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NOTICE is hereby given,

That Thursday the 31st Day of January instant is the Day appointed to open the Peal of SIX BELLS at BENINGTON near Boston in Lincolnshire, now lately cast, hung and compleated by JOSEPH MALLOWS, from East Dereham in Norfolk, Bell Founder.

N.B. A Dinner will be provided at One o'Clock, at the Sign of the Anchor and Joiners Arms, near the Church, where all Gentlemen Ringers and others, that will oblige us with their Company, shall meet with a hearty Welcome from their humble Servants,

JAMES HILDREAD & JOHN ATKINSON.

(Advert in *Cambridge Journal*, Sat. 26 Jan. 1760)

Last Tuesday se'nnight was rang at St. James's Church, a compleat Peal of Five Thousand and Forty Grandsire Tripples and Doubles, by the young Ringers of Bristol and Bath, being the first Time this Peal was truly perform'd in this City; and in three Hours and ten Minutes, by the following Persons, viz. Benjamin Gray, Treble; John Bretton, Second; Joseph Sheppard, Third; John Palmer, Fourth; Giles Fisher, Fifth; John Lucas (call'd the Bobs), Sixth; Richard Murford, Seventh; Thomas Dory, Tenor.

(*Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*, Sat. 9 Feb. 1760)

[Feb.] 9. Mr. Ruddell, Bell-founder, Gloucester.

(*Universal Chronicle or the Daily Register of Commerce and Intelligence*, Sat. 9 Feb. - Sat. 16 Feb. 1760)

The death of Abel Rudhall

Last Week died, in Gloucester, Mr. Rudhall, an eminent Bell-Founder in that City. - He was descended from the ancient Family of Rudhall, near Ross, in Herefordshire; but that and his great Ingenuity and Skill, were the least valuable Parts in his Character; his Honesty, Integrity, Charity to the Poor, and Indulgence to his own and his Father's old Servants, with many other Virtues, are an Honour to his Family, and justly deserve Encomiums far above the Pen of an Ordinary Writer.

(*Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 14 Feb. 1760; short note also in *Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*, Sat. 16 Feb. 1760, under the by-line 'Gloucester, Feb. 9.')

GLOCESTER, April 11, 1760.

ALL Persons having any Demand on the Estate and Effects of Abel Rudhall, late of the City of Gloucester. Bell-Founder, deceased, are desired forthwith to send in a particular Account thereof, to Mr. Edmund Phillipps, Attorney at Law, in this City; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are likewise required to pay their respective Debts into the Hands of the said Mr. Phillipps, who is duely [*sic*] authorised, by the Widow and Administratrix of the said Deceased, to receive the same; or they will be sued without further Notice.

Note, The Bell-Founding Business will be carried on by Mr. Francis Tyler, of the said City.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 12 April 1760; repeated in the following two editions.)

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate and Effects of Mr. ABEL RUDHALL, late of the City of Gloucester, Bell-Founder, deceased, are required immediately to pay in their respective Debts to Mrs. Eleanor Rudhall his Widow and Administratrix, or to Mr. Edmond Phillipps, Attorney at Law, in the same City, who is authorized to receive the same; or they will be sued without further Notice.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 7 Feb. 1761; repeated in the following two editions.)

London, Feb. 14.

From Gillingham we have received the following Account; That on the 4th Instant was married there Mr. Samuel Warsper, a Perfumer, aged 67, to Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, a Maiden Lady, aged 75, who was brought to Church on Horseback behind a Farmer's Servant, but without either Pillion or Saddle, whilst the Bridegroom came deliberately after on his Crutches; but at the entrance of the Church several Persons had assembled to carry off the Lady, alledging that she was an Heiress; but after a little Contest, the Bridegroom gained a complete Victory, and the Ceremony was immediately performed.

Six young Maidens went into the Belfry, and rung the Bells, exulting to think, that if they lived to the age of Four-score, they should even then find Admirers; but what is most remarkable, the Bride and Bridegroom both laid aside their Crutches the next Day.

(*Sussex Weekly Advertiser: Or, Lewes Journal*, Mon. 18 Feb. 1760; also *Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 21 Feb. 1760. It is possible that the date in the by-line is significant, but Samuel Vesper did indeed marry Elizabeth Timpson at Gillingham on 4 February 1760.)

On Monday last was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at Christ-Church Spittlefields 5120 Treble Bob in four hours seven minutes to the general satisfaction of all lovers of that ingenious Exercise

(*Cambridge Journal*, Sat. 15 March 1760 – per Gareth Davies)

This Week Mr. Francis Tyler, of this City, who has undertaken the Bell founding Business for the Benefit of the late Mr. Rudhall's Son, cast Three Bells to make up a Peal, and, though it was his first Essay, they all proved Maiden Bells.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 8 April 1760)

KENNINGHALE, April 6, 1760.

BEING EASTER SUNDAY, was rung by a Society of Ringers, belonging to this Place; a compleat Peal of 5040 Bob Major, and not a Bell out of Course, which was completed in three Hours and two Minutes by us whose Names are here undermentioned.

Anthony Davey, Jun. Treble

James Prince, 2d.

Geo. Drake, 3d and call'd

the Bobs.

Thomas Haws, 4th.

Matthew Coleby, 5th.

John Palmer, 6th.

John Palmer, 7th.

John Dove, Tenor.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 12 April 1760)

RUNG at WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS in Suffolk, on Wednesday the Second Day of April, 1760, the seven under-written Peals, each a Seven hundred and Twenty in three Hours, without any Bell being out of Course.

Cambridge Surprize,

Double plain Bob,

Oxford Treble Bob,

Court Bob,

William Morley, Treble

Francis Langley, Second

James Morley, 3d. and Bob-Caller

London New Bob,

London single, And

Plain Bob.

Rd. Clark, Fourth.

Tho. Goldsmith, 5th.

Tho. Gawfell, Tenor.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 12 April 1760) [The initials FL and the date 1763 are scratched on the stair wall outside the belfry.]

We hear from Leeds in Kent, that there was *elegantly* rung by their Youths, a compleat Peal of 5400 Oxford Triples, Ten in, in three hours forty-five Minutes. This is the greatest Performance of the Kind ever done in this County.

(*Kentish Post*, Wed. 16 April/Sat. 19 April 1760)

BATH, April 15. Last week the new small Peal of Eight Bells, hung in St. Michael's, in this City, was finished; it is a musical Peal, and the first of the Kind, and weighs but One Hundred and Three Pounds. On Monday there was rung a compleat Peal of 2520 Changes of Grandsire Triples on them.

(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 28 April 1760)

Friday Night was opened at Mr. Joseph Varnham's, in the Parish of St. Michael, in this City, a new Peal of ten Bells; when was rung by the Company of Bath Ringers, a peal of Catons of 1008 Changes. They intend to ring a much longer one this Week.
(*Boddeley's Bath Journal*, Mon. 29 Sept. 1760; the only subsequent reference to ringing these bells is in *Boddeley's Bath Journal*, Mon. 4 May 1761, *q.v.*)

We hear that last Whitsun Monday the Leeds Youths compleatly rung at Dover a musical Peal of 5184 Oxford Tripple Bob, eight in, at St. Mary's the Virgin, in three Hours and twenty Minutes; which was the greatest Performance of Ringing ever done in that Steeple; notwithstanding the Organ (which is only shifted from the Bellfrey by a Slit-deal Partition) play'd for three Quarters of an Hour, at the latter end of the Peal. It was greatly supposed by several People in that Town, to be done designedly to put them out, there being no Divine Service at that Time of Day.
(*Kentish Post*, Sat. 31 May/Wed. 4 June 1760)

RINGING.

This is to acquaint all Lovers of Ringing.

THAT on MONDAY the 30th of June instant; there will be FIVE PERUKES, value Five Pounds, to be rung for on WIVENHOE BELLS, by any ten Ringers, putting in Five Shillings each. Those five Men that ring the best four Peals (as shall be allowed by Judges appointed) to have the Wigs; which shall be worth Twenty Shillings each, according to the Judgment of any Peruke-Maker.

N.B. Dinner will be provided at the FALCON at Wivenhoe aforesaid, by their humble Servant, THOMAS CORDER.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 21 June 1760 - advert.)

July 12, 1760.

There is lately Hung to Sally, and set going by JOHN BUSH, Bell-Hanger, of Chew-Stoke, near Bristol, in the County of Somerset, a large Peal of Six Bells, in the Town of Yeovil in the said County: The Tennor consisting of near 50 C. Wt.; they are allowed to be the largest Peal of Six, that is in the Country, and required, before new Hung, 22 or 23 Men to ring the Six Bells; but since they are hung by the said Bush, the same has been rung for several Hours, by 7 Men only, and to 3 or 4 different Peals of Changes; Consisting of 120 Grandsire Changes in each Peal.

N.B. The said Bush has work'd in the Business upwards of 30 Years, and is thought to be a very experienced Man, and will be ready to serve any Parish, if required.

(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 14 July 1760 – advert.)

Skipton, in Craven, July 14. On Saturday the 5th Inst. was finished the Hanging of a Peal of six new Bells from Messrs. Lester and Pack, London, by Mr. James Harrison, from Barrow, Lincolnshire, and the same Day a Set of Ringers from Otley rung several Peals of Single, Double and Treble Bob Changes upon them, to the great Pleasure and Satisfaction of a numerous Concourse of People, being the Visitation Day. They are allowed to be a complete Peal of Six. The Tenor is eighteen Hundred and a Half Weight.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 22 July 1760; similar report, *Leeds Intelligencer*, same date, but beginning, 'We hear from Skipton in Craven, that a few days ago was completed, the Hanging...'.)

This is to give NOTICE, THAT a new SET of CHIMES are intended to be put up in the Parish-Church of Hemelhempstead, in the County of Hertford. Any Person, that is well acquainted with such Business, is desired to attend, with Proposals, at the Bell-Inn in Hemelhempstead, on Friday the 7th Day of November, 1760. N.B. There are Eight Bells in the said Church.

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 27 October 1760 - advert)

At Lamberhurst ... on the 15th Day of November 1760 was proclaimed George III... at one o'Clock the Bells began to ring, which continued till Nine at Night without intermission.

(*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*, Mon. 1 Nov. 1760)

Tuesday last being the Day appointed for the Interment of his late Majesty, the Great Bell at each of our Churches began to toll at Ten in the Morning, and continued till Evening.
(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 17 Nov. 1760)

We are informed from Wakefield, that on the Arrival of the News there of the King of Prussia's Victory over Marshal Daun's Army, a Peal of Tripples call'd *Grandsire Bob Tripples*, consisting of 5040 compleat Changes, was run [*sic*] in two Hours and 50 Minutes.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 18 Nov. 1760)

On Monday last died in St. Giles's Steeple, John Webster, a noted and ingenious Ringer, an honest, sober and industrious Man, respected and esteemed by all his Acquaintance, the Peal he had been ringing of, prov'd his farewell one, for he ended that and Life together: He kept his Bell in due Order to the close of the Cease, then fell and rose no more.
(*Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 22 Nov. 1760; shorter report in *Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 27 Nov. 1760, under the by-line 'London, Tuesday, November 25' and starting 'Yesterday se'nnight...' Reports also in *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 29 Nov. 1760 and *Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 2 Dec. 1760.)

The recasting of Bow Bells

A resolution is taken to re-cast seven of the eight bells at Bow Church, and to add two more; the whole to be made adequate to the tenor, which is justly esteemed as fine a bell as any in England. For this end, a generous subscription has been raised by many gentlemen in the country, as well as in London. When finished, they are to be hung in a circle, which will make it much more convenient for the ringers.
(*London Chronicle*, Sat. 6 Dec. – Tues. 9 Dec. 1760)

Yesterday the workmen began to take down seven of Bow bells in Cheapside, which are to be new cast, in order to make a complete peel [*sic*] of ten bells; the tenor, which is judged to be the finest in England, is to remain. The seventh bell weighs thirty hundred. The Contractor, Mr. Lester, of Whitechapel, has engaged to finish and hang them by Easter next.
(*General Evening Post*, Thurs. 24 Dec. - Sat. 26 Dec. 1761; also *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, same date (26 Dec.), with date line 'LONDON, December 25')

On Friday last the remaining new bells were drawn up Bow-steeple, Cheapside, in order to be ready against the ensuing Whitsuntide; it is imagined they will be the finest peal of bells in England.
(*Lloyd's Evening Post and British Chronicle*, Fri. 14 May - Mon. 17 May 1762)

Yesterday was rung, for the first Time, the fine new Peal of ten bells (Tenor excepted) lately put up at Bow Church, Cheapside, in Honour of his Majesty's Birth-Day.
(*Public Advertiser*, Sat. 5 June 1762; also *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, same date.)

The augmentation of the ring at St. Margaret's Westminster

Yesterday the great bell belonging to the parish-church of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and another, were taken down in order to be new cast, and two new ones of a smaller size are also to be cast, which make a ring of ten bells for the said parish.
(*London Chronicle*, Tues. 9 Dec. - Thurs. 11 Dec. 1760; also *Whitehall Evening Post, Or, London Intelligencer*, Tues. 9 Dec. - Thurs. 1 Dec. 1748, *Public Advertiser*, Thurs 11 Dec. 1760, and *Lloyd's Evening Post and British Chronicle*, Wed. 10 Dec. - Fri. 12 Dec. 1760, the latter still beginning 'Yesterday...')

Two new treble bells, and a new tenor, are put up in the steeple of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and are clipping [*sic*] and tuning; so that there will be a complete ring of ten bells to ring at his Majesty's Coronation.
(*Lloyd's Evening Post and British Chronicle*, Mon. 23 Feb. - Wed. 25 Feb. 1761)

Yesterday the new ring of bells, at St. Margaret's Westminster, were rung for the first time; and are said to be a fine set.
(*Lloyd's Evening Post and British Chronicle*, Wed. 4 March - Fri. 6 March 1761)

This is to inform the CURIIOUS, that there is come to this Place,
The Noted FRANKLING,
The Celebrated RINGER:

Who has performed at the Theatre Royal, in Covent Garden, at the Theatre in the Hay-Market, and at Sadler's Wells, London, where he met with universal Applause; and his Exhibitions so far surpass Belief, that he has been recommended to the Publick, as the most extraordinary Artist of the Age.

He rings eight Bells, viz. Two on his Head, two in each Hand and one on each Foot, rising, changing, and falling them with unparallel'd Dexterity. He likewise plays on them several Tunes, with the utmost Exactness; and all this without the Assistance of any other Person. It is allowed by the best Judges of ringing, that his Equal in this Art has never before appeared.

He may be heard of at his Lodgings, at the Castle Inn, in the Market-Place, Norwich. And is ready to wait on any Gentlemen or Ladies, who may be pleased to command him, at any Time of the Day, during his Stay in Town, which will be for a short time only.

(Norwich Mercury, Sat. 13 Dec. 1760 - advert.)

1761

SHERBORNE, Jan. 7. We hear from Shobrook, near Exeter, that on the 4th Instant was opened there, a new Peal of six Bells, and what is very remarkable, they all proved to be maiden ones, without the least Chipping, or using any Art of turning them; and they are esteemed by all Judges to be as compleat a Set of Bells as any in England.---They were cast by Mr. Bilbie, of Collumpton; and to his Praise be it spoken, that he has had the Satisfaction not only of pleasing the Parishioners of Shobrook, but also a great Number of Gentlemen in the Counties of Devon and Cornwall.
(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 12 Jan. 1761)

ON Saturday the 17th of January 1761, was rung at ALDEBURGH, near Harleston in Norfolk, by the Aldeburgh and Redenhall Companies, a compleat Peal of 5040 double Bob-Major, which was never rung by us, nor any Company in a Country Town before. This noble Peal was compleated in three Hours (without a Bell out of Course) by us under-mentioned

William Patrick, the Treble,	who called the Bobs.
Francis Field, the Second,	James Lake, the Sixth.
Samuel Field, the Third	Edmund Chandler, the 7th, &
Philip Briant, the Fourth,	Philip Briant, sen. the Eighth.
Roger Brock, the Fifth.	

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 24 Jan. 1761 - advert.)

Nottingham, Feb. 3, 1761.

This Morning the Peal of Grandsire Tripples was rung at the parish Church of St. Mary's, consisting of 5040 Changes, call'd by Mr. John Holt's Method of London College Youths, was compleated in three hours, seven minutes, and thirty seconds. N.B. The Tenor is 32 hundred weight.
(*Ayscough's Nottingham Courant*, Sat. 31 Jan. – Sat. 7 Feb. 1761; similar report in *Leicester & Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 7 Feb. 1761, starting 'We hear from Nottingham that on Tuesday morning last...')

Monday was rung at St. Stephen's Church, a true and compleat Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples and Doubles, in three Hours, being the first that have [*sic*] been rung in the West of England, with two Singles, by the following Persons, viz. Matthew Dean, Treble, Tho. Taylor 2, Tho. Banton 3, Charles Belling 4, William Fryer 5, Stephen Smith 6, George Evans 7, Jacob Caple 8. - The Bobs were called by Mr. Thomas Taylor.

(*Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*, Sat. 14 Feb. 1761)

Last Night was rung, at Mr. Vernham's, at the Black-Swan in Broad-Street, a compleat Pal of five Thousand and Forty Grandsire Triples, (being the first that ever was rung in the West of England) with Two Singles, and in three Hours one Minute and a half. It was performed by the following Persons: Thomas Lansdown, Treble; William Bollwell, Second; Philip Warren, Third; Richard Stileman, Fourth; John Bretton, Fifth; John Sheppard, Sixth; John Bond, Seventh; Samuel Truman, Tenor. The Bobs of this Peal were called by John Bond.

(*Bath Chronicle*, Thurs 26 Feb. 1761; presumably this was rung on hand-bells.)

Bath, Feb. 19

Thursday Evening it pleased Almighty God to call to his Mercy our late renowned and most worthy Benefactor, RICHARD NASH, Esq. ... He was Master of the Ceremonies in this City, and at Tunbridge, near fifty Years.

His Remains were interr'd in the Abbey Church, on Tuesday Evening . . .

After the Solemnity was over, the Ringers, (to shew their Gratitude and Respect to their worthy Benefactor,) rung a Funeral Peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 Changes; the Clappers of the Bells being muffled on one Side. ...

(*Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 26 Feb. 1761; also *Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*, Sat. 21 Feb. 1761. Long report *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, also Sat. 21 Feb. 1761, with by-line 'Bath, February 19.')

Notice is hereby given,

THAT TUESDAY the 10th of March instant is the Day appointed to open the Peal of Six Bells at UPWELL, near Wisbich [*sic*] in the Isle of Ely, in Cambridgeshire, lately new cast, hung, and completed, by JOSEPH MALLOWS, Bell-Founder, from EAST-DEREHAM in Norfolk. They are a good-sized Peal, the Tenor about 15 Cwt. her Note in F sharp: They are all so well hung that any Company may ring them with great Pleasure.

N.B. A Dinner will be provided at the FIVE BELLS near the Church, at One o'Clock; where all Gentlemen, Ringers and others, that will oblige us with their good Company, shall meet with a hearty Welcome, from their humble Servant,
JOHN DOVE.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 7 March 1761 - advert.)

The Extent of Major

We hear that on Easter Monday next, being Leeds Fair, the Youths of that Place will go off for 40,320 Quadruple and Triple Changes, which is the whole Peal on eight Bells. This never was attempted but once before, which was by the said Youths, when after ringing 24,800 Changes, the sixth Bell's Clapper broke. The Peal, if completed, will last 27 Hours.

(*Kentish Post*, Wed. 11 March/Sat. 14 March 1761)

LEEDS in KENT, April 10. On Tuesday, last the 7th Instant, being the Day of the Election for Members to represent this County in Parliament, when the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds, and Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, Bart. were chosen without Opposition, the Leeds Youths went off to ring the Peel [*sic*] of Bob-Majors, consisting of 40,320, being the whole Number of Changes upon Eight Bells; which was completed in 27 Hours, by 14 Men only, namely, James, Thomas, and Abraham Barham, Henry and William Tilby, Thomas Lacy, John Crisp, Richard Mastus, James Hampton, William Davis, Edward Cook, William Harwood, Stephen Bayly, and John Boorah. This peel was never rung, or even attempted to be rung, by any other Set of Ringers in this Kingdom: Whenever it is perform'd by and other Set, the above-named Youths are determined to maintain their Superiority to all others by ringing all the Changes upon ten Bells.

(*Whitehall Evening Post*, Or, *London Intelligencer*, Tues. 14 April - Thurs. 16 April 1761; also *Public Ledger or The Daily Register of Commerce and Intelligence*, Fri. 17 April 1761.)

Leeds in Kent, April 10. On Tuesday last being the Day of Election, the Leeds Youths went off to ring the Peal of Bob-major, consisting of 40,300 [*sic*], being the whole Number of Changes upon eight Bells, which was completed in 27 Hours by 14 Men only.—This Peal was never rung, or even attempted to be rung, by any Set of Ringers in this Kingdom; whenever it is performed by any other Set, they are determined to maintain their Superiority, by ringing all the Changes upon ten Bells.

(*Newcastle Courant*, Sat. 25 April 1761)

We hear from Basingstoke in Hampshire, that on Tuesday last the Youths of that Town went off for Mr. John Holt's Whole-Peal of Grandsire Triples 5040, in ten regular courses, which they completed in three Hours and sixteen Minutes.

(*London Evening Post*, Sat. 28 March - Tues. 31 March 1761)

London, March 26.

They write from Copenhagen of the 10th Instant, that whilst they were ringing the Bells of the Church at Hyling on the Island of Zeeland, the Steepel [*sic*] fell down; by which five persons were dashed to pieces, besides others killed and wounded.

