

# Biographical Record

## THOMAS JOSEPH LOCK (1909 – 1992)

Represented the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1946 - 1948 and 1951 - 1992 and attended 45 meetings

Tom Lock was born at Woolton Hill, Hampshire on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1909 and learned to ring there in November 1924 being taught by Mr H. Ballam, a one-armed ringer.

He was attached to Willesden 1927-1938 and North Mymms from 1938.

He rang his first peal at Willesden on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1927. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1968 he became the 30<sup>th</sup> ringer to score 1000 peals. He rang his 2000<sup>th</sup> on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1989 and rang 100 peals in his 81<sup>st</sup> year. His last peal was rung on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1992, only a few days before he died. He rang 2223 peals in total.

His notable achievements include ringing a peal of 4 Spliced Surprise Major with the average age of band being 22 years. On 15<sup>th</sup> December 1934 he rang a peal with all the band being named Thomas. He rang peals for the death of King George V and for the coronation of King George VI. On VE Day, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945, he rang for a service for Members of Parliament at St Margaret's, Westminster. He rang a 'Fathers and Sons' peal of Surprise Maximus at Evesham in 1966.

In 1965 he organised Great Adventure II to Australia, where he conducted the first peal of Maximus rung outside the UK. In June 1973 he rang the first peal of Surprise Major on the American continent (at Calgary) and the first of Spliced Surprise Major outside the British Isles, at Vancouver. He rang in the first peal in Africa, at Capetown, in July 1983.

He rang a peal on all 366 dates of the year, ringing over 600 different Surprise Major methods. He rang about 80 handbell peals, up to 20-Spliced Surprise Major.

Tom was the District Ringing Master 1936-1939 and District Secretary from 1939 until at least 1947. He was Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild 1970-1978.

He was a member of the Central Council Standing /Administrative Committee from 1957 for many years. From 1963 he served on the Biographies Committee, becoming the Convener in 1964 and continuing until his death.

Occupation: Quantity Surveyor.

He died on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1992, his funeral taking place at North Mymms on June 15<sup>th</sup>



*Obituaries in The Ringing World for 1992 pages 658, 740 and 794*