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* * One section of Joseph Morris's PROVOSTS AND BAILIFFS OF SHREWSBURY (pp. 371 to 388) having been accidentally omitted from the advance sheets supplied by the printers to the compiler of the General Index, its contents were not included, and are now given as an Addendum, which the Editors regret to have to ask the Members to fasten at the end of Volume III.

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William Bastard. |
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John Falke. |
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Roger Adis.
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Thomas Goldsmith.
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Thomas Pontesbury.
1470. Roger Knyght.
John Baxter.
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THE CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE. II.

By H. B. WALTERS, M.A., F.S.A.

DIOCESE OF HEREFORD

(ARCHDEACONRY OF LUDLOW),

Continued.

6. DEANERY OF CHURCH STRETTON.

ABDON.

ST. MARGARET.

Two bells.

1. *On the sound-bow*:—**J. WARNER & SONS LONDON 1859**
(14 in.
2. *On the sound-bow*:—**J. WARNER & SONS LONDON 1860**
(15 in.

These bells hang in a double-arched gable-cot, on the E. side of which is the date 1860. They are more easily accessible than most bells similarly situated, as the roof is comparatively low and flat. They are chimed by levers.

² June [1549]: 'ABTON. Two bell' of accord and ix bells upon oon whele.¹

15 May, 1553 (7 Edward VI.): 'To bellys . . . now in the pyche and stepull.'

1740 (Browne Willis): '3 Bells.'

There were, I believe, three bells down to the time of the rebuilding of the church in 1860.

Best thanks to Rev. H. Wilson, Rector.

ACTON SCOTT.

ST. MARGARET.

Three bells.

1. + **AVE & MARIAIA & GRACIA & PKEDA
DOMINVS & TECVM** (27 in.
2. *The same, except that MARIA is properly spelled, and that there is a stop after PKEDA.* (29½ in.

¹ For the explanation of this see under Chetton (3rd Ser., ii., p. 201).
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3. ✱ **ETERDIS** [K] **ADDIS** [Q] **RESOINET** [K]
CAMPADA [Q] **MARIA** (33 in.)

Clappers of 2nd and 3rd tied.

1st and 2nd probably by the same founder as Neen Sollars 1st (John of Gloucester), but the cross is different. As this cross is only found in Salop with this lettering, all such bells *may* be from an off-shoot of the Gloucester foundry. The date is about 1350-60. Note (1) the use of a Roman T; (2) the K for L in *PLENA*; (3) the mis-spelling of *MARIA* on the treble. It is rare to find two ancient bells in the same tower with similar inscriptions, but it also happens at Onibury and Wrockwardine. For cross and specimens of lettering, see Plate IX., figs. 8-11; also Plate IV., figs. 2-8.

Tenor: by a Worcester founder of the 15th century, for whom see under Highley 3rd; this founder always reverses his S's. I have often noticed, though I cannot explain, a similarity between this lettering and that of John of Gloucester (*e.g.*, the A, E, N, and T); one looks like a larger variety of the other; but it cannot be more than a coincidence. For cross, stops, and lettering, see Plate III., figs. 1-9 and Plate IX., figs. 1-7.

K and Q here denote King and Queen (Plate III., figs. 1, 3).

So far as I know, this is the only complete ancient ring in the county except Bitterley; it has remained unaltered for about 450 years.

16 May, 1553: 'ACTON ON THE HYLL iij bellis.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

Inscriptions given in Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 21,237.

The local rhyme about the bells runs:

"A pudding in the pot
 Say the bells of Acton Scott."

(Burne, *Folk-Lore*, p. 605).

BROADSTONE.

One bell.

1. *Round the lower part of the waist:—*

... **JOHN HINCE & ROBT CRAIG: CH: WARDENS. .1844.**
C & G MEARS FECIT (17 in.)

In a gable-cot at the west end of the church, having been put up when it was restored to parochial use. Whether a bell existed here previous to that date cannot now be ascertained.

Note the use of two sizes of letters by C. and G. Mears, a practice observed by the Whitechapel firm from 1750 to 1835, but after that time almost invariably dropped. The style of the inscription is, however, more like John Rudhall's (as at Chetton; cf. the initial cross, the stop before the date, etc.).

Thanks to Mr. Dorrell, Churchwarden, for help with ladders, etc.

CARDINGTON.

ST. JAMES.

Four bells.

1. **BARWELL FOUNDER** **BIRMINGHAM***On the waist* :—**T. L. T. FITZJOHN. VICAR.****J. HOTCHKISS } C. WARDENS**
S. FARR }

1887


(29½ in.

2  **MICHAELL STEVENS THOMAS**
CORFEILD CHVRCHWARDENS*On lower line* :—1626

(30½ in.


3. **BARWELL FOUNDER** **BIRMINGHAM 1887.***On the waist* :—**GLORY TO GOD AND PROSPERITY**
TO THE PARISH OF CARDINGTON.

(33½ in.

4. **FEAR GOD HONOUR THE KING A**  **R 1752** (*continuous.*)

(36 in.

Original frames, of triangular form, as at Neen Sollars; new wheels and stocks by Barwell. 2nd by William or Thomas Clibury, an excellent casting; very well-formed letters, rather thicker than usual. The cross bar of the H in each case is arched, the second H in CHVRCHWARDENS being inverted. The initial cross is Plate XII., fig. 1. 4th by Abel Rudhall; border at end, fig. 5. Barwell's two bells are much sharpened at the lip, and have single cannons. The old treble was inscribed: PROSPERITY TO

THIS PARISH A  R 1740; the old third: IOHN
DEALOWE PHILIP PIGGE WARDENS 1630.¹

The two new bells were placed in the tower 17 Dec., 1887; they weigh respectively 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. and 6 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

15 May, 1553: 'ijj bellys.'

1740: '4 Bells.'

1752: '5 Bells.'

CUSTOMS:

On Sundays, a bell rung at 8 a.m., and again at 10 a.m.; chiming for services, except on Festivals, when they are rung.

¹ See Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 21,237. But Mr. La Touche, brother of the present Vicar of Stokesay, who copied the inscriptions in 1877, gives a different version of the 3rd: IOHN DEAOWE PHILIP PIGE 1639. The lettering was of the same ornamental character as the 2nd.

New rung in.
 Ringing at weddings by request, and sometimes for Royal
 Birthdays or other anniversaries.

Some extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts, transcribed in Vol. IV. of the *Transactions* (1880), include interesting references to the recasting of three of the bells in the eighteenth century, one being the present tenor.

1697	It'm gave the Ringers uppou y ^e proclamation of peace	o	2	o
1698	Payed for Candle to ring Corfu	o	1	o
1699	It'm for Candels to ringe Curffuls	o	1	o
1705	P ^d y ^e Ringers at y ^e Thanckgiveing	o	2	o
1706	P ^d to y ^e Ringers y ^e first Thanksgiving	o	2	o
	P ^d to y ^e Ringers another Thanksgiving	o	2	o
1707	P ^d for Candles to ring Curfeu	o	1	o
1709	P ^d for shatting the bell toung	o	o	6
1711	P ^d for repairing the Great Bell	o	6	o
1714	P ^d for ringing on y ^e Coronation day	o	3	o
1718	P ^d for pulling down the Bell	o	1	o
	[This was probably the tenor, recast again in 1752]			
	P ^d for carriage of y ^e bell to the water & from	o	9	o
	P ^d for carriage of y ^e bell by water	o	9	6
	P ^d for hanging y ^e bell	o	3	4
	Spent at hanging y ^e bell	o	2	o
	P ^d to y ^e Bell founder [Rudhall]	o	15	9
	P ^d for takeing it out of y ^e Court concerning the Bell	o	o	4
1739	Spent & to get assistance to pool down y ^e Bell [the treble]	o	4	o
	P ^d for weighing & putting the Bell on board	o	1	6
	P ^d the Bell founder	10	6	4
	P ^d for Carriage of y ^e Bell to the water & back again	o	10	o
	P ^d for making a new wheel & putting him in place	1	o	o
	P ^d for Carage of the Bell to Gloucester & back again	o	19	o
1741	P ^d to Child for new gearing for y ^e Great Bell with y ^e ould Iron & for altering y ^e toung of y ^e Bell	o	14	o
1748	P ^d for ringin on the thanksgiving for the Pease	o	2	6
1751	P ^d Mr Sankey of Cardington for timber for to make a Windles to let down ye Great Bell	o	1	6
	Account of y ^e Expences of taking down of y ^e Great Bell att Cardington is as followeth:—			
	Imprimis P ^d Mapp & his son	o	2	o
	Joseph Manox	o	1	o

CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE.

5

Edmund Haberley	...	...	...	o	o	6
Pd for Ale	...	...	...	o	2	6
Pd Thomas Bishop of Enchmarsh for weighing and carriage of y ^e Bell and putting him on board Charles Jones Vessell	...	...	...	...	9	o
For Ale	...	...	...	o	o	4
Postage of Letters	...	...	...	o	o	4
						<hr/>
1752 Expences about the Great Bell—to Gloucester & hanging	...	...	...	...	5	6 o
Pd Charles Jones of Salop owner by Rudhall's order for y ^e casting of y ^e Bell	...	...	...	...	17	6 o

On a stone let into the jamb of the west window is engraved a set of old belfry rules, similar to those already given at Bridgnorth St. Mary Magdalene, etc.

If to Ring you do come here
 You must Ring well with hand and ear
 And if a Bell you chance to throw
 4 Pence to pay before you go
 And if you ring with Spur or Hat
 6 Pence in Ale to pay for that
 And if you either Swear or Curse
 12 Pence to pay pull out y^r Purse
 Our Laws are old they are not new
 Y^e Clerk & Ringers claim their due
 Feb^r: y^e: 14th: 1755'6.

CHURCH PREEN. ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Two bells.

1. ✠ SADCCE □ IOBADES □ ORA □ PRO □
 DOBIS

2. THOMAS RUDHALL GLOCESTER FOUNDER 1779 ~~3~~
 (18 in.)

Formerly in a wooden turret; since the recent restoration, in a double gable-cot at the west end; both very small bells.

The smaller bell is by an unknown, probably Worcester, founder, dating about 1480; there is a similar one at Ness Magna, under which heading full illustrations will subsequently be given. For an account of this group of bells, see *Assoc. Arch. Soc's. Report* for 1901, p. 565. The head used as a stop throughout is probably that of Prince Edward, son of Henry VI.

2 June [1549]: 'PRENE . . . belles one sacring bell.'

13 Aug., 1552: 'It. ij belles . . . It' a sauntes bell.'

18 May, 1553: (Entry torn).

See for these bells Sparrow's *History of Church Preen* (1898), p. 112, where excellent facsimile illustrations are given.

Rubbings in Mr. North's Collection. I am indebted to the Rev. H. T. Tilley for verifying the inscriptions, no easy matter since the restoration.

CUSTOMS :

For services, the two bells tolled for ten minutes, then one for five minutes.

At Funerals, the two are chimed as the procession approaches.

No other uses.

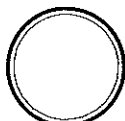
Thanks to Rev. E. Collet, late Rector.

CHURCH STRETTON. ST. LAWRENCE. Eight bells.

1. TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

MDCCCXC

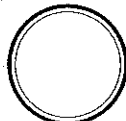
On the waist :—



(25½ in.)

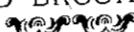
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R B 1890



(26¼ in.)

3. A R 1711  (continued all round) (28¾ in.)

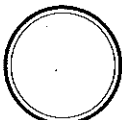
4. DON PROAVI ED BROOKE DE STRETT GEN
 1711  (30 in.)

5. PROSPERITY TO THIS PLACE : A : R  1711
 (continued) (32¼ in.)

6. MDCCCXC

(b) ABRA RUDHALL OF GLOU-

On the waist :—(a)



CESTER BELL

(below :—)

FOUNDER 1711
RECAST 1890 (35 in.)

7. J: TAYLOR & CO FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH

*On the waist :—*PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD A. R.
1711. RECAST 1890 (38½ in.)

8. M^R THOMAS BROOKES M^R RANDOLPH JONES
CHVRCHWARDENS 1711 A : R  

Below :—fig. 5, continuous.

On the waist :—(a) TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD
THESE BELLS WERE REHUNG
AND THE PEAL INCREASED
CHRISTMAS 1890

(b) GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

C. NOEL HILL M.A. RECTOR

J. E. PROFFIT } WARDENS. (41 in.
D. HYSLOP }

S. COME AWAY MAKE NO DELAY 1770 (12½ in.

Originally a ring of six by Abraham Rudhall, 1711; the old 4th and 5th recast and two trebles added in 1890 by Taylor of Loughborough, who also re-hung the bells with new wheels, frames, etc. The 1st and 2nd have angular cannons; those of the four old bells have been taken off.

The inscriptions on the four new bells are partly engraved, as indicated in the text by lighter type: the engraved inscriptions on the tenor were added at the time of the alterations, but the bell itself has not, of course, been recast. The old inscriptions on the (present) 6th and 7th have been preserved.

Borders: on 3rd, fig. 5; on 4th and 5th, fig. 1; on 8th, figs. 3 and 5. On the waist of the 1st, 2nd and 6th is Taylor's medallion (fig. 6).

Ellacombe's Chiming Apparatus is used.

Priest's bell, by Thomas Rudhall; hung in the frame by the 7th bell.

Weights of bells :—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
(1)	3	3	18
(2)	4	1	3
(3)	4	3	23
(4)	4	3	23
(5)	5	3	22
(6)	8	0	9
(7)	10	0	0
(8)	11	0	5

Old 4th: Diam. 33½ in. Weight,
6 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

Old 5th: Diam. 36½ in. Weight,
8 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.

16 May, 1553: 'STRETSTONE . . . fyve bellis one sancte bell.'
1752: '6 Bells.'

Old inscriptions given in *Salopian Shreds and Patches*, ii. (1876), p. 30; see also *ibid.*, x., p. 28, for a long account of the dedication of the new bells on February 6th, 1891. The initials R. B. on the 2nd are, probably, those of Mr. Benson of Lutwyche.

CUSTOMS :

Ringin on Sundays for Evening Service and on the first Sunday in the month for Morning Service, and on Festivals.

All the eight bells are tolled at 8 a.m. on the morning of a funeral, each 21 times, with chiming at the time of the funeral.

The Pancake Bell is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove Tuesday.

A bell formerly rung for Vestry Meetings.

In the ringin-chamber is a set of belfry rules on a stone slab, dated 1773, with names of ringers; they are the same as at Cardington, with the omission of the last two lines.

The local distich on the bells runs :—

“Roast beef and mutton
Say the bells of Church Stretton.”


The same occurs at Upton Magna. (Burne, p. 605; Hare, p. 90).

Very many thanks to Mr. John Proffit, Churchwarden, for help and information.

EASTHOPE.

ST. PETER.

Three bells.

1. IONES WILD CH=WARDEN T  R 1764
(21 in.)

Pits for three, with old triangular frames; the existing bell is hung with a half-wheel, and is, of course, by Thomas Rudhall (border fig. 1). It has an extraordinarily lengthy clapper, 27½ inches long, with a moulded knob in the middle, which strikes the sound-bow. The wheel of one of the other bells still remains in the belfry; the remaining bell occupies the pit of the old second.

The two other bells were cracked many years ago, and were taken down before the memory of the oldest inhabitants; they are, however, still in existence, being kept at the shop of Mr. Jones, blacksmith. There has been some talk of recasting them, but it is supposed that the turret is not sufficiently strong to bear the weight of three bells. The cracks appear to be due to the reprehensible practice of ‘clocking’ in both cases.

The inscriptions on these two bells are as follows :—

2. THE GIFT OF RICHARD LVTWICH OF
LVTWICH 1584 (24 in.)
3. IESVS EB OVRE SPEDE 1638 (27½ in.)

The smaller of these two is by an unknown founder, and appears to be the earliest dated bell in the county (exclusive of the foreign one at Baschurch). Note the flat-topped 8, also used 100 years later by Thomas Roberts.

The larger bell is by Richard Oldfield, who also cast bells for Caynham, Munslow and Stow (see under Munslow).

Rubbings of all three in Mr. North's collection.

24 May, 1553 : 'ESTOPE too bellys.'

1740 : '3 Bells.'






1752 : '2 Bells.'

Richard Lutwich apparently was the son and grandson of two other Richards, married Elizabeth Boycott of Eye, and was succeeded by his brother Edward, who died in 1614. But I should be glad of more definite information about him. See the Harleian Society's *Visitation of Shropshire* (vol. xxix., 1889), p. 346.

EATON-UNDER-HEYWOOD.

ST. EDITH.

Three bells.


1.  IESVS  BE 
OVR  SPEED 
1622 *Below :—* WC (26½ in.)

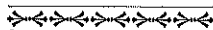
2. MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON

*On the waist :—*AD GLORIAM DEI ET IN HONOREM
SANCTÆ EDITHÆ

HANC CAMPANAM HOLLAND SAND-
FORD. M.A. HUIUS ECCLESIAE
RECTOR

IN HAC TURRE PONI CURAVIT A.D.
1869. (29¼ in.)

3.  GLORIA IN EXCELCVVS DEO 1615



Above the inscription, a band of arabesques ; below a band of fleur-de-lys, both continuous. (33 in.)

1st and 3rd by William Clibury ; rubbings of these two in Mr. North's collection. Borders : 1st, Plate XIII., fig. 2 ; 3rd, Plate XIII., fig. 3, Plate XIV., fig. 6, and Plate V., fig. 5 ; initial cross, Plate V., fig. 1. The lettering on the 1st is somewhat broader than on the 3rd.

Inscription on predecessor of 2nd unknown, but it appears to have been a medieval bell, which was cracked, and had to be re-cast.¹

¹ See a history of the parish reprinted from the *Monthly Illustrated Journal*, of which a copy is in the Shrewsbury Free Library,

[1549]: 'Itm iij belles, one sants bell, ij candlestycks of masalen.
The stuff bells above wrytten are in y^e charge and
custodi of y^e presentars.'

1553: 'YETTUN iij bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

The local rhyme is hardly complimentary to these bells, but it must be the invention of the adjoining parish of Hope Bowdler (*q.v.*), for in answer to the question of the latter bells 'Why don't you ring louder,' these are supposed to say:


'Because we are beaten,
Say the big (*sic*) bells of Eaton.'—Burne, p. 605.

HOLGATE.

HOLY TRINITY.

Three bells.

1. EDW:^D FEWTRELL EDW:^D WOOF CH--WARDENS

A  R 1754:

(26½ in.

2. ✱ SOLI DEO GLORIA PAX HOMINIBVS
EDWARD AMIS RICHARD DAVIS

Below :— C W 1657



(28 in.

3. SOLI DEO GLORIA PAX HOMINIBVS
WILLIAM FVTRILL ✱✱✱✱ 1666

Below :—*Band of arabesques.*

On the waist :—



(32 in.

Treble by Abel Rudhall. 2nd and tenor by John Martin; words on paterae—2nd: broad letters; at beginning of inscription, fig. 5 on Plate VI.; larger heart-mark (Plate VI., fig. 2) on waist. 3rd: thin letters; large shield-mark (Plate XIV., fig. 4) on waist; ornament, Plate VI., fig. 5 repeated, and Plate XIII., fig. 4 below. Inscription on 2nd high on the shoulder, like an early fourteenth-century bell; the N of HOMINIBVS is reversed.

Rather dirty; wheels and stays repaired, also stocks of 2nd and 3rd in a rustic fashion.

15 May, 1553: 'HAGAT to bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

1752: '4 Bells.'

Inscriptions given in Brit. Mus. Add. 21,237.

Rubbings in Mr. North's Collection.

The Mission (Iron) Church of BOULDON, in this parish, has one small bell without inscription.

HOPE BOWDLER. ST. ANDREW.

Four bells.

1.  PAX DOMINI SIC SEMPER VOBISCVN(25 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.2. RICHARD DAVIES THOMAS NEEDAM WARDENS
1681.(28 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.3. *No inscription; probably not ancient.*(31 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.4. *On the waist:—*TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND TO COMMEMORATE
THE JUBILEE OF VICTORIA R.I.

1887.

(36 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Treble: Letters sprigged, on paterae; inscription, so far as I know, unique. This bell is rather puzzling. The lettering is almost, if not absolutely, identical with that on a group of bells cast at Worcester, probably in the fifteenth century;¹ but the cross is different. Two of the bells referred to occur at Wrockwardine, and others in Staffordshire. For cross and specimens of lettering, see Plate X, figs. 3—6; there are similar bells at Myddle and Shrawardine.

2nd: By Thomas Roberts; type as at Bridgnorth St. Leonard and Badger.

Tenor. On the waist, Taylor of Loughborough's medallion (fig. 6).

All in good order, hung high above the floor. Cannons off treble.

Weights:	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
	2	3	18
	4	0	19
	5	2	0
	9	1	9

2 June [1549]: 'iij bells of oon accord.'

15 May, 1553: 'iij bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

In 1794 there were still only three (see Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 21,237); the present tenor is a new bell, not a recasting. It will be seen that there is a considerable interval between it and the third, almost enough for another bell.

The local rhyme is:

'Why don't you ring louder?
Say the bells of Hope Bowdler.'


The query is addressed to those of Eaton (see above).—Burne, p. 605.

¹ See for a mention of these bells, *Assoc. Arch. Soc. Reports*, 1901, p. 568.

HUGHLEY.



S. JOHN BAPTIST.

Four bells




1. GOD PROSPER ALL OUR BENEFACTORS A: R  1701
(22 in.)

2. ABRA: RVDHALL OF GLOVCESTER CAST VS
ALL 1701 

*Below, painted in gilt letters:—*LANCELOT CORFIELD
GENT: (24½ in.)

3. PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD. A: R 
1701 

*Below, painted in gilt letters:—*THE GIFT OF M^r IACOB
LITTLEFORD MINISTER (26 in.)

4. GOD PROSPER THIS PARISH A: R  
1701 

*Below, floral border (fig. 1) all round, immediately beneath
which is painted in gilt letters:—*WILLIAM
CORFIELD AND IOHN WOOD CHURCH-
WARDENS (27 in.)

Lettering on 1st and 2nd, Rudhall's smallest size; capitals on 2nd and all on the two others, medium size. The painted inscriptions are in a different alphabet. Borders: on 1st, fig 2; on 2nd and 4th, fig. 1; on 3rd, fig. 3. The bell stamp is of the archaic form, as at Quatt, etc.

Wheel of third bell broken, and others somewhat rickety; belfry very dirty. The late Rector hoped to follow up the restoration of the church by taking the bells in hand.

Rubbings of all four bells in Mr. North's collection.

2 June [1549]: 'ij bells of accord.'

1552: 'HEWLE. It. ij bells and a sacryng bele.'

18 May 1553: 'HEVLY: ij bellys.'

1752: '4 Bells.'

Mr. Jacob Littleford (see 3rd bell) was curate from 1698 to 1708, and Rector from 1708 to 1722; he is buried in the churchyard. Mr. Lancelot Corfield was churchwarden in 1699 and 1703; but curiously enough there is no entry in the parish books giving the churchwardens for 1701, whose names are therefore only preserved by the tenor bell.

CUSTOMS:

On Sundays for services the four bells are chimed for ten minutes and the tenor tolled for five. At 8 a m. on alternate Sundays the tenor is tolled, followed by chiming for two or three

minutes before the service. Every Sunday at noon the bells are similarly used to indicate service at 3 p.m.

At Funerals the tenor is tolled for an hour, then chiming as the procession traverses the churchyard. No Passing Bell.

There is a note in a memorandum book that on 17 March, 1864, the curfew began to be tolled at eight o'clock, but no indication when it ceased.

In 1860—1862, 1890-91, and 1894-95 the Old Year was tolled out and the New rung in, but this has not been done since.

A peal is usually rung at Weddings.

The Rector rings the tenor before Vestry Meetings.

In the Churchwardens' Accounts there are payments for ringing on November 5th between 1703 and 1751 (omitting 1714 and 1718).

Very many thanks to Rev. E. Collet, until recently Rector, for this information and other assistance. I am also indebted to him for the following extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts:—

	s.	d.
1666 for two new Bell ropes	3	0
1671 for mending y ^e bell	0	4
1672 bying the new bell ropes	1	6
1677 Layd out for a pair of bell ropes	1	0
1683 Layd out for a bell rope... ..	0	6
1687 Paid for ropes for the Bells	1	11
1702 For fastening the Bells	1	3
1703 For belropes	5	1
For ringing on y ^e 5 th November [the first instance]	1	0
1704 For oyle	0	1
1710 For ringing Nov. 5 and the day of Thanksgiving	2	6
1712 For bellropes	4	0
1713 P ^d to George Bullock for hinges nayles and mending the Bell wheles	1	3
1714 For Bell ropes	7	0
P ^d the Ringores 2 days	2	0
1716 For mending the bell rope	0	2
1718 for new bell ropes	5	0
1719 for mending y ^e tong of the bell and wheels	0	10
1721 For making the belwhele and bondes and nayles	5	6
1722 for bell ropes	3	6
1723 Splicing a bell rope	0	2
1725 for 2 bellropes	2	8
1727 for 2 bellropes	2	6
1730 mending the bell rope	1	0
for new bell ropes	7	0
1734 Paid to Thomas Hotchkis for splicing y ^e clock cord and belrope	0	4
1735 P ^d to Thomas Hotchkis for splicing the belrope	0	6
1736 P ^d for rails (?) and mending the bellfree	2	8

CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE.

1738	p ^d for 4 new bellrops [the first mention of four]	...	5	2
1741	p ^d for a belweel ... ..	...	7	0
1742	for splicing a bell rope ... ..	...	0	2
1752	for 2 Bell Ropes ... ..	...	2	8
1756	P ^d John Mapp for making a new Bell wheel...	...	6	6
	For 2 new bellropes ... ..	...	2	8
1768	P ^d Tho ^s Hewlett for mending the Bell weel ...	...	3	0
1776	for mending the bell wel ... ..	...	1	0
1780	P ^d for two new bell ropes ... ..	...	3	6
1782	[A similar entry]	...	2	6
1785	for a bell rope ... ..	...	2	0
	For mending the church wicket and bell ...	...	4	0
1788	For mending the bell weels ... ..	...	4	0
1789	For mending the bell ... ..	...	1	4
1797	[A similar entry] ... ..	...	2	6
1798	for a new belrope ... ..	...	1	2
1800	Nails for the Bell weels ... ..	...	3	6
1802	for a bell rope ... ..	...	1	4
1807	for screupins & staples for the Beels and putting on ...	...	2	0
	John Bullock 1 days work at the Beels ... ..	...	2	0
1816	for 2 hoops for the Bells ... ..	...	0	11
	for plate and Nails ... ..	...	

MUNSLOW.

ST. MICHAEL

4 + 1 bells.

1.  GLORIA IN EXCELCIS DEO 1632

Below:—



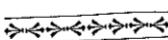
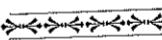
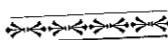
(32½ in.

2. T. MEARS OF LONDON F^{ECIT} 1822  THE
REV^D RICH^D POWELL RECTOR. On the waist:— THO^S. WARD } CHURCH WARDENS
JOHN PARSONS }

(33¾ in.

3.  VIRGIDIS  EGRECIE  VOCOR 
CAMPADA  MARIE

(35½ in.

4.  GLORIA  IN 
EXCELSIS  DEO

Below:—

1623

(39¾ in.

WC

(12½ in.

Old bell-frame with massive timbers ; on the front is inscribed—

1638 RO : ISW

RPC

Treble : by an itinerant founder, Richard Oldfield, probably an off-shoot from the famous bell-foundry at Nottingham ; his trade-mark (Plate XIV., fig 2) is on the waist, and the initials on the frame may also be his. For the initial floral stamp, see Plate XIV., fig. 3. He cast bells for Ludlow in 1625, 1632, and 1638 (see p. 32).

3rd : by the same founder as Acton Scott 3rd, c. 1450, with 'Royal Head' stops ; cabled cannons ; S reversed. For stamps, see Plates III., figs. 1—9, and IX., figs. 1—7.

4th : by William Clibury ; initial rose stamp, Plate XII, fig. 6 ; border, Plate XIII., fig. 1.

Small bell (hung in window), by Thomas Mears.

18 May, 1553 : 'MOUNSLOW iij bellys.'

1740. '4 Bells and a S^{ts} bell.'

1752 : '5 Bell' (perhaps reckoning in the Sanctus).

The inscription on the 3rd is given in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1833, part I., p. 9 ; also by Hare, p. 77, as on 'the church bell' (*sic*).

The Churchwardens' Accounts extend from 1663 to 1704.

The Rev. R. Powell was Rector from 1806 to his death in 1845. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford.

RUSHBURY.

ST. PETER.

5 bells.

1. CAST BY I. RUDHALL GLOCESTER 1795



(26½ in.

2. ABR: RVDHALL BELLFOVNDER CAST VS ALL



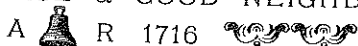
(27 in.

3. PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS



(27½ in.

4. PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD



(29 in.

5. RICHARD RUSSELL & IOHN LANGLEY CH-

WARDENS 1716



(32½ in.

Pits for six ; all in good order ; curious double stays, as also at Lydbury North, formed of two curved pieces of wood, rivetted together at the top.

Borders : on 1st, fig. 3 ; on 2nd and 4th, fig. 1. On the 3rd and 5th, a fleur-de-lys enclosed in a border, as often on Rudhall's bells.

Three sizes of type are used on the treble.

2 June [1549] : 'RUSSHEBERY iij bells of oon accord.'

15 May, 1553 : 'iij bellys.'

1740 : '5 Bells.'

1752 : '5 Bells.'

Rubbings in Mr. North's Collection.

CUSTOMS :

On Sundays bells usually chimed, but always rung for Evening Service from 5 Nov. to end of January ; also rung on great Festivals.

At Funerals the present use, following the old customs, is :—

(1) Each of the five bells is tolled a few times at 8 a.m. on the morning of the funeral ; (2) a bell is tolled for an hour before the time of the funeral ; (3) when the procession comes in sight of the church the bells are chimed as they are for service.

Ringng on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and at the beginning of the New Year, on Easter Day and Whitsunday ; also for Weddings, by special request.

No references to bells in existing Churchwardens' Accounts.

The present Ringers' Rules are dated November, 1897. At the Rectory is preserved a copy of an old " Ringing Artikle " painted on a board, which formerly hung in the belfry :—

Ringng Artikle.

If to Ring you doe com here
You must Ring Well with Hand & Ear
If a Bell you overthrow
4^d to pay before you go.
And if you Ring in Spur or Hat,
6^d in Cash to pay for that.
But if you chance to Sw : or Curs
12^d to pay poole out the Purse.

Jan : 26 : 1786.

On the frame of the bells is carved :









**THOMAS CARPENTER AND FRANCIS
WYKE WEARE CHVRCHWARDENS
IN THE YEAR 1621**

Best thanks to Rev. R. Fletcher, Rector, for the above information, and for diameters of bells.

SHIPTON.

ST. JAMES.

Three bells.

1.        

(27½ in.

2. **MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON, 1875.**

(29 in.

3. **THOMAS VARNALLS CHVRCH WARDEN 1694**

(31¼ in.

Treble : by a Marian or Elizabethan founder, c. 1550-1560, the inscription intended for part of the alphabet. For the vague half-formed letters compare the 4th at St. Chad, Lichfield, about the same date and apparently by the same founder. Specimens of cross and letters are given on Plate X., figs. 7-14; the last stamp but one is a kind of spiral.

Tenor : a rough casting, by the same founder as Tugford treble, perhaps son of Thomas Roberts of Salop; cf. also Bedstone, Bucknell, and Norbury, Staffordshire, treble.

Original frames of triangular form, as at Cardington.

2 June [1549]: 'SHEPTON a bell.'

1552: 'Itm. iij bells in the stepull & a sance bell.'

18 May, 1553: 'SHEPTON iij [bellys].'

1740: '3 Bells.'

At SHIPTON Hall, close by the church, in the turret over the stables, is an uninscribed bell, probably of the eighteenth century; the clock, for which it was used, is dated 1756.

STANTON LONG.

ST. MICHAEL.

Three bells.


1. **BARWELL BIRMINGHAM RECAST 1893** (18¾ in.

2. *The same.* (20½ in.

3. *The same.* (23 in.

No cannons.	Weights :	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
		1	1	23
		1	3	10
		2	2	8

This new ring was placed in the little wooden turret 11 July, 1893, replacing three older and slightly heavier bells, the inscriptions on which have fortunately been preserved among Mr. North's rubbings. There were as follows :—

1.  **A VE S MARXA S GRACRA S**
PLENA S

(20½ in.

2. **THOMAS WHICK WILLIAM HUGHES**
WARDENS 1676

(22 in.

3.   **AMICE XPE IOMANNES** (24½ in.)

Of these the treble is a rather puzzling bell, which seems from the mixed character of the lettering to be post-Reformation, in spite of its inscription. It may, however, possibly belong to Queen Mary's reign. The cross I have not been able to identify, but it is not unlike one used by Oldfield of Nottingham late in the 16th century, e.g. at Stirchley. The founder does not seem to have had an I available, as he uses X on one place, R in another. The A, L, and N are decidedly Roman in form, but the C, E, and M are pure Gothic forms.

The second seems to be by John Martin of Worcester, but there are no signs of any of his distinctive stamps (seldom absent from his bells) on the rubbing.

The third is of the same type as the two at Astley Abbots (Plate I., figs. 4—10) and the 2nd at Bitterley (see below). It is not clear from the rubbing whether the initial letters of the first and last words were crowned.

18 May, 1553: 'LONGE STAUNTON. iij small bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

1752: '4 Bells.'

No CUSTOMS.

Many thanks to the Rev. R. C. Bolton, Vicar, and to Mr. James Adams for assistance with ladder.

TUGFORD.

ST. KATHERINE.

Five bells.

1. **EX DONO AMICORVM** 1695

(23¾ in.)

2. **EXDONO AMICORVM**

(25 in.)

3. **GLORIA IN EXCELCIS DEO**

Below:—1636

(28¼ in.)

4. **EDWARD DIKE THOMAS CLINTON C W**

*** ♥ 1665 ***

Round the crown, above the inscription, a border of arabesques.

(30 in.)

5 **RICHARD SHEPARD G^T CHVRCH WARDENS**
1678

(33½ in.)

All very dirty; rickety frames; edges of 4th bell chipped.
Treble: founder uncertain, but see Shipton 3rd.
2nd and 5th: apparently by Thomas Roberts of Shrewsbury;
very thin letters, with the characteristic 8, as at Badger.
3rd: by Richard Oldfield (see under Munslow).

4th: by John Martin of Worcester; thin letters and small heart mark (Plate VI., fig. 1); the other ornament is Plate VI., fig. 5, repeated. The arabesque border closely resembles Rudhall's fig. 3 and also Plate XIII., fig. 4.

Tenor: The name of the first churchwarden appears to have been omitted, unless it has been filed off.

The D on the 4th is a 'broken letter' in each case, thus: D.

2 June, [1549]: 'iij grett bells of'

1740: '5 Bells.'

Rubbings in Mr. North's collection.

CUSTOMS:—

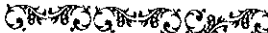
On Sundays, bells chimed twice before services, then one bell tolled; also chiming at 8 a.m.

Ringin on Christmas morning, New year's Eve and morning of New Year's Day; and for Weddings.

The present custom at funerals is to chime the bells as the corpse is carried into the church, and as the mourners leave the grave after the ceremony.

Thanks to Rev. R. Woodhouse, Rector.

WOOLSTASTON. ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS. Two bells.

1. R: B: C: W 1722  (continuous).

2. *The same.*

Both by Abraham Rudhall, in his smallest lettering: border, fig. 2.

Rubbings in Mr. North's collection.

Thanks to Rev. H. T. Tilley for verifying; the bells are very small and difficult of access.



13 Aug., 1552: 'two bells.'

9 May, 1553: 'two small bells.'

1740: '2 Bells.'

7. DEANERY OF LUDLOW.

ASHFORD BOWDLER. ST. ANDREW. Two bells.

1. PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD 1727 
 (continuous) (19 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

2. ABEL RUDHALL FOUNDER 1753  (continuous)
 (20 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Both inscribed in the smallest Rudhall alphabet ($\frac{3}{4}$ in. high); border, fig. 2.

The F of NEIGHBOURHOOD is 'broken.'

Pits for three bells.


2 June [1549]: 'ASHFORD BO LES. ij bells of accord.'

15 May, 1553: 'ASFORDE BOWDELOR. To belys.'

1740: '2 Bells.'

1752: '2 Bells.'

ASHFORD CARBONELL. ST. MARY. Three bells.