(*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*, Mon. 30 March 1761; also *Cambridge Journal*, Sat. 28 March 1761 – the latter per Gareth Davies.)

On Saturday last was rung at Witney in Oxfordshire, a complete Peal of 5040 Holt's Trebles, in Two Hours and 54 minutes, (allowed by several eminent Judges to be a masterly Performance) by the following persons, viz. Mr. Frence, of Witney; the celebrated Mr. Taylor, form Bath; Mr. Batt, of Witney; Mr. Taylor, of Ware, Hertfordshire; Mr. Griffith, of Abingdon; Mr. Hobbs, of Ware, Hertfordshire; Mr. Harper, of Garzington; and Mr. Jackson, of Witney.
(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 4 April 1761)

We hear that Mr. Simcock, (the Inventor and Maker of the English Harp) at the Desire of several Ladies and Gentlemen, proposes playing on St. Michael's Bells in this City, on Thursday next the 7th Inst. at Twelve o'Clock.
(*Boddeley's Bath Journal*, Mon. 4 May 1761)

Death of a bellfounder's wife

Last Night died Mrs. Lister [*sic*], Wife of an eminent Bell-founder near Mile End, who, a few Days since, caused to be restored to her Husband 1200£. which she had laid by, supposing herself to be then dying.
(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Thurs. 9 July - Sat. 11 July 1761; reported also in *Lloyd's Evening Post and British Chronicle*, Fri. 10 July - Mon. 13 July 1761 and *London Chronicle*, Sat. 11 July - Tues. 14 July 1761, which both give the amount as 1300£.)

London, July 11

Yesterday morning died the wife of Mr. Lester an eminent Bell Founder in Whitechapel. A few weeks since she believing herself to be upon her death bed, discovered a horde of near 1300£. which she had artfully secreted from her husband at different times.
(*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*, Mon. 13 July 1761)

On Thursday last was rung at Corsham, in the County of Wilts, (by the young Ringers of this City) a compleat Peal of 720 Plain Bobs, being the first Time of its being performed there.
(*Bath Chronicle*, Thurs. 30 July 1761)

To be SOLD,

Several HOUSES situated in Silver-street, Jubbergate, and Newgate-street, in the City of York; also two Freehold Closes, capable of Improvement, situated in Burton Lane, in the Lordship of Cliston, near York.

Likewise to be sold, at the lowest Prices, the Houshold [*sic*] Goods, Shop Goods, Stock in Trade in the Braziery, Coppersmith, and Founders Business. For further Particulars inquire of Mr. Matthew Oworm, Mr. John Bradley, or Mr. Edward Seller, the Owner; who, on Account of his great Age, proposes declining Business.

☞ All Persons to whom the said Edward Seller stands indebted are desired to send an Account of their Demands to him; and all Persons standing indebted to the said Edward Seller are required to pay their respective Debts to him, or to either of the before-mentioned Persons, without further Notice, or they will be sued for the same.

(Advert in *York Courant*, Tues. 25 Aug. 1761)

DEBENHAM in Suffolk, September 2, 1761.

THIS is to give Notice to all Gentlemen Ringers, and others, that our NEW PEAL of eight Bells, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack of London, are all up, and will be opened on FRIDAY the 11th Instant. The Tenor is a very fine Bell, under twenty Hundred, and is near E.

N.B. A Dinner will be provided at Daniel Sawyer's, at the Sign of the Eight Bells, at One o'Clock; where all Gentlemen Ringers and others shall meet with a hearty Welcome.

(Ipswich Journal, Sat. 5 Sept. 1761 - advert.)

Tuesday last being the Day of the Coronation of our most gracious Sovereign, King George the Third, and his Royal Consort, it was celebrated here in the most splendid and magnificent Manner. - ... The same Day, the Hannibalian Society of Ringers perform'd, at All Saints Church in this City, a Peal of Grandsire Triples; the whole being 1162, and answering to the Number of Weeks his present Majesty is old.

(Berrow's Worcester Journal, Thurs. 24 Sept. 1761; quoted in British Press, Fri. 6 July 1821.)

Nottingham, Sept. 23.

Yesterday being appointed for the coronation of his Majesty and his Royal Consort Queen Charlotte, a new peal of ten bells was on that occasion opened at St. Mary's so early as at 1 in the morning, to the great joy of all lovers of ringing.

(Leicester & Nottingham Journal, Sat. 26 Sept. 1761)

Wakefield, Sept. 25. Last Tuesday, being their Majesties Coronation, the Morning was usher'd in, by the Ringers of this Place, with a Peal of TRIPPLES, call'd VAUX-HALL TRIPPLES, consisting of 5040 Changes, in twelve Courses, which was rung in two Hours and fifty Minutes.

The same Day, at Leeds, among other Rejoicings, a Peal of TRIPPLES, consisting of 5040 Changes, was rung in two Hours and 45 Minutes.

(York Courant, Tues. 29 Sept. 1761)

Tuesday being the Coronation of their Majesties ...

The same day was rung at our Parish Church, the complete Peal of Tripples, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and 45 Minutes: And at Otley was also rung the following Peals, viz. London, Single Court, Double Royal, Treble Royal, Treble and Crown Bobs, in one hour and a half. We have accounts from Liverpool, Manchester, Rochdale, Halifax, Wakefield, Skipton, &c. &c. &c. that the Rejoicings in each Place exceeded any Thing ever known in the Memory of the eldest Man living.

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Wakefield, Sept. 23. Yesterday was rung at our Church a Peal of Tripples, called *Vaux-Hall-Triples*, consisting of 5040 Changes in two Hours and fifty Minutes.

(Leeds Intelligencer, Tues. 29 Sept. 1761)

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 19.

...

Sunday Morning was rung, at St. Mary's Church in this Town, by eight of the Ringing Society, a compleat Peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 Changes, which was perform'd in three Hours and 24 Minutes.

(Whitehall Evening Post, Or, London Intelligencer, Sat. 19 Dec. - Tues. 22 Dec. 1761)

We hear that it is intended to erect an Organ, and also to have a new Sett of Bells at Bishopsgate Church.

(St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post, Thurs. 24 Dec. - Sat. 26 Dec. 1761)

Glocester, December 26

This Morning was rung at Ross by the Ringers there, a complete Peal of Grand Sire Triples of 5040 Changes in Three Hours and 20 Minutes, on a fine Peal of new Bells cast by Messrs. Tyler and Rudhall, of this City.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Tues. 29 Dec. 1761; also, suitably amended, *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 2 Jan. 1762.)

London, December 29.

Saturday Evening a young Lad ringing one of the Bells in St. Dunstan's Church in the West (which weighs 14 Cwt.) had the Misfortune to have the Rope twist round his Leg, which immediately drew him up to a very great Height, and by the Fall had both his Legs broke; he was directly carried to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, without the least Hopes of Recovery.

(*Boddeley's Bath Journal*, Mon. 4 Jan. 1762)

On the 26th of October last was compleatly rung at Leeds, by the Youths of that Place, exactly 5040 Changes of Bob Major, in two Hours and fifty-four Minutes - N.B. This Peal was never rung in so little Time before.

And on the 26th of December last the said Youths compleatly rung at Chidden-Stone, 5184 Quadruple and Triple Changes, the Oxford Tripple Bob Method, in three Hours twenty Minutes; which is the greatest Performance of Ringing ever done in that Steeple.

(*Kentish Post*, Sat. 2 Jan./Wed. 6 Jan. 1762)

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On Old Christmas-Day was rung at Mitchel Dean, by the Ross Ringers, Grand-Sire Triples of 5040 Changes in Two Hours and 53 Minutes, on a pretty peal of new light Bells, cast by Messrs. Tyler and Rudhall, in this City.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Tues., 12 Jan. 1762; see also *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 16 Jan. 1762, below.)

Glocester, Jan. 15.

... On Old Christmas Day last was rung, by the Ross Ringers, at Mitchel-Deane, in this County, a Peal of 5040 Changes of Grandsire Triples, in two Hours and fifty-three Minutes, on a pretty Set of new light Bells, cast by Mess. Tyler and Rudhall, of Glocester. – The Ringers were, John Roberts, George Foor, John Lewis, John Jarvis, Thomas Lewis, John Meek, Humphry Bird, and William Taylor.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 16 Jan. 1762)

We hear from Norton St. Phillip, in the County of Somerset, that on Saturday the 13th Instant, was performed by the Company of Ringers belonging to the same Place, a compleat Peal of 720 Changes of College-pleasure Treble-bob, which was performed in 28 Minutes, which Peal was never rang there before.

(*Boddeley's Bath Journal*, Mon. 22 Feb. 1762)

We hear from Basingstoke that on Tuesday last the Youths of that Town went off for Mr. John Holt's whole Peal of Gransire [*sic*] Tripples, 5040 in six courses, which they compleated in three Hours and ten Minutes, to the Satisfaction of their senior Ringers and other well Wishers.

(*London Evening Post*, Thurs. 25 Feb. - Sat. 27 Feb. 1762)

We hear from Basingstoke, that on Tuesday last, the youths of that town went off for 5040 of Mr. John Holt's compleat peal of Gransire [*sic*] Tripples, in six courses, which they performed in three hours and ten minutes, to the satisfaction of their senior ringers, and other well-wishers.

(*Oxford Gazette: and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 1 March 1762)

To all Gentlemen Lovers of RINGING.

ON THURSDAY the 25th of this Instant March, being the first Day of the Fair, there will be at the CROWN in MALDON, SIX HATS, of Half a Guinea Value each, to be rung for at the Parish Church of St. Mary, by any two or more Companies, of Six Bell Ringers: To ring two eighteen Score; one a plain Course, the other a dodging Course: To be at the Bellfry [*sic*] by Eleven in the Forenoon.

N.B. There will be Dinner provided at the Crown: where all Persons shall have a hearty Welcome, from their humble Servant, *T. Brand.*

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 13 March 1762 - advert.)

The bankruptcy of Thomas Eayre II

To be SOLD by AUCTION, At Kettering, in the County of Northampton, On Monday and Tuesday, the 29th and 30th of Inst. March, THE Entire HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of Mr. THOMAS EAYRE : Consisting of Variety of Beds, Feather-Beds, Cabinet Work in mahogany and Walnut-tree, viz. Drawers, Tables, Chairs, &c. Sconce Glasses, China Prints, Kitchen Furniture, and Brewing Utensils; a curious Spring Chime Clock and other Clocks in Cases, Barometers, Surveying Instruments, and Perambulat-ors. A neat Single-Horse Chaise, with Harness and Way-Wiser, as good as new. To begin each Day at Nine o'Clock. N.B. The Bell-Founding, and Business of the Shops, will be carried on by JOSEPH EAYRE and Comp. of St. Neots.

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 22 March 1762 – advert)

Kettering, April 30, 1762

WHEREAS THOMAS EAYRE of Kettering, in the County of Northampton, Bell-founder, has made over his Effects, Debts and Credits to JOSEPH EAYRE, of St. Neots, in the County of Huntingdon, Bell-Founder, and fully authorised him to receive the same in Trust, to pay his Debts; Notice is hereby given to all Persons who stand indebted to the said Thomas Eayre, to pay their respective Debts to John Broughton, of Kettering, who is authorised to receive the same; and those Persons who have any Demands upon the said Thomas Eayre, are desired to send in the same to the said John Broughton forthwith.

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 3 May 1762 - advert)

London, March 23.

Last Sunday evening the Society of College Youths rang 6072 double grandsire cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in four hours and 37 minutes, being the most ever rang in that method.

(*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*, Mon. 29 March 1762)

Thursday last being Ascension Day, a new Peal of eight Bells at Chelsea Church, was rung for the first Time. They were cast by Mr. Janaway.

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Thurs. 20 May - Sat. 22 May 1762)

Given Gratis by Mr. THOMAS EGLETON [*sic*]

To be RUNG for,

At Hurst Church in the County of Berks, on Wednesday the 21st of July next,

SIX Hats, of Half a Guinea Value each, for any Set of Ringers that shall ring the best round Peal, each Peal to be 15 Minutes, and each Set of Ringers to bring their Umpire with them. The Ringers to pay one Shilling each for Dinner, which will be on the Table at One o'Clock, and to begin Ringing at Three.

N.B. No less than six Sets will be allowed to ring for these Hats.

(*Oxford Gazette: and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 14 June 1762 - advert.)

ON WEDNESDAY the 29th of September there will be SIX GOLD RINGS to be rung for at the CROWN in MALDON, by any two or more Companies of Five-bell Ringers; to ring two Peals each Company, and to be at the Parish Church of St. Mary by Eleven o'Clock.—A good Dinner will be provided, by their most obedient Servant, THO. BRAND.

N.B. The Company will be desired to put in two Thirds of the Value of the Rings.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 18 Sept. 1762 - advert)

Livermere Magna, near Bury, Oct. 14, 1762

THERE being a Peal of five new Bells, cast by Mr. Lester and Mr. Thomas Pack of London, and hung by Wm. Smith of Bradfield St. George, Wheelwright; This is to desire all Persons that love Ringing, to meet at the Steeple on TUESDAY the 19th of October instant, to swing the five new Bells, (where never were but four) and the Favour will be greatly acknowledged by their humble Servant, WM. SMITH.

Also four Bells rehung by the same Person at Timworth, near Livermere, the 3d of August last.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 16 Oct. 1762 - advert.)

Last Thursday Evening was rung at St. Martin's, Coney-street, by the Society of Ringers late belonging to the Minster, a complete Peal of Grandsire Triples, in ten Courses, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours 44 Minutes and a Half.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 23 Nov. 1762)

On Saturday and Sunday se'nnight was first rung the new Peal of six Bells in the Church at Whitby, by a Set of Ringers from Barrow, near Hull, who performed several Peals of Changes upon five and six Bells, with other Varieties of Ringing, and also several musical Tunes, in an elegant Manner, to the intire [*sic*] Approbation of the Gentlemen and Inhabitants, as also a numerous Concourse of People assembled on that Occasion. The Bells are new cast, and new hung.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 30 Nov. 1762)

On Saturday Morning last was rung at Wakefield, a new Peal of Tripples, called *Merry Wakefield's Delight*, consisting of 5040 complete changes, in two Hours and fifty-two Minutes; being the seventh Peal of Tripples that has been rung by Wakefield Ringers.
(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues., 28 Dec. 1762; also *York Courant*, Tues. 28 Dec. 1762)

We hear from Sheffield that on Monday last was rung there, (for the first Time) by their Society of Ringers, *Sheffield Triples*, by J. Wild; containing 5040 Changes, which they performed in three Hours and four Minutes. The Person that rung the Treble is 73 Years of Age, and hath followed this Diversion upwards of 50 Years.

(*Derby Mercury*, Fri. 31 Dec. 1762 - Fri. 7 Jan. 1763; this appears out of sequence in the British Newspaper archive digital copy, being indexed a year later than it should have been, hence the incorrect year given in *Order and Disorder 1830-1839*, p.210.)

The Society of College Youths, to testify to their great regard for the [a]te Mr. Samuel Debart, their warner, or beadle, who was unfortunately killed near Staines, on the road to Farnham in Surr[e]y, to ring a peal, have generously ordered a monument, in the form of a bell, with a proper inscription thereon, to be erected to his memory in Shoreditch church yard; to succeed whom, several candidates offer, and the interest is much divided, even to a division of the Society.

(*Gazetteer and London Daily Advertiser*, Tues. 18 Jan. 1763; Samuel Debart joined the College Youths in 1756.)

The new ring at Clitheroe, cast at Preston

Clitheroe, in Lancashire, Jan. 20. Last Week was finish'd here the Hanging of a Ring of six new Bells, for our Church, by an eminent Bell-hanger, from Barrow in Lincolnshire; and on Saturday and Sunday they were rung by a Set of Ringers from Addingham, near Skipton, who perform'd several Peals of Changes upon six Bells, with other Variety of Ringing, and musical Tunes. They were also rung by a Set of Ringers from Whaley [*sic*], and by a Set from Blackburn. The Whole was to the general Satisfaction of the Parishioners and a great Number of People assembled on that Occasion. The Bells are allowed by both Ringers and Hearers to be as musical a Peal of the Weight as any whatever.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 1 Feb. 1763)

Clithero, Jan. 25. Last Week was finish'd here, the Hanging of a Ring of six new Bells, (cast at Preston) by an eminent Bell Hanger from Barrow, in Lincolnshire, and on Saturday and Sunday several Peals of Changes, with Variety of other Ringing and Musical Tunes, were rung by a Set of Ringers from Addingham, near Skipton, and from Whaley and Blackburn. The whole gave general Satisfaction to the Parishioners, and a great Number of People assembled on the Occasion.

(*Manchester Mercury*, Tues. 1 Feb. 1763; this includes the information that the bells for Clitheroe were cast at Preston, which does not appear in the report in the *York Courant* of the same date, for which see above.)

*Extract of a Letter from Long Echington, near Southam,
Warwickshire, February 18.*

“Between five and six o’clock yesterday morning most of the arish, as well as neighbouring villages, were awaked with uncommon loud claps of thunder: About a quarter before six there fell a very violent storm of hail, and with it such a clap of thunder as I suppose was scarce ever heard before; it was not common thunder, and could be compared to nothing but the bursting of a bomb, or the blowing up of a magazine of gunpowder, for it was instantaneous; and at the same moment came more lightning that I ever saw before.

It seemed to burst on the middle of the steeple, which you may suppose fell down, but unluckily it fell on the middle isle of the Church, and has entirely broke in the roof for about half the length of the isle; it also broke in at the windows through the south isle, without doing any damage, and out again at the opposite window; there is a[l]so a breach made on the upper window of the middle isle; art of the stone work there and above it fell in, and but just missed the reading desk; from thence it seemed to be forcing its way into the chancel. The tower remains safe, except a breach about a foot deep, and about five feet above the lead; the bell wheels are all broke, but we believe the bells are safe.”

(*Sheffield Public Advertiser*, Tues. 8 March 1763)

Last Week was finished at Preston (by an eminent Bell hanger from Lincolnshire) the hanging of a Peal of eight new Bells, cast in that Place by the same Person. They were rung by the Ringers of that Town to general Satisfaction, and all allow them to be a fine Musical Peal, Tenor eighteen Weight. Below F in Concert Pitch.

(*Manchester Mercury*, Tues. 22 March 1763)

SHERBORNE, April 4.

Mr. GEORGE EVANS, of the City of Wells, Bell-Hanger, has completed new hanging of the Bells here, to the Satisfaction of the Town, so as to be rung with half the Men as usual. This Peal is thought to be one of the heaviest in England, the Tenor being 65 Hundred. The said George Evans will wait upon any Parish who may have Occasion to have their Bells new hung.

(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 4 April 1763)

SIR,

“About two months ago I had an opportunity of conversing with Robert Oglebie, the old travelling tinkler, and took the following account from him; if it will be of any service to you to publish in your paper, you have liberty to publish it.

He seems to be a healthy strong man, and carries his budget at his back, and works at his trade, and does not appear to be above 80 years of age, and says he has not eaten any flesh meat for twelve years, but lives chiefly on bread and milk, butter, cheese, and pudding: He travels twice a year from Rippon to York, thence to Leeds, and home again, and complains of the badness of trade this war time, and the scarcity of money; he carries along with him the following copy of a register belonging to the Church at Rippon:

Robert Oglebie, Son of John Oglebie, of Rippon, born November the 16th, 1654, as appears by the Parish Register. Witness my Hand,

Seth Rowe, Clerk.

He says he was born at Rippon, and placed out apprentice to Mr. Wm. Sellers, Coppersmith and Bell founder, and served him seven years, and worked with him afterwards as a journeyman; from thence he went to Hull, and was pressed for a soldier in the second year of King James the II, and sent over to Holland in Brig. Stanhope's battalion; was with King William at the battle of the Boyne in Ireland, was wounded in the thigh at the siege of Brussels, and discharged at Amsterdam. He afterwards served Queen Anne, was at the battles of Almanza and Malplaquet, and continued a soldier under King George I. and King George II. till he obtained his discharge. He was a soldier in all 48 years, and says he has six sons, some now in the army. He married at the age of 22, and lived with his wife 73 years, and had by her 25 children, 12 sons and 13 daughters; his wife died about 13 years ago. His father lived to the age of 140 years, and there is a monument erected for him in Tanfield Church, near Rippon.

(*Sheffield Public Advertiser*, Tues. 12 April 1763)

Beccles, April 26, 1763.

To all LOVERS of RINGING.

NOTICE is hereby given,

THAT an entire new Peal of Ten Bells, (cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack, Bell-Founders in Whitechapel, London) will be opened at Beccles in Suffolk, by the Society of Ringers from St. Peter's in Norwich, on Tuesday the 24th of May next; and that Ordinaries will be provided at the Houses of Henry Dady and Edward Jackson, who will think themselves greatly obliged to such Gentlemen Ringers and others as shall favour them with their Company.

N.B. The Bells will be opened early in the Morning, with a Variety of excellent Peals.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sats. 30 April and 7 May 1763; similar advert in *Ipswich Journal*, Sats. 30 April and 7 May 1763)

NOTICE *is hereby Given,*

To all Gentlemen Ringers,

THAT there will be given gratis,
by William Roman, at the Sign of the
Chequer, in Beaconsfield, Six Silver Stock-
Buckles, to be Rung for in Beaconsfield Church,
on Whit-Monday next, to them that ring the
best Round Peal, which is to be determined by
proper Umpires: No less than three Sets to ring,
but as many more as will. The Ringers of Bea-
consfield to be excepted from Ringing.

