

John Elmers
M.S. Book
Stowmarket
Suffolk

This Book was Given to
Sam^r. Slater By John Elmer
in 1882

Annals, of Stowmarket,
Ringing.

On Saturday, Dec. 16. 1845.

was rung by the Stow-
market, company, a
complete peal of 5040
changes of Bob, Major,
in 3 hours, and a half.

First, James Elmer.

Second, John Elmer.

Third, Isaac Sheppard.

Fourth, Robert Pilbrow,

Fifth, Jeremiah Head.

Sixth, James Tydemann.

Seventh, John Simpson,

Tenor, Joseph Head.

John Simpson, Conductor

N.B. This was the first
peal ever completed, in
that Steple,

On Thursday Jan^y 14th 18th
was sung by the Stow-
-marked company of
youths, a complete peal
of 6160, of Bob. Major,
in 4 hours.

Feeble Robert Cuthbert
Aged 16. Years

2nd Thomas Stevenson,

3rd Isaac, Sheppard

4th Robert, Bilbrow,

5th Thomas, Hobart,

6th Robert Fuller

7th Henry, Hobart,

Tenor, John Elmer -

Aged 22, Years, who
composed & conducted
the peal. Tenor 24 Cwt.

On Monday April 23rd 1822

was sung by the Stow^t
company, a peal of 6224
of Bob Major, in 4 hours
and 10 minutes, this

Peal consisted of
Morrers 6000, with
two course added.

1st Treble Robert Cuthbert

2nd Thomas Stevenson

3rd John Elmer (Conductor)

4th Robert Pilbrow

5th Thomas Hobart

6th Robert Fuller

7th Henry Hobart

Tenor, John, Nanton Sen^r

On Monday Nov^r 5th 1821
in commemoration of the
Gunpowder plot,

were rung by the Stou
united Society of Kinges
a complete peal of

7056.

changes of Bob Major,
in 4. hours, & 47 minutes.

Treble John Elmer, who
composed, & also conducted

2nd William Clark, / Bury

3rd Robert Pilbrow,

4th Rob^t Warren, / Stou

5th Rob^t Cuthbert

6th William Tust, / Stou

7th Will^m Chamberlan, / Bury

Tenor, Daniel Wade, / Stou

2; On Tuesday March 13. 1841,
 was rung by the Stow
 Junior Society of Kingers
 a peal of 5² 6 4, changed
 of Bob, Major in 3 hours,
 and ~~30~~³⁵ minutes.

Charles Stevens Treble,
 2nd Thomas, Steverson,
 3rd John Elmer
 composed, & Conductor
 4th James Gurnham
 5th William Payne,
 6th William Warren,
 7th William Stevens,
 Tenor, George Earle

17834256	304.
17845362	12357486.
17854578	17864352
17856423	14523867
12345 —	14568
1306	14536278.
	17862534
Changes,	17823645

On Friday March 9th 1849
was rung by the Stow
company, a complete
peal of 5488, changes
of Bob Major in 3 hours
and 40 minutes and
considered by competent
judges to be the best stri-
king ever heard from
that Tower.

Treble, Charles, Stevens,
2nd William Last,
3rd Philip, Saunders
4th John, Elmer
who composed & conducted
5th William Payne,
6th Robt. Cuttbert
7th Mark, Lambert
Tenor, George Eastlea

On Monday April 22nd 1850
was sung by the Stow
company a complete
reel of 15120 changes
of Oxford Treble Bob,
in a scientific manner
in 3 hours & ~~37~~²⁷ minutes
Treble, John Emmer,
2nd William Laxt,
3rd Henry Hobart
4th William Payne,
5th William ^{Thomas} Kersey
6th Robt Cutbert,
7th Mark Lambert
8 Tenor, George Easted,
Henry, Hobart, (Conductor,

The Mr. Lout of Stonham
Aspal, who rung with us,
is ^{not} the Man, As to ^{my} Last
of Stone, did not come to
here, till 20 years, after
in 1840.