1.  S P A V L V (21½ in.

2.  P E C R V S (23½ in.

3. IHESVS BE OVRE SPEDE (26 in.

1st and 2nd are rather puzzling. From the style of the inscription they might be either very early or very late. The initial cross is more like one used by 14th century London founders than any other; but the letters are of a mixed character, especially on the 1st, and the names of saints, with or without the S are often found on bells by the Newcombes of Leicester, cast about 1540—1560. On the other hand the shape clearly points to an early fourteenth century date; cf. the pair at Acton Round; the mouldings of the bells are also arranged like those on early London-made bells. The cross and lettering are fully illustrated on Plate VIII.

3rd: probably by John Martin of Worcester, in his smaller alphabet; cf. Hopton Wafers.

Belfry very dark and dirty, but frames, etc., in good order.

15 May, 1553: 'ASFORDE CARDYNALL ij bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

For description and drawings of these bells, see *Journal of Brit. Arch. Assoc.*, xxxix. (1883), p. 228.

Rubbings in Mr. North's collection.

CUSTOMS:—

On Sundays, a bell rung at 8 a.m.; for services chiming for 10 minutes; interval of 10 minutes, and then tolling in on the tenor for 10 minutes.

At funerals a minute bell tolled for an hour, and the three bells chimed as the corpse is carried into the church.

Ring on New Year's Eve, 'the Old Year out and the New Year in;' also at Christmas, according to the Clerk; and for Weddings if specially paid for.













The treble was formerly rung for Vestry Meetings.

Thanks to Rev. J. S. Tanner, Vicar.

BITTERLEY.

ST. MARY.










Three bells.

1.        
    

(30 in.

2.  SANCTE  JACOBE  ORA  PRO
 NOBIS

(32½ in.

3. IESV  LESEIGNE  SEYNT  ANNE  PERLE
 ORDYNADNCE  ALEISSTVRYE
 QVEDIV  ASOILE  PVRSR GAVDC
 MERCY

(36 in.

Treble: First half of 16th century; very well formed letters but of late type (as for instance the *a*); founder unknown. The inscription will not apparently construe as it stands; I think the founder must have confused two distinct hexameters, one beginning 'Hic sono quae', the other 'Dulcis sisto melis,' which, as Dr. Raven has suggested to me, may be for *dulcis cista melis*, 'a hive of sweet sound.' For initial H and stop, see Plate X., figs. 1, 2.

2nd: By a Worcester founder, about 1450—1500; cf. Astley Abbots (Plate I., figs. 4—10).

Tenor: Also by a Worcester founder of the 15th century; type as Highley 3rd and Acton Scott 3rd, the S being reversed throughout. The Norman-French inscription is unique; it appears to mean '(Dedicated to) the Lord Jesus (and) Saint Anne by the ordinance of Alice Sturye, whom God pardon by his great (*gaunt-graunde*) mercy.' For stamps, see Plate IX., 1—7, and Plate III., figs. 1—9.

Altogether a beautiful trio and of great interest; untouched since the 16th century. All clappers tied. No floor to bell-chamber, and the bells are not hung for ringing, the frame work not being sufficiently strong.

15 May, 1553: 'iij bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

1752: '2 Bells (*sic*).

Inscriptions on 1st and 2nd given in *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1831, Part 2, p. 297, and copied by Hare (p. 42), who supposes that there are only these two in the tower.

CUSTOMS :—

Bells chimed at 8 a.m. on alternate Sundays; for morning service the tenor is tolled for a quarter of an hour, then all three chimed for five minutes, and the treble rung for the last ten minutes.

A 'minute' bell is tolled for half an hour immediately after deaths, and at Funerals the same, with five minutes chiming on the arrival of the corpse.

Occasional ringing (or chiming?) for Weddings.

A bell rung for Vestry Meetings.

In 1875, while ringing for a wedding, Benjamin Nott, the clerk, was carried up by the overturning of his bell, and broke his leg from the fall.

There is a yearly payment of £1 1s for Bell-ropes in the Churchwardens' Accounts from 1821 onwards.

The Rector informs me that there were two ladies of the name of Alice Stury in the early part of the fourteenth century (see *Shrewsbury Chronicle*, 3 Aug, 1900). They probably belonged to the family who owned Rossall, near Shrewsbury, but I cannot trace either of them in the Harleian Visitation or elsewhere (cf. *Transactions*, 2nd Ser., Vol. ix., p. 164). In any case I hardly think that the tenor bell can be of so early a date.


There is, however, evidence of the existence of another Alice Sturye, who, though she cannot be connected with Shropshire, may prove to be the lady in question. She appears to have been one of the Blount family, and lived at Lapford in Devon, where she granted lands to Robert Cary in 1413 (*Herald and Genealogist*, vi., p. 14). We further learn from Bishop Gray's Lincoln Registers that John Baysham, Rector of Olney, whose will is dated the Friday after the Annunciation of the B.V.M., 1426, bequeathed to the Prior of Worcester the plate which he had by the bequest of Alice Sturye, for whose soul, together with that of James Blount, he orders masses to be said (Gibbons, *Early Lincoln Wills*, p. 156). She therefore died between 1413 and 1426. It will be noted that John Baysham had some connection with Worcester, and possibly Alice had also; and further, that this bell was cast at Worcester, possibly in the Monastery there¹. The date of this Alice Sturye would exactly accord with that which I claim for the bell on other grounds. See also *Notes and Queries*, 30 Aug. and 26 Sept., 1902 (9th Series, Vol. x.), and for other mention of the Bitterley bells, *Shrewsbury Chronicle*, 21 Sept., 28 Sept., and 19 Oct., 1900.


Many thanks to Rev. J. R. Burton, Rector.

¹ See *Assoc. Arch. Soc's. Report*, 1901, p. 564.

BROMFIELD. ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.


6 + 1 bells.

1. WHEN YOU US RING WE'ELL SWEETLY SING
A  R 1737 (27 in.)

2. ABEL RUDHALL CAST US ALL 1737  (28 in.)

3. HENRY ARTHUR HERBERT ESQ^R: BENE-
FACTOR 1737  (29½ in.)

4. THE REV^D: MR: FRED CORNWALL VICAR
 1737  (30½ in.)

5. TIM: MAVND AND FRANC DAVIS CH: WARDENS 1737
*On waist:—*THIS BELL WAS RECAST AND THE PEAL
RETUNED 1890  (33 in.)

6. I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL & TO
THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL 1737. (36¾ in.)
S. J: TAYLOR & CO LOUGHBOROUGH (13½ in.)

Weights:—	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
(1)	4	2	7
(2)	4	1	9
(3)	4	3	17
(4)	5	0	5
(5)	6	2	18
(6)	8	2	19

Border on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, fig. 1; medallion on 5th, fig. 6 (Taylor of Loughborough).

The old 5th was inscribed as indicated on the new (cf. Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 21,237), and its size and weight were the same. The new 5th was given by the Hon. G. H. Windsor-Clive, at a cost of £105.

The small bell or 'ting-tang' was originally employed temporarily during the restoration of the church and re-hanging of the bells in 1889-90; at the suggestion of the then deputy-clerk it was afterwards retained as a 'ting tang.'

16 May, 1553: 'BROMFILD iiij bellys.'

1752: '6 Bells.'

The Churchwardens' Accounts are preserved from 1660 to 1696. There are, however, no entries of special interest relating to the bells. The mention in 1662 of the 'fore-bell,' 'great bell,' and 'tenor' is only negative evidence for the number of the bells.

Henry Arthur Herbert, Esq. (see 3rd bell), afterwards became first Earl of Powis and Baron Herbert of Chirbury. He married Barbara, daughter of Lord Edward Herbert and niece of William, third and last Marquis of Powis. He succeeded to the estates of that nobleman in 1748, and became male heir of the Lords Herbert of Chirbury in 1738. He was created Lord Herbert of Chirbury 21 Dec., 1743, and Earl of Powis 27 May, 1748. He died in 1772, and the earldom became extinct in 1801. His daughter married Edward, 2nd Lord Clive, who was re-created Earl of Powis in 1804.

The Rev. F. Cornwall (see 4th bell) was Vicar for about 46 years. The inscription on his tomb is "Hic iacet Fredericus Cornwall per quadraginta sex annos vicarius indignus."

CUSTOMS :

On Sundays the tenor is tolled at 8 a.m. for ten minutes; bells generally chimed for services, but rung on great Festivals.

On New Year's Eve the Old Year is rung out and the New Year rung in.

Ring for Weddings by request, and sometimes on the birthday of the landlord (Lord Windsor).

The Passing Bell has never been rung except in special cases; on the day of a funeral the tenor bell is tolled for about half-an-hour before it takes place.

The Priest's Bell is rung for the last five minutes before services and always on Holy Days; as noted above, there was none before 1889

Many thanks to Rev Preb. Selwyn, Vicar, and to Rev. W. G. Clark-Maxwell for information and assistance.

CAYNHAM.

ST. MARY.

Three bells.

1.

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I	H	E	S	V	S
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B	E
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O	V	R	E
---	---	---	---

Below :—

1	6	0	6
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(25 in.

2. *On the waist* .—

1	6	4	0
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(27½ in.

3.

✠

G	O	D
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S	A	V	E
---	---	---	---

H	I	S
---	---	---

Below :—

1	6	0	6
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(30¼ in.

Letters on paterae. Tenor cracked and treble also slightly.
Frame work new; clappers tied.

Treble and tenor by Richard Oldfield (see under Munslow). The initial cross is Plate XIV., fig. 1. I think the 2nd, in spite of the later date, is also by this founder, who occasionally only put the date on his bells.

2 June [1549]: 'three bells of accord.'

16 May, 1553: 'CAYNH'M iij bellys.'

CLEE ST. MARGARET. ST. MARGARET. Two bells.

Both quite plain and devoid of inscription or marks; very small, and probably of local make. They were put up about 1871, when the church was restored; a new turret has been erected since my visit (1894).

2 June [1549]: 'ij bells of accord.'

15 May 1553: 'SENTE MARGRETT'S CLE. To bellys.'

1740: '2 Bells.'

COLD WESTON. ST. MARY. One bell.

A very small bell, devoid of inscription or marks, with hemispherical crown, narrow cylindrical waist, and very wide mouth. It is probably of great antiquity, one of the oldest bells, if not the oldest bell in the county, and goes back to the twelfth or, at any rate, thirteenth century. It hangs in a stone gable-cot at the west end of the church, which replaced a wooden one (also modern), in 1894.

16 May, 1553: 'COLLD WISTON bellys.' The paper is torn, but it is clear that there was at the time more than one bell.

The Vicar of Hopton Cangeford (with which this benefice is united) himself rings the bell for about 15 minutes before services. He never remembers its being tolled for a funeral or rung for a wedding, and has only had five weddings and six funerals in sixteen years.

CULMINGTON. ALL SAINTS. Three bells.

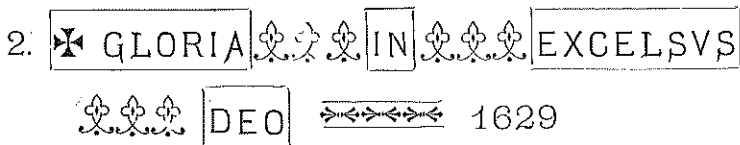
1. ✠ LAVDATE ↔↔↔ DOMINVM ↔↔↔ QVICQVID

↔↔↔ SPIRAT ↔↔↔ 1663

Below :—



(30½ in.



Below :—

T C

(33 in.



Above and below the inscription, separated by cable-mouldings, are arabesques, the lower border inverted.

On the waist, below the date, is a shield as on the treble. (35 in.

An interesting trio by Thomas Clibury; the initial cross on the second is smaller than the other two, and the lettering various in each case, being largest on the 2nd (Clibury's usual type, as at Eaton-under-Heywood, etc.), smallest on the 3rd (type as at Ditton Priors and Benthall). Words on *paterae* in all cases. The running border is Plate XIII., fig. 3; the other on the 2nd is Plate V., fig. 5. The trade-mark on the 1st and 3rd is Plate V., fig. 2; on the 2nd a simple shield with the letters T. C. The inscription on the 1st is a new departure for Clibury; I have only met with it at Hordley.

Bells in fair order.

15 May, 1553: 'CULMYNTON. iij bellys.'

1740: '3 Bells.'

CUSTOMS :—

On Sundays, 1st and 2nd rung for ten minutes, all three for eight minutes, and 1st for two minutes before services; also a bell rung at 8 a.m.

Tenor tolled for an hour before funerals.

Ringings occasionally for weddings; formerly for church festivals. A bell rung for Vestry Meetings.

Thanks to Rev. D. E. Holland, Rector.

In *Notes and Queries*, 3rd Ser., Vol. vi., p. 543, and again *ibid.*, 5th Ser., iv., p. 62, is given a set of Belfry Rules, of the same type as at Cardington and elsewhere, as being in Culmington church; at the end is the name John Burnell and the date 1663, the earliest as yet known for any of these rules. The same appears in *Salopian Shreds and Patches*, ii., p. 129. But there is no sign of their existence at the present day, and on enquiring of the Rector, he kindly informed me that not even the bell-ringer, who had known the belfry for many years, had ever heard of their existence. The problem awaits solution.

DIDDLEBURY.

ST. PETER.

Four bells.

1. ALL PRAYSE AND GLORY BE TO GOD FOR
EVER 1665 ❀❀❀❀❀❀

Below :—A band of arabesque.

(32½ in.

2. SOLI DEO GLORIA PAX HOMINIBVS
WILLIAM STEDMAN CORNELIVS BEN-
IONS 1665

*Below :—A band of arabesque**On the waist :—*

(34 in.

3. EDWARD BAXTER THOMAS BLVCK WAR-
DENS 1676

(37¼ in.

4. ❀ IOHN BAWDEWIN OF MIDDLEHOPE GENT :
EDWARDE PVLLY OF PEEDLE GENT CW
1670

(40½ in.

(For ornamentation, see below ; on the waist under the date is the trade-mark, Plate V., fig. 2).

The first three are by John Martin of Worcester, in his thin lettering ; his trade-mark, a shield as at Holgate (Plate XIV., fig. 5) occurs on the 2nd. The ornament after the date on the 1st is Plate VI., fig. 5, repeated ; the arabesque pattern is Plate XIII., fig. 4. The 3rd is a roughly-cast bell.

The tenor is a fine and beautifully-ornamented bell, resembling the tenor at Culmington. The ornaments are as follows :—(1) *Above the inscription :* (a) a band of arabesques (Plate XIV., fig. 6), with cable-moulding below ; (b) the running border, Plate XIII., fig. 3, as at Culmington, between cable-mouldings ; (2) *below the inscription,* (a) running border as above ; (b) arabesques as above, but *inverted*. Letters on separate paterae throughout. For the initial fleur-de-lys ornament (Plate XII., fig. 4) cf. Benthall.

Bells recently re-hung ; pits for two additional trebles ; side-cannons off and iron rings round the heads. Clock strikes on tenor.

2 June [1549] : DYDDULBURY . . . (entry torn away).

15 May, 1583 : DYDYLBERE. [Agreement to keep] "unsould, unstollen, and unbelusyd iij bellys . . . now in the p'ych and stepull."

1740 : 4 Bells.

The inscriptions are given in Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 21,237 and *Salopian Shreds and Patches*, vii.

John Bawdewin (or Baldwin), whose name is on the 4th bell, was one of a well-known family, resident in Diddlebury from a very remote period. The pedigree is given in the Harleian Society's *Visitation of Shropshire* (p. i., 22), but without dates it is not easy to disentangle this particular John. The estates were sold subsequently to F. Cornewall, Esq., father of the Bishop of Worcester, and the family is now represented by that of Baldwin-Childe of Kinlet and Kyre. See Burke's *Commoners of Great Britain*, iii., p. 196, and *Miscell. Geneal.*, 2nd Ser., iii., p. 138.

HEATH.

One bell.

A very small bell of rustic make, quite plain, without band for inscription, boxed up in a wooden casing under the west gable. It is inaccessible from inside, and can only be seen from the outside through wire netting; fortunately a closer inspection is not necessary. The bell is probably not (though it might have been expected to be) of very great antiquity.

Best thanks to Mr. Weaver, parish clerk.

HOPE BAGOTT. ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Two bells.

1. J: TAYLOR & CO. LOUGHBOROUGH 1881:

2. J: TAYLOR & CO. LOUGHBOROUGH.

Both very small; about 16in—18in. diameter; hung high up in tower, and difficult of access, with rotten ladder.



2 June [1549]: 'HOPE BAGARD. two bells of accord.'

16 May, 1553: 'HOPE BAGGORE. to bellys.'

1740: '2 Bells.'

HOPTON CANGEFORD.

Three bells.

1. PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD  A  R
1738 (24 in.)

2. PROSPERITY TO OVR BENEFACITOR 
A  R 1738  (25 in.)

3. GOD SAVE THE KING A  R 1738  (27 in.)

All by Abraham Rudhall; smallest type on 1st; 2nd a long-waisted square-shouldered bell. Borders: on 1st, fig. 2; on 2nd and 3rd, fig. 1. The ring is probably coincident with the rebuilding of the church.

No Edwardian Inventories.

1740: '2 Bells' (obviously an error).

CUSTOMS:—

The bells are chimed before services and sometimes after weddings; tolling for funerals. This is done by the sub-Clerk, the clerk being Sir C. H. Rouse Boughton, Bt.

Many thanks to Rev. J. Downes Scott, Vicar.

KNOWBURY.

ST. PAUL.

One bell.

A steel bell, devoid of any inscription, but with double bands of moulding all the way down. The surface is corroded as if from exposure to the air, and much rusted, but the tone of the bell is good. It is presumably contemporary with the church, which was erected in 1839, and probably by some local craftsman; the diameter is 31 in.




The parish was formed in 1839-40 out of Bitterley and Caynham.

LUDFORD.

ST. GILES.

One bell.

1. THOMAS COLRICK CHVRCHWARDEN 1718

 A: R  

(27 in.)


By Abraham Rudhall; used for clock; frame, etc., in good order.

Until the Local Government Act of 1894 this parish was in Herefordshire; but it now forms part of Salop.

LUDLOW.

ST. LAURENCE.

8 + 1 bells.

1. RICH^D PERKS GENT TOWN CLERK A  R

Below:



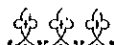
RECAST 1890

(31¼ in.)

2. ABR. RVDHALL OF GLOCESTER CAST VS
ALL I: H 1732    (32½ in.)

3. ROGER PHILLIPS & W^M: BRIGHT CHVRCH-
WARDENS 1732   (continued) (35 in.)

4. PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWN & ALL OVR
BENEFACTORS A  R 1732    



(37½ in.)

5 PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWN AND PARISH






A  R 1732 






(continued) (39 in.

6. PROSPERITY TO THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND











A  R 1732 






(continued) (42½ in.

7. SOMERSETT JONES ESQ^R CÆSAR
HAWKINS GENT BAYLIFFS 1732






(continued) (47½ in.

8. THE REV^D RICH^D BAUGH RECTOR 













T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. 



Below: — M^R. JOHN SMITH & M^R. JOHN SMITH

CHURCH WARDENS 1823 








(continuous)

MAY ALL WHOM I SHALL SUMMON TO THE GRAVE

THE BLESSING OF A WELL SPENT LIFE RECEIVE
 (53 in.
 18¼ in.

S. 1824

On the waist of the treble, Taylor of Loughborough's medallion (fig. 6); inscription repeated from old bell in a rough imitation of Rudhall's lettering. Borders on 2nd and 3rd, fig. 1; on 4th, 5th, and 6th, fig. 5. Lettering on 7th in Rudhall's largest type (except the date). The treble and 2nd have angular cannons; the rest have been knocked off, in accordance with Messrs. Taylor's usual custom. The whole ring was re-hung by them in 1890;¹ the new frames are partly of iron, and the cannons have been re-placed by wrought iron bolts, making a difference of about 4 cwt. in the weight of the ring. The total weight of the frame is 7½ tons. The small bell, which is by Thomas Mears, is hung in a frame above the second and third, with wheel. Its predecessor was cast in 1700 (see Churchwardens' Accounts for that year).

The weights of the present ring are given as follows by Messrs. Taylor:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
(1)	7	: 0	: 4	(5)	10	: 2	: 5
(2)	7	: 1	: 0	(6)	13	: 3	: 14
(3)	8	: 0	: 7	(7)	17	: 3	: 5
(4)	9	: 1	: 7	(8)	22	: 3	: 0

¹ In *Salopian Shreds and Patches*, ix., p. 115 (21 Dec., 1887) will be found Messrs Taylor's report on these bells and estimate for the necessary repairs.

Total, 4 tons 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. The note of the tenor is D.

It will be seen by a reference to the Churchwardens' Accounts that this varies from the weights given in 1732. On one of the peal-boards the weight of the tenor is given as 25 cwt., which approximates nearer to the original of 1732.

The inscription on the old tenor is recorded by Mr Edmund Jones as :—

CHARLES FENTON RECTOR ABEL KETTLEBY
ESQ RECORDER A  R 1732.

The two churchwardens whose names appear on the 3rd bell were both elected by the parish after a contest in 1731.

The inscriptions on the bells are given in *Salopian Shreds and Patches*, iii., p. 125.

A local distich relating to the bells is given in *Shropshire Folk-Lore* (p. 605) as follows :—

“ How dare you do so ?
Say the bells of Ludlow,

of which Mr. Hare's version ‘ How dare you say so ’ (p. 181) is probably an inaccurate copy. The answer is given by Leintwardine bells :—

“ Because I've a mind,
Say the bells of Leintwardine.”

Mr. Edmund Jones kindly communicates the following notes :—

Somerset Jones and Caesar Hawkins (see 7th bell) held the offices of High and Low Bailiff, and were the chiefs of the old unreformed Corporation. Down to the passing of the Municipal Reform Act the civic authorities exercised control over the fabric of the parish church, and the High Bailiff was frequently Chairman at a Vestry Meeting.

The Rev. Richard Baugh (see 8th bell) was Rector of Ludlow from 1803 to 1837, and in the latter year died by his own hand in the Rectory. Baugh was an old Ludlow name, now extinct.

The following history of the Ludlow church bells is compiled partly from the Churchwardens' Accounts, extracts from which are given in full below, and partly from other records collected by Mr. Edmund Jones in his account of the Church (Woolley : Ludlow).¹

The earliest record is contained in the will of one Richard Dylowe, dated 12 August, 1453, who bequeaths to the building of the bell-tower ten marks sterling. The extracts from the accounts of 1471 seem to show that some recasting was done in that year, but we cannot be certain of the number of bells previous to Edward VI.'s reign. In the accounts between 1540 and 1553 we

¹ I am much indebted to Mr. Jones for the loan of a copy of this work and other assistance.

find mention of repairs to the 'ffirst belle,' 'the secounde belle,' 'the thrilde belle,' 'the secounde tenor,' 'the grett belle,' 'the fore belle,' 'our Ladye belle,' 'the fyrst mase belle,' and 'the sacrynge belle.' Several of these terms are, no doubt, interchangeable, but it is clear that there were at least five, although the Inventory of 2 June [1553] gives five, and that of 16 May, 1553, six. No doubt the 'first mass bell' and the 'sacrynge bell' were small ones, disposed of at the time of the Reformation. An entry for 1628-29 speaks of 'the whole 5 bells.'

The Inventories are as follows:—

16 May, 1553: 'vj bellys.'

2 June [1553]: 'St. LAWRENCE IN LUDLOWE fyve bells of oon' accord oon bell called the comon bell.'

The first entry for recasting is in 1589; but no mention is made either of the founder's name or of the number of the bell recast. The item 'for Ale at the casting' seems to imply that the work was done on the spot, as in the succeeding instances. In 1609 there is a long and instructive account of the recasting of another bell, but again the founder's name does not appear. In 1624 two bells were found to be 'decayed,' and a founder named Oldfield (see above under Munslow, p. 15) came to inspect them.¹ They were recast on the spot (Oldfield being an itinerant), a house being hired for the purpose. The entries relating to this event are very full and illuminating. In 1632 two more bells required recasting, and were first inspected by 'one Hancoxe² a bell founder,' but his tender was not accepted, and Oldfield was again called in to undertake the work, for which he received the sum of £25. In 1638 John Finch of Hereford³ recast a broken bell and made a new frame, at a cost of £47 10s. od. (This was evidently a bell of considerable size). In 1640, Oldfield (whose Christian name is here given as Richard) recast the third bell for £13 15s. (including additional metal), and in 1648 a founder otherwise unknown, Edward Abell, did some work in the way of rehanging, etc.

In 1666 one of the bells was sent to Worcester to be recast by John Martin (whose name, however, is not mentioned); it was taken overland to Bewdley, and thence by water, and the casting cost £19. In 1688 recourse was again had to a Worcester founder, when it was decided at a Vestry meeting to increase the ring from six to eight, money having been contributed for the purpose. The founder on this occasion was William Huntbatch, John Martin's successor; but the bells proved a failure, and were taken down in 1694 and returned to Huntbatch. It is not actually stated that they were replaced by two others, but it is clear that there were

¹ There is also an item for charges due to John Greene (a Worcester man), whose tender, presumably, was not accepted.

² Thomas Hancox of Walsall. His bells have not been as yet found in Shropshire.

³ See under Greete in Vol. II., p. 217.

eight in 1731, in which year the re-casting of the whole ring was taken into consideration. The small or priest's bell was cast in 1700 and recast in 1824.

In 1684 Thomas Dingley, who accompanied the Duke of Beaufort through Wales, and has left a record of his tour, visited the tower of Ludlow church and has left the following interesting note:—

"The Steeple hath six tuneable bells, the tenour whereof hath this circumscripcon:—

✠ "If Thou Thyself Wilt Look For Grace
When Death Shall Come to Fetch Thy Soule
Then pray for others in like case
When thou shalt hear my dolefull Toule.

Thomas Colebatch¹—Adam Acton Edward Powis Baylifes

Edward Berry Thos Jones Wardens.

A Dom. MDCXXXI. 2412 lbs."

This was, presumably, one of the two cast by Richard Oldfield in 1631.

The history of the re-casting of the whole ring by Rudhall in 1732 is so plainly told in the Accounts given below that it is not necessary to re-capitulate it here. The ring remains as it was with two exceptions, the re-casting of the tenor in 1823 and of the treble in 1890.

A description of Ludlow Church in 1746 states that "the townsmen are much celebrated for ringing the grandsire triples upon the eight very tuneable bells." Browne Willis' list of 1752 gives correctly '8 Bells.'

After the restoration of the church in 1860 fears were entertained of the stability of the tower, and ringing was suspended, but revived for the marriage of the Prince of Wales in 1863 and continued down to 1884. After Mr. Blomfield's report it was again suspended until the repairs were taken in hand by Messrs. Taylor in 1890. Everything is now in excellent order, the ceiling of the ringing-chamber having been raised five feet and the bell-frame supported on five massive oak beams with two iron girders in addition. The work done by Messrs. Taylor includes, in addition to the re-casting of the treble, the following items:—New wrought iron clappers of improved design, striking on fresh places. New wheels and stocks with improved gudgeons, working on gun-metal bearings fixed in iron pedestals, etc. New massive frame-work of English oak, varying from 5 × 9 in. to 10 × 12 in., with heavy cast-iron diagonal braces. A chiming apparatus for use at services.

The clock (by Knight of Birmingham, 1843), strikes the Cambridge and Westminster quarters on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th bells, the latter having duplicate hammers.

¹ He was Rector at the time.

The old chimes were put up at the expense of the parish in 1795, and played the following tunes :—

- Sunday : 104th Psalm (Hanover).
- Monday : See the Conquering Hero Comes.
- Tuesday : Highland Laddie.
- Wednesday : 113th Psalm.
- Thursday : Rule Britannia.
- Friday : March in Scipio (Handel).
- Saturday : Britons, Strike Home.

In 1808 they were repaired and the 'Blue Bells of Scotland' introduced on Friday, for which subsequently 'Life let us Cherish' was substituted. This arrangement lasted till 1883, when 'The Blue Bells' was restored, but on Tuesdays, and 'My Lodging is on the Cold Ground' took the place of 'Rule Britannia.' Finally, 'Home, Sweet Home' took the place of the tune for Saturday. The list is therefore now as follows :—

- Sunday : Old 104th (Hanover).
- Monday : See the Conquering Hero Comes.
- Tuesday : Blue Bells of Scotland.
- Wednesday : Old 113th.
- Thursday : My lodging is on the Cold ground.
- Friday : Life let us Cherish.
- Saturday : Home, Sweet Home.

The old mechanism was found to be worn out at the time the tower was restored, and was replaced by new carillon chimes by Leeson of Colehill, near Birmingham. The chimes play at 4, 8, and 12 day and night, the barrels being changed weekly.

CUSTOMS¹ :—

On Sundays the bells are chimed for 15 minutes before the 8, 3 and 6 30 services, the tenor being tolled for the next 7½ minutes, followed by the little bell for the remainder of the half-hour. They are rung for an hour before the eleven o'clock service.

The four top bells are chimed for daily services, and the little bell is used for the last 7½ minutes before all services.

At Christmas and Easter, on New Year's Eve and on the birthday of the Sovereign the bells are rung, also for the election of the Mayor (November 9th) ; ringing for weddings and muffled peals by desire.

Bell tolled at funerals, for 'betterer people' as the sexton puts it, at intervals of a minute ; for a poorer person, I suppose, at longer intervals.

The knell bell has been discontinued, and the Pancake bell was formerly rung from 12 to 1 on Shrove Tuesday.

A bell is rung daily at 5 45 a.m. in summer and 6 45 a.m. in winter, and the Curfew at 8 p.m. from Michaelmas

¹ For information as to these I am indebted partly to the Sexton, partly to the Rector, Rev. Preb. Clayton.

to Candlemas, preceded by four strokes for the four Aldermen, and twelve more for the Town Council ; day of month afterwards.

The morning bell was first started in 1717, as is evident from the Vestry Minute given below.

A bell is rung for 15 minutes before Vestry Meetings.

Mr. Edmund Jones mentions another old custom which lasted till within living memory, viz., the ringing of the sixth bell on a certain number of Saturday afternoons at Easter, in connection with the levying of tithes in kind. This bell was popularly known as the "parson's cow." After the passing of the Tithe Commutation Act this was discontinued. He also notes that the sixth bell was rung as a Pancake Bell at mid-day on Shrove Tuesday, up to 1860.

To quote again from Mr. Jones : " Though scientific ringing is a lost art in Ludlow, and we no longer have a band of men skilled in the mysteries of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major, there is some hope of a revival in this direction among the newly formed Guild of Ringers, which may eventually place us in a position to compare favourably with the palmy days of a century-and-a-half ago, when peals were rung at every possible opportunity. The skilful performance of a band of ringers selected from the Hereford Diocesan Guild—at the re-opening services, August 6th, 1891, when touches of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung during the day—has no doubt given a healthy stimulus to our local ringers ; and a further illustration of the exquisite music obtainable from the bells of St. Laurence was afforded by members of the same Guild, on November 21st, 1891, when a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original—was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min., under the Conductorship of Mr. W. H. Fussell, Diocesan Instructor."

These lines were written, I believe, about 1892, and since then ringing has made a steady advance in Ludlow, as a visit to the belfry will show. Two peal-boards of 1899 and one of 1901 may be seen there, together with portraits of the present band of ringers, under the skilful leadership of Mr. Robert Marston. The peals alluded to were Grandsire Triples of 5,040 changes, conducted by Mr. James E. Groves, the times being as follows :—

10 Jan., 1899.	3 hrs. 2 min.
9 Nov., 1899.	3 hrs. 11 min.
31 Dec., 1901.	3 hrs. 8 min.

Extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts of the Town of Ludlow.

These accounts which are remarkably complete, extend from about 1450 to 1472, and then from 1540 onwards to the

present time. They have been transcribed by Mr. T. Wright (Camden Soc., Vol. cii., 1869) and by Mr. Ll. Jones in the *Transactions* (1889-1893), from which sources these extracts are taken.

1471-72.	It' paied to Nyghtingale for takyng down y ^e belle & to have him up ayen ...	ijs.	viijd.
	It' paied to y ^e same for makyng of the belle whele ...		xjd.
	It' paied to the Brasyer for mendyng of the Belle ...	vijs.	viijd.
	It' paied for mendyng of the Clokke ...		ixd.
	It' paied to Jariche for cariag' of Stone & the Belle ...		iiijd.
	It' in exp' upon laborers aboute the belle		ijd.
	It' in flessch & Chise for the same ...		xviijd.
	It' in metall ...		xld.
	It' paied to the Brasier ...		xvjd.
	It' paied to Nyghtingale for takyng doWn the greet belle..		ixd.
	It' paied to hue lokier for makyng of the claper ...	ijs.	iiijd.
	It' paied to John lokier for his labour at y ^e Castyng of y ^e belle ...		
1540.	Item, payd to Moris Goodknappe for mendynge of a baudrycke ¹ ...		jd
	Item, payd to William Poues, barber, for a rope for our Ladye belle at xvj fedome ² ...		xijd.
	Item, bought a smalle roope at xxiiij ^d fedom for the fyrst mase belle ...		iiijd.
	Item, bought a roope for the cheymys at xxx fedome prys ...		xvjd.
	Item, payd to Lokear the smythe for reparacions of the chymes ...	xiiijs.	iiijd.
	Item, payd for lecer ³ to lecur them withe		ijd.
1541.	Item, payd for a corde to the sacrynge belle ...		iiijd.
	Item, payde for ij handelles ⁴ for the belles to Seasson ...		ijd.
	Item, payde to Seasson for mendynge the whele of y ^e secounde tenor ...		ijd.

¹ A broad strap of hide linking the rectangular loop at the top of the clapper to the crown-staple of the bell. They were re-placed by iron links in the seventeenth century. See Cocks, *Church Bells of Bucks*, p. xxxi.

² Fathoms

³ Liquor, i.e., oil.

⁴ I.e., at the ends of the ropes, to give the ringers a hold.

² Half a pound (*dimidium libræ*).

	Item, payde for mendynge of the thride belle rope	iijd.
	Item to Philip Jookes for settinge in a claper in the fyrst mase belle ...	xvjd.
	Item, for a corde to the first mas belle	iiijd.
	Item, to John Ruselle for ij stapulles to the mase belle	ijjd.
	Item, to Thomas Season pychynge and mendynge of the first belle and the thyrde belle	viijd.
1544.	Item, to John Season for a belle-rope for the first belle	ijs.
	Item, for the same belle a bawrycke ...	vijd.
	Item, a corde to the first mas belle ...	jd.
	Item, payde for pessynge of a belle rope	ijjd.
	Item, for pesynge of the whele of the seconde tenor.	xd.
	Item, for a bawdrike to the seconde tenor	vijd.
	Item, for mendyng the while of the secounde tenor	iiijd.
	Item, for a yende of rope to the secounde belle	iiijd.
	Item, to Yowan Troyte for a belle-rope	xijd.
	Item, a belle-rope to the fyrst belle ...	ijs.
1545.	Item for a bawdrik to the first belle clapur	iijd.
	Item for a bawdrek to the secounde tenor	xd.
	Item, payd for a while ¹ to the secounde tenor	xxd.
	Item, for settinge up of the while	xiijd.
	Item, for mendynge the secounde belle-rope	ijjd.
	Item, payde for iiij belropes	vs
	Item, for mendynge of the belle-rope to John Taylor	ijjd.
	Item, for mendynge of our Lady belrope and the loker... ..	iijd.
	Item payde for a while to the first belle my parte	xxd.
	Item, for mendynge of the stocke of the first belle and for nayles... ..	viijd.
	Item, payde for the mendynge of the first and secounde belropes	iiijd.
1546.	Item, payde to Hew Watson, for a bawdrike to the first belle	xd.

¹ Wheel. Spelled "wayle" lower down.

Item, for mendynge of our lady belle whele	iiijd.
Item, for iiij lokers to the belles ...	viijd.
Item, payde for a handel to the for belle ¹	ijd.
Item, for shotynge and pychynge the seconde tenour rope	iiijd.
Item, payde for mendynge of the bells and ropes ryngynge at Kynges Harry dirge ²	iiijd.
Item, for a loker, and pesynge of the for belle rope	iiijd.
Item, for mendynge the secounde tenor while	ijd.
Item, payde to William Gers and his man for a day and a half for hangynge the belles whiche were out of the stocke	xviijd.
Item, for stele to a hammer, and a sprynge to the chymes	ijd.
Item, payde for a rope to the secounde tenor	xiiijd.
Item, to Thomas Season for a dais worke of the belle whiles	vjd.
Item, payde for a rope to the f. st belle	xiiijd.
Item, payde for a rope to the secounde belle	xiiijd.
Item, for a rope to the first mas belle...	vjd.
Item, to Hew Watson for mendynge of the bawdrike to our Lady belle ...	ijd.
Item, payde for mendyne of a wayle to the first mas belle	ijd.
Item, for mendynge the for belle whele	iiijd.
1547. Item, to Thomas Season for makynge a new claper and mendynge the olde claper	vjd.
Item, payde for mendynge the chymes at ij tymes, and wyer for the same, and the sprynge of them another tyme, and a bawdryck	iijs. vd.
Item, payde to Thomas Season and John Tayler for shuttynge ³ the belle ropes at dyvers tymes, and pycchinge them with pyche and talow	iijs. vd.ob.
Item, to Richarde Kerver for mendynge the belle while	iiijd.
Item, payde to William Geyres for mendynge the stocke of the belle ...	vjd.

