

STolen or strayed from the Yard of Samual Thoyt, Farmer, at Crayford, in Kent, on the 22d of December last, a light grey Gelding, six Years old, 15 Hands high, brand Mark abut the Bigness of a five shilling Piece in the Off Shoulder near the Collar-Place: Whoever brings, or causes the said Horse to be brought, to Mr. Samuel Ballamey, Copper Smith, or Richard Phelps, Bell-Founder, in White-Chapel, London, or to Mr. Thoyt aforesaid, shall have one Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.

(Advert in *London Gazette*, Sat. 2 Jan. – Tues. 5 Jan. 1720 – per C. Ridley)

THi[s] is to certifie to all Lovers of the Art of Ringing, and of good BELLS, That Immanuel Halton, of Wingfield Mannor in Derbyshire, Bell-Founder, hath lately Cast a great many Bells and Peals of Bells, into Nine several Counties in this Kingdom, to the general Satisfaction of all that have heard them, and hath Certificates by him, to shew the Goodness of his Work whenever required; and will be very ready (upon sending a Letter) to serve any Gentlemen or Parishes that have Occasion for Work of this Nature, after the best Manner; not only giving as good Security as any Man in England, but if the Piece of Work be of any considerable Consequence, will do it upon the Spot, and be obliged not to have one Penny till the Persons concerned are fully satisfied with the Goodness of his Performance. And 'tis to be noted, there is as much Difference in the Tone of Bells, as betwixt a *Cremona* Fiddle of 100 Guineas, and one of a Groat bought out of a Toy-Shop. If Occasion, be pleas'd to direct a Letter to be left the Post-house in Wirksworth, Derbyshire. *Note*, I cast an entire Peal of 6, at Peckleton near Leicester; the Gift of Thomas Boothby, Esq; after one C[l]ay, of Leicester, had cast them, but made them so bad, that Mr. Boothby gave me 40s. per Hundred, Exchange. *Im. Halton.*

(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs. 14 April 1720; the inscription of the fourth bell at Peckleton recorded that 'IM : HALTON DAN : HEDDERLEY CAST US ALL' inferring a partnership of some type between Daniel Hedderley and Immanuel Halton. After the Restoration in 1660, the astronomer, Immanuel Halton (1628-1699), settled in Wingfield Manor, and this continued to be held by the family until the early nineteenth century. The bellfounder was one of the family, perhaps a younger son, and the age suggests that he was a grandson of the first Immanuel Halton.)

ADVERTISEMENT.

Henry Barker, about the Age of 20, born in

Huntingdonshire, a square shoulder'd middle-siz'd an, with brown Curl'd Hair, several small Moles on his Face, wearing a sad colour'd Cloth Coat; and an old Ash-colour's Wastcoat and Coat, with Leather Breeches, is an Apprentice to Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, London, Bell-founder: He left his Master's Service on the 9th instant at Night, and took privately with him several things of his Master's and others. Whoever se-cures and brings him to his Master, shall have a Guinea Reward, and rea-sonable Charges: And all Persons are hereby warned not to harbour or en-tertian him at their Peril.

(*Post Boy*, Sat. 14 May 1720 – per C. Ridley)

To be Lett or Sold.

The large Foundry, late Mr. Bagley's, at
Windmill-Hill near Moorfields, with all Necessaries and Convenien-
cies, fit either for a Foundry, Brew-house, Still-house, Vinegar-
house, or other Trade that requires Room: Also two large Fire En-
gines to be sold at Pennyworth. Enquire at Ned's Coffee-house in
Birchin-lane.

(Advert in *Daily Courant*, Wed. 1 June 1720; also same paper, Fri. 3 June 1720; this proposed sale was evidently a consequence of the bankruptcy of Julia and William Bagley the previous year. However, it is thought that the premises remained derelict for the next twenty years. John Wesley recorded in his *Journal* for Sunday 11 Nov. 1739 that he 'preached at 5 in the evening to 7 or 8000 in the place which had been the King's Foundry for Cannon.' Subsequently he bought the lease and the premises were rebuilt as a base for his evangelising. A new chapel was later built nearby and the last service on the Foundry site was held on 1 November 1778.)

Goods imported at LONDON, from Oct. 9, to Oct. 16.

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26C Bell-metal, ditto. [Imported from Holland.]
(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs. 20 Oct. 1720)

On Thursday last the Annual Feast of the Gentlemen Natives of the City and Cpunty of OXFORD, was kept at Leatherseller's-Hall in Little St. Hellens: They had a Sermon in the Morning, preach'd at Bow Church, by the Reverend Mr. Paget; from thence they walk'd in Procession thro' the City, as usual, the Bells at Bow Church beginning to ring as soon as Sermon was ended. At the Hall they had a very noble Entertainment, which provided at the Expencc of the Stewards, not as has been the Case in other Places, at the Expencc of the Poor. After the Feast, a Collection for charitable Uses was made, and all the Money gather'd, which was very considerable, is appointed and solemnly appropriated for the particular Purpose of putting out poor Boys, Orphans and Natives of the said City and County of OXFORD; the said Society resolving to continue their said Annual Meetings, to carry on that Charitable Work.

(*Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, Sat. 26 Nov. 1720; this is similar in format to early feasts of the Society of College Youths, with ringing at Bow church. Report and gloss per C Ridley)

Advert for *The Compleat Gamester*, stated to be 'Printed for J. Wilford at the three Flower-de-Luces in Little Britain, where may be had the Art of Ringing improved. Price bound 1s. 6d.'

(*Weekly Journal or Saturday's Post*, Sat. 17 Dec. 1720; a week later in the same publication the price had gone down to 1s. Also *Evening Post*, Thurs. 15 & Tues. 20 Dec. 1720, and Sat. 21 Jan. 1721, and listed in both *Daily Journal*, Tues. 23 April 1723 and *Loyal Observer or Collin's Weekly Journal*, Sats. 10 Aug. – 21 Sept. 1723, all per C. Ridley This was no doubt for a later re-issue of *Campanalogia*, which had been rendered out of date by the publication of *Campanalogia Improved* in 1702.)

1721

The Anniversary of the Birth-Day of the late Queen Anne, of glorious Memory, was celebrated with the usual Rejoicings in this City; on this Occasion a certain Set of honest Ringers were denied leave to join with their Neighbours in Expressing their Loyalty their own Way, by a Puritanical Churchwarden in Cheapside, who very spitefully told them, that rather than suffer any Ringing he would cut the Ropes or break the Bells.

(Weekly Journal or Saturday's Post, Sat. 11 Feb. 1721; this appears to relate to Bow church.)

From the Evening Post, March 16.

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They write from Hereford, That upon hearing the E---- of C---- was ordered to the Tower, the Bells were rung in that City, at Leominster and other Places.

(Caledonian Mercury, Tues. 21 March 1721)

THIS is to give Notice, That at the Sign of the Royal-Oak in Ludham upon Easter-Tuesday, being the 11th of April, will be given Five Pair of very good Gloves to be Rung for by any Company of Ringers (Ludham Ringers only excepted) that shall ring Two double Peals best, according to the Judgment of the any Two Persons that shall be chosen by the Ringers to judge the same. N.B. The Ringers are desired to meet by 10 a Clock in the Forenoon.

(Advert in Norwich Gazette, Sat. 25 March 1721)

Kettering, June 16. On the 25th of April last the Half Peal of Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 2520 Changes, was rung by the Ringers of this Town, in one Hour, 33 Minutes.

(Northampton Mercury, Mon. 19 June 1721)

We hear that a curious Set of eight Bells, are ordered to be founded, to be hung in the new Tower of St. Michael's Cornhill, the Stonework being quite finished.

(Weekly Journal or, British Gazetteer, Sat. 2 Sept. 1721)

From the St James's Even Post Apr 15

Last Sunday a young Man ringing one of the Bells in the Tower of St Andrew's Holbourn, the Bell-Rope slipping the Wheel, got round him, and so tossed him about, that before he could be cleared thereof, it bruised him in such a Manner, that the Blood gush'd out of his Mouth and Ears, insomuch, that his Life is despair'd of.

(*Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal*, Saturday 19 April 1729 – per C Ridley)

We hear from Greenwich, that on Monday last the disaffected Party, in and about the Town, oppos'd very much the publick Rejoycings there, and would by no means ring the Bells, which the new Church-warden being acquainted with, send immediately, at his own proper Charge to London, for a Company of Ringers, whom he entertain'd very handsamly.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Thurs. 31 May 1722; also *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 2 June 1722 – per C. Ridley)

THIS is to give Notice to all Gentlemen Ringers, and others, that at the Sign of the Crown in Acton, in the County of Suffolk, near Long-Melford, there will be given five very good Hats, Thirty Shillings Price, on Monday the 18th Day of June, to be Rung for by as many Companies as shall be pleas'd to put in. Given by me James Albon. They are to Ring three Grandsire Peals.

(*Suffolk Mercury; or, St. Edmund's-Bury Post*, Mon. 4 June 1722)

They write from Norton, near Crewkerne, Somerset, That a dreadful Thunder and Lightning happen'd lately There. The People that were ringing were knock'd down, and lay as dead for some Time; a Stone was broke out of the Tower of near two Hundred Weight; several were moved, and other Damage done. The Ringers being ask'd why they continu'd at such a dreadful Time? reply'd, it was to drown the Noise of the Thunder.

(*London Journal*, Sat. 4 Aug. 1722; also *Newcastle Courant*, Saturday 11 August 1722, the latter per Chris Pickford).

BOOKS printed for J. Wilford in Little Britain

I. CAMPANALOGIA improv'd; Or, The Art of RINGING made easy by plain and Methodical Rules; whereby the Ingenious Practitioner may with a little Practice and Care attain to the Knowledge of Ringing all manner of Double, Triple, and Quadruple Changes. With variety of New Peals., &c. pr. 1s. 6d.

II...

(*Daily Journal*, Thurs. 23 Aug. 1722; also advertised in *Loyal Observer or Collin's Weekly Journal*, Fris. 10 & 24 Aug., 7 & 21 Sept. 1723 – all per C. Ridley. This must have been for the second edition, which was first published in 1705.)

The new ring of bells at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge

On Saturday last was sent from Mr. Phelps's, a Bell-founder in White-Chapel, ten Bells, cast by him for St. Mary's Church in Cambridge.

(*London Journal*, Sat. 25 Aug. 1722)

There is a fine Ring of Ten Bells put up in St. Mary's Church in Cambridge, which the Founder has promised to be equal in Goodness to the Ten biggest Bells in Saint Bride's in London. The new Ring of Ten at Cambridge has not yet been rung together, but only 8 at a Time, by Reason they have had no Ringers that ever Practised Ringing more than Eight; but they talk of inviting down the Chelsea Youths, or some other Sett of fine Ringers from London, who constantly ring at Churches where there are 10 or 12 in a Ring.

(*Norwich Gazette* 6 Oct. 1722 – quoted in the *Ringing World*, 12 March 1971, p.216)

London Dec 22

A new Ring of Bells has been lately sent from hence for St Mary's Church at Cambridge, which are esteem'd the best in that part of the Kingdom.

(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs 27 Dec 1722 – per C Ridley)

Stroud, December 27.

At this Place, on the 4th Instant, the whole Peal of Gransire [*sic*] Triples, containing 5040 Changes, was rung in 3 Hours, 17 Minutes, without either Baulk or Clam, by the following Persons: 1st Bell, Richard Lloyd; 2d, Samuel Esington; 3d, Tho. Little; 4th, John Lander; 5th, Thomas Pegler, 6th; Tho. Marsh; 7th, John Gardner; 8th, James Chew and Richard Bridges.
(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon. 31 Dec. 1722)

1723

[William Hicks, Bell-Founder by Trade... charge with counterfeiting. Escaped from custody with another. Reward for capture.]

(*London Gazette*, Tues. 7 Jan. - Sat. 11 Jan. 1723; also *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, Fri. 11 Jan. 1723, the latter per C. Ridley.)

I hear from Northwalsham, that as some Youngmen were Ringing there Yesterday was Se'night, one of the Bells fell out of the Frame, broke through Two Floors, and dangerously bruised one of the Men.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 9 Feb. 1723 – quoted in the *Ringing World*, 12 March 1971 p.216.)