N.B. There will be an Ordinary at Two
o'Clock; and the Gentlemen who propose to
Ring, are desired to give in their Names, on Wed-
nesday in the preceding Week, to their humble
Servant,
WILLIAM ROMAN.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 30 April 1763 - advert)

On the Thanksgiving Day, at a certain Parish Church in this County, where there was a great deal of Ringing, each of the Bells was half muffled, so that the Musick they afforded was alternately cheerful and dolorous. - The Minister sending to know the Reason of it, the Ringers returned for Answer, That it was to express not only their Joy, on account of the Peace; but also their great Sorrow and Concern, at the late woeful TAX on Cyder and Perry.

(*Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 12 May 1763; also *Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 16 May 1763, and *Cambridge Chronicle*, Sat. 21 May 1761, under date line 'Worcester, May 14.' – the latter per Gareth Davies.)

A controversy at St. Bride's, Fleet Street

Pray resolve the following quære.—Why were the bells of St. Bride's muffled when the Lord Mayor's Locum Tenens passed with the Aldermen's address to his Majesty upon the peace?

ANSWER

THE muffled peal rung on St. Bride's bells on Thursday last, while the Aldermen were passing by with their address to his Majesty on the peace, was not by consent or knowledge of the parish, churchwardens, or directing persons in the parish, but much to their dislike; and admission into the steeple was obtained by base and low imposition on an ancient woman, the sextoness, who keeps the keys of the church and belfry, and who knew nothing of the ringers intention. Your's, &c.

A PARISHIONER.

Yesterday a gentlemen sent the officers of the parish of St Bride's, a Bank note of twenty pounds, to be divided among the bell-ringers, for ringing a dumb peal while the *locum tenens* in the *Lord Mayor's coach*, and *eight* of the Aldermen, passed that church on Thursday last. *Public Advertiser*.

(*London Chronicle*, Thurs. 12 May - Sat. 14 May 1763; also *Public Advertiser*, Sat. 14 May 1763, but without the last paragraph. The report about the twenty-pound note, omitting 'Yesterday', *Cambridge Chronicle*, Sat. 21 May 1763 – the latter per Gareth Davies.)

.....who for many years has been annually complimented with city trappings, soon took alarm, and in order to revenge the indignity, instead of tuning up her bells merrily, directed them immediately to be muffled. The pettishness of an old maid ought to have been disregarded, but the * Old Dragon of Cheapside following, for once, the example of a Saint, struck up a dumb peal also, as the coaches repassed his church; ad this gave the finishing stroke to the most tragical procession ever remembered upon a joyful occasion.

* Bow-Steeple

(*Cambridge Chronicle*, Sat. 21 May 1763 – per Gareth Davies)

The paragraph which appeared in the papers, asserting, That a gentleman sent the officers of the parish of St. Bride's a Bank note of 20£. to be divided among the ringers for ringing a dumb peal, while the Locum Tenens and the Eight Aldermen passed by that church, is absolutely false. The ringers were paid by the gentlemen who employed them: the 20£. which the churchwardens received, was given by a charitable gentleman, to be disposed of to poor householders of St. Bride's parish, who do not receive alms, at the discretion of the churchwardens; and was acknowledged to be received for that purpose at the request of the donor, in this paper of Friday last. *Ledger*.
(*London Chronicle*, Sat. 14 May - Tues. 17 May 1763)

We are informed that the occasion of Bow bells ringing a dumb peal, was on account of the death of the sextoness of the parish (which is customary) and not upon the Aldermen going up with the address.
(*Gazetteer and London Daily Advertiser*, Sat. 14 May 1763)

The bankruptcy of Edward Read, bell-founder, Aldbourne

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issue forth against Edward Read, of Alborn in the County of Wilts, Fustian Weaver, Bell-founder, and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission, named, or the major Part of them on the 20th and 28th of May instant, and on the 28th of June next, at Ten in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish their Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same, but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint.
(*London Gazette*, Sat. 14 May - Tues. 17 May 1763)

DIVIDENDS *to be made*.

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May 8. Edward Read, of Albourne, Wiltshire, Fustian Weaver, and Bell-Founder, at Nine in the Forenoon, at Guildhall.

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Sat. 12 April - Tues. 15 April 1766; also *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Mon. 14 April 1766 and *Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 21 April 1766, the latter per Chris Pickford.

DIVIDENDS *to be made to CREDITORS*.

...

[June] 17. Edward Read, late of of Albourn, Wiltshire, Fustian Weaver, and Bell-Founder.

(*Lloyd's Evening Post*, Fri. 9 May - Mon. 12 May; also *St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Sat. 10 May - Tues. 13 May 1766.)

London, May 14.

Yesterday at a Meeting of Merchants and Traders of the City of London, at the King's Arms in Cornhill, it was resolved to present an humble Address to his Majesty on the Peace; and the Chairman, Edmund Boehm Esq; was desired to wait on the proper Minister to know his Majesty's pleasure when he would be attended with the same. The Address remains at the above mentioned Tavern. Thursday, when the Aldermen went in procession from Guildhall to wait upon his Majesty with an Address on the Peace, there were a great number of people in Guildhall Yard to see them set out; who appeared much displeased, which they shewed by hissing, etc. As the Procession passed by St. Bride's Church, the great bell began to toll, and then a Dumb Peal struck up which continued a considerable Time; and as they came back, Bow Bells struck up a Dumb Peal as they repassed that Church. Yesterday a Gentleman sent to the Officers of the Parish of St. Bride's, a Bank Note of 20£ to be divided among the Bell-Ringers, for ringing a Dumb Peal while the Locum Tenens in the Lord Mayor's Coach, and eight Aldermen, passed the Church last Thursday.
(*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*, Mon. 16 May 1763)

On Saturday last was rung at Wakefield, with universal Applause, a new Peal of Tripples, composed by J. Wood of that Place, called *Wakefield Royal Bob Triples*, containing 5040 compleat Changes, in Two Hours and 49 Minutes. The Person who rung the Treble is 75 years of Age, and has followed the Diversion upwards of 60 years.
(*Leedes Intelligencer*, Tues. 17 May 1763; also *The York Courant*, Tues. 24 May 1763, under the by-line 'Wakefield, May 15.')

Chorley in Lancashire, May 28. Lately was finished here the Hanging of a Peal of six new Bells in our Church, by an eminent Bell-Hanger from Barrow, in Lincolnshire, who also cast them at Preston. They have been rung by Sets of Ringers from several Places, who, as well as the Hearers, allow them to be as complete and musical a Peal of Bells as is known for the Weight, viz. 34 Cwt. - Tenor below A in concert Pitch.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 31 May 1763)

*This is to give Notice,
To all Gentlemen RINGERS,*

THAT, on Monday the 18th of July next, there will be given *gratis*, at the Sign of the Castle, at Harrow on the Hill, in Middlesex, Six very good HATS, to be Rung for by any Six Gentlemen, the best Round Peal on Six Bells: Likewise a Set of very good Hand-Bells, to be rung for on the same Day, by those that ring the best 700 [*sic*] Oxford Treble Bob. - Each Company to bring their own Umpire.
N.B. SAMUEL TURNER new hangs and repairs all Church Bells, in any Part of Great Britain; likewise finds new Bells for any Peal, if required; puts Chimes on Bells of all Sorts; and finds all Sorts of Church Clocks.

Any Gentleman, that pleases to employ him in any of these Branches of Business, may be treated with, by sending a Line to Mr. John Parr, of Ferrybridge, Yorkshire; Mr. William May, of Newcastle on Tine [*sic*]; Mr. John Farlow, at Edinburgh; Mr. John Davis, at Glamorgan, in Wales; Mr. Charles Thornbury, at Brentford, in Middlesex; Mr. Peter Black, at Dover; and may always be heard of at the Wool-pack, in Reading; or at Burghfield Hatch, near Reading, Berks.
(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 13 June 1763 - advert)

Tuesday last, one John Jackson, a blind fidler of Elsworth in this County was seized with an apoplectic fit as he was walking in the street, and soon expired. It is remarkable this man could ring changes and was frequently employed to carry letters etc to the villages for some miles round.
(*Cambridge Chronicle*, Sat. 25 June 1763 – per Gareth Davies)

THIS is to give Notice to all Gentlemen Ringers, that on Monday the 15th of July next, there will be rung for at Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, six very good Hats, by those that ring the best round peal of Six Bells. Likewise a Sett of very good Hand Bells to be rung for on the same Day by those that ring the best Seven Hundred Oxford Treble Bob. Each Company to bring their own Umpire.

JOHN FOSTER, at the Castle.

N.B. Samuel Turner new hangs and repairs all Sorts of Church Bells in any Part of England.

(Gazetteer and London Daily Advertiser, Sat. 25 June 1763)

*This is to give Notice,
To all Gentlemen RINGERS,*

THAT, on Monday the 11th of July next, there will be given *gratis*, at the Sign of the Swan, at Sherborn St. John, Six very good HATS, to be Rung for by any Six Gentlemen, the best Round Peal on Six Bells: Each Company to bring their own Umpire, and all that Rings to pay a shilling a piece for their Dinner, to be on the Table by Two o'Clock.
(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 27 June 1763 - advert)

To be SOLD,
*At the Warehouse of Mr. Edward Seller, in High Jubbergate,
York, (by Virtue of an Order from his Majesty's Court of
Common Pleas at Westminster)*

THE Remainder of the Stock in Trade of the
said Mr. Edward Seller, (levied by John Walker, Sergeant
at Mace, by Virtue of an Execution of the Suit of
Matthew Oworm, Gent. deceas'd) consisting of a large
Assortment of Brazier's, Brass, and Bell-Founder's Goods,
together with a large Quantity of Bell Metal, yellow
Metal, Pot Brass, Copper Shruff, &c,- The Sale to begin on
Thursday next, and to continue till all is sold.

A large Horse Mill and Wheel, very useful
for several Branches of Business, to be disposed of at
the above Place.

JOHN WALKER, *Sergeant at Mace.*

(York Courant, Tues. 5 July 1763)

On Monday last was rung at Rochdale, in Lancashire, by the Ringers from Oldham, The
Crown Bob, and the whole Peal of Grandsire Bob, without standing or falling a Bell, the whole
amounting to One Thousand and Eighty Changes, and perform'd in Fifty-two Minutes.
(Manchester Mercury, Tues. 19 July 1763)

Yesterday the Drapers Company held their annual election dinner at their hall in Throgmorton
Street. They went first to the parish church of St. Michael, Cornhill, upon which occasion the twelve
fine bells in the steeple of the said church were rung for the first time since they have been new tuned.
(Lloyd's Evening Post, Wed. 3 Aug. - Fri. 5 Aug. 1763)

WHETHERAS the Gentlemen Cricketers of East-Kent, did, in
the Canterbury Paper, some Time ago, advertise their
desire to Play at Cricket, with the Leeds Gamesters: if the Gen-
tlemen continue in the same Mind, the Leeds Eleven are ready to
Play with any eleven Men now in the Eastern Division of Kent,
for One Guinea each Man: to Play once at Leeds, and once at
any convenient Place, that shall be agreed upon. If this offer is
accepted, the sooner it is played the better, as the Days will soon
shorten.—And likewise the Leeds Youths will ring a Peal of
Changes, upon eight, nine, or ten Bells, with any Ringers of the
County of Kent, from one Guinea to five Guineas each Man.

(Kentish Post, Wed. 3 Aug./Sat. 6 Aug. 1763)

Notice is hereby given,
To all Gentlemen RINGERS,

THAT, on the 11th of October next, (being the Day after Old Michaelmas Day, six very good
Hats and one for the Umpire will be rung for at George Harrison's, at Shinfield Church; to be rung for
by any six Men, from any Place whatever.

Each Company to bring their Umpire, and to begin Ringing at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.
(Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury, Mon. 8 August 1763 - advert)

THOMAS SNEYD, of Madeley, in the
County of Stafford, BELL HANGER, begs Leave to inform
the Public, that he was brought up in that Art from his Youth, and in
late Years has had a deal of that Business; he has a Catalogue of Bells
hung and repaired by him, to shew whenever call'd on, as also several cer-
tificates of his Performance; he would be glad to wait on any Gentlemen
who shall please to favour him with their Commands, which shall be exe-
cuted in the best Manner, by their humble Servant. T. SNEYD

(Aris's Birmingham Gazette, Mon. 5 Sept. 1763 – per Chris Pickford)

JOHN ATTWOOD,
Smith, Brazier, Ironmonger and Tinman,
At the Lower-end of Stall-street, Bath,
MAKES and Sells all Sort of
Smith's Work for Houses, in the com-
pleatest Manner; with all sorts of Ironmongery,
Braziery, and Tin Wares, at the most reasona-
ble Rates. Likewise mends and tins Kitchen-
Furniture, and allows the best Price for old
Metal in Change; and makes and fells the best
Smoak and Wind-up JACKS, warranted good.
Bell-hanging in the neatest Manner, and at the
lowest Price. Houses compleatly Furnish'd with
the utmost Care and Dispatch.

Neat Spermaceti OIL for Chamber Lamps,
and Common ditto.

(*Boddeley's Bath Journal*, Mon. 12 Sept. 1763 – advert; the bell-hanging advertised would have been for house bells.)

We hear from Highworth, in Wilts, that the famous and celebrated Mr. Tailor of the place (who is so well known to most ringers in England), having lately undertaken to hang the whole peal of bells there after a new construction, the same is now compleated, and several able and experienced judges have examined into the method used, and do find the same finished in a compleat and masterly manner, which has given great satisfaction; and the ringers there have since rung a quarter peal of grandsire tripples, in order that the persons employed to inspect into the work might the better examine the same, and be the more fully satisfied.

(*Gazetteer and London Daily Advertiser*, Mon. 26 Sept. 1763)

*Notice is hereby given,
To all Gentlemen RINGERS,*

THAT, on Monday the 2d of January next, there will be given gratis, by Francis Pocket, at the Sign of the Indian Queen at Acton in Middlesex, Six very good HATS, to be Rung for; the Persons ringing the best round Peal will be intituled to the said Hats. No Person will be allowed to ring, that ever lived six Months in Acton Parish, or has any Concern with the same.

Note, Samuel Turner, Bell-hanger, new hangs or repairs all Sorts of Church Bells, in the best Manner, in any Part of Great. Britain.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 26 Sept. 1763 - advert)

*Notice is hereby given,
To all Gentlemen RINGERS,*

THAT there will be Rung for, at the Hinds Head, in Aldermaston, Berks, on Friday the 18th of November next, Six Good HATS; the best Peal to have the Hats. Each Set to bring an Umpire with them, and to come out of one Parish. If any Disputes arise, to be decided by the Umpires.

There will be a good Ordinary precisely at One o'Clock. Each Ringer to pay one Shilling for his Dinner. To begin Ringing at 11 o'Clock.

No Ringers to try their Hands that Day.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 24 Oct. 1763 - advert)

NOAH BLOOMFIELD, BELL-FOUNDER,

Begs Leave to acquaint the Publick,

THAT he has taken the RAM on the COMMON KEY, IPSWICH, and has fitted up the said House in a genteel Manner, with good Bedding, good Stabling, and other Conveniences necessary for entertaining such Gentlemen, Farmers, and others, as are pleased to favour him with their Custom; who may depend on the kindest Reception, and a constant Endeavour to merit their Favour, by their humble Servant,
NOAH BLOOMFIELD.

N. B The Iron-Foundry continued as usual, as at the House of the late John Doole, in Plow-Irons, Breasts, &c, by the same Patterns, and much cheaper; also Bell-Foundry carried on as usual at the House of the late Wm. Rayment, by the same Patterns; and brasses of all Sorts cast to Perfection.

(Ipswich Journal, Sat. 29 Oct. 1763)

Yesterday se'nnight Mr. Antipas Church, an eminent Attorney, in Ledbury, was married at All-Saints Church in Hereford, to Mrs. Baillie, an agreeable young Widow Lady, of that City. Immediately after the Ceremony the happy Pair, attended by their Friends, set out for Ledbury; where they were received with ringing of Bells, &c: and, on Thursday Morning they were serenaded with Grandsire Triples, 5040 Changes in three Hours.

(Berrow's Worcester Journal, Thurs. 10 Nov. 1763)

ON MONDAY the 5th of December will be rung, for the first Time at St. Peter's in COLCHESTER, a compleat Peal of Eight Bells, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack of London.

(Ipswich Journal, Sat. 19 Nov. 1763 - advert)

This is to give Notice to all Gentlemen, Ringers, and others,

THAT on the 5th of December next, at ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER, will be rung, for the first Time, by any Company of Ringers that please to come, a compleat Peal of eight new Bells, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack of London, and compleatly hung by their Bell-Hanger, Samuel Turner.

N.B. A Dinner will be provided at the Sign of the WAGGON and HORSES, for all who please to dine, at Two of the Clock on the same Day, by their humble Servant,
THOMAS STEVENS.

(Ipswich Journal, Sat. 26 Nov. 1763 - advert)

To be SOLD,

A Peal of Five Church Bells, as good as new, very tuneable and exceeding fine noted. The Weight of the whole Peal, Thirty-five Hundred, Three Quarters, and Five Pounds. --- For farther Particulars enquire of the Printer of this Paper.

(Jackson's Oxford Journal, Sats. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 December 1763 - advert)

Last week died, one John Dodley, near 90 years old. What is remarkable, he was born with a contraction of the tendons in one of his Hams, so as to be obliged to make use of a wooden leg for about 30 years; after which, in endeavouring to recover a bell which happened to be overset, the rope pulled him up with such velocity as to break the bandages that fastened the artificial leg, and in the same instant, rendered him capable of the free exercise of his natural one, and he carried heavy Burthens for many years.

(Jopson's Coventry Mercury, Mon. 19 Dec. 1763; also Cambridge Chronicle, Sat. 24 Dec. 1763, under by-line 'Worcester, Dec. 15', and beginning 'Last Week died in this city', the latter per Gareth Davies.)

Last Tuesday was rung at Highworth, Wilts, (by Holt's method) the whole peal of Grandsire Tripples, in three hours and eleven minutes, by Mr. John Ansell, Mr. John Tombs, Mr. John North, Mr. John Lord, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Edmund Mundy, Mr. Harry Gorton, and Mr. William Adams, all of that place.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon. 2 Jan. 1764; also *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 31 Dec. 1763, starting 'On Tuesday last was rung...')

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On Sunday Evening last was rung at St. Martin's in Coney-street, by the Society [*sic*], a new Peal, call'd *The Whim for the Year 1764*, consisting of 5040 Changes in six Courses, in two Hours and 38 Minutes, being the shortest Time the same Number of Changes were ever rung in this County. (*York Courant*, Tues. 3 Jan. 1764)

Sunday (being New Year's Day) was rung, by the Society of Ringers belonging to the Parish Church of St. Peter and Paul in this City, a complete Peal of 1764 Grandsire Triples, a Number of Changes equal to the Date of the present Year; which was performed in an Hour and ten Minutes. (*Bath Chronicle*, Thurs. 5 Jan. 1764)

We hear from Colne in Lancashire, that last Saturday a new Peal of Six Bells, was open'd in the Parish-Church there, by a Set of Ringers from Keighley; who rung several Peals of 720 Changes, to the great Satisfaction of a large Concourse of People, assembled on that Occasion; to whom such Music was, in reality, quite new. (*Leedes Intelligencer*, Tues. 21 Feb. 1764)

Colne, Feb. 24. Last Saturday was open'd here a new Peal of six Bells by a Set of Ringers from Keighley, who rung several double and tripple Peals of 720 Changes, to the general Pleasure and Satisfaction of the Inhabitants, and a numerous Company of People assembled on the Occasion. (*York Courant*, Tues. 28 February 1764; cf *Leedes Intelligencer*, Tues. 21 Feb. 1764)

A dispute between bellhangers

There having been, for some Years, an acknowledg'd Want of a good BELL-FOUNDER in those Northern parts of England, I take this Method to acquaint the Public that I have undertaken to supply the Vacancy, and, for the Convenience of those Parts in general, have erected two Bell-Founderies, one of them at Barrow in Lincolnshire, near Hull, being well-situated for Water Carriage in the navigable Rivers out of the Humber up into several Parts of the Country, and also for the Sea; the other Foundery at Preston in Lancashire, being well situated upon the River Ribble into the Irish Sea, and for the Turnpike-Roads to most adjacent Places; in both which Founderies have done a great deal of Business since Martinmas 1762, viz. A Peal of 8 Bells for Preston, a Peal of 6 for Clitheroe, a Peal of 6 for Chorley, a Peal of 3 for Bridlington, a Peal of 6 for Colne, and some others. Any Parish that pleases to favour me with their Orders for new Peals of Bells, Augmentation of Bells to their present Peals, or for recasting crack'd or broken Bells, may (God permitting) be assured to have them made good musical Bells, in proper Proportion and Tune, at which Foundery they please, by

Their humble Servant,

JAMES HARRISON.

Bell-Founder and Bell-Hanger at the above Places, Brother to Mr. Harrison of Red-Lion-Square, London, the Author and Maker of the Time-Keeper for the Longitude at Sea.

I have hung and repaired near 120 Peals of Bells, and also have made and corrected a great many Church-Clocks and Chimes.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 28 Feb., 6 and 13 March 1764 - advert)

An Advertisement having last Week appeared in this Paper of the 28th past, asserting, "That there has been for some Years an acknowledg'd Want of a good BELL-FOUNDER in these Northern Parts of England," I think myself obliged to inform the Publick, that I have practised that Business for several Years past, and have at present a large and commodious Bell-Foundery in Lendal-street, York, where there is every Convenience for casting Peals of any Number of Bells, augmenting Peals, or recasting broken Bells.

Those Parishes that please to favour me with their Commands, may depend on having the Work compleatly and expeditiously perform'd, and as cheap as in London or elsewhere; and may see Certificates from a great Number of Parishes for which I have cast Bells that have given entire Satisfaction.