¹ Fore bell, *i.e.*, the treble.² 28 Jan., 1547. ³ Shottynge=splicing.

	Item, for mendynge the handylles of the belles at tymes	vijjd.
	Item, payde for ij belle ropes	xxd.
1548.	Item, to Thomas Season for shottynge the belle rope ij tymes	iiijd.
	Item to the sayde Thomas for the while of the first belle	xvjd.
	Item for a roppe to our Lady belle and a register to the Bible	xvd.
	Item, for nayles to mend the while of the first belle	ijd.
	Item, to the decons for rynginge day belle after Easter at Mr. baylifes commaundment	xijd.
1549.	Item for a bawdrike to the secounde tenor	xijd.
	Item for a new belrope to the same belle	xijd.
	Item to Thomas Season for mendynge of the belle rope and settinge up of them at dyvers tymes	ijs. ijd.
	Item, for a belrope for the secounde belle	xxijd.
	Item, for a belrope for the first belle ...	xiiijd.
	Item, paide for makynge a hand to our lady belrope	iiijd.
	Item, for shottynge of the seconde tenor clapper	iiijd.
1550.	Item for ij belropes, the one to the first belle and the other to the secounde belle	vs. ijd.
	Item, to Thomys Season, for shotynge of thre belropes	vjd.
	Item. for makynge of the clapper to the fore belle ij tymes	xxijd.
	Item, to Thomas Season, for keyping the cloke and chymes, belwhiles, belropes, and baudrikes, by the yere	vjs. viijd.
	Item, to William Powis, for the first masse belrope	vijd.
	Item, to Richard Crosse for xixli. of yren to mend the yelde ¹ bell clapper	ijs. iiijd.ob.
	Item, to the sayd Richard for mendynge of the said clapper	ijs. viijd.
	Item, for lether to make a new bawdrike to the fore belle	viijd.
	Item for vijli. of iron to the clapper of the for belle	xd.ob.
1551.	Item paid to the dekyns for rynginge of day belle	xijd.

¹ Guild.

	Item, for pesynge of the for belle clapper to Richard Crosse		xijd.
	Item, paid for a rope to our Lady belle	ijs.	iiijd.
1552.	Item, to Thomas Season, for mendynge the secounde belle whele and for makynge of a hand		viijd.
	Item, paid for iij belropes	iijs.	xjd.
	Item, for mendynge the for belle whele		ijd.
	Item, paid to Thomas Rushbery for settinge the chymes	vijs.	
	Item, to the sayd Thomas for rynginge day belle		xijd.
1553.	Item, for the makynge of v. bawdrekes to the belles, and stuff to ytt.. ..	xs.	ijd.
	Item, to Rushbury for ryngynge of day belle		xijd.
	Item, paid to Richard Kerver, for iij bellropes and di. and for the crosse staffe	viijs.	
	Payd to Richard Crose for mendynge the clapper of the grett belle ...	vs.	
1554.	Item, for hangynge of the sauntes belle, and for the corde		ijd.
	Item, paid for a rope to the gild belle...		xxd.
	Item, for makynge the iee ¹ of the clapper		xiiijd.
	Item, for sawynge the tymber that went to the while of the belle		ijd.
	Item, paid for the reparacions of the belles, and for a new while, and for hangynge of the secounde belle at the same tyme, to Thomas Season for v. days worke	iijs.	iiijd.
	Item, for the shutynge of the gild belle rope		iiijd.
	Item, paid for the cochynge ² of the belle, and for iron that went to the while ...		xiiijd.
	Item, paid for bordes to the belle while		xijd.
	Item, for shottynge of iij ropes when the ronge bishop Samson ³ in		vjd.
	Item, for mendynge of iij ropes when we dyd rynge at the mariage of the Kynge ⁴		vjd.
1555.	To Rushebery to rynge courfer ijli. Candelles		vd.

¹ Eye, sc., for the insertion of the bauldrick.² Gudgeon?³ R. Sampson, Bp. of Lichfield.⁴ 25 July, 1554. Another hand has written over 'Ph,' i.e., Philippus.

Paid for removinge the clocke to the secound tenor, and mendynge the whelle of the clocke	ijs.	
Paid for fastenyng our Lady belle and the new belle in ther Stockes		
... .. And half a roope for the new belle	ijs.	iiijd.
Paid for mendynge claper of our Lady belle, and the claper of the thrid belle, and the claper of the yeld belle	iijs.	iiijd.
For mendynge gugyne ¹ and settynge upright the secound belle		xijd.
For a new bawdricke for our Lady belle		xviijd.
To James Wylles to ryng day belle, a pound candels		ijd ob.
Money more to hym to bye candles to ryng		jd.
Paid for iij half ropes at saynt Laurence fayer for the belles	vjs.	viijd.
Paid to Thomas a Crew for ij bawdrykss for the great belle and mendynge of an old bawdryke	ijs.	viijd.
Paid for candles delyvered to James Wyles to ryng day belle		jd.
Paid for candles for Lygan at the stok- ynge [?] of the belle		jd.
1556. In primis delyvered to James Wylles jli. of candles, to ryng day belle withe Item, delyvered to Rushberi j li. of candles to ryng curfur with... ..		ijd.ob.
Paid to Rychard Swanse, for a rope to the fyrst mas belle		ijd.ob.
Paid to Thomas Season and to John Blont and hys man for a dayes worke and dim. in the hangynge of ij belles in the steple		xviijd.
Paid to Crosse for the mendynge of a gogyng to the fore belle	iijs.	iiijd.
Paid to Rychard Swanse for ij ropes, one for the fore belle, and the other for the secound belle... ..		iiijd.
Paid to Crosse for iij plates to the fore belle	iijs.	xd.
Paid to Phelyp tynker for the mendynge of the corps belle		ijd.
Paid to Rushbery towards a breckfast for the ryngers of day belle		xijd.

¹ Gudgeons. See *Transactions*, 3rd Ser., Vol. ii., p. 181.

Paid to Crosse for makynge a staple to the thyrdre belle	iijd.
Paid to Crosse for the makynge of a bokle to the balryke of the secounde belle	ijd.
Paid to Thomas Season for a loker to the great belle and for shuttynge the rope of the secounde belle	iiijd.
Paid to the sayd Thomas for a borde that mendyde the wheles of our Lady belle and the secounde tenor... ijs.	
[Several of the above items frequently repeated]	
1557. Item to Stephen Knyght for a longe stalke of iron of iij fote to amende one of the hammers of the chymes and makynge a clyp of iron to blase the sacringe belle of a fote and a half longe and a pyne of iron of a fote longe for the chymes and iij gret nayles for the same belle and amendynge the same	xviijd.
Item to Thomas a Crew for a bald rope (<i>sic</i>) for the secounde belle	xxd.
Item to Thomas Season for hanginge up the sacringe belle and puttynge the same into the olde stocke	vjd.
Item for a rope for the chymes of xl ffeadome and another rope for the same use of xv ffeadome	viijs. ixd.
Item for the cariage of the same from Worceter to this towne	xijd.
Item to Stephen Knyght for mendynge the goodgyn of the secounde belle...	ijd.
Item, to Thomas Season, Rushburie, and Humfry Season, for ther labors in remueinge the saide belle, and amendynge the brasse about bothe goodgynes	vjd.
Item, to Rushburie for makynge a brek-faste to those that ryng day belle in the Easter weke	xijd.
Item, to Thomas a Crew for mendynge the baldrop of the secounde belle ..	iiijd.
Item to (Thomas Season) for knyttinge iij belle ropes	ijd
Item to John Rawlyns for mendynge the baldrope of the Lady belle	viijd.
Item, to Stephen Knyght for makynge a new bald ropez buccle for thesayd belle	ijd.

	Item, to hym for makynge the brastes ¹ and other iron worke for the great belle, and for xxxj nayles for the same	iijs.	
	Item for swaile for a saunce belle ... [Other unimportant entries]		ijd.
1558.	Paid for nayles and ij pices yeorne for the secounde belle		vijjd.
	[No other entries of special interest]		
1559.	Payd James Willes for bawdrickes to rynge day belles from the xvij day of November tylle Candlemas		iiijd.
	Payd the xv. day of December, for a li. of candles to ryng curfur		ijd.ob jd.
	Payd for lycor to lycor the chymes ... Payd for a rope to pysse the lyttelle belle rope		ob.
	Payd the xxx. day for a li. of candles to ryng curfur		ijd.ob.
	Payd the last day of December for mendinge of the bawdryke of the secound tenor		xijd.
	Payd the iij day of January for mend- ynge of the bawdryke of our Lady belle		vijjd.
	Payd Thomas Season for hangynge up of the sacrynge belle in the hie chauncelle, etc.		ijd.
	Payd Rushbery for a breakefast to the ryngers apon blacke Monday ² ...		xijd.
	[Other entries for ropes and mending baldricks]		
	Payd the v day of June for settinge up a while to the secounde tenor and for nayles		ijd.ob.
	Payd Stephen Knyght for brassynge of the grette belle		vijjd.
1560.	Delivered Rushberie at sundry tymes to ryng curfur vj. pound of candles ...		xxjd.
	Paid William Marten for on dayes worke and a half for hym and ij men, upon the belstokes and whyles of the secounde tenor and our Lady belle ...	iijs.	vd.
Dec.	Item, the 1 day [<i>i.e.</i> , 1 Dec., 1560] to		
1560.	James Willes for candles to ringe the day belle unto Candlmas		vjd.
	Item, the 9 day, a belle rope for the yelde belle	ijs.	vijjd.ob.

¹ Braces?² *I.e.*, Easter Monday so called in memory of the severe weather on April 14, 1360.

Jan.	Item the v. day, for whipping the		
1561.	seconde belle rope	ijd.	
	[Entries of candles supplied to Rushbury for ringing curfew.]		
June	Item the xx day for a belle rope for the		
	seconde tenor	xxijd.	
	Item the [27 day] paid for ij ropes to		
	hange the lesser peise ¹ of the clocke		
	Item, paid John Blunt, his prentice,		
	and a laborer, workeinge about the		
	yelde belle and the steple	vs.	xd
Aug	Item paid Crosse the x. day for a quarter		
	and iiij li. of iron, and workeinge the		
	same, withe the rest of iron worke		
	mendinge belonging to the yelde belle	vijs.	
Sept.	Item the xxv. for mendinge the bawd-		
	rickes of ij belles	xd.	
	Item to the decon for shotinge a belle		
	rope	ijd.	
Dec.	Item delivered the deacon on saynt		
	Stevens day a rope for secounde belle	ijs.	iiijd.
March	Item paid to John Blunt for workeinge		
1562.	about the belles the xxij day of		
	Marche	iiijs.	viiijd.
	Item paid that tyme to Rycharde Crosse		
	for makinge sterapes, ² brases, ³ and		
	nayles, and for shuttynge the claper		
	of the seconde belle	ijs.	viiijd.
April	Item paid to Raffe the carpenter for		
	hanginge and mendinge the seconde		
	belle the xxvj day of Aprelle	xijd.	
	Item payd to Steven Knyght for ij peces		
	of iron that wer occupiede about the		
	seyde belle that tyme... ..	ijd.	
	Item paid to Richarde Swanson for		
	naylles that were occupiede about the		
	belles the xx th of marche	iiijd.	
	Item for thele ⁴ to mende the churche		
	dore and a klyfft ⁵ to make steyes for		
	the belle whelles the xxij of Marche		
	Item delivered to the deacon the xix		
	day of August a rope for the secounde		
	belle	ijs.	viiijd.
	Item paid the xx day of October for ij		
	large bellropes	xiijs.	

¹ Weight.² See *Transactions*, 3rd Ser., ii., p. 181.³ *Ibid.*, p. 180.⁴ Boards or joists.⁵ *I.e.*, a piece of timber. Etymologically connected with "cleave."

	Item paid to Thomas a Crue for mendinge the bawdrickes of ij belles ...	iiijd.
	Item paid the deacon that day [7 Nov.] for pesynge of belle ropes ...	viijd.
	Item paid Steven Knyght for ij hokes for the belle ropes ...	ijd.
1563.	Paid the deacon the xij of May for the ringers brekefast ...	xijd.
	Paid unto Jordeyn and Thomas Turner and ij laborers for the brasinge of ij belles ...	iijs. viijd.
	Paid Richarde Crosse for nayles and other nassarie thinges for the same belles ...	ijs. xd.
[Also the usual items for bell-ropes, mending baldricks, etc.]		
1564.	Item paid to Stephen Knyght for mendynge the fore belle clapper before Christmas last ..	xvjd.
	Item paid to Thomas Acrue for mendinge of the bawdricke to the belles against Christmas ...	iijs. viijd.
	Item paid to Rooe for takinge downe of the belle ...	viijd.
	Item paid ale and bere to Iohn Rogers for them that toke downe the belle ...	xijd.
1566.	Item to John Blunt and his man for ij dayes worke on the great belle ...	ijs. xd.
	Item to Thomas Season for ij daies worke on the same belle ...	xxd.
	Item to William Hardinge for helpinge about the grett belle and the hevinge up of the pese ¹ ...	viijd.
	Item to Stephen Knyght for nayles and mendinge the buckelles to the great belle ...	xviijd.
	Item for ij new belle ropes to the geret belle and the secounde tenor ...	xs. vjd.
	Item to Thomas Bedow for a pece of tymber to make ij stockes to the belle ...	iijs. viijd.
	Item for a belle to James Willes (?) ...	ijd.
1567.	Item paid for one gable rope for the chymes and one rope for the mornynge prayer belle ...	viijs. viijd.
	Item paid Thomas a Crue for one bauld rope (sic) ...	xxd.

¹ Heaving up of the piece.

Item paid John Rawlyns, sadler, for the mendinge of ii bauld ropes	viijd.
Item to [Richard Cross] for one clasp of yron more for the whele of the belle	vjd.
Item paid to Steven Knyght for the mendinge of the greate belle clapper at ii severalle tymes	vjs.
Item paid unto Stephen for xvj nayles and for settinge on a claspe on the stocke of the belle	vjd.
1568. Item paid for clote neales ¹ to neale a plate of yron of one of the belle whilles... ..	jd.
Item paid to Thomas Season for tornynge of the clocke on the secounde tenor	xijd.
Item paid to Thomas Crue for the lynings of bawdrickes	viijd.
Item paid to John Blunt and his man for hanginge the secounde tenor ...	
Item paid to Richarde Crosse for makinge ij peare of buckels for the secounde tenor and for makinge nayles to neale the same buckles ...	xixd.
Item paid for ale into the stiple at the takinge downe of the belle	xvjd.
Item for packethirde ² and whipcorde ...	iijd.
Item to William, torner, for turnynge of the powleys	ijd.
Item for lycar for the same powleys ³ ...	iiijd.
Item paid to Humfry Season for one dayes worke at the takynge down of the belle	viijd.
Item paid to Richarde Season for one dayes worke at the takinge downe of the belle	vjd.
Item paid to John Blunt for ij dayes worke for stockinge and hanginge of the belle	ijs.
Item paid to Thomas Season for ij dayes at the hanginge up of the belle	ijs.
Item paid to Frances the belle fonder for hanginge up of the bell	iijs.
Item paid for a rope for the fore belle	iijs. vjd.

¹ Clout-nails, for fixing 'clouts' of wood.

² Packthread. ³ Liquor (oil) for the pulleys.

Item paid to Steven Knyght for a plate for one of the belle whiles	vjd.
Item paid to the smythe of Ludfort for the stable of the gret belle	ijs. viijd.
Item mor to Crosse for shuttinge the whope ¹ of the stocke of the yelde belle	jd.
Item paid for vj pound of iron and for the makinge of the claper for the yelde belle	ijs. vjd.
Item paid for the workinge of iij score pounde of iron for the hanginge up of the yelde belle	iiijd.
1569. Item payd unto Steven Knight ffor shut- ting and mending of the clapper of the santes bell	iiijd.
Item payd unto Steven Knight ffor mending of the second clapper and making him shorter	vjd.
Item payd ffor the iron and making of ij hokes to claspe the clocke howse unto the wawle	viijd.
Item payd ffor the setting in of the sayd ij hokes and making of the holles into the walle, and a handell ffor the thrid belle and naylles	xijd.
Item payd unto Fraunces Bellingham the bell fownder, ² and Thomas Season ffor trussing of the grete belle, being lose in the stocke, and moving the brasses	xvjd.
Item payd unto the smithe ffor viij grete naylles ffor the trussing of the same belle	iiijd.
Item payd unto Thomas Season ffor seetting a pece in the sille for the chyme hamber at the second belle, in timber workmanship and nayles ...	viijd.
Item payd ffor a rope ffor the first bell	iijs. viijd.
Payd ffor the carriadg of the same rope from Beaudley ³	iiijd.
Item grete tacks to mend the whele of the second bell	jd.
Item payd more to Steven Knight ffor mending the clapper of the grete bell	xvjd.

¹ Casting (or splicing) the hoop.

² He also cast a bell for Doncaster in 1579 (Jackson's *History of St. George's Church*, p. 61), but his place of residence is not known. I owe the reference to Mr. J. Eyre Poppleton.

³ Bewdley, said to have been originally Beaulieu.

Item payd unto Thomas Season ffor the trussing of our Lady bell and ij men with him and ffor other necessarys aboutes the belles	ijjs.	
Item payd ffor naylles and shutting of the brases to the same bell	iijd.	
Item ffor a clasp of iron to the thrid bell	iiijd.	
Item a locker and a handell ffor the second bell	iiijd.	
Item payd unto John Blunt ffor the mending and reising of the brasse of the thrid bell, and setting her upright in the brasse	viijd.	
1572. Payd for naylles to mende two of the belle whilles on Twelfe evin ¹	iijd.	
Payd for naylles to mende the lokers of the belles	jd.	
Paid for a corde for the morninge prayer bell	xd.	
Paid for hache ² nayles to mend one of the bell whelles in Aprill	ijd.	
Paid for makinge a newe stoke to the second tenor	vijs.	
Paid for newe brasinge the fore bell ...	viijd.	
Paid to Gethinge for iij th daies worke to mend the whelles of the belles and mendinge the stoke of the second tenor and brasinge her	ijjs.	iijd.
Paid for mendinge the second bell whell and brasinge her	xxd.	
Paid for a dandrick (<i>sic</i>) ³ for the second tenor	ijjs.	
Paid to the ringares the xvij th of this November, that range for the quene, at the appoyntment of m ^r baylieffes, in money and drinke	xs.	
Paid to Steven Knight for makinge xxxiiij th great nayles for the brasing of iiij th belles and a classpe to on whelle	xijd.	
Paid for a bocle ⁴ to the baudricke of the second tenor	ijd.	
Paid for makinge newe the gogines of the second tenor when the stoke was newe mad and for makinge faste the hoppes ⁵	viijd.	

¹ Twelfth Night.² Hasp-nails ?³ Sc. baldrick.⁴ Buckle.⁵ Hoops.

	Paid for cuttinge of the claper of the second tenor		iiijd.
1573.	Item for mending the belles, belle ropes, and thorgans, as appereth by bille ...	xvjs.	xd.
	Item for ringinge at sundrie tymes as appereth by bille	ixs.	iiijd.
1574.	Item paied Thomas Higges for ringinge daie bell at Easter	ijjs.	
	Item paied him for ringinge the xvij th daie of November beinge the firste daie of the quenes majesties raigne ...	vjs.	
	Item to Burges for shootinge the belle roppes		xd.
	Item for nayles to fasten the belle wheale		iijd.
	Item to Burges for brasinge upon a belle		xijd.
	Item geaven to ryngers in Christmas to drinck		vjd.
	Item for ringinge daie belle when the judges where here at the request of master bailiffes		xijd.
	Item to Higges for ringinge daie bell at master bailiffes appointment ...		xijd.
	Item to William Wale for a baldricke for one of the clapers of the belles ...		xd.

Mr. T. Wright's transcripts close with the year 1574; the rest are by Mr. Ll. Jones in the *Transactions*, 2nd Ser. Vols. i. ff. (but are only selections).

1577.	It'm to ringers the 17 of November by Mr. Bailiffs appoynt ^{mt}	vjs.	viijd.
1579.	It'm for a pynt of liquor ¹ for the belles at the Ringinge for the Quenes Ma ^{ty} ...		iijd.
	It'm for Ringinge the same tyme ...	vjs.	viijd.
1583.	It'm for the pecinge of the 4 bell rope two tymes and for pecinge the bell ropes upon the Coronacon day and for a stay to the same rope		ixd.
1584.	It'm payd to the Ryngers on the Quenes holy daye	vjs.	viijd.
	It'm for a pynte of goose liker to liker the bells		iiijd.
1585.	It'm geven to the Ringers on St. Georges day		xijd.
	It'm geven to the Ringers when the Earle of Essex cam hither at the appoyntment of Mr Bailiffs	iijs.	iiijd.

¹ *I.e.*, oil, as before.

1586.	It'm to ringers at my lord buyshops comeinge		vjd.
1588.	It'm for a pynte of Liquor for the belles on the Quenes holly daies		iijd.
1589.	It'm paied for v ropes for the takinge up of the bell	xijs.	xd.
	It'm for Ale at the castinge & drawing up of the bell		xvd.
1590.	It'm to Ed ap Bowen for a little bell ...	vs.	
	It'm for Ringinge at M ^r Berries ap- pointmt ^e the firste of September ...		xijd.
	It'm for ringinge the vii th of September		xvjd.
	To M ^r Richard Barly, being arere for the Castinge of the bell	xxxxs.	
	And there was deliv ^r ed to M ^r Blashe- field & M ^r Morgans then Bailiffs w ^{ch} was delyv'd unto them towards the Castinge of y ^e Bell and was charged oppon the accompt	xxixs.	
1592.	Ite' for hanging of the great Bell ...	vjs.	vijjd.
1594.	Item for ringing a peale for Will ^m Norton of London at M ^r Bailieffs appoyntment		vjd.
	Item for Ringing the Day bell at Easter	ijs.	
	Item for ij ^e bell ropes the xx th of June for the parishe	xs.	iijd.
	Item paid to John Knight the last of March for iiij ^{er} pounds of Iron and for a brasing for one of the bells ...		xxijd.
	Ite' p ^d for vj ^e new lockers for the Belles		vijjd.
1595.	Item for a staple & great nailes for the lady Bell		iijd.
1597.	Item to Keizell for hanging the second teno ^r	ijs.	vjd.
	Item to Keyzell for hanging ij other bells & fastening the godgines of the great Bell	vjs.	
1598.	Item for twoe Bell Ropes the one for the great bell and the other for the ... bell weyinge xlvij ^{li} at iiij ^d a pound soe iiij ^d bated	xjs.	vjd.
1600.	Item paied to Thomas higgs for keepinge the Clock and Chimes	vjs.	vijjd.
	Item paied to Thomas higgs for a day bell at Easter	ijs.	
	Item paied to Jo ⁿ wathoe Smith for makeinge a newe Clapper and mend- inge three others in the hoole ...	xxxjs.	iiijd.
	Item paied for lickor for the belribbe & bellstock		iiijd.

1603.	It'm Paide him [ffrauncs hynton] for makinge newe the Clapp' of the third bell and he to warrant him for a yeaere	iijs.	viijd.
	It'm paid him [hynton] for Gudgynnes for three bells... ..		xd.
	It'm payd W ^m Jewyn for mendieng two Balleribbs		xxd
	It'm paid for Ringinge upon the Coro- nation day	vjs.	viijd.
1604.	It'm for Ringers upon the Kings daie of triumphe	iijs.	iiijd.
	It'm to the Ringers the xxiiij th of M ^{che} It' for oile to licor the bells & two pottell of beere to the Ringers on S ^t James' day	vjs.	viijd.
1605.	It' for three bellropes	xviijs.	viijd.
	It'm to hinton the smith for mendinge a bell Clapp'		xviijd.
	It'm for makinge a springe for one of the hammers of the Chymes... ..		iiijd.
	It'm for three Iron pynnes for the Barrell of the Chymes		iiijd.
	It'm to Thomas Clarke Carpenter for mendinge the fore bell and the second tenor and for nailes to mend the same		xd.
1606.	It'm payd for a breckefeste for the ringers	ijs.	
1607.	Receaved of ffrauncs hinton for an ould clapper of the greate Bel	vs.	
	It'm payd for a newe Clapper for the greate bell & workemanship for the same	xxvjs.	
1608.	Item to fraunces hinton for a new I ¹ for the second bell Clapp'	ijs	vjd.
	Item to Thomas Clarke for himself & his three men for on Dayes worke in mendinge of the belles	iijs.	
	Item to hinton for a plate to hould in the brase of the second tenner		ixd.
	Item to the Ringers upon St James his daye	iijs.	iiijd.
	Item to the Ringers upon the firste of August ²	iijs.	iiijd.
	Item to the Ringers upon the fife of November	iijs.	iiijd.

¹ Eye; see above, p. 41.² Probably an error for the fifth, which was the King's Coronation Day (see *Trans.*, 3rd Ser., ii., p. 184).

Item to the Ringers upon the 24 of March ¹	iijs.	iiijd.
Item for to newe belropes wainge xxxix ¹	xijjs.	iiijd.
Item for the Ringinge Daybell ..	ijs.	
Item for makinge new the Clapp' of the lady bell	vijjs.	iiijd.
Item to hinton for mending the I clapp' of the second tenner	iijs.	
Item to Clarke for mendinge the whele of the fore bell		viijd.
Item for mendinge the I of the grete bell Clapp'		xviijd.

It is ordered the ixth day of Aprill 1608 by the Bayliffs & parissioners that whereas the lawe dooth alowe but three peales to be Ronge for anyone y^t Diethe hit is by the parishe the same day ordered that yf any more pealles then three be Ronge for any that then halfe the benefytt of those extraordinary pealles shalbe accompted for by the the churchwardenes to the use of the parishe.

1609. paid for Ringinge one St. James day ...	iijs.	4d.
paid for Ringinge the 5 of August ...	iijs.	4d.
paid for Ringinge the 5 of November	iijs.	4d.
paid for Ringinge the 24 of Marche ...	ijs.	vjd.
A not ² for the Bell.		
It'm payde for claye	ijjs.	
It'm paid for gathering horsdounge ...		iiijd.
It'm paid for heye ³		ijd.
It'm paid for vj pownd of tallow ...		xviijd.
It'm paid for cords to streng ^t the moulds		xxd.
It. paid for two pownd & halfe of virgin wax	ijjs.	
It. paid for halfe of rosen		jd.
It. p ^d for drawes ⁴ for the Bell head ...		vjd.
It. p ^d for caringe of a cartlod of Bricke fro. Staunton ⁵		xd.
It. pd for packthird to whip a rope to help downe w th the bell		ijd.
It. paid for alle ⁶ bestowed on the com- pany w ^{ch} did help downe w th the Bell		viijd.

¹ The day of James I.'s accession to the throne of England.

² Note or nut? ³ Hay.

⁴ A cart or trolley of some kind?

⁵ I.e., Staunton Lacy. ⁶ Ale.

It. payd for lights at the plucking downe of the bell	iiijd.	
It. payd owen Price for watching the mettell... ..	viijd.	
It. payd owen Dier and Thomas Bromley for up the mettell	viijd.	
It. p ^d John Sutton and Jobe for watch- ing the mettell on night ...	viijd.	
It. payd Jenking Pewttering for going to orlton ¹ for keysell to stock the bell	iiijd.	
It. for a pownd and halfe of Sope to licker the stocke	vjd.	
It. payd the company that did helpe to drawe up the Bell	xijd.	
It. payd John Robinson carpender for losing downe and hanginge up of the bell being v days worke	vs.	vjd.
It. payd keysell of orlton for three days worke in stocking of the bell ...	ijs.	
payd M ^r Thomas langford for the caredg of a cart lod of Bricke from Staunton	ijs.	
It. payd Morgon Powell Laberar for a days worke about the bell	iiijd.	
Summa xxiijs. xjd.		
more Carried By William Coxo of Staunton w th his a Lode of Bricks graties		
1610-11. It. for mendinge the whele of the second teanor bell whop ² to lyne the whele, etc., etc.	ijs.	vjd.
It ³ for mendinge ij Bald Rybbes ³ against the Kings holy daye		vjd.
1611-12. for a bucket ⁴ for the baldrip of the great bell		iiijd.
1614-15. ffor ringers on the kinges holly day ...	iijs.	iiijd.
To John Dunne for Coloringe the Clockehowse		xvjd.
To Addames for refreshing the Diall ...	xiijs.	
To John havard for mendyng the belles & setting up the Dyall		xxd.
paide to a workman for mendinge the second tenor about the Brasses of him		xijd.
1617-18. for mendinge Jobs bell		xviijd.
1618-19. payd to the Ringers the xxiiij th of March	iijs.	iiijd.

¹ Orleton in Herefordshire, between Ludlow and Leominster.² Hoop ?³ Sc. baldricks.⁴ Buckle.

	Payd' for fowre new baldricks and buck- ells to the padmaker the iiij th of June	xijs.	
	ffor cuttinge and turning the brases mendinge the other gudgins horseinge and mending the Rest of the bells ...	vs.	
	payd to the Ringers on Saynt James day payd to the Ringers upon the v th of August	iijs.	iiijd.
	payd to the Ringers when they expected my lords ¹ comeinge in September ...	iijs.	iiijd.
	Payd to the Ringers when Mr Justice came the xi th of November	vjd.	
1619-20.	paid for a peece of wood to keepe the clock howse together and on prichell for the great bell	vjs.	
			vjd.
1620-21.	Item payd for ringing uppon the fower kings hollidayes		
		xiijs.	iiijd.
1621-22.	Item for makinge of a balricke... ..	js.	iiijd.
1623-24.	It'm for a payer of Clippers to twiste the wiers of the Clocke and Chymes ...		iiijd.
	It'm for 4 Crooked plates for the chymes It'm paied to Lewys Gwil'm for a hooke and three Cacthes for the said Chymes	xijd.	
	It'm for a mayne locke springe for the Chymes	iijs.	
	It'm for a Rownd ringe for the spindle of the Chymes	ijs.	
	It'm for viij ^e Cletts ² of Iron and nayles for the said Chymes		iiijd.
	Itm for the hire of 2 Laborers for pull- ing asunder the Chymes and setting together the same	viijd.	
	It'm paied to Greene the Bell founder ³ towards his Chardgs by the appoyntm ^t of Mr Baylieffs	ijs.	
	It'm paied to Edw ^d Baker for leathering a late breache in the Chyme Rope ...	iijs.	iiijd.
	It'm for wyer for the Clocke and Chymes It'm to Edward Baker for 3 yards of gable Rope for the Chymes and for leathering of 4 yards of the same gable and for shutting and leathering of the Chyme Rope in 2 places	ijs.	
		xijd.	
	It'm to [Lewys Gwillm] for hanging the fore bell and for 2 hooks to Challong ⁴ Doore	vjs.	viijd.
		iijs.	

¹ Probably the Earl of Northampton, then Lord President of the Marches.² See 3rd Ser., ii., p. 188.³ See above, p. 32.⁴ Chancel?

It'm for Ringers upon the day that King Charles was proclaymed	iijs.	iiijd.
It'm to Oldfield for Coming to see the decayed Bells	vs.	
It'm for Lasing of twoe bells	ijs.	vjd.
It'm to Thomas Crumpe for Ringing the belles to entertayne S ^r E. Chamberlayne at his first Coming to Ludlowe		xijd.
1624-25. It'e for the ould brick of the furnace in w ^{ch} the bells were cast	o	4 o
Item for a paire of traces w ^{ch} were bought for the use of the takinge up of the bells & sould againe beinge over worne	o	o 10
It'e payd to John Crowe for a Gable to let Downe the bells at the price of iiijd. the pound w ^{ch} wayd six score and seventeene pounds w ^{ch} came to ...	2	5 8
Item payd to Thomas Davies & W ^m Posterne for the house to cast the bells in	o	6 8
Item paid for wier for the Chimes to Thomas Peers and widowe Vaughan beinge most of them broken w th takinge downe the bells	o	3 4
It'e payd to Ribalds for throweing out of stones out of the place where the bells were cast and for makinge yt Cleane and for takinge downe of a particion betweene Davies and Posterne and for settinge up the particion wall againe & for makinge up a wall of stone that was broken downe into Davies garden to make the syte of the furnace and for Carrieing of eight hundred & a half of brick out of M ^r Fishers Crab mill to the Carte and for Carrieing of y ^t in to the bell 'ounder againe & for fillinge up the pit againe were the bells were cast	o	13 8
Item payd to William Baker for Draweing the artickles for the castinge of the two bells and makeinge of six three quarter wheelles and stocks and hangeinge of them and for Draweing and fayer writinge of them & for making two bonds and two acquittances for the same	o	5 6

Ite' payd to ffrauncs Bibb, for three Dayes worke and a half to make redy a prop of xxxiiij ^{er} foot Longe and Draweing him up in the steeple and placing him there and for Draweing up a barrell and planks and boords to stand upon to wynd the bells Downe and up agayne and placing them there and for one Dayes worke and a half to wynd them downe again for himself and another work- man	o 6 o
Paid to people to Carry up the poule ¹ to make the prop in the steeple and the barrels to Drawe downe and up the bells from the widowe groves house to the Church	o o 8
Ite' payd to ffrauncs Bibb ffor making a scale to way the bells w th placing of the beame and borroweing o ^t waights and bringeing them home againe and for raying up the bells to way them and helping to way the bells and for nayles to make scale	o 3 10
Item payd to Roynald at groves for a peece of tymber to make a barrell to wynd downe the bells	o 1 6
Ite' payd to ffrauncs Bibb for makinge the barrell to let Downe the bells ..	o 1 6
Ite' payd to Edward Baker for three newe bell ropes togeather to take up the stocks & wheels & other things	o o 6
Ite' payd to John Comer for a beame to waigh the bells and to frauncs Bebb to make the beame	o 2 o
Paid to Burd and Brompton for Draw- eing downe the bells to be Cast and Draweing them up againe	o 2 8
Item payd to John Crowe for six newe bell Roaps	2 4 8
Ite' payd to Edward Rawlins for Carrieinge of five loads of Brick from M ^r ffishers Crabb mill to the bell founder and for carrieinge of six loads of Clay to him	o 3 2
payd to M ^r Lacy and the workmen at the forge for makinge newe the	

¹ Pole or pulley ?

	Clapper of the greate bell all savinge the eye of him and all the Iron that was broken of wee sould to helpe to pay for him and yet wee payd besides the money w th wee had for the ould Iron	o 16 7	
1625-26.	7 pines for the Chimes payd Richard hill of Bromfield for mending the Claper of the treble bell to John ffox for mending the Baldrripp of the second Bell ffor Cramps and Irones ffor the wheles of the great bell pd Richard Clench the younger more the 23 September ffor wier ffor the Chimes vjd. } oyle ffor the bells ... vjd. } Slips to ty the Balripps iijd. } Letherffor the Baldrripps ijs. vjd. }	vijd. vijs. vjd. iij. s. iiijd.	
	ffor Ringing at Whisontid and Easter... ffor Ringing upon Candlemas Daye being the Coronation	ixs. iiijd. iij. s. iiijd.	
1627-28.	Item to [Francis Bibb] for 4 dayes work for trussinge up the whole 5 bells	iiij. s.	
1628-29.	paid the Ringers for ringing when the Sidemen were up on the steeple w th Lane to view it {a "pinackel"} ... payd to the ringers for ringing at W ^m Smithes fast'ning of the pinackel .. paid for ringinge twice for the King at Candlemass & on the 27 th of March	xijd. vjd. vjs. viijd.	
1630.	ffor certen ropes as one for the eye of the ringinge lofte one for the chymes and for three bell ropes conteynge in weight 99 pownds at iiijd. the pownd and xijd. over in the whole .. xxxiijs. ffor two bell ropes more to Wakeman of Bewdley weighing forty pownds at iiijd. the pownd xiijs. iiijd ffor casting of the greate bell Clapper and to lewys Gwillam for smoothinge of yt after wee brought him home by reason he could not bee donne at the forge	xvs. iiijd.	
1631.	Paied W ^m Wakeman for a Cable and two Bell-ropes 1li. Paied Richard clench sexton for Ringing at the Birth of the Prince ¹	ixs. iiijd. ijs.	

¹ Charles II., born 1630.

for Ringing twice at the coming to towne
 of Sr John Bridgman and his lady ... ijs.
 p^d for Casting the Cryers Bell anewe and
 for j*l*i. & half of mettle added ... iijs. vjd.

