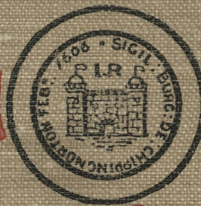


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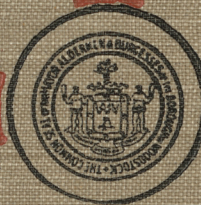


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EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS OF MARSTON

INTRODUCTION

THE accounts which here follow are taken from a volume now in the custody of the Vicar of Marston near Oxford. It is neatly bound in vellum, and bears on the cover the title, 'Marston Churchwarden's Accounts 1540-1610', a title which contains several mistakes. There are thirty-four leaves, most of them measuring about 11 ins. by 8 ins. The order in which they are placed seems to date from the time of the late Rev. Richard Gordon, who, when Vicar of Marston (1849-72), handed over a number of parish documents to Mr. W. H. Turner, of the Bodleian Library, for cleaning and arrangement. Turner, unfortunately, did not notice the three earliest dated entries, and made some other mistakes in the order, so I have not respected his arrangement except by noting it in the margin, but have given the text in what appears to be chronological succession. What was the original order I do not know. Clearly the accounts were begun in 1529 in a book, and in 1569 Edmund Cryche got twopence for 'making' the churchwardens' book. There is an amusing entry about a book in 1574: Richard Jewell, it seems, is to keep a book, and for his labour he is to have the bullock, or at least the free use of the bullock. But this book may have been for some other purpose than churchwardens' accounts. A number of leaves at the end of our volume are evidently loose scraps bound up together, and it does not seem that we have more than fragments of the first book. Thirteen leaves (nos. 1, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34) have, in various forms, the common unicorn watermark; one (no. 25) has a pot of flowers.

Most of the writing is disfigured by every kind of illiteracy and untidiness. In preparing the text for the printer it has been necessary to disregard entirely the use of capitals in the original, and to correct such obvious errors as the repetition of the same word. Many words and lines are scored through, either because they were entered in error, or for some other reason. If the reason clearly is that they ought never to have been in, I have ignored the words; if it is something subsequent, for instance the cancellation of the entry of a debt when it is paid, I have printed the words and ignored the cancellation. To have done otherwise would have meant going to much expense in order to give worthless and confusing information. Where *y* is written for *th*, the text gives *th*. Abbreviations, which are few and easy, are extended, but all other words and letters supplied by me are enclosed in brackets. The dates in the centre of the page are not in the manuscript. With these exceptions the following pages give, as exactly as I can, the text of the first nineteen and a half leaves. From the remainder, which are of much less value, and from three loose leaves kept in the book, extracts are given. The work of transcribing has not been easy, and I must gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Dr. H. H. E. Craster, the Rev. H. E. Salter, and the Rev. F. W. Weaver both in this and in other matters. Mr. Weaver, through a misunderstanding, had himself transcribed the greater part of the volume before he heard that my transcript was in existence, and most kindly put at my disposal his transcript and notes, thus saving me from several mistakes.

When all is done there remain several passages for which I can find no explanation, and these are pointed out in footnotes. To the mistakes in the churchwardens' arithmetic I have not thus drawn attention: there appear to be such, both in addition and subtraction, but naturally they cannot be explained, and it seems best merely to point out here that they occur, and that care has been taken to make sure that the figures given in the original are correctly reproduced. In the footnotes are also given the explanations of the allusions to persons, places, things, and events: in this Introduction it

will be best not to repeat these, nor to mention points, such as may be found on almost any of these pages, which are merely curious without being historically interesting.

The historical interest of such documents as these is not, of course, very wide. In Tudor times great movements were making themselves felt in small places, and there are traces in these accounts of the fall in the value of money (1552, 1561), the problem of national defence (1548, 1558, 1561), and, of course, the various stages of the Reformation and of social legislation. But we have to do with these as they affect the officers of a village. Most of the pages deal with the affairs of the two churchwardens or churchmen, who are elected by the parish at a meeting in Easter week and hold office for a year, rendering their account at the meeting which chooses their successors. There is little to say about the conditions of their office except that, as time goes on, there is a tendency to slackness about the date of accounting (1579), and that from 1588 one of the two outgoing wardens is usually re-elected. About the men, all of whom seem to have been the local copyholding and tenant farmers, some particulars might be collected from other records. It may be remarked that not one of them has descendants of his own name in the parish now. From 1579 onwards there are also two townsmen, managing the town stock of money, overseers as they would now be called, and in 1581 there seem to be two distinct 'townsmen collectors for the poor'. The parish and the town are, however, sometimes synonymous. In 1588 and 1606 we get notices of the appointment of surveyors of the highways. From 1630 the election of a sidesman is mentioned. The other functionaries of the parish who are named are the constable, clerk, herd, woodherd, and hayward.