Yesterday a Gentleman, newly marry'd, of a pretty good Estate, coming to Redgewick Fair, went among the Ringers, and overturning his Bell went up into the Frame to put it right again, when another Bell next to his, which was set, fell against his Head, dashed his Brains out about the Wall.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon. 17 June 1723; report to same effect *London Journal*, Sat. 22 June 1723, starting 'They write from Chichester, that... The same Letters add...'; longer report in *Weekly Journal*, *Whitehall Evening Post*, both Sat. 22 June 1723, the two latter per C. Ridley, and similar report in *Stamford Mercury*, Thu. 27 June 1723, all beginning 'They write from Redwich...' Also *St James's Evening Post* Sat. 22 June 1723 beginning 'We have Advice from Redwick in Sussex that a young Gentleman of a pretty good estate ... ', and *British Journal* Sat. 22 June 1723, beginning 'We have advice...' – both per C. Ridley.)

On Monday last the Right Honourable the Lord Onslow being much recovered, was removed to Mr. Weight's House, on Katherine Hill, to his Lordship's Seat at Clandon, about 5 miles Distance one from the other; and passing thro' the Town of Guilford, several Gentlemen paid his Lordship their Compliments, and all the People of the Town and Country express'd a most extraordinary Joy, ringing their Bells, and the greatest Satisfaction possible, at his Lordship's appearing abroad again, after so horrid an Attempt against his Lordship's Life, for exerting himself on behalf of the present happy Establishment.

(*London Journal*, Sat. 7 Sept. 1723 – per C. Ridley)

A new set of Bells for the Parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, is casting in the Country.

(*Weekly Journal*, Sat. 7 September 1723) [evidently optimistic – see below]

We hear from Berkshire, that Thomas Miller, of Upton in that County, a well-sized Man, aged about 30, and William Hicks, a Bell Founder by Trade, a short Man, of the same Age, having been charged upon Oath, before Harry Bridges, Esq; one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace at Keynsham near Bath, with false coining, and counterfeiting of the current Money of this Kingdom, were by his Mittimus put into the Custody of a Tithingman with a strong Guard to be by him carried to the County Goal, but found Means to make their Escape: Whereupon his Majesty has been graciously pleased to promise, that whoever shall apprehend the said two Offenders, or either of them, shall upon the Conviction of them, or either of them, receive the reward of 50 l. for each, besides what Rewards they may be legally intiled [*sic*] to.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Thurs. 9 Jan. 1724; also *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer* and *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, both Sat. 11 Jan. 1724. All extracts per C. Ridley.)

From my House in Fetter-Lane, March 11.

Mr. READ,

LAST Saturday being the 7th of this Instant, crossing the River from *Southwark* to this great Metropolis of the Nation late in the Evening, I observ'd the Bells to ring at most of the Churches in the Out Ward, between *Temple-Bar, Ludgate, &c.* I ask'd the Waterman, Whether he knew the Occasion? He answer'd me, O Sir, to-morrow is the Day that Queen *Anne* began her Reign, and you know she was the great Patroness of the Church; therefore the High Church always ring in that Day. They were her most loyal Subjects, said I; I should be glad to hear they were as loyal Subjects to our Sovereign King GEORGE: Presently the other Fellow took me up; Sir, he says he, Do you know what those Bells ring? I answer'd, they ring the Changes, to shew the fluctuating Temper of the Ringers. No, no, Sir, said he, 'Tis down with the Whigs and up with the Tories. What, said I, do you mean, Down with the Protestants and up with the Papists? At this the Fellow was silent: Passing on, I heard many Bells ring at one Church, and asking what Church that was? They told me it was *St. Brides*, so, without any more Words, I landed. Coming to my House, and having seated myself in my great Chair, I began to reflect on the uncertain Temper of many Persons of this Nation, so visibly [*sic*] to be seen in most Parts of our *English* Chronicles; and how much that word was wanting to be fullfill'd, which the Immortal King WILLIAM took to great Notice of at Sea, *Steady, Steady*.

These thoughts carried me to my Bed, and with a Resolution to walk out in Sermon Time the next Day thro' this Town, and observe what Temper the several Parts would produce; I found in the Out-Ward between *Temple-Bar, Ludgate, &c.* the Bells of all the Churches striving to outnoise each other: In the soberer part of the City they were not so noisy; but returning by *S— Brides*, I saw they were resolved to be heard more than the rest, for by the way I remember, besides their whole Day's ringing, I also heard them again when I was going to Bed and a considerable time after, they now being well known to me by their Number: I was somewhat surpriz'd at the Prodigality of their Music at this Time, when there came into my Mind what had been taken Notice of; That they did not ring their Bells on the Birth-Day, or Coronation-Day of our Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, nor on the Birth-Days of several of the reset of the present Royal Family; nor even on their Lord Mayor's Day, who landed to very near to them: The same Silence, these Gentlemen told me, had been observ'd in some other elevated Steeples; but notwithstanding this, I was willing to believe, that these People were loyal Subjects, and favourably imputed this grand Rejoicing to their Respect for the Eternal Memory of that Glorious Legacy left us on that Day by the Great and Good King WILLIAM, I mean the Protestant Succession in the most August House of HANOVER; which all the discerning Part of Mankind do believe is not the greatest Defence, under Heaven, to the Church, against all its popish or bigoted Enemies, by whatsoever Dignities or Title distinguish'd. Upon these Considerations it is to be hop'd, they will go on as punctually to shew their Loyalty on all Occasions.

The publishing this I leave to your own Thoughts; but as I know you are willing to do every thing that may be truly serviceable to you Country, if this finds a Place in your next weekly Paper, you may hear farther from me, as there may be Occasion.

Your constant Reader,
G. R.

(*Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 14 March 1724 - per C. Ridley)

I am inform'd that on the 16th Instant, about 10 a Clock in the Forenoon, the Steeple of Northwalsham Church fell suddenly quite down to the Ground. [The tower remains in ruins]
(*Norwich Gazette* Sat. 23 May 1724 – quoted in the *Ringling World*, 12 March 1971 p.216.)

The augmentation of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich

We hear Orders are given for Casting Two new Bells for St. Peter's Church in this City, to make a Ring of Ten; and that, they will be up, if possible, against the Assize Week.
(*Norwich Gazette* Sat. 11 July 1724 – quoted in the *Ringing World* 12 March 1971 p.216)

Yesterday Morning the Two new Bells for St. Peter's Church were successfully run by Mr. Stephens; they are now putting up in the Steeple, and all Ten are design'd to be rung this Afternoon by 3 a Clock. The 2 new Bells are admirable good Notes, and 'tis generally believ'd will nick the other 8 to the Satisfaction of all Judges.
(*Norwich Gazette* Sat. 25 July 1724 – quoted in the *Ringing World* 12 March 1971 p.216)

On Saturday last being St. James's Day, St. Peter's 10 Bells were rung for the first Time; the Two new Bells prov'd incomparably good, and being Tun'd to the Approbation of several Great Masters, they are now beyond all Question as good a Ring of Ten Bells as any in England.
(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 1 Aug. 1724)

The Two new Bells which were rung to make a Ring of Ten at St. Peter's, are not yet broke to Pieces; and I am creditably inform'd, that divers Gentlemen in other Parishes of this City will generously contribute towards the Purchase of them rather that the Ring should want such an Additional Advantage. 'Tis observ'd there has been no Ringing there since the Two new Bells were taken down and 'tis hoped they will be up again against the Anniversary of the Coronation.
(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 10 Oct. 1724)

I am credibly inform'd, That the Contribution for Regaining St. Peter's 2 new Bells go on very Handsomely: That some Gentlemen in St. Michael's Coslaney will raise 20£. towards them in St. Giles's Parish about 10£ in the Close 4 or 5£. and 'tis not doubted but that (as 'tis for the Honour of the City) that Gentlemen in other Parishes will as generously contribute. And that there may be no Objection against them 'tis proposed that the Treble shall be new Run, and Tuned to a perfect Exactness.
(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 17 Oct. 1724)

WHEREAS Henry Grinaway, above 15 Years of Age, is gone away from his Friends in London, on Sunday the 23d of August last; he had on a Copper colour'd Coat with a few brass Buttons and black Wastcoat, dark brown Hair, and slow of Speech. Whoever can give an Account of him where he is, if living or dead, by sending a Letter, or other Ways to Lewes Messenger at the Oxford Arms in Uxbridge Road, near Brint-Bridge; or to Andrew Forsters at the Sign of the Bell, a Founder, in Long-Lane near Smithfield, London, shall be rewarded with reasonable Charges.

(*Weekly Journal or Saturday's Post*, Sat. 12 Sept. 1724 – per C. Ridley)

The new ring of bells for St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London

London, August 15.

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On Thursday last one William Stacey, a Labourer, was killed by a Fall from the Top of the New Steeple of St. Martin's in the Fields.
(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs 20 Aug. 1724)

From the General Post Office Letter, Nov. 21.
London, November 21.

The Prince has given a Ring of 10 Bells to the new Church of St. Martin's in the Fields.
(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 23 Nov. 1724)

We hear that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has signified his Intention to present a ring of Ten Bells to the new Church of St. Martins in the Fields.

There is a Talk, That most or all of the Eight Bell Rings in London will be augmented to Ten of Twelve, and those of Six to Eight or Ten.
(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 28 Nov. 1724)

This Week was finish'd the Steeple of the new Church of St. Martin's in the Fields, when the Vane and other Ornaments of copper gilt were put upon it. The Steeple is 215 Foot high, being a most beautiful Design, and an exquisite Piece of Workmanship; and the Church and Steeple are look'd upon to be the handsomest in England, to the Honour of the Commissioners concern'd in building them, the Reputation of Mr. Gibbs the Surveyor, and the Credit of the Parish. Mr. Abraham Ruddle [*sic*], of Gloucestershire, Bell Founder, has agreed with the Parish for casting a Peel [*sic*] of ten Bells, the Tenor of which, is to weigh at least 3000 lb. The Design was to have had 12 Bells, but the Tower being taken in six inches of a side, has render'd it incapable of holding so many. And we hear, the new Church at Bloomsbury is to be finish'd with all Expedition, and when 'tis done, to receive the Parishioners of St. Giles's in the Fields, the old Church being to be pull'd down, and rebuilt. (*Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 19 Dec. 1724; also *Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 21 December 1724, with the by-line 'From the *St. James's Evening Post*, Dec. 15. London, December 15.', starting 'Yesterday was finish'd...' and finishing at '... holding so many.')

The Steeple of the New Church at St. Martin's in the Fields, being 215 Foot high, was finished on Monday last. Both the Church and Steeple are of exquisite Workmanship, and are said to be the handsomest in England. The said Parish has agreed with a Bell Founder for Casting a Peel of Ten Bells for them; the Tenor of which I to weigh at least 3000 Pound. The Design was to have had Twelve, but the Tower being taken in six Inches of a side, has render'd it incapable of holding so man. (*London Journal*, Sat. 19 Dec. 1724 – per C. Ridley)

The eight Bells, belonging to St. Martin's Church, which is newly rebuilt, were on Monday last sent to Sevenoaks in Kent, to be new cast. (*Whitehall Evening Post*, 28/30 Jan. 1724-5; *British Journal*, Sat. 30 Jan. 1725)

They are beginning to put up a new Set of Bells at the Church of St. Martin in the Fields, 5 of them being already brought thither from the Country. (*Daily Journal*, Sat. 11 June 1726)

A Set of new Bells are brought to the Church of St. Martin in the Fields, which are to be put up there against the 1st of Aug. next, the Glorious Anniversary of his Majesty's happy Accession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms. (*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 11 June – Sat. June 18 1726)

The Tenor of St. Martin's Peal of Bells, arriv'd safe at that Church Yesterday. (*Evening Post*, Sat. 25 June - Tues. 28 June 1726)

Last Week his Grace the Duke of Somerset gave 100 Guineas towards the new Set of Bells at St. Martin's in the Fields. (*St. James's Evening Post*, Tues. 26 July 1726; *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, Sat. 30 July 1726; *Weekly Journal*, Sat. 30 July 1726; *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 23 July – Sat. 30 July 1726. c.f. *The Flying-Post: or, Post-Master*, Tues. 26 July 1726: Wednesday last, the D. [*sic*] of Somerset went for the first time to see the New Church of his Parish, viz. St. Martin's in the Fields, and gave a present to it of 100 Guineas.)