From the above Foundery there is good Water-Carriage into the North Sea, and up all the navigable Rivers that fall into the Ouse and Humber. Those Parishes that are remote from York, and have not the Convenience of Water-Carriage, may have any Peal of six or eight Bells cast at their own Towns as well as if they were sent to York, by, giving timely Notice to *Their most obedient humble Servant,*

GEO. DALTON, Bell-Founder.

FRANCIS ELLIS, Bell-Hanger, in Fossgate, York, late from London, makes Frames and Hangs any Peal of Church Bells, after the most approved and modern Construction, at Reasonable Prices.

(*York Courant*, 6 & 13 March 1764 – advert)

On Tuesday last was rung on five bells at St Benedict's Church in this Town, 43 different Peals, consisting of 5160 Changes, which was compleated with the greatest ease in three hours and 45 minutes, by John Burgit, Henry Choate, John Riddel, John Wanford and William Young.
(*Cambridge Chronicle*, Sat. 10 March 1764 – per Gareth Davies)

We hear from Nottingham that on Saturday evening last a set of youths under 22 years of age belonging to the society of Change Ringers in that town, attempted to ring a peal consisting of 5040 Changes which they accordingly compleated upon the new peal of ten bells at St. Mary's church and which took them 3 hours and 20 minutes in performing.

(*The Leicester & Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 17 March 1764)

To be R U N G for,

AT the *Red Lion* in Great Milton, Oxfordshire, on Holy Thursday next a Silver CUP, of Two Guineas Value; a free gift: Each Set of Ringers to bring their Umpire with them; to agree on Articles before Dinner which will be on the Table at One o'Clock; and to begin Ringing at Two. Not less than four Sets of Six each to ring for the above Prize; and no Great Milton Men will be allowed to ring.

(Advert in *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 7 April 1764)

*To the PRINTER of The ST. JAMES'S
CHRONICLE.*

SIR

[Paragraph referring to letter in previous issue, not relevant here.]

About Eight or Nine Years ago, through the neglect of the Workmen, who were employed on some Repairs, a Fire happened in the Steeple of our Cathedral, in which a fine Ring of Ten Bells then hung, which Fire consumed Part of the Bell Frames, and heated the Ninth and Tenth Bells red hot, and by flinging Water upon them while in that Condition, they cracked, by which the Ninth was rendered useless, and some Years after was cast and hung anew, but the Tenth has continued in that cracked State ever since, which has entirely spoiled an excellent Ring of Bells, before that Misfortune very justly admired by all Travellers for the enchanting Sweetness of their Musick. Not was this all, but the very Sound of the Bell when rung alone is so horrid, and being very frequently rung is a Nuisance to the Neighbourhood; it is, indeed, so very terrible, that you can form no Conception of the Dread it causes in the Hearers, unless you were to be of the Number yourself. Yet thus (though there has been a Subscription by the Inhabitants for a new one) it does continue, and has continued for a Number of Years to the constant Terror and Uneasiness of the whole Town. Now what I would propose by this letter is, that as there have been upwards of Forty Pounds subscribed (and more will be subscribed if desired) either the Bell be immediately new cast, or the Money be returned to the Subscribers—*Veritas est Sorer vitutis.*

I am, Sir,

Your most obliged humble Servant,

March 19, 1764.

CLAUSIO

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Sat. 21 April - Tues. 24 April 1764; this refers (inaccurately) to Lichfield Cathedral.)

On Sunday Evening last was rung at the Collegiate Church of Ripon, by the Society of Ringer's [*sic*] of St. Martin's, Coney-street, York, a complete Peal of Trebles, call'd RIPON'S DELIGHT, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and 49 Minutes, being the sixth time complete Peals of Trebles have been rung through by the said Ringers, who were the first that ever rung any Peal of Trebles (or *Bob Minor*) on the said Bells, tho' Mr. Harrison was pleased to confer the Opening of them on a Set who never aspired higher than a Six-bell Peal.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 24 April 1764; also *Newcastle Chronicle, or, General Weekly Advertiser*, Sat. 28 April 1764, as far as '...49 minutes')

We hear from Penrith in Cumberland, that they have lately got to that place, a set of fine new bells, cast by Mess. Lester and Pack of London. They are not large, but for fine tone, and justness in their tune, are said to excell most peals of bells in the North of England; they are put up and completed, and were opened by the ringers on Tuesday last, to the general satisfaction of all judges and lovers of music.

(*Newcastle Chronicle*, etc. Sat. 5 May 1764; similar report in *Newcastle Journal*, Sat. 5 May 1764, starting 'We have Advice from Penrith...')

Wakefield, May 14. Yesterday was rung here, a new Peal of Tripples, in ten complete Courses, call'd *Wakefield Evening's Delight*; which Peal is the only one that can be completed without Double Bobbs, Double Dodges, or Extrems, consists of 5040 complete Changes, and was rung in two Hours, forty three Minutes and a Half. The Person that rung the Tripple is seventy-six Years of Age and hath followed the Diversion upwards of sixty-one Years.

(*Leedes Intelligencer*, Tues. 15 May 1764)

This is to give Notice to all Gentlemen
Ringers, that Whitsun Tuesday next,

A Silver Bowl

Value Two Guineas, will be given Gratis by Samuel Warren, at the Green Dragon, to be Rung for in the Borough of Bridport in the County of Dorset, by Six Sets or more: The best Peal rung Half an Hour, and brought up to the Tuft in half the Time, wins the Prize: Each Set to have seven Men and a Sidesman, all to be of one Parish, every Ringer to pay One Shilling for his Dinner: At the Trial of the Bells the Gentlemen Ringers are desired to meet at Samuel Warren's at the Green Dragon in Bridport, where they may hear of further Particulars; and it is further desired each Set that designs to come will send their Names on Saturday before the Time, by Twelve o'clock.

N. B. The Bells have lately been put in the best Order by Mr Bayley of Bridgwater.

(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 21 May 1764 - advert)

To be RUNG for,
At Rotherwick Church, *in the County of Hants,*
On Friday in Whitsun-Week next,

SIX HATS, Value Eight Shillings each, which will be given gratis by *Thomas Watmore*. The Men who ring the best Peal to have the Hats. Each Peal Fifteen Minutes.

No Rotherwick Person to ring or stand Umpire for the Hats.

Each Ringer to pay One Shilling for his Dinner, which will be on the Table at One o'Clock, and to begin Ringing at Two. - None will be permitted to ring for the Hats, but those who dine at the Ordinary.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 4 June 1764 - advert)

New Bells for Abingdon

Notice is hereby given,
To all Gentlemen RINGERS,

THAT a new Peal of Eight Bells, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack, of London, will be rung the first Time, at Abingdon, on Whit-Tuesday, by any Sets of Ringers.
(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 4 June 1764 - advert)

We hear from Abingdon, Berks, that the new Peal of eight Bells lately hung at St. Hellen's [sic] Church in that Town were, for the first Time, rung on Sunday se'nnight by the College Youths, and are esteemed by the best Judges to be one of the most tuneable Peal [sic] of Bells in the Kingdom.
(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Thurs. 21 June – Sat. 23 June 1764; the bells were rehung in a new frame in 1766, for which see *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 15 Feb. 1766.)

Thursday's Post.

LONDON, June 19

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On Monday about Three o'clock in the Afternoon, the Public were alarmed with some of the most dreadful Peals of Thunder ever heard in the Memory of Man; they were preceded by many strong Flashes of Lightning, which in particular greatly damaged the West and North West Sides of St. Bride's Steeple in Fleet-street, shattered off Part of the Spire, and started one of the Stones In the West Side a considerable Dislance from its Place; another Stone was driven from the Bottom of the Spire, which broke through the Roof of the Church into the North Gallery; and another, near three Quarters of a hundred in Weight, torn from the Steeple quite over the East-End of the Church, and cast upon the Roof of a House belonging to Mr. Perry, Sword Hilt-Maker in Bride-Lane, who providentially but a Moment before had left the Place into which it burst, and stepped into another Room. The Roof of Mr. Grave's House, and the Windows of Mr. Wiltnot's on the North Side of the Church, were much damaged, and several large Pieces of Stone were even blown into Fleet-street, to the no little Terror and Astonishment of the Passengers.

Part of a Column under the Spire is almost chipped away, as is also a large Part of the North East Corner at the Bottom of the Spire, with one or two of the Vases, and one of the Iron Chain Bars is split asunder. A Window in the Belfry is much injured; and one of the great Bells (which are always fixed in Stays with the Mouths uppermost when People have done ringing) almost filled with Pieces of Stone, and the Clapper greatly battered. Several Places in the Steeple are cracked, and there is a large Heap of Rubbish in the upper Part of it, as if a Number of Masons had been at Work for a Week. Happily, however, no Lives were lost. In the Evening the Churchwardens and principal Inhabitants had a Meeting, in which it was agreed to employ two able Surveyors to take the most necessary Measures on the Occasion; and to discontinue Divine Service, till they were assured there was no Room for further Apprehensions.

The Damage done to St. Bride's Church by the Lightning, it is said, will cost the Inhabitants upwards of 2000 l. to repair.

(*Derby Mercury*, Fri. 15 June – Fri. 22 June 1764; and *Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 26 June 1764, the latter with 'Wilmot' vice 'Wilnot'; slightly different version *Manchester Mercury*, also Tues. 26 June 1764, and shorter version *Scots Magazine*, June 1764.)

St. Albans, June 20. On Monday last was celebrated the annual ringing feast of the College Youths of St. Albans, when many of their brethren from London, and other parts of the kingdom, were pleased to favour them with their attendance, in a very decent and regular procession from the Town-hall to the Abbey-church, where a sermon was preached to them from 1 Cor. xiii.1. and after divine service they returned to the Town-hall to dinner, where a very plentiful and genteel entertainment was provided by the Master and Stewards of the Society, at which were present many gentlemen of rank and property; many loyal and constitutional toasts were given on the occasion, and the day concluded with universal harmony and chearfulness.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Fri. 22 June 1764)

Thursday last, as the ringers of a certain parish near Edmonton were ringing a peal, two of the largest bells broke down; by which accident, two of the ringers were so much hurt, that their lives are despaired of.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Wed. 4 July 1764)

TO BE LET

And enter'd upon immediately

A very convenient Bell-Foundry, nigh the Goat Bridge River, in the City of Lincoln; with a new built Furnace, and all the necessary Materials and Tools for Casting and Bell Hanging to be sold. For further particulars Enquire of Mr. John Foster at the aforementioned place.

NB there is now at the Foundry, a church Bell to be recast with a good prospect of Business, particularly a Job of Casting which has been estimated at 200£.

(*Cambridge Chronicle*, 21 July 1764; quoted in J. R. Ketteringham, *Lincolnshire Bells & Bellfounders* (2004), p.266)

We hear, that the ringers of St. Bride's in Fleet-street, on account of the spire being damaged, and as it will be long before it can be repaired, have applied to the parish of St. Michael's, Cornhill, for liberty to ring there by way of exercise, which has been granted, and they have rung there for these three Wednesdays past.

(*Lloyd's Evening Post*, Wed. 25 July – Fri. 27 July 1764; also *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Fri. 27 July 1764)

On the 19th Inst. was rung at the Collegiate Church of Ripon, by the Society of Ringers of that Place, a complete Peal of Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 5040 Changes in ten Courses, which was rung in two Hours and 49 Minutes, being the first Time a whole Peal of Tripples has been attempted to be rung by the said Society, who are a Set of Youths that have attained since last Christmas, chiefly by their Industry, the proper Method of ringing Changes.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 28 Aug. 1764)

Last Sunday morning the antient Society of College Youths rang a compleat peal of Five Thousand one Hundred and Twenty Oxford Treble Bob Royals, at the parish church of St. Giles's in the Fields, in three hours and seven minutes.

(*Westminster Journal and London Political Miscellany*, Sat. 13 Oct. 1764; not in the College Youths' peal book, and the use of the term 'Royals' casts some doubt upon its authenticity.)

Same day being the fifth of November, the Society of College Youths held their anniversary meeting at the Globe tavern in Fleet-street, where an elegant entertainment was provided, with a concert of music, and the evening concluded with the greatest harmony.

(*London Evening Post*, Sat. 3 Nov. – Tues. 6 Nov. 1764)

A ringing match at Portsea

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, Nov. 6.

"This day eight or ten sets of ringers are to ring changes with a new set of six bells, lately hung in Kingston Tower, one mile from this garrison, for seven laced hats, each set of ringers to have an umpire; and the winning set to give the odd hat to the umpire of their own party.
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(*London Evening Post*, Tues. 6 Nov. – Thurs. 8 Nov. 1764; this took place at Portsea, for which Lester and Pack of Whitechapel cast a ring of six bells in this year.)

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, Nov. 9.

'The Match of Ringing mentioned in my last for seven laced Hats, was won by the Basingstoke Ringers, it was only round Ringing.'

(*London Evening Post*, Thurs. 8 Nov. – Sat. 10 Nov. 1764; also *Public Advertiser*, Sat. 10 Nov. 1764.)

On Saturday last was rung at St Benedict's church in this town, 46 peals on five bells, consisting of 5520 changes, completed in 4 hours with great ease

(*Cambridge Chronicle*, Sat. 24 Nov. 1764 – per Gareth Davies)

Last Tuesday died Mr. Edward Seller, formerly an eminent Bell-Founder and Brazier of this City, and who serv'd the Office of Sheriff in the Year 1731.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 27 Nov. 1764)

We hear from York that on Tuesday se'nnight died Mr. Seller, formerly an eminent Bell Founder and Brazier of this City, and who served the office of Sheriff in the year 1731. (*London Evening Post*, Tues. 27 Nov. - Thurs. 29 Nov. 1764; for a report of Edward Seller being appointed as Sheriff, see *London Evening Post*, Sat. 25 Sept. - Tues. 28 Sept. 1731 etc.)

LONDON, Dec. 1.

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On Tuesday last, at Saffron-Walden in Essex, was completely rung by their own society, 5040 bob-majors in three hours and twenty minutes; being the first time it has been performed in that place, or ever attempted. W. Burrows, treble; C. White, 2; R. Whitehand, 3; J. Banks, 4; W. Leveret, 5; J. Champion, 6; J. Pratt, 7; C. Baron, tenor, who called the bobs. (*Newcastle Chronicle*, Sat. 8 Dec. 1764)

On Sunday evening, the 16th instant, was rung at St. Mary, Whitechapel, by the Society of London Youths, a true and compleat peal of 5200 Court-Bob, in three hours and twenty-four minutes, it being the most and the first of this method. (*London Chronicle, or Universal Evening Post*, Thurs. 20 Dec. 1764)

Yesterday was rung, at St. Mary Redcliff's, 1764 Grandsire Tripples, (it being the Date of the Year) by eight Men, viz.

Matthew Deane, Treble.
John Biggs, Second.
Benjamin Gay, Third.
Richard Murford, Fourth.
William York, Fifth.
William Fryer, Sixth.
George Evans, Seventh.
Thomas Dory, Tenor.

The Peal was called by George Evans. (*Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*, Sat. 29 Dec. 1764)

1765

GIVEN GRATIS,

By JAMES MARLOW, at the Bull, at Arborfield, in the County of Berks,

On Old New-Year's Day next,

FIVE good HATS, for any Set of Ringers that shall ring the best round Peal. Each Peal to be fifteen Minutes, and each Set of Ringers to bring their Umpire.

Each Ringer to pay One Shilling for his Dinner, which will be on the Table at one o'Clock, and to begin Ringing at Three.

N.B. No Arborfield Person will be permitted to ring, or to be an Umpire.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 3 Dec. 1764 - advert)

This is to give Notice,

To all Gentlemen RINGERS,

THAT the Ringing Match, which was to be on Old New-Year's Day, at Arborfield in the County of Berks, is postponed till Monday the 14th of January Inst. on Account of it's being Market-Day at Reading, which would be ill-convenient to many.

To begin Ringing at eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, and Dinner to be on the Table at Four.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 7 Jan. 1765 - advert)

This is to acquaint the PUBLIC,

THAT the BELL-FOUNDRY at Preston, in Lancashire, as also that at Barrow, in Lincolnshire, near Hull, are both in my Occupation.—Whoever pleases to favour me with Orders to either Place, will have their Letters answered, and their Orders carefully perform'd,

By their humble Servant,

JAMES HARRISON,

Bell-Founder, and Bell-Hanger, at the above Places.

(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 29 Jan. & Tues. 5 Feb. 1765)

The Youths of Leeds in Kent, having seen a Paragraph in one of the London Papers, importing that the Society of London Youths completely rung 5200 Court Bob, &c. but the Number of Bells the Peal was rung on not being mentioned, we thought it an improper Account; but the Public may be assured, that the above Leeds Youths rung 6720 complete Changes of Court Bob on the 20th of this Instant, on their celebrated Peal of Ten Bells, in four Hours and forty-two Minutes: which Peal, we presume, for its Difficulty and abstruse Method, to be the greatest Performance of Ringing hitherto done, viz. William Atwood, Edward Mason, Thomas Lacy, Richard Masters, Stephen Bayly, William Davis, John Sweetlove, Edward Cook, James Barham, and William Tilby, Tenor.

(*St. James's Chronicle or, The British Evening-Post*, Tues. 29 January 1765 - advert. cf similar statement in *Kentish Post* on 9 February 1765, quoted below. The reference appeared in the *London Chronicle* on 20 December 1764, qv)

The youths of Leeds, in Kent, having seen a paragraph in one of the London papers, importing that the Society of London Youths completely rung 5200 Court Bob, &c, but the number of Bells the peal was rung on, not being mentioned, we thought it an imperfect account. The public may be assured that the above Leeds Youths rung 6720 compleat changes of Court Bob, on the 20th of January last, on their celebrated peal of Ten Bells, in 4 hours 42 minutes: which peal, we presume, for its difficult and abstruse method, to be the greatest performance of ringing hitherto done on Ten Bells, viz. Wm. Atwood, treble; Edw. Mason, 2d. Tho. Lacy, 3d. Rd. Masters, 4th. Steph. Bailey, 5th. Wm. Davis, 6th. John Sweetlove, 7th. Edw. Cook, 8th. James Barham, 9th. and Wm. Tilby, tenor. - Also the above hands completely rung on the same Bells, 5400 changes of a Tripple-bob Peal ten in, called Morning Pleasure, in 3 hours 55 minutes on the 2d of this instant.

(*Kentish Post*, Sat. 9 Feb. 1765)

On Tuesday the 5th March, will be opened at GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire, a new PEAL of Eight BELLS (cast by Mess. Lester and Pack, London) for Tone and Tune supposed to rival any in Europe. And as it would be extremely agreeable to the Inhabitants to have the Peal opened by a Set of able and skilful Ringers, Such as are desirous of displaying their Abilities will have a fine Opportunity. - N.B. The above was advertised for the 12th last week by mistake.
(*Cambridge Chronicle*, Sats. 16 & 23 Feb. 1765 – advert, per Gareth Davies)

Tuesday last was rung at Highworth a complete peal of 5040 grandsire triples, in three hours and nine minutes (Holt's method) by Messrs. John Ansell, John Tombs, John North, John Lord, John Williams, Thomas Tombs, Edmond Munday, and Samuel Cope, all of that place.
(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon., 25 Feb. 1765)

On Tuesday the 5th of March next will be open'd at Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, a new Peal of eight Bells, cast by Mess. Lester and Pack, of London, and hung by Mr. Samuel Turner, their Bell-Hanger.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 26 Feb. 1765)

They write from Lambourn, Berks, that on the 21st of February last, the whole compleat Peal of Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 5040 Changes, were [*sic*] rung there in three Hours and ten Minutes, by one Set of Men, without Double or Single; and at the End, before they set the Bells, they also rung the Wedding Peal.
(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 9 March 1765)

LICHFIELD, March 21. This Afternoon the Ten Bells belonging to our Cathedral, were rung for the first Time since the Treble and Tenor were re-cast by Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester; they gave universal Satisfaction to the Inhabitants of this City, and are thought, by the best Judges of Music, to be as fine a Peal as most in England; the Ninth was re-cast by the same ingenious Artist about four Years since.
(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 25 March 1765)

On Thursday in Whitsun-Week next, being the 30th of May, will be given by Mr. William Wheatley, at the Bush Inn in Oakingham, Berks,

Six very good HATS,

To be rung for, by any Set of Ringers that shall ring the best round Peal; each Peal to continue fifteen Minutes, and each Set of Ringers to bring their Umpire, as the above is to be determined by the Majority of Umpires.

No Oakingham Person to ring for the above Prizes, nor to be an Umpire.

An Ordinary to be on the Table at one o'Clock, and to begin ringing at three. No Person to ring for the above, or to be an Umpire, but those who dine at the Ordinary.

* † * The Umpire belonging to the best Set to be entitled to a seventh Hat.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 8 April 1765 – advert. Oakingham = Wokingham.)

AT ROMFORD on TUESDAY the 9th Instant was rung, a compleat Peal of 5040 Bobmajor [*sic*], by the Society of Cumberland Youths, and performed in three Hours and 18 Minutes, by the following Persons:

Michael Purser of London, the Treble.		James Lane of Romford, 6th.
Benj. Allen, of ditto, 2d.		Sam. Wood of London, 7th, & call'd the Peal.
Francis Wood; of ditto, 3d .		John Johnson of Romford, the Tenor.
Wm. Lester, of ditto, 4th.		
George Blank, of ditto, 5th.		