It is this day ordered by the parishioners that hereafter the Churchwardens for the time being shall not allow any more peales or ringing at the funerall or decease of any inhabitant dieinge above three peales according to the Canons and if any more be required then the some of xij*l*. for every peale over & above three Peales to be paied to the Churchwardens beforehand for as many more as the said churchwardens shall allow and the saide churchwardens to be chargeable to the parishioners in their acc unt for the same and for every stranger ijs. a peale to the use foresaid & no peale to last or endure above haulf one howre upon forfeiture of xij*d*. every peale to be paied by the sexton of the said parishe for the time being.

1632. pd. Oldfield the bellfounder according to the agreement made w th him for his workmanshippe and materialls to Caste the twoe belles the somme	25	00	00
pd. him more of 3 hundred and 2 <i>l</i> i. of Bell mettall w ^{ch} was Returned more then wee delivered to him at 5 <i>l</i> i. 12s. p. c. ...	16	18	00
for drawinge the articles of agreement between the bell-founder and o ^r selves and for makinge a bonde	00	I	3
bestowed upon one hancoxe a bell-founder ¹ w ^{ch} came to viewe the belles in beere ...	00	00	6
Pd. to severall men that asisted twoe dayes in takinge downe the belles and fetchynge tymber and planks for that purpose ...	00	05	00
bestowed upon them in bread and beere ...	00	I	8
pd Mr Stead for twoe payer of trases w ^{ch} were used in taking downe and wyndinge uppe the Belles	0	5	6
Pd M ^{rs} Larkin for her teeme to drawe the belles out of the Church to the house where they were caste	00	01	0
bestowed in beere upon those that helpe out w th the belles	00	00	4
to certayne men that Wounde uppe the second tennor	00	I	00
bestowed upon those that helpe to wynde uppe the bell the second tyme	00	I	00
Pd humphrey hall for a new staple for the second tennor and other iron implements weyghing 16 <i>l</i> i. at 3 ^d p. li.	00	4	0

¹ See p. 32.

	Pd Bibbe for 3 dayes worke in hanginge the Belles	00	3	00
	for Cletts and peecinge one of the styrops of the bell	00	1	0
	pd to certayne men that helpe uppe w th the greate bell	00	1	4
	pd Clench for 2 dayes asisting to take uppe the bell and settlinge of her	00	1	4
	pd him for Removing the hammer of the Clocke 3 tymes	00	0	6
	pd Mr Lynde for his workemanshippe and materialls about the Chymes	3	10	00
1633.	for 2 greate squares of Iron to hould the frame of the bells in wayght 15½. at 3d. p. li.	00	3	9
	for a planke of 18 foote Longe to make a newe wheele	00	4	6
	for a hoope of ashe to make a soale ¹ for the wheele	00	1	0
	for a Rayle of 13 foote for staves	00	0	6
	for Iron to hould one the wheeles w th the skrewes	00	3	4
	pd the Joyner and his man for 3 dayes and halfe a peece in makinge the wheele the one at 3s. per diem the other at 12 ^d	00	14	00
	pd Mr Smyth more for his workmanshipp and his men about hanginge the first and second bell and helpinge to make a newe wheele	00	10	00
	pd Clench for helpinge upp and downe w th one of the bell wheeles	0	00	6
	pd W ^m Woodall for hanginge of the greate bell	00	3	0
	pd Clench for helpinge him	00	0	6
	pd for viij bellropes whereof one was for the morninge prayer bell... ..	01	18	11
1634.	It. payde for Takinge up of Two more bells and hanginge them even		ijjs.	
	It. payde William Woodall for takinge up Two bells and hanginge them againe ...		ijjs.	vjd.
	It. payde W ^m Woodall for takinge up the Lady bell and settlinge yt againe ...		ijjs.	
1635.	pd John Wilcox for horsinge the second tenor and Lininge the brasses	0	1	0
	pd for ringinge the 5 th of November, & 27 th of M ^r ch ² and Easter & Whitsontyde ...	0	8	8

¹ "A wooden collar" (Jackson, *Shropshire Word-Book*, p. 397).

² The day of Charles I.'s Accession.

pd for the Ringers breakefast at Christide	o	10	o
pd for a rope for the morninge prayer bell	o	2	o
1636. Item pd for ringinge in the Vicar generall		iijs.	iiijd.
1637. Spent on the workmen & Ringers to view the pinnacle at the first	oo	01	07
Spent on the Ringers and workmen when M ^r Bailiffs and other came to view the pinacles after they were mended . .	oo	02	00
pd Wakeman for one long Rope for the mending of the steple & one Bell Rope both weyinge 56 ^l at 5 ^d p. l.	01	03	04
1638. Item Receaved of mettle w ^{ch} was hewed of one of the bells		xiijs.	iiijd.
6 ^o Julii payde for John ffinch ¹ his dyet & horse meate & other Chardges layd out one them that dyd meete to make the Bargaine with him and one them that did Ringe whilst wee vewed the defeckts of the ould frame	o	05	00
4 ^o August: payde M ^r Wm. Hall for draw- inge the Covenants & bonde between us & John ffinch for makinge the new frame & wheeles & Castinge the broken bell ...	oo	03	00
payd for Ringinge at the Lord presidents Cominge in 16 th 7br ² last	oo	02	00
payde for makinge a Beame and planke fit weigh the Bell and for fetchinge of weights and stones & Caryinge them home againe	oo	01	06
payde for horse hire and other needful Chardges & expences in my journey to Hereford to see the bell Cast	oo	09	02
for hallinge up that bell and puting one a stok and wheele & for another polley ...	oo	04	06
for caryinge the ould bell fframe out of the Church & placinge yt in the Church house I payde	oo	03	06
payde for Drawinge up of planks into the steple & for supportinge the uper floore & Lyninge the joyce & sumbers ³ to beare the bells & fframe	oo	04	00
for Takinge up the ould bell ffloore and Layinge yt anewe with planks wch weare formlie bought & ould ones to help ...	oo	11	00
payde John ffinch the 47 ^{li} . xs. due by his Covenants for makinge the newe Bell			

¹ See above, p. 32.² September.³ Joists and summers (*i.e.*, breast summers or principal beams in the floor)

	frame & stoks & wheels & Hanginge the bells & Castinge the broken bell ...	47	10	00
	payde him for ij. c. weight of his mettles wch dyd Run into our parish bell y ^b was 2c. & 4li. I payde him for the 2c. at 12 <i>d</i> . p ^r . li. but 11li. y ^b came to 11 <i>l</i> . 8 <i>s</i> . in all or bell dyd weigh but 10c. 1qr. & 14li. when yt was Run yt did weigh 12c. 1qr. & 18li. the 4li. he bats ¹ & 4 <i>s</i> money	11	00	00
1639.	Item paid for Ringinge for Docter Sony-bancke	0	15	0
	Item paid for horsinge the greate Bell and Setteinge him in the Stocke	0	1	6
	Item paid for Ringinge the Chief Justice to Towne the xviiij th of May	0	1	0
	Item spent for my selfe and my horse to goe to Herreford to fetch John Silvester to make the Chymes	0	5	0
	Item paid John Silvester for makeinge the chymes	6	10	0
	Item paid John Silvester for a smale Bell and putting him upp	0	6	0
1640.	pd for draweing articles betweene the bell founder and o'selves for the casting of the third bell	0	1	0
	pd Richard Haynes for hanginge the newe bell and the great bell	0	7	0
	pd Richard Oldfield for his workmanship in Castinge the third bell	4	10	0
	pd him more for one hundred and halfe and 17 li. of mettles at 5 <i>l</i> . 12 <i>s</i> . p. c. is ...	9	5	0
	for Draweing downe the bell to bee cast and upp againe	0	2	0
1641.	payde hugh Danyell for oyle for the Clock Chymes and bells for the whole yeare ...	0	4	0
	pd him more for leather and smale Coardes to lyne the baldribbs and tye the Cottrells	0	2	8
	pd him for the Ringers breakfast and for ringinge at Christmas	0	10	0
	for Ringinge when the Bushopp came to Ludlowe	0	2	6
	for ringinge att my Lordes Cominge	0	2	6
	for ringinge the 5 th of November and the xxvij th of March	0	6	8
	for ringinge att my Lordes returne from Yorke	0	2	0
	pd for 3 bellropes	00	13	0

¹ Abates.

1643-4.	paid ffor Ringinge at to severall Dayes by y ^e appointment of M ^r Tho. ffisher then governor	00	03	04
	ffor drinke to y ^e Ringers at the takinge of Hopton Castell ¹	00	01	06
	paid Hugh Danyell ffor Ringinge upon the Kings holyday and at news of prince Rupert lord president	00	03	08
	for ringinge prince Rupert in to Towne last for beare at y ^e takinge of Brompton Castell ² to y ^e Ringers	00	01	00
1645-6.	Itm payd for Ringinge for the Kinge			xijd.
	Itm payd for Ringing upon the 25 Novem- ber for the kinge		vs.	
	Itm for Ringinge at the Kings Coming to towne		iijs.	
	Itm paid for Ringing the 5 9ber		iijs.	
	Itm for Ringinge when the judg Cam		ijs.	
1648.	Itm payd to the bellfounder Edward Abell ³ for hangeinge the bells mendinge the Clappers & the Gudgeings and irons be- longeing to the bells & puttinge ye Chymes in order	2	2	0
1650.	Item for Ringinge for the Releeiveinge of Dublin	0	2	6
	Item for Ringinge for a victory in Ireland...	0	2	6
	Item for Ringinge for a nother victory in Ireland ⁴	0	2	6
	Item paid William Daniell for Ringinge for the victory obtained in Scotland ⁵	0	3	0
1653.	Ite. paid for mending the Irons w ^{ch} hang the Canons of the Tenor	0	1	10
	Ite. paid for Ringing at the Comeing in of the Judges of Assize the 26 th of March ..	0	2	6
	Ite. paid for Ringing for M ^r Herbert of Bromfields funerall	0	3	0
	Ite. paid for Ringing upon the 12 th of Aprill being a thankesgivinge day	0	3	4
1654.	pd for ringinge upon y ^e 23 th of May it being a day of thankesgivinge for y ^e peace be- twixt y ^e Hollander & this nation ⁶	0	2	6

¹ This occurred after a fight on Hopton Heath, towards the end of the year 1642.

² *I.e.*, Brompton Bryan Castle, taken in 1644 by the Parliamentarians.

³ Otherwise unknown; perhaps an assistant to John Finch.

⁴ Probably the battle of Rathmines and taking of Drogheda are referred to in these two entries.

⁵ The battle of Dunbar, 3 Sept., 1650.

⁶ After the defeat of Van Tromp by Blake; see next entry.

	pd y ^e 25 th of Aug. for ringing for a sea victory	o	3	o
	It. for ringing the 2 ^d January for joy that L ^d Crumwell was made L ^d protector ..	o	2	6
	pd March 18 th for ringing in of Judge Atkins	o	2	o
1655.	It. paide John Price for takeinge upp the sixe bells out of theyr geares and fixeinge them againe w th newe Lockers uppon agreement	o	16	o
	Itm paide to the Ringers for Ringeinge when M ^r Leethe nowe parson & his frindes came to towne	o	1	6
	Itm paide for Ringeinge at the funarall of the wief of M ^r Thomas Powes of Henley ¹	o	5	o
	It for one bell roope for the sixe of Clocke bell	o	2	6
	It. payd to John Preece for staves and Rowles and other materialls w ^{ch} keepe the bells from going over, by agree ^{mt} 2 ...	o	13	10
	It to W ^m Lane for iron & workmanship for that purpose	o	16	o
1656.	Itm paid W ^m Daniell ffor Ringing three times for the Maior genarall Bery 4 ^s at one time 2 ^s 6 ^d at another time and 4 ^s the last time by order of M ^r Bayliffs ...	o	10	6
	Itm paid W ^m Wakman for 1 bell Rope for the great bell	o	6	o
1657.	Payd for ringinge when M ^r Aston went to the Parliam ^t	o	2	2
1658.	for Ringinge when his highness the Lord Protector was proclaimed	o	6	o
1659.	Given to the ringers when the Lord Protect. was proclaimed	oo	04	oo
1660.	It payde for Twoe Bell Ropes xjs. iij ^d . and for A Rope for the Clok & Chimes vs. ...	oo	16	03
	It payd W ^m Daniell the Sexton for ringing at the Judges Cominge in ijs. vj ^d . and upon the 5 th of November 1659 vs. and at the votinge a free pailliament ijs. and at the Parliament votinge in Kinge Charles the second ... ijs. at Proclayminge him Kinge ... vs. and at the glad tidings of his Landinge at Dover for w ^{ch} his birthday was solemnized 29 th May ijs. vj ^d .	o1	oo	oo

¹ Henley Hall, on the road to Cleobury.

² The Rev. T. M. N. Owen calls my attention to this entry as early evidence of the introduction of change-ringing.

	payd W ^m Daniel ¹ for Ringinge the 25 th of June beinge the thanksgiving day for his Majesties happy restoracon	o	5	o
	payed to W ^m Daniel for Ringinge the vii th of July when Sir W ^m Whitmore came to Towne	o	2	6
	Paid to W ^m Daniel for Ringinge the 15 th of September when the Lord Newport came to Towne	o	2	6
1661.	Payd W ^m Daniel for Ringinge the 23 rd of March when Judge Hide came to Towne	o	2	6
	payd W ^m Daniel for ringinge the 23 rd of Aprill beinge his Majesties Coronacon Daye	o	10	o
1662.	It pd for Ringinge when Sargent Charlton came out of his Circuit	oo	02	06
1663.	Itm for Ringing for the Queens landing	o	4	o
	for Ringinge the same Day	o	4	o
	for Ringinge in my Lo. President ¹	o	2	6
	for Ringing in the Chiefe Justice	o	1	6
	for Ringing at my Lords departure	o	2	o
	for Ringing in Judge Hide	o	2	6
	for Ringinge in the Lo. Newporte... ..	o	3	o
	for Ringing in the Lo. President	o	2	6
	for Ringing in the Lord Bishop	o	2	o
	for Ringing the fift of November	o	5	6
	for Ringing in the Lo. Presid ^b	o	3	o
	for Ringing at Christmas	o	4	o
1663.	for Ringing in Judge Hide in Lent	o	2	6
	for Ringing in the Lo. President at his laste comeinge	o	2	6
	for Ringing the 29 of May	o	4	o
1664.	pd for ringing at Sir Jobs returne from London July 31 st	o	2	o
	pd for ringing L ^d President in Aug 22 nd	o	3	o
1665.	It. to the Ringers when the Countes came	o	2	6
1666.	Itm layd out in our iourny to Worc ^r	1	9	6
	Itm payd to W ^m Daniel for Ringing in the Vice Presid ^b	o	2	6
	Itm for ringing for a sea victory against the Dutch ²	o	2	6
	Itm for ringing on a day of reiocing	o	3	6
	Itm for carriage of y ^e bell to Bewdley ..	o	15	o
	Itm for carrying of y ^e bell from Bewdley ...	o	16	6
	Itm for carriage of the bell from Bewdley to Worc ^r & back again	o	11	o

¹ The Earl of Carberry, appointed at the Restoration.² Probably the engagement fought off Harwich, 3rd July, 1665.

	Itm for casting the bell & mettall ¹ ...	19	0	0
	Itm to W ^m Woodall for pulling down & putting up the bell	1	2	6
1667.	It. paid to the ringers upon the 9 th day of June upon the newes of a sea victory ² ...	00	03	00
	It. paid 4 th August to the ringers upon the newes of a sea victory ³	00	02	06
	It. for 19 ^{en} dayes workes payed to Coates and Gittens at 1 ^s 8 ^d per diem for new hanginge all the bells & other worke done by them	01	11	08
	It. for bread and beare to the same worke-men	00	06	10
	It. paid to Thomas Hassall the same time for Crampes and Staples and other Irons	01	12	09
	It. paid upon 23 August beinge the day of thankesgiveinge to the ringers	00	04	00
	It paid for exchange of the bell for the Clocke house ⁴	00	10	00
	It paid the ringers at the L ^d Vaughans Death	00	03	04
1668.	Itm paid the Ringers September 4 th at the proclaiming the peace ⁵	0	3	6
	Itm. paid to W ^m Palmer for the dyall clocke and other worke	2	6	8
1669.	Itm for ringing in the Lo President	0	3	0
	27 ^o Aug st for Ringing in S ^r John Vaughan according to M ^r Bayliffes order	00	02	06
1670.	It. to John Perks for a Lather to goe upp in y ^e Belfree	00	03	06
	To money paid for Ringing when the Lord President came in upon the 11 th of November	00	03	00
1673.	It. pd Thomas Dewxell for a Bell	0	10	9
	It. for carrying the Bell Clapp' to Bromfield & backe	0	0	8
1674.	Receipts.			
	It. for old brasses of the	000	12	00
	It. for the Cannons of y ^e first bell and fittinge	00	07	00

¹ See above, p. 32.² Perhaps the fight of June 4th, 1666, between the English and Dutch fleets.³ At the mouth of the Thames, 26th July, 1666.⁴ Can this entry refer to the bell now at the Butter Cross, or rather to its predecessor? See below, p. 73.⁵ After the naval war with Holland.

	It. for the Carriadg of them from Bringwood	00	01	00
	It. to W ^m Palmer for boaring the Bell ¹ ...	00	04	00
	It. for Ringinge my L ^d P ^r sident ² from R ^d Castle ³ ...	00	03	00
	It. for ringinge for peace ⁴ ...	00	03	00
1678.	pd for ringing when the Prince of Orange was married ...	00	05	00
1683.	pd for Ringing Inn S ^r George Jeffereyes ⁵ ...	00	02	06
	pd for Ringing Lord Cheefe Justice Herbert p ^r M ^r Bayliffs order ...	00	05	00
	pd ffor Ringing when the Duke of Beauforts grandchild was born per M ^r Bayliffs orders	00	03	00
1685.	pd for Ringing for the Duke of Beaford ⁶ ..	00	05	0
	pd for Ringing att the news of the Recovery of o ^r Late King ...	00	05	0
	pd for Ringing att the proclaiming of King James the second ..	0	05	0
	pd for Ringing when the Charter came ...	00	05	0
	pd for Ringing when the King was crowned	00	07	0
1687.	pd for Ringing in the Lord Cornbury ...	00	02	06
1688.	pd for Ringinge when his Majestie was in Towne ...	01	01	06
	pd for Ringing for his Grace the Duke of Beaufort ...	00	05	00

July 26th 1688.

Att a publike Vestry It was this day ordered That whereas diverse persons have Contributed a convenient sume of money for the placing of two bells in the steeple belonging to this church and have desired this parish assent to the same It was therefore agreed upon by the said parish this day That the said contributors have free Liberty to place the said Bells in the said Steeple belonging to this church within six monthes next after the date hereof soe as they doe noe wronge or damage to the said church or Steeple And that there be noe charge imposed upon the said parish for or by reason of the same And that William huntbatch of the City of Worcester the founder of the said bells his Executors & Administrators have free Liberty at convenient times to have free accesse into the said Steeple for the putting up attending or altering of this worke belonging to the said bells for the space of one yeare next ensuing according to certain Articles by him the said Mr Huntbatch to be entred into for that purpose.

¹ I.e., boring a hole for the insertion of the clapper.

² The Marquis of Worcester, created Duke of Beaufort (see below) in 1682, and famous for his scientific researches.

³ Richard's Castle.

⁴ After war with Holland.

⁵ The notorious Judge Jeffreys, knighted in 1677.

⁶ See for the account of the Duke's entry into Ludlow, 17 July, 1684, Clive's *History of Ludlow*, p. 185.

1689.	Payd the Ringers on the thankesgiving day for the birth of the Prince ¹ and safe delivery of the queen	00	10	00
	Payd for Ringing when the King and queen were proclaymed ²	00	10	00
1690.	pd for ringeing for ye Erle of Macklesfeild ³	00	07	06
1691.	It. pd to the Ringers upon the takeing of Dublin	00	05	00
	It. pd for ringing upon the Kings return from Ireland	00	02	06
	It. pd the 19 th of October for ringing at a thanksgiving	00	05	00
1691-2.	pd for ringing for the victory over the Irish at Aghrim	00	02	06
	pd for ringing at twice for the surrend ^r of Lymrick	00	05	00
	pd for ringing for the news at Councill board	00	02	06
	pd for ringing at twice for our Burgesses of Parliament being confirmed	00	05	00
	pd for ringing at twice for the Conquest over the french fleet	00	06	00
1693.	pd to William Crow for Iron work belonging to the Church & bells	05	01	04
	pd [to Abraham Rudhall] for mending & making wheeles to the bells	00	05	10

Aprill the 9th 1694.

Att a parish meeting then It is ordered that the Churchwardens for the time being doe permitt William Huntbatch to take downe his two bells not doing any injury to the Church and without putting the parish to any charge or that the same Churchwardens doe deliver the same to him at the said William Huntbatch his owne Charge.

1695.	Item pd for ringing for ye taking of Namur Castle	00	02	06
1696.	pd the Ringers for Ringing for the King's deliverance from the Assassination	00	02	06
	pd the Ringerson Thanksgiving Aprillye 16 th	00	05	00
1697.	pd for ringing when the King returned from fflanders	00	05	00
1698	for ringing in the Chief Justice of Chester for ringing for the Kings returne from ffland ^{rs}	00	02	06
		00	05	00

¹ Probably James II's son, 'the old Pretender,' born 10 June, 1688.

² 13 Feb., 1689.

³ The last Lord President, the office being abolished in this year.

	for ringing on the second of December being the day of thanksgiving for the peace ¹ ...	00	10	00
1699.	for ringing at the Kinges returne from Holland	00	05	00
1700.	pd for casting the little Bell with addition of mettall and Carriage	00	05	04
1702.	pd the Ringers for the landing of the King pd the Ringers at the proclaimeing the Queene	00	05	00
	pd the Ringers for the procession ..	00	10	00
	pd a man to help to put in the gudging in the 7 th bell	00	02	06
1703.	pd for ringing for the procession	00	01	00
	Aprill y ^e 29 pd for ringing for good newes	00	02	06
1704.	To the ringers when the Speaker came home	00	03	00
	After when the speaker came to town ...	00	02	06
1705.	pd for ringing for beating the Bavarian ² ...	0	5	0
	pd the ringers for Ringing when the ffrench lines were broak	0	5	0
	pd for a bell rope which weighed 12 ¹ ...	0	5	0
	pd for ringing for y ^e victory in Brabant ³ ..	0	7	6
1708.	for ringing for the surrend ^r of Lisle 29 th Octobris	0	9	0
	for ringing when they passed over y ^e scheld	0	5	0
1709.	for ringing for taking Tournay	0	7	6
	pd for ringing for our victory over the ffrench army ⁴	0	5	0
1710.	Aprill 18 th pd for ringing upon forcing y ^e ffrench Lines	0	5	0
1713.	To y ^e Ring ^{rs} for y ^e surrend ^r of Dunkirk ...	0	5	0
	To the Ring ^{rs} for D ^r Sacheverell's sentence being expired	0	5	0

June 6th 1717.

At a publick Meeting of the parishioners
It is unanimously agreed and ordered that the
Reader for the future do read prayers at six of the clocke
in the morning every day from the last day of february
till the first day of November yearly And that
the Sexton do ring and toll the prayer bell a quarter of an
hour together before six of the Clocke in the morning
every day dureinge the aforesaid time.

¹ Of Ryswick, 20th Sept., 1697.

² The battle of Blenheim, 2nd Aug., 1704

³ Tirllemont?

⁴ Malplaquet.

Ordered that upon the buryal of any person who receives almes from the parish the fifth bell only shall be tolled

1717. pd Wm Bright for 8 new Bell Ropes as p bill 1 9 0
 1720. pd for ringing 2 days for the Young prince 0 7 6
 1722. [In this year it was resolved to pay the Parish Clerk during the pleasure of the Inhabitants 20s. yearly for ringing the Bell for prayers.]

Parish Meeting 2nd February 1731.

Then a vote was proposed whether the Great Bell sh^d be cast alone or whither y^t togethr wth the other seven sho^d be pulled down & cast. And after a vote being had 'twas by a majority of one & twenty to ten carried that the whole eight sho^d be cast a new.

23rd March 1731.

Ordrd that Abraham Ruddall of Gloucester Bell found^r be sent for to this town in ord^r to Treat of his price for the new casting of the old Bells.

3rd April 1732.

Ordered That he the sd Abraham Ruddall do recast the sd Bells into eight other Tuneable substantiall Bells as near in weight to the old ones as possible & the Town Clerke Draw propper Article Between the s^d Abraham Ruddall & the p^sent Churchwardens.

1732 March 31 To a Reckning to Treat M^r Ruddall 0 2 6
 To four letters from M^r Ruddall of Gloucester
 Bellfounder
 Two from M^r Wrigley of Manchester Bell-
 hanger 0 1 0

5th Sept^r 1732

Agreed that the present Churchwardens write to Manchester to Francis Wrigley to come over in order to hang the Bells and that they enter into Articles of Agreement with him and that they agree with him for as Low a Rate as can be for y^e Hanging the same.

Subscribers to ye Bells.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
S ^r Lyttelton Powys...	3	3	0	Fraternity of Hamm ^r .			
H. A. Herbert Esq. ¹	10	10	0	men	10	10	0
John Walcot Esq. ...	5	5	0	Fraternity of Stych-			
W ^m Child Esq. ...	5	5	0	men	5	5	0
Tobias Eysam Gent	2	2	0	Fraternity of Shoe-			
Abel Ketelby Esq. Re-				makers	2	2	0
cord ^r	3	3	0	Charles Fenton Rect ^r	2	2	0

¹ See under Bromfield above, p. 24.

CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sr Blundon Charlton	1	1	0	Bayliffs—			
Miss Salwey...	1	1	0	Somerset Jones Esq.	1	1	0
Francis Carrington Esq.	1	1	0	Caesar Hawkins Gent.	1	1	0
Row ^{ld} Baughs Esq....	1	1	0	Rich ^d Knight Esq ...	1	1	0
Jenks Lutley Esq. ...	1	1	0	Francis Herbert Esq.	1	1	0
George Karver Esq.	1	1	0	Benj ^m Karver Esq. ..	1	1	0
Benj ^m Crowther Esq.	1	1	0	Sam ^l Waring Gent....	1	1	0
Thomas Beal Esq. .	1	1	0	Rich ^d Wilding Cler.	1	1	0
Thomas Smyth Esq.	1	1	0				
Joh ⁿ Unit Smitheman				Church { W ^m Bright			
Esq. ...	1	1	0	Wardens { Gent. ...	1	1	0
Ad. Meyrick Gent. ...	1	1	0	{ Roger Phil-			
				{ lips Gent.	1	1	0

These subscriptions with smaller sums brought the amount collected to £87 . 5 . 6.

W^t of y^e old Bells w^d at Gloucester to Abraham Rudall Jun^r June 1732.

	T	C	Q	L
1	0	5	3	3
2	0	6	2	20
3	0	8	3	1
4	0	12	1	3
5	0	14	3	18
6	0	16	2	27
7	0	18	1	22
8	1	1	0	14

De ^d allowance	5	4	2	24
of 4 ^l p. c. in				
melting		3	2	26
	5	0	3	26

Tot^l of new metall

5	2	1	8
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This { Due for metall to Abrah^m Rudall } 1 1 10

W^t of y^e 8 new Bells w^d at Gloucester from Abraham Rudall Aug. 13th 1733.

	T	C	Q	L
1	0	7	1	16
2	0	7	1	3
3	0	8	1	14
4	0	9	3	0
5	0	11	0	4
6	0	14	2	2
7	0	18	2	14
8	1	5	1	11

Allowance of	5	2	1	8
4 ^l p. c. in				
melting		3	2	19
	5	5	3	27

5	4	2	24
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or this { Due for metal to Abrah^m Rudall } 1 1 3

Condition of y^e Articles for casting ... £ s. d. ... 100 0 0

¹ Sc., deducted.

CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE.

By his computation for additional metall	...	07	7	0
	Tot ^l	...	107	7 0
By Allowance of Carriage	...	...	5	0 0
	Charge Tot ^l	...	102	7 0

1732 (continued)	To Francis Wrigley For Hanging the new Bells	...	20	0	0
	To Edward Woodall for Stuff for Wheeling y ^e Bells	...	4	11	10
	To the Court on certifieing the Repair of the Bells	...	0	4	6
	To Thomas Meredith for hanging the Bells	...	8	17	0
	To M ^r Ab. Rudall for Gudgeons & Brasses	...	3	14	7
	To Horse Hire & Expences of 2 Journeys to Gloucester to weigh & receive	...	2	3	0
	To a treat to the people in pulling down the Bells	...	0	18	6
	To Burk ^r & Brittain for Carriage of the Bells to & from Bewdley	...	12	0	0
	To Horeshire Expences Carriage of the Great Stocks	...	0	14	6
	To the Ring ^{rs} at 7 Several Times to Treat strange Ring ^{rs}	...	0	16	0
	To Carriage of the Brasses 2 ^s To a Bag to hold em 1 ^s	...	0	3	0
	To one Letter 3 ^d to monay spent in Bargaining to Stock y ^e Bells	...	0	1	9
	To M ^r Bright p Bill for Hanging Bells for nailes	...	2	8	6
1733.	Receipts. By Totall of the Subscription to the Bells	...	87	5	6
1733.	To M ^r Wareing for a new wheele for the Great Bell	...	1	10	0
	To M ^r Abraham Ruddall Bellfounder as by Articles & Receipt	...	102	7	2
	Spent at the last payment thereof	...	0	1	6
	To Widow Cropper as per Bill for Ale getting up the Great Bell	...	0	2	4
	To Rich ^d Perks Town Clerk for Draweing Articles about the Bells	...	0	13	6
	To the Workmen at Burford in Cutting & Loading the Stocks for the Two great Bells	...	0	2	6

The accounts are transcribed down to the end of 1748, but there are no further entries of interest.

LUDLOW.

ST. JOHN.

One bell.

Church built 1881. The bell is quite plain, and though modern, has something of a history. It was purchased from the contractor who was employed to pull down the old church of St. Andrew at Sawtry, Huntingdonshire, in 1880, in the tower of which it had been placed not many years previously. See Owen's *Church Bells of Hunts.*, p. 114.

LUDLOW.

ST. LEONARD.

No bell!

The present church or chapel was erected in 1870, but has no separate district attached to it. The old chapel, which belonged to a Carmelite College, had three bells (one much larger than the other two) at the Dissolution in 1538. These were, of course, disposed of, but the chapel remained, and in 1590 Charles Fox bequeathed two bells, then in his 'sollar' at Bromfield, 'to be hanged up in the steeple of St. Leonard's, to ring into divine service, and there to remain for evermore.' In the eighteenth century the chapel fell into disuse and ruin, and was finally pulled down, about 1770. What became of Foxe's two bells is uncertain, but there is an old tradition, which can hardly now be verified, that the clock-bell of the Butter Cross (see below) is one of them.

LUDLOW.

ST. STEPHEN.

One bell.

A temporary iron church built 1880, with one small bell hanging in the spirelet.

LUDLOW.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (in the Castle).

This chapel, long since ruined, probably never possessed a bell.

LUDLOW.

BUTTER CROSS.

One bell

1. ALL PRAYSE AND GLORY BE TO GOD FOR EVER 1684.

Below: — A band of arabesques, in the middle of which is John Martin of Worcester's smaller heart-shaped trade-mark (18 in.

Hung dead and struck with hammer only; in the cupola on the top of the building, and much corroded by exposure to the open air. The band of ornament is Plate XIII., fig. 4, and the trade-mark Plate VI., fig. 1.

The tradition that this bell originally belonged to the Chapel of St. Leonard has already been alluded to ; but see an entry in the Ludlow accounts for 1667 (p. 66). The present clock was put up in 1746, but without any striking part, which was not added till 1774 ; this was done by a local man, the original maker of the clock, at the expense of the Bailiffs. It does not therefore seem improbable that the bell of the recently-destroyed St. Leonard's was acquired and utilised for the clock to strike upon. See also O. Baker's *Ludlow and Neighbourhood*, p. 67.

Many thanks to Mr. Edmund Jones for information, and for assistance in visiting this bell.

MIDDLETON (IN BITTERLEY).

One bell.

1. GOD PRESERVE THE CHVRCH.

In a gable-cot over the west end ; by Abraham Rudhall, in his smallest lettering.

The Rector of Bitterley (Rev. J. R. Burton) informs me that a terrier of 1810 gives *two* bells here.

ONIBURY.

ST. MICHAEL.

Four bells.

1. THE REV^D H. R. BERKLEY RECTOR T. WELLS & P. BACH C. WARDENS. 1824.

Below :—I. RUDHALL F^EC^T (25 in.

2. ✠ AVE [S] MARIA [S] GRACIA [S] PLENA [S] DOMINVS [S] TECVM (27 in.

3. *Exactly similar to No. 2.* (28½ in.

4. [✠] IOHN [WELLINGS] THOMAS [WELLINGS] CHVRCHWARDENS [1676]

Below the date is :—[H] [C] (31½ in.

Treble : Type like that used by Thos. Mears (e.g., at Ludlow, but slightly smaller.

2nd and 3rd : Probably by the same 14th century founder as the treble at Neen Sollars, the 2nd at Clungunford, and the two first at Acton Scott, which [latter] have the same initial cross. See under Acton Scott. On the 2nd, the I of DOMINVS is worn or cut away ; note in each case the use of K for L in PLENA, as at Acton Scott, also the Roman T. The 3rd has cabled cannons. For cross and lettering see Plate IX., figs. 8-11.

Tenor: By Henry Clibury, the youngest of the Wellington firm. His bells are comparatively rare; cf. Stokesay 3rd and 5th. The initial cross (Plate XII., fig. 5) is set obliquely in the square; the words (not letters) are on *paterae*. The founder's initials are reproduced on Plate XII., fig. 7.

In fairly good order, but the wheels and stays require some attention, as Rev. W. G. Clark-Maxwell informs me. Triangular frames, dated 1626, as is shewn by an inscription on the beam nearest the trap-door (partly covered over by other beams):—

AO ♦ DNI ♦

1626

THOMAS

ALLEN TH=

OMAS ♦

LLINS

CH= (*i.e.*, Wardens).

The treble before 1824 was inscribed like the present tenor (see Brit. Mus. Add 21237, where all inscriptions are given by Rev. E. Williams).

15 May 1553: 'ONEBERE iiij bellys.'

1740: '4 Bells.'

CUSTOMS:—No returns.

RICHARD'S CASTLE. NEW CHURCH. One bell.

1. JOHN TAYLOR & C^O FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH

 (*continuous*).

On the waist :—

(a) TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
JOHNSTONE JONAS
FOSTER OF MOORPARK
WHO DIED FEB^Y 26TH
1880 AGED 53 YEARS
AND OF HIS DAUGHTER
KATHARINE LAETITIA
WHO DIED OCT^R 31ST
1883.

(b) THIS BELL IS GIVEN BY
HANNAH JANE FOSTER
AND HER TWO
DAUGHTERS
ETHEL JANE FOSTER
AND
GERTRUDE STANSFELD
FOSTER
OCT^R 31ST 1892.

Diam. 5ft. Weight 41 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

Flat round cap and arched iron stock ; iron frame by Taylor.

The border round the shoulder is like the Rudhall's pattern, fig. 2.

This bell is the same weight and size as the Great Bell of Tong, and therefore disputes with it the claim to be considered the largest in the county.

The new church was built in the Shropshire portion of this parish (known as Batchcott) in 1892. The old church is in Herefordshire, just over the border ; the detached tower contains three bells. Although we are not strictly concerned therewith, I give the inscriptions on them to complete the account of this parish. It will be seen that the third is pre-Reformation (probably about Henry VIII.'s reign) ; there is a similar bell at Brimfield.

1. IEREMIAH EDWARDS CH: WARDEN A  R
1746  (28½ in.

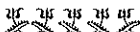



2. G. MEARS & CO. FOUNDERS LONDON 1862 (30½ in.

3. SANCTA ✱ MARIA dROBIS ✱ 
(32¾ in.



The first has cabled cannons ; the edges are chipped.



On the 3rd the S, A, N, and P are reversed (not inverted).

STANTON LACY. ST. PETER. 6 + 1 bells.


1. GOD: SAVE THE: KING  1698 
 

Below :—Border of arabesques (fig. 3) inverted. (29 in.




2. ABRA: RVDHALL: OF: GLOVCESTER: CAST
: VS  1698  (30½ in.

3. THO: PICKRING GENT  RICH:
WREDENHALL: GENT: 1698  (32½ in.

4. IOHN CARTER THOMAS GILSON CH=
WARDENS  1778  (34 in.

5. M^R ✱ RICH: GAR BET: RICH: EVANS:
CHVRCHWARDENS: ANNO: DO: 1698: 

Below :—Border of arabesques. (37½ in.

6. SAM^L : NEWBORVGH : VICAR  GOD :
 SAVE : THE : KING  ANNO DOM
 1693 

(41 in.

