

5152 Spliced S Major (5 methods)
G M Bradshaw

	M	H	W	H	
234567					
523764				(In -	NYCY, YS(, YCR,
352764				-	CSNCR,
235764				-	YYNCR,
372654					YS, YS
275634					R, RC
573624					R, CR
524367		4ths)			R, CN, JG
52364					NY, YN,
35264					NSR,
26354					CNNO, NSN,
32654					NRR,
63254					RSNYS,
56234					CNCS, YSC
23564					SR, R,

3-part, omitting all bracketed leads and calls in part 2. Omit the block of three Middles and associated leads in part 1. Replace the first three leads of part 1 by one lead of Rutland.
Contains 1088 each Lincolnshire(N), Rutland(R), 1056 Cambridge(C), 960 each of Superlative(S), Yorkshire(Y).
111 crus, 18 each 8765s, 7568s, 7648s.
6 2468s, including Queens, and Tittums.

This composition by Graham Bradshaw is similar in many respects to his previously published peal in these five methods (RW 1988, pg 1056). This time, however, the split tenors sections concentrate more on 8765's, 7568's and 7648's as opposed to 7658's and 7468's. With the exception of the 7648's, this represents an improvement (in my opinion) although at the cost of a slightly more complicated calling. Other comparisons with the earlier version reveal an increase in the number of cru's (from 99 to 111) but a decrease in the number of changes of method (from 149 to 135).

PJS.

A record day

The Salisbury Guild's Open Day on Saturday, August 19, was blessed with beautiful weather and attracted 60 or more ringers from all over the country. The day started at Sutton Veny, a quiet village in the depths of the Wiltshire countryside, where a queue of 20 or so were waiting to ring 15 minutes before 9 a.m. The route wound its way around the Devizes Branch, skirting Longleat's Safari Park and visiting Westbury, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Devizes and a host of little villages, looking their best in the summer sunshine. Many of the ringers managed all 29 towers, finishing at Erlestoke, a very difficult six, with the top tower being St. Mary's, Devizes, with 67 visitors. The total raised for LEBRF was £325, a record for such a day in the Salisbury Guild. Thank you all for your support and, for those interested, next year's will hopefully be on August 18 in the southern area of the Guild.

Ringing down

Two of the oldest bells in Hampshire, dating from 1400, touched ground for the first time in centuries at the end of last month. The bells, which usually hang in St. Peter's, Shipton Bellinger, alongside a "modern" bell from 1600, have gone to Taylor's foundry in Loughborough for restoration work; they will be rehanging in their three-to-four-hundred-year-old frame once that too has been restored.

(From the Church Times)

Late Notices

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD, Nottingham District. Evening meeting at Attenborough (8) on Sat, Sept 2. Ringing 7-8.30 pm. All welcome. 1130

FURTHER NEWS OF QUEX

On the day of the Barbecue (17th July), the job of removing the bell from the tower, which had begun the previous weekend when it was hoisted out of the frame and all the fittings removed, was finished. Rai Ngatai, who is a ringer from New Zealand currently living in this country, purchased the privilege of making the first blows with the sledgehammer to break the bell up completely. This proved to be a very difficult task, some help was called for before Rai finally removed the first (or second!) bit of the bell. The rest of the onlookers then took turns to finish the job. In all it took about one and a half hours of hard slog. A quite extraordinary experience.

The bits of the bell were then carried up to the roof and pitched over the side to the ground. The pieces were gathered up and put in the centre of the ringing room where they remained during the evening's ringing on the front eight. Later someone placed a lighted candle in the centre of the pile and the night took on something of a wake for the broken bell.

The bell has now been delivered to the Foundry and we have been told that they will recast it quickly (latest news is mid-September). Plans are being made to erect scaffold up one side of the tower and, working carefully from inside and outside, to insert two horizontal lintels somewhere at the top of the tower so that the narrow brickwork pier between them can be removed to make a wide enough hole for the bell to go through. Some concern has been expressed about this idea but we understand professional advice has been taken by the Quex Estate.