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 20 April 1765 - advert) [The Cumberland's peal book gives George Gross as the fifth ringer]

The new ring of bells at York Minster

A fine set of ten bells exactly the weight of those at Bow Church, Cheapside, were cast in Whitechapel for York Minster and will be sent down by sea.
(*Newcastle Courant*, Sat. 27 April 1765)

This is to inform the public that SAMUEL TURNER (Bell-hanger to Mess. LESTER and PACK, Bellfounders in White-Chapel, LONDON) is now hanging a fine peal of ten bells at York Minster, the same size as St. Mary le Bow's, Cheapside. - The said Samuel Turner has hung 37 new peals within the space of three years last past, besides many single bells. - If any parishes have bells broke in their steeples, or any that want new hanging or tuning, by sending a line to the said Samuel Turner, at the Cross Guns near York Minster (betwixt this and August next) they shall be waited upon immediately by

Their most obedient humble servant,
SAMUEL TURNER.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 7 May 1765)

This is to give notice to all Gentlemen Ringers and others, that there is now a peal of ten bells (cast by Mess. Lester and Pack, London) to be open'd on Monday the 19th of August next, at York Minster, and allowed, by the best judges in London to be as fine a peal (of that number) as any in the Kingdom, and as heavy. Free liberty being given any strangers to open the peal. Any ringers that chuse to come the Sunday evening before, will be allowed to ring a round Peal upon trial. They are now hanging by Samuel Turner, Bell-hanger to the above Lester and Pack. If any gentleman, church wardens, or others want any new peals of bells, or any that want new casting or hanging, by sending a letter to the said Samuel Turner, at the Cross Guns near York Minster, betwixt this and the first of September next, they shall be waited upon immediately, and their work faithfully executed after the very best manner, by Their most obedient humble servant, SAMUEL TURNER.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 16 July 1765)

Yesterday was opened at this Cathedral a complete peal of ten bells, cast by Mess. LESTER and PACK of White-Chapel, London, and hung by Samuel Turner, their bell-hanger, the tenor of which weighs 53 cwt. It gave great satisfaction to every person who heard it being allowed to be as grand a peal as any in England.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 20 Aug. 1765)

On Monday the 19th of August was opened, at the Cathedral Church in York, a compleat Peal of Ten Bells, cast by Messrs. *Lester* and *Pack*, in White chapel, London, and hung by *Samuel Turner*, their Bell-hanger: The Weight of the Tenor is 53 Cwt. and is hung in such a manner that one man can ring it half an hour. - The Peal gave great satisfaction to every person that heard it, being allowed to be as grand as any in England.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 2 Sept. 1765)

KIDDERMINSTER, April 29. This Day was rung here, in three Hours and fourteen Minutes, by a Society of young Artists, the compleat Peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 Changes.
(*Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 2 May 1765) [A peal board was erected to record this peal, which gives the date (incorrectly) as 29 August.]

They write from Charles-Town, that a fine Sett of Musical Bells are ordered in Commission by the next Ships from England, to be hung up in the High-Church in Broad-street, which will be a great Ornament to that flourishing Capital of South-Carolina.

(*Public Advertiser*, Sat. 18 May 1765)

Cambridge, *May 30.*

On Monday Morning last, the celebrated Ringers, call'd *College Youths*, from London, rung 5057 Grandsircaters [*sic*] in three Hours, twenty Minutes, on Great St. Mary's Bells, at this Place; and in Evening 648 [*sic*] Bob Major Royals.

(*Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 1 June 1765; another version *Cambridge Chronicle*, same date, the latter per Gareth Davies.)

Notice is hereby given,

To all Gentlemen RINGERS and Others,

THAT, on the 23d of July, will be Rung for, at Shinfield Church, in the County of Berks, SIX VERY GOOD HATS, by any Six Men - Each Set of Ringers to bring their own Umpire; and the Umpire of the Winning Set will be entitled to a Hat.

No less than four Sets to Ring

Each Ringer to pay One Shilling for his Dinner, which will be ready at Two o'Clock, and to begin Ringing at Four.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 17 June 1765 - advert)

BELLS tuned to the various chords of music, to hang round the necks of sheep in gentlemens parks, near their county seats, by the maker, ROBERT ROMLEY, bell-founder, at the Bell, in Horseshoe-alley, Moorfields. N.B. the maker has had the honour of supplying many noblemen and gentlemen with the above bells.

(Advert in *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Sat. 20 July 1765; this advert, with variants, was repeated many times over the next few years, in various newspapers)

Yesterday the Sexton of St. Clement's Church, was found hanging in the Belfry.

(*Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 27 July 1765 – per David Cubitt) [Note: This refers to St. Clement's, Norwich]

Notice is hereby given,

THAT there will be given by *John Louch*, at the Sign of the Green Man at Chappel-Row, on Wednesday the 11th of September next, Six very good HATS, to be Rung for at Bucklebury Church, by any Six Men. Those that ring the best round Peal to have the Hats; each Peal to last 15 Minutes.

The Ringers to meet at John Louch's by nine o'Clock in the Morning; and each Person to pay One Shilling for his Dinner. - The Umpire belonging to the Winning Set will be entitled to a Hat.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 19 Aug. 1765 - advert)

[Report of the fire at Honiton, Devon] – 'The Steeple of the Chapel is entirely consumed, and the Six Bells of the Tower.'

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 2 Sept. 1765; also *Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 31 Aug. 1765.)

A considerable Founder in the City has received an Order to cast a fine Set of musical Bells to be shipped for Warsaw.

(*Public Advertiser*, Sat. 7 Sept. 1765)

Wakefield, Sept. 19. Yesterday John Firth, Peter Priestley, James Priestley, George Priestley, James Roberts, John Staveley, Ellis Bateman, and William Stead, rung a Peal of Tripples, call'd *Wakefield's Delight*, in ten Courses complete, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and forty-five Minutes.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 24 Sept. 1765)

On Wednesday last the Hon. William Pitt, Esq. favoured the town of Taunton with his company, where he was kindly received by a great many gentlemen of the first rank, who dined with him at the Fountain tavern. The bells of both parish churches rang on his arrival, but were soon silenced, and ordered not to ring at all this time.

(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 30 Sept. 1765)

This is to give NOTICE,

THAT a STATUTE FAIR will be held in Stony-Stratford, in the County of Bucks, on Friday the 4th Day of October next, being the Friday before Old Michaelmas-Day, agreeable to ancient Custom: And as Stony-Stratford is a Place conveniently situated in the Grasing Country for the Sale of all Sorts of Cattle, the Grasiers and Others in the Neighbourhood purpose to attend, and it is hoped that the Dealers will also be there, in Order to furnish them with Cattle.

N.B. A SILVER CUP, of the Value of Five Pounds, will be given gratis to play for at Singlestick on that Day, and a Stage will be erected in the Market-Place suitable for the Purpose. The Gamesters to be upon the Stage precisely at Two o'Clock, and play agreeable to Rules to be then settled by the Subscribers to the said Cup.

Note also, A HAT, of the Value of One Guinea, will be given gratis to be rung for in the Forenoon of the same Day.

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 30 Sept. 1765 - advert)

On Saturday last the two new bells, put up in Shoreditch steeple, were, (with the whole peal) rang for the first time, by a set of excellent ringers, among whom was Mr. Low. And this day the new chimes will be put in the said steeple.

(*London Evening Post*, Sat. 28 Sept. – Tues. 1 Oct. 1765; also *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Tues. 1 Oct. 1765. The bells were cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack, of Whitechapel, and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells by the College Youths on Sun. 29 Oct. 1765.)

Hawkshead, (Lancashire) Oct. 25. Last week our new Peal of six Bells, (from Preston) were open'd by a Set of Ringers from Addingham in Yorkshire, who rung various Peals of 720 Changes, to the great Satisfaction of the Neighbourhood. - They were allowed to be as Musical a Peal as any in the Country. (*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 29 Oct. 1765)

[Report of fire in Cornhill destroying] ... all the Houses from the Corner of Cornhill to the Church of St. Martin's Outwich, the Corner of Threadneedle-Street, excepting the Parsonage Houle, are consumed; and the said Church likewise taking Fire, a Part of the steeple was soon burnt down, whereby the great Bell in it fell with prodigious Noise ; the Inside of the Church was next consumed ... (*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 11 Nov. 1765, taken from the London papers of 7 Nov. – per Chris Pickford.)

November 14.

Last Saturday Evening about Nine o'Clock the great Bells at the several Churches in this Town were tolled an hour in Mourning, on account of the Interment of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland in Westminster-Abbey the same Evening.

(*Derby Mercury*, Fri. 22 Nov. 1765)

Last Monday died here, Mr. John George, formerly an eminent Taylor, aged Eighty-six almost to an Hour, it being his Birth-day on which he died. He had been many Years a Common Council Man of this City, served the Office of Bailiff in the Year 1737, and in his Youth was famous for his great Skill and Abilities as a Ringer.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 23 Nov. 1765)

At the BELL FOUNDERY, at Albourn, Wilts,
CHURCH BELLS are cast in a more elegant
and as musical a Manner as in any Part of this Kingdom, (the
Founder having made the Theory of Sounds, as well as the Nature
of Metal, his chief Study :) Also hangs the same, finding all Materi-
als, in the most complete and concise Manner.

And also Hand Bells and Musical Clock Bells prepared strictly in
Tune, in any Key; Horse Bells of all Kinds; Room and Gate Bells,
the neatest of their several Kinds: Likewise Mill Brasses, of the best
Metal, cast and sold at the lowest Prices.

All Orders will be punctually served by

ROBERT WELLS, Founder.

N. B. He gives ready Money and the best Prices for Bell Metal.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Mon. 2, 16 & 23 Dec. 1765; the advert was repeated periodically for at least three years. It also appeared in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* in 1769, for which see below.)

ON Friday the 6th of this instant December was rung at DEBENHAM Steeple in Suffolk, by Debenham Company, a compleat peal of five Thousand and Forty Changes, Bob-major, with the Sixth home, twelve times without a Double. It was completed in three Hours and one Minute by the Men whose Names are under-mentioned.

Wm. Spalding, Treble.		William Wright, Fifth.
Dan Sawyer, Second.		John Garrod, Sixth.
Tho. Bradley, Third.		Jonathan Pettit, Seventh.
Wm. Forsdick, Fourth.		James Wilson, Tenor.

N.B. This is the first Time that the Six have been brought up twelve times without a Double in this County.

The Bobs were called by James Wilson.

(Ipswich Journal, Sat. 14 Dec. 1765 - advert)

AT MELFORD, on Monday, the 9th of this Instant December, was rung a compleat Peal of 5040 Bobmajor, by Melford Company, all living and belonging to the said Parish, and performed in three Hours and 25 Minutes, by the following Persons, Viz.

James Webb, the Treble.		James Ward, the 5th.
William Scott, the 2d.		Wm. Smith, the 6th.
Samuel Scott, the 3d.		Jn. Corder, 7th, (call'd the Peal)
Geo. Cadge, jun. the 4th.		John Whittle, 8th.

(Ipswich Journal, Sat. 14 Dec. 1765 – advert, per Neal Dodge)

We hear from St. Alban's, that Thursday last being Earl Spencer's Birth-Day, it was observed there with great Rejoicings; and, among other Demonstrations of Joy, was completed, by the College-Youths of that Town, a true Peal of 5040 Changes, at the Abbey-Church, in the Space of three Hours and twenty Minutes, which was never perform'd there in the Memory of the oldest Man living.

(Northampton Mercury, Mon. 23 Dec. 1765)

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We hear the new Peal of Bells cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack for St. John's of Maddermarket in this City are finished and will be rung on Thursday next.

(*Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 18 Jan. 1766)

WHEREAS a Peal of SIX BELLS is left to the Parish of Twyford near Winchester, which are to be placed in a Wooden Lanthorn fixed upon the Tower of the Church. - Any Workman who chuses to undertake the Lanthorn and the Wood-Work, is desired, after viewing the Tower and consulting the Churchwardens about the Conditions, to send his estimate to them sealed and signed on or before the 11th of March next.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 3 Feb. 1766 - advert)

We hear from Abingdon, in Berkshire, that their new Peal of eight Bells, hung the Summer before last, have been lately taken down, in order to have a new Frame, and the Bells new hung; which Mr. Samuel Turner, from Mess. Lester and Pack, Bell-Founders in London, is now engaged in; and they will be compleatly finished, fit for Ringing, by Easter next.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 15 Feb. 1766)

*To be RUNG for
At Checkendon in the County of Oxford, on Wednesday
the 28th of May Instant,*

SEVEN Gold-laced HATS, of 7£ Value, free for any Sett of Ringers. Every Sett to bring an Umpire; only three Umpires to stand at one Time, the others to stand by and cast Lots which three are to stand every Peal. No less than Six Setts allowed to ring for the Hats; and if any Sett shall want a Man by Sickness or any other Disorder, they are allowed to chuse another Man: The Peal to continue fifteen Minutes, and to be reared to such a height as shall be known by a Mark on the Treble Rope, and then sink them how they please; and there shall be two Men in the Belfry to tell them when they are at the Height.

If any Sett make an Objection to the Conditions in this Advertisement, they will not be permitted to ring. No Ringing allowed of that Day before the Time. No Signal to be given by any Bell, if proved the Peal to be lost. All Disputes to be decided by the Umpires alone.

Checkendon and Ipsdon Ringers excepted.

The Dinner to be on the Table at One o'Clock, and begin Ringing at Two. Every Man to pay One Shilling for his Dinner.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 17 March 1766 - advert)

To the PRINTER.

THE paragraph in your's [*sic*], and other papers, relating to the College Youths, receiving a sum of money, for opening the new peal of bells at Lewisham in Kent, we can assure you is without foundation, and only designed as a malicious reflection on the said gentlemen. Your's [*sic*]

A MEMBER.

(*Gazetteer and Daily Advertiser*, Sat. 22 March 1766 – advert; the reports which caused this to be printed have not so far been located. A new ring of bells had been cast for the tower in this year by Lester and Pack, and the College Youths rang peals on the new bells, Bob Major on Sat. 8 March 1766, and Treble Bob Major on Sun. 16 March 1766.)

Last Tuesday was rung at Horsham, in Sussex, the whole Peal of grandsire trebles in three hours and eight minutes: What is remarkable, not one of the set ever rung it before.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 21 April 1766)

*To be RUNG for,
At Thomas Watmore's, the Three Compasses, at Rotherwick,
Hants, on Friday the 23d of May Instant. being the Friday
in Whitsun-Week;*

SIX very good HATS, for the Men that ring the best round Peal, the Peal to continue fifteen Minutes. And Six Pair of Gloves for the second best Peal. Every Set to bring an Umpire. No Rotherwick Person to ring or stand Umpire. No Ringing to be allowed of that Day before the Time.

Dinner to be on the Table at One o'Clock, and to begin Ringing at Two. Each Person to pay One Shilling for his Dinner; and no one will be permitted to ring but those who dine at the Ordinary.
(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury, Mon. 5 May 1766 - advert*)

At HAUGHLEY, on Whitsun-Monday, the 19th of this instant May, was rung, Forty-two Five-Bell Peals, containing 5040 Changes, by Haughley Company, all living in and belonging to the said Parish, and performed in three Hours and forty-eight Minutes, (raising and ceasing included in the Time), by the following Persons, viz.

John Burrows, the Treble, call'd the Peals.
Joseph Frost, the 2d. John Wright, the 4th.
Daniel Frost, the 3d. Robert Wright, the 5th.

N.B. The Weight of the Tenor is a Ton.

(*Ipswich Journal, Sat. 31 May 1766 - advert*)

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman of Bristol to his friend in Gloucester.

“The peal of eight bells, which Mr. Rudhall, of your city, lately cast for our new church of St. Nicholas, has received the highest approbation from all who have heard them, and prove that in the art of bell-founding he is not in the least inferior to his father and grandfather.”

(*Gloucester Journal, Mon. 9 June 1766*)

The opening of the new ring at King's Lynn

KINGS LYNN, in NORFOLK, June 16, 1766.

ON Tuesday the 24th Inst. will be opened at St. Margaret's, in Lynn aforesaid, a compleat Peal of eight new BELLS, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack, of London, and hung by Samuel Turner, their bell-hanger: The Tenor weighs 30 Hundred, and the whole Peal, for weight of Metal, is imagined to be as compleat a one, as any in the Kingdom; on which Day any Sett of Gentlemen, Lovers of that manly Exercise, may have an Opportunity of shewing their Skill. Also on Friday the first of August next will be opened at St. Nicholas, in Lynn aforesaid, another new Peal of six BELLS, cast and hung by the abovesaid Persons; the Tenor weighs 16 Hundred. On which Day also, Gentlemen have like liberty of shewing their Art.

(*Norwich Mercury, Sat. 21 June 1766 - advert*)

We hear from King [*sic*] Lynn in Norfolk, that on the 24th of June last was opened there, A new peal of eight bells, (the tenor weighing 30 cwt.) cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack of London, and new hung by Samuel and Robert Turner, their Bell-hangers, which gave great satisfaction to the hearers. Likewise, on the 12th of July, was opened, at the above place, A new peal of six bells, (the tenor weighing 16 cwt.) cast as above, and new hung by the said Samuel and Robert Turner.

(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury, Mon. 25 Aug. 1766*)

This is to give Notice,

TO all Gentlemen RINGERS and Others, that there is a new PEAL of eight BELLS to be opened on Tuesday the 18th of November at St. Nicholas Chapel in King's Lynn, Norfolk, cast by Messrs. LESTER and PACK of London, and hung by SAMUEL TURNER, their Bell-hanger.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury, Sat. 1 Nov. 1766; also Ipswich Journal, Sat. 8 Nov. 1766.*)

LYNN, *November 26, 1766.*

ON Thursday Nov. the 18th 1766 was opened at St. Nicholas Chapel, a compleat PEAL of New BELLS, cast by LESTER and PACK of London, and hung by Samuel Turner, Bell-hanger: And on Thursday the 20th was rung, a compleat 5040 of Bob Major by eight Norwich Ringers in three Hours and ten Minutes, whose Names are under-written.

John Chamberlin	Treble,	and called the Peal.	
John Heavers	2d	James Watling	5th
John Dixon	3d	Simon Watling	6th
Thomas Barton	4th	John Dye	7th

James Vines, Tenor.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 29 Nov. 1766; the dates are given as above, but November 18th was a Tuesday.)

On the 18th past was opened, at St. Nicholas Chapel in Lynn, a compleat Peal of eight Bells (all cast by Mess. LESTER and PACK, Bell-Founders in Whitechapel, London, and hung by SAMUEL TURNER, their own Bell Hanger) by a Company of Ringers from Norwich, who rung them 5040 the first Time, all eight In. There was the greatest Number of People assembled ever known on the like Occasion, who allowed them to be a fine tuneable Peal.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 2 Dec. 1766)

On the 3d Inst. a Peal of six new Bells was open'd at Masham, by a Set of eminent Ringers from Addingham, cast and hung by Mr. James Harrison, of Lincolnshire. A very numerous Concourse of People were [*sic*] assembled on the Occasion, and these esteem'd Judges, allowed the Bells to be a remarkable good Peal.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 12 Aug. 1766)

On Wednesday Sir Thomas Clavering was saluted with ringing of Bells, on his canvassing in Person among the Gentlemen and Freeholders in Gateshead against the ensuing General Election next Spring, to serve in Parliament as one of the Representatives for the County of Durham. - And Yesterday, on his Arrival in this Town, St. Nicholas's Bells rung on the same Occasion.
(*Newcastle Journal*, Sat. 6 Sept. 1766)

This is to give Notice, THAT a new Peal of Six Bells will be open on Tuesday the 7th Instant, at Twyford, near Winchester, Hants, cast by Messrs. LESTER and PACK, and hung by *Robert Turner*, their Bell-Hanger, of London.
(*Oxford Gazette, and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 6 Oct. 1766 - advert)

This is to give NOTICE,

That on Tuesday before Old St. Michael next, being the 7th Day of October, will be held and annually kept at Towcester, in the County of Northampton,

A STATUTE-FAIR,

For Hiring Servants, &c. and for promoting and encouraging the same, six Pair of Buck-skin Gloves, of one Guinea Value, will be given to be rung for by Changes on Six Bells, an Eighteen-Score, or three different Six-Scores: No less than three Setts to ring, and to begin at Nine o'Clock in the Morning. - Likewise, six Pair of Gloves, of the same Kind and Value, will be given to be danced for by Morris Dancers: No less than three Setts to dance. - And on the same Day there will be a Silver Lac'd Hat, of the like Value, to be played for at Single-Sticks: No less than six of a Side to play.

N.B. All FREE PRIZES: And nothing will be wanting to render the Diversions as agreeable and entertaining to the Public as possible.

SAMUEL CARTER, *Chief Constable.*

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 6 Oct. 1766 - advert)

On Monday last was Rung at Dudley a Peal of 2160 Changes upon six Bells, by three different Methods, viz. Plain Bob, Oxford Tripple Bob, and College Single Bob; the Whole was completed in one Hour and 34 Minutes.
(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 13 Oct. 1766)

The restoration of the bells of Durham Cathedral

We are advised from Durham, that a fine set of new bells, eight in number, is just arrived for the Cathedral Church of St Mary's, in that city.