S. J. TAYLOR & CO LOUGHBOROUGH  (13 in.

Two cannons off treble; clapper of tenor tied; all have cabled cannons. All in good order, hung round a central pit in which is room for two more bells. Small bell hung on east side of bell-frame; it was recast in 1893, and was, I believe, originally a medieval bell, but I cannot verify this, nor can the Vicar throw any further light on the matter. Messrs. Taylor, strange to say, have no entry in their books relating to this bell. Mr. La Touche, brother of the present Vicar of Stokesay, who copied the inscriptions in 1875, makes no mention of this bell; but it may have escaped his notice.

The 4th bell is a recast by Thomas Rudhall; on the two first the archaic form of bell is used, as at Quatt, Hughley, etc. Borders: On 1st, figs. 3 and 1; on 2nd and 3rd, figs. 3; on 4th, fig. 1; on 5th and 6th, fig. 3. The earliest Rudhall bells in the county.

15 May 1553: 'STANTUN LACVE iiij bellys.'
 1740. '6 Bells c. 1693.'
 1752: '6 Bells.'

CUSTOMS:—

On Sundays a bell is rung at 7 a.m.; chiming for services; and ringing early in the morning on the greater Festivals.

Ringin in Advent, on New Year's Eve, for Weddings by request, and on great occasions of public rejoicing.



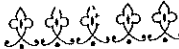

No Funeral Customs.

A bell rung for the Easter Vestry meeting.

Small bell always rung for five minutes before every service.

Thanks to Rev. L. R. C. Bagot, Vicar.



















STOKE ST. MILBOROUGH. ST. MILBURGHA.
 Four Bells.

1.  GLORIA  IN 
 EXCELSVS  DEO 1622
















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













(31½ in.

2.  SOLI     DEO    
 IMMORTALIA    SIT   
 GLORIA    1637

(34 in.

3.  GLORIA      IN   
 EXCELSVS    DEO   
 1637

(36½ in.

4.  CANTATE     DOMENO  
  CANTICVM    NOVVM
   1637

(39½ in.

Clapper of tenor tied ; all in dirty condition.

Treble by William Clibury ; the other three by Thomas. Cross on 1st, with adjoining letters, given on Plate XII., fig. 1 ; the cross on the other three is Plate XII., fig. 2. Borders : On 3rd after GLORIA and on 4th, Plate V., fig. 5 ; all the rest are Plate XIII., fig. 2.

On the bell-frame is carved : CAROLVS T G T F 1698.

2 April [1549] (given as 6 Edward VI.) : 'MYLBORE STOKE.
 Item iij belles hanging in the steeple.'

15 May 1553 : 'MYLBOVRNE STOKE. iij bellys'

1740 : '4 Bells.'

CUSTOMS :—

On Sundays, bells rung for half-an-hour before service and occasionally afterwards ; for the last five minutes before, one only is tolled.

Up to 1893 all four bells were rung at Funerals ; now only one. Ringing on New Year's Eve, and for Weddings by arrangement ; also for special occasions of rejoicing.

Thanks to Rev. R. Perkins.

STOKESAY.






St. JOHN BAPTIST.

6 bells.

1. THE REV^d F. MARSTON VICAR : T. MEARS OF LONDON






FECIT 1822

Below :—
 E. SHEPPARD }
 J. BISHOP } CHURCH WARDENS (27 in

2. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1822 ➤
(continuous)

Below :—HERE LET US PAUSE AND NOW WITH ONE
ACCORD
SALUTE THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT IN THE
LORD (29 in.)

3.  RICHARD MILLWARD
RICHARD WELLINGS C W 1674
(28½ in.)

4. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1822 ➤
(continuous) (32 in.)

5. As 3 (33½ in.)

6. GLORA DEO IN EXCES 1608
Below :—S GEORG MANWERING
IN WB C WARDENS

On the other side of the waist :—

THIS BELL RECAST AND THE PEAL REHUNG
IN MEMORY OF JAMES DIGUES LATOUCHE B.A.
FOR 44 YEARS VICAR OF THIS PARISH 1900
HERBERT GROOM } CHURCHWARDENS
FREDERICK MEDLICOTT }

(36 in.)

3rd and 5th by Henry Clibury (cf. Onibury tenor); cross, Plate XII. fig 5; letters on paterae.

Tenor by Barwell of Birmingham.

All rehung with new wheels, etc., 1900; cannons of 3rd and 5th removed, and none to tenor.

The inscription on the old tenor has been exactly repeated as far as spelling goes; the present Vicar has fortunately preserved a

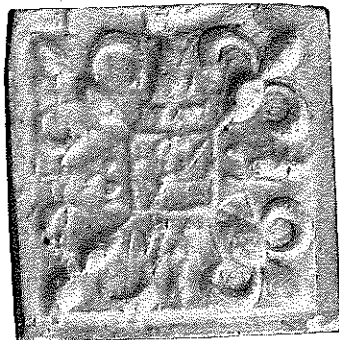


Fig. 7

photograph and an admirable rubbing, and I myself took a cast of the unique initial cross in 1894, which is reproduced in fig. 7. The inscription was as follows :—

✠ GLORA (oak-leaf border for 9 in.) DEO (inverted arabesques for 8 in.) IN (oak-leaf border 4 in.) EX-
CES (arabesques 6½ in.) 1608 (oak-leaf border 9 in.; arabesques, 6 in.)

*Below :—*S GEORG MANWERING

*Low down on waist :—*IN W B C WARDENS

Round the sound-bow, a plait-band.



Fig. 8.

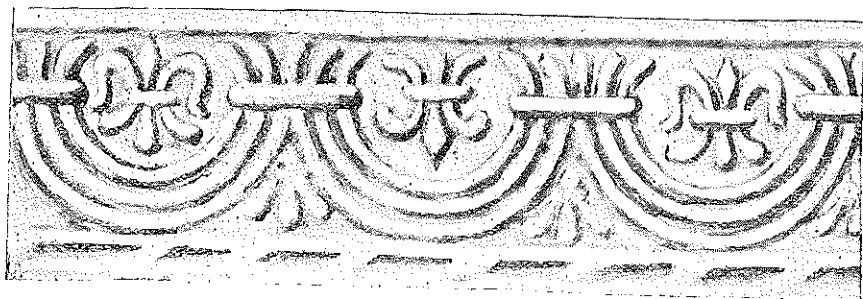


Fig. 9.

At the time of my visit in 1894 this bell was badly cracked, and a large piece out of the rim. The letters are highly ornamented,

as on More 2nd; the oak-leaf border is extremely artistic, as may be seen from fig. 8, which has been drawn from the rubbing; the only other instances I know are on another lost bell, the old treble at Lydbury North (*q.v.*), and at St. Martin's. The arabesque border (Fig. 9) does not occur elsewhere. The founder is William Clibury.

Sir George Mainwaring, whose name appears on the old tenor, was the owner of Stokesay Castle, which he purchased about the year 1570. It was also conveyed to him by family settlement in 1616. His name also occurred on a bell of the same date formerly at Ightfield, as I learn from a note made by Mr. R. E. Davies.

The names of the churchwardens, I. N., W. B., on the same bell were probably Nethway, and Blakeway or Baugh.

2 June [1549]: 'too grett bell of on' accord.'

CUSTOMS :—

On Sundays, if a sufficient number of ringers are present, the bells are rung in peal for services, the Grandsire method being used. The treble is tolled for five minutes before the service as a 'Parson's bell.'

At Funerals the tenor is tolled as a Minute bell.

Ringling on New Year's Eve (an old custom), and for weddings by request; formerly also on November 5th, but this was discouraged by the late Vicar, not being generally approved of. When he came in 1855 he found Christmas ringling to be a sort of midnight orgie, which he put down by forbidding any ringling for 12 years.

The Vicar tells me, on the authority of Mr. John Beddoes of Forden, Montgomery, that the tenor was broken on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Coronation.

There is a local distich:

"Fire and smoke

Says the bells of Stoke,"

which may trace its origin to the destruction of the church by fire, concerning which there is a parochial tradition.

The Churchwardens' Accounts extend from 1664 to 1714. I am greatly indebted to the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. W. M. D. La Touche, for the extracts here reproduced, as well as for much information and assistance in other ways.

1663.	To the ringers upon gunpowder treason	...	4	0
	For leather to line the boldwrickes	...		6
1666.	For laying bell solar ¹ & planks	...	0	12
	ringling upon the news of the Victory att Sea ²	...	8	0

¹ Floor of bell chamber.

² The late Vicar has made a note as follows:—This must refer to the battle in the Downs between the English, commanded by Monk, and the Dutch under De Witt and de Ruyter, in which the English were defeated; but the court claimed it as a victory; hence this bell ringling.

1664.	Ringers the 5 of November	0	04	0
	Repairing the bells	0	06	0
	Iron for the same purpose	0	04	7
1675.	To the ringers on Coronation Day	0	2	0
	It. for my journey charges to Wellington	0	8	0
	It. paid the bell founders for their journey	0	5	0
	It. Goeing to the bell founders to lemyster ¹	0	2	0
	It. charges when the bell founders cam over	0	4	0
	It. to the ringers on the fifth of November... ..	0	4	0
	to Preece when he puld down the bells	0	2	0
	It. for his diett & nailes & other charges	0	2	0
	paid for the casting the bells ²	8	0	0
	It. for the mettle for the bell	8	15	0
	paide for the carriage of the bells to Wellington	2	10	0
	our journey & charges to Wellington	1	17	6
	to John Preece for hanging the bells	0	13	0
	It. charges when the bells were hanged	0	6	3
	to margeret walters for nailes	0	0	4
	It. Paid George Peirce for ironworke for the bells	0	17	0
	For bell ropes	0	10	6
	It. for bonds and articles with the bell founders	0	4	6
1678.	For hoops and pins for the bells	0	1	2
	For nailes for the bells and mending	0	1	1
	For ringers on gunpowder treason	0	4	0
1681.	Item a sett of new bellropes	00	11	6
	Item to the ringers on the 5 th of November	0	4	0
	Item mending the second bell and plats and nailes and hocks for the scoole		3	6
1683.	To the ringers the 5 of november	00	04	0
1686.	Paid for belropes	00	12	00
	Novem 5 to y ^e ringers	00	04	0
	Paid to the ringers at y ^e coronation day ³	00	02	06
1690.	To the ringers on gunpowder treason	0	04	0
1691.	Paid for new belropes	0	12	0
	Paid to the ringers the 5 of November	0	4	0
	To the ringers for May the twenty nynth for too year... ..		04	00
	For the fifth of november	00	04	00
	P ^d to the ringers for ringing when nuse com for the regaying of Ireland ⁴	00	02	06
	For procklymatyen for thanksgiveing and a prayer book	00	01	00
	to the ringers	00	03	00
	P ^d for mending the bell whell and the bear and puting staves to the rest	00	06	06

¹ Leominster. Possibly H. Clibury was working there temporarily.

² The present 3rd and 5th.

³ James II., April 23, 1685.

⁴ Pacification of Limerick, Oct. 3, 1691.

1693.	Two the ringers...	...	...	...	00	08	00
	For one borde and mening the bell whell	...	...	...	00	03	09
1694.	Pd to the ringers May ye 29 th ...	...	...	...	00	02	00
	Fd to the ringers November ye 5 th ...	...	...	...	00	04	00
	Pd to the ringers upon the Kings return	...	...	...	00	02	00
	to ye ringers may 29 1695 ...	...	...	...	00	02	00
	for a baldruck for ye bell tongue	...	...	...	00	00	06
1696.	Paid to the ringers the 29 th of May	...	...	...	00	02	00
	to the ringers fift of November	...	...	...	00	04	00
1697.	paid unto the ringers at the proclamation of peace ¹ ...	...	...	...	00	05	00
	paid unto ye smith for making a platt for the bell whelle ...	...	...	...	00	00	04
	Paid unto the ringers the 29 th of May	...	...	...	00	02	00
1699.	Paid ye ringers ye fift of november	...	...	...	0	2	0
	for mending ye bells ...	...	...	...	0	0	6
	Paid ye ringers ye twentyninth of may	...	...	...	0	2	0
	Pd for ringers at ye berth ye Lords sonne	...	...	...	0	2	0
	pyd ye ringers ye fift november	...	...	...	0	2	0
	for mending the bells and a grate for the scoole	...	...	...	0	6	2
	for a new boldricke for the bell and mending the wheele ...	...	...	...	0	2	1
	for bell roops ...	...	...	...	0	10	6
	Pd Will Rainells for mendeing the bells	...	...	...	0	10	9
	Pd Thomas Janer for helpling William Rainell about ye bells & for mates	...	...	...	0	2	0
	paid for ye 5 November to ye riengs	...	...	...	0	4	0
	May ye 29 1700 to the ringers	...	...	...	0	2	0
	May ye 29 1701 pd to the ringars	...	...	...	0	2	0
1703.	For bell ropes ...	...	...	...	00	14	00
	Payd the ringers on the 5 of November	...	...	...	00	04	00
	Payd the ringers for the Victory at Vigo ²	...	...	...	00	05	00
	Payd to the ringers the 29 th of May	...	...	...	00	02	00
1704.	For mending the hanging of the bells	...	...	...	00	04	06
	Paid att the fift of November...	...	...	...	00	04	00
	Paid to the ringers the 8 of March	...	...	...	00	2	06
	Paid to the ringers the 29 th of May	...	...	...	00	2	6
1705.	Paid to the ringers the 29 th of May	...	...	...	00	02	00
	Pd for a form of prayer for a day of thanks- giving ...	...	...	...	0	01	00
	Pd to the ringers in that day	...	...	...	00	02	00
	Pd to the ringers on the 5 th of November	...	...	...	00	04	00
	Pd for a sett of new bel ropes...	...	...	...	00	12	00
	Pd for a Iron pin for the tongue of the greate belle ...	...	...	...	00	00	03
	Pd to the ringers the 29 th of May last	...	...	...	00	02	00

¹ Peace of Ryswick, Sept. 10, 1697.² Spanish galleons de'ended by French, dispersed by Lord Ormond and Rooke.

1706.	Paid for a form of prayer and a proclamation on June 27 th	o	01	00
	Paid to the ringers on the day of thanksgiving	00	02	06
	For mending the tong of y ^e greatt Bel ..	00	02	6
	For making a bullrick ¹ of two plates for y ^e tong of the bell and for putting him in	00	0	6
	paid to the ringers y ^e fift of November ..	0	4	00
	Paid to the ringers the day of thanksgiving...	00	1	6
	Paid for mending the tong of the bell ..	00	2	0
	Paid to the ringers y ^e 29 th of May ..	00	02	0
1708.	Pd y ^e 29 th of May to y ^e ringers ..	00	02	00
	Pd for the bell ropes	00	11	08
	Pd for a plate for the bell and nailes...	00	00	00
	Pd for mending the bell tonge ..	00	06	10
	Pd the ringers on the fifth of November ..	00	04	00
	Pd for three bothrocke & mending y ^e staves...	00	02	02
1711.	29 th of May	0	2	0
	5 th of November	0	4	0
	Mending the bel's	00	01	06
1712.	Pd on 29 th May	00	02	00
	Pd on y ^e 5 November	00	04	00
	Pd for mending y ^e bel tongh	00	03	06
	Pd for plates and nailes for mending the bels	00	00	09
	Pd Peter Haywood for seting the bels in order	00	03	00
	Pd y ^e ringers on thanksgiving day	00	05	00
	Pd for y ^e new belropes	00	12	00
1713	Pd on y ^e 5 November	0	4	0
	for mending the bell tounge	0	3	6
	for mending the bell wheeles and for clets and nails	0	3	2
	Pd to the ringers on the 29 th of May...	0	2	0

WESTHOPE.

One bell.

1. W BLEWS & SONS 1872.

(17 in.

Hung in a wooden arched cot on the west gable, resting on corbelled brackets; solid wheel and single cannons. Put up when the chapel was restored.

Messrs Blews were founding at Birmingham for some years, and are now succeeded by Charles Carr of Smethwick; their work, so far as I have met with it, is always excellent, and even their Gothic type is not to be despised.

¹ Sc., Baldrick, lower down spelled "bothrocke." The word was always a stumbling-block to 17th century scribes. Note the use of "tongue" for clapper in these accounts.

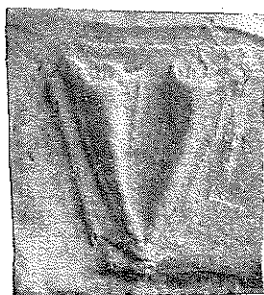
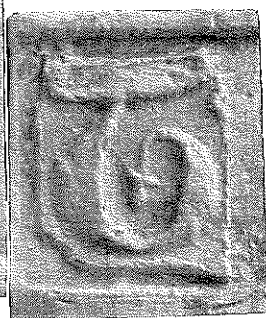
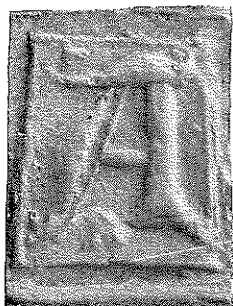
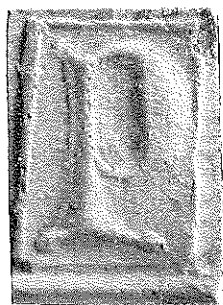
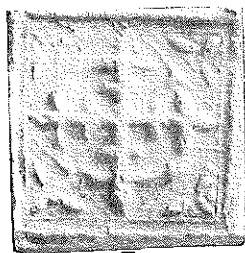


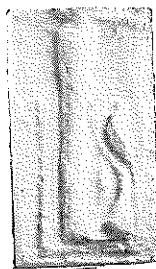
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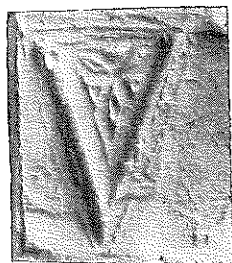
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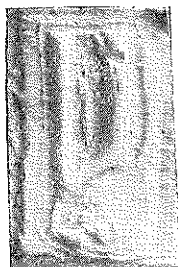
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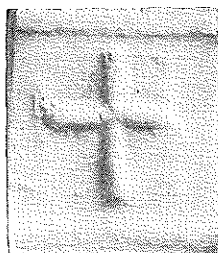
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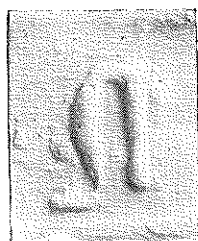
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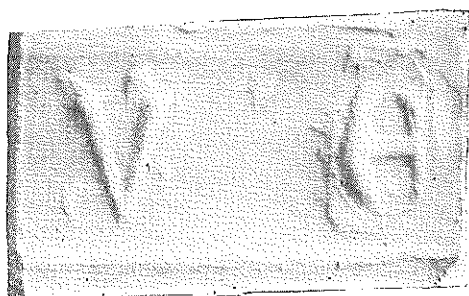
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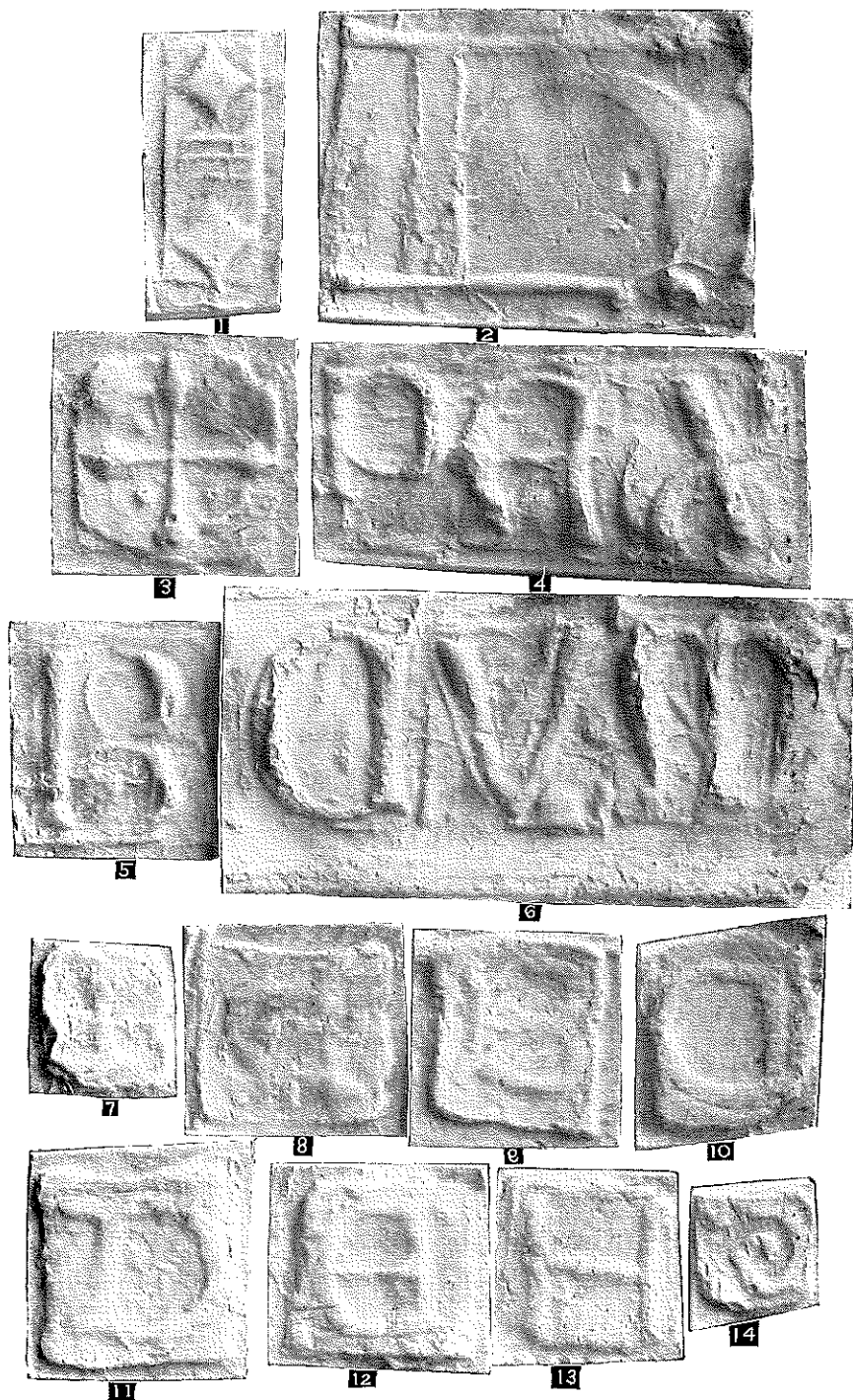


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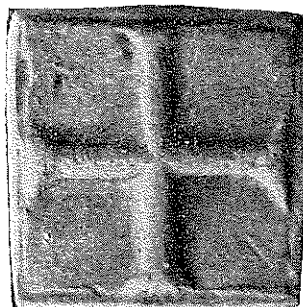
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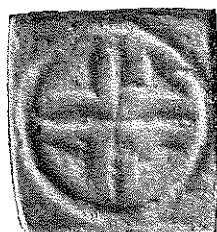




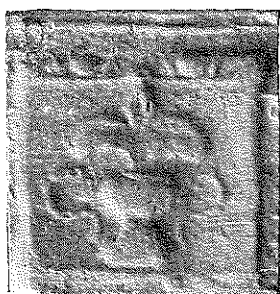
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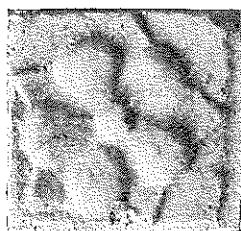
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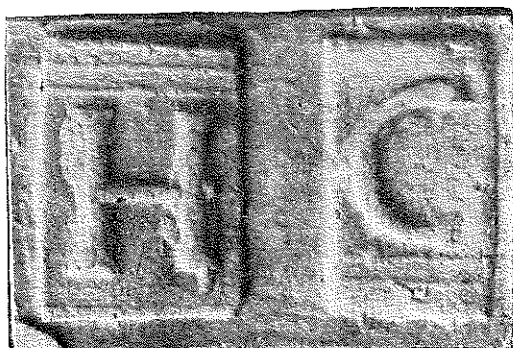
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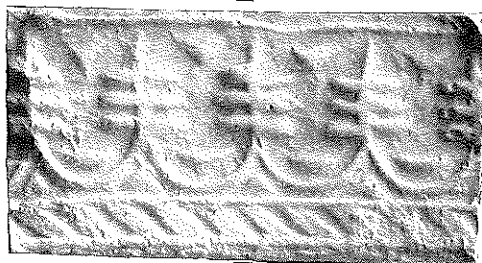
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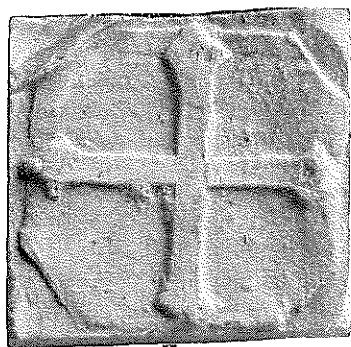
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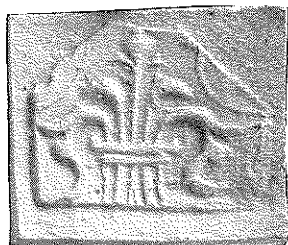
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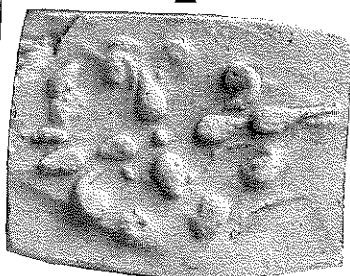
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THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH OF WORFIELD.

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PART II., 1512—1523.

1512.

Ihc merci.

Compotus Richardi ffelton' et Iohanis Gyldon' Gardianorum
ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld' habit' et custodit' in
ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parochie In
cathedra sancti petri viz. vicesimo secundo die mensis
ffebruarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo duodecimo
Et anno regni regis Henrici octavi post conquestum Anglie
quarto &c.

De Receptis.

In primis the seid Richard ffelton' hath resevyd ffor the bequest of Iohn' hasyllwode	...	...	xl ^d
It' of William ffroddesley & Roger cattistre	...	ij ^s	iiij ^d
It' of Roger Cattistre & the same william	...	vj ^s	iiij ^d
It' of Roger hichekokes	...	iiij ^s	ij ^d
It' John Gyldon resevyd of Roger cattistre & william ffroddesley	...	...	ij ^d
It'm of Roger Cattistre & William frodesley	...	...	xl ^d
Summa recepcionum	...	xx ^s	vj ^d

Expens' et reparaciones predictorum Gardianorum ecclesie.

In primis paid by Ric' ffelton to the plumber for castynge ledde & for iiij days his wages	...	iiij ^s	viiij ^d
It' to Agnes Romsall' oure borde the same tyme	...	...	vj ^d
It' ffor costes at Brugenorth when We caste the ledde	...	...	iiij ^d
It' paide for ye same plymmer on tyme	...	...	j ^d

It' paid for Thomas Walker the first time he came to us his hyre & borde di. die' ¹	ij ^d
It'm paid to Thomas Walker' for worke a bowte the churche	v ^d
It' to Romsalls wif for the plymmers borde & his man	xxij ^d
It'm paid for lyme	xliij ^d
It'm paid to y ^e mason	v ^s
It' paid by Iohn Gyldon ffor y ^e plymmers borde and for ledde	xv ^s viij ^d
It'm for gyrdulls for y ^e prestes	j ^d
It' for y ^e surrender' of humfrey barett & for y ^e copy	vj ^d
It'm candylles on cristmas day	j ^d
[Entry erased]	

Summa reparacionum predictorum gardianorum ecclesie	xxx ^s v ^d
Receperunt in die compoti	ix ^s xj ^d
& sic inde equales omnes &c.	

Iudi helpe

Compotus Willelmi Austen' et Thome Rykthorne. Gardianorum Cantarie beate marie de Worfeld' Custodit in ecclesia coram parochianis die et anno supra dictis ut habetur in compoto gardianorum ecclesie viz. Richardi ffelton et Iohannis Gyldon'. In tempore Domini Iohannis Iye Capellani dicte cantarie &c.

De Receptis.

In primis In tempore pentecostes pro ser- visia de claro	iiij ^h xiijs viij ^d
It'm de Redditu beate marie	xliij ^s
It'm de Redditu caritatis	xxxvj ^s vj ^d
It'm de legatione Alicie townsend'	xx ^d
It' de Iohane Walker	j ^d

Summa totalis Recept'.	vij xv ^s xj ^d
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Expens' & soluciones predictorum gardianorum cantarie predictae &c.

¹ Half a day (*dimidio diei*?).

In primis pro anniversario agnetis grene...		x ^d
It' to y ^e pryste v ^{li}		xl ^d
Allocaciones. Of Ric' smythes howse ...		xij ^d
It'm of William yeates house		iiij ^d
It'm of the walston' ...		xvj ^d
It'm of the almeshowsen' ...		xiiij ^d
It'm of the howse in bruge-		
northe		ij ^d
It'm for ij tapers ¹ for y ^e awter . .		iiij ^d
It'm to y ^e wryght for his labyr' ij ^s xvj ^d	} Summa	
It'm his mete & drynke ...		
It'm to Iohn Rowlowe of newton for		
sparres & lathys xij ^d		
It'm to Iohn Whitbroke & his son' xvj ^d		
It' for ther mete & drynke ... vj ^d		vj ^s viij ^d
It'm lath nayles iiij ^d		
It'm for sawynge & mete & drynke iiij ^d		
It' to bucke for whyte lymynge		
and for his mete & drynke ... v ^d		
Summa totalis solucionum ... v ^{li}		xvij ^s
<i>& computatis computandis predicti Willelmus</i>		
<i>Austen et Thomas Rikethorne debent paroch-</i>		
<i>ianis et ecclesie xviiij^s</i>		

WYKYN.

Curia Decani ecclesie Cathedralis lichfeld' Cathedrali eiusdem tenta apud Worfeld in vigilia sancti michael archangeli. Anno regni regis henrici octavi post conquestum iiij^{te}. Ad hanc Curiam venerunt Ricardus bylyngsley attorn' Humfridi barett. Et sursum reddidit in manus domini unum Cotagium cum curtilagio adiacenti in le lowe iuxta cotagium Willelmi yeate cum suis pertinentiis. Ad opus Iohannis Gyldon heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum super quo Dominus per senescallum suum concessit prefato Iohani gyldon' predictum cotagium et curtilagium cum suis pertinentiis habendum et tenendum sibi & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum per redditum et serviciam inde prius debitam et de Iure consuetam qui dat domino de fine

¹ I.e., the two altar lights properly so called.

viiij^d et habet inde seisinam admissus est inde tenens &c.
Datum die et anno supradictis Et sub sigillo Rogeri Sparry
senescali ibidem pro tempore &c.

Memorandum this is the very tru mynd of Thomas pytt of Shipley in Gyvyng of the house y^t Thomas tremnande hath in his tenure The seid Thomas pytt of Shippley hath gyven in my lordes courte the possession of on cotage with a curtlage a garden on y^e bake side lyenge in the sonde unto Roger hasylwoode of Newton and to Thomas tremnande. And to y^e eyres of theire bodyes lawfully gotyn' for ever, Of the which Cotage our lady hath had of woolde tyme erely to y^e prest x^d ob. And the seid Roger and Thomas shall pay erely or cause to be payde to the seid Thomas pytt duryng his lyf iiij^s & kepe alle oder rentes customs & servics as is longynge to y^e seid Cotage & curtilage And all y^e reparacions of y^e seid Cotage on his owne costes & charges and after y^e dissesse of y^e seid Thomas pytt oure ladyes prest most have erely payd of the seid Roger & thomas of ther eyres & ther assignes iiij^s iiij^d clerely payd withoute any interrupcion & y^e seid thomas & Roger to kepe alle oder rentes & reparacions by syde. on ther owne costes & charges and y^e seid prest to pray for y^e soule of y^e seid thomas pytt and alle his good fryndes and also y^e seid thomas pytt Roger hasylwoode & Thomas Tremnande have gyven and grauntyd ever more lycens to the Wardens of oure lady yf y^e rent of y^e seid cotage be not truly payd at ij tymes in the ere y^t is to sei at the annunciacion of oure lady ij^s and ij^s at y^e fest of seynt mychaele and this erely to be payd or els oure ladyes Wardens to distrayne in y^e seid cotage & curtlage as oft as nede requyrethe & thus y^e seid thomas pytt hath gyven to owre ladyes wardens his full power' and strenkythe ffor ever.

Thes wittnes Sir Iohn lye then beyng oure ladyes prest William Walker of Rowghton Roger barett humfrey barett Iohn yeate of Rowghton and many oder &c.

WORFELD.

Curia parva ibidem tenta Die Martis proxima post festum,
Sancti Martini episcopi Anno regni regis henrici septimi

vicesimo quarto. Ad hanc Curiam venit Iohanes Brugend Attornat' Thomas pytt per testificacionem Ricardi Iannes et Iohanis merwall' et sursum reddidit in manus Domini possessiones unius Cotagii cum suis pertinenciis in Sonde iacent' ad finem pontis ibidem Ad opus Rogeri hasylwood Et thome tremnande heredibus et assignatis eorum in perpetuum. Super quo Dominus per senescallum suum concessit prefatis Rogero et Thome predictum Cotagium cum curtilagio et cum suis pertinenciis habendum et tenendum illius heredibus et assignatis eorum in perpetuum secundum consuetudinem Manerii per redditum et serviciam inde debitam et consuetam &c. qui dant Domino de fine vj^d Et habent inde seisinas & fecerunt domino fidelitatem. Et admissi sunt inde tenentes. Datum die & anno supradictis et sub sigillo Rogeri sparrye pro tempore subsenescalli, &c.

1513.

Compotus Iohannis yeate et Rychardi Walker Gardianorum ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld' habitus et custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parochie In cathedra sancti petri viz. vicesimo secundo die mensis ffebruarii Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo terciodecimo Et Anno regni regis henrici octavi post conquestum Anglie quinto.

De receptis.

In primis de piccide parroch'	...	...	viijs	iijs ^d
It' de legacione Iohanis Wyllatt de swankote	...	...		xx ^d
It' de legacione willelmi Iannes	...	...		xl ^d
It' de Willelmo Austen	...	...	xvijs	
It' de Ric' blackemon pro vacca	...	...	ijs	
It' de Iohane rowlon de newton	...	...		xij ^d
It' de Agnete townsend	...	...	ijs	

Summa Recepcionum xxxvj^s iijs^d

Reparaciones et Expens' predictorum Gardianorum ecclesie eodem anno.

In primis to the glasyer'	...	...	...	ijs
It' for a pewter dyshe for sowder ¹	...	...	...	ij ^d

¹ Solder.

It' wax & makynge the paskall' and y ^e tapers and candelles at yester	ij ^s	vj ^d
It' for sens & oyle & Ryddynge y ^e stepull' ...		iiij ^d
It' to thomas tremnande for shyngullyng & oder labr and for hokes & nayles	xviiij ^d	
It' for getyng up the ladder in to y ^e stepull' in ale and for whytlyme	ix ^d	
It' to the masons for reparyng' y ^e spyre and for ther mete & drynke y ^e same tyme	viiij ^s	iiij ^d
It' Ric' smyth for lab' & yron'		xij ^d
It' to y ^e masons for leyng tyle & underleyng y ^e formes & for lyme and for mete and drynke y ^e same tyme	x ^s	iiij ^d
It' for makynge y ^e processionalles		xij ^d
It' for makynge the torches in expenses for wax Rosen and odor stuff to them and for mete & drynke y ^e same tyme besyde all yt was gedryd ¹ in the pareshe	xiiiij ^s	vij ^d

Summa Reparacionum predictorum gardianorum
dicti Gardiani receperunt die Compot' ...

xlij^s iiij^d
vj^s

Et sic Computatis Computandis allocatis
allocandis equales sunt predicti gardiani.

ladi helpe.

Compotus Rogeri Walker' Et Iohannis Brugend' Iunioris
Gardianorum Cantarie beate marie De Worfeld' Custoditus
in ecclesia coram parochianis Die et anno supradictis ut
habetur in Compoto Gardianorum ecclesie viz. Iohannis
Yeate et Ricardi Walker'. In tempore Domini Iohannis
Iye capellani dicte cantarie.

De Receptis.

In primis In tempore pentecostes pro servisia²

de claro	iiij ^{li}	xiiiij ^s	viiij ^d
It' de legacione Rogeri Barett			xij ^d
It' de legacione Stephani townesend'			xij ^d

¹ Gathered.

² Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite, F.S.A., noting that this item always occurs in the receipts, not in the payments, suggests to me that it probably refers not to the service of the Church but to the Whitsun Ale (see entry below).