Help with the hoisting of the bell has been offered by a group of armaments experts at Chatham Dockyard who are used to handling cannon. The plan is to put the bell inside the tower and the work to actually rehang the bell will be done by the ringers.

Fundraising is going very well. The Barbecue was a big success. Well over a hundred

Aylesbury - not Amesbury

I am sure that the peal rung for the Derby D.A. at Amesbury, Bucks, on Sunday, July 30th, should be Aylesbury, Bucks (R.W., August 25th, p. 778).

Having been a ringer at Amesbury, Wilts, for many years I am sure that we would have rung at the OTHER AMESBURY if there would have been one.

Also as far as I know there was no peal at Amesbury, Wilts, that day.

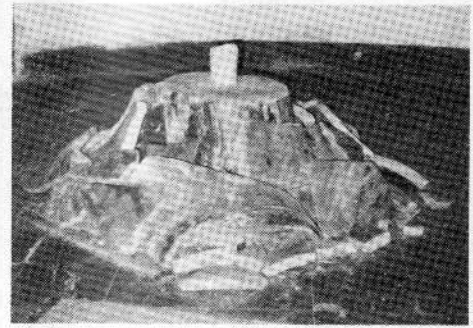
ANDREW J. HOWES

Salisbury

A little garbled

Andrew Bull's letter on the Doubles dispute (R.W., 18 August, p. 748) suffered at the hands of our typesetters. The fourth sentence of the second paragraph should have read: "To give an example of one of the offending extents in the Rampton peal: extent 38 contained Plain Bob rung with Grandsire Singles (April Day) and Pinks Singles (May Day), and Reverse Canterbury also rung with Grandsire Singles (Clifford's Pleasure) and Pinks Singles (Royston)."

Our apologies to him.



The bits of the Quex bell.

people bought tickets, the weather was perfect, even the ringing on the front eight wasn't too bad! We have received donations from many places, both far and near. Churches in the District have been donating wedding fees - many thanks to David Joyce for putting forward this idea. We have received other donations from individuals, some from bands who have visited Quex and even one from Auckland, New Zealand where a similar accident happened in 1972. The story of their misfortune together with some photographs was included in the letter.

Christopher Powell Cotton has been very actively involved in organising the building work and liaising with the Foundry. He has been somewhat amazed but very pleased at the donations from the wider area. He was particularly interested to hear about the donation from New Zealand.

Events coming up are - the Waterloo Luncheon on 27th August, a gourmet experience from the Quex chefs. This should be an occasion to remember. On the 9th September the tower will be open following an afternoon's programme of cannon firing. Quex possesses quite a collection of cannon and some of these have recently been put into firing condition! (No, it's not how we are going to make the hole in the tower.) A Disco is being held at Birchington (date to be announced), Quex Fireworks will be on 4th November and a Barn Dance is planned for some time over the winter.

Double celebration for W.I.

Members of the Berkshire Federation of Women's Institute decided to purchase a property for use as their Headquarters, when the rent on their existing HQ - 'Watlington House' Reading - was highly increased.

In due course, St. John's School House, Stratfield Mortimer, Berks was purchased, giving members a double reason to celebrate as 1989 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of B.F.W.I.

Ringing members were pleased to mark the two occasions by ringing a quarter peal at St. John's Church, which is situated next door to the new HQ. Also as a farewell to Eva Eele who is leaving the country.

Stratfield Mortimer, St. John's, Berks, 24th July 1989

1260 Grandsire Doubles.

Treble Bridget Smith

2 Freda Wilcox

3 Eva Eele

4 Anne Yates

5 Jean Clark Maxwell (1st As Cond)

6 Enid Harvey

£1.40

Published by The Ringing World Ltd. for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and printed by the Seven Corners Press Ltd., Guildford. Registered at The Post Office for transmission as a newspaper.