London, August 1.

This Day being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Accession to the Throne, the new Sett of Bells at St. Martin's in the Fields are to be rung out for the first Time;... [continues with short description of other festivities] (*Daily Journal*, Mon. 1 Aug. 1726)

Yesterday, at Noon, his Majesty come from Kensington to his Palace at St. James's; on which Occasion the Bells rang at St. Martin's in the Fields: And we hear his Majesty sent some Guineas in the Evening to the Ringers. (*Daily Journal*, Wed. 21 Dec. 1726; also *Weekly Journal or, British Gazetteer*, Sat. 24 Dec. 1726.)

The 10 Bells lately hung up in St. Martin's Church Tower, are to be made 12, by the Addition of 2 Treble Bells or Leaders, to be cast by the same Person who Cast the 10, as also those at St. Bride's, and they are to be ready before the 28th of May, then to be rung for the first Time.

(*Weekly Journal*, Sat. 15 April 1727; also *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. April – Sat. 15 April 1727) [May 28 was George I's 68th birthday – he died the following month. There was no reference to St. Martin's bells being rung in any subsequent London papers during 1727]

This Day is Publish'd,

A New Theory of Physick and Diseases, founded on the Principles of the Newtonian Philosophy. By Nichols Robinson, M. D. Sold at the Printing - Office in Stamford, and by the Messengers that carry the Stamford Mercury. Of whom may be had the following Books, viz.

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4. *Campanalogia improv'd: Or, The Art of Ringing made easie; by plain and methodical Rules and Directions, whereby the ingenious Practitioner may with a little Practice and Care attain to the Knowledge of Ringing all manner of Double, Tripple, and Quadruple Changes With Variety of New Peals upon 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Bells: As also the Method of Calling Bobs for any Peal of Triples, from 168 to 2520 (being the half Peal) Also for any Peal of Quadruples or Catons, from 324, to 11340: Never before Published.*

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(Advert in *Stamford Mercury*, Thurs. 1 Oct. 1724; this does not correspond to any of the editions of *Campanalogia Improved*, and may well just be an attempt to dispose of old stock.)

From the St. James's Even. Post, January 23.
London, January 23.

On Tuesday last in the Afternoon was rung at St. Bride's Church in Fleet-street, a glorious Peale [*sic*] of four Hours and an half long, on twelve Bells: There was a vast Concourse of People to hear it, who were all of Opinion, that it exceeded every thing of that Nature that had at any time before been in England.

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 25 Jan. 1724-5)

THis is to give notice, That Robert Robson in Wigton, in the County of Cumberland, casts all Sorts of Brass-work, as Mortars, Clock-work, &c. Church Bells, and Others, at very reasonable Rates, either at Home or any other Place; and who will give sufficient Security for returning, and the Performance of the same.

(Advert in *Newcastle Courant*, Sat. 20 Feb. 1725)

THese are to give Notice, That there is lately come from the City of Bristol, to this Town of Newcastle, one William Packer, Founder, who makes and sells all Sorts of Brass-work for Fire-Engines for the Coal works; as also all Sorts of Brass-work for Wind-Mills, Water-Mills, or Water-Engines; Brass-Engines for quenching Fire; Brass-Cocks for Water-works, or any other Uses; Church-Bells, House-Bells of any Size; Brass-Mortars, both large and small; Weights and Scales for Gold or Silver; or of larger Sizes; Brass Barrels or Chambers; as also all Sorts of Suckers or Wind-falls, belonging to Pumps of any kind; large Branches for Churches, Sconses, or any kind of Clock-work; as also any kind of Brass-work for Guns, with many other kind of Brass-work, too tedious to mention. N.B. You may have any Thing cast or mended by the said person, who may be spoke with at his Work-house at the Sign of the five Bells, at the Foot of the Manour-Chair in Newcastle upon Tine.

(Advert in *Newcastle Courant*, Sat. 27 Feb. 1725; also same paper, Sat. 13 March 1725.)

Bankruptcy of William Goodwin, Bellfounder

WHereas William Goodwin, the Younger, of Stow-Market, in the County of Suffolk, Bell-Founder, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 31st Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; then and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

(*London Gazette*, Tues. 18 May - Sat. 22 May 1725 – per C. Ridley)

Bankrupts since our last. / William Goodwin the Younger of Stow-Market, in Suffolk, Bell-Founder. (British Journal (1722), Sat. 8 May 1722; also Whitehall Evening Post and St. James's Evening Post, both Thurs. 6 May 1725; also Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer, British Journal, and Applebee's Original Weekly Journal, all Sat. 8 May 1725. All extracts per C. Ridley.

William Goodwin, the Younger, of Stow-Market, in the County of Suffolk, Bell-Founder – [has been examined in bankruptcy and will meet commissioners on the 31 inst.]
(*London Gazette*, Tues. 18 May 1725)

W Hereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Goodwin, the Younger, late of Stow-Market, in the County of Suffolk, Bell-Founder, have certified to the Right Honourable Peter Lord King, Baron of Oakham, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said William Goodwin, the Younger, hath in all things confirmed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 6th of August next.

(*London Gazette*, Tues. 13 July – Sat. 17 July 1725 – per C. Ridley)

[To be Transferred, Forty Eight... including William Goodwin.]
(*Proceedings of the King's Commission of Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and Jail-Delivery of Newgate, held for the City of London, and County of Middlesex, at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey, on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, being the 27th, 28th, 30th and 31st days of August, 1725 – per C. Ridley*)

BY Order of the Assignees in a Commission of Bankruptcy, lately awarded against William Goodwin, the Younger, of Stowmarket in the County of Suffolk, Bell Founder. This is to give Notice to all Persons that stand indebted to the said William Goodwin, forthwith to Pay the same into the hands of Mr. John Bayly of Stowmarket, who is impowered by the said Assignees to make out the Accounts, and to give Discharge for the same, otherwise they will forthwith be proceeded against by Law.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 13 Nov. - Sat. 20 Nov. 1725)

[William Goodwin, the Younger, of Stow-Market, in the County of Suffolk, Bell-Founder – commissioners will meet to make a dividend.]
(*London Gazette*, Tues. 29 Nov. – Sat. 3 Dec. 1726)

[William Goodwin, the Younger, of Stow-Market, in the County of Suffolk, Bell-Founder – commissioners will meet on 18 inst. to make a dividend.]
(*London Gazette*, Tues. 3 Jan. – Sat. 7 Jan. 1726/7)

A disaster at Stepney

London, August 19.

Last Saturday the Great Bell of St. Dunstan's Stepney, which weighs 48 Hundred, fell down as it was tolling, to the first Floor of the Belfrey, but by good Luck did no other Damage than breaking the Wheel.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon. 23 Aug. 1725; also *Whitehall Evening Post* 17/19 Aug. 1725)

On Saturday last as the great Bell at St. Dunstan's Stepney was tolling, it fell down to the first Floor of the Belfrey, and did no other damage than breaking the Wheel: This Bell weighs Forty Eight Hundred Weight, and is reckon'd the finest in England for Tone. We hear, several of the Parishioners design to promote the making of a Peel [*sic*] of Eight Bells, will then make the finest Ring of 8 in Europe.

(*London Journal*, Sat. 21 Aug. 1725; *Weekly Journal*, Sat. 21 Aug. 1725 and *Parker's Penny Post*, Fri. 20 Aug. 1728 which ends '...which they hope will make the finest Ring near it'; *British Journal*, Sat. 21 Aug. 1725; a similar, but not identical report appeared in *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 21 August, 1725; a rather shortened report appeared in *Post-Man*, 17/19 Aug. 1725.)

1726

Two new Bells were added this Week to the Six in St. Michael's of Coslaney, and Yesterday they rang all the 8 there for the first time.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 5 Feb. 1726)

The Two new Bells cast by Mr. Stephens of this City for St. Michael's of Coslaney, agree admirably well with the other Six; and are now allow'd by every Body to be a very compleat and musical Ring of Eight.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 12 Feb. 1726)

January the 19th, 1724-5, there was perform'd by the Society of College Youths, upon the Twelve Bells of St. *Bride's* in Fleet-street, a compleat Peal of 5060 Cinques, by the following Persons, viz. *William Woodrow* the 1st Bell. *Benjamin Annable* 2d. *Edmund Chagwell* 3d. *John Ward* 4th. *John Pearson* 5th. *Robert Catlin* 6th. *Richard Castleman* 7th. *William Tomson* 8th. *William Jackson* 9th. *Peter Merrygrass* [sic] 10th. *Matthew East* 11th; and *Thomas Roman* the Tenor, which was look'd upon to be a wonderful Performance. But,

On Saturday last, the 26th of February, 1725-6, there was rung at the same Church, by the above said Society of College Youths, another Peal of 5280 Bobmaximus [sic], or all Twelve in plain Bob Method; which took up four Hours and four Min. Time in Ringing: being the longest Peal that ever was rung, and the greatest Performance that ever has been done in the ART of Ringing: Perform'd by the following Persons, viz. *William Woodrow* Treable. *Robert Catlin* 2d. *Edmund Chadwell* 3d. *John Ward* 4th. *John Hardham* 5th. *Francis Geary* 6th. *John Dearmor* 7th. *Samuel Jeacock* 8th. *Will. Laughton* 9th. *Peter Merrygrass* 10th. *Will. Tompson* 11th, and *Benjamin Annable* the Tenor. (*Parker's Penny Paper*, Wed. 2 March 1726 – per C. Ridley)

London, March 5

We have an account from Guildford of great Rejoycings there on the Princess's Birth-day, they were begun by the ringing of a new sett of Bells, given by the lord Onslow, and a Sermon was preach'd on the Occasion of the Day. After which, the Mayor and Magistrates, and the rest of the Corporation assembled, and concluded the Evening with Bonefires [sic], Illuminations, &c. (*Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 8 March 1725/6)

They write from Oxford, That Yesterday se'nnight the Tower with the Bells, &c. of St. Peters in the Bayley in that City, fell upon the Church, and beat down the Roof and Ceiling, a little before the Minister was entring [sic] to read Prayers, who very fortunately perceiv'd the Building to crack and give way, by which Means the further Mischief that might have happen'd was prevented. (*St. James's Evening Post*, Sat. 9 April 1726; also *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer* and *Ipswich Journal* both of the same date – the latter per C. Ridley, and *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 16 April 1726, with 'last Friday' vice 'Yesterday se'nnight', and minor differences – the latter per David Cubitt.)

The augmentation of Great Yarmouth Bells

Mr. Stephens the Bell-Founder is casting 2 Trebles, to make a Ring of 8 Bells in Yarmouth. (*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 7 May 1726)

The Two New Trebles cast by Mr. Stephens of this City, to make a Peal of Eight Bells at Yarmouth, are now hung there, and prove perfectly Agreeable.

(*Norwich Gazette* Sat. 24 Sept. 1726 – per David Cubitt)

The recasting of the bells of Canterbury Cathedral

The Bells belonging to the Arundel-Steeple of the said Cathedral [i.e. Canterbury] Church are taking down, in order to be cast into a new Ring of Eight, by Mr. Samuel Knight, Bell-founder, by whose Directions the Bricklayers and Workmen are making a curious Furnace and Moulds, in order to cast the said new Bells in the Plummary within the Precincts of the said Church.

(*Kentish Post; or, Canterbury News-Letter*, Sat. 20 Aug./Wed. 24 Aug. 1726; also *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 10 Sept. 1726 – per C. Ridley, and *St. James's Evening Post*, also Sat. 10 September 1726, as far as 'Bell-Founder.' under the by-line 'Canterbury, Aug. 24.' The latter version

also appeared in *Daily Journal*, Fri 9 Sept 1726 and *London Journal*, Sat 10 Sept 1726, both reports per C. Ridley.)

