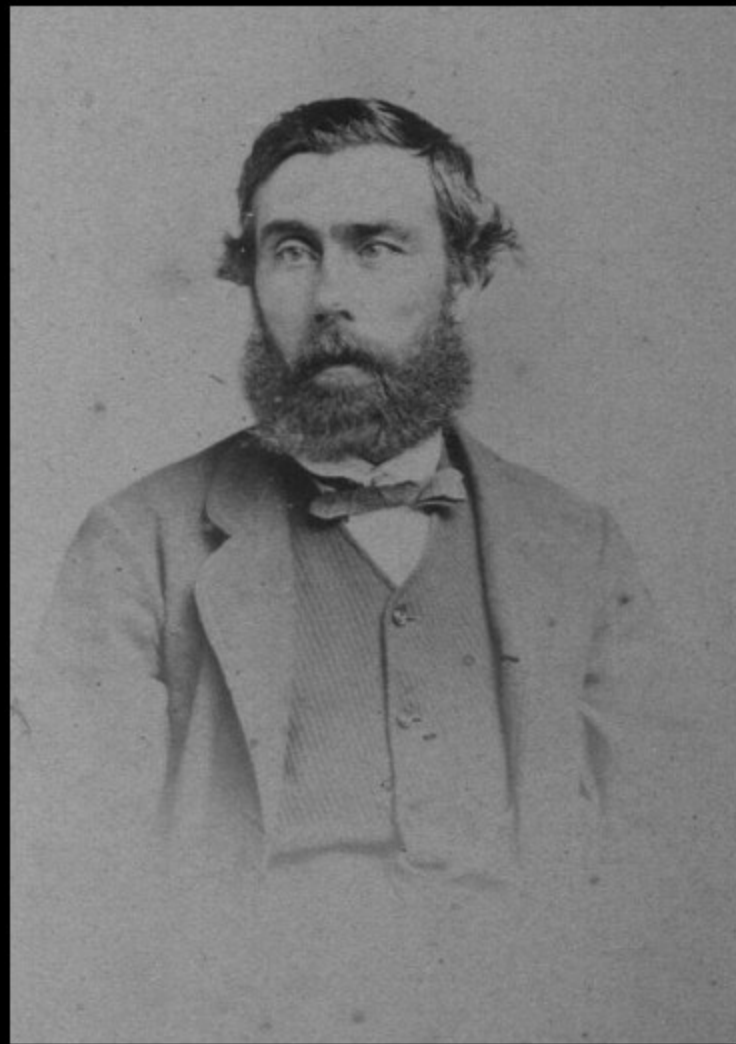


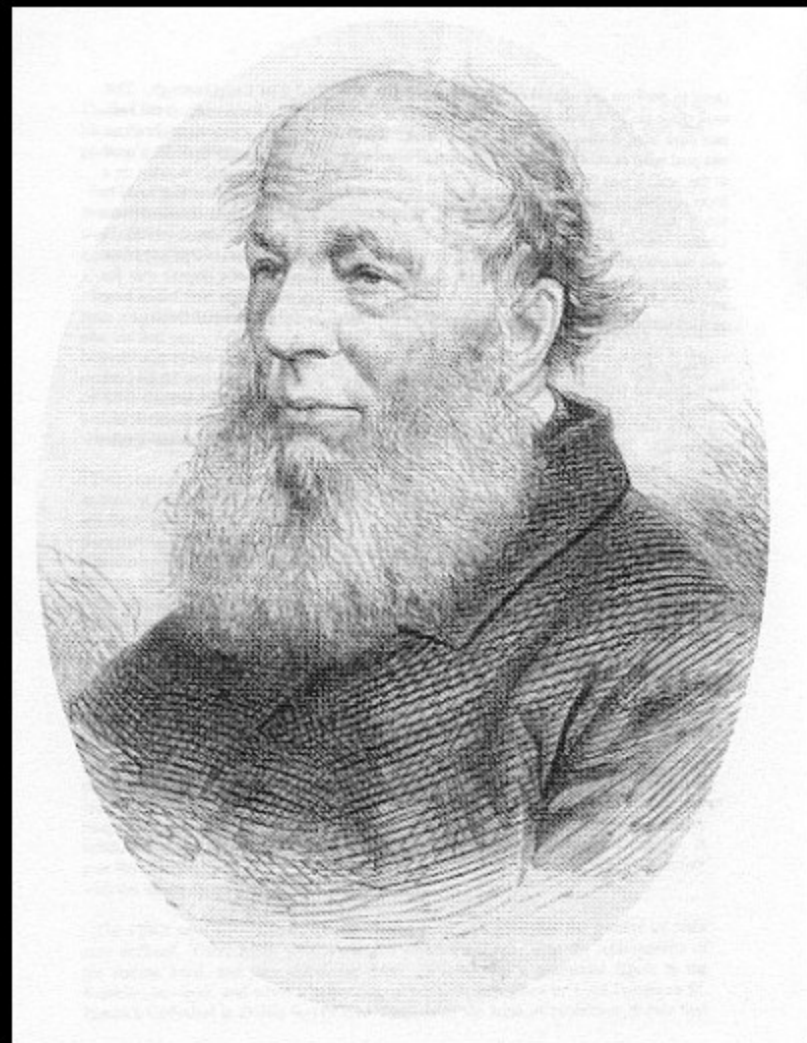
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Or a Club?**