(*Newcastle Chronicle*, Sat. 18 Oct. 1766)

On Saturday the 25th ult. in Honour of his Majesty's Accession to the Throne, was opened at the Cathedral of Durham, the Peal of eight Bells now hung on one Level; the Tenor 35 Cwt. with the Addition of the third bell, recast by Mr. GEORGE DALTON; and the whole Peal new framed and rehung by Mr. FRANCIS ELLIS, both of this City. The Exactness of the new Bell, both in Tune and Tone, to the Peal, the Construction of the Frame and easy Ringing of the Bells, is allowed by all who have seen, heard, or tried them, to be compleated in a masterly Manner, the Length of each Side of the new Frame being 16 Inches shorter than the old Frame, in which the Bells hung in two Heights. - The Dean and Chapter are so well satisfied with Mr. Dalton's and Mr. Ellis's Performances, that they have granted them their Certificate.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 11 Nov. 1766)

On Monday the 6th Instant was Rung at Stourbridge a compleat Peal of 5040 Changes, called Grandsire Tripples, in three Hours and ten Minutes. - And the same Day was Rung at Dudley a Peal of 2160 Changes upon six Bells, by three different Methods, viz. Plain Bob, Oxford Tripple Bob, and College Single Bob; the whole was compleated in one Hour and 34 Minutes

(*Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 23 Oct. 1766; also *Aris's Birmingham Gazette* 20 & 13 Oct. 1766 respectively)

Last Sunday was rung by the Society of College Youths, at the parish church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, a true and compleat peal of six thousand changes of Oxford Triple Bob Ten In, being the greatest performance ever done on ten bells, and compleated in four hours, twenty-one minutes.

Ye snarling youth, great hath been your fall;

Vain is your attempt, tho' e'er so small.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Sat. 25 Oct. 1766; the significance of the couplet has yet to be explained, but may relate to a peal of Grandsire Caters that the Cumberland Youths had rung on the bells on Tues. 14 Oct. 1766.)

There was lately rung at St. Julian's, Shrewsbury, the compleat Peals of College Treble, Oxford Treble, College Pleasure, and Crown Bob, all in one Hour and 20 Minutes; and some Time after the compleat Peals of The Morning Star, London Delight, the Tulip, and a new Crown Bob, composed of those three Peals, all in one Hour and 25 Minutes.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 27 Oct. 1766)

On Monday last the Society of Cumberland youths rung, at the parish church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, a true and compleat peal of 5136 Treble Bobs twelve in, in four hours and eight minutes, which is allowed to be the first true peal ever rung in that method, and the greatest performance that was ever completed on twelve bells.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Fri. 14 Nov. 1766)

ON MONDAY the 29th of December next will be given Gratis, at JAMES CHURCHYARD's at the Sign of the WHITE HART in FRAMLINGHAM, a new Peal of TEN HAND-BELLS, to be rung for at the Steeple, by not less than three Companies, and to ring 1008 of Bob-Major, cleanest and best, as will be determined by proper Judges, are entitled to the Bells to enter their Names by 12 o'Clock the same Day, and Dinner to be on the Table exactly at One. These Hand-Bells were cast by Mr. Noah Bloomfield of Mendlesham, who gives a Part in them. - - - Their value is not less than three Guineas. All Gentlemen who please to favour me with their Company, shall be kindly entertained, by their humble Servant, JAMES CHURCHYARD.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 29 Nov. 1766; quoted in Butler, William, *Musical Handbells. A Comprehensive History of the Bells and their Founders.* (2000), p.41.)

United Society of London Youths, Brethren of the
Most Noble Order of the Bell
By Order of the GRAND,

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Lodge will be
opened at the Fir Tree, in Church-street,
Whitechapel, on Saturday next, at eight o'clock in
the evening precisely, for the reception of the Bre-
thren of this Most Noble Order.

O.W. Secretary.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Wed. 10 Dec. 1766)

On Monday last was rung at Albrighton, in Shropshire, a compleat Peal of 5040 Changes, by different Methods, in three Hours and fifteen Minutes, upon six new Bells, cast by Lester and Pick [sic], of London, judged to be the most Musical of the Size in the County.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 5 Jan. 1767)

On Friday se'nnight was rung at Highworth, Wilts, in 58 Minutes [sic] a peal of Grandsire Triples, (after Holt's method) by Messrs. Robert Reason, John Tombs, George Davis, John Lord, John Williams, Thomas Tombs, Edmond Munday, and Edmond Watkins, all of that place. The Tenor man is near 70 years of age, and rung it without any assistance, tho' upwards of a ton weight.

(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon. 5 Jan. 1767)

DEBENHAM, Dec. 25, 1767 [sic]

ON MONDAY the Fifth of this Instant was rung at De-
benham Steeple, a compleat Peal of 5040 Changes Bob ma-
jor. There were three of the young Company in it, that have not
been in Ringing above 18 Months, and it was nicely compleated in
two Hours and fifty-five Minutes. - - - We had not thought this
worth inserting, only to lett the Country know what Time we ring
eight Bells in. The Tenor 20 Hundred Weight.

Performed by us,

Wm. Spalding,	1st,	John Abbott,	5th,	
Daniel Sawyer,	2d,	John Jessop,	6th,	
Wm. Wright,	3d,	Jonath Pettett,	7th,	[Peal.
John Pettett,	4th,	James Wilson,	Tenor -	Call'd the

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 10 Jan. 1767 - advert; the 'three of the young Company' would have been the ringers of 4, 5 and 6.)

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Lately were rung at Cundover [*sic*] near Salop, the compleat Peals of College Pleasure London Delight, and the Morning Star, containing 2160 Changes, in one Hour and 14 Minutes.
(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 12 Jan. 1767)

We hear from Ashford, in Kent, that on Saturday the 21st of last Month, in the Evening, was rung compleatly on their musical Peal of Bells, by their Company of Ringers, 5184 Changes of Oxford Treble Bob, in three Hours and 29 Minutes.
(*Public Advertiser*, Fri. 6 March 1767; the bells at Ashford had been made up to a ring of eight by the addition of two trebles, cast by Lester and Pack in 1762.)

ON the 11th March, 1767, was rung in DEBENHAM STEEPLE, by Debenham company, a compleat Peal of Ten Thousand and eighty Bob major: It was as finely compleated as any Peal ever was in the Kingdom, in six Hours and one Minute, by the under mentioned Persons:

Wm. Spalding, Treble,		John Abbott, Fifth,
Daniel Sawyer, Second,		John Jessup, Sixth,
Wm. Wright, Third,		John Pettitt, 7th, [the Peal.
Jonathan Pettitt, Fourth,		Ja. Wilson, Tenor, and called

We believe this to be the first time that ever 10080 was rung in the Kingdom by 8 men only. - The Tenor weighs 20 Hundred.

* * The Tenor and Seventh were new hung by Wilson and Spalding; who will undertake to hang any Bell in the Country, if the Frame is good, so as any of us can ring her a Five Thousand.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 21 March 1767 - advert)

A business for sale

TO be Lett, or Sold, all the Tools of Mr. WALLIS, of Sutton Courtney, near Abingdon, Berks; consisting of all Sorts of Smiths Work, Mill Work, Barge Work, and Auger Work : Likewise all Sorts of Patterns for Bells, as House Bells, Horse Bells, &c. and good Conveniency for casting of all Things in the Foundry Way.—The Shop has been a good accustomed one for these hundred Years.

For further Particulars enquire of Mr. Wallis, of Sutton aforesaid.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 21 March 1767 – Chris Pickford)

TO be Sold, on Tuesday the 27th and Wednesday the 28th of this Instant October,—The Household Goods of the late Mr. William Wallis, of Sutton Courtney, in Berks. Also a large Assortment of good Smith's Tools, and a valuable Quantity of compleat Patterns, Moulds, Flasks, &c. for the Use of Bell, Brass, Iron Founders, &c.

N. B. The House, which is Freehold, with an Old-Accustomed Shop and Foundry, to be lett or sold. Enquire on the Premisses [*sic*]

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 10 Oct. 1767 – Chris Pickford)

The same day [Tuesday last] was rung at Bingley, by six ringers, seven Treble Peals, On Wednesday next will be opened, at Hertford in Hertfordshire, A PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS, new hung by *Samuel Turner*, Bell-Hanger to Messrs. *Lester and Pack*, Founders, in Whitechapel, London.
(*Oxford Gazette and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 20 April 1767)

This is to give Notice,

TO all Gentlemen Ringers and others, that on Whitmonday, at the Sign the Chequer, at Collingbourn Kingston, Wilts, there will be five Silver Laced Hats, of 15s. each, to be rung for any Set of Ringers, Collingbourn Ducis excepted, upon a Peal of five bells. Every Set of Ringers to bring an Umpire with them, and each Ringer to pay 1s. for his Ordinary, which will be on Table at Twelve o'clock; and to begin ringing at One. Likewise a Silver Laced Hat, 15s. Value, to be wrestled for, and a Gold Laced Hat, of 21s. to be bowled for.

JOS. BROAD

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Mon. 4 May 1767)

A ringing match, on and off

To be RUNG for, on Monday the 15th of June next, at Padworth in Berks, FIVE GOLD-LACED HATS, of Six Guineas Value, free for any Set of Ringers; each Peal to last fifteen Minutes.

Any Set of Ringers may try their Hands till the Day of Ringing.

☞ The Landlord to chuse three Umpires, who are to decide the best Peal, Under-hand Round Ringing. - To begin Ringing exactly at eleven o'Clock. The Ringers to meet at John *Eldridge's*, the Sign of the Round Oak, in Padworth.

Dinner to be on the Table at Three o'Clock. Each Man that rings to pay 1s. for his Dinner.

(*Oxford Gazette and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 18 May 1767 - advert)

The Ringing for the Hats at Padworth, in the County of Berks, is deferred till another Opportunity, which will be advertised in this Paper in about three Weeks. (*Oxford Gazette and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 8 June 1767; nothing further of this competition has so far been traced.)

Reading, May 23.

This day was opened, at Oakingham in this County, A Peal of Six Bells, new hung by Robert Turner, Bell Hanger to Messrs. Lester and Pack.

... Last Monday morning was rung, at St. Lawrence's church in this town, a peal of 5040, bob-major, in three hours and 27 minutes and a half.

(*Oxford Gazette and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 25 May 1767)

A ringing match at Stratfield Mortimer

This is to give Notice,

THAT on Monday the 29th Day of June, will be Rung for, at Mortimer, SIX very good HATS, Price 8s. each, which shall be the real Value, for any Set that shall ring the best Round Peal. Likewise, a Hat of the same Value for the Umpire. Each Set to bring their own Umpire. To begin Ringing at Ten o'Clock. Each Man to pay 1s. for his Dinner before Ringing; and Dinner to be on the Table at Two o'Clock. Each Peal to continue fifteen Minutes. No Ringing will be allowed of [*sic*] that Day before the Prizes are rung for. Likewise, Six very good Hand-Bells for the second-best Peal.

Each Umpire to collect the Money of his Men for their Dinners.

The Ringers to meet at *Thomas Chapman's*, the Sign of the Horn, at Mortimer-Street.

(*Oxford Gazette and Reading Mercury*, Mon. 8 June 1767 - advert)

On Monday last the great ringing match at Mortimer, was won by the Gentlemen of Hurst, and was allowed by good judges to be as good peals as were almost ever heard.

(*London Evening Post*, Sat. 4 July – Tues. 7 July 1767; the venue was Stratfield Mortimer, Berkshire, where there was a ring of six bells cast by Samuel Knight, of Reading, in 1709-10.)

It having been observed that the bells of the parish of St. Bride in Fleet-street, are never rung on the Anniversary of his Majesty's Birth-day, we deem it not improper to inform our Readers, the reason for it. In the reign of King George the First, a man and youth, famous Ringers at the said Church, were capitally convicted for an atrocious offence, and sentenced to be executed: the principals of the parish of St. Bride petitioned the King, but in vain, for an alleviation of the punishment; the parish took umbrage at their Petition being rejected, and have ever since continued in that *seemingly* ill-effected resolution.

(*London Evening Post*, Sat. 6 June – Tues. 9 June 1767; also *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Wed. 10 June 1767, and *Public Advertiser*, Thurs. 11 June 1767)

On Monday last was rung, at Magdalen College, a complete Peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Method) in three Hours and fourteen Minutes, said to be the first true Peal of Triples ever completed in Oxford.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 18 July 1767; also *Bath Chronicle*, Thurs. 23 July 1767, still beginning 'On Monday last, ...')

NOTICE is hereby given,

THAT on Wednesday the 29th of this instant July, will be opened at Wiggshall St. Mary Magdalen, near LYNN, in Norfolk, a NEW PEAL of six Bells, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack. Bell-Founders in London, and hung by Mr. S. Turner, Bell-Hanger for the said Messrs. Lester and Pack.

Also on the same day will be given Gratis, by ISAAC PHILIPS, at the Sign of the COCK in Magdalen aforesaid, SIX good HATS to the Ringers that ring the best under-hand round Peal for twenty Minutes; each Company to bring their own Umpire, and the Umpire of the winning Company shall be entitled to a Hat likewise.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 25 July 1767 – advert; also *Norwich Mercury*, same date, the latter per D. Cubitt.)

On Monday died Mr. Underwood, Watch-maker, in Plough-court, Fetter-lane, and last night his corpse was interred at St. Andrew's, Holborn. After which five dumb peals were rung at the above church by the Society of Ringers belonging to St. Michael's, Cornhill, the deceased having been a member of that body, as an excellent Ringer.

(*London Evening Post*, Thurs. 13 Aug. – Sat. 15 Aug. 1767)

ON Tuesday the 22d Day of this instant *September*, being the Anniversary of His Majesty's Coronation, will be opened at *Helstone*, in *Cornwall*, a new Peal of Six Bells, cast by Messrs. LESTER and PACK of *London*, and hung by Mr. SAMUEL TURNER, Bell-Hanger, of *Helstone* aforesaid.

And on Saturday the 26th, will be given Gratis, to that Set of Ringers, who shall ring the best round Peal, Six very good Hats. - No exceptions will be made against any Person's ringing, and each Company to bring an Umpire. - The Ringing to begin precisely at One o'Clock.

Any Church-wardens or other Gentlemen, who may want new Bells, or to have them new-hung, by applying at *Helstone* aforesaid, the Day the Bells are opened, shall be waited on, and have their Work executed in the best Manner by the aforesaid Persons.

(*Exeter Evening-Post*, Fri. 11 Sept. 1767 - advert) (Cf the similar advert in the *Sherborne Mercury* of 21 Sept. 1767, which announced the prize ringing for Wednesday, Sept. 30th)

At HELSTONE, in CORNWALL,
On Tuesday the 22d Day of September, 1767,
being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Coronation, will
be opened

A new Peal of Six Bells,

Cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack, of London, and hung by
Samuel Turner, their Bell-Hanger.

Likewise, on Wednesday the 30th of September aforesaid,
at Helstone aforesaid, will be given gratis to be rung for, Six
very good HATS, for that Set of Ringers that rings the best
round Peal. No Exceptions to be made against any Person or
Persons from ringing.

N.B. Any Churchwardens or other Gentlemen that have
any broken Bells to re-cast, or wants new Peals or new
Hanging, by applying at Helstone the 22d or 30th aforesaid,
may have their Work executed in the best Manner, by the
above People.

Advert in (*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 21 Sept. 1767; Helston church had been burned down in 1763.)

Monday the 28th of September being the day appointed for the Publick Meeting of the
Trustees of the Rev. Mr. Hanbury's Charities at Church Langton, the morning was saluted with an
Eight-bell Peal by the Youths of the Town ...

(*Leicester and Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 3 Oct. 1767; similar report in *Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 5
October 1767, with the addition 'and the Flag was hoisted on the Top of the Tower ...')

The opening of Stow Bardolph bells

STOW-BARDOLPH, *October 16, 1767.*

ON THURSDAY the 22d of this Inst. October, will be opened at Stow-Bardolph, near Downham
Market, in Norfolk, a New PEAL of Six BELLS, completed by Mr. Joseph Eyres, of St. Neot's, in
Huntingdonshire, Bell-Founder, and hung by Mr. Thomas Osborn, of Downham aforesaid; where all
Gentlemen Ringers will meet with a hearty Welcome, by their humble Servant,

JOHN BULTITAFF,

At the RED LION, in Stow aforesaid.

☞ At the same Time will be given (gratis) seven PAIR of GLOVES, to be rung for in such Manner as
the Company shall then agree on.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 17 Oct. 1767)

Yesterday were opened at Stow Bardolph a new peal of 6 bells cast by J Eyres, hung by
Osborn.

(*Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, Sat. 24 Oct. 1767 – per Gareth Davies)

At the Bell-Foundery, in Aldbourne, Wilts,

CHURCH BELLS are cast in a more
Elegant and as Musical a Manner as in any Part
of this Kingdom, (the Founder having made the Theory
of Sounds, as well as the Nature of Metal, his chief
Study;) also hangs the same, finding all Materials, in
the most compleat and concise Manner.

And also HAND BELLS prepared strictly in Tune, in
any Key; Horse Bells, Clock and Room Bells, the neat-
est of their several Kinds; Likewise, Mill Brasses cast
and sold at the lowest Prices.

All Orders will be punctually served by

ROBERT WELLS, Founder.

He gives Ready Money and the best Prices for Bell Metal.

(*Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mons. 26 Oct. and 7 Dec. 1767 - advert. A similar advert
appeared in the *Marlborough Journal* in April, May and June 1772, q.v.)

Monday the 12th of October last was rung at the Parish Church of St. Mary Whitechapel, a true and compleat Peal of Five Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Court, Bob Eight in, [*sic*] by the Society of Cumberland Youths, it being the most ever rung in that Method, which was performed in three Hours and twenty-eight Minutes.

To the Honour of Wood,
Our Peal it was good,
His Works they sound his Praise;
So you dull London Tools,
You make yourselves Fools
By the false Speeches you raise.

(*Public Advertiser*, Mon. 9 Nov. 1767)

Cambridge, Nov. 13. On Thursday the fifth of November was rung by the College Youths of Hertford, upon eight bells, lately hung by Mr. Samuel Turner, a complete peal of 5040 changes, bob major, which they performed with ease in three hours and twenty-five minutes.

(*Newcastle Chronicle*, Sat. 21 Nov. 1767)

On Thursday the third instant, was rung at Hertford by the College Youths of that place, a complete peal of 7056 Bob Major which they performed with ease in four hours and 52 minutes. The same Gentlemen intend to complete a peal of 10000 before Christmas. The tenor weighs 22 hundred. [*sic*]

(*Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, Sat. 12 Dec. 1767 – per Gareth Davies)

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SUDBURY, Suffolk, Dec. 31st. 1767.

This is to give notice to all Gentlemen RINGERS.

THAT JOSEPH DIXCEY at the GEORGE INN will give, on TUESDAY the 19th of January 1768, seven very good HATS Gratis; to be rung for by four Companies; to ring one plain Course and a Dodging one, at St. Peter's Church; the Company that is allowed by the Judge to ring best to have the Hats.

N.B. The Ringers of Sudbury give Notice, that they will not ring in Company against any. ... Dinner at One o'Clock.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 2 Jan. 1768 - advert)

We hear the Ticket drawn last Thursday se'nnight, No. 28,862, a Prize of 2000£ is the sole property of Mr. Colborne, jun. a considerable Salt Proprietor, at Lymington, Hants. Being a consumer of coals (on the advice of his success) he immediately opened his storehouse, and gave a large quantity to the poor; and intends giving more during this severe season, with a fat ox, and bread in proportion. He has likewise subscribed a very handsome sum towards a new set of bells, and an organ, which are shortly to be put up in the church.

(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs. 14 Jan. 1768)

On Thursday last was rung at Wakefield, in honour of a brother ringer's wedding-day, a new Peal of Tripples, in ten courses, consisting of 5040 complete changes, in two hours and 32 minutes.

(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 26 Jan. 1768)

Last Friday Evening as the Sexton of Spurriergate Church was ringing the Eight o'Clock Bell, it went over, and he having the Rope wrapped about his Hand, it drew him to the Top, from whence he fell, whereby he had one of his Thighs and his Arm broke, one of his Eyes almost beat out, and was bruised in many Parts in a most terrible Manner. This may serve as a Caution to Ringers, and particularly that Boys ought not to be suffered to meddle with Bells.

Last Wednesday was rung at Wakefield, in Honour of the Marriage of an old Ringer, a new Peal of Tripples, call'd *Wakefield revived*, consisting of 5040 complete Changes in ten Courses, which was rung in two Hours and thirty two Minutes by John Saxton, Peter Priestley, Thomas Penney, George Priestley, James Priestley, John Staveley, Richard Beeforth, and William Stead.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 26 Jan. 1768; cf *Leeds Intelligencer*, 26 Jan. 1768, which says the Wakefield peal was rung on 'Thursday last'.)

A few Days ago was rung at Witney in this County, by the College Youths of that Town, a compleat Peal of 5040 Bob Major, in three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 6 Feb. 1768)

The new ring of bells at Isleworth, Middlesex

Yesterday Morning a fine Set of Bells, for Isleworth Church, was conveyed from a Founder's in Whitechapel, on six Waggons, the Horses being ornamented with Ribbands, and the Drivers with Cockades.

(*Public Advertiser*, Fri. 12 Feb. 1768)

On Thursday last was carried to Isleworth, in the county of Middlesex, in great pomp, a very remarkable peal of eight bells, both for tone and tune, they being the voluntary subscription of the Gentlemen and Parishioners of the said Parish, cast by Mess. Lester and Pack, of Whitechapel; when they were safely delivered in the Church-yard, the treble was filled with punch, and the tenor with strong beer, and the evening was concluded with mirth and jollity, and finished with a grand chorus of God save the King, long live the King.

(*Lloyd's Evening Post*, Tues. 10 Feb. – Fri. 12 Feb. 1768; also *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Sat. 13 Feb. 1768.)

Thursday was carried to Isleworth in the County of Middlesex, from a Founder's in Whitechapel, in six Waggons, the Horses being ornamented with Ribbands, and the Drivers with Cockades; a remarkable Peal of Eight Bells, both for Tone and Tune, they being the voluntary Subscription of the Gentlemen and Parishioners; when they were safely delivered in the Church-Yard, the Treble was filled with Punch, and the Tenor with strong Beer; and the Evening concluded with Mirth and Jollity, and finished with the grand Chorus of God save the King.