Upon view of the Six old Bells, lately taken down out of the Arundle-Steeple [*sic*] of this Cathedral in order to be made into a Ring of Eight; we find they were cast at six different Times, and all but the third, since the Reformation, as appears by the Inscriptions on them viz. 1st Bell, Josephus Hatch me fecit, 1635. 2d Bell, Josephus Hatch me fecit 1636. 3d Bell, T.G. Prior (i.e. Thomas Goldstone, or Goldwell, Prior of the Church) Sancte Thoma Ora pro nobis: i.e. St. Thomas pray for us. 4th Bell, E.R. (i.e. Elizabetha Regina) Robertus Mot me fecit 1585. 5th Bell, Joseph Hatch made me 1606. Sixth Bell, W.H. Beatae Trinitati Campana haec Sacra; Primo fusa 1408. Secundo 1624, Josephus Hatch me fecit, i.e. This Bell is dedicated to the Blessed Trinity and was first cast in 1408. and cast anew in 1624, by Joseph Hatch.

(*Kentish Post*, Wed. 5 Oct./Sat. 8 Oct. 1726; also *Daily Journal* Fri, 9 Sept. 1726, and *St. James's Evening Post* and *London Journal*, both Sat. 10 Sept. 1726, all far as 'Bell-Founder.' under the by-line 'Canterbury, Aug. 24.' The reports from the *Daily Journal* and *London Journal* per C. Ridley.)

LONDON, October 11.

...Yesterday a Sett of Ringers, called The College Youths, began to ring a Peel [*sic*] of 5000 and odd Changes, on St. Martin's Bells: When they had rang 3 Hours incessantly, one of the Bell Ropes broke, to the great Disappointment of the Gentlemen, and a numerous Audience in the Street; for one Hour more would have completed their Purpose.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Tues. 11 October 1726; a similar report in *Bristol News-Paper*, Sat. 15 Oct. 1726; another report in the *Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 18 Oct. 1726, where it stated that the bells were cast by Mr. 'Ridal'; a similar report, but omitting any reference to Mr. 'Riddal', appeared in the *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 15 Oct. 1726, which said the attempt was 'Last Monday'. Reported also *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 15 Oct. 1723, beginning 'Monday, a sett...' – per C. Ridley: and *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 8 Oct. - Sat. 15 Oct. 1723, under the by-line 'LONDON, October 11.' Also *Kentish Post*, Sat 15 Oct 1726 but ends 'to their great Disappointment.', also per C. Ridley.)

Mr. Applebee,

St. Martin's Lane, Oct. 11.

ON Thursday the 6th Instant, our Parish was agreeably surprised with a diverting continuance of the ringing of the ringing the Bells, for above three Hours and a half without any Intermission: Upon enquiring the Reason, I found there has been a kind of a Contest between the Society of *London-Scholars* and *Colledge Youths*, who should first ring what it term's a whole Peal of CATORS, being 5040 Changes) on our new Bells. These two Societies are not undeservedly accounted the best Ringers in the Kingdom, but the *Colledge-Youths* insisting upon the Superiority; the Merit of their Antagonists was thereby call'd in Question, who not willing to acknowledge themselves in any respect Inferior, occasion'd the putting upon a Tryal in the following Manner.

These *Colledge-Youths* having made three Tryals without the Success they had promised themselves; the *London-Scholars* attempted it, and the first fair Tryal they succeeded, as the Action, so peculiarly in the Excellency of it manifested, for it was generally thought by all good Judges to be the best whole Peal of CATORS that ever was rang in any Steeple.

Now, Mr. *Applebee*, as I have been your constant Reader for some Years, and always admired your Paper for its particular Redundancy of Home News, I shall think you highly deserve the Recommendation and Encouragement, I shall and always have industriously promoted, it you are so good as to insert this [in] your next Journal.

I am, Sir

Your constant Reader,

and Humble Servant, &c.

(*Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, Sat. 15 Oct. 1726 – per C. Ridley)

Thursday a Bill of Indictment was found at Hick's Hall against Elizabeth the Wife of Henry Russell, Sexton of the Parish of St. Clement Danes, Richard Long, Grave-Digger, and one of the Bearers, and Charles Winter, Bell-ringer, of the same Parish, for forcibly taking a Velvet Pall, the Goods of Mr. John Purdy, Undertaker, from off the Corpse of Mr. Robert Whitchurch, at the Entry to the Churchyard of that Parish, where it was carry'd to be interr'd.

(*Daily Post* Fri. 14 Oct. 1726, also *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer* Sat. 15 Oct. 1726 – per C. Ridley)

The Society of London-Scholars, who lately Rang the 504 Changes at St. Martins Church, were on Thursday last Treated with a Dinner, by the Churchwardens of the same Parish, at the King's-Arms in the Strand.

They are to Ring another Peal when their Royal Highnesses comes to Town, the Prince having promised to give them the Honour of a Hearing.

(Applebee's Original Weekly Journal, Sat. 22 Oct. 1726 – per C. Ridley)

Collapse at Chalgrove

On Thursday last the Tower of Chalgrove, near Dorchester Oxon, fell down by Tempest and Earthquake, and broke five Bells.

(*British Journal*, Sat. 7 Jan. 1726 (17); similar reports in *Daily Post*, Fri. 6 Jan. 1727 and *London Journal*, Sat. 7 Jan. 1727. Also *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 7 Jan. – Sat. 14 Jan. 1727, beginning ‘They write from Reading, Jan 2. That on the Thursday before the Tower of Chalgrove...’.)

Reading, Jan. 4

Last week the Church-steeple of Chalgrove in Oxfordshire fell down with five Bells in it, which were all broke, but no hurt done to any Person by this Accident.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 17 Jan. 1727)

A new ring for St. Botolph’s, Bishopsgate

These are to give Notice to any Bell-Founder that will contract for a Peale of Eight Bells, for the Parish Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to give in their proposals to William Territt, in Hand Alley without Bishopsgate, Clerk to the Commissioners, sealed up, of the Charge of casting the old Bells, and the Price of new Metal that shall be wanting, &c. to make up the Peale, on or before Wednesday the 27th of September, 1727.

(*Daily Courant*, Thurs. 21 Sept. & Fri. 22 Sept. 1727 - advert)

These are to give Notice to all Bell Hangers that are willing to contract with the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament for the rebuilding of the Parish Church of St. Botolph Bishopsgate, for the Frames for hanging Eight Bells for the said Parish Church, by calling on William Territt, in Hand-Alley without Bishopsgate, Clerk to the Commissioners may see the Particulars of what they are to do, in order to set a Price for the same, on or before the 15th of March.

(*Daily Courant*, Tues. 5 March 1728 - advert)

The Commissioners for building the new Church without Bishopsgate have contracted with a Bell-founder for casting of eight Bells, to be put up in the Tower of the said Church.

(*St. James’s Evening Post*, and *The London Evening-Post* – both Thurs. 6 June 1728; also *Daily Post*, *London Journal*, and *Weekly Journal or, British Gazetteer*, all Sat. 8 June 1728; similar report in *Whitehall Evening Post*, Thurs. 6 June 1728 and *British Journal or the Censor* Sat. 8 June 1728, which reads ‘The Commissioners for building the new Church without Bishopsgate have agreed with a Bell-founder to cast eight Bells for the Tower of that Church’, the latter per C. Ridley.)

On the 1st Instant was Rung by 8 Men, at the Church of St. Michael Coslaney in this City, the Quarter Peal of Treble Bob Royal (call’d by some in England Union Bob) containing 10080 Changes; which they rung in 6 Hours 28 Minutes, with not a Bell out of course or anything amiss.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 8 April 1727; similar report in the *Norwich Mercury* of the same date, which states that the peal was rung ‘Last Saturday’.)

St. Michael Coslany, Norwich

Whereas by public contributions, two small bells were hung up on this steeple, making therein a peal of eight bells, on the 5th day of February, Anno Domini 1725: a remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob all Eight, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they rang in six hours and twenty-eight minutes, on the 1st day of April 1727; there was no bell out of course, no change alike. Performed by R. Barnham, treble; Thomas Melchior, 2; John Harvey, 3; John Webster, 4; Thomas Gardiner, 5; Thomas Barrett, 6; Edward Crane, 7; Robert Crane, tenor.

(Contemporary handbill; c.f. *Bell News*, Oct. 1881, p.67)

This is to inform both City and County, That I William Godfrey (who was Servant to Mr. Stephen's Bell founder, late of Norwich, deceas'd) cast all Sorts of Iron Wares as follow, viz. Furrs, Plough-Irons and Plats to great Perfection both for Neatness and Strength, having all new Patterns; and will sell both for Cheapness and Goodness with any Man, both by Wholesale and Retale.

N.B. I cast all Sorts of Brasses to great Perfection, (being brought up to the Business from my Infancy) and at Reasonable Rates, at my Office right against the Sign of the City of Norwich in St. Stephen's Parish in Norwich.

(Advert in *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 27 Jan. 1728— per David Cubitt)

We hear from Manchester, That no Notice was taken of her Majesty's Birth-Day there, save that some well affected (there being too few of that Sort there) joined in making a Bonfire. The Bells never stirred upon that Occasion, tho' Application was made to those who have the Direction of them for ringing. It is justly suspected that many of that Town who address'd their Majesties upon their Accession, express'd more Loyalty than they were ready to perform.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Tues. 5 March 1728)

The new ring of twelve bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill

'Tis agreed by the Parish of St. Michael, Cornhill, to have a fine Set of Twelve Bells.

(*Evening Post*, Thurs. 7 March 1728; similar report in the *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 9 March 1728; also *Daily Post*, Wed. 6 March 1728, *St. James's Evening Post*, *London Evening Post*, and *The Post-Boy*— all Thurs. 7 March 1728, *Weekly Journal or, British Gazetteer*, Sat. 9 March 1728, and *Farley's Exeter Journal*, Fri. 15 March 1728, where it is also stated they were to be cast 'by Mr. Rudhal [*sic*] of Gloucester, he that cast St. Bride's and St. Martin's in the Fields.')

[Advert - four houses to be let, belonging to the Parish of St. Michael in Cornhill, to which is added the following postscript.]

N.B. *The said Parish has not so much treated with any body about casting Bells, much less agreed with Mr. Rudhall of Gloucester, or any other Person, for Twelve Bells, as was inferred in the Daily Post of Wednesday last.*

(*Daily Journal*, Fri. 8 March 1728)

The Parishioners of St. Michael Cornhill, have agreed with Mr. Phelps of White-Chapel, for a Ring of Ten Bells, the Tenor to be 40 Hundred Weight.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, *London Journal*, *Whitehall Evening-Post*, *The Flying-Post*; or, *Post-Master*, and *Mist's Weekly Journal*— all Sat. 13 April 1728; *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 13 April— Sat. 20 April 1728)

The new Set of Twelve Bells to be hung in the Tower of St. Michael's Cornhill are founded, and are now Tuning in order to be placed accordingly; they are allowed to be one of the finest Set [*sic*] in London.

(*St. James's Evening Post*; also *Post Man*— both Sat. 3 Aug. 1728)

From *Stanley's News-Letter*, October 1.

