



## **Kent County Association**

On Wednesday, 28 March 2018 in 2h 32m

**Maidstone, Kent**

St Michael and All Angels

Tenor: 6-1-24 in C

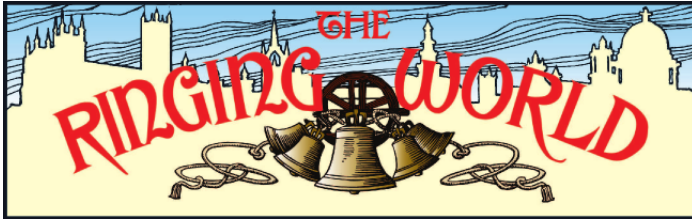
### **5024 Spliced Surprise Major (8)**

Composed by Noel J Diserens

640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire;

608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London; 120 com; atw

- 1 Stephen Coaker (C)
- 2 Shirley E McGill
- 3 Jacqueline M Barlow
- 4 David J Dearnley
- 5 Paul A Cammiade
- 6 Paul N Mounsey
- 7 Phillip R J Barnes
- 8 Alan Regin



Rung half-muffled on the 100th Anniversary of the death of Private James Walter Capeling.

James was born in Biddenden in 1898 and his parents moved to Maidstone, firstly to Tonbridge Road and then to Hartnup Street. He was from a family of 11 children.

James enlisted in the war and served in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. ( 7th Bn. Service No G/25350 ) He died of wounds during the Battle of St Quentin on the Somme on 28th March 1918 aged 19. He was buried by the Germans in Monceau-le-Neil Communal Cemetery in the German Extension. However, his grave was lost, so he is commemorated with a special gravestone at Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension, Aisne, France.

James was a bellringer at st Michael and All Angels and was the last of the 5 Ringers from this Tower killed in WW1. His name is on a War Memorial to the Ringers in the Belfry. He was amongst the 83 men killed in WW1 from this Parish.

R.I.P.

“We will remember them”