The part of the churchwardens' business which gives their special interest to the accounts at Marston is the secular part. The parish was unenclosed, and they seem to have looked after some of the common agricultural concerns. Twice they pay for digging in the 'common plat' at Brook Bridge. They keep in repair the village pound, Brook Bridge, and the bridge at Glasier's Ford; they make and repair the gate at the town's

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end (1551-2). They give trifling payments of 'earnest' to the herd, woodherd, and hayward. It is a wet country now, and it was probably wetter then, so the churchwardens did a good deal of scouring of ditches. From the entries relating to ditching it appears that they sometimes undertook it as a public work concerning the whole community. They undertake it at Marsh Ditch (1550) and at Pangsmore (which may be Peasmore Piece, the bit of rough ground towards Headington), the Milne Close, and between Glasier's Close and Ewen's Ditch. In the same way they look after hedges. At the Sowmore End, one end or other of the lot meadow along the Cherwell below where the ferry now is, they hedge four perches in 1563 at sixpence the perch. The Cowleas or Cow Pasture was an enclosure of 45 acres, probably used for common pasture. It lay along the left side of the Oxford road for about a quarter of a mile, going north from the point where it crosses the brook, which made the road, until lately, liable to flood. The churchwardens pay to have thistles mown in the Cowleas, make a watering-place there, put up a gate there (all in 1563), and repeatedly attend to the hedge. Once, in 1557, it is mentioned that the hedge is that between the Cowleas and the Horse Leas, which lay to the west. The expenditure on the Cowleas, together with the entries about the new hedge (1552), and about a hedge and a stile at the New Leas (1557), suggest that piecemeal enclosure may have been going on. Whether this was so or not, the churchwardens seem to have been acting in this for the village as an agricultural community. Unfortunately, the known Court Rolls of the manor of Headington, of which Marston is a hamlet, do not begin till the eighteenth century, so that materials are lacking to show how their functions fitted in with those of manorial authorities. There is an interesting entry of 1563, where the wardens pay a shilling towards some digging at the Millpound, this payment being 'over and above that that R. Jowill gathered'. Perhaps he had raised a voluntary subscription for this work.

Another payment for the common concern is 22*d.* to Kate Hore for 'keeping of beast out of the pulse field' (1559).

There is not much about beasts belonging to the churchwardens themselves. One bullock has already been noticed. 'Beasts' are mentioned in 1548 and 1561; in the former year as kept in Northmoor Mead, the next stretch of meadow higher up the river than Sowmore. Two payments of 5s. and one of 10s. are made for wintering of the bull (1548, 1551, ? 1556), and once he is sold for 20s. (1552). From the next year onwards are entries about a brand-iron, most likely for branding cattle. Here, of course, the churchwardens appear not as discharging certain functions for the village as an economic whole, but as farming on their own account; indeed, it is not possible to be sure where the one part of their work ends and the other begins. The brand-iron may have been for everybody's cattle; the Cowleas may have been only for their own, and the pulse field may have been one of their own closes. The entries about these closes are amongst the most interesting in the book.

At first sight it looks as if the churchwardens were considerable landowners; but when the payments of rent for their lands are analysed, it becomes clear that they owned probably only five small closes, four considerable pieces of green roadway, and one or two minor patches of it. By what bequests or other means they acquired their few fields I do not know, nor what became of them. By 1843, when the Tithe Award was made, they retained one orchard near the church, on which the school now stands, but nothing more. The green roads they presumably never owned, but managed simply as parts of the common. In the second volume of the Churchwardens' Accounts are similar entries from 1669 to 1716, but with such different names for the closes, of which the number is also different, that it is impossible to say what losses or acquisitions there had been. Several of the pieces with which we are at present concerned can, however, be identified, partly from the muniments of Brasenose College, and partly from the two beautiful maps of the northern and southern parts of the parish, dated 1605, and made for Corpus Christi College, Oxford, which has owned land there since early in the sixteenth century. By the courtesy of the

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President and Fellows of that college I have been permitted to have these maps photographed, and I have dealt elsewhere with their general contribution to the agricultural history of the parish. From these sources the list of the churchwardens' lands appears to be:

(1) The Bull Acres. There were two of these, though in the earliest entry of them only one appears. Sometimes the rent for both is entered together; sometimes each is accounted for separately, and when this happens the rents are equal, so that the two must have been about equal in size.