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Five of the twelve Bells which are casting by Mr. *Philips* [*sic*] of *White-Chapel*, for the fine new built Tower of *St. Michael Cornhill*, were this Day brought to the said Church, in order to be put up, and the biggest is 6 Foot 3 Inches Diameter, weighing Forty Hundred Weight, and is said to be a deeper Tone than the Tenor of *Bow* by a Quarter of a Note; the Names of Quarter of the Minister, Church-Wardens, and the Founder, and Date of the Year are round the largest Bell, and proper Latin Devices, and said Date on the rest.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 28 Sept.— Sat. 5 Oct. 1728)

Yesterday the Tenor of the new Peal of 12 Bells, for St. Michael Cornhill, was drawn up in that Steeple, and hung. The whole Peal will be ready between this and Christmas. 'Tis said it is a whole Note flatter than St. Bride's.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, and *Daily Post-Boy*— both Thurs. 7 Nov. 1728)

Yesterday the 5 biggest of the fine Ring of Bells designed for St Michael's Cornhill, were set up in the Steeple, the other 7 will be set up next week.
(*Evening Post*, Sat. 9 Nov. 1728 – per C. Ridley)

28 November.

On Thursday Morning 7 Bells were brought from Mr. Phelp's Foundry in Whitechapel to St. Michael's Cornhill, to be hung up with the other 5 already in the Belfry, and all 12 are to be rung on St. Thomas's Day.
(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 30 Nov. 1728)

Yesterday in the Evening, the 12 New Bells at St. Michael's Cornhill were rung, on Account of his Royal Highness's Landing, it being the first Time of their Ringing. It's the Opinion of many that these Bells are in Goodness exceeded by none.
(*St. James's Evening Post*, Thurs. 5 Dec. 1728; also *Daily Journal*, same date – the latter per C. Ridley; *Weekly Journal and British Gazetteer*, Sat. 7 Dec. 1728, beginning 'Wednesday in the Evening...'; *Whitehall Evening-Post*, Thurs. 5 Dec. 1728, has the first sentence only, and this report was repeated in *Kentish Post*, Wed. 4 Dec./Sat. 7 Dec. 1728.. 'His Royal Highness' was Prince Frederick, Prince of Wales, who arrived from Hanover, crossing from Holland to Harwich, where he landed on the afternoon of 3 December)

The Night that his Royal Highness Prince Frederick came to Town, the new Bells at St. Michael's Cornhill were rung on that Account, for the first Time.
(*Flying-Post: or, the Weekly Medley*, Sat. 7 Dec. 1728)

Sir,

You was pleased to take Notice in your Journal last Saturday, that the Bells of St Michael's, Cornhill, rung an extraordinary Peal, about the Time his Royal Highness Prince Frederick pass'd by in a Hackney Coach, from Whitechapel. I was Sorry the Sexton of our Parish had not timely Notice of his Entry, I should have been heartily glad of an Opportunity of hearing our Bells ring Changes; which, for their musical Sound, may compare with any set in Europe, tho' not new.
(*Fog's Weekly Journal*, Sat. 14 Dec. 1728 – per C. Ridley)

On Sunday in the Afternoon a melancholy Acc[i]dent happen'd: Two Boys, one an Apprentice to a Shoemaker in Milford-Lane, the other an Apprentice to a Cooper in Blackamoor-street, went from the Belfry of St. Clement's Church, to turn the Saints Bell, and standing upon the Ledge without the Steeple, both fell into the Churchyard: The former dash'd his Brains out, and the latter is so much bruised, that there is but little Hopes of his Recovery.
(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 9 March – Sat. 16 March 1728)

This is to give Notice, That all Persons who have any Goods or Effects in their Hands of Mr. John Stephens, late of St. John's Sepulchre in the City of Norwich Bellfounder deceased Intestate, or are indebted to his Estate, are desired forthwith to deliver such Goods and pay such Debts, unto Mrs. ELIZABETH RAINSDON (the Wife of Mr. John Rainsdon) his lawful administratrix; the Administration of the said Mr. Stephen's personal Estate granted to Mr. Thomas Wright, of St. Stephen's Parish in the City aforesaid, being Revoked and made Void. Note, Mrs. Raisdon is at the Kings-Arms, near Bear-Street Gates, in Norwich; and in her Absence they are to deliver such Goods, and to pay such Debts, to Mr. JOHN HODDS, at the Kings-Arms aforesaid.
(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 16 March 1728 – advert.)

At St. Martin's in the Fields, last Thursday, a Ringing-Match was begun between a Set of Londoners and a Set of the College Youths. The former began at One a-Clock, and continued till half an Hour after Four: The latter began Yesterday, and held it five Hours and a Quarter, and was allowed to be the finest Performance yet known of that Nature.
(*St. James's Evening Post*, Sat. 16 March 1728; also *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 23 March 1728, headed 'Monday 18 March'; *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 16 March – Sat. 23 March 1728 headed 'LONDON, March 19.' Reported also *Derby Mercury*, Tues. 21 March 1727 (/8).)

Last week was a Trial of Skill in Ringing, between the two Societies of *London Scholars*, and *College Youths*, which should, at fewest Trials, ring a Peal of 6000 and odd Changes on twelve Bells, at St. Martin's in the Fields: the *latter* perform'd at their *seventh* Trial, (*with much ado*) in four Hours 27 Minutes; but the *former* at the *second* Trial, in two Minutes less, and, in the Opinion of all Judges in that Art, made a much better Peal.

(*Mist's Weekly Journal*, Sat. 23 March 1728)

Last Saturday was Rung by the Society of College Youths on the Eight Bells at St. Mary Magdalen's Church in Barnaby street, a compleat Peal of 10,800 Bob-major, in six Hours and a half; being the longest Peal that ever was Rung.

(*Post Man*, Tues. 21 May 1728: also *Daily Journal*, Mon. 20 May 1728, beginning 'On Saturday last...' – per C. Ridley: *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, and *London Journal*, both Sat. 25 May 1728, starting with 'On Saturday the 18th of this Instant was Rung by the Society' – the latter per C. Ridley.)

To be Sold

A Very good House in Westgate in Peterborough, Northamptonshire, late in the Occupation of Robert Miller, now in Tenure of Mr. Henry Penn and three other Tenants, with very good Orchards, Gardens, Barnes [*sic*], Stables and Out-houses thereunto belonging, all in good Repair, let at 16 £. per Annum and upwards. Enquire of Robert Miller of Werrington, or of Mr. Gilbert Pemberton in Peterborough

(Advert in *Stamford Mercury*, Thurs. 18 July 1728; for Henry Penn's death see below.)

On Friday Night last, as they were ringing the Bells at St. Martin's in the Fields, one of the Gudgins of the Tenor broke, but the Bell fell no further than the Floor; however, it frightned [*sic*] all the Ringers so, that they threw up their Bells, and run to the Sides of the Steeple. The Bell is 3300 Weight.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Sat. 19 Oct. 1728; also *Daily Post-Boy*, Fri. 18 Oct. 1728; *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 26 Oct. 1728, under by-line 'London, October 24'; also *Norwich Mercury* of the same date; similar, but shorter, report in *Evening Post*, Sat. 19 Oct. 1728, starting 'On Friday was Sev'night...')

Tuesday being the Anniversary of the Gunpowder Treason, the same was observed in this City as usual. And from Yarmouth I have an Account, That on the same Day the Ringers of that Town rang the whole Peal called Grandsire Trebles, consisting of 5040 Changes; (being the compleat number upon 7 Bells; which they perform'd in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes, by Eight single Men, the Tenor weighing 2800 Weight.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 9 Nov. 1728)

They write from Coventry, that upon the coming in of the Packet with the News of his Royal Highness the Prince's being happily arrived at St. James's, the Bells of all the Churches of the City were immediately set a ringing, which they continued to do without any Intermission till 12 at Night;...

Liverpool, Dec. 15. On Sunday the 8th of this Instant, we receiv'd the very agreeable News of the arrival of his royal Highness Prince Frederick, Prince of Wales, at London, but the Day not being so proper for publick Rejoycing, it was deferr'd till the next, when Thomas Brereton, Esq; a worthy Representative of this Borough, distinguish'd himself by all the Tokens of Loyalty and Regard for the Royal Family, that so happy an Occasion was capable of in this Place.

Very early in the Morning, he gave Orders that the Bells of our churches should ring till 12 at Night, with as little Intermission as possible; and in the Evening caus'd a Bonfire to be made before his House, 4 or 5 Scaffolds high, consisting of Billets, Pitch and Tarr [*sic*] Barrels, and other combustible Matter;...

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Sat. 21 Dec. 1728)

To all lovers of tru Harmony in Peals
of Bells.

We, whose names are underwritten, do certify, That *Edward Hemins*, of *Bicester*, in the County of *Oxon*, has cast a Peal of Bells for our Parish, which, without Chipping or Skirting, are allow'd to be in true Peal by the best Judges in Musick, and all others that have heard them; And as he has performed every Article of Agreement justly and honestly, We the churchwardens and Inhabitants of the Parish of *Wootten*, in the County of *Bucks*, thought it necessary to recommend the aforesaid Workman as a Person fitting to be employ'd as a Founder, and hope all Parishes that have Occasion in this Manner, will give Encouragement to his Genius by employing this Person so skilfull [*sic*] in the aforesaid Art. In witness whereof we have set our Hands as before-mentioned.

James Gibson, Minister

Matthew Willets

Peter Parrot }

John Perrot,

John Hows } Churchward.

Edward Lowe,

John Bett }

Frances Hayward

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 23 Dec. 1728 – advert.)

London. Thursday, January 9. They write from Bath, That the Parishioners of St-James's there, (after having been at a very great Expense in re-building the Church and Steeple) have agreed with the famous Mr. Rudhall of Gloucester, to cast them a Sett of 8 Bells, the Tenor to be 20 Hundred Weight: And that the Worshipful the Mayor and Corporation, will very soon give Orders, for two Trebles to be added, to that commendable Peel of 8 at the Cathedral, cast by Mr. Rudhall in the Year 1700.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 11 Jan. 1729 – per David Cubitt; similar report in the *Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 14 Jan. 1729.)

Celebrations at York

York, Jan. 14. They are now putting the Minster Bells in Order, and 'tis said they will begin to ring on the 19th instant, being his Royal Highness Prince Frederick's Birth-Day; the said Bells has [*sic*] not been rung these many Years past.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 14 Jan. 1728/9)

Yesterday the Minster Bells rung for the first Time, in Honour of his Royal Highness's Birth Day.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 21 Jan. 1728-9)

COUNTRY NEWS.

York, Jan. 22 On the Birth-Day of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, our Minster Bells (by whose Silence for fourteen Years, that once goodly Order of Ringers is almost broke) were rung Morning and Evening, to the great Joy and Satisfaction of all the King's faithful Subjects; and there was such a Crowd in the Minster-Yard in the Evening to hear them ring, as never was seen. Our present Dean was the chiefest Promoter of it, and would have had them rung on the 30th of *October* last, being his Majesty's Birth-Day; but that could not be done, by reason he was not then in full Power.

(*Universal Spectator and Weekly Journal*, Sat. 1 Feb. 1729 – per C. Ridley)

On Sunday last died Mr. James Southwell, of Castle-Street, a noted Money Lender, in a delirious Condition. 'Tis said he was posses'd of near 20000 l. Most of which he had disposed to charitable Uses; among which are a large Legacy to the Blue Coat Hospital, and a Sum to provide a new Ring of Bells for the Parish Church of St. Warborow's, when the Steeple thereof shall be erected, beside a yearly Pension, for the putting out of poor Children Apprentices.

(*Flying Post or the Post Master*, Thurs. 30 Jan. 1729; also *Flying Post or the Weekly Medley*, Sat. 1 Feb. 1729, both per C. Ridley. The church involved has not yet been identified.)

Dublin, Jan. 25

On Tuesday Night last Mr. Shaw, Founder, in Back-Lane, being in the Bell-Loft in St. Catherine's Church, when the Bells were ringing, had the Misfortune to have both his legs broke by one of the Bells, and now lies in a miserable Condition.

(*London Evening Post*, Sat. 1 Feb. 1729 – per C. Ridley)

London, February 4.

Yesterday the Society of Ringers called London Scholars, consisting of Gentlemen and others, met at the Three-Tuns-Tavern in Cornhill, where a handsome Dinner was provided for them; after which several of them diverted themselves with ringing the new Sett of Bells lately set up in the Tower of St. Michael's there, which they reckoned very fine and musical, and not inferior to any in this City or Suburbs.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 8 Feb. 1729; reported also *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, same date, which starts 'Last Monday the Society'; *St James's Evening Post* and *Daily Post*, both 4 February 1729, and *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 8 Feb. 1729 which starts 'Also the same day'. – all bar the report from the *Norwich Gazette* per C. Ridley.)

We hear from Dover, that on the 26th instant the whole Peal of Five Thousand and Forty Gransir [*sic*] Tripples was Rung at St. Mary's in that Place, in the space of Three Hours and two Minutes, by the Company of Ringers belonging to that Town; which, 'tis said, is the first time of its being perform'd in the County.

