

Articles of Agreement Concluded upon and Signed by a Society of Ringers of Walden this 27th of June 1800

Truly we further agree that no Mortgages whatsoever shall be made upon the Society by any of the Members without a Forfeit of 5^s for every such Offense and if any Member or Members shall set up any Machinery to the Society shall for every such Offense Forfeit 5^s each time and we also agree that no Member shall send for his Beer to his but shall spend his 4 on the Club Night wither Present or Absent

Stathly And for the Good Credit as well as the Peace and Happiness of the Society it is Also agreed that if any Member speaks or gives the Lie either in the Sollar or Club Room while met for Singing or for Social Converse shall for every such Offense Forfeit two Pence

Truly we do likewise agree to Meet at the Sign of the Compass the first Thursday Evening of every Month and spend 4 Pence and that every Members 4 shall be spent wither Present or Absent

Rightly Every Member shall meet at the Church in the 26 of June by a Quarter after 8 o'clock and from thence repair to the Club House where all Forfits shall be Paid and other Matters settled or shall concern the Society and any Member Neglecting so to do shall be judged Unworthy and be Excluded

Truly And we as Loving Brethren Considering that without a Due Disivance of the Above

agency every member shall meet at the Church
on the 26 of June by a Quarter after 6 o'clock
and from thence repair to the Club House
where all Forfeits shall be Paid and other
Matters settled or shall concern the Society
and any Member Neglecting so to do shall be
judged Unworthy and be excluded
Lastly And we as Loving Brethren Considering
that without a Due Observance of the above
Articles cannot Continue in Friendship and
Harmony have cheerfully subjoind our Hands
with a Fixed Purpose to Observe the same

We lest any member should be defrauded
of his Property we thought Advisable
that unless every Member appears in the
Sollar by a Quarter after Six on the Evening
of the 26 June he or they shall
forfeit 6 Pence each

And further we Also Agree this 2^d Day
of Decr 1802 that when the third Bell
is Prised that every Member that is not
in the Sollar at a Quarter after shall
forfeit six Pence & take Notice when
the third bell is Prised first

First we whose names are Hereunto Subscrib'd do Agree to meet at the Church every Tuesday Evening by a Quarter after 6 oclock from old Michelmas day to old Lady day and from old Lady day to old Michelmas day by a Quarter after Seven oclock and there stop and Ring a Peal or Part of a Peal Unless Excused by a Majority of Members Present or shall for every such Neglect forfeit two Pence.

Secondly. The Sexton Richd Bush shall Raise or cause the 4th Bell to be Raised every Tuesday Evening Within the Quarter of the Above Hours without some Sufficient Cause to the Contrary or Shall for every such Neglect forfeit 4d and the said Richd Bush shall be Paid one Shilling pr Quarter for such Trouble.

Thirdly It is further Agreed that upon every Ringing Day the Hour of Meeting to Ring shall be settled By a Majority of the Members Present the Meeting Night before such Ringing day and every Member that is not in the Sollar by a Quarter after such Fixed times and stop to Ring unless Excused by a Majority of the Member shall Forfeit 4d Each time.

Fourthly All moneys given for Ringing shall be Equally Parted in the Sollar so soon as is Properly Convenient and for the social meeting together of the Society we further agree that when a Guinea or Above that sum be given for Ringing that every Member wither Present or Absent shall pay two Pence to be spent at the Club House or other Place as the Members think most Proper.

Fifthly We Further Agree that no Mortgages Whatever shall be made upon the society by any of the Members without a Forfeit of 5d for every such Offence and if any Member or Members shall [... ?] up any Reckoning to the Society shall for every such Offence Forfeit 5d each time and have Also agreed that no Member shall send for his Beer to his [/home] but shall spend his 4d on the Club Night wither Present or Absent.

Sixthly And for the Good Credit as well as the Peace and happiness of the Society it is Also agreed that if any Member swears or gives the Lie Either in the Sollar or Club Room while met for Ringing or for Social Converse shall for every such Offence Forfeit two Pence.

Seventhly We do Likewise agree to Meet at the Sign of the [..?] Compass the First Thursday Evening of every Month and spend 4 Pence and that every Members 4d shall be spent wither Present or Absent.

Eighthly Every Member Shall meet at the Church on the 26 of June by a quarter After 6 Oclock and from thence Repair to the Club House in [?] where all Forfits shall be Paid and other Matters settled as shall Concern the Society and any Member Neglecting so to do shall be Ajudgd unworthy and be Excluded.

Lastly And we as Loving Brethren Considering that without a due Observance of the Above Articles cannot continue in Friendship and Harmony have cheerfully subjoind our Names with a Fixed Purpose to Observe the same [?] lest any member should be defrauded of his Property tis thought Advisable that unless

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And further we also Agree the 2d day of Decmbr 1802 that when the third Bell is Raised that every Member that is not in the Sollar at a Quarter After shall Forfit Six Pence take Notice when the third bell is Raisd First