geoffrey T Horritt
- 6 David Kemp (C)

Rung in memory of Gerald Penney

**Hertford County Association**

**St Albans**, Hertfordshire

St Stephens, Watling Street, St Albans

Sunday, 1 May 2011 in 45mins

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

- 1 Dorothea M Mayne
- 2 Stephanie M A Willcocks (Cond)
- 3 Hilary PHeine
- 4 John H W Beardwell
- 5 Robert J Picton
- 6 Alan Morrison

Rung in memory of Gerald Penney

**Stotfold**, Bedfordshire

St Mary the Virgin

Tuesday, 10 May 2011 in 0:49 (11-0-2)

**1344 St Albans Surprise Major**

- 1 Tom Britten
- 2 Ann Evans
- 3 Alan M Shepherd
- 4 Claire C Nicholson (C)
- 5 James M Hills
- 6 Richard A Horne
- 7 Bjørn E Bradstock
- 8 Richard Sales

Rung in celebration of the life of Gerald Penney, ringing master at St Albans Cathedral for over 40 years, on the day of his memorial service and interment at St Albans Cathedral

**PEALS and Quarters rung for Geoff Dodds  
(should have been in Issue 2!)**

**Amersham Guild****Hughenden**, Buckinghamshire

St Michael and All Angels

Thursday, 3 February 2011 in 2h48 (15)

**5056 Candlemas Surprise Major**

Composed: R Baldwin

1 Edgar T Skipsey

2 Shirley E McGill

3 Beryl R Norris

4 Roger Baldwin(C)

5 James W Belshaw

6 John C Sheppard

7 J Alan Ainsworth

8 Ian G Campbell

In Memory of Geoffrey Dodds.

First peal in the method:

Candlemas:

b-38-1458-56-16-34-58.16-3456.78

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths****Fulham**, London SW6

All Saints

Saturday, 5 February 2011 in 3h 12 (18-2-14)

**5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal**

Composed: J Clatworthy

1 Shirley E McGill

2 Alison McCormack

3 Angela M Athawes

4 Richard M Hobbs

5 Michael R Crockett

6 Edward R Mack

7 Benjamin D Constant

8 Adam S Greenley

9 Jason R Turnock

10 Ian R Fielding (C)

In memory of Geoff Dodds.

On SRCY "Not the dinner" day

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths****Bermondsey**, London SE16

St James

Saturday, 5 February 2011 in 2hr 59min (14-1-15)

**5056 Bristol Surprise Major**

Composed: Anthony J Cox

1 Ronald F Diserens

2 Rosemary J Duke

3 John P Loveless (C)

4 Malcolm M Powell

5 Russell A Brown

6 Michael R Crockett

7 Nicholas D Brown

8 Graham A Duke

Rung in memory of Geoffrey Dodds of St Albans, a member of the Society since 1946, who died recently.

**Bedfordshire Association****Campton**, Bedfordshire

All Saints

Sunday, 13 February 2011 in 2 hr 42 min (6-2-10)

**5056 Belfast Surprise Major**

Composed: Graham A C John

1 Christine A Williams

2 Martin J Whiteley

3 Margaret Whiteley

4 Nicholas D Brown

5 Linda M Garton

6 Russell A Brown

7 John P Loveless (C)

8 Simon A Rudd

First in the method, 4

100th peal for the Association, 3

First in the method for the Association

Rung in memory of Geoffrey Dodds of St Albans

**Saint James' Guild****Bushey**, Hertfordshire

St James the Apostle

Tuesday, 22 February 2011 in 2h36 (12)

**5088 Frog Island Surprise Major**

Generated: BYROC

1 S Kathleen M Baldwin

2 David J Dearnley

3 Roger Baldwin(C)

4 Colin M Turner

5 Claire F Roulstone

6 Richard M Hobbs

7 Peter G C Ellis

8 Paul N Mounsey

In memory of Geoff Dodds.