(*Kentish Post*, Wed. 26 March/Sat. 29 March 1729; also *Daily Post* and *London Evening Post*, Tues. 1 April 1729 – both per C. Ridley – and *Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 7 April 1729, under the by-line 'Canterbury, March 29.' Also *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*, *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, and *British Journal or the Censor*, all 5 April 1729, the three latter per C. Ridley.)

Ipswich, May 6. This Day, at Noon, all the Bells of the Twelve Churches in this Town were rung, and a Dinner was provided for all the Ringers that came.

(*Weekly Journal or, British Gazetteer*, Sat. 10 May 1729)

York, May 19. On Thursday last (being Ascension-Day) the new Bells for St. Martin's Church, Coney-Street, given by Mr. William Thompson, Prothonotor, and made by Mr. Edward Seller, Bell-Founder, were rung, and have been judged by most competent Gentlemen of Musick in this City, and hereabout, who approve of them to be tuneable, and very fine Notes, and so pleasing, that 'tis reported, that Mr. Thompson will shortly present the said Parish with two Bells more, to make them a Peal of Eight; a Precedent, 'tis hoped, will move the Minds of other Gentlemen, Lovers of the Church, to encourage the like Emprovement [*sic*] in other Churches in this ancient City.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 20 May 1729)

From the *St. James's Evening Post*, May 29.

Netherhaven, - Wilts, May 25. On Tuesday last a Gentlewoman of this Place, aged 84, was marry'd to a young Gentleman (late of the Army) of 24, with which she was so well pleased, that she set the Bells a ringing in 3 Churches.

(*Kentish Post*, Wed. 28 May/Sat. 31 May 1729)

York, May 31. The new Peel of Bells of St. Martins in Coneystreet, was rung on Ascension Day last, whose fine Notes, or Tones, gave great Satisfaction to Gentlemen skilful in Musick; they not only sounding their own Praise, but to the Credit of their Founder, Mr. Edward Sellers.

(*Newcastle Courant*, St. 7 June 1729)

We having receiv'd the following Account from Lincoln in a Letter dated the 2d June but did no come to Hand till the 8th, otherwise it should have been inserted sooner.

There is lately finish' the Painting an Altar-Piece by Mr. Vincenzo Domini from London, in the Parish Church of St. Peter's in the Arches in the City of Lincoln, at the Charge of the said City; consisting of the Ascension of our Saviour and the Twelve Apostles, which for Beauty and Excellent Workmanship is not to be compared in the North of England: There is likewise eight new Bells cast by Mr. Rudhall of Gloucester, at the City Charge.

(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs 12 June 1729)

We hear from *Bath*, that the famous Mr. Rudhall of Gloucester (a Gentlemen well known in most Parts of this Kingdom, for his many excellent Performances) hath lately sent his Masterpiece, in a Set of Eight Bells, to St. James's in that City; they being in every Respect, a surprisingly fine Peal. But the Ringers, to their great Mortification, were prevented ringing them on a late Publick Holiday, because a Lap-Dog of Mrs. F—, who lodges near the Church, was very much indispos'd.

(*Fog's Weekly Journal*, Sat. 21 June 1729; copied into the *Newcastle Courant*, Sat. 28 June 1729.)

The death of Henry Penn, Bellfounder

Another Cause was also heard before the said Court [High Court of Chancery], between Henry Penn and James Fisher and others, upon a Contract concerning a Ring of Bells hung by the said Henry Penn in St. Ives [sic] Steeple in Peterborough: This Contract referr'd the Approbation of these Bells to the Judgment of Henry Norris of Bedford, who upon his first Visit to them declared them all Harmonious and Musical, except the Fifth, to whose Whirl and Time keeping he then atter'd [sic] some small Objections; at other Times and upon other Occasion, Mr. Norris finding other Faults, several of the Bells were new cast, and many other Proofs were exhibited touching the Musicalness and Truth of them, which not being clear, his Lordship ordered an Issue at Law. (*London Evening News*, Thurs. 19 June - Sat. 21 June 1729; also *London Evening Post*, Thurs. 19 June 1729 – per C. Ridley; reported also in *Daily Courant*, Sat. 21 June 1729, of which no copy of that issue has yet been located.)

On Monday the 21st Instant [sic] was try'd, at the Assizes for the County of Huntingdon, an Issue directed out of the Court of Chancery, upon the Hearing of a Cause, on the 20th of last Month, between Henry Penn and James Fisher, and others, upon a Contract concerning a Ring of Eight Bells, new Cast by the said Penn for St. Ives in Peterborough. Several Witnesses were examined as to the Goodness of the Bells, but the Contract having referred the Approbation of them to the Judgment of Henry Norris of Bedford, and a Witness being produc'd who testified, that Mr. Norris had once approv'd of them, the Jury gave a Verdict in Favour of Mr. Penn.

Mr. Penn went out of the Court when this Tryal was over, and as soon as he got to his Inn was taken ill, and instantly expir'd. (*London Journal*, Sat. 2 Aug. 1729, no doubt copied from elsewhere, but the source has not yet been located; similar report in *Daily Courant*, Fri. 1 Aug. 1729, which finishes with 'Mr. Penn was taken ill just as the Tryal was over, and died a few Hours after.' It also refers to the report in the *Daily Courant*, of Sat. 21 June 1729.)

York, May 21 [sic] The new Peel of Bells of St Martins in Coneystreet [sic] was rang on Ascension Day last, whose fine Notes, or Tones, gave great Satisfaction to Gentlemen skilful Music; they not only sounding their own Praise, but to the Credit of their Founder, Mr Edward Sellers. (*Newcastle Courant*, Sat. 7 June 1729 – per C. Ridley)

[Prisoners in the prison of the Borough of Totnes – to take benefit of the late Act of Parliament – names include Richard Philips, late of Milbrook, in the County of Cornwall, Bell-Founder.] (*London Gazette*, Sat. 28 June – Tues. 1 July 1729)

COPY of a LETTER from BATH

To RICHARD NASH, Esq.

Worthy SIR,

YOU are a Good-Natur'd Man, and have great Interest in this Place; for these Reasons I address myself to you in my present Calamity.

My Case is this,

I have been several Years afflicted with a Palsy, and am come hither in Hopes of Cure; I thought myself in a fair Way of Recovery; but, to my great Sorrow, a new Sett of Bells has been lately put up in St. James's Church, and every Time they Ring I am so disturb'd, that I am now in a worse Condition than I was when I came first.

You know very well, Sir, that this Church stands upon a low Spot of Ground; and besides that the Steeple is a very low one; I must tell you further, that such as are accustomed to Bells say, they are over-clapper'd; put all these Things together, Good Sir, and then consider whether they do not make such a Noise as must needs be very grievous to all sick People.

If I am rightly informed, the Mayor, the Corporation, the Rev. Mr. Archdeacon, and all the Physicians, have, to their Utmost, oppos'd the setting up these Bells, and represented it as a Thing highly injurious to all Strangers resorting hither for their Health, and consequently must prove very prejudicial to this City, which has no other Subsistence, than what it draws from such Strangers.

It may then be ask'd, how came it to pass that these Bells were set up? All I can answer is, That a Humour has lately prevail'd in all Parts of the Kingdom to set up Bells, and the Law permits it.

It may be further ask'd, If this has been done, as no Doubt it has, against the Opinion of the Mayor, the Corporation, the Archdeacon, and the Physicians, what Remedy is left? I can only answer, you, Sir, are better acquainted with the Genius of this Place, than any other Man alive; and I only

propose that your good Sense and good Nature may be employ'd to find out some Expedient for our Relief; for as my Case now stands, I suffer more by the Noise of the Bells, than all the Waters in the Universe can do me Good.

July the 20th, 1729.

(Daily Journal, Wed. 13 Aug. 1729)

Competition at Cornhill

Yesterday at St. Michael's in Cornhill, the Society of Ringers call'd the College Youths, rung the Peal of Five Thousand Changes in four Hours and eight Minutes; and we hear that the Society call'd the London Scholars, intend on Monday next to ring a Peal of Six Thousand Changes.

(St. James's Evening Post, Sat. 8 Nov. 1729; Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal, Wed. 12 Nov 1729; the first sentence (only) also in The Evening Post, 8 November 1729)

Yesterday the London Scholars began to ring Changes at St. Michael's Cornhill, at 55 Minutes after Eleven in the Forenoon, and continued ringing until five Minutes after Three in the Afternoon; in which time they rung about 4200 Changes.

(St. James's Evening Post, Tues. 11 Nov. 1729)

London, November 8.

Yesterday, at St. Michael's in Cornhill, the Society of Ringers called the COLLEGE YOUTHS, rung a peal of 5000 changes on 12 bells in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes; and we hear that the Society called the LONDON SCHOLARS intend on Monday next to ring a Peal of 6000 Changes upon the same.

(Norwich Gazette, Sat. 15 Nov. 1729; also St. James's Evening Post, Sat. 8 Nov. 1729, omitting 'upon the same', and The Evening Post, also Sat. 8 Nov. 1729, as far as 'a peal of Five Thousand and Forty changes in four Hours and eight minutes.' – the two latter per C. Ridley.)

Yesterday 7-Night, at St. Michael's Cornhill, the Society of London ringers called the College Youths rang 5000 Changes in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes, And

On Monday last the London Scholars began to ring the Changes on the same Bells at 55 Minutes after XI in the Forenoon, and continued to ring until 5 Minutes after 3 in the Afternoon, in which Time they rang 4200 Changes.

(Fog's Weekly Journal, Sat. 15 Nov. 1729; '7-Night' = 'sevensnight' usually 'se'nnight', in this case meaning 'a week yesterday'.)

London, November 25

Yesterday the Society of Ringers called the London Scholars began a few Minutes before 12 at Noon, to ring a Peal of Cinques on the 12 Bells at St. Michael's Cornhill, which they finished in 4 Hours and 44 Minutes, the Rounds before and after included, in which time they rang 6204 Changes, which (the Weight of the Bells considered) is more than ever was performed before.

(Norwich Gazette, Sat. 29 Nov. 1729)

London, Nov. 25

Yesterday the Society of Ringers, called the London Scholars, began a few Minutes before 12 at Noon, to ring a Peal of Cinques on the 12 Bells at St. Michael's Cornhill, which they finish'd in four Hours, and 44 Minutes, the Rounds before and after included; in which Time they rang 6204 Changes, which (the Weight of the Bells consider'd) is more than ever was perform'd before.

(Gloucester Journal Tues. 2 Dec. 1729; also Norwich Gazette, Sat. 29 Nov. 1729; also Northampton Mercury, Mon. 1 Dec. 1729, under 'From the St. James's Evening Post, November 25'; the number of changes is given as 6402; St. James's Evening Post and Daily Journal, both Tues. 25 Nov. 1729, the latter per C. Ridley; Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer, and Applebee's Original Weekly Journal, Sat. 29 Nov. 1729, starting 'Monday the Society...')

Yesterday the Company of London Scholars rung a Peal of 6200 Changes on the new Ring of Bells at St Michael's Cornhill; thy began a little before Twelve, and finish'd at half an Hour after Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

(Daily Post, Tues. 25 Nov. 1729 showing minor variations on other reports – per C. Ridley)

A new ring of bells for St. Alban's

A fine Ring of Eight Bells hath been lately Cast, and will this Week be sent down for the Church of St. Peter's in St. Albans, by Mr. Phelps of Whitechappel, [*sic*] who cast the curious ring of Twelve Bells in St. Michael's Cornhill.

(*Whitehall Evening Post*, Tues. 11 Nov. 1729)

On Thursday was sent down to St. Albans in Hertfordshire, a fine Peal of eight Bells, for St. Mary's [*sic*] Church; the Treble weighs about six Hundred Weight, and the Tenor about twenty Hundred, founded by Mr. Richard Phelps of Whitechappel, [*sic*] whose late Performance for the Parish of St. Michael's, Cornhill, is thought by the most impartial Judges to have exceeded every Thing hitherto attempted of this Kind.

(*Applebee's Original Weekly Journal*; *London Journal*; *St. James's Evening Post*; all Sat. 29 Nov. 1729; similar report in *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 6 Dec. 1729, with by-line 'London, November 22.' The latter per David Cubitt. Also *Daily Post*, Fri. Nov. 28 1729, beginning 'Yesterday...' – the latter per C. Ridley.)