The Freshingfield Seal
of 5040, Bob Major in
1824, was conducted by
Mr. Moats Butcher by
trade, kept the Fox & Goose
inn also, the the seals
can give no account -
who called them, refer
to the Clavis, Campanal-
age, perhaps, you may
see there, but I never
a company before, to
ring a 5040 plain, Bob
Tuplex, not much
merril in that.

all I know is, if the
5720, was taken from
Shapway's Campanalog,
I proved it to be a
false pearl and wrote
against ~~it~~ ^{the} falses
John Naunton, Senr
of Ipswich, conducted
it. I proved it to, to
his face he told me
after, he found, that
I was right.

1600.

w. 213. 6. w. 12. 7. 4

Bob changes,

12357486

13786245

15283476

1485263

17654382

13576248

Repeated 4 times.

Ipswich Tower Church
 12 Bells, Tenor 32 Cwt
 the only 12 bell peal in
 the Eastern Counties,

10 Bells

Bury St Edmunds 32 Cwt
 St James Church
 Beccles, 25 Cwt

Stonham, Apsal, 24 Cwt

288

2 Course 4 Leads,
 13. W. 13. 1/2. W. M. d. M.

Queen's Change.

480

4 Course, 2 Leads,
 13. W. 13. 1/2. repete 3 times
 Queen's, ~~tittum~~ &
 round.

It is 5.6 up, m. 5.6 down.

Peaks of S. Bells
in Suffolk.

Bury St Mary's	24	Cut
Burton St Mary's	17	—
Boxford	24	—
Clare	27	—
Coddlesham	16½	—
Debenham	20	—
Eye	24	—
Framsden	16½	—
Fressingfield	18	—
Framlingham	16	—
Horham	9	—
Halesworth	24	—
Hadleigh	28	—
Helmingham	19	—
Kelsdale	—	—
Lavenham	22	—
Melford	16	—
Southwold	—	—
Stowmarket	24	—

Pearls of 8 bells

Sudbury	}	8
St Gregorys.		8
All Saints.		8
and another pearl		8
Woodbridge		28, cut
Stradbroke		24

Note

1344. or 12 Course
the full extend with the
6, 7, 8 at home.

6608, or 59 Course the same
6720 or 60 Course wont go
without 2 Singles

8008, the furthest Treble
bob go, with 2. Tenors
at home.

Sudbury have 3. at 8.

Touches for hand
Bells.

2. Course.

2 2 4
12357486.
12378564
repeated

Call. w. Mr. r.
Bob. changes.

2. Course.

2 2 4.

13578264.
13586742
17835264
17856342

~~twice before~~

Middle up.
Bob. bell. &
twice before.

Call. w. Mr. 3d. h.

~~2 2 4~~

~~2 course.~~

~~12378564
12386745
47823564~~

2 4 0

2 6 . 1 2 .

12357486
12378564
12386745
repeated

160.

1. Course 32

~~12357486.~~

~~12386745~~

~~12378564~~

~~12386745~~

12357486

12378645

18645372

18657423

18672534

12345678

6720. Oxford Treble
Bob, the Diss. compa.
ny. Conductor M^r. Rudd.

6000. Bob Major.
composed by John
Mawer sung at
Lavenham in 1813,
conducted by J. Naunton
Sen^r. of Ipswich.

57. of Oxford Treble
bob. Conducted by Henry
Hobart. Tenor.

Some years back, was
sung 5024 Oxford,
treble bob, & conducted
by William, Ship, —

A peal of 6000, odd
was rung at Redenhall
by that company. —
Since then a greater
peal of 10000. of
Oxford Treble 1306, was
rung, by their company,
in 6 hours, and odd —
minutes.

10080. of Major was
rung at Debenham, in
6 hours, & a few minutes,
Tenor 20 Cwt. —
which that at Melford
in the same year, was
near 20 minutes, longer
after the same performer,
whose tenor is much
lighter, was 10080. —

Peals rung about
at Bungy.