(*Derby Mercury*, Fri. 19 Feb. 1768; also *Manchester Mercury*, Tues. 16 Feb. 1767.)

On Monday the 7th Instant will be opened at Isleworth near Brentford in Middlesex, A New PEAL of EIGHT BELLS, cast by Lester and Pack, and hung by Robert Turner.

Also, on the 25th Instant will be opened, at New Shoreham in Sussex, A New PEAL of SIX BELLS, cast by Lester and Pack, and hung by Robert Turner.

(*Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mon. 7 March 1768 - advert)

On Monday last was opened at Isleworth in the county of Middlesex, a remarkable peal of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack of Whitechapel, and a compleat peal of 5040 Bob Majors was rung by the company of College Youths, in the space of three hours and thirteen minutes.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Wed. 9 March 1768)

On Monday last a new Peal of eight Bells was opened at Isleworth, in Middlesex.

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Tues. 8 March - Thurs. 10 March 1768)

Last Friday on receiving the agreeable News that his Majesty had been at the House of Peers and signed the Bill for making the Navigable Canal from this Town to Wolverhampton, the Bells were set to Ringing, which were continued the whole Day.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 29 Feb. 1768)

ON FRIDAY March the 4, 1768, was rung in Debenham Steeple, by the Debenham Society, a compleat Peal of Five Thousand and Eighty-eight Changes, treble Bob; eight of them were excellently compleated in three Hours and 13 Minutes, by the Persons whose Names are under-mention'd,

<i>William Spalding</i> , Treble.		<i>Joseph Alexander</i> , Fifth.
<i>Jonathan Pettit</i> , Second.		<i>Wm. Wright</i> , Sixth.
<i>Richard Wade</i> , Third.	/	<i>Sam. Hart</i> , 7th. [the Peal.
<i>John Jessup</i> , Fourth.		<i>James Wilson</i> , the Tenor & call'd

& called the Peal.

N.B. This is the first 5000 of treble Bob ever rung in Suffolk.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 12 March 1768 - advert)

At the general quarter sessions of the peace for the county of Worcester, held there last week, a bill of indictment was preferred before the grand jury, against a famous Bob Major for forcibly entering and taking possession of the Belfry of a certain parish-church in that county, in order, as it is said, with several others, to ring a joyful peal of forty five minutes duration, on account of Mr. Wilkes's outlawry being reverted. But the bill was not found.

(*Kentish Gazette*, Sat. 26 March 1768; Wilkes had been outlawed for, *inter alia*, No. 45 of his paper, *The North Briton* - hence the 'peal of forty five minutes duration'. Wilkes' outlawry was not in fact 'reverted' - has was sentenced to 22 months imprisonment and a £500 fine in April 1768. This extract is evidently a hoax, and no such report has been located in *Berrow's Worcester Journal*.)

Newport, Isle of Wight, April 2.

[Wilkes is elected as member for Middlesex.]

The Ringers being genteelly paid, and with the *Douceur* of forty-five Quarts of good English Beer, gave forty-five Fires on the Bells, [*sic*] forty-five Huzzas were shouted from the Tower, on which forty-five Candles were lighted forty-five Minutes after One o'Clock.

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Thurs. 7 April - Sat. 9 April 1768)

The same day [Tuesday last] was rung at Bingley, by six ringers, seven Treble Peals, containing 5040 changes, compleat, in two hours and 40 minutes.
(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 12 April 1768)

FOUND by two poor Men, near Hartford Bridges, part of a large BELL. Any Person who have [*sic*] lost it may have it again, upon paying the Charge of this Advertisement, and allowing a reasonable Gratuity to those who found it, by applying to Mr. John Cook in Magdalen-street, and describing the Size and Weight.
(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 16 April 1768) [Hartford Bridges is on the outskirts of Norwich. D.C.]

London, April 23d.

An eminent Founder of this City has received a commission for Corsica for above 50 church bells of a good size, and the best metal England can afford.
(*Stamford Mercury*, Thurs. 28 April 1768)

A new peal of six bells, cast by Mr. Robert Wells, Bell-founder at Albourn, Wilts, for the parish church of Wickham, Hants, was opened a few days since, by a set of ringers from Bishops Waltham with a *Granseur*, which they performed with great judgment and dexterity; and afterwards another set from Portsea rang the favourite peal of *Plain Bob*, and met with great applause. The bells are very harmonious, and so exactly in tune, that they are universally approved of by the inhabitants, and gave great pleasure and satisfaction to all that heard them.
(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Mon. 2 May 1768)

We hear from Ashford, that on Monday the 2d inst. was rung there, by their company of ringers, 5184 complete changes of a peal, called Morning Pleasure, in three hours and 29 minutes, without breaking course; or scarce any other blemish.
(*Kentish Post*, Sat. 7 May 1768)

On Whit-Monday, the 24th [*sic*] Instant, a new Peal of Eight Bells will be opened at Long Crendon near Thame in this County; cast by Lester and Pack of London, and hung by Mr. Robert Turner of Old Thame.
(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 14 May 1768)

This is to give Notice, to all Gentlemen Ringers,

THAT on Whit-Monday, the 23d Instant, will be Rung for, at Kingsclere, SIX HATS, Value Seven Shillings each, one Quarter of an Hour's Peal; the best round Peal to have the Hats; one also for the winning Umpire. No less than five Sets to ring.

Each Man to pay One Shilling for his Dinner before Ringing; to begin Ringing at Twelve, and Dinner to be on the Table at Two o'Clock, at Samuel Rolfe's, the Anchor, at Kingsclere. Each Company to bring their own Umpire. - Kingsclere Ringers excepted.
(*Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mon. 16 May 1768 - advert)

On Monday next, the 23d Instant, will be opened a new Peal of Eight Bells, at Long Crendon near Thame in this County, cast by Lester and Pack, and hung by Robert White [*sic*], Bell Hanger, of White Chapel, London.)
(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 21 May 1768)

ON Tuesday the 10th of May, 1768, was rung by the LONG MELFORD Company, a compleat Peal of 10080 Changes of Bob Major, which was performed in six hours and 17 minutes, and at the first Time of trying, by the following Persons:

James Ward, the Treble.		William Smith, 6th
Samuel Scott, Second,		John Corder, 7th, and
Jonathan Cutts, Third,		called the Peal.
Jeremiah Herd, jun. 4th		George Cadge, jun. Tenor
John Pearson, jun. 5th.		

N.B. The three lads that rung the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, rung a 5040 before they had been in practice nine Months.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 21 May 1768 - advert)

The rehangng of the bells of Exeter Cathedral

Exeter, May. 10. Although we have had time out of mind in our cathedral church here, a peal of ten of the heaviest and best tone bells in Europe, or perhaps in the known world; yet, in the memory of man, on account of the heaviness of the bells, the manner in which they are hung, & the number of men required to ring them, the whole ten bells (nor even eight of them, though often attempted) till they were lately taken down and re-hung by Mr. Samuel Turner, bell-hanger to the noted Messrs. Lester and Pack, bell-founders in Whitechapel, London, never were or could be rung in peal. The Grandison, or tenor bell, which weighs 7500 lb. neat, and before required thirteen men with great toil to ring her, has often since been rung by three men with ease; and the whole ten, which never before were heard in peal at once, are now easily rung by fifteen men at most, which has given great satisfaction to all who before knew and have since heard the said bells, and seen their manner of hanging. (*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 23 May 1768)

At the Cathedral Church in the city of Exeter, on Wednesday the 25th of May last, was rung out, a peal of Ten Bells, new hung by Samuel Turner, Bell-hanger to Lester and Pack, Bell-Founders, in Whitechapel, London; The weight of the tenor was 75 cwt. and they are supposed to be the heaviest peal in the kingdom. - Likewise, at St. Sidwell's church in the same city, was rung out, a peal of Eight Bells, new hung by the aforesaid Samuel Turner: and we are assured both the peals gave great and universal satisfaction. (*Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mon. 11 July 1768)

On Tuesday morning last a Set of the Society of Sherwood Youths, in Nottingham, rung upon the new melodious Peal of Eight Bells, at Gainsborough in Lincolnshire (lately cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack of White-Chappell, London) the true whole peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing five thousand and forty Changes, composed by the late Mr. Holt of the London College Youths. The time in compleating the above Performance was three Hours and thirteen Minutes, and was the first whole Peal of Changes ever rung in that Place. (*Creswell's Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 28 May 1768; also *The Leicester and Nottingham Journal* of the same date)

Saturday the Steeple belonging to the Parish Church of Costessey, a small Village near this City, fell down; luckily very little Damage was done to the Body of that Building. (*Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 4 June 1768 – per David Cubitt)

[Sunday being the Anniversary of the Restoration of Charles II ..].

The Morning was ushered in with Ringing of Bells, and a Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples and Doubles was rung at St. Mary Redcliff-Church, in three Hours forty nine Minutes, by a Company that ring for Pleasure. (*Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*, Sat. 4 June 1768)

A challenge in Cheshire

WE the Gentlemen Ringers of Middlewich, in the County of Chester, do make a Challenge to the Gentlemen Ringers of Northwich and Gteat Budworth, in the said County, to Ring them three Separate Peals at the Old Church in Manchester, St. John's at Chester, and Great Budworth, at all the particular Places, from Ten to One Hundred Guineas. If any Person or Persons that are willing to make Stakes upon the above Articles, Mr. Peter Randles will attend at the Sign of the Ship on Fridays, at Northwich, and at the Sign of the Globe in Middlewich on Tuesdays, they will be treated with.

(*Adams's Weekly Courant*, Tues. 14 June 1768 - advert)

WE the Gentlemen Ringers of Northwich, do accept the Challenge given in a late Advertisement by the Gentlemen Ringers of Middlewich, and ring then eight Men, single-handed, at any of the three Places mentioned by them. If any Person or Persons chuse to make Proposals, they may meet them that will enter into Articles, at the House of Mr. James Swindall, being the Sign of the Green Dragon in Witton-street, and then to fix the Day and Place for Ringing.

(*Adams's Weekly Courant*, Tues. 28 June 1768 - advert)

The Right Hon. Lord Baltimore has given a fine Set of eight Bells to the Parish of Epsom, which were rung for the first Time on Wednesday last.

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Tues. 28 June - Thurs. 30 June 1768; this seems to be incorrect.)

On Monday last the Society of College Youths rang at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a complete Peal of 5111 Grandsire Caters, which Peal was performed in three Hours and twenty Minutes.

(*Public Advertiser*, Wed. 27 July 1768; also *Kentish Gazette*, same date. Not in the College Youths' peal book.)

To be Sold by AUCTION,
At the King's Head Inn, High-street, in
the City of Canterbury, on Friday next,
the 2d September, at Two o'Clock in
the Afternoon,

THE TOWER of the Parish Church of All Saints, in the said City, with all the Timber and Materials thereto belonging (except the Bells, Lead, and Clock), which will be required to be taken down with all Speed, according to Conditions of Sale to be then produced.

(*Kentish Gazette*, Sat. 27 Aug. – Wed 31 Aug. 1768)

On Monday last was rung in St. Philip's Steeple, Birmingham, a complete peal of Grandsire Caters, of 6210 changes, in 4 hours & 25 minutes, by the ringers of that town.

(*Jopson's Coventry Mercury*, Mon. 5 Sept. 1768; evidently an error for St. Martin's – see below)

On Monday last was rung in four Hours and twenty seven Minutes at St. Martin's Church in this Town, a compleat Peal of Changes, consisting of 6210 Gransire [*sic*] Caters. The Weight of Metal five Tons Seventeen Hundred and Eight Pounds.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 5 Sept. 1768)

The Five Tons Seventeen Hundred and Eight Pounds, mentioned in our last to be the Weight of that Grand Peal of Ten Bells, at St. Martin's Church in this Town, was a Mistake. We, therefore, inform the Public, that the true Weight of the said Peal of Bells, upon which that musical, new, complete, and well performed Peal of Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Gransire Caters (composed by John Archer, Bob-caller) was rang, amounts to Seven Tons, Seven Hundred and Twenty Two Pounds.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 12 Sept. 1768)

ON Monday the 27th of September was rung by the
LONG MELFORD Company, a compleat Peal of 5120
Changes of Treble Bob, which was completed in three Hours &
ten Minutes by the following Persons:

James Ward, the Treble.		John Pearsons, jun. 5th.
Samuel Scott, - - 2d.		Wm. Smith, - - 6th
Jonathan Cutts, jun. 3d.		John Corder, - - 7th
Jere. Heard, jun. - 4th		Geo. Cadge, jun. - Tenor.

John Corder called the Peal.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 15 Oct. 1768 - advert)

TUESDAY the First of November will be a Day of
RINGING at LAVENHAM, on account of the Bells being
all new hung, and a Dinner will be provided at the BLACK
LYON; where all Gentlemen, Ringers and others, shall be kindly
entertained, and meet with a hearty Welcome, from their hum-
ble Servant,
JAMES MILLS.

N.B. The Bells were new-hung by *John Tillott*, Carpenter, in
Bury St. Edmund's; who will engage to hang any Steeple of
Bells, to make them go well, and on reasonable Terms.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 22 Oct. 1768 - advert.)

On Thursday Se'nnight the Company at Stafford [*sic*], was very agreeably entertained with a
Peal of five Thousand and forty Changes, being an Abstract of Bob Major Quadruples, which was rung
upon the new Set of eight Bells, lately given by the Corporation to the old Church of St. Chad, in three
Hours and twenty-four Minutes, which is five Minutes less than ever the same Number of Changes
were rung by the Oxford Scholars. St. Chad's Church is situated near the River Sow, many Judges of
Ringing placed themselves upon the opposite Side of the River, which had a very pleasing Effect, and
all declared that the new Bells at St. Chad's, far exceeded those of St. Mary's in Softness.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 31 Oct. 1768) [The clear reference to the River Sow at Stafford
indicates that this is a hoax, no ring of eight bells having been given to St. Chad's, Stafford.]

Nottingham, Nov. 9th.

Monday last being the Annual Feast of the Society of Sherwood Youths in this Town, that
Society in Memory of English Freedom and Liberty (after ushering in the morning with a Peal of
Cators upon the ten Bells of St. Mary's Church) met at St. Peter's exactly 45 minutes past 10 o'Clock
and chimed the 8 Bells here 45 times round, and then raised them to set at 45 Pulls. After which they
rung 45 rounds, and then struck into Changes and rung 45 treble leads of Bob Major, (Eight in). That
being done, they rung 45 rounds again, ceased the Bells at 45 Pulls, and concluded with chiming them
round 45 times; all which was performed in 45 Minutes. - At two o'Clock the whole Society went to
Dinner at the Wheat Sheaf Inn where an elegant Dinner was provided, and at which Place they spent
the Evening in innocent Mirth and Jollity, and several Healths were drank, among which the Cause of
Liberty was particularly remembered.

(*Leicester and Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 12 Nov. 1768; also *Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, same
date, beginning 'Nottingham, Nov. 8. Yesterday being the anniversary feast', continuing as far as '45
minutes.' and concluding 'The society afterwards spent the day in innocent mirth and jollity at the
Wheat Sheaf Inn, where an elegant entertainment was provided.' The latter per Gareth Davies.)

NORWICH, Nov. 18, 1768.

ON MONDAY November 14, 1768, was rung at St. Michael's at Coslany, in this City, a compleat Peal called Bob Major: the Number of Changes were 10,192, which was performed in six Hours, forty-five Minutes, without Changes alike, or Bells out of Course; and is allowed by all Ringers and Judges to be the most authentic and the best ringing that ever was heard before.

The Peal was rung by eight Norwich Ringers, whose Names are undermentioned:

John Chamberlin,	Treble,	James Watling	5
and call'd the Peal.		Simon Watling	6
John Peek	2	John Dye,	7
John Heavers	3	James Vines,	Tenor.
John Dixon	4		

On the 16th of March in the Year sixty seven,
Bob Major 1080 [*sic*] was rung at Debenham;
They said, that they did LONDON and NORWICH excells,
And that they were not able to manage their Bells.
But the brave NORWICH Boys at St. Michael Coslany,
Rung bob major Changes 10,192; not objected by any:
Each Bell took its Place, and no Discord heard,
But Pleasure and Comfort in each Face appear'd.
When the Bells did come round, then the Guns they did roar,
So for the DEBENHAM Ringers we shall say no more.

THOMAS BALEY, / THOMAS WORTLEY, } Ch. Wardens.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 19 Nov. 1768)

On the 14th Inst. was rung at St. Michael's at Coslany, in Norwich, a complete Peal, call'd *Bob Major*. The Number of Changes were [*sic*] 10,192, which was performed in six Hours, 45 Minutes, without Changes alike, or Bells out of Course.

Last Thursday was rung at Wakefield a new Peal of Tripples, consisting of 5040 Changes complete, call'd *Wakefield Evening's Pleasure*. It was rung in two Hours and 40 Minutes.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 29 Nov. 1768)

Yesterday was open'd at Malton, by the Society of Ringers belonging [to] York Minster, the new Peal of eight Bells, cast by Mess. LESTER and PACK, and hung by Mr. SAMUEL TURNER. A great Number of People assembled on the Occasion, and they were allowed by Judges to be a fine Peal, and gave general Satisfaction.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 6 Dec. 1768)

On Wednesday the 27th Instant, will be given by Mr. WILLIAM WHEATLEY, at the Bush Inn, Oakingham,

SIX very good HATS, to be Rung for by any Six Men; the Men that rings the best Round Peals [*sic*] , each Peal to be fifteen Minutes, are to be intitled to the Hats, and the Umpire belonging to the Wining [*sic*] Party, to be intitled to the seventh Hat. Each Party to bring their Umpire. No Oakingham Men will be intitled to Ring, nor be the Umpire.

N.B. An Ordinary to be ready at One o'Clock. No Person to be intitled to Ring, but that is at the Ordinary.

(*Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mon. 19 Dec. 1768 - advert)

This is to give Notice,

THAT on Monday the 2d of January, 1769, will be rung for at Wickham, in the County of Sothampton, on the new Peal of Maiden Bell, lately cast by Mr. Robert Well, of Albourn, Wilts: a SILVER CUP, of two Guineas Value, by any Company of Ringers, according to the following Direction, viz. The Peal to consist of a Rear, a Grandseur, and a Cease; the same to be performed in 30 Minutes only. Each Company to be subject to such Rules as will be placed in the Belfry for their Perusal. No Practice to be on the said Bells until the Morning of the above Day, and that before the Hour of Twelve o'Clock.

N.B. Any Further Particulars may be known at the King's Head Inn, where an Ordinary will be ready exactly at One o'Clock.

(Advert in *Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Mon. 12 Dec. 1768; very similar advert *Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mon. 19 Dec. 1768.)

On Christmas Day in the morning, the ringers at the Parish Church in this town rung the peal of *New Bob Tripples* complete, in eight courses only, consisting of 5040 changes in two hours and forty four minutes.

(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 27 Dec. 1768)

On Christmas Day morning was rung at Great St Mary's Church in this town, a compleat peal of Bob Majors, consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed with the greatest ease, at the first attempt, in three hours and fifty minutes, by the following persons: the Treble by Mr John Incarsle, a blind man; 2nd Mr Joseph Gee; 3rd Mr John Laughton; 4th Mr Thomas Jones; 5th Mr William Graves; 6th Mr William Robson; 7th Mr William Young, and the Tenor by Mr Charles Day, who called the bobs.

(*Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, Sat. 31 Dec. 1768)

AT the BELL FOUNDERY, at Aldbourne, Wilts, Church Bells are cast in a more elegant and As musical a Manner as in any Part of this Kingdom, (the Founder having made the Theory of Sounds, as well as the Nature of Metal, his chief Study:) Also hangs the same, finding all Materials, in the most complete and concise Manner: And also Hand Bells and Musical Clock Bells prepared strictly in Tune, in any Key: Horse Bells of all Kinds; Musical Sheep Bells, Room and Gate Bells, &c. the neatest of their several kinds; Likewise different Kinds of Water and Beer Cocks, &c. on the best Constructions. Mill Brasses cast and sold at the lowest Prices; and all Orders will be punctually served, by

ROBERT WELLS, Founder.

N. B. He gives Ready Money and the best Prices for Bell Metal.

(Advert in *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sats. 31 Dec. 1768, 4 Feb, 11 March and 29 April 1769; also *Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 3 April 1769. See similar notices in *Reading Mercury* in 1767, *Jackson's Oxford Journal* in 1768 and 1771 and the *Marlborough Journal* in 1772.)

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On Friday last, was rung by Bradford Ringers, a complete peal, consisting of 5040 changes, in six courses, called *Bradford's Delight*, in two hours and 37 minutes.
(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 10 Jan. 1769)

We hear from Ledbury, in Herefordshire, that on Thursday last was rang there the compleat Peal of Grandsire Triples, being 5040 Changes, by a Company of Natives.
(*Berrow's Worcester Journal*, Thurs. 12 Jan. 1769)

Sunday se'nnight the society of Cumberland youths rung at St. Mary's Whitechapel, a true and complete peal of 5040 off [*sic*] Cumberland's real double eight in, with as many bobs behind as before, in three hours and twenty-four minutes; it being the first peal ever rung in that method, and exact 45 courses.
(*Kentish Gazette*, Sat. 4 Feb. 1769)

There has been lately cast by Mr. Rudhall, Bellfounder, in this city, a compleat peal of six maiden bells, the gift of Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, to the parish of Ruabon, in Denbighshire. Mr. Rudhall has shewn such skill in this art, that those bells are deemed, by the best judges of sounds, to be the most musical peal of six that was ever cast.
(*Gloucester Journal*, Mon. 6 Feb. 1769)

Worcester, Mar. 16.—...