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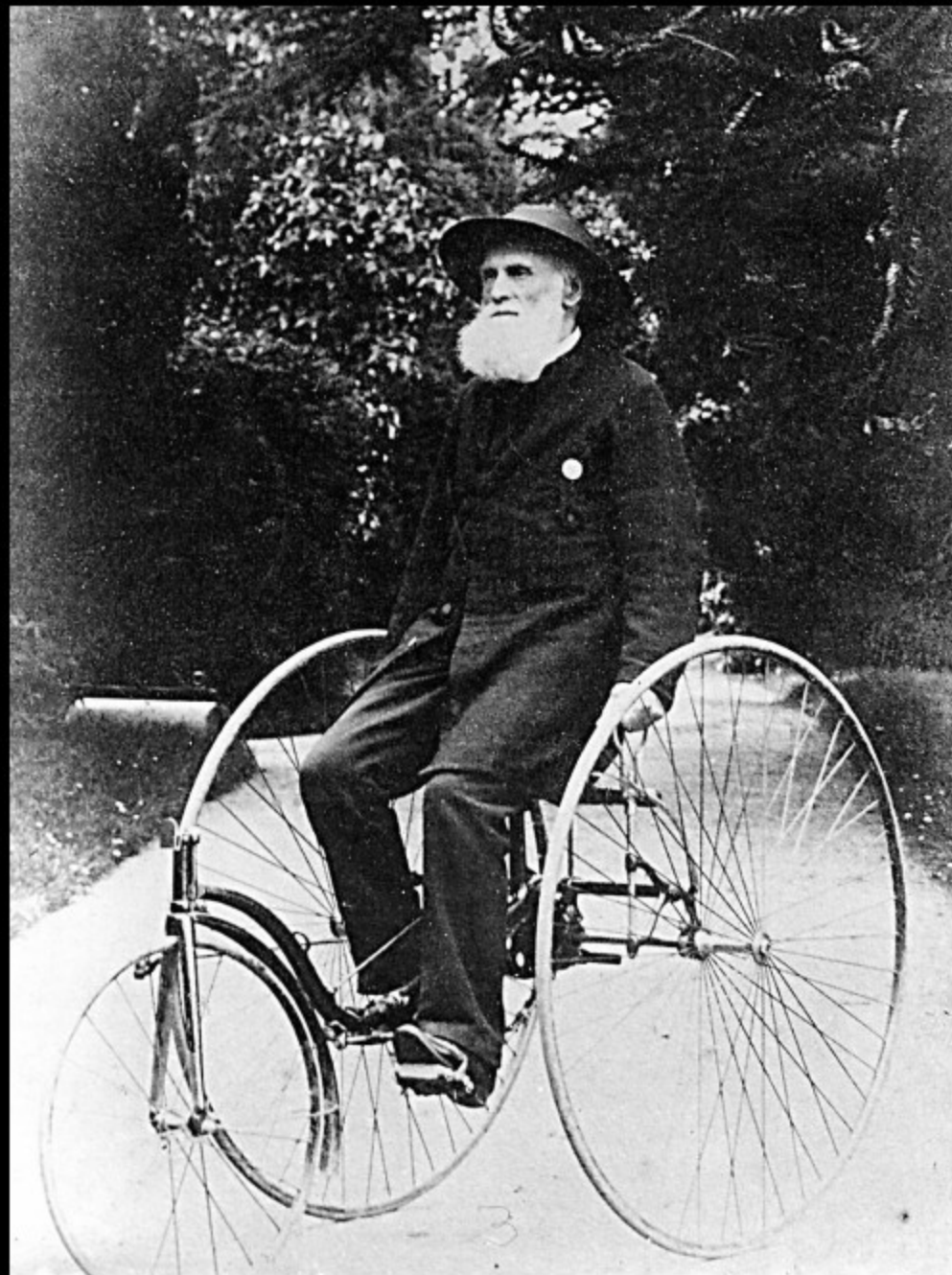
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1875

Dec 17th

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At a District Meeting of the Guild,

the following Members

ascended the Steeple at S. Sidwells

and rang a true and complete Peal of

Grandsire Triples,

consisting of 5040 Changes,

in 2 hours and 56 minutes.

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M^r Will^m Banister.

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Chas. A. W. Croyle... Do. 7th

W. Bartholomew... Sulford, Exeter. Tenor.

Weight of Tenor, 23 cwt.

This is the first peal

rung on these Bells,

after they have been re-hung.