5400. Oxford Treble Bob
5... Huddleigh do
5120 Southwold.

Conductor, Mr Rudd Diss
5120. Framsden d^o do.
6080. Framsden

Kent Treble Bob.
rung by the Ipswich
Company. Carrod Conductor
June 12. 1816 at H...

Helmingtonham a peal
of 5376 Oxtreble Treble
Bob. with the Bobs
in 6th place, rung by
Norwich Ringers, with
the assistance of John
Naunton Sen. of Ipswich
who rang the 7th
18. was Earl of Dysart, Birthday

5040. of Grandire triples,
by the Shadbroke.

5040. do. by the Woodbridge.

6144. Oxford Treble Bob.

the 6th called, 12 times
right, & 12 times wrong

Conducted by - Sawyer.

The Treble ~~Bob~~ was
conducted by - Forsdike.

5088 Oxford treble bob.
this year at Coddentham.

5... & odd, last year
both by, Ipswich com-

pany, except 2 from
Suffron Walden two

brothers, in the last
peal. - conductors. J.

know not
Helming bells was

opened on the 10 of June.
The peal was rung on the
third day of opening.

A peal of 5040 Grand
- sire Triples, have been rung
at St Mary's, Bury Suffolk
5040 of Bob, have been
rung at Botford tenor, 24
Framlingham a peal
of Oxford treble bob, tenor
about 17. Cwt.

- 1200 -

Of Bob. Major, you
will find this a nice
peal to ring, & easy
to call.

Bob. changes,

1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6
1 7 8 6 4 3 5 2
1 5 2 3 6 4 7 8
1 3 5 2 6 4 7 8,

5 times repeated,
The 6th. don't come home till
the last course.

1008.

Bob Major, by John
Cline.

Bob changes.

13578264

13586742

14278635

14283756

12356478.

17845623

17852436

17823564

17836245.

first part end

15243678.

Second part

13542678

third part

12345678.

Call

W. M. B. M. B. 4 times before

288

2 Course 4 Leads.

12357486

17864852.

17845623

15236847

part end

12654378.

Repeated.

Bob. 336. Minor 6.
Or 18. Score

Bob. Changes.

Single . 135642
135426
162435
135462
156243
156432

Omit at first part

124356

Second part
with an omit

123456

will go no further,
than the above. Number

168.

18. 3 Leads

12357486.

17664352

17845623

17852436

12364857

12345678.

u. 36. h. Repeated

480

4 C. 2 Leads.

1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6

1 7 8 6 4 3 5 2

1 7 8 4 5 6 2 3

1 7 8 5 2 4 3 6

1 2 3 6 4 8 5 7

then omit

1 3 4 2 5 6 7 8

first part

1 4 2 3 5 6 7 8

Second part

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

third part

3 5 2

3 C. 1 Lead

1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6

1 7 8 6 4 3 5 2

1 5 2 3 6 4 7 8

1 3 5 2 6 4 7 8

1 3 5 6 7 2 8 4

1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

1 2 3 4 . . .

22 Leads

Wrong, before, twice at home

in wrong, & Middle

N.B. For hand bells

Please, excuse the
writing, as my Eyes fail
me much, but am thankful
considering my Age
86 years. had to write
it here in a noise like
a bedlam. Anything
you wish know, if you
send me a few Stamps,
I can answer you by
a Letter, I am hard
up hear for a half penny
Direct.

John, Elmer.

Stow, Union

Stowmarket,

after Samuel Slater had
received this book from
John Elmer he was shew
ing it to his minging friends a
few days later in Long Mel
ford churchyard, and the
Rector the Rev Charles John
Martyn MA Chaplain in
Ordinary to HM Queen Victoria
overheard the conversation
and asked to be allowed to
look at the book, and he
did so and when he read
Elmer's note to Samuel Slater
he was moved with compas-
ion and he gave Samuel
Slater half a crown to give
or send to John Elmer which
he did as soon as possible.