(2) The Town Closes. These are probably the same as the Church Closes, which nowhere appear in the same account with them. In one year (? 1556) 'the Close' and 'another close' are named, perhaps the same again. In 1552 the Town Closes are let for two years, but the Town Close at the Church House seems to be let in addition to them, so that there may be altogether three closes concerned. The Church House appears separately as an item of expenditure four times between 1529 and 1553; rent is received for it four times between 1532 and 1563.

(3) The High Ditch. This seems from the rents to have been larger than the quite small closes mentioned above. In 1583 it is let for six years at a nominal rent, and in 1591 a new tenant is admitted. In 1565 Wash Weir is let with it.

(4) The Green Way. There are nowadays several green ways in the parish, and there were more in the sixteenth century. This Green Way *par excellence* seems to be that marked on the Corpus map by this name, and running from Mill Lane at right angles towards the river Cherwell, from which it is cut off by Normoor Lot Mead. On its left it has, at the end away from the lane, Alesworth Furlong. The lie of the ground is such that there must almost certainly have been a steeply sloping strip of pasture between the arable and the meadow to right and left of the end of the Green Way, as indeed the map seems to show. In two years (1563 or 1564, and 1565) the Green Way Hade is named separately, and in 1548 the way at Alesworth. In 1583 the tenant of High Ditch gets the Green Way 'to his bargain'.

(5) The Wash Way. This was a short and narrow strip at right angles to the river, a little south of the present ferry. In 1579 it is let along with the Sydlinge, which I cannot identify, and in 1561 with the Stew Way.

(6) This Stew Way I cannot find. In 1557 it is let along with the weir at Wash Weir, which has already been mentioned. Probably this was a weir in the Cherwell near the Wash Way, and the word 'Stew' suggests the fishery.

(7) The Oxford highway by the Cowleas hedge. There is still rough grazing here on both sides of the modern hard road, and the ditches are from ten to twenty yards apart, so that the area is over an acre. This is most likely the same as the way 'next' or 'by' the Cowleas of 1561 and 1563 or 1564, though another road ran round the northern side of the Cowleas. The way at Brook Bridge and the highway to Brook Bridge are probably the same, though I am not quite sure whether Brook Bridge is the footbridge here or the bridge over the Bayswater or Wash Brook on the Elsfeld road. The piece of common adjoining Stockleas, let in 1588, is probably the same again, for Stockleas lies on the opposite side of the road from the Cowleas, partly facing it and partly nearer the village.

In 1578 and 1579 the Town Ground appears; but this must pretty clearly be merely another name for one of the pieces already mentioned. Another source of revenue was the town water, the common waters, or simply the water. This must mean the fishery in the Cherwell, or in part of it, and is very likely the same as the Common Lake mentioned in a Brasenose terrier of about 1700 (no. 97 in Hurst's Calendar), and Marston Lake of a Magdalen agreement of 1551 (*Register of Magdalen College*, ed. Macray, New Series, ii. 27), which was apparently the backwater or ditch which runs north from close above the ferry, 'lake' being a usual name in these parts for such a backwater. By 1716, the last date for which I have seen an entry of it, the rent of the water had risen to 10s. All the rents, of course, rose with the fall in the value of money, but most of them fluctuate in a way which suggests that they were bargained for at the vestry meetings.

