

5120 Spliced S Major (6 methods)
R R Horton

23456	M	5ths	W	H	
54632	-	-	-	-	LCR
63542	-	-	-	-	YSSSR
56342	-	-	-	-	LRY
35642		SS	-	-	CRYLRR
64352	-	-	-	-	RYL
36452	-	-	-	-	RLY
43652		a	-	-	LRBLSRLRL
26354	-	-	-	-	YSSSL
32654		a	-	-	CCYRBLCLC
53624	-	-	-	-	BBBBBBB
42635	-	-	-	-	RGR
34625		3	-	-	CBLYRRR
36245	-	-	2	-	RYSYSB
24365	-	-	-	-	RSL
32465	-	-	-	-	RCCSS
43265	-	-	-	-	SSCCR
35264	-	-	2	-	LARB
25463	-	-	-	-	SYSTR
34562		a	-	-	RRRYLBC
65243	-	-	-	-	RGR
32546	-	-	-	-	LBBSBBB
53246		3	-	-	CLCLBRYCC
24536	-	-	-	-	LSSYY
52436		3	-	-	LRLLRSLBRL
45236	-	-	-	-	YLR
62534	-	-	-	-	LTR
56234		b	-	-	RRLYRC
25634	-	-	-	-	YRL
65432	-	-	-	-	RSSSY
23456	-	-	-	-	RCL

a = In, Out, 4ths;

b = S3rds, S4ths.

1280 Rutland

1088 London

704 each Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative

640 Cambridge.

121 changes of method and all the work.



Yet another roll over and hopefully up!

Medway Surprise with roll-ups

Douglas Smart, a 21-year-old trainee engineer with the Central Electricity Generating Board, completed 10 sponsored canoe-rolls in the River Medway under arctic conditions on 11th January.

Douglas, a Venture Scout leader and bell-ringer at Holy Cross, Bearsted, was among the 1500 young people from the UK selected to join Operation Raleigh from July to September 1987 on an expedition to Malaysia. His employers are providing sponsorship for the trip, but Douglas still needed to raise £1500 to offer a similar opportunity to a disadvantaged or handicapped person. In addition to money raised from ringing for weddings, he has undertaken other sponsored activities, including the canoe-rolls which themselves raised more than £300.

The air temperature on the River Medway near Allington Lock, Maidstone, was -3°C, the river temperature was a +1°C and there had been a moderate overnight snowfall - all a far cry from the steaming jungles of Malaysia.

Douglas wishes to thank all the local Maidstone ringers who sponsored him and came to watch his ordeal, even managing to collect £25 from patrons in a riverside pub!

The quarter peal rung at Bearsted the same evening was a compliment to him as he gradually defrosted. (P.S. - The following week was also memorable, since he was snowbound at Kingsnorth Power Station for most of it!)

Bearsted, Kent. 11 Jan, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: H Ann Smart 1, T R Laws 2, Frances C Caley (C) 3, I D Parker 4, J H Wale 5, C K Ford 6. £2

Wheathampstead and the South Pole

The 18th January was the 75th anniversary of the British expedition reaching the South Pole. Aspley Cherry-Garrard, a member of the expedition and author of the book about it, *The Worst Journey in the World*, had his family home, "Lamer House", together with the estate, in the parish of Wheathampstead. Some years ago a bronze of him in clothing for the polar journey, was unveiled in the north transept, which is known as the "Lamer Chapel".

Wheathampstead, Herts. 18 Jan, 1280 Bristol Surprise Major: D C Ely 1, F W Ellis 2, A Alldrick 3, R Hunt 4, J R Peveritt 5, S Kathleen M Baldwin 6, G W Morton 7, R Baldwin (C) 8. On and for the Tower Captain's birthday and 75th anniversary of Scott reaching the South Pole. £1.60

They tried to tell him he's so young

My concern is with the footnotes to the peal of Plain Bob Caters at Broughton-in-Furness on 22nd December, 1986 (Issue No. 3953, page 109).

Despite his protestations of extreme youth, I still find it difficult to believe that my husband is under age. Either he is wearing **extremely** badly, or the birthday compliments should be directed to the ringer of the 4th.

If anyone **does** have any evidence to support the case for my husband still being a minor, I'd be **most** curious to receive it

ANN S. THOMPSON

Kendal

P.S. - As the peal at Kendal on 27th December was Simon's first of Yorkshire Royal, he isn't having much luck with footnotes at the moment!

"Mr. Ireland" back home

We note from the latest issue of *Irish Bell News* that Mr. Fred Dukes, "Mr. Ireland", recently underwent a fairly serious operation. We are pleased to see that he is back at home and making a slow but steady recovery.

Full circle at Aldingbourne

The three bells at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Aldingbourne, Sussex, which were made by Thomas Wakefield and date from the beginning of the 17th century, have recently been restored and can now be rung full circle. (From a report in *The Midhurst & Petworth Observer*.)

Not St. Magnus but an extra bonus

The London C.A. A.G.M. was advertised last week and one of the towers listed for general ringing was St. Magnus-the-Martyr. Those bells were of course scrapped many years ago, and the tower which is open for ringing on Saturday, 14 February, is **St. George-the-Martyr**.

Disappointed tower-grabbers, however, might like to note that arrangements have been made for general ringing that evening at St. Martin-in-the-Fields from 6.30-7.30 p.m. (another chance to ring there before the bells are removed from the tower).

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With reference to the item "Bob Major - first past the post?", on the back page of last week's *Ringing World*, I have always wanted to "call" a racehorse "TREBLE'S GOING".

Suitable, perhaps, for a light filly!

ANGELA HARRIS,
non-gambler!

Late Notices

ELY DA. Wisbech District. Meeting at Denver (6) Feb 28. Bells 3.00. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. All welcome. 356

BATH & WELLS DA. Crewkerne Branch. Practice on Feb 14 will be at Chaffcombe, 7-9 pm, **NOT** at Chard. 358

Snow? It's no fun

The band that rang the peal of Bob Major at Groton on 2 January 1987 would like to associate Laura Dickerson with the peal. After driving 50 miles through the worst snow-storm we've had in several years, Laura graciously stood out when one of the original band failed to arrive, so that we could ring a peal of Major. She then waited another three hours through the peal, as the snow continued to pile up, so she could drive three members of the band back to Boston.

Vintage methods

I am sorry to have to disappoint Mr. Garner and his band at Littlebourne (R.W., February 6, p. 125), but TDMM No. 2122 is of a rather greater vintage than he had realised. It was first rung by a band at Cromhall, Glos, on 14 August, 1982 (R.W., 10 September, 1982, p. 764), and has subsequently been included in at least one peal; its correct name is Eratosthenes Surprise.

There is also something amiss with the method that was christened Eleanor Delight when rung at Southville, Bristol, on November 8 (R.W., January 23, p. 88). As given, the notation is that of Corse Delight, No. 1233 in the TDMM Collection.

I maintain an up-to-date list of Minor methods on behalf of the Central Council's Records Committee, and can always provide a listing of those that have been named since the various Council collections were printed, on receipt of two second-class stamps. Alternatively a 'phone call to me, on Cheltenham (STD 0242) 32454, may help to avoid the inadvertent re-naming of a method.

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