It' de legacione Iohanis Willot de swankote			xij ^d
It' de legacione Iohanis Rowlowe de newton			viiij ^d
It' de Redditu beate marie	...	...	xliij ^s
It' de Redditu caritatis	...	...	xxxvj ^s vj ^d
Summa totalis Recept' ...	...	vij ^{li} xvij ^s	x ^d

Expens' et soluciones predictorum gardianorum cantarie
predicte.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis Grene			ix ^d
Capellano viz. domino Iohani Iye	...	v ^{li}	xl ^d
Allocuciones (<i>sic</i>). Of Ric' Smythes howse...			xij ^d
Of William Yeates howse			iiij ^d
Of the Walston	...		xvj ^d
Of the almeshowsen	...		xiiij ^d
Of the howse in Bruge-			
north	...		ij ^s
It' for thachynge & oder reparacions	...		xviiij ^d
Item soluerunt in die Compt' ...	...	iiiij ^s	v ^d
Item paid to a woman to serve Wytsen ale ¹			iiiij ^d

Summa totalis reparacionum et soluc-			
ionum	...	v ^{li}	xj ^s xiiij ^d
Et sic debent	...		ix ^s vj ^d
inde solverunt	...		xviiij ^d
Et sic debent	...	viiij ^s	
Remanet in pixide paroch'	...		xlj ^d

1514.

Ihc. merci.

Comptus Iohanis prystes de Newton' et Iohanis undurhylle
gardianorum ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld' habitus et
Custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis eiusdem
parochie. In cathedra sancti petri. viz. vicesimo secundo
die mensis february. Anno Domini millesimo quingent-
esimo quartodecimo. Et anno regni regis henrici octavi
post conquestum Anglie sexto.

¹ See Hone's *Every Day Book*. i., p. 186. The ale was provided by the Churchwardens and sold in the church. At Worfield, as elsewhere, the chantry seems to have held an "ale" regularly at V hitsuntide, and occasionally also at Easter (see the accounts for 1507—1510, Vol. iii., p. 122 ff.)

De Receptis.

In primis de pixide paroch'	iijs ^s	v ^d
It' de Rogero Walker' et Iohane Brugend'	x ^s	
It' pro anima Alson' hasylwood'		xx ^d
It' de Rogero Walker'	vjs ^s	
It' Iohane brugend' Iunior'... ..	v ^s	vj ^d
It' de humfrid' granger Iunior' et de Wilhelmo bradeney Iunior' gardianorum cantarie	xx ^s	
It' de Georgio barker' pro debit'		xvj ^d
It' pro anima Iohannis hogettes de claverley		xx ^d
It' pro zona constipata & argentea	iiij ^s	
It' Rec. of the paresh diverse tymes to the gylde yng of y ^e Roode lofte	iiij ^{li}	xij ^s
It' ffor a brasyn' mortar' of the gyfte of Roger rowlowe		v ^s
It' of Roger Walker & Iohn brugend'... ..	ix ^s	viiij ^d
Summa Recept'	vij ^{li}	iiij ^d

Reparaciones et expens' Gardianorum predictorum ecclesie
pro eodem anno.

In primis for y ^e peynting of a cloth before y ^e roode ¹	v ^s	
It' for fachyng y ^e cloth at lychefyld		x ^d
It' for an yron on oure lady & y ^e rynges		vij ^d
It' to thomas tremnande for worke on oure lady & for fastynyng y ^e roode loft		xij ^d
It' to William hichekox for an yron'		iiij ^d
It' for makyng y ^e paskall & for candylles	ij ^s	vj ^d
It' for sens & oyle		ij ^d
It' for a surples to y ^e Curate	iiij ^s	vj ^d
It' whytelyme		xvj ^d
It' to thomas smyght		j ^d
It' for polyng up the grete belle		xij ^d
It' for makyng gere to pole up the belle and for makyng y ^e whylle... ..		xviiij ^d
It' to gelowe y ^e mason	v ^s	vj ^d

¹ Probably to hang before it in Lent; the next entry but one refers to the tackle for fixing it. See a recent correspondence on the subject in the *Church Times* (July, 1902).

It' payd at hampton' ¹ for y ^e fredam' ² ...	vjs viij ^d
It' for makyng y ^e processionalles ...	xij ^d
It' for lathis & v c ³ nayles to y ^e plymmer & to y ^e peynters	ij ^s
It' to y ^e plymmer for mendyng y ^e gutter at y ^e steeple & for mete & drynke	xx ^d
It' to y ^e plymmer for his lab ^r	xij ^s iiij ^d
It' for mete & drynke y ^e same tyme ...	vij ^d
It' to Iohn Whitbrooke & his son' for ij days labur'	xvj ^d
It' for mete & drynke	xij ^d
It' for iij c nayles	ix ^d
It' for shyngulles	ij ^s vj ^d
It' for oyle & candylles at cristmas ...	ij ^d
It' to thomas tremnande	vij ^d
It' to y ^e peynters for iij ymages	xxx ^s
It' for an ernes	iiij ^d
It' to y ^e peynters dominica proxima ante festum michaelis	xlij ^s
It' to William larens dominica ante festum Katerine	xl ^s
It' for an horse to gyles bukenalle ...	vij ^s viij ^d
It' to Ric' Walker mercer	lvj ^s iiij ^d
It' to thomas brydd	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
It' to William larens	xj ^s viij ^d
It' to William larens to a reward ...	xx ^d
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Summa reparacionum	xiiij ^{li} xij ^d
Et sic parochiani debent Gardianis inde receperunt die Compoti	vj ^{li} x ^d
Et sic parochiani debent	lv ^s ix ^d ob.
inde receperunt	iiij ^{li} v ^s ob.
Et inde receperunt residuum ad compotum tentum in festo sancti Cedde ⁴ Episcopi anno regni regis henrici Octavi Octavo	xiiij ^s x ^d

¹ *I.e.*, Wolverhampton.² Freedom.³ *I.e.*, 500.⁴ January 7. The Bishop of the East Saxons, 654—664, not to be confused with St. Chad of Lichfield.

Compotus humfridi granger Iunioris et Willelmi bradeney
Iunioris gardianorum Cantarie beate marie de Worfeld'
custoditus in ecclesia coram parochianis die & anno supra
dictis ut habetur in Compoto gardianorum Ecclesie viz.
Iohanis prisse de Newton' & Iohanis undurhyll In
tempore Domini Iohanis lye capellani dicte Cantarie.

De Receptis.

In tempore pentecostes pro servisia de claro	viiij ^{li}	viijs ^s	iiij ^d
It' pro anima alson' hasylwoode ...	...	...	xx ^d
It' de Redditu beate marie ...	...	...	xliiij ^s
It' de Redditu caritatis ...	...	...	xxxvj ^s vj ^d
Summa recepcionum ...	...	viiij ^{li}	x ^s vj ^d

Reparaciones & soluciones gardianorum predictorum cantarie
predicte.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis grene			x ^d
It' Capellano viz. domino Iohani lye ...	v ^{li}		xl ^d
It' Iohani prisse et Iohani undurhyll' ...		xx ^s	
It' pro cera ...			iiij ^d
Allocaciones. Of Ric'smythes howse	xij ^d		
It' of william yeates			
howse ...	iiiij ^d		
It' of the walstone ...	xvj ^d		v ^s x ^d
It' of the almyshowsens	xiiiij ^d		
It' of the howse in			
brugenorth ...	ij ^s		
Summa solucionum ...	...	vij ^{li}	x ^s iiij ^d
Et sic debent ...	...	...	xl ^s ij ^d
Inde solverunt ad compotum dictum ...	...	...	xl ^s ij ^d
Et sic sunt quieti & exonerati &c.			

Dominus Iohanes lye capellanus solvit pro
perquisicione parcelli cuiusdam Cottagii &
prati cum pertinentiis...
Ricardus ffelton' solvit ...
Georgius Barker' solvit ...
Willelmus Walker' solvit ...
Ricardus Barker' solvit ...

vjs^s viij^d
vjs^s viij^d
vjs^s viij^d
vjs^s viij^d
vjs^s viij^d

Robertus Wright	...	...	...	vjs viij ^d
Thomas Barker	...	...	...	vjs viij ^d

1515.

Compt' Iohanis prestis de Newton & Iohanis undurhyll'
 Gardianorum ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld habitus &
 custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis eiusdem
 parochie. In Cathedra sancti petri viz. vicesimo secundo
 die mensis ffebruarii. Anno Domini m^o Et anno regni
 regis Henrici octavi post conquestum Anglie septimo.

De Receptis.

In primis Gedurred' among the paresh'	...	...	...	iijs
It' for Iohn' pris of halon'	...	...	...	iijs
It' to y ^e gyldyng of Roode loft of sir Iohn Iye				xl ^d
It' of sir William Gyldon'	...	...	...	xij ^d
It' of William hoper	...	...	...	vjs viij ^d
It' ged'yd ¹ of ye pareshe	...	...	...	iijs x ^d
It' of garbot of brystowe...	...	...	...	xx ^d
It' ged'yd of y ^e pareshe	...	...	...	iijs
It' ged'yd of y ^e pareshe	...	...	...	iijs
It' of Robert Wryght & thomas barber	...	...	...	xxxiijs viij ^d

Summa Recepcionum ... iijs^{li} iijs x^d

Reparaciones et soluciones gardianorum predictae ecclesie
 pro eodem anno.

In primis ffor y ^e paskalle & Candyllles at est ^r				xxij ^d
It' to Thomas bryd for gold to y ^e peynters...				xl ^s
It' to Thomas Walker'	...	...	...	xx ^s
It' to Iohn degery for y ^e processionalles	...	...	...	xxij ^d
It' to Thomas Corbet	...	...	...	ij ^d

Summa solucionum ... iijs^{li} iijs x^d

Et sic sunt equales cum parrochianis pro isto anno.

Hit is a greed' at these accountes that every
 yard lond within the parish shall pay this
 yere to the reparacions of the church &
 for makyng the churchord walles ... iiij^d

¹ Gathered.

Compot' Roberti Wryght' et Thome Barbur' Gardianorum
Cantarie beate marie De Worfeld' Custoditus. In ecclesia
coram parrochianis die et anno supra dictis ut habetur in
Compoto Gardianorum ecclesie. viz. Iohannis prisse et
Iohannis und^rhyll'. In tempore Domini Iohannis lye Capel-
lani dicte cantarie.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servisia In tempore pentecostes de claro	v ^{li}	xv ^s
It' pro Iohane pris de halon		xij ^d
It' pro quodam prato de Rogero hichekox et Ricardo pyvye de Claverley		xxxij ^s
It' de Ricardo Bylyngsley per f ^m ¹		xij ^d
It' de Redditu beate marie		xl ^{liij} ^s
It' de Redditu caritatis		xxxvj ^s vj ^d
Summa Recepcionum	xj ^{li}	ix ^s vj ^d

Reparaciones & soluciones gardianorum Cantarie beate
marie predicte.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis grene Thome Calowe et omnium benefactorum ...		xliij ^d
It' Capellano viz. Domino Iohani lye	v ^{li}	xl ^d
It' pro factura cere		iiij ^d
It' Iohani pris & Iohani und ^r hylle		xxxiiij ^s iiij ^d
It' Thome Caloe pro perquisicione parcelli cuiusdam Cotagii & prati cum pertinenciis		xxxvj ^s
It' to Sir Iohn lye Ric' barker' Robert Wryght Thomas barber George barker' & W. Walker'		xl ^s
Allocaciones. Of Ric' smythes howse xij ^d	}	v ^s x ^d
It' of william yeates howse iiij ^d		
It' of y ^e walston' xvj ^d		
It' of y ^e almeshowsen xv ^d		
It' of y ^e house in bruge- north xviiij ^d		
It'm for reparacions of the almeshowses ...		xviiij ^d
It'm for catyn Calooes rent		iiij ^s iiij ^d
Summa solucionis & allocacionis	xj ^{li}	ix ^s vj ^d

¹ Per festum or per famulum.

Et sic equales sunt omnibus computandis et quieti sunt exonerati &c.

Memorandum that Ric' ffelton and Elizabeth his wyf have gevyn to saynt Nicholas a heyfer of ij yere of age.

1516.

Ihc.

Compot' Iohanis prestis de Newton' et Iohanis und^rhylle gardianorum ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld habitus et custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parochie In festo sancti mathie Apostoli. viz. vicesimo quarto die mensis februaryi. Anno Domini m^o CCCC^{mo} sexto decimo. Et anno regni regis henrici octavi post conquestum octavo &c.

De Receptis.

In primis ffor Ric' Dovey	...	...	...	xij ^d
It' of the vicar' of patyngam	...	...	...	xx ^d
It' of John' Rowloo	...	...	...	xx ^d
It' ged ^r yd among y ^e paresh' syn y ^e last countes				
aft ^r y ^e greement they made apon menys londe ¹			xv ^s	ij ^d
It' of Rogero cattstre & W. ffrodesleye	...	...	ix ^s	
Summa Rec.	...	...	xxviijs	vj ^d

Reparaciones & soluciones Gardianorum predictae ecclesie pro eodem anno.

In primis for y ^e paskall & candylles at est ^r	...	...	xxiiij ^d
It' to thomas trennande for mete & lab ^r	...	...	viiij ^d
It' in expenses at brugenorth	...	...	iiij ^d
It' to Ric' smyth for y ^e Iron over our lady	...	...	xij ^d
It' to thomas trennande & for a cord'	...	...	iiij ^d
It' for hyngyng y ^e lampe	...	...	x ^d
It' for a cord	...	...	iiij ^d
It' for oyle to y ^e laumpe before y ^e rood ²	...	...	ij ^d
It' ffor nayles	...	...	v ^d
It' for glasyng to hugh mync'on	...	...	vjs ix ^d
It' ffor lyme & od ^r expenses	...	...	vjdob

¹ Men's land.

² This seems to have been new this year.

It' ffor fastynnyng' y ^e crosse	...	...	ij ^d
It' ffor caryenge tyle	...	...	ij ^d
It' ffor mendynge y ^e churche yeate	...	..	iiij ^d
It' for mendynge y ^e church walle	...	...	ij ^d
It' for ij ^{li} & d. ¹ wax to y ^e processionall'	...	ij ^s	ij ^d
It' for caryenge of burdes	vij ^d
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Summa solucionum xvj ^s	vij ^d ob.
Et sic debent parochie xj ^s	xj ^d

Et pro duobus annis elapsis computatis & omnibus aliis computatis dicti Gardiani quieti sunt & exonerati &c & parochiani ipsi equales sunt &c.

lady.

Compt' Willelmi hasylwode et Willelmi merall' Gardianorum cantarie beate marie De Worfeld Custoditus in ecclesia coram parochianis die et anno supra dictis ut habetur in Compoto gardianorum ecclesie viz. Iohanis prestis et Iohanis und^rhulle In tempore domini Iohanis lye Capellani eiusdem cantarie.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servisia In tempore pentecostes			
de claro	...	...	iiij ^{li} xiijs iij ^d
It' de Redditu beate mare	...	...	xliijs
It' de Redditu caritatis	...	...	xxxvj ^s vj ^d
It' pro anima Iohanis Rowloo	iiij ^d
It' pro animabus Agnetis townsende & Margarete hychekox	ij ^s
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Summa receptorum viij ^{li}	xvj ^s ij ^d

Reparaciones et soluciones Gardianorum Cantarie beate marie predicte.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis grene

Thome Caloo et omnium benefactorum

cantarie... .. ix^d

It' Capellano viz. domino Iohani lye ... v^{li} xl^d

¹ Sc. 2½ lbs.

Allocaciones.	In primis of Ric' smythes			
	howse ...	...	xij ^d	
	It' of William yeates			
	howse ...	...	iiij ^d	
	It' of y ^e Walston	...	xvj ^d	iiij ^s vij ^d
	It' of y ^e Almyshowsyn'	xv ^d		
	It' of y ^e howse in bruce-			
	north ...	...	viiij ^d	
	It' for thachynge	...	...	xij ^d
	It' for ij strike of whete	...	...	ij ^s
	Itm for Ric' Smythes hous & Katerine Kalo			vij ^s
	Summa reparacionum	...	...	v ^{li} xviiij ^s viij ^d
	Itm sol' die computacionis	...	...	vj ^s viij ^d
Computatis Computandis allocatis & allo-	candis Dicti gardiani quiete sunt &			
	exonerati &c.			
Iohanes hichecokes & Iohanes Broke electi	sunt gardiani novi.			
Et remanet in pixide & eis delibat' die &	anno supradictis	...	...	xx ^s

1517.

Ihc merci.

Compot' Iohanis hichekoxe et Iohanis broke Gardianorum parochie De Worfeld habitus et custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis eiusdem parochie. In Cathedra sancti petri. viz. xxij^{do} die mensis february. Anno Domini 1517^{mo}. Et anno regni regis henrici Octavi post conquestum Octavo.

De Receptis.

In primis de pixide parroch'	...	...	xx ^s
It' pro Rogero townesende	...	...	xij ^d
It' pro Iohane Boloke	...	...	vj ^s viij ^d
Qui quidem Iohanes dedit annatia servicio			
beate marie ut capellanus oret pro anima			
eius de telemento in halon'	...	...	xx ^d
Summa Recepcionum	...	...	xxvij ^s viij ^d

Reparaciones et Soluciones Gardianorum ecclesie predicte
pro eodem anno.

Inptimis ffor the paskalle for candylles and for incense at Yest ^e	ij ^s
It' ffor mendynge y ^e church yeate	iiij ^d
It' to Thomas Gylowe mason'	vj ^d
It' ffor lampe oyle	vj ^d
It' ffor oure fredam at Albrighton	xj ^d
It' ffor y ^e same at Shrosbyrye	xvj ^d
It' ffor mete & drynke to cariares	iiij ^d
It' to Iohn Whitbroke and to Thomas weston' for shyngulles	xxiiij ^s
It' to Iohn Smygh for shotynge y ^e belle claper & for an yron' a bowte seynt Iames...	viiij ^d
It' to William cachette	iiij ^d
It' for makynge y ^e processionalles	xxj ^d
It' to Ric' Kendall' ffor mendyng the vest- ments & for stuff to y ^e same	xxv ^s
It' for nayles to y ^e shynglers	xij ^d
It' to Iohn Whitbroke	vj ^d
Summa solucionum predictorum gard- ianorum	xlxix ^s ij ^d

The church dettes In primis of the bequeste of Marg^t

<i>Brown'</i>	xxx ^s
<i>It' for William hichekox</i>	iiij ^s viij ^d
<i>It' a kowe in y^e kepyng' of Ric' blakemon'</i>	
<i>It' a yeong kowe in y^e kepyng of</i>	
<i>It' for y^e bequest of Sir humfrey Ianins</i>	vj ^s viij ^d
<i>It' for y^e bequest of Avis Barker</i>	iiij ^s vj ^d

Dicti gardiani receperunt die Compoti de
parochia xxxj^s vj^d

Et sic equales sunt & dicti gardiani quieti & exonerati &c.

ladi helpe.

Compot' Iohanis Baret & Iohanis perton Gardianorum
Cantarie beate marie de Worfeld' Custoditus in ecclesia
predicta coram parrochianis. Die et anno supra dictis ut
habetur in compoto Gardianorum ecclesie viz. Iohanis
hichekoxe et Iohanis broke In tempore Domini Iohanis
Iye Capellani eiusdem cantarie.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servisia in tempore pentecostes

de claro	...	...	...	v ^{li}	
It' de Thoma glover	...	...	...	vj ^s	vij ^d
It' pro Rogero townsend'	...	...	...		xx ^d
It' pro Iohane Boloke	...	...	...		xij ^d
It' pro alia muliere	...	...	...		xij ^d
It' de Redditu beate marie	...	...	...	xliiij ^s	
It' de Redditu caritatis	..	...	...	xxxvj ^s	

Summa Rec. ... ix^{li} x^s x^d

Reparaciones & soluciones predictorum Gardianorum
Cantarie beate marie.

Anniversarium omnium benefactorum fuit allocatum in
die pentecostes.

It' Capellano : domini Iohani lye ... v^{li} xl^d

It' Richard pyrye ... xvj^s

Allocaciones. In primis of Iohn smythes

howse	xij ^d	} iiij ^s vij ^d
It' of William yeates howse	...	...	iiiij ^d
It' of y ^e Walstone	...	...	xvj ^d
It' of ye almyshowsyn	...	...	xv ^d
It' of y ^e howse in bruce-	...	...	viiij ^d

It' to thomas tremnand' & stevyn' neue ... xij^d

It' for thomas glovers howse ... iij^s iiij^d

Summa solucionum & reparacionum vj^{li} viij^s iij^d

Dicti gardiani solverunt Die Compoti ... iiij^h ijs vij^d

Et sic Dicti gardiani quieti sunt et exonerati &c.

Remanet in pixide ad compotum istum ... xxxj^s ix^d

Itm for the bequest of Iohn Barker ... vj^s viij^d

1518.

Ihc merci.

Computus. Iohannis Mathewe & Ricardi Bradeney Gardianorum ecclesie parrochialis De Worfeld' habituset Custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parrochie.

In Cathedra sancti petri. viz. vicesimo secundo die mensis

ffebruarii. Anno Domini 1618^{mo} Et anno Regni regis
henrici Octavi post conquestum Anglie x^{mo} &c.

De Receptis.

In primis de pixide parroch' ...	...	xxxj ^s	ix ^d
It' for Ric' barker' ...	...	...	xx ^d
It' ged ^y d to y ^e making of y ^e tresyll' ...	...	...	xl ^d
It' for Iohn Ryse ...	...	vj ^s	viiij ^d
It' of oure ladyes warnens	vj ^s	viiij ^d
It' ged ^y d to y ^e torches	v ^s	

Summa	lv ^s	j ^d
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Reparaciones & soluciones Gardianorum ecclesie viz. Iohannis
mathew & Ricardi bradeney.

In primis for whitlyme & y ^e caryage ...	...	iiij ^s	ix ^d
It' to thomas tremnande for bryngyng the peyn- tyd clothes to Evesam ...	...	...	xviiij ^d
It' to Iohn prestis for facyng y ^{em} home ...	...	ij ^s	viiij ^d
It' to Iohn whytbruke & Thomas weston for re- parynge the church' yeate & for nayles ...	...	iiij ^s	vj ^d
It' for mete & drynke to y ^e wardens eodem tem- pore ...	...	...	vj ^d
It' to Iohn' twyford at his covenant makinge ...	...	...	vj ^d
It' to y ^e same Iohn' for h ^s lab ^r ...	...	vj ^s	viiij ^d
It' for brekyng stone. for mete & drynke & for sharpenyng the pykkes diverse tymes ...	...	ij ^s	viiij ^d
It' for making y ^e paskalle kandylls and for sens agaynste Yest ^r ...	...	...	xxij ^d
It' for wax to y ^e tresyll' for mete & drynke and making the same ...	...	vj ^s	vij ^d
It' to thomas tremnande for mendyng y ^e gutter ...	...	...	xviiij ^d
It' to y ^e same thomas for chaungyng y ^e belles ...	...	...	xx ^d
It' for mendyng the booke claspe ...	...	...	ij ^d
It' Iohn' smygh for mendyng y ^e bell' claper & for iiij hokes ...	...	...	viiij ^d
It' to Iohn twyford ...	...	v ^s	
It' for mete & drynke for stabullyng of stone and for sharpenyng of pykes diverse tymes ...	...	...	xl ^d
It' for making y ^e processionalles ...	...	...	xxj ^d

It' for iiij torchys ...	...	...	...	xij ^s	viiij ^d
It' to William glover ...	...	...	..		xij ^d
It' for candylles at crestmas ...	...	...	...		j ^d
It' ffor oyle ...	...	...	...		ij ^d

Summa reparacionum & solucionum ...	lix ^s	ij ^d
Computatis & allocatis parochiani debent eis ...	iiij ^s	j ^d
Et predicti parochiani solverunt eis die compot' dict' ...	...	...
Et sic equales sunt dicti gardiani exonerati &c.	iiij ^s	j ^d

ladi helpe.

Compot^s. Thome merwell' de sta.¹ et Richardi pris Gardianorum Cantarie beate marie de Worfeld Custoditus et habitus ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis die et anno supra dictis, ut habetur in compoto Gardianorum ecclesie sc. Iohannis Mathewe & Ricardi bradeney In tempore Domini Ioannis lyc eiusdem Cantarie Capellani.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servisia In tempore pence-					
costes De Claro ...	...	...	iiij ^{li}	xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
It' de Redditu beate marie ...	...	...		l ^s	viiij ^d ob.
It' de Redditu caritatis ...	...	...	xxxvj ^s		vj ^d
It' pro uxore Thome valans ...	...	...			xij ^d
It' pro Ricardo baker' ...	...	...			xij ^d
It' pro Ricardo barker de sta. ...	...	...			xx ^d
It' pro Katerina bylley ...	...	...			iiij ^d
It' pro alsona golde ...	...	...			xij ^d
It' de Wilhelmo townesende ...	...	...			ij ^d
It' pro Agnete merwelle Iuniore ...	...	...			xij ^d
It' de Iohane et Galfryd' ...	...	...			ij ^d

Summa Receptorum ...	...	viiij ^{li}	vj ^s	x ^d
Reparaciones et soluciones predictorum Gardianorum Cantaria beate marie.				

In primis pro anniversario omnium benefactorum eiusdem cantarie in tempore pentecostes ...

It' Capellano: Domino Ioanni lyc	...	v ^{li}	xl ^d
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¹ Stapleton.

Allocaciones. In primis of Iohn'				
smythes howse ...	xij ^d			
It' of William Yeates				
howse	iiij ^d			
It' of y ^e walstone ...	xvj ^d	Summa	iijs	x ^d
It' of y ^e almyshowsyn	xiiij ^d			
<i>It' of ye howse in</i>				
<i>brugenorth</i> ...	iijs			
It' to the mason				vj ^d
It' to Iohn' mathewe & Ric' bradeney ...				vjs viij ^d
It' to Kateryn' Kalowe				xl ^d
It' payd to Iohn Smygh for caridge ...				viij ^d
Summa reparacionum & solucionum				
gardianorum cantarie...			vi ^{li} xix ^s	ij ^d

Et omnibus computatis & allocatis dicti gardiani

debent xlvjs viij^d

Et inde solverunt die computacionis instanter xlijs viij^d

Et adhuc debent iijs

Et postea solverunt dict' iijs Et sic quieti sunt &c.

Et remanet in pyxide & delibat' novis gardianis xxxvijs ix^d

Ricardus Bradeney & } gardiani hoc anno.

Iohanes Mathewe

Ricardus Barker Iun' & } gardiani Cantarie.

Iohanes Catstre

Ricardus Walker & Willelmus Gravenoure electi sunt gardiani habendi semestres (?)¹ ad pascha & ad Compotum proximum computandum ad inveniendum novum presbiterum &c.

Willelmus Dey & Ricardus ffelton Iohanes Gyldon Ricardus Byllengesley Rogerus Hasilwode Iohanes Wartore Willelmus Merwelle & Iohanes hichecokes gardiani ad colligendum omnia debita novo presbitero concessa & ad proximum compotum inde computandum &c.

Memorandum that Amye Bolocke in her widoowhod and Sir William bolocke her son' have bequethyn & Gyven to the chantr' of oure lady of Worfeld aft^r ther' decesse the

¹ If this word is right it must mean "for half a year," but the contractions are not clear.

Grettyste panne & y^e Grettyste pott that thei have. these
witnesses Sir Iohn' Walker' vicar of Worfeld' Sir Iohn Iye
oure ladye's preste humfrey barett and od^r diverse od^r.

1519.

Ihc merci.

Compotus Iohanis mathewe et Ricardi Bradeney Gard-
ianorum ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld habitus et custoditus
in ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis eiusdem parrochie.
In cathedra sancti petri viz. vicesimo secundo die mensis
februarii. Anno Domini 1519^{mo} Et anno Regni regis
henrici Octavi post conquestum Anglie xj^{mo} &c.

De Receptis.

In primis de pixide parroch'	...	... xxxviij ^s	ix ^d
It' de Roberto wryght pro servisia	...	... ij ^s	vij ^d
It' Gyven' in moneye to y ^e torchys	...	...	xij ^d
Summa Receptorum	...	.. xliij ^s	iiij ^d

Reparaciones & soluciones Gardianorum predictorum viz.

Iohanis mathewe et Richardi Bradeney.

In primis for mete & drynke at ij tymes for

brekyng of stone	...	...	ij ^s	ob.
It' to thomas tremnande for h ^s labyr then	...	...		ij ^d
It' to y ^e same thomas for mendyng y ^e bell	...	...
whylle & for nayles	...	...		vj ^d
It' to Iohn Skutt for castyng erthe	...	...		v ^d
It' in expenses diverse tymes w ^t y ^e masons	...	...		vij ^d
It' Roger hichekox for servyng y ^e mason	...	...		xx ^d
It' for whytelyme	...	...		xxij ^d
It' to Iohn' twyford	...	...	viiij ^s	iiij ^d
It' for mendyng y ^e tapers of y ^e sepult ^r	...	...	iiij ^s	viiij ^d
It' for wax to y ^e paskall & makyng for candylles	...	...
& sens at est ^r	...	...	ij ^s	j ^d
It' for makyng y ^e processionalles	...	...	ij ^s	vj ^d
It' for xiiij ^{li} wax to ye torchis	...	...		xiiij ^d
It' for Rosen & vertegrese to y ^e same	...	...	iiij ^s	viiij ^d ob.
It' for taloo	...	...		vij ^d
It' for mete & drynke y ^e same tyme...	..	..	iiij ^s	iiij ^d

It' Iohn' underhulle for makyng them	...	vj ^d
It' in expens' of Iohn mathewe at brugenorthe & his companye iij courte dayes	... ..	xx ^d
It' Ric' bradeney when y ^e matter was takyng uppe	... ..	xij ^d
It' to Iohn smyth for mendyng a bell' clapper	...	viiij ^d
It' for mendyng y ^e shynglles & nayles	...	vj ^d
It' to twyfordes man'	... ..	ijj ^d
Summa	... ..	lj ^s
Computatis computandis equales sunt predicti gardiani exonerati & quieti &c.		

ladi helpe.

Compotus Ricardi Barker' Iunioris et Iohanis Cattstre Gardianorum cantarie beate marie de Worfeld' Custoditus et habitus in Ecclesia predicta coram parochianis die et anno supro dictis ut habetur in Compotu Gardianorum ecclesie. In tempore Domini Iohanis lye Capellani ibidem.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servisia In tempore pentecostes de claro	... ..	iiij ^{li}	xvj ^d ob.
It' de Redditu beate marie	... ..	...	l ^s viij ^d ob.
It' de Redditu caritatis	... ..	xxxvj ^s	vj ^d
It' pro Iohane golde	... ..	...	xij ^d
It' pro Willelmo Wever	... ..	...	iiij ^d
It' de Willelmo townesende	... ..	...	ij ^d
It' de Ricardo holroue (?) & I. smygh	... ..	...	ij ^d
Summa	... ..	viij ^{li}	x ^s iiij ^d

Reparaciones et soluciones predictorum gardianorum cantarie beate marie.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis grene et omnium benefactorum eiusdem cantarie in tempore pentecostes	... ..	...	xij ^d
It' capellano sc. Domino Iohani lye...	... ..	v ^{li}	xl ^d
Allocaciones. In primis of Iohn' smyghtes howe	...	...	xij ^d
It' of William yeates howse	...	...	iiij ^d
It' of y ^e walstone	..	...	xvj ^d

It' of y ^e Almeshowsyn' ...	...	xij ^d
It' of ye howse in brugenorth ...	...
It' to y ^e mason for mendyng y ^e ovyn' ...	...	xij ^d
It to Kateryn Caloo ...	...	xj ^d
Summa solucionum ...	...	v ^{li} xij ^s iiij ^d
Computatis Computandis Allocatis Allocandis		
dicti Gardiani debent ...	...	xxxvij ^s xj ^d
Et inde solverunt instanter ad dictum Com-		
potum ...	...	xxxiiij ^s
<i>Et adhuc debent</i> ...	...	iiij ^s xj ^d
Gardiani Cantarie		
William Dey	}	
Roger Hichecokes ffleccher		
Gardiani ecclesie		
Ricardus Hasilwood	}	
Iohanes Wartore ...		
Remanet in pixide & delibat' dictis Gardianis		
ecclesie ...	...	xxij ^s iiij ^d ob.

1520.

Computus Iohannis Wartor' et Ricardi hasylwood' gardian-
orum ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld' habitus et custoditus
in ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parrochie
In Cathedra sancti Petri viz. xxij^{do} die ffebruarii anno
Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo Et Anno regni
regis henrici octavi post conquestum Anglie Duodecimo &c.

De Receptis.

In primis de pixide parroch' ...	...	xxij ^s iiij ^d ob.
It' of the pley ¹ ...	...	iiij ^s
It' pro domino Ricardo Rowloo ...	...	vj ^s x ^d
It' pro humfrido Barette ...	...	xvj ^d
It' de honesto muliere ...	...	xvj ^d
It' de Iohane yeate de stanloo ...	...	xx ^d
It' de Ricardo Bradeney pro Iohanna uxore eius	...	xl ^d
It' pro humfrido granger...	...	xx ^d ob.
Summa ...	...	xlj ^s v ^d ob.

¹ Probably the "King" play performed at Whitsuntide (see entries for 1502--1503, *Transactions*, 3rd Ser., iii., pp. 110, 115).

Reparaciones et Soluciones Gardianorum predictorum viz.

Iohanis Wartor' et Ricardi hasylwoode &c.

In primis to humfrey baret for thred' sens &					
gyrdylles	...	...	...	...	iiij ^d
It' for peynting ij cloth's	...	...	...	iiij ^s	viiij ^d
It' for y ^e paskalle makynge & for oyle	...	...	...	...	vj ^d
It' for a cord' & to William Cachett	...	...	...	...	ij ^d
It' to y ^e plymmer & for sowder & mete &					
drynke	...	...	...	...	ij ^s
It' for a corde to y ^e sawntes belle for mending					
y ^e churche yeate for oyle and candylles at					
cristmas	...	...	...	...	ix ^d
It' for makynge the processionalles and for					
wax to hit	...	...	...	...	xiiij ^d
It' for peynting y ^e Resurrexion' ¹	...	...	...	ij ^s	iiij ^d
It' for lynyn' cloth'	...	...	...	...	xij ^d
It' for a lawneterne	...	...	...	...	ix ^d
It' for makynge an albe	...	...	...	...	iiij ^d
Summa...	...	...	...	xij ^s	iiij ^d
Et debent parochianis	...	..	...	xxix ^s	ij ^d ob.
Et postea solverunt die compoti	...	...	...	xxix ^s	ij ^d ob.
Et sic sunt quieti et exonerati &c.					

Compotus Willelmi Day Et Rogeri hichekox Gardianorum
 Cantarie Beate marie de Worfeld' custoditus et habitus in
 Ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis die & anno supra-
 dictis ut habetur in Compoto gardianorum ecclesie In
 tempore Domini Iohannis Iye tunc ibidem Capellani.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servicia In tempore pente-					
costes De claro	...	...	...	v ^{li}	iiij ^s vj ^d
It' De Redditu beate marie	...	...	...	liij ^s	ij ^d ob.
It' de Redditu caritatis	...	...	...	xxxvj ^s	vj ^d
It' de Willelmo townsend'	...	...	...	...	ij ^d
Summa	...	...	...	ix ^{li}	xij ^s viij ^d ob.

¹ See note to entry for 1503 (*Transactions, ibid.*, p. 113).

Reparaciones & soluciones predictorum gardianorum cantarie
beate marie.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis grene &
omnium benefactorum eiusdem cantarie
in tempore pentecostes x^d

It' Capellano viz. Domino Iohani lye ... v^{li} xl^d

It' Katerine Caloo xl^d

Allocaciones. In primis of Iohn smythes howse xij^d

It' of y^e walstone xvj^d

It' of y^e Almyshowse ... iij^s

It' of y^e howse in brugenorth' iij^s

Summa v^{li} xvij^s x^d

Computatis & allocatis adhuc debent ... iij^{li} xij^s x^dob.

Et postea a dicto compoto solverunt dicti iij^{li} xij^s x^dob.

Et sic sunt quieti et exonerati &c.

Remanet in pixide v^{li} xj^s iij^d

*Memorandum quod humffridus Barret tempore mortis sue dedit
biquisitiones ad usum (?) ecclesie parochialis de Worffeld Et
remanent in custodia Thome Barret de Rowloe.*

Memorandum that Iohn smyth owyth ... xvij^d

1521.

Ihc merci.

Co^{pot}. Ricardi hasylwod' Et Iohannis Wartor' Gardianorum
Ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld' habitus et custoditus in
ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parochie In
Cathedra sancti petri viz. xxij^{do} die ffebruarii. Anno domini
1b21^o Et Anno regni regis henrici. 8. post conquestum
Anglie xij^o.

De eorum Receptis.

In primis in pixide parroch' v^{li} xj^s iij^d

It' pro anima Alicie Bylyngsley xx^d

It' pro anima Alicie Wartor' xij^d

It' pro lana v^s iij^d

Summa Rec. v^{li} xix^s iij^d

Reparaciones gardianorum predictorum viz. Ricardi hasylod
& Iohanis Wartor'.