At this Assize a Cause was tried, wherein one of the Ringers belonging to the Parish of Shipston upon Stour, was Plaintiff, and a Churchwarden of the said Parish, Defendant, on an Action for an Assault and Battery, when a Verdict was given for the Plaintiff.—The Assault was occasioned by the Churchwarden's going into the Belfry, to bid the Ringers desist, who were engaged in a Peal without having first obtained his Leave for ringing, when a Dispute arising, he took upon him to chastise one of the Ringers in a most severe Manner.—That Morning the News arriving of Mr. Wilkes's Outlawry being reversed, the Ringers had assembled, and performed a joyful Peal on the Occasion, which (as is supposed) gave great Offence to the Churchwarden, who, it seems, is reckoned the most *Buteful* Man of the whole Parish.—The following remarkable Circumstance, relating to the above Trial, is an absolute Fact, viz. In drawing for a Jury to try this Cause, the very first Number that happened to be taken out of the Box was 45, against which Number on the List of Jurors stood the Name of a noted Innkeeper at Pershore, but who was immediately objected to by the Defendant.
(*Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 18 March 1769)

Yesterday morning as two men were digging in the hollow way leading to Qui church in this county, in order to make the road wider, the earth suddenly fell in, by which unhappy accident one of them, an inhabitant of the parish of Qui, was killed on the spot, and the other so terribly bruised that his recovery is doubtful; a third man, who was at work between the two above-mentioned, providentially escaped unhurt, but in what manner he is not able to tell. It is very remarkable, that there were five or six other persons at work in the same spot, who had but a little before left the place in order to ring the bells on the arrival of a neighbouring gentleman.
(*Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, Sat. 25 March 1769 – per Gareth Davies)

Guildford, March 27. This day being Easter Day, was rung, at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Mr. Holt's true Peal of Grandsire Tripples of 5040, in three Hours and twenty Minutes, by the Youths of the said Town.
(*St. James's Chronicle*, Sat. 25 March – Tues. 28 March 1769 – per Sue Marsden)

CHIPPING-NORTON, April 8, 1769.

Whereas it hath been by some evil-minded Person or Persons maliciously (and much to my Injury) reported that I MATTHEW BAGLEY, of Chipping-Norton, was either dead, or had left off Business: This is therefore to acquaint all Gentlemen, Parish Officers, and Others, That I now carry on the Business of a Bell Founder, in all its Branches, at my Foundry in Chipping Norton; where among a great deal of other Work, I have lately run the three following Tenors, viz. Dunstew, Chipping-Norton, and Enstone, which are all exceeding good Bells. All Gentlemen, &c. that shall please to favour me with their Commands will be duly waited on, and may depend upon having their Work executed in a neat good Manner, and their Favours will be gratefully acknowledged by their obedient humble Servant,

MATTHEW BAGLEY.

(Advert in *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 8 April 1769)

To be RUNG for at Hurst Church, Berks, on Friday in the Whitsun Week (being the 19th of May next) SIX very good HATS, by any Set of Ringers. Each Set to bring an Umpire, who are to decide the best Round Peal. The Umpire belonging to the Party to whom the Prizes shall be adjudged, will be entitled to a Hat.

There will be an Ordinary provided at Mr. Baker's at Hurst Bowling-Green House; to begin Ringing after Dinner. Each Person that rings to dine at the Ordinary.

(*Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette*, Mon. 10 April 1769 - advert)

Monday Afternoon, 5040 Changes of Porter's Peal of Court upon ten Bells, was rung at St. Peter's of Mancroft, by the Ringers of that Parish; which they completed in three Hours and twenty-nine Minutes.

(*Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 22 April 1769)

On Monday, April 17th, 1769, was rung at St. Peter's Mancroft in this city, a compleat 5040 of that most ingenious peal called the Court Bob. It was performed in three hours and 29 minutes, without a bell being out of course; and from the harmony and regularity of its changes, filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment. This incomparable peal was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. Wm. Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peters company, and tho' from that time it has been annually practiced, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now; so that it may be affirmed, that this is the first compleat 5040 that ever was rung in the known world. - Performed by -

John Chamberlin - Treble, and called the peal

John Peak - 2

Thomas Barton - 3

Robert Dyke - 4

John Havers - 5

Charles Jarvis - 6

John Dixon - 7

James Watling - 8

Simon Watling - 9

and John Dye - Tenor

Published by desire of the Churchwardens, W. Creasey and C. Copping.

(*Norfolk Chronicle*, Sat. 22 April 1769 – as quoted in the *Ringling World*, 28 December 1923, p. 822)

Extract of a Letter from Nottingham, May 4.

On Sunday last died of a violent Fever, in the 31st Year of his Age, Mr. Edward Shipwash a Plumber in this Town, a very ingenious sober young Man, one of a generous Spirit and obliging Disposition, and an agreeable Companion, which rendered him when living much respected, and at his death universally lamented. His Remains were on Wednesday interred at Little Leake, in the County of Nottingham, and a mourning Peal of Changes was rung at St. Mary's Church; the Art of Ringing being a Recreation in which he much delighted and was an excellent Performer, he having for several Years been a worthy Member of the Sherwood Society, in this Town.

(*Leicester & Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 6 May 1769)

On Monday last was rang by the Society of College Youths at St. Bridget's, in Fleet-street, a complete peal of 5280 reverse, 12 in, in four hours and 15 minutes, being the first ever rang in that method.

(*Middlesex Journal or, Chronicle of Liberty*, Thurs. 18 May – Sat. 20 May 1769)

On Whitsun-Monday, a new Peal of Six Bells was opened at Welton, near Lincoln, when the first whole six Bell Peal performed thereon (being 720 Oxford Treble Bob,) was rung by the Sherwood Society of Change ringers from Nottingham. - And on Friday the 19th Inst. that Society rang at Gainsborough in Lincolnshire a complete Peal of Five thousand and Forty Bob Major (eight in) in Three Hours and Five minutes, being the first ever done upon Eight Bells in this part of England, and was the second 5040 which the company have performed at this place, the whole peal of Grandsire Tripples being there rung by them on Whitsun-Tuesday 1768.

(*Cresswell's Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 27 May 1769; similar but shorter report in *Leicester & Nottingham Journal* of the same date)

On Friday in Whitsun-Week a Set of the Society of Sherwood Youths, in Nottingham, rung upon the new Peal of eight Bells at Gainsborough, in Lincolnshire, a complete Peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major (eight in) in three Hours and five Minutes; being the second Peal of five thousand and forty Changes which the Nottingham Company have performed at that Place, the whole Peal of Grandsire Tripples being there rung by them on Whitsun-Tuesday 1768.

(*Northampton Mercury*, Mon. 29 May 1769; reported also *Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, Sat. 27 May 1769, the latter per Gareth Davies.)

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Restoration of King Charles II, it was observed here with the usual Rejoicings. The same Day the Ringers at the old Church at Leeds rung an entire new Peal of their own composing, call'd *College Tripples*, being 5040 Changes in six compleat Courses, in two Hours and eleven [*sic*] Minutes.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 30 May 1769; *Leeds Mercury* and *Leeds Intelligencer*, both of the same date and recording the peal at Leeds, give the time as 2h. 50m.)

LEEDS, May 30.

Yesterday the ringers at our Parish-Church, rung an entire new peal, in six complete courses, of their own composing, called *College Tripples*, being 5040 changes, in two hours and 50 minutes.

(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 30 May 1769)

Yesterday (being the Anniversary of the Restoration of King Charles II.) was rung at the Old Church, Leeds, 5040 Changes of *College Tripples*, in six complete Courses, in two Hours and fifty Minutes. The above Method is intirely new, and composed by the Ringers of this Town.

(*Leeds Mercury*, Tues. 30 May 1769)

SAMUEL TURNER
BELL-HANGER, from Messrs. LESTER and PACK's,
Bell-Founders, in White-Chapel, London.

IS now finishing the new hanging of St. John's Maddermarket Peal of six Bells, in one Frame, which before he undertook, was deemed impracticable; five of the Peal were cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack, and the whole are allow'd by all Judges, to be the completest tuneable Peal in Norwich, and will be open'd on Tuesday June the 20th being the Guild-Day.

All Church-Wardens and others, whose Bells want new Hanging or repairing, may by enquiring for Mr. TURNER, at the eight Ringers, in St. Michael's Coslany, have an estimate of the Charges attending the same, and be assured of their being finish'd in a masterly Manner, and on reasonable Terms.

(Advert in *Norwich Mercury*, Sat. 10 June 1769)

On his Majesty's birth-day was rung by the ringers of Halifax, a complete peal of 5040 changes, in six courses, in two hours and forty-seven minutes.

(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 13 June 1769)

The death of Thomas Lester, Bellfounder, Whitechapel

On Monday died Mr. Samuel Lister [*sic*], Bell-founder in Whitechapel, who has cast many musical Sets of Bells for several Churches in London and the Country.

(*Public Advertiser*, Thurs. 22 June 1769)

To the PUBLIC

THE surviving Partner of the late THOMAS LESTER, Bell-Founder, deceased, intends to continue on the said business, on the premises, at Whitechapel, London, as usual, having been with him 27 years, and begs for the continuance of the favours of his and the said Thomas Lester's friends in particular; and the public in general, who please to honour him with their commands, may depend on being served to their satisfaction, and on the lowest terms, by their humble servant.

Whitechapel, June. 30. THOMAS PACK.

(Advert in *Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Sat. 1 July 1769; also *Middlesex Journal or Chronicle of Liberty*, Thurs. 6 July - Sat. 8 July 1769.)

To the PUBLIC,

THE surviving Partner of the late *Thomas Lester*, Bell-founder, deceased, intends to continue on the said Business on the Premises in *White-Chapel, London*, as usual, having been in the same with him twenty seven Years, and hopes for the Continuance of the Favours of his and the said Thomas Lester's Friends in particular, and the Public in general, who please to honour him with their Commands, may depend on being served to their Satisfaction, and on the lowest Terms,

By their humble Servant,
THOMAS PACK.

N. B. The best Price given for old Bells.

(Advert in *Manchester Mercury*, Tues. 24 Oct. & 7 Nov. 1769; also Tues. 11 Dec. 1770 – the latter per Chris Pickford.)

Yesterday se'nnight a compleat Peal of 1800 Changes on six Bells, was rung at Bingley Church in one Hour and three Minutes. The Method was quite new, being found out by one of their own Ringers.

(*Leeds Mercury*, Tues. 27 June 1769)

[Long report of a meeting 'at Epsom on Monday last... to consider of the best constitutional measures to be taken in support of the right of election.' - concluding with the following paragraph.]

In the morning the ringers were preparing to salute the Freeholders on their entrance with a joyous peal, but a certain Justice of the Peace, we are informed, ordered them to desist, and offered them half a guinea to ring a dumb peal, which they refused to accept, and though they were forbid to make use of the church bells, they met the Freeholders at Ewell, and preceded them to Epsom with hand bells, which they had provided for that purpose.

(*Whitehall Evening Post, Or, London Intelligencer*, Tues. 27 June - Thurs. 29 June 1769)

Wednesday the Bells at St. Martin's Church were rung for the first Time, since the Fourth and Ninth were re-cast; they are now thought to be as complete and musical a Peal of Ten, as any in England. A Subscription was opened, and upwards of Twenty Pounds already subscribed, towards two additional small bells, which would greatly add to the melody in Ringing, and vastly increase the Harmony of the Chimes, that were at first calculated for Twelve Bells. - It is hoped the better Sort of People will encourage this Undertaking, by way of distinguishing the Mother-Church, as it does not affect the middling and lower Class. Subscriptions are taken in by the Printer.

(*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, Mon. 3 July 1769)

On Sunday was rung at Bradford Church, by the Ringers from Bingley, (upon Six Bells,) Seven Treble Peals, each Peal containing 720 Changes, in two Hours and 59 Minutes. We hear the Bingley Youths have won a small Wager by the above Performance.

(*Leeds Mercury*, Tues. 18 July 1769)

The opening of the new ring of bells at Darton, Yorks

On the 20th past was opened, at the Parish Church of Darton, in the West-Riding of this County, by Ringers from Darfield and Dewsbury, a new Peal of Bells, cast by Mess. Lester and Pack of London. Their proving very agreeable and musical gave great Satisfaction to the Parishioners upon the Occasion. - We do hereby certify that the above Peal of Bells was hung by Mr. Thomas Hilton of Wath, and appears to be executed in a neat, judicious, masterly Manner, and to deserve this publick Testimony of our Approbation. Witness our Hands.

Joseph Leech, Minister
John Taylor, } Church-
Joseph Hobson, } Wardens
Jon. Roebuck }

Darfield Ringers.
Ben. Bramhall,
Joseph Heron,
Tho. Bethem,
Wm. Hargate,
John Kenyon,
Wm. Winder.

Dewsbury Ringers.
Joseph Newsom,
James Robinson,
Paul Ward,
Barach Newsom,
Wm. Lockwood,
Richard Robinson.

(*York Courant*, Tues. 1 Aug. 1769)

We hear from Darton, in the West Riding of this County, that at the Parish-Church there, a new Peal of six Bells, cast by Mess. Lester and Pack of London, was lately hung by Mr. Tho. Hilton of Wath, and that they were opened on Thursday the 20th of July last, by the Ringers from Darfield and Dewsbury, who rung thereon, with great Propriety and Elegance, the Peals called Crown Bob, College Treble Bob, Cheapside Bob, and Variety [*sic*] of other Peals and Changes too tedious to mention, which, together with the Bells proving extremely musical and agreeable, gave great Satisfaction to the Parishioners and all others present upon the Occasion. The Hanging Part also appeared to be executed in so neat, judicious and masterly a Manner, that the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish, together with the Ringers who opened them, testified their public Approbation thereof by a Certificate under their Hands.

(*Leeds Mercury*, Tues. 1 Aug. 1769; also *Leeds Intelligencer*, same date, as far as 'occasion.')

Leeds, Aug. 1.

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On Tuesday last was rung at Wakefield, a new Peal of Tripples, in eight Courses, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and 25 Minutes.

(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Tues. 1 Aug. – Thurs. 3 Aug. 1769; also *Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 1 Aug. 1769.)

On Friday night was buried at Battersea, an old man of 84 years of age, of the name of Smith: He was for many years a farmer in that parish, but meeting with misfortunes he was for some time past reduced to live on the charity he received for opening a gate leading into Battersea Field, yet was so well respected as to have above 500 persons attend his funeral; and having been the father of the societies of singers and ringers in that parish, the members of the former sung an anthem at his interment, and after that solemnity was ended the members of the latter rang a dumb peal in honour of their deceased brother.

(*Middlesex Journal or Chronicle of Liberty*, Sat. 26 Aug. – Tues. 29 Aug. 1769)

CLARE, Suffolk, 1769.

THIS is to give Notice to all Gentlemen RINGERS and others, that there will be at WM. BROWN'S, at the Cock in Clare aforesaid, on the sixth of October next, Six Gold-laced Hats, valued at 15s. per Hat, and one for the Judges; to be rung for by five Companies, one plain and one dodging Peal: Every Man in a Company to put in Three Shillings and Sixpence; their Names to be entered by Ten o'Clock the same Day. Clare Ringers not to ring except one required in a Company.

* * * At Clare Steeple - six-bell Ringing.

(*Ipswich Journal*, Sat. 23 Sept. 1769 - advert.)

They write from Truro in Cornwall, that their spire is now completed to the satisfaction of the inhabitants, and indeed to every beholder, being esteemed the neatest, most elegant, airy, and best proportioned piece of building in England: and that the Members of Parliament for that Borough design to make them a present of six bells, the tenor to be 18 C. weight.

(*Sherborne Mercury*, Mon. 25 Sept. 1769)

On Friday Morning the Ringers of our Parish Church, in two Hours and 50 Minutes, rung and [sic] entire new Peal of 5040 Changes, called the Royal-Union or Crown Bob Tripples, complete, being a composition of three Peals, viz. College, London, and Oxford Tripples. It was composed by one of the said Ringers, and is, perhaps, the first Peal of the Kind ever rung in this Country.

(*Leeds Mercury*, Tues. 26 Sept. 1769; similar report in the *York Courant* of the same date, where it was stated to have been rung 'Last Friday Morning'. Reported also in *Leeds Intelligencer*, same date.)

We hear from Preston in Lancashire, that on the Anniversary of his Majesty's Coronation, some of the inhabitants of that town removed the clappers from the church bells, and loyally hindered the ringers, &c. from shewing the usual respect to the day.

(*Lloyd's Evening Post*, Wed. 4 Oct. – Fri. 6 Oct. 1769; also *Public Advertiser*, Sat. 7 Oct. 1769, and *Independent Chronicle or the Freeholders Evening Post*, Fri. 6 Oct. – Mon. 9 Oct. 1769.)

ON Sunday, the 8th instant, was rang, at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, a true and complete Peal of Reverse Caters; consisting of 5076 Changes, being the most ever rang in that method, and was performed in three hours and forty-one minutes, by the Society of Cumberland Youths.

What though my muse is not dispos'd for rhymes,
Know the above has not impair'd the chimes:
O poor ridiculous excuse! made known
To pleasure others, disappoint our own.
The unjust consequence for to reveal,
You Rumley acted, Badley rang the peal.
Since undermining trials is all your boast,
Go on and ring the first, well ring the truest.

(*Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*, Fri. 20 Oct. 1769 – advert)

Monday last being the Annual Feast of the Society of Sherwood Youths in Nottingham, that Society ushered in the Morning with a long Peal of Changes on the melodious Peal of ten Bells at St. Mary's Church. - At one o'Clock the whole Society and their Friends (well wishers to the ingenious Art of Change-Ringing) assembled to Dinner at the Unicorn, where an elegant Dinner was provided, at which Place they agreeably spent the rest of the Day in innocent Mirth.
(*Leicester & Nottingham Journal*, Sat. 11 Nov. 1769)

Sheffield, Nov. 18. On receiving Advice of Mr. Wilkes's getting a Verdict against Lord Halifax, our Ringers met at Trinity Church and rung a true peal, containing 5040 Changes, composed by one of the present Society, which they performed in three Hours and eleven Minutes.
(*York Courant*, Tues. 21 Nov. 1769)

Among the many accounts the public have had of the hackneyed No. 45, the following won't appear the least ridiculous: A correspondent at Hitchin writes, that a gentleman of that place, gave the ringers 45 red herrings, 45 slices of bread, and 45 pots of beer, for them to ring the bells all day, on the news of William Beckford, Esq; being chosen Lord Mayor, and Mr. Wilkes's gaining his cause against Lord Halifax.
(*Kentish Pos*, etc., Tues. 21 Nov. 1769)

On Sunday last was rung at Darton, in the west-riding of this county, by a set of ringers from Darfield, in one hour thirty-three minutes and a half, the four following peals, viz. Oxford-Treble Bob, College-Pleasure, and College-Treble Bob, each of 720, and Crown-Bob, of 360 changes full compleat.
(*Leeds Intelligencer*, Tues. 5 Dec. 1769)

The opening of the new ring at Barnsley

We are informed from Barnsley, that the new Peal of six Bells now hanging at that Place, are to be opened on Tuesday next the 19th Instant; and that the Inhabitants intend to add two more Bells to the present Peal as soon as they conveniently can, the Frame being neatly constructed for that Purpose.
(*Leeds Mercury*, Tues. 12 Dec. 1769)

On Tuesday the 19th past was opened at Barnsley, a new Peal of six Bells, cast by Mess. PACK and CHAPMAN, Bell-Founders in White-Chapel, London, and hung by SAMUEL TURNER, their Bell-Hanger. They are allowed to be fine musical Bells, and we hear there are two more ordered to be cast to make them a Peal of eight.
(*York Courant*, Tues. Jan. 2 1770) [The story of the Barnsley bells is given in detail by E. Hoyle in *The History of Barnsley Old Church; its Organ and Bells* (1891).]

COUNTRY NEWS.

Oxford, Dec. 23. ... Last Wednesday evening a compleat peal of 5040 changes were [*sic*] rung at Long Crendon Bucks, in three hours and twelve minutes, by eight youths of that place.
(*Independent Chronicle*, Fri. 22 Dec. - Mon. 25 Dec. 1769; also *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, Sat. 23 Dec. 1769. Lester and Pack had cast a complete ring of eight bells for Long Crendon in 1768, and this is the first known peal on the bells.)

Sunday last died, at his house in Hoxton, Mr. John Underwood, Watchmaker, and one of the Ringers belonging to the Society of College Youths.
(*St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post*, Tues. 26 Dec. - Thurs. 28 Dec. 1769; John Underwood was elected a member of the Society of College Youths in 1756.)

A few days ago, as some workmen were new hanging the great bell in St. Mary's church, in this town, weighing 4500 lb by some accident it gave way, and fell down, by which the crown was knocked out, and it received such other damage as to render it quite useless.
(*Cambridge Chronicle and Journal*, Sat. 30 Dec. 1769 - per C.M.G. Ockelton)

On Saturday last, was rang at the parish church of St. Leonard's Shoreditch, by the Society of Cumberland Youths, A true and compleat Peal of 5040 Cumberland Catons, New Double, the time 3 hours 45 minutes. The above are [*sic*] the only society that ever compleated a peal in this method; and it is allowed by all friendly proficients, to be the finest performance ever exhibited on ten bells.

Goliath the Great, boasted his strength and his pride,

By Little David's art was laid aside;
His fall will be the fate of your resistance,
Though Gog and Magog come to your assistance.
The head, that lately has made an oration,
Can no way dissipate your destination;
Should you to Southwark go, and run your length,
Art must diminish what you have gained by strength.

(Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser, Wed. 3 Jan. 1770)