**Hertford County Association****Aldbury**, Herts

St John the Baptist

Saturday, 26 February 2011 in 2h28 (7)

**5040 Minor**

Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Norwich Surprise and two extents of Cambridge Surprise

1 Christopher W Hoare

2 Nicky J Smith

3 Liz Middleton

4 David Burbidge

5 Brian C Watson

6 Stephen J Crawley (C)

In celebration of the lives of Brian Barker and Geoffrey Dodds

## QUARTER PEALS – in memory of Geoff Dodds that also should have been included in Issue 2

### Cambridge, Cambs

Our Lady and the English Martyrs  
Wednesday, 2 February 2011 in 54mins (32)

#### 1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Pam A Down
- 2 Frank H King
- 3 Michael G Purday
- 4 Ian Grant
- 5 Helen C Atkins
- 6 Paul S Seaman (C)
- 7 Timothy K Dickens
- 8 Richard A Smith

For Candlemass.

Rung in memory of Bill Ridgman and Geoff Dodds, former Masters of the Cambridge University Guild.

### Leeds, Headingley, W Yorks

11, St. Chad's Drive  
Thursday, 3 February 2011 in 40mins (13)

#### 1264 Plain Bob Major

Composed: M F Schulte  
1-2 Katharine M Thorley  
3-4 Paul Brook  
5-6 Adam R Crocker (C)  
7-8 Thomas B Mack

Rung in memory of Geoffrey Dodds, who taught the conductor to ring handbells. Also in memory of Stephen E G Young.

First of Major in hand: 7-8.

### Hertford County Association

Bushey (St James), Hertfordshire  
Thursday, 3 February 2011 (12cwt)

#### 1260 Stedman Triples

- 1 Richard A Hunt
- 2 Brenda Redfearn
- 3 Roger Baldwin
- 4 Richard J Chandler
- 5 David Redfearn
- 6 Howard Wastling
- 7 Marc A McDonald (C)
- 8 S Kathleen M Baldwin

In Memory of Geoffrey Dodds.

### St Albans, Herts

St Stephen  
Friday, 1 April 2011 in 42 minutes (8-2-4)

#### 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Dorothea M Mayne
- 2 Stephanie M A Willcocks (C)
- 3 Jennifer V Johnson
- 4 John H W Beardwell
- 5 Hilary P Heine
- 6 Robert J Picton

In memory of Geoff Dodds

### Lundy Island

St Helena  
Friday, 11 March 2011 in 48 mins (13-1-18)

#### 1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

- 1 Samantha Gorman
- 2 Liz Griffith-Jones
- 3 Ann Evans
- 4 Anne Deebank
- 5 Alan M Shepherd
- 6 Richard Sales (C)

600th quarter peal, 1.

Elizabeth Bowen wishes to be associated with this quarter peal.

Rung to celebrate the life of Geoff Dodds on the day of his memorial service at the Abbey, St Albans. Geoff was a gentleman and a patriarch of ringing in and around St Albans. He is sadly missed.

### St Albans, Herts

St Peter

Thursday, 24 March 2011 in 0:57 (24 cwt)

#### 1440 Spliced Surprise Royal (3m)

720 Lockington, 360 each Bristol, London #3; 35 com, atw.  
Composed: Graham A Duke

- 1 Ann Evans
- 2 Rosemary J Duke
- 3 Christine M Carter
- 4 Claire C Nicholson
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 Bjorn E Bradstock
- 7 Graham A Duke (c)
- 8 Brian C Watson
- 9 Richard Sales
- 10 Stephen W Penney

Rung by the 4th Thursday band in fond memory of Geoffrey Dodds who rang the treble to many of these quarters.

### Watford, Hertfordshire

St Mary le More

Monday, 7 February 2011

#### 1280 Spliced S Major(RCYNS)

- 1 Roderic K Bickerton
- 2 Roger Baldwin(C)
- 3 David Redfearn
- 4 Richard A Hunt
- 5 Guy W Morton
- 6 Marc A McDonald
- 7 Andrew D Coe
- 8 Richard J Chandler

In memory of Geoff Dodds

***My thanks to all those who contributed and helped with this Newsletter and an extra note of thanks to the compilers of 'Campanophile' who have added the 'Footnote' search facility – this has made my job much easier!***

**Rob Goss**  
**27 May 2011**