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Turning to the ecclesiastical matters, we may notice first of all a few entries relating to the fabric of the church. The date of the south porch in its present state is fixed at 1562. In 1529 a new Lady altar or altar-slab is provided, and there are repairs to the Lady 'yeyld'. This is probably the south aisle, and the heavy bill of 1562 for repairs to the church probably includes some alterations in this, since most of the external details seem to be near in date to the porch. The pulpit of 1548 is not that now in use, which seems to be distinctly later. Mr. F. E. Howard very kindly tells me: 'I should guess that 1630 is not far wrong, but it is pure guesswork.' The inventories of church goods given with the accounts should be read in connexion with those of Edward VI's visitations printed in the first volume of the Oxfordshire Record Society, and with the articles mentioned in the fragmentary accounts for the reign of Henry VIII. There has been some controversy about the length of time during which the church has possessed the beautiful medieval drinking-cup now used as a chalice. These inventories will supply a partial answer, but there is no means of telling for certain to what vessels they refer. In 1560 there is a chalice with paten and a church cup of silver,¹ called in 1569 the town cup. In a later, undated, inventory these are called two town cups; in 1572 the chalice is distinguished from the cup of silver. From 1577 there is only a cup for the communion, with its cover. It looks, therefore, as if the present cup was in the possession of the parish about 1560, and the old chalice had gone between 1572 and 1577. The other purchases and sales of books, ornaments, and fittings are such as would be expected. In 1551 there is a table for the communion; in 1557 an altar, and so on.

In 1546 there are two church-ales, one at Hock-tide and one at Whitsuntide; in the following year, as in 1529, only the latter seems to have been held. From 1552 the young men's ale appears besides the Whitsuntide church-ale. There are one or two intra-mural burials, and a solitary gift of alms (1550), and once there are minstrels who play at Whitsuntide

¹ But see p. 24, n. 3.

(p. 27). In 1559 two small bequests are mentioned, though two years later the executors were refusing to pay one of them; in 1572 and 1594 there are others. In 1560 the churchwardens lend Philip Perne seven shillings, and he pays it back. It remains only to say that some things are not here for which it would be natural to look, and that the absence of anything from the accounts cannot be thought to prove that it did not happen or exist.

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1529

fo. 8 r.

In nomine dei amen [this boke] whas [begun in the time of Thomas] Fylldar of the fryyrs prechers of Oxford beyn[g rector¹ of Marston] and churchemen that same yere arre chosyn [John Fysh the helder and John] Follye the whyche boke ys ordenyd for the a[ccompts of the] chyrche of Mayston mayd by these forsay[d churchemen the yere] of yowr Lord 1529 1529 1529 die dominico. . .

John Fyshe the yelder and Jhon Fowllys chyrchem[en]

Item f[or] gyldyng and for a tabull unto yowr Lady

„ unto the plummo[r] for reparyn[g] of Seynt Leo[nard]

Payd by the hands off Jhon Fyshe the helder . . .

Item for the vysyta[cion] payd off the sayd Jhon Fysche . . .

„ off the said Jhon Fysche for lokys for nayles to the chyrche . . .

„ Jhon Fysche . . . monys and

„ for the repary[ng o]f owr Lady yeyld xviijs. iiij*d*.

Off the wyche mony [John Follye] payd xjs. and viij*d*. and

Jhon Fishe the held[er] payd vjs. and viij*d*.

Item Jhon Fysche payed acion xj*d*.

„ Jhon Fysc[he] for vd.

„ Jhon Fysche payd for the holy xviiij*d*.

„ Jhon Fysche payd for panyng of the chapyll dower vd.

„ for the church house w[?] h[?]as to Colys iij*s*. vij*d*.

¹ A parallel to the holding of the rectory by a friar is found at Nuneham, where one of the Friars Minor was incumbent in 1526 (*A Subsidy of 1526*, ed. Salter, Oxford Hist. Soc., p. 252).

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Item for carryng off iij lod off stone	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for the ston to Rechman	viiij <i>d</i> .
„ payd to the carpynter	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ payd Wylyyam Scheveden	viiij <i>d</i> .
„ payd	
Summa <i>vjli. ix. vijd.</i>	

fo. 15 r.

26 March 1529

Thomas Fylldar ordinis predicatorum et Rector de Marston
1529

Memorandum that there whas delyvryd unto the hands of
wold Jhon Fyshe and [Jhon] Fowllye chyrchemen by the
hands of Thomas Juell and Wylyyam P[arne the] yonger
upon Gud Frydaye the yere of yowr Lord 1529 of the
churche stok of Mayston *vli. xviijs. iiijd.*

Item for the ale	xs.
„ off Richard Harwell	ijs.
Summa <i>vjli. xs. iiijd.</i>	

1531

Dominus Joannes Bonfessor Rector de Marston Anno 1531¹

fo. 8 v.