In primis for wax & makyng y ^e paskalle and candylles at est ^r & for oyle & sens	...	ij ^s	v ^d
It' to Iohn broke for y ^e shyng'lars	...		xv ^d
It' for provyng y ^e testment of W. boloke	...		xxij ^d
It' to y ^e glasyer' for his lab ^r & his servantes	...	xxxij ^s	vij ^d
It' to y ^e same for sowder	...	xj ^s	ij ^d
It' for lede to y ^e same glaser	...	ij ^s	ij ^d
It' to Iohn' smyghth for Iron' barres to y ^e wyndows & mendyng ij clapers	...	ij ^s	ij ^d
It' to Iohn' barett for woode	...		xvj ^d
It' for whytlyme	...		iiij ^d
It' for y ^e mynday ¹ of humfrey barett	...	ij ^s	
It' thomas tremnande for mendyng a belle whylle & for stuff to y ^e same	...		vij ^d
It' to y ^e shyng'lar for .m. shyng'ls	...	x ^s	
It' for nayles & for mete & drynke & to Iohn' newton for caryenge them	...		xx ^d
It' to y ^e plymmer & for ledde & sowder and werkemonchyppe on y ^e churche	...	xx ^s	vj ^d
It' for wax & makyng y ^e processionalles & for oyle & candylles at crestmas	...	ij ^s	v ^d
It' for a masse booke in prent	...	vj ^s	vij ^d
It' for Rydyng ij tymes to lychfelde	...		xxij ^d

Summa solucionum ... v^{li} iiij^s iiij^d

Et sic remanet in pixide—xiiij^s xj^d quas predicti Gardiani
solverunt instantur et sic quieti recesserunt.

Et eligerunt Willelmus (*sic*) hasylwode et Iohanem Brug-
gende Iuniorem fore gardianos hoc anno sequente.

ladi helpe.

Compot^s Willelmi mathewe et Georgii underhyllle Gardian-
orum Cantarie beate marie de Worfeld custoditus et habitus
in ecclesia predicta coram parrochianis die et anno supra-
dictis ut habetur in Compoto Gardianorum ecclesie. Et in
tempore Domini Ioannis lye tunc ibidem Capellani.

De Receptis.

In primis pro servisia in tempore pente-

costes De Claro	v ^{li}	iiij ^s iiij ^d
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¹ Mind-day (anniversary of death).

PARISH OF WORFIELD.

III

It' de Redditu beate marie	liij ^s	ij ^d ob.
It' de Redditu caritatis	...	...	xxxvj ^s	vj ^d
It' pro anima Alicie Bylyngsley	...	...		xij ^d
It' pro anima Alicie Wartor'	...	...		viiij ^d
It' pro zona argento ornata ex dono agnetis				
pytt	v ^s	iiiij ^d
It' de Willelmo townesende pro quadam				
clausura		ij ^d

Summa Rec.	x ^{li}	ob.
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Reparaciones & soluciones predictorum gardianorum Cantarie beate marie.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis Grene				
& omnium benefactorum eiusdem				
Cantarie	...	...		x ^d
It' Capellano viz. Domino Iohani Iye	...	...	v ^{li}	xl ^d
It' Katerine Caloo	...	...		xl ^d
It' pro Reparacionibus circa domum cantarie thachyng & Ruggyng ¹	...	...		xx ^d
Allocaciones. In primis of Iohn' smythes				
howse	...	...		xij ^d
It' of y ^e walstone	...	...		xvj ^d
It' for y ^e Almeshowse	...	...	iiiij ^s	
It' for y ^e howse in brugenorth'				iiiij ^d
It' for y ^e howse in y ^e lowe	...	...		ij ^d
It' for a hope ² to y ^e grett vessell'	...	...

Summa	...	...	v ^{li}	xvj ^s	
Et sic debetur	...	...	iiiij ^{li}	iiiij ^s	ob.
Unde solverunt instanter	...	...	iiiij ^{li}		ob.
& sic debetur	...	...		iiiij ^s	

The church dettes.

In primis m ^r Ric' hussey for m ^r Browne	...	...	xxx ^s	
It' for william hychekox of chesterton	...	...	iiij ^s	v[torn]
It' Ric' Ianyys for sir humfrey	...	...	vj ^s	v[torn]
It' of ye same Ric' for Avys his sister	...	...	iiij ^s	iiiij ^d

¹ Ridging (?).

² Hoop.

It' a kowe in y ^e keypyng' of Ric' blakmon'		
It' of Iohn' Smyth for lykht money ...	iiij ^s	? ^d
<i>Computatis computandis allocatis et remanet</i>		
<i>in pixide paroch' & deliberat' novis Gardianis</i>		
<i>viz. W^o hasilwod & Iohani Brugende ...</i>	iiij ^{li}	xvj ^d ob.
<i>Summa predictis Gardianis deliberata per</i>		
<i>Iohanem Wartor' & Ricardum Hasilwode</i>	xiiij ^s	
<i>Summa totalis ...</i>	... iiij ^{li}	xvj ^s [torn]

1522.

[The page containing the accounts for this year has been re-inserted at some period, but the wrong way, so that the Chantry accounts precede those of the Church. I therefore give them here in the natural order. Owing to the way in which the page is bound in, some of the items in the money column cannot now be ascertained.]

Ihc merci.

Compotus Willelmi hasyllood & Iohanis brugende Iunioris Gardianorum Ecclesie parochialis de Worfeld' habitus et custoditus in ecclesia predicta coram parochianis eiusdem parochie in festo sancti Mathie Apostoli. viz. Die mensis february anno domini 1b22^o Et anno regni regis henrici . 8 . post conquestum Anglie xiiij^o.

De eorum receptis.

In primis in pixide paroch'	...	iiij ^{li}	x ^s
It' of Richard Iannys ...	...	...	[vj ^s]

Summa Recepcionum ...	...	iiij ^{li}	xvj ^s
Reparaciones gardianorum predictorum viz. w. hasyllod' & [Iohanis Brugende.]			

In primis to thomas tremnande for mendyng			
y ^e and for mete & drynke	...		xxj ^d
It' for a barell to Wynd uppe y ^e belles ¹	...		...
It' to Iohn Smygh & W. Cachet ...	...		ij ^d
It' ffor makyng y ^e tresull'	...	iiij ^s	
It' ffor y ^e mynday of humfrey baret	...	ij ^s	
It' spend on Iohn' sadyllar'	...		ij ^d
It' for y ^e makyng of y ^e processionalles	...		xxiiij ^d

¹ The meaning of this is doubtful. It may be a windlass for raising them after they had been taken down for repairs, but there is no mention of any such repairs having taken place.

It' to y ^e plymmers for plaster & for	lj ^s	v ^d
and sowdur'		vij ^d
It' ffor nayles to y ^e plymmers		
It' ffor costes in facyng of led & bryngyng it a gayn to brugenorthe and costes when y ^e plymmers were here	ijj ^s	vj ^d viiij ^d
It' ffor a citacion		ij ^d
It' ffor a key to y ^e box		viiij ^d
It' at y ^e bargaen makyng w ^t ye kervers		
It' for makyng y ^e ij tabernacles ¹	vj ⁱⁱ	xv ^d
It' for nayles to y ^e same		
It' to y ^e shynglars for shyngulles & their labour & ffor mete & drynke & nayles	ij ^s	iiij ^d iiij ^d iiij ^d
It' to thomas garbot for a gutter		
It' to y ^e Ric ^o mason		
It' for facyng our gere at newport	ijj ^s	iiij ^d
It' for our costes divers tymes	ij ^s	iiij ^d
It' t Iohn' Smyth for iij hokes		iiij ^d
Summa totalis Rec'	ix ^{li}	xvj ^s iiij ^d
<i>Et sic parochiant debent</i>	v ^{li}	xv ^s
<i>unde predicti Gardiani receperunt instanter</i>		
<i>Et sic predicti parochiani debent</i>		
<i>Et deliberat' Gardianis</i> [illegible]		

ladi helpe.

Compotus Iohannis yeate Iunioris de Roughton et Rogeri
ffoxall' Gardianorum canterie beate marie de Worfeld'
custoditus & habitus in ecclesia predicta coram parochianis

¹ Mr. Eeles notes: "Nothing is more frequently misunderstood than this word when it occurs in mediaeval documents. It means a shrine, or the canopy over a shrine or image—"tabernacle work"—i.e., a carved wooden substitute for a tent. It does *not* mean an altar tabernacle to hold the reserved Sacrament. Such things were all but unknown in England; there are but two doubtful examples prior to the reign of Mary, when Cardinal Pole tried to introduce them. In England the Sacrament was nearly always reserved in the hanging pix, and in some cases possibly in an aumbry in the N. wall of the chancel, as was common in the N.E. of Scotland. Neither of these arrangements break up the reredos and narrow the altar as does the altar tabernacle, which seems to be a comparatively late Italian development, much fostered on the Continent by the introduction in the 16th century of the service called Benediction. In Scotland the word *tabernacle*, or *tabernaculum*, was sometimes used to denote a reredos with folding leaves, a triptych. Lyndewode interprets *tabernaculum* in connection with reservation as meaning any safe receptacle, but as covering the canopy over the pix."

die et anno supradictis, ut habetur in Compoto gardianorum ecclesie Et In tempore Domini Iohannis Iye ibidem tunc Capellani.

De eorum Receptis.

In primis pro servisia in tempore pente-			
costes de claro ...	... iij ^{li}	xij ^s iij ^d	
It' de Redditu beate marie ...	... liij ^s	ij ^d ob.	
It' de Redditu caritatis ...	... xxxvj ^s	vj ^d	
It' pro anima Ricardi Walker' ...	...	xij ^d	
It' pro anima Iohannis mathewe... ..	...	vij ^d	
It' de Avis broke ...	...	vj ^d	
It' de eadem Avisia anulum argenteum			
poi. ¹ extra signum ...	...	xvj ^d	
It' de Iunioribus ...	...	v ^d	

Summa totalis Recepcionum ... ix^{li} v^s ix^dob.

Reparaciones & soluciones predictorum gardianorum can-
tarie beate marie.

In primis pro anniversario Agnetis grene & omnium benefactorum eiusdem cantarie ...	...	x ^d	
It' capellano viz. Domino Iohani Iye ...	v ^{li} iij ^s	iiij ^d	
It' Katherine caloo ...	...	xi ^d	
It' in thachyng on our ladys house & at y ^e lowe on y ^e cotage ...	...	ij ^s	
Allocaciones. In primis of y ^e walstone ...	...	xvj ^d	
It' of Iohn smythes howse ...	...	xij ^d	
It' Robert taylor's howse ...	iiij ^s		
It' for y ^e howse in bruge- northe ...	...	
It' for y ^e cotage in y ^e lowe ...	...	xiiij ^d	
It' for y ^e cotage in y ^e lowe ...	...	iiij ^d	
Summa totalis reparacionum & solu- cionum tempore Gardianorum predic- torum ...	... v ^{li} xvij ^s	iiij ^d	
Et sic iidem Gardiani debent ...	... iij ^{li}	vij ^s	v ^d ob.
Unde solverunt ...	... iij ^{li}	iiij ^s	ij ^d ob.
Compoto predictorum Willelmi hasilwode & Iohannis Brugende audito parochiani debent eisdem Gardianis	xxxj ^s	iiij ^d

¹ Weighing.

STRETTON COURT ROLLS OF 1566-7 (A FRAGMENT).

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WE are indebted to the enterprise of Mr. H. R. H. Southam for the recovery of this portion of the Court Rolls of a manor in Mid-Salop, of which, during the period to which it refers, so little is known. The fragment is in Latin.

Originally a royal manor with a castle, it passed, during the period which immediately followed the conquest, through the hands of several noble families,* until in 1336, Edward III. gave it to Rich. Earl of Arundel, and to his heirs for ever. In this family it remained till the time of Elizabeth, but not in the direct male line. John, Lord Lumley, who was so created in 1547 (and died in 1609), married Jane, elder daughter and co-heiress of Henry Fitz-Alan, the 18th Earl of Arundel, and presumably this manor was included in the marriage settlement. At any rate, in 4 Elizabeth (1561-2), the Earl, John Lord Lumley, and Jane, his wife, sold the Manor of Whittington to William

* In *Salopian Shreds and Patches* [Vol. v., p. 100, Oct. 25th, 1882] there is an article, contributed by W.A.L., which gives some information respecting this manor and castle in the early part of the 13th century. It is as follows:—

“CHURCH STRETTON. —16 John,—Hugh Mortimer (among the Barons Marchers) had summons to attend the King at Cirencester, upon Monday next after the *utis* of the *clause* of Easter, well accounted with horse and arms for himself and all the power he could make. And having had the custody of the Castle of Stratton Dale in 17 John (1215-16), he received command to deliver it up to Hugh de Nevil; but standing still firm to the King, he had the Castle of Holgot given him in 18 John, which was part of the possessions of Thomas Mauduit, then in rebellion with the barons (Dugd., *Baro.*, i., 140). In 11 Edw. III. Richard Fitz Alan obtained the King's Charter for a market every week on Thursday at his Manor of Chirchestreton in com. Salop, as also a fair yearly on the eve, day, and morrow after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Cart 11, Edw. III., m. 30 and m. 40).

“In 13 Hen. III., Hubert de Burgh, Earl of Kent, obtained a grant from the King of the Manor of Stratton, in com. Salop, with the advowson of the Church there, paying yearly to the Exchequer xvjd. per annum sterling (Cart. Hen. III., m. 1).”

Albany and others, and in 9 Elizabeth (1566-7) the same three individuals received leave to alienate the Manors of Ruyton, Kinnerley and Melverley, and the advowson of West Felton to Thos. Younge, Archbishop of York. Also in 1559 (2 Eliz.) Henry, Earl of Arundel, and John, Lord Lumley, sold Lydley, Cardington, and other manors to Rowland Hayward. In 1562-3 (5 Elizabeth) Lord Lumley and Jane his wife had licence to sell the Manor of Bucknell (Duke's *Antiq.*, pp. 226, 273, 312, 315). In all these extracts, as the Manor of Stretton is not mentioned, we may infer that it was not sold with the *other manors* in 1559, but was retained by John, Lord Lumley, to a later period. The lineal ancestor of this Lord Lumley was present at the coronation of Rich. II., 6th July, 1483 (Harl. MSS., 2115, f. 152).

The peerage was first created in 1384, but became extinct at the death of the 5th Lord Lumley, whose only son and heir, George, was attainted in 1537. His son John (the Lord of Church Stretton) prayed that the attainder might be reversed, and in 1547 a new Barony of Lumley was created. The Viscount Lumley of Waterford, in the peerage of Ireland, was a later creation, and a younger branch of the same family; this Viscount Lumley was created Baron in 1681, and styled of Lumley Castle, co. Durham, and Earl of Scarborough, 1690, *all* in the peerage of Great Britain. From the Court Rolls we learn that John, Lord Lumley, was in possession of this manor, with its berewicks, in 1566. How long it remained with him we do not know, but he died in 1600, and was buried in Cheam Church. He had full manorial rights and privileges, the power of life and death, *furcæ et fossæ* (*i.e.*, of gallows and pit), and he could punish male felons by hanging, and female by drowning (see § 9), and could confiscate their goods and chattels to his own use and benefit.

From the Lumleys the Manor of Church Stretton appears to have passed to the Thynne family (now represented by the Marquess of Bath).† In 1668, by a

† A Charter was granted by James I., which bears date January 13th, 1616. It gives to "Bonham Norton and his heirs for ever hereafter to have and to hold and they shall have power to have and to hold within the town of Church

decree of the Court of Chancery, Sir Henry Fred. Thynne, Knight and 1st Baronet, is called Lord of the Manor; his son, Sir Thomas, was created Baron Thynne and Viscount Weymouth, and died in 1714, leaving a daughter-in-law, Grace Thynne, widow of his only son, Henry (who predeceased his father in 1708), and she is styled Lady of the Manor, 1721—1724. From Grace Thynne the manor passed to Thomas, 2nd Viscount Weymouth, who appears as lord in Jan., 1725, and from him to his son, Thomas, 3rd Viscount Weymouth, who was created Marquess of Bath, and who occurs as Lord of this Manor from Oct., 1789. He died in 1796, and was succeeded by a son, Thomas. Shortly after 1802 Lord Bath must have sold this manor to Thos. Coleman, Esq. (sometime of Leominster, where we find Edward Coleman, Esq., Bailiff in 1763 and 1773, and also a Capital Burgess. Thomas Coleman, probably a relative, was Town Clerk in 1727, and a Capital Burgess in 1795). He occurs as lord on 28th April, 1803, and continues till June, 1809; his son, the Rev. Thos. Bernard (or Barnard) Coleman, was lord in May, 1809, up to June, 1818. In Oct., 1818, Mrs. Mary Ann Gregory Coleman was Lady of the Manor, and was so styled in 1851. Edward Bernard Coleman occurs as lord from June, 1863, to Oct., 1877. Edward Bernard Proctor was lord 26th Oct., 1878. Shortly afterwards, Ralph Beaumont Benson came into possession of the manor, and he appears as lord in the Court Rolls of 28th Feb., 1889.

The transcriber is indebted to the Editor and other friends for much of the information respecting the devolution of this manor, as shewn above; the footnotes are mostly due to Miss Auden.

Stretton one market in each week on Thursday in the same place for ever, holding and keeping all rights, profits and advantage."

This Bonham Norton is called esquire in the actual Charter, and said not only to be one of the inhabitants of the said town, but also possessed of the two greater parts of the landed possessions within the town. There is no mention of the Charter of Edw. III. in this Grant of James I., nor of the fair in September. We may suppose either that the market and fair had fallen into desuetude, or else that the townsmen wished to have the control of it in their own hands, ignoring the rights of the Lord of the Manor altogether. If we could have the original supplication of the inhabitants of the town of Church Stretton it might clear up not merely this question but others.—(*Salopian Shreds and Patches*, vol. v., p. 199).

- STRETTON 1. § View of frankpledge together with the greater and lesser Court of Sir John Lumley, lord Lumley, there held on the 3rd day of October, in the 8th year of the reign of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c. Before Richard Mytton, Esq.,¹ Steward, and Francis Broke,¹ under-Steward there. (Oct. 1566).
2. *Excused* § John Kyte, Thomas Walker, William Watkys, John Posterne,² Thomas Jacks, John Bright, John Raulyns, John Scaltocke, George Hyggyns and Richard Bright are excused from (*attending*) the said Court.
3. *The twelve* § Richard Bedowe,³ Thomas Raulyns,³ Thomas Harryngton,³ John Hyggyns,³ William Mason,³ William Wylks,³ Thomas Hyggyns,³ John Wyldyng, Michell Okys, John Colli, William Stockyng,

¹ Richard Mytton, gentleman, was grandson of Thomas Mytton, who married Elinor, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Bugh. He is mentioned in the Taylor MS. as dying in 1591, aged nearly 100.

Francis Broke was probably identical with "one Brooke, a lawyer," whom Mr Leland (c. 1540) reported to have built a "pretty house, near by the Church" at Stretton. Joyce, d. of Frances Brooke, married before 1598 Ed. Acton of Acton Scott.

² Those excused attendance were, probably, old men, or living away from Stretton. A John Posterne is described as of Ludlow, he married Mary, sister of Tymothy Tournour of Shrewsbury before 1823. A George Higgons, son of Peter Higgons of Stretton, was "Capitalis Ballivus Salopie" in 1584.—(*Her. Vis.*, 467; 241.)

³ Richard Bedowes of Stretton married Alice, daughter of William Mason of Diddlebury, and of his wife, Elizabeth Leighton.—*Her. Vis.*

Thomas Rawlins of Stretton married Joan, daughter of Richard Acton of Acton Scott, and Cicely Mytton, his wife, daughter of Richard Mytton of Shrewsbury.—*Her. Vis.*

Thomas Harrington was, probably, an ancestor of the Harringtons of Bishton. The Harringtons were connected by marriage with the Brookes.—*Her. Vis.*

John and Thomas Higgins were, probably, father and son, Thomas Boteville, *alias* Thynne, married Joan (or Anne), daughter of John Higgins of Stretton.—*Her. Vis.*

William Mason was of Minton and of Diddlebury.—*Her. Vis.*

There was a William Wilkes, Attorney at Law, at Shrewsbury, about this date, married to Winifred Hatton. There was a Stretton family Wilcocks, *alias* Williamson, one of whom married the heiress of Hugh Sankey of Stretton. The name of Humphrey occurs in this Wilcocks family (s. par. 10).—*Her. Vis.*

Richard Higgins of Shrewsbury, 1584, son of Peter Higgins of Stretton, was married to Mary, daughter of John Wilding of Salop.—*Her. Vis.*

Richard Mynton, Richard Sanky, Ralph Hayle³
(*Jurors*).

LITTLE STRETTON 4. § The township there by Thomas Harrynton, Senior, and Thomas Harrys (*present*) that Richard Harrynton has died since the last Court, whereupon there falls to the lord one of the value by the name of harriet, ‡ delivered to Thomas Knottesford; And that Thomas Harrynton his son is his next heir; And that John Hayle has died since the last Court, whereupon there falls to the lord by the name of harriet ‡; and that Ralph Hayle is his son and next heir; and that John Knyght (6d.) assaulted Thomas Harryngton; And that Elinor Bryght⁴ (4d.) sold ale and broke the assize; And that Thomas Bryght (6d.) son of Elinor Bryght, owes suit to this Court and is a defaulter; And that Thomas Walker, and Thomas Harrynton,³ son of Richard Harryngton, are elected Constables for this year and sworn accordingly.

16d.

5. *Seisin*⁵ § To this Court came Thomas Harrynton son of Richard Harrynton, and took of the lord

Ralph Hayle may be of the family of Heale of Stretton, though the short Visitation Pedigree gives no Ralph. Edward Hayle, Constable of All Stretton, was, possibly, the Edward Heale of the *Her. Vis.*, who married Margaret, daughter of Peter Higgins, who married for second husband, William Harris, Parson of Stretton.—*Her. Vis.*

‡ HARRIET.—*Havriot*, alias *Heriot*. We may dismiss Halliwell's explanation as insufficient. He says *HERIOT*. Warlike apparatus (*A.S.*). Bosworth is better, when he defines *Heregeatu* or *Heregeatwu* as a military preparation, what was given to the Lord of the Manor to prepare for war. Blount is more diffuse—*here* in Saxon signifies an Army, and *geot*, which is *fusus* (though what *fusus* means in this connection, I cannot see, it is usually a spindle), and the Saxon *heregat* signified provision for war, or a tribute or relief given to the Lord of a Manor for his better preparation towards war: *Erat enim* *Hereotum militaris suppellectis præstatio, quam, obeunte vassallo, Dominus reportavit in sui ipsius munitionem*, says *pelman*. And by the laws of Canutus (*tit. de Hereotis*), it appears that at the death of the great men of this nation, so many horses and arms were to be paid, as they were, in their respective life-times, obliged to keep for the King's service. It is now taken for the best beast a tenant had at the hour of his death, due to the lord by custom, be it horse, ox, &c., and in some manors the best piece of plate, jewel, or the best goods, &c.—*Blount sub voce*.

⁴ The family of Bright was connected with Lydham.

⁵ *Seisin* (*Seisina* and *Saisitio*, *Fr.*, *Seisine*), Possession.

22d. *seisin* of all messuages, lands, and tenements, with their appurtenances within the aforesaid demesne, of which the aforesaid Richard Harryngton died possessed, and gives to the lord as a fine for relief 22d.

MYNTON 6. § The township there by Edward Nesse⁶ and Thomas Munslowe present, "*all well*," and that John James is elected Constable and sworn accordingly.

7. WHYTTYNGSLOWE § The township there by Richard Mason and William Johnes present that Mathew Benyon (4d.) overburdened the common fields of the said township, And that the aforesaid Mathew (2d.) unlawfully seized two fowls called *chekyns*⁷ of the goods of Richard Mason; And that Thomas Monslowe (4d.) drove his cattle with sticks, that is to say, *Staffdryve*⁸ over Whyttingslowe Hethe to the injury of the aforesaid township; And they also present John Nicols (4d.) for a similar offence; And that Richard James is elected Constable and sworn accordingly.

ALSTRETTON 8. § The township there by William James and Edward Hayle present that John Harryngton (3d.) assaulted George Jacks and drew blood from him; and that George Jacks (3d.) assaulted the aforesaid John Harryngton and drew blood from him; and that Thomas Partrege (6d.) assaulted Michell Okys; and that the aforesaid Michell (6d.) assaulted the aforesaid Thomas; and that William Corser (6d.) assaulted William Posterne; and that Katterine Wylks (4d.) sold ale and broke the assize; and that William Wilks and William Morrys are elected Constables and sworn accordingly.

⁶ The family of Marston and Ness were connected by marriage, when Fulke Ness of Alcaston married Alice, daughter of Ralph Marston of Affcote, near Wistanstow.

⁷ The word *chekyns* is here used to denote the young of fowls. M.E., *chiken* is a diminutive of *chuck* a chicken, compare G. *küchlein* a chicken.

⁸ *Staffdryve* is defined as *-ducere catalla cum baculis super terram illicite, i.e., to drive cattle illegally from their own pastures, across the land of other people, either to steal them, or to create a right of way.*

- CHURCHE STRETTON 9. § The township there by Robert Acton⁹ and William Davys present that William Cowper (3d.) assaulted Ralph Burnell and drew blood from him; and that the aforesaid Ralph (6d.) assaulted the aforesaid William; and that Elizabeth Raulyns¹⁰ (6d.) assaulted Humfrey Wylks; and that Ralph Burnell (6d.) assaulted William Davys; and that the aforesaid William Davys (6d.) assaulted the aforesaid Ralph; and that Thomas Maddocks (4d.) and John Smyth (4d.) sold ale and broke the assize; and that John Colly (2s.) sold ale and broke the assize, and also keeps and has used unlawful games, namely cards and tables, in his house, contrary to the form of the statute therein set forth and provided; and that John Smyth, alias Bocher,¹¹ feloniously stole four bullocks of the goods and chattels of one Francis Broke, and was hanged for the felony aforesaid, by which he forfeited to the lord all his goods and chattels; and that John Colle presents that Thomas Wotnell has stopped the road beyond Hogehill which the aforesaid John ought to have (*the use of*); and that Robert Acton and William Davys are elected Constables and sworn accordingly.
- 8s. 2d.
10. *rescue* 12d. § To this Court came Humfrey Wylks, the deputed bailiff, to present that Elizabeth Raulyns¹⁰ (12d) effected a rescue upon the aforesaid Humfrey and endeavoured to take away one heifer seized by the aforesaid Humfrey, as felon's goods escheated to the lord by the attainder of John Smyth alias Bocher,¹¹ from the aforesaid bailiff in contempt of the law of our lady the Queen.
11. *surrender*. § To this Court came Richard Sanky in his own person, and surrendered into the hands of

⁹ Robert Acton may be identical with the Robert who married Bridget, daughter of Robert Dodington of Dodington, but the name is not uncommon.—*Her. Vis.* (N.B., Doddington now Dorrington).

¹⁰ Elizabeth Rawlins was, probably, the daughter of Thomas Hughes, *alias* Higgins of Stretton.

¹¹ Bocher now butcher.

the lord, one messuage with all lands, meadows, and pastures, with (*their*) appurtenances called Bullocksmore, to the benefit and use of Thomas Sanky and Elizabeth his wife, And further in the same Court came the aforesaid Thomas and Elizabeth and took from the lord all the premises with their appurtenances, to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies between them lawfully begotten, and gave to the lord for a fine *iiij.d.*, and did fealty and were accordingly admitted tenants, And further, in the same Court came the aforesaid Thomas and Elizabeth, and the aforesaid Elizabeth, examined alone by the steward, of her own free will, and not coerced by her husband, and surrendered into the hands of the lord the moiety of the messuage, and other premisses, with their appurtenances to the benefit and use of the aforesaid Richard Sankey, & Elinor his wife, for the term of their lives, and the survivor of either of them. And gave to the lord for a fine *2d.*, and he made fealty, and they were admitted tenants accordingly.

fine ijd.

12. *The twelve* § The Jurors above came and affirmed that all (matters) above presented were true, and further presented that John Shery¹² (6d), Sir Andrew Corbett (6d.), John Shelley, Esq.¹² (vj^{d.}), Francis Kenaston, Esq.¹² (6d.), Edwardus Leygh-ton, Esq.¹² (6d), and William Huys¹² (6d.) owe suit to this Court and have made default.

¹² John Shery was, possibly, of a family long connected with Wolstaston. Sir Andrew Corbet was of Moreton Corbet.

John Shelley may have represented the land in Minton, held in 1649 by the Lingen family. Jane, daughter of John Lingen, married William Shelley and during his lifetime, when he was imprisoned as a recusant, and after his death in 1597, she occurs in connection with the land in the neighbourhood.—Blakeway's *Sheriffs*, 198.

Francis Kenaston may have been the Francis Kynaston of Oteley, who died in or about 1581.—Blakeway's *Sheriffs*, 198.

Edward Leygton was of Wattlesborough. He was Sheriff of Shropshire in 1568. The Leightons of Leighton were early tenants of Earls of Arundel. They settled at Stretton through marriage with the heiress of Watkin Cambrey of Stretton Dale.—Blakeway's *Sheriffs*, 198.

William Huys, was probably of the "Hughes' *alias* Higgins'" family, whose only child, daughter, Elizabeth, married Edward Marston.—*Her. Vis.*

13. 4d. § John Cowper for disturbing the Court, Accordingly he is at the mercy (of the Court) (4d.) Affeirsers Richard Bedowe, William Stockyn, sworn.

14. § LESSER COURT there held in the day and year above written.

Fined 3d. William Dodd did not bring forward his complaint against John Hayle, senior in a plea of debt.

Fined 3d. John Knight¹⁴ was convicted at the suit of Thomas Maddocks in a plea of debt.

Fined 3d. Thomas Maddocks was convicted in his complaint against John Knight, in a plea of debt.

Fined 3d. Hoell Reynolds was convicted at the suit of John Clongonas¹⁴ and Anne his wife in a plea of debt. Surety, John Eynes.

Fined 3d. Ralph Hayle did not bring forward his complaint against William Harryngton in a plea of trespass.

Fined 3d. William Stockyn for licence of agreement with William Peynter, in a plea of trespass.
Sum of this Court 26s. 8d. besides the harriet,
Expense of Court 17s.

STRETTON 15. § LESSER COURT held there on the last day of November in the 9th year of the Queen aforesaid.

Fined 3d. William Dodd was convicted on his complaint against Thomas Jacks in the plea of deceit.

Fined 3d. John Harryngton of Womberton was convicted at the suit of George Hyggyns in a plea of debt.

Fined 3d. Thomas Longforde¹⁵ was convicted at the suit of William Harrys in a plea of trespass.

¹⁴ Ann, daughter of William Roberts of Burway, was married to one Clongonas, according to one reading of the *Her. Vis.*—*Her. Vis.*
John was a not uncommon name in the family of Knight of Basticouta and Shrewsbury.—*Her. Vis.*

¹⁵ There was a family of Longford connected with Shrewsbury, and one of Longford at Lydley Heys, to which Thomas, probably, belonged.

- Fined 9d.* Thomas Longforde did not bring forward his complaints against William Harrys in 3 pleas.
- Fined 18d.* William Harrys did not bring forward his complaint against Thomas Longford in 6 pleas of trespass.

Sum of this Court, 3s. Expense of the Court, 6d.

STRETTON 16. § LESSER COURT held there on the 21st day of December in the 9th year aforesaid.

- Fined 3d.* Lewis Ffraunce was convicted at the suit of Richard Mynton in a plea of debt. Surety, John Eynes.
- Fined 3d.* Edward Harryngton for licence of agreement with Thomas Harrynton in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* William Harryngton and Johanna More were convicted at the suit of Richard Mynton in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* William Harryngton and Katryn his Wyffe were convicted at the suit of Richard Mynton in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* George ap Richard was convicted at the suit of Richard Bote in a plea of deceit. Surety, Thomas Hayle.

Sum of this Court, 15d. Expenses, 6d.

STRETTON 17. § LESSER COURT held there 11th day of January in the aforesaid 9th year.

- Fined 3d.* Francis Broke did not appear against John Cowper in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* Francis Broke did not appear against John Smyth in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* Thomas Hood was convicted at the suit of Richard Tewe in a plea of trespass upon the case.
- Fined 3d.* Meredyth Tomlyns was convicted at the suit of John Wilks in a plea of debt.
- Fined 3d.* Meredyth Tomlyns did not appear to answer to Jane Kyte in a plea of trespass upon the case.

- Fined 3d.* Willermus Boudeler was convicted in his complaint against Richard Tewe in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* Rowland Williams did not come to answer Humfrey Wylks in a plea of trespass upon the case.
- Fined 3d.* Richard Tewe came not to answer William Boudeler in a plea of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* Meredyth Tomlyns for licence of agreement with Thomas Harrington in a plea of debt.
- Sum of this Court, 2s. 3d. Expenses of the Court, 6d.
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STRETTON 18. § LESSER COURT there held on the first day of March in the 9th year aforesaid.

- Fined 3d.* John Kychener, Junior, did not appear against Edward Harryngton.
- Fined 3d.* John Eynes was convicted at the suit of Humfrey Wilks in a plea of debt.
- Fined 3d.* Richard James for a licence of agreement with Custancia Knyght in a plea of debt.
- Fined 3d.* John Knyght was convicted in his complaint against Thomas Maddocks in a plea of debt.
- Fined 3d.* Thomas Maddocks and Anne his wife were convicted at the suit of John Knyght in a plea of debt.
- Fined 3d.* Roland Willyams came not to answer Humfrey Wilks in a plea of trespass upon the case.
- Fined 3d.* Richard Tewe came to answer William Boudeler in a plea of trespass.
- Sum of this Court, 21d. Expenses of the Court, 6d.
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STRETTON 19. § LESSER COURT held there on the 4th day of April in the year above-mentioned.

- Fined 3d.* Elizabeth Hayle, widow, was convicted at the suit of Thomas Harryngton, Wever, in a plea of trespass.

- Fined 6d.* Thomas Longforde for licence of agreement with William Harrys in two pleas of trespass.
- Fined 3d.* William Eyton was convicted in his complaint against John Kyte in a plea of debt. Surety, the Bailiff.
- Fined 3d.* Thomas Hood for licence of agreement with Edward Acton.
- Fined 3d.* Jocosa Harrys did not follow up against Thomas Morys in a plea of debt.
- Fined 3d.* John Knyght for licence of agreement with Thomas Hood.
- Fined 3d.* Sibilla Scaltocke came not to answer John Wyldyng in a plea of deceit.
- Sum of this Court 2s. Expenses, 6d.
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STRETTON 20. § View of Frank pledge, together with the Court of Sir John Lumley, Lord Lumley, held there on the 10th day of April, in the 9th year of the reign of Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, &c., before Richard Mytton, Esq., steward, and Francis Broke, under-steward there (10th April, 1567).

21. *Excused.* § John Nicols, William Peynter, Richard Stockyn, Thomas Wotnell, Sir Francis Kenaston, Thomas Raulyns, John Shelley, Esq., Sir Andrew Corbett and Edward Hayle are excused from (*attending*) this Court.

22. *The twelve.* § George Hyggyns, Richard Bedowe, William Harrys, John Hyggyns, William Mason, John Colle, John Wyldyng, Michell Okys, William Wylks, Thomas Hyggyns, Richard Mynton, William Stockyn, John Scaltocke, John Bright, Ralph Hugh (*Jurors*).

23. LITTLE STRETTON § The township there by Thomas Harryngton present that Elinora Bright (4d)

- 12d. sold ale and broke the assize. And that Richard Bright (4d.), and Thomas (4d.), owe suit to the Court and have made default.
- MYNTON 24. § The township by William Wryght and John Posterne present—"all well."
- WHYTTYNGSLOWE 25. § The township there by George Hoogekis and Richard Onyons present—"all well."
- AL STRETTON 26. § The township there by John Botwode (and Thomas Burnell present that Roger Boudeler¹⁶ (8d.), and Elinora (8d.), his wife, William Boudeler (8d.), his son, William Browne (8d.), and Elinora (8d.), wife of William Boudeler of Botfeld, with force of arms entered and broke
- 6s. 4d. into the house of Richard Tewe at Colyngslye, and assaulted the same Richard, and that Rowland Willyams (2od.), *alias* Dycher, assaulted John Wylks, and from him drew blood, and that Peter Wilks (4d.), William Corser (4d.), and Thomas Adams (4d.), cut down ash trees and bushes, called "hollys," upon the waste of the Lord in Alstretton Hethe, and that Katherine Wylks (4d.) sold ale and broke the assize.

(END OF FRAGMENT).

[N.B.—The sums affixed to the several names in this document represent the fines imposed upon each for his or her delinquency.]

PERSONAL NAMES (in order of frequency).—John, Thomas, William, Richard, Francis, Edward, George, Ralph, Elinora, Elizabeth, Humfrey, Andrew, Katerine, Meredyth, Michell, Roland, Johanna, Robert, Custancia, Jocosa, Sibilla, Jane, Hoell, Lewis, Mathew, Roger.