The same Day [last Thursday] was sent down to St. Albans in Hertfordshire, a fine Peal of eight Bells for St. Peter's Church; the Treble weight about six Hundred Weight, and the Tenor about twenty Hundred, founded by Mr. Richard Phelps of Whitechapel, whose late performance for the Parish of St. Michael's, Cornhill, is thought by the most impartial Judges to have exceeded every Thing hitherto attempted of that Kind.

(*St. James's Evening Post*, Thurs. 27 Nov. - Sat. 29 Nov. 1729; also *Daily Post*, Fri. 28 Nov. 1729, starting 'Yesterday...' and *Weekly Journal or, British Gazetteer* and *London Journal*, both Sat. 29 Nov. 1729.)

Abraham Rudhall's ring of bells for Fulham, Middlesex

London, Nov. 13

There is now coming from Gloucester, a fine Peal of eight Bells, founded by Mr. Ruddle [*sic*] of that Place, to be put up in the Tower of the Church of Fulham in the County of Middlesex, and it is believed that they will be completely fitted up in about a Month's Time: The Treble weighs five Hundred, three Quarters and one Pound and the Tenor eighteen Hundred, three Quarters, and eighteen Pound.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 18 Nov. 1729; also *Evening Post*, *London Evening Post*, *St. James's Evening Post*, all Thurs. 13 Nov. 1729; similar report in the *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 22 Nov. 1729, with the by-line 'London, November 15.', the latter per David Cubitt. Also *Daily Post*, Thurs. 13 Nov. 1729, and *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, Sat. 15 Nov. 1729, both of the latter per C. Ridley.)

London, January 24

On Wednesday, the eight new bells cast by the famous Mr. Rudhall at Gloucester for Fulham church, were landed at that town, being brought by water most part of the way; the barge they were in sunk under Oxford Bridge, and it was a week before they could be weighed up. The tenor is 1900 weight; the others answerable; and it is not doubted but that they will prove as fine a peal as any in England of their weight. We hear the Union Scholars design to try them as soon as they are hung.

(*Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 31 Jan. 1730; also *London Evening Post* and *St. James's Evening Post*, both Thurs. 22 Jan. 1730 - the latter per C. Ridley – and beginning 'Yesterday...'; *Applebee's Original Weekly Journal* and *Country Journal or The Craftsman*, both Sat. 24 Jan. 1730, beginning 'On Tuesday the eight new bells', both per C. Ridley; and *Evening Post*, 22 Jan. 1730, as far as 'answerable,' and weight given as '1000 Weight')

York, Nov. 16. This Evening the Peal of Grandsire Bob, (720 Changes) was Rung upon the Six Middle Bells of our Cathedral by Six members of the new Society of Ringers; a Performance never attempted before in the memory of Man, or ever thought practicable, by the oldest and most experience'd Ringers of this Place. The Tenor about 30 Hundred weight, the Ringing Floor 26 Yards from the Bells; 'tis upwards of 40 Years since they were hung, 14 of the last of which they were silent, the Peal lasted three-fourths of an Hour, which is one fourth more time than is required for Bells hung after the Modern Manner.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 18 Nov. 1729)

We hear that the Vestry of the Parish of Greenwich have resolv'd to make Application to the Commissioners for building the fifty new Churches, and for a new Steeple to be built for their Church, the old one having been left standing when the said Church was finish'd in the late Bishop of Rochester's Time, by Reason, as 'tis said, of some disaffected Persons opposing the King's having a Pew thee, his Majesty having a House in the that Town.
(*St. James's Evening Post*, Fri. 28 Nov. 1729 – per C. Ridley)

A ring of bells for the new church in Spitalfields

Mr. Phelps, the famous Bell-Founder in White-Chappel, has Orders to cast a Sett of Eight Bells for the New Church in Spittle-Fields. The Timber Work and Frame are now making in the Belfry of the said Church. The Tenor is to be 36 hundred weight.
(*Universal Spectator and Weekly Journal*, Sat. 20 Dec. 1729; also *Weekly Journal*, Sat. 20 December 1729; similar report in *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 20 Dec. 1729 with the by-line 'London, December 6.' The latter per David Cubitt)

Eight Bells are making for Christ's Church, Spittlefields, by Mr. Phelps; the Tenor is to be 36 Hundred Weight. The Parish have by voluntary Sub-scription, already rais'd 1200£. to pay for the same.
(*St. James's Evening Post*, and *London Evening Post*, both Sat. 3 January 1730; same information in a different order in *Whitehall Evening Post*, Sat. 3 January 1730)

A fine Tenour [*sic*], weighing upwards of 36 Hundred Weight, cast by the famous Mr. Phelps of Whitechappel [*sic*], is next week to be hung up in the Steeple of Christ's Church, Spittle Fields, and soon after seven more fine Bells will be added thereto, to complete the Peal.
(*Daily Post-Boy*, Tues. 18 May 1731; *St. James's Evening Post*, and *Whitehall Evening Post*, 18 May 1731; *Read's Weekly Journal, or British-Gazetteer* and *Fog's Weekly Journal* Sat. 22 May 1731 – the latter per C. Ridley; similar report in *Norwich Gazette*, Sat. 22 May 1731, under the by-line 'London, May 18', and calling it '...the new Church in Spittle-Fields...')

Oxford, Dec. 12. The Society of Oxford Youths rung this Day a Peal of 5040 Changes at the New College in three Hours and seven Minutes, it being the first that was ever compleated in this City.
(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 22 Dec. 1729)

The following are a series of advertisements from the *Norwich Gazette*, 1729

23 August

WHEREAS the Norwich Society of Ringers, have been challenged by the Ringers of Eye in the County of Suffolk; this is to let them know, That we the said Norwich Ringers refuse none who challenge us to ring, at Five, Six, Seven, or Eight Bells: And that We, whose Names are hereto subscribed, do accept the said Challenge of the Ringers of Eye aforesaid; and will ring with them for Ten Guineas, (who shall ring best, both for Variety and Truth) and meet them Half Way from their Town, as near as a Peal will serve: And we do moreover expect their Answer to this under their Hands, in like Manner, in this same News-Paper, within 2 or 3 Saturday's at longest, or we shall look upon them as Nothing but Wind.

JOHN BRIGGS.
THOMAS GARDINER.
WILLIAM CALLOW.
THOMAS MELCHIOR.
JOHN HARVEY.
EDWARD CRANE.

ROBERT CRANE.
RICHARD BARNHAM.
THOMAS BARRET.
JOHN FORSTER.
JOHN WEBSTER.
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

20 September

WHEREAS the NORWICH Society of RINGERS were pleased to insert in a late News-Paper, That the Ringers of EYE in the County of Suffolk gave them a Challenge to ring, which we never did: But we do accept of it as a Challenge from them, and will not refuse them; but will prick with them from Five to Twelve Bells, and ring with them from Five to Eight Bells, for Forty, Fifty, or a Hundred Guineas, or as much as they please above, notwithstanding our Company have been very much indisposed, and not rung together for Three Years past: And if they do not publickly appoint a Place, and meet us Half Way, to article and put down the Money within Three Weeks, we shall count them Nothing but a Bundle of Conceit: As Witness our Hands this 12th Day of September 1729.

SAMUEL COLLETT.
HENRY FORD.
THOMAS FORD.
GEORGE FORD.
JOHN COLLETT.
JOHN SMYTH.

BRICE BRUNWIN.
ROBERT SHEPARD.
ROBERT GUDGON.
ROBERT TAYLOR.
STEPHEN GISSING.

27 September

WHEREAS the Ringers of Eye deny that they ever challeng'd us to ring with us [*sic*], yet they have introduced a fresh Challenge to prick from Five to Twelve, which we never mentioned in our Advertisement; this is therefore to let them know, that we shall not trouble ourselves to contend about the Art of Pricking, but will Ring with them for Ten Guineas the following Number of different Peals, viz. 6 Peals on 5 Bells, 6 on 6 Bells, 6 on 7, and 6 on 8 Bells; they that ring best, and with fewest Mistakes, to win the Money; they to chuse 3 Peals on each Number, and we to chuse 3, and each Company to ring all the 6 Peals: And in Order thereto we will meet them at Mr. John Browne's, at the White-Lion in Beccles, on Monday the 6th of October, to article and put down the Money; where we expect then to see them.

JOHN BRIGGS
THOMAS GARDINER
WILLIAM CALLOW
THOMAS MELCHIOR
JOHN HARVEY
EDWARD CRANE

ROBERT CRANE
RICHARD BARNHAM
THOMAS BARRET
JOHN FORSTER
JOHN WEBSTER
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

4 October

WHEREAS the Norwich Society of Ringers, has for several Years past alarmed the World with their grand Performances, and have in their last Advertisement refused to prick with the Eye Ringers, as well as ring; which if they still refuse to do, it plainly discovers their Imperfections in that Noble Art, and they will be deemed by all Ringers vain Pretenders and proud Boasters, and not Men of that profound Judgment their own Mouths have so long trumpeted forth. We are informed that they think by our Proposals, to prick and ring for so large a Sum as a Hundred Guineas, that we don't intend to ingage them at all; but to convince them of the Truth of what we Advertize, we are willing to oblige them and reduce the Sum above-mentioned to Thirty Guineas; we not thinking it worth our while to perform for less. But not withstanding the Reduction of that Sum, we are ready to perform our former

Proposals if they think fit to accept them: But as to the Number of Peals they propose to ring, must be allowed to be very Unreasonable, and can't be performed in one Day, at this time of the Year; and besides would be very tedious and troublesome to the Judges: We intend to ring Two Peals of each Sort, to a reasonable Extent. We also desire their final Resolution in their next Advertisement, and expect they will appoint a House at Bungay; or at Mr. Sowell's House at Earsham; from which Place both Parties are near an equal Distance, where we shall not fail to meet them, to article and put down the Money.

SAMUEL COLLETT
HENRY FORD
THOMAS FORD
GEORGE FORD
JOHN COLLETT
JOHN SMITH [*sic*]

BRICE BRUNWIN
ROBERT SHEPARD
ROBERT GUDGEON
ROBERT TAYLOR
STEPHEN GISSING Esq.

11 October

The NORWICH RINGERS being challenged by Mr. Brice Brunwin of EYE, who represented the whole Society of the Ringers of the Town, to ring with them, the Norwich Ringers accepted their Challenge, and proposed to ring with them at 5, 6, 7, and 8 Bells, for Ten Guineas; the Money to be won by them who shall ring best, both for Variety and Truth, viz. 6 Peals on 5 Bells, 6 on 6 Bells, 6 on 7, and 6 on 8 Bells; and to meet them at Mr. John Browne's at the White Lion in Beccles, on Monday the 6th of October 1729, to article and put down the Money. But the EYE Ringers finding that the NORWICH Ringers do stand firm and steadfast to accept their Challenge and ring with them, this puts them in Doubts what were best to be done; and knowing themselves altogether unable to perform the Task set before them, against so expert a Company as are ST. PETER'S RINGERS, (for NORWICH affords several other Companies that can outmatch the EYE Company) to skreen themselves the better from the Imputation of Ignorance, fell to conniving Ways and Means how to extricate themselves out of the Labyrinth: Concluded it their best Way to mix ringing with pricking and so proposed to prick with them from 5 to 12 Bells, and ring with them from 5 to 8 Bells, refusing to perform under 30 Guineas; and for Refusal of this extravagant Nonsense, we must forsooth be deemed a Bundle of Conceit; Yet we dare them to shew us anything New in Pricking. Now it is left to the Judicious to be surprized as well as we, that they who complained against us ringing 6 Peals on 5 Bells, and so on to 8 Bells, as being Unreasonable, because not to be performed in one Day at this Time of Year; should notwithstanding propose at Task not to be performed in the Age of Man, i.e. to prick from 5 to 12 Bells: for setting aside all the foregoing Number of Bells, to prick the Changes on 12 Bells alone, would require 75 Years, 12 Lunar Months, 1 Week, and 3 Days, without losing 1 Minute of the Whole Time: A rare Challenge! and well worthy of the Proposers; for the Undertaker must neither eat, drink, nor sleep for 75 Years, 12 Lunar Months, 1 Week, and 3 Days; a Task not to be performed by any but the EYE Ringers: It would take 665 Reams of Paper and upwards, which at 5s. the Ream, would amount to 166£, 5s. But setting aside any further Explanation of this Matter, we must impute such a Challenge to their Want of Skill in Performances of this Nature. So running from one Extream to another, propose to ring 2 Peals upon each Number of Bells; a Performance so mean, that a Boy may be perfectly taught in Two months. For another Subterfuge, they fly from their first Proposal, which was, that the NORWICH Ringers should appoint both the Time and Place of Meeting; which they accordingly did at Beccles, and met there according to their Time: then nothing would do with the EYE Ringers, but Bungay or Earsham; a sly Tergiversation: But we are resolved, That nunquam Hodie effulgient; veniemus quocunque Vocarint. However we condescend to give them one Proposal more, i.e. to produce a true Half Peal of Stedman Triples, and ring it without Changes alike, which we think they cannot deny; considering they boast that they have the Whole prick'd already, it will be no tedious Matter for them to produce the Half. The proposition therefore is, That they who produce it to the best Truth, and ring it with the fewest Mistakes, to win the aforesaid 30 Guineas. If this will not win them, we come to their own Proposal, i.e. to ring 2 Peals on each Number, viz. 2 on 5, 2 on 6, 2 on 7, and 2 on 8 Bells; they to chuse 2 and we to chuse 2; each Company to ring all the 4 on each Number, the Money to be won by them that ring best, and with fewest Mistakes: and in Order thereto we will meet them at the White-Swan in Bungay, on Tuesday the 14th Instant, betwixt the Hours of 9 and 12, to article, &c., which if they refuse again, we'll return their Bundle inflam'd, to which they have a Title undoubted.