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At this meeting,
Langdon Fulford proposes the formation
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THE RULES

OF THE

Society of Ringers.

1. That this Society have for its objects the cultivation of Change-ringing (by method) and the promotion of Bally reform.
2. That the Society shall consist of a President * (if possible, the Incumbent of the Parish), a Steward, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Streplo-keeper, together with any number of Honorary and Ordinary Members.
3. That the duties of the Officers shall be as follows:—
The President—To preside at all Meetings of the Society.
The Steward—To preside at all Meetings should the President be absent, and to be principally responsible that these Rules are adhered to.
The Treasurer—To receive and keep the funds of the Society, to produce an account of the same at the Annual Meeting, and then to distribute them as shall be determined.
The Secretary—To keep a list of the Members, with the names of the Officers appointed at the Annual Meeting; to see that entrance fees and subscriptions are paid to the Treasurer; to note all fees in a book kept for that purpose; to give notice of any special meetings for practice or otherwise, and to report when necessary to the Secretary of the Guild any peaks or special performances of the Society.
The Streplo-keeper—To be generally responsible that the bells, ringing-chamber, and all connected with them, are kept in good order, and to report to the Parish Authorities any serious want of repair to the tower, organ, or bells; to see to the lighting of the Bally when required, and to the securing of the clock and chime-bushers; in consideration of these duties he shall be paid the sum of _____ per annum.

4. That the Officers of the Society shall be elected at the Annual Meeting which shall be held about _____ in each year.
5. All new Members shall be elected by a majority of existing Members: but no person shall become an Ordinary Member unless he is approved by the Incumbent, and at least one Churchwarden, and can set a bell on other strokes at pleasure, and can ring her in rounds.
6. That Ordinary Members shall pay an entrance fee of _____ and Honorary Members an annual subscription of _____ in consideration of which the latter shall be exempt from all fines imposed for irregularity of attendance or absence.

7. That Meetings for practice shall be held on each _____ from _____ of the Church, or when there is a case of sickness in which quiet is necessary, under which circumstances, the practice shall be held with luted slippers or on hand-bells.
8. The Society agrees to ring on the following occasions: on the morning and evening of Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, and Whitsun Day; on Old Year's Night (modified), and New Year's Morning (open), on the Queen's Birthday, on the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church, and when the Bishop visits the Parish.

9. When ringing is required, the Society will do it according to the following tariff:—

For touches throughout the day	—	£ s. d.
— " during half a day	—	
— " a touch of an hour at any time of the day	—	

10. That the following Fines shall be imposed:—

For being more than 10 minutes late at any practice	—	£ s. d.
— " 20 " " " "	—	
— " 30 " " " "	—	
Unless previous notice has been given to the Secretary or Steward:		
For being absent at any special ringing after due notice	—	
For leaving before the bells are down without consent of majority	—	
For entering Ringing-chamber with hat on	—	
For carelessly breaking a stay or slider	—	

11. That these Fines shall be imposed by any Officer present, and entered in a book kept for that purpose.
12. That the amount of his fine shall be deducted from the share of each ordinary Member at the Annual Meeting; but that fines inflicted on Honorary Members shall be paid at once, and the same these levied shall be placed amongst the funds of the Society.
13. That any Member entering the tower in a state of intoxication, or any Member who shall, on any consideration, or anywhere, ring on speculation, shall at once be expelled from this Society, and shall forfeit all claim to any money, which otherwise would have come to his share.
14. That no one be allowed to enter the Ringing-chamber while ringing is going on, and none but Members during any practice, unless with the consent of Members present.
15. That this Society agrees to be responsible for the due chiming of the bells for each Sunday Service, and also on Christmas Day, and Ascension Day.
16. That all drinking, smoking, and improper conduct in the Bally be strictly prohibited.
17. That all ordinary Members shall, as soon as they are eligible, apply to be admitted Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.
18. That a copy of these Rules shall be given to each new Member.
19. That if any disputes arise with regard to any of these Rules, the decision of the Incumbent shall be binding.
20. That any alteration in, or addition to, the above Rules shall be made only at an Annual or General Meeting.

*It is not necessary that in any Society there should be two separate persons in office, but the same person could hold any two or three of these offices.
 N.B.—The Guild of Devonshire Ringers in recommending these Rules wish it to be understood that it is intended that the book upon which they are entered, and all documents and notices made in accordance with local requirements.
 Copies of these Rules may be obtained of the Rev. G. D. B., at One Penny each.

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Why was the Guild successful?

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When Langdon Fulford died of a heart attack, in December 1879, Huntsham bells were rung half-muffled in his memory. The footnote in *Church Bells* describes him simply as 'The Originator of the Guild'.

'He was the very life and spirit of the Guild, and its chief mainstay. He was its originator, and at all times and in all ways, by his untiring zeal and energy, did what he could to make the Guild a thorough success.' [*GDR Annual Report 1880*]



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John Lowland Landon Hatford

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