¹⁶ There was, probably, an element of family quarrel in this matter. Roger Bowdler had a son, Thomas, whose wife was of the Brown family, but the absence of dates in the pedigrees of the *Herald's Visitation*, make identification of individuals often difficult and uncertain.—*Her. Vis.*

SURNAMES (with references to section §).—Acton, 9, 19; Adams, 26; Bedowe, 3, 29; Benyon, 7; Bocher, 10, 13; Botfield, 26; Bote, 16; Bottwode, 26; Boudeler, 17, 18, 26; Broke, 1, 9, 17, 20, 23; Bright, 2, 4, 22, 23; Browne, 26; Burnell, 9, 26; Clongunnas, 14; Colle, 3, 9, 22; Corbett, 12, 21; Corser, 8, 26; Cowdray, 8, 17; Cowper, 9, 13; Davys, 9; Dodd, 14, 15; Dycher, 26; Eynes, 14, 16, 18; Eyton, 19; Firaunce, 16; Harrys, 4, 15, 19, 22; Harryngton, 3, 5, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23; Hayle, 3, 4, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22; Hood, 17, 19; Hoogekes, 25; Hyggyns, 2, 3, 15, 22; Huys, 12; Jacks, 2, 8, 15; James, 6, 7, 8, 15; Kenaston, 12, 21; Knottesford, 4; Knyght, 4, 14, 18, 19; Kychener, 18; Kyte, 2, 7, 19; Leyghton, 12; Longforde, 15, 19; Lumley, 1, 20; Maddocks, 9, 14, 18; Mason, 3, 7, 22; More, 16; Munslowe, 6; Mynton, 3, 16, 22; Mytton, 1, 16, 20; Nesse, 6; Nicols, 7, 21; Norrys, 8, 19; Okys, 3, 8, 22; Onyons, 25; Partrege, 8; Peynter, 14, 28; Posterne, 2, 8, 24; Raulyns, 2, 3, 9, 10, 21; Reynolls, 14; Sanky, 3, 11; Shelley, 12, 21; Shery, 12; Scaltocke, 2, 19, 22; Smyth, 9, 10, 17; Stockyn, 3, 14, 21, 22; Tewe, 17, 18, 26; Tomlyns, 17; Walker, 2, 4; Wilyams, 17, 18, 26; Wotnell, 9, 21; Wryght, 24; Wyldyng, 3, 19, 22; Wylks, 3, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, 26.

PLACE-NAMES.—Alstretton, 8, 26; Botfeld, 26; Bullocksmore, 11; Stretton, 9. *passim*; Colyngsloe, 26; Hoge hill, 9; Mynton, 6, 24; Parva Stretton, 4, 23; Womberton, 15; Whyttyngsloe, 7, 25.

DESIGNATIONS AND TRADES. — Armiger, 1, 12, 21; *Balliuis*, 10; Dominus, 1, 11, 20; Miles, 1, 12, 20, 21; Senescallus, 1, 20; Subsenescallus, 1, 20; Wever, 19.

NOTE.—The list of the "Lords and Ladies" of the Manor of Church Stretton is derived from old records in the present custody of Mr. Charles Wace, who had the permission of Mr. R. B. Benson of Lutwyche to allow them to be inspected for the purpose of this paper. Thanks are due to both these gentlemen for their courtesy.

SUBSIDY ROLL FOR THE HUNDREDS OF PURSLOW AND CLUN, 1641.

THE following Subsidy Roll for the year 1641 is a copy of the original document in the possession of the Earl of Powis at Walcot, and is very valuable, as the Rolls for Shropshire for this Subsidy are missing at the Public Record Office, London. Lord Powis has also kindly given permission for other Subsidy Rolls in his possession, notably those for the years 1604, 1624, 1629 and 1663, to be printed in the *Transactions*. In Vol. X. of the Second Series an important list of "Contributions towards the repair of St. Paul's Cathedral in September, 1634," also in Lord Powis's possession, appeared. It only remains to add that in the original manuscript a line is sometimes drawn under a name, and sometimes through it. In some cases another name is written over. These inserted names are printed in parentheses, so that they can be readily identified. The expression "Rec." before a name means that the person was a "Popish Recusant." The modern spelling of those place-names that are difficult to identify is given in parentheses immediately after the old spelling.

(1641).

SALOP.

The presentment and Valuation of the Inhabitants of Purslow & Clunne in the said county of Salop taken and assessed at Bishoppes Castle the sixth day of Aprill in the xviith yere of the reigne of o^r Sovaigne Lord King Charles of England &c. before Humfrey Walcot, William Blunden, & Richard Oakley, Esq^{rs}., Comissioners amongst others assigned w^{hin} the County of Salop for the taxacon assessinge & collectinge of the two first Subsidies of fower entire Subsidies granted by Act of Parliament in the xvith yeere of the raigne of our

said Sov'aigne Lord King Charles of England, Indented between the said commissioners on the one parte, & Isaac Morgan of Bickton in the said County of Salop, Gent, high collector for the said two first subsidies w^hin the said hundreds of Purslow & Clunne on thother p'te, due & payable by all & ea' of the p'sons hereunder m'tioned as

BUSH CASTLE [Bishop's Castle.]

William Blunden, Esq ^r	...	in ter[ris]	£4	—	32 ^d
Ambrose King, Gent.	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Edward Mason, g.	} Sess ^{rs}	...	"	—	"
Esay Thomas, g.		...	"	—	"
Hugh [Edward] Richards	...	"	"	—	"
Rowland Sayce	...	"	"	—	"
John Tanner	...	"	"	—	"
John Thomas [Baker]	...	"	"	—	"
Fra. Crowther	...	"	"	—	"
Roger Williams	...	"	"	—	"

LIDDAM [Lyddham.]

Charles Bright	...	"	"	—	"
Charles Howells [Henry Pinches]	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Howells	...	"	"	—	"

WENTNOR HOME.

Thomas Rogers	...	"	"	—	"
John Modlicot	...	"	"	—	"
Mathew Sned	...	"	"	—	"
Edw. Home Sen.	...	"	"	—	"
Samuel Collins	} Sessors	...	"	—	"
Edw. Home Jun.		...	"	—	"
Thomas Mountford	...	"	"	—	"

HOME.

Thomas Rogers, Jun.	...	"	"	—	"
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NORBURY, WHITCOT AND HARDWICK.

John Hicks	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Madox	...	"	"	—	"
Edward Harnage, Esq.	...	"	40 ^s	—	16 ^d
John Morris	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Ellenor Madox	...	"	"	—	"
John Home	...	"	"	—	"

WIDBACH [Woodbatch]	...	...	in ter[ris]	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Thomas Thomas	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Longveld	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Latward	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Longe in bon[is]	...	...	"	"	—	"

EYTON AND PLOWDEN.

Rec. Ffra Plowden, Esq.	...	...	"	£4	—	64 ^d
John Clark	...	...	"	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
Nathaniell Matheus	...	...	"	"	—	"

TOTTERTON.

Rowland Baker...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Bright	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ambrose Ambler	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d

LYDBURY NORTH.

Humfrey Walcot, Esq.	...	...	"	£6	—	48 ^d
Henry Howells	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Humfrey Baker...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Ambler, Cli'c	...	...	"	"	—	"
Willm Corfield	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Hay	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Morris	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ralph Poole	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Wotton	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Gethin [William Lucas]	...	...	"	"	—	"
William Lucas [<i>erased</i>]	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Bayliffe	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Ambler [Wm. Lucas]	...	...	"	"	—	"

MYNTOWNE [Myndtown.]

Rec. Christopher Clough	...	...	"	£3	—	48 ^d
Wm. Normcott [Timothy Bowen]	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Edw. Keysell	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Cartwright	...	...	"	"	—	"
"Thomas Storer, very able. Timothy Bowen, able."						

EATON AND CHOULTON.

Richard Needham	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Cartwrit	...	...	"	"	—	"
Mary Cartwrit, vid.	...	...	"	"	—	"
Priscilla Anthony, vid....	...	...	"	"	—	"

DOWN AND ACTON.

Charles Halcester	...	...	in ter[ris]	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Andrew Bright	...	...	"	40 ^s — 16 ^d
John Hochkis	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
John Evans	...	...	"	" — "
[Jo. Bowen next] John Halcester	...	...	"	" — "
Edw. Norton	...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
Andrew Powell	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Richard Davis	...	...	"	" — "

BUCKNELL.

Ffra Botfield	...	...	"	40 ^s — 16 ^d
[Hr. Carter next] Thomas Morris	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Jane Marrit, vid.	...	...	"	40 ^s — 16 ^d
John ap Evan	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
William Gretton	...	...	"	" — "
William Russell	...	...	in bon[is]	£3 — 16 ^d
Thomas Howells	...	...	in ter[ris]	20 ^s — 8 ^d

CLUNBURY, BROMPTON AND PURSLOW.

John Holland, g.	...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
Roger Powell, g.	...	...	"	" — "
William Lucas	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
John Mason	...	...	"	" — "
Ellis Potter	...	...	"	" — "
Griffith Madox	...	...	"	" — "
John Bird [Ffra. Hill]	...	...	"	" — "
Ffra. Hill	...	...	"	" — "

KEMPTON.

John Gretbach	...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
William Richards	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
John Symons	...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
William Lucas	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Thomas Symons [Ffrancis Gretbach]	...	...	"	" — "
Thomasyn Ruckley, vid.	...	...	"	" — "
William Barker [erased]	...	...	"	" — "
John Bird	...	...	"	" — "
John Lucas, Sessor	...	...	"	" — "

CLONTON [Clunton]

Ffra. Churchman	...	...	"	" — "
Tho. Gough	...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d

John Browne	...	...	...	in ter[ris]	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
John Mason, the elder	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Mason, Junr.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Lello	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Tho. Mitton	...	..	...	"	"	—	"

EDGSTON AND BRUNSLow.

Richard Bird	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Court [John Beynon]	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Philip Howells [Ann Bright]	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas James	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
William James	...	...	...	"	"	—	"

HOPESAY AND ASTON.

Daniell Wall	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas [Charles <i>erased</i>]	Wall	}		"	"	—	"
[William Riccas]	...		...	
John Betison	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Jeremy Nethway	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Riccas, Sen.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Riccas, Jun.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Anthony Lewknor	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ffra Harris [<i>erased</i>]	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Rich. Awnsham, Cler.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Evans	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Elizabeth Parkes, vid.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"

"Wm. Bright Tho. Brown very sufficient men in Aston."

BROOME AND ROWTON.

John Broome	...	...	...	in ter[ris]	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
John Powell	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Henry Dun	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Henry Downes	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Mary Hibbins, vid.	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	12 ^d
Tho. Tasker	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d

JAY AND BEDSTON.

Richard Heath	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	12 ^d
Edward Spencer	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
John Smallman	...	...	...	"	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
Charles Macklen	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Mary Davies, vid.	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	12 ^d

Hugh Dale	...	...	...	in ter[ris]	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
John Taylor	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
HOPTON AND BRODDART [Broadward.]							
John Hagley	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Charles Boare	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Roger Boare	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Hugh Corne [Richard Parry]	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Poyner	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
William Edwards	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
BECKJAY.							
Ffra Morris	...	...	...	"	£3	—	24 ^d
Laurence Beynon	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
John Harley	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
COSTON AND SHELDERTON.							
Beatrice Ffreeman, wid.	...	...	...	"	£3	—	24 ^d
Richard Morris	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Ffra Corne	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
CLUNGUNFORD AND ABCOT.							
Thomas Corne	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Charles Boare	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Tasker [in Rowton]	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ffra Rawlens	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ffra Rickas	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Bridgett Harris, vid.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ffra Eyton	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Phillip Mallart	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Rich. Gravenor	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
CHEYNY LONGVELD [Cheyney Longville.]							
John Towse	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Marson	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
William Longdon	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
WISTANSTOW.							
Roger Dike	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Long	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Joan Phillipps, wid.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Alice Gough, wid.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
SIPTON [Sibdon Carwood.]							
Charles Langford	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	16 ^d

Thomas Corbet...	...	...	in ter[ris]	40 ^s — 16 ^d
William Corbet	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Tho. Hopkins	...	...	"	" — "

OLD CHURCH MOORE AND BREHOLD.

William Harris ..	...	...	"	" — "
Thomas Heath ...	...	...	"	40 ^s — 16 ^d

MODLICOT.

Thomas Modlicot	...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
[Henry Everell next]	Saml. Wellins	"	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d

BROCKTON.

Charles Moore ...	...	..	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
Richard Saies ...	...	...	"	" — "
John Bluck ...	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Jeremy Bright ...	...	...	"	" — "
John Beddoe ...	...	...	"	" — "

LINLEY.

Richard More, Esq.	...	...	"	£4 — 32 ^d
John Davis	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Edw. Matheus ...	...	...	"	" — "
John Collins	...	...	"	" — "
Richard Mountford [Rich. Everall]	"	"	"	" — "

BROUGHTON.

Morgan Pryce ...	...	...	"	" — "
Walter Waring, Esq.	...	...	"	£4 — 32 ^d
William Broughton	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d

KINNERTON.

Thomas Price ...	...	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
John Parkes ...	...	...	"	" — "
Thomas Everall	...	...	"	" — "
John Evans ...	...	...	"	" — "
Edward Ryton ...	...	...	"	" — "

ASTERTON.

William Jones ...	...	...	"	40 ^s — 16 ^d
Edmond Brees ...	...	..	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Humfrey Bright	...	...	"	" — "
John Rogers ...	...	...	"	" — "
Rowland Acton...	...	...	"	" — "

COLBACH.

Phillip Jones	...	...	...	in ter[ris]	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Richard Walters	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Henoch Knight...	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John James	...	...	...	"	"	—	"

MOORE AND MOORSWOOD.

Henry Tomson	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Poole	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Mary Biggs, wid.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Ffarmer	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Charles Moore	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Warde...	...	...	...	"	"	—	"

WOLSTON.

Richard Ball	...	...	...	"	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
Edward Jordan...	...	...	...	"	30 ^s	—	12 ^d

STOW AND WESTON.

Thomas Whitley	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Thomas Morris...	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
John ap Bevan	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Lewys...	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Robert Watyer	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Lewis Gough [John Harrington]	...	...	...	"	"	—	"
Beatrice Powell, wid.	...	...	...	"	"	—	"

LEE AND OAKLEY.

Richard Oakley, Esq.	...	...	...	"	£4	—	32 ^d
Symon Edwards, g.	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	16 ^d
Robert Oakley	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d

RATLINGHOPE & STITT.

Henry Everall [Francis Modlicot]	...	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Humfrey Biggs...	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	16 ^d
William Everall	...	...	...	"	40 ^s	—	16 ^d

CLUN HUNDRED.

CLUN.

Thomas Clonne...	"	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
John Pryce	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Thomas Moore	"	"	—	"
Henry [Robt.] Lawe	"	"	—	"

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Charles Harley "Mort"	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
John Morris	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
John Mathews	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Robert James	...	"	" — "

EDECLIFFE.

Hopkyn Bowen...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
Humfrey Bowen	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d

BICKTON & WESTON.

Symon Thomas...	...	"	" — "
Richard ap Owen [Ffra Bowen]	...	"	" — "
Isaac Morgan	...	"	" — "
Richard Rees	...	"	" — "

WHITCOT KY SOL [Whitcot Keyse].

Robert Frauncis	...	"	" — "
Meredith ap Rees	...	"	" — "
Ffra Wellings	...	"	" — "
Richard Downes	...	"	" — "
Richard ap Howell	...	"	" — "

NEWCASTLE.

John ap Howell	...	"	" — "
John ap Harry	...	"	" — "
Edward Powell...	...	"	" — "

SPODE [Spoad.]

Thomas Powys...	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d
Morris Cocks	...	"	" — "

SHADWALL.

Jeremy Powell	...	f,	40 ^s — 16 ^d
Robert Owens	...	"	20 ^s — 8 ^d
John ap Richard	...	"	" — "

WHITCOT EVAN.

William Powys	...	"	" — "
Joshua Middleton	...	"	" — "
Ffra Ward	...	"	" — "

PARLOGUE [Purlogue.]

John Warburton	...	"	" — "
John Marchant...	...	"	" — "
Lewys Ward	...	"	30 ^s — 12 ^d

HOWBEURID [Hobebendrid.]

Richard Middleton	...	...	in ter[ris]	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Roger Boyden	...	...	"	"	—	"
William Edwards	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Launcilot [Eliz. Williams, wid.]	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Lloyd	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Domcastle	...	...	"	"	—	"
Edward Williams	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Powell	...	...	"	"	—	"

PARTHERODRY [Pentrehodre.]

Cornelius Passy	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Biggs	...	...	"	"	—	"
John Edwards	...	...	"	"	—	"

HOWBARRIS [Hobarris.]

Thomas Launcelot	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas Edwards [John Edwards]	...	...	"	"	—	"
Henry Ffily, Cl'ic [Roger Gryms]	...	...	"	"	—	"

MYNUTTYN [Menutton.]

Thomas Edwards [Rich. Edmunds]	...	...	"	"	—	"
Oliver Edwards	...	...	"	"	—	"

TREVORWARD [Trevetward.]

John Harley	...	...	"	"	—	"
Evan ap John	...	...	"	"	—	"
Thomas ap John	...	...	"	"	—	"
William Ward	...	...	"	"	—	"

LINKINHOPE OBLEY [Obley.]

John Powell, Esq.	...	...	"	£4	—	32 ^d
Hugh ap Edwards	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
John Laurence	...	...	"	"	—	"
Ffra. Harris	...	...	"	30 ^s	—	12 ^d
Ffrances [Henry] Ffily, wid.	...	...	"	20 ^s	—	8 ^d
Henry Morris, als Andrews	...	...	"	"	—	"

KEVENKELONOGE [Cefncalonog.]

John Lloyd	...	...	"	"	—	"
Launcelot Weaver	...	...	"	"	—	"
Richard Harris	...	...	"	"	—	"
Mathew Langford	...	...	"	"	—	"

TREBRODER [Trebrodier.]

John Lloyd, Esq.	in ter[ris]	£5 —	40 ^d
Andrew Lloyd [<i>erased</i>]	"	20 ^s —	8 ^d
Stephen Evans	"	30 ^s —	12 ^d
Charles Cadwaleder	"	20 ^s —	8 ^d

RUTHYNRUGANTIN [Rhugantine.]

John James	"	" —	"
Thomas ap Hugh	"	" —	"
Rees James [James Thomas] ...	"	" —	"
John Corfield	"	" —	"
Edward ap Thomas [Rich. Gough]	"	" —	"

CLEWILSY [Clewilsey.]

Richard James	"	" —	"
David James	"	40 ^s —	12 ^d
John Spender	"	20 ^s —	8 ^d
Thomas Bright	"	" —	"

SELLEY.

Robert Selley	"	" —	"
Owen ap Howell	"	" —	"

SKIBONY.

Hugh Pryce	"	30 ^s —	12 ^d
Owen Evans	"	" —	"
Thomas Weaver	"	20 ^s —	8 ^d
Richard ap Evan	"	" —	"
John Thomas	"	" —	"

MEURTHESNEY [Menethesney.]

Evan Griffithes [Margaret Evans]	"	" —	"
Ffra [Susan] Green, wid. ...	"	" —	"
Edward James	"	" —	"

TREBUT [Trebert.]

James Davis	"	" —	"
Richard James	"	" —	"
Morris Morgan	"	" —	"
Morgan Malpas [<i>erased</i>] ...	"	" —	"

FFINNONVAIR [Funnonvair.]

Owen ap Hugh	in ter[ris]	40 ^s —	12 ^d
Edw. James, of Nantcroft ...	"	20 ^s —	8 ^d
Evan ap Edward	"	" —	"

140 SUBSIDY ROLL HUNDREDS OF PURSLOW AND CLUN.

Griff. ap Owen	in ter[ris]	20 ^s — 8 ^d
George Vaughan [Benj. Griffith]	„	„ — „
Ellen James, wid.	„	„ — „

LLANVAIRWATERDEN.

Gwen Mathews, wid.	„	£3 — 24 ^d
Rees Thomas	„	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Laurence Rees [<i>erased</i>]	„	„ — „

EDENHOPE.

Hugh Edwards	in ter[ris]	30 ^s — 12 ^d
Morris Powell	„	40 ^s — 16 ^d

MAYNSTONE [Mainstone.]

John James	„	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Robert ap Richard [<i>erased</i>]	„	„ — „
Richard Acton	„	„ — „

REILTH.

Charles Pryce	„	40 ^s — 16 ^d
William Medlicot	„	20 ^s — 8 ^d
Elizabeth Griffethes	„	„ — „

There is a footnote at the end of this Subsidy stating that in the case of Popish Recusants the subsidy was doubled.

MISCELLANEA.

[Under this heading the Editors will be pleased to insert notes and short articles relative to recent discoveries in the County, or other matters of archaeological or historical interest. Communications are invited, and should be addressed to the Editors, c/o Mr. F. Goyne, Dogpole, Shrewsbury.]

I.

LIVING DESCENDANTS OF KING HENRY VII. IN SHROPSHIRE.

The following is a list of all known Shropshire families that can trace undoubted lineal descent from Henry VII. This monarch is the last king of England from whom any peer or commoner can trace legitimate descent, because the children of subsequent kings were permitted to marry only with royal personages. In the Plantagenet reigns the children of kings were permitted to marry freely with distinguished subjects, consequently the descendants of Henry III. Edward I. and Edward III. are very numerous in all classes of society. The descendants of Henry VII. are comparatively few in number; there may possibly be about 11,000 living to day, of whom nearly 1,500 are foreign royalties.

There are about sixty Shropshire persons named in the following list, and, with the aid of the names in parentheses, which show the families through which the various descents can be traced, no difficulty will be found in working out the descent of any family from Henry VII. Whilst most families have only one descent from Henry VII., Viscount Newport has no less than seven, and the Earl of Bradford, the Heber-Percys and the Leekes have four each. Four families are entitled to quarter the Royal Arms, viz. the Duke of Sutherland, Earl Brownlow, Sir William M. Curtis, and Mr. Heber-Percy. Their names have the letters [R.A.] affixed to mark this.

Most of the descents I have worked out myself independently, but at the same time I must admit my indebtedness to Sir J. B. Burke's *Royal Descents*, 1864, and especially to a magnificent work lately published, the Marquis of Rivigny's *Blood Royal of Britain*, which has given me a clue to several fresh descents.

W. G. D. FLETCHER, F.S.A.

Reginald Basil Astley, of Acton Reynald (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray and Frankland-Russell. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Strange, Murray and Frankland-Russell).

Rev Lewis Richard Charles Bagot, vicar of Stanton Lacy (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton and Villiers).

Mrs. Bateman, wife of Robert Bateman, of Benthall Hall (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Gower, Leveson-Gower and Howard).

- The Marquis of Bath (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle and Byng. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley and Carteret).
- Mrs. Beddoes, wife of William Francis Beddoes, of Minton (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Windham, Herbert and Lewis).
- Archibald Henry Blount, of Orleton (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Cochrane, Stewart, Hamilton and Seymour).
- Sir Thomas Fletcher Boughey, Bart. (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Grey and Chetwode).
- The Earl of Bradford (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle and Byng. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Manners and Forester. A third descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Manners, Norman and Forester. A fourth descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Fraser, Murray and Moncrieffe).
- The Countess of Bradford (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Manners, Drummond and Lumley. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Leveson-Gower, Howard, Manners, Drummond and Lumley. A third descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Nairne, Drummond and Lumley).
- Orlando Jack Charles Bridgeman, of Shrewsbury (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle and Byng).
- William John Brooke, of Haughton Hall (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Grey and Cotes. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch and Legge).
- Earl Brownlow [R.A.] (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton and Hume).
- Lady Constance Childe-Pemberton, wife of William Shakespeare Childe-Pemberton, of Kinlet (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Bruce, Brudenell, Pelham and Bligh).
- Hugh Cecil Cholmondeley, of Edstaston (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville and Williams-Wynne. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Tatton and Sykes).
- Lady Margaret Cholmondeley, wife of Thomas Richard Cholmondeley, of Shrewsbury (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert and Clive. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley, Carteret, Spencer, Ponsonby and Fitzmaurice).
- Hon. Mrs. Clayton, wife of the Rev. Edward Harington Clayton, rector of Ludlow (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert and Clive).
- Rev. George William Corbet, of Sundorne Castle (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward and Pigott. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott, Bevan and Pigott).
- Hon. Mrs. Corbet, wife of Reginald Corbet, of Adderley Hall (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Villiers and Russell).

- Sir Walter Orlando Corbet, Bart., and Lady Corbet, of Kingsland (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle, Byng and Bridgeman).
- Charles James Cotes, of Pitchford (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward and Grey).
- Francis Capel Cure, of Badger Hall (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley and Murray. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Strange and Murray).
- Sir William Michael Curtis, Bart. [R.A.] (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Master and Curtis).
- George Rowland Edwards, of Ness Strange (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray and Martin. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Strange, Murray and Martin).
- Mrs. Ellerton, wife of the Rev. Francis George Ellerton, vicar of Ellesmere (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle, Byng, Bridgeman and Ward).
- Ronald Hugh Fitzroy, of Benthall (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Grey, Wrottesley and Pigot. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Grey and Wrottesley).
- Lord Forester (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour and Manners. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Manners and Norman).
- Charles George Milnes-Gaskell, of Wenlock Abbey (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville and Williams-Wynn).
- Lady Catherine Milnes-Gaskell (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Herbert and Wallop. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville, Fortescue and Wallop. A third descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert and Wallop).
- Mrs. Fanny Wright Gatacre, of Dudhill (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Lea, Woodcock, Wilmot and Fereday).
- Herbert Somerset Hamilton, of Delbury Hall (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury and Herbert).
- Edward William Herbert, of Orleton, and Hon. William Henry Herbert, of Prestfelde, Shrewsbury (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert and Clive).
- Lady Mary Herbert, of Styche (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley, Carteret, Spencer, Ponsonby and Fitzmaurice).
- Miss Emily Georgina Howard, of Roseleigh, Meole Brace (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Gower and Leveson-Gower).
- Hon. Mrs. Jacson, wife of the Rev. Owen Fitzherbert Jacson, rector of Moreton Say (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Seymour, Percy and Littleton).
- Daniel Jones, of Kilsall Hall (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Lea and Turner. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Dilke, Ward, Lea and Turner).

- Arthur George Lascelles, of Broseley (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley, Carteret and Thynne. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle, Byng and Thynne).
- Ralph Leeke, of Longford, and the Rev. William Leeke, vicar of Holy Cross, Shrewsbury (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott and Thursby. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott and Harvey (afterwards Thursby). A third descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville, Fortescue and Wallop. A fourth descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert, Fellowes and Wallop).
- Bertie Edward Parker Leighton, of Sweeney Hall (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville and Williams-Wynn. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Bruce, Bridges, Grenville and Williams-Wynn).
- Arthur Henry Orlando LLoyd, of Leaton Knolls (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle, Byng and Bridgeman).
- Rev. Wyndham Madden, rector of Longford (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott, Thursby and Leeke. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott, Harvey, Thursby and Leeke).
- Charles Francis Kynaston Mainwaring, of Oteley (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville, Williams-Wynn and Williams. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Bruce, Bridges, Grenville, Williams-Wynn and Williams. A third descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert, Clive, Williams-Wynn and Williams).
- Mrs. Caroline L. Mather, of Meole Brace. (The same four descents as Leeke).
- Sir Thomas Meyrick, Bart. (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, St. John and Charlton).
- Mytton of Halston, &c. (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward and Pigott).
- Viscount Newport. (Seven descents, viz., four from the Earl of Bradford, and three from the Countess of Bradford. See above).
- Hon. Mrs. Ogilvy, late of Oswestry (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley, Carteret, Spencer and Ponsonby. A second descent through Brandon, Seymour, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley, Carteret, Spencer, Ponsonby and Ponsonby. A third descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Ashley-Cooper and Ponsonby).
- Algernon Heber-Percy, of Hodnet Hall [R.A.] (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour and Percy. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour Finch, Thynne, Seymour and Percy).
- Algernon Hugh Heber-Percy, of Hodnet [R.A.] (The same two descents. A third descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour Percy and Lockwood. A fourth descent through Brandon, Grey, Finch, Thynne, Seymour, Percy and Lockwood).

Hugh Edward Ethelston Peel, of Brynypys (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Wyndham, Grenville, Williams-Wynn and Williams. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert, Clive, Williams-Wynn and Williams).

The Earl of Powis (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert and Clive. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Finch, Thynne, Worsley, Carteret, Spencer, Ponsonby and Fitzmaurice).

The late Lord Rowton (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Boyle, Boyle, Butler and Lowry-Corry. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Boyle, Boyle and Lowry-Corry. A third descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Ashley-Cooper and Lowry-Corry).

The Duke of Sutherland [R.A.] (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley and Egerton).

Leonard Whitworth Swinnerton-Dyer, of Westhope (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Grey, Lister-Kaye and Ward).

Brownlow Richard Christopher Tower, of Ellesmere (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Hume and Cust).

James Augustine Harvey Thursby-Pelham, of Cound Hall, and the Rev. Augustus Thursby-Pelham, rector of Cound (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott, Harvey and Thursby. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Pigott and Thursby).

Hon. Henry Cecil Vane (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton and Cecil).

Mrs. Clare Alice Shuttleworth Williams-Vaughan, widow of Edward Geoffrey Williams-Vaughan, of Broom Hall, Oswestry (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Gordon, Fane, Drummond, Moore and Holden).

Henry Francis John Vaughan, of Humphreston Hall (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Lea, Turner and Jones. A second descent through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward, Dilke, Lea, Turner and Jones).

Lord Wenlock (through Brandon, Grey, Seymour, Sutton, Ward and Lawley. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Leveson-Gower, Grosvenor and Lawley).

Mrs. Wicksted, wife of Charles Wigley Wicksted, of Shakenhurst, Cleobury Mortimer (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, St. John, Bennet, Hartopp, Heywood, Musters and Hamond).

Lord Windsor (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Herbert of Chirbury, Herbert and Clive. A second descent through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Egerton, Cecil, Boyle, Byng, Bridgeman and Clive).

Miss H. Wright, of Halston (through Brandon, Clifford, Stanley, Murray, Fraser, Murray and Moncreiffe).

II.

A LETTER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE
MAGISTRATES OF SALOP, ANNO 1625.

The following letter from the Privy Council to the Justices of the Peace of Salop, forbidding the export of corn and grain, and regulating the Assize of bread and beer, affords us an interesting view of domestic affairs in England in the first year of the reign of Charles the first. It is found amongst the Ottley papers at Pitchford, and was, doubtless, preserved by Thomas Ottley, Esq., one of the county magistrates at the time, father of Sir Francis Ottley, Knight, afterwards Governor of Shrewsbury for the King.

After our harty Comendacons : Whereas wee understand that the Corne and grayne of the kingdome is allreadye growne unto highe prices in most partes of the Realme and less plenty then was want to be, so that bothe the price is like to be higher, and the scarcity greater, as the year growes on, if it be not provided for in tyme, Wee have therefore thought good (for prevencon of such calamities as might thereby fall uppon many of his mat's subjects) expresly to will and requyre you, speedylie to use all possible care, for preventing any payne or unnecessary consumpcon of grayne, or the transportason of any parte thereof in forrayne partes. And because it is allwayes complayned of, but never sufficiently looked unto, the well ordering of the Assizes both of bread and beere, and the suppressinge of superfluous Alehouses, We must again requyre it of you to take a strict course that in such Innes and alehouses (as shalbe allowed) the strength of beere and ale be soe moderated and reformed, as that thereby drunkennes may be avoyded, and vayne consumpcon of grayne prevented, Both which in a parte wilbe remedied, if the number of Alehouses and Tippling houses be abridged, and offenders in that kinde strictly punished. And for stay of any transportaon of grayne, there is order also taken for that, at the severall ports of the kingdome. And we do further require, that you the Justices of peace from every the severall divisions of the Shire, doe at the next general Assizes certify unto the Justices of Assize what you have done in performance of these our P'ies, that wee beinge certified thereof by them, may gyve accompt of your services herein to his Ma'tie And so wee bid you hartely fare well, from Hampton Courte the xxxjth of December 1625.

Your very loveinge friends

Tho : Coventrye
Arundell & Surrey
Kellir
T. Edmondcs.

H. Mandeville E. Worcester
Pembroke Montgomery
Rich : Weston
Dudley Carleton

To our verry loveing friends the Justices of peace of the County of Salop and to every of them.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

III.

FIRE HOOKS.

Among the antiquities exhibited at Shrewsbury in May, 1898, was a large fire hook from Wem. This clumsy and ponderous relic of a past age has hung for many years against a wall of the Town Hall. Its huge oaken pole is at least 17 feet long, and the great iron hook projects forward about 12 ft. more. It has probably not been employed for above a century, for in 1794 a "Fire Engine account" appears among the payments made by the Churchwardens of Wem, and their successors in the next few years disbursed divers sums for "engine men," "mending engine buckets," and "engine house." Further, they disbursed parish moneys in 1813 "for moving the Engine from the Church to the Engine House," and in 1816 for "men assisting to play the Engine."

Of the Brobdingnagian hook itself the Churchwardens' Accounts unfortunately say nothing. There is indeed a gap in those accounts from 1737 to 1774, but I am inclined to believe that the hook is older than 1683, when the accounts begin. Very likely it may date from soon after 1677, in which year nearly all Wem was consumed by fire.

Other such hooks exist elsewhere, furnished for the most part, as this one is, with rings, that they might be dragged by horses to the scene of the conflagration, and being heaved up by the united strength of many Sampsons might grapple with thatch and with wall, so that roof might come off and house might fall rather than that fire should spread.

Thus I am told that there is a fire hook at Derby. The captain of the fire brigade at Minchinhampton, Glos., writes that up to 1814, when an engine was there introduced, there were three such "crooks," two larger than one which still exists. Messrs. Merryweather have bought all these thatch-anchors that they can, and recently offered £40 for the pair at Banwell, Somerset. The Banwell churchwardens paid in 1517 "for the mending of the Church Pykes, o . o . r." And Banwell still retains a pair of hooks, which appear to be much earlier than the date 1610 which they bear. These may be the "Pykes" of nearly 400 years ago, and are each the termination of a massive oaken pole 20 ft. long. Horncastle and Oakham each have one. Totnes has one, but it is a little one. Romsey six months ago had several, but the engineer there recently beheaded them all to the number of seven, and a confused heap was all that met the disappointed gaze of Miss Rotha M. Clay when she visited the spot a short while since.

To this lady and to her article in the English *Illustrated Magazine* for September, 1903, I desire to express my indebtedness for the knowledge of the existence of most of the hooks mentioned, and for some of the references to them in literature which follow.

Thus it was apparently as early as 1189 that to check the spread of fire "ten reputable men of ward (of the City of London) with the aldermen" were ordered to "provide a strong crook of iron," and together with two chains and strong cords, the handle was to "have a good horn and loudly sounding."

In 1425 King James I. of Scotland ordered a plentiful supply of "leddiris, sayis (tubs), & cleiks (hooks) of yrn, to draw down tymber & ruffes that are fyrty."

The *New English Dictionary* under "Firehook" quotes an order of 1467 "that ther be V fuyre hooks," and a translation in Higin's *Junius Nomenclator* of 1585 of "Hama, a firehook."

In the latter year, too, as Miss Clay tells me, Fleetwood, recorder of London, announced in a speech, "In London, houses are to be pulled down with engines, hooks, and ladders."

In 1620, according to the *Nottingham Record* (iv. 371) certain officers "presented the townes fyre hooke to be decayed for want of steales (handles)."

Thirty-six years later the Company of Mercers, Ironmongers and Goldsmiths of Shrewsbury "agreed that eight bucketts, a large hooke, and a ladder be provided for the use of the Company."¹

Gays' "Trivia" was published in 1716, and in his description of a fire the poet says "The grappling hook plucks rafters from the walls, And heap on heap the smoaky ruine falls."

Nine years later the Churchwardens of Wrexham paid three pence for "taking the hooks and rings off the Fire Poles."

Lastly, when Horace Smith mocked the Hon. William R. Spencer by pretending that he had written "Sobriety, cease to be sober, Cease labor, to dig and to delve: All hail to this tenth of October One thousand eight hundred and twelve," he mocked also Sir Walter Scott by putting into the pen of the latter the spurious lines, "The engines thunder'd through the street, Firehook, pipe, bucket all complete, And torches glared, and clattering feet Along the pavement passed."²

No doubt there exist many more firehooks than I have mentioned, and many more references to them in literature, general and local, and I should be glad to be informed both of the one and the other.

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¹ *Transactions*, Vol. VIII. (1885), p. 407.

² *Rejected Addresses*, 1812, xi. and ix.

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