Witness our hands,
(Same Norwich names as previously)

18 October

WHEREAS the Meeting was at Bungay on Tuesday the 14th of this instant October, between the EYE Ringers and the NORWICH Ringers, we the EYE Ringers aforesaid think it proper to let the Country know our Proposals; which were as follow: We were to ring 8 Peals, 2 on 5, 2 on 6, 2 on 7, and 2 on 8 Bells, different Peals from each other, and to perform the best Work in Pricking; and the Works were to be delivered to the Two Judges, and also Time allowed to prove the Truth of them; and if the Judges could not decide the Matter, they were to chuse Assistance to determine it. Now the NORWICH Ringers Proposals were as follows, viz. They would not prick at all, neither would they ring without the Liberty to chuse 2 Peals of each for us to ring, and we to chuse 2 Peals of each for them to ring; which plainly demonstrates there must have been no Ringing at all: Because we should have chose such Peals as they had never seen, neither could ever be Masters of; and they would have set us the same: Therefore we the EYE ringers leave it to the Judgment of all Ringers, whether our Proposals were fair or not: For we would have chose 8 Peals for ourselves to ring, and they to have the same Liberty of chusing 8 Peals for theirselves to ring; which could not have been such Peals on either Side which a Boy could have been taught by them to ring in Two Months Time, as the [*sic*] were pleased to assert in their last Advertisement: which makes it plainly appear they have no Design to ingage us at all, (upon no Condition whatever) but only to bullock, and brought a Person with them for that Purpose. So we don't think it worth while to trouble ourselves any further about the Matter, we finding there is no fair Wager can be made with the NORWICH Ringers; and so we leave them, what we expected to find them, and have hereunto subscribed our Names.
(Concluded with same Eye names as 4 October)

25 October

THE EYE Ringers (by their lying Advertisement concerning the Meeting at Bungay) have made it a Truth equal to an Axiom, that Impudence and Ignorance are inseparable Companions; for they would bear the World in Hand, that we refuse to ingage them either at Ringing or Pricking: A Falsity so Notorious, that it will startle every Hearer when he considers what we proposed to them as follows, viz. to ring and prick a true Half Peal of Steadman Triples; which they refused, well knowing they could do neither. Next we proposed to ring 8 Peals, 2 of each Sort, we to chuse 2, and they 2, which they also refused; their Master alledging, that he had but 5 besides himself that could ring Variety of Peals: Then we proposed them 6 Peals on 6 Bells, and to throw up the Book and to take those Peals that shall first appear; which, for Reasons well known, they refused: So being nonplust, they plainly told us they would not Ring at all, without Pricking. Then their Master offered a Wager of 6 Guineas, to give us a Peal that we could not ring in 6 Meeting Nights; which we accepted, and then offered a Lay of 10, 20, or 30 Guineas: But finding us resolved to lay hold on any Wager, withdrew his Money, and said he knew not but what we had already Rung it. Witness Mr. John Botwright and Mr. George Barfoot of Bungay. Then finding that no offer could allure them, proposed to prick from 5 to 12 Bells, to find the exact Number of Revolutions of all the Hunts, which they could in no way relish. We then offered to prick the extents from 5 to 9 Bells, to a true Performance, i.e. 120 on 5, 720 on 6, 5040 on 7, 40320 on 8 and 362880 on 9 Bells, which they refusing, we challenged them in the Publick Market 30 Guineas to 20, each Company to ring their own 8 Peals according to their Proposal in the News. This close Attack sent them to another Part seeking new Quarter; Witness the abovesaid Gentlemen. And after they had denied every Thing, and Rung a Blundering Peal or Two, the Heroes pack'd up their Bundle of Conceit and sneak'd out of Town in the Dark, wisely preventing being hissed at by the People. As to the bringing a Man on purpose to bullock them, (as they learnedly termed it) we utterly deny; but the Gentleman being accidentally there, and hearing their blundering Blacksmith bellowing without Reason or good Manners, smartly returned Answers succiently able to convince any one but a Bullock. So we leave them to be judges by all Men of Sound Reason, and now clean our Hands of them as Unworthy of our further Notice. We, whose Names are hereunto written, believe the Company of EYE Ringers to be by no Means qualified or capable to ingage the Society of Norwich in the Performance of that Noble Art.

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| JOHN KING } Church-Wardens | JOHN TURNER } Church-Warden |
| JOHN MANN } of St. Mary's | of Trinity |
| (followed by 15 other names - | (followed by 14 other names - |
| none Norwich ringers) | none Norwich ringers) |

1 November:

Norwich, November 1. Last Night I received an Advertisement from the EYE ringers inviting the NORWICH Ringers to meet them the 12th Instant at the Yew-Tree Rednal to article to ring with them only upon their own last Proposals; but it coming very late, and being considerably long, I am obliged to defer inserting it till my next Saturday's News-Paper, when it shall be in at Length.

8 November:

EYE, October 31, 1729. Forasmuch as the NORWICH Society of Ringers have, in their latest scurrilous Advertisement, falsly and maliciously aspersed the EYE RINGERS with a Misrepresentation of the Proposals that were introduced at Bungay Meeting; and have very genteely given us the LIE designing thereby to bring an Odium upon our Characters: We the Society of EYE RINGERS think it justly deserves our highest Resentment, lest the World should be imposed upon to believe the scandalous and no less infamous Suggestions of a Parcel of Ra---ls; whose Insolence and Arrogance has spirited them up boldly to aver in Print, that we refused to ring with them according to our own Proposals when at Bungay: All which is intirely false and groundless, and accrues as little to the retrieving of their lost Credit, (by refusing to prick and ring with us) as their advertising those Gentlemen's Names as Evidence of their Performances, who we may venture to say never pulled a Bell-Rope in their lives; or at least if they have, we are well assured they are Total Strangers to the Art of Ringing: A pretty Recommendation for the NORWICH Ringers truly! These NORWICH Ringers, alias the INFALLIBLE COMPANY, (as they have stiled themselves) have played a sagacious Part indeed, in giving us the LIE, tho' void of Truth and good Manners: For had they spoke Nothing but the Truth concerning the Proposals we offered them at Bungay, they must have given the Publick a plain and explicit Proof that they receded from every Thing that was Fair and Honourable; otherwise they must have lain Dormant, and not have advertised any more: Now the NORWICH Ringers find themselves surrounded with these inextricable Difficulties, found it impossible to obliterate the Stain they had incurred by refusing to prick and ring with us, resolved at last to contrive a Scheme how to acquit themselves of their Antagonists without Contempt and Disgrace: And after having exhausted their Wits in discussing the Point, came to this Resolution, viz. to draw up a false and contradictory Advertisement to that of the EYE Ringers, coloured with sufficient Artifice (as they imagined) to convince the World that we would accept of no terms; then in short we can make it appear, they refused every fair proposal that we offered them at the Bungay Meeting; of which we take Leave to give the following Remonstrance, viz. When these Fellows drew in their String-Purses (or more properly Spring Purses) they would offer a fair Proposal, and lay them upon the Table with a STRING in HAND; and when we offered to cover the Money, to bind the Wager, these Purses would spring into their Pockets again with such an admirable Velocity, that we began to be in Doubt whether these were Ringers come to make a Wager, or Jugglers performing Dexterity of Hand. Now when this merry Scene was over, which afforded the Spectators no small Diversion, these HOCUS POCUS Fellows withdrew themselves, and went to Beccles; and left us at Bungay, where we stayed several Hours after they were gone from us: Notwithstanding this, these audacious Fellows had that uncommon Impudence to assert in their last Advertisement, that we sneaked out of Town and left them: Now we appeal to the World, who is intitled to the Character of the LYING ADVERTISERS, the EYE Ringers or the NORWICH Ringers. In the next Place we shall give some remarkable Instances of the INFALLIBLE Company, (as they have widely stiled themselves) viz. These Fellows, who always loved Applause, went to exert themselves at Great Yarmouth, where they pretended to ring a Peal of Triple Bob; and after having rung some Changes, had so intirely lost themselves, that they were forced to betake themselves to the Jump to get the Bells round. Test. Mr. Robert Jackson of Yarmouth, as well as ourselves who were then present: So these INFALLIBLE Fellows were forced to return Home, without the Encomium they expected. Furthermore, the NORWICH Ringers came to EYE, to present us with a Peal of Triple Bob; in the ringing of which their Infallible Master MELCHIOR, being BOB CALLER, call'd BOB after the whole Hunt had led a whole Pull, being out of infallible Time. Test. Mr. John Marven of Cobdock, and Mr. Robert Hogger of Ipswich, both eminent Ringers. The next Instance of their Infallibility is this, their Quarter Peal of Triple Bob, containing 10080 Changes, which they asserted in their News-Paper they rung to a Truth, was intirely false and groundless. Test. Mr. John Collett, and Mr. Samuel Collett; which is another substantial Proof of their INFALLIBILITY. We beg leave to assert this Instance also, which was their ringing at Thrandeston near EYE, at so small a number as Five Bells; which ringing was so Odious, that all the little petty Ringers of the County Towns adjacent hissed at their Performances. Test. Mr. John Rudet and Mr. Roger Farthing, both Ringers at Palgrave. Lastly, To convince them, we will (in Compassion to their Ignorance) excuse their pricking with us, as they have always desired; we knowing them to be in no Ways qualified to engage with our Famous COLLETT, in the Theory: So if they please to meet us at the Sign of the Yew-

Tree at Rednall near Harlestone, between the Hours of 9 and 12, on Wednesday next, the 12th of November, where we shall not fail to meet them to article, and put down our Twenty Guineas to their Thirty, to ring the Eight Peals according to their last Proposal. Note, we design to ring for the Wager at Great Yarmouth, with the Permission of the Court, on the 28th of February next.

(Concludes with the same Eye names as on 4 October)

22 November

BUNGAY, November 18, 1729. Whereas the EYE Ringers have in the last Advertisement falsely set forth and misrepresented every Thing proposed to them by the NORWICH Ringers, at their last Meeting at BUNGAY: We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being Eye and Ear-Witnesses to the Proposals made on both sides, do declare to the World, that the said Advertisement is both false and scandalous in every Particular, relating to the Proposals made to them by the NORWICH Ringers: Which plainly demonstrates the EYE Ringers to be Persons of mean Principles, as well as Performances; otherwise they would not have recourse to such palpable Untruths and Inconsistancies. However, thus much must be confest, viz. if their Performances in Ringing be equal to their L---g they must be allowed to be Persons of no small Acquirements.

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