1532

... rch waytyr ijs. viij*d*.
... the church med ijs.
... a yere rentt of the church howse
viijs. iiijd.
xijd.
viiijd.

..... a cownt clere for halthyngys that was betwixt
the sayd Harrye
.... the the sayd Harry howith clere *ijs.*

3 April 1533

[churc]hwardyngs Nicholas Hore and Thomas Harme yere off
our Lord God mxxxxiij the 3 day off Aprill

Nicolas Hore	<i>xvj<i>d</i>.</i>
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Thomas Jewell	..
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Item of Sthyyfyn Symht	..
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„ off Wyllyam	
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Item fo[r] ijd.

¹ John Bonefessor, supp. for B.A. 9 March 1525/6, adm. 26 June, disp.
18 January 1526/7 (*Reg. Univ. Oxon.*, ed. Boase, i. 143).

Item for the sumner	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ for ij hallyloffs	ii <i>d.</i>
„ for the c[h]urch huss	j <i>d.</i>
„ for wytelether	j <i>d.</i>
„ for the charhevynter ¹	ij <i>d.</i>
„ for the standardes ²	xxij <i>d.</i> ob.
„ for belropes	vij <i>d.</i> ob.
„ for the locke	xij <i>d.</i>
„ for the fisitacyon	xj <i>d.</i>
„ for [the] hallywaterpotte	iijs. viij <i>d.</i>
„ for the bokes	iijs.
„ for the boke	xjs. viij <i>d.</i>
The Sum xxiijs. <i>xd.</i>	

?

fo. I v.

[In the yere of] howr Lord God 153 (*sic*) chowchwardynis
[Thomas Jowyl the . . .]yr and Wylliam Parne the yongyr
plumer vs. viij*d.*

Wylliam Parn laid out the plumbar iijs. viij*d.* and xxij*d.*
Item Thomas Jowyl iijs. viij*d.* and iijs. j*d.* ob. vid.

? 1539

fo. 2 r.

Memorandum that in the yere of owr Lorde God 153 . . .
John B[ue and William Smith] resavyd of the olde cheyrch
men vijs. viij*d.*

Memorandum Richard Herwell and Henry Nycoll hath
ressavid of the c[h]urch stock] in the yere a for sayd
iijs. iiij*d.*

Memorandum Thomas Juell oyth to the church of Marston
and church wardens xiijs.

26 March 1540

Memorandum a cownt made the Good Freydey the er of our
God A m ccccc and fortty by Wylliam Smyth and
[John] Bue [c]hurch wardens all things payd and
a[cowntyd] and clerly remaynyth in the church vs.

? 1541

Item Richard Howr and John Harper church wardens have
received of the church stok the same day vs. fo. 3 r.

For detts owed t[o the] church Rychard Hore and John
Harper beyng wardyns

Item Thomas Yuell oweth to the church vs.
„ Rychard Hore vjs. iiij*d.*

¹ This reading is doubtful.² Banners.

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Item Rychard Harwell	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ Harry Nycholl for the sepulcre lyght	ijs. v <i>d</i> .
„ Rychard Harwell	ijs. i <i>d</i> .
„ Wyllyam Paren	xiiij <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
„ Johan Colly	xv <i>d</i> .
„ Phyllyp Fysh	xv <i>d</i> .
„ Johan Bue	ijs. x <i>d</i> .
„ Harry Hall	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ Phyllyp Hore	xx <i>d</i> .
„ Phyllyp Hore	xx <i>d</i> .
„ John Colly	iiij <i>s</i> .
„ Harry Hall	xij <i>d</i> .
„ Wyllyam Gybys oweth to the church	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ Phyllyp Fys and John Harper reseved of Rychard Harwell and Thomas Nycholls for the sepulcre lyght	vjs. x <i>d</i> .
„ John Bue and John Harpare have resevyd of Phyllyp Fysshe	vijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

Jhon Harper for the sepulcre lyght

[In the right margin:] Yt ys to be r[emem]bryd that I Wyllyam Pern have payd xiiij*s*. viij*d*. and . . . iiij*s*. of the lyght Wyllyam and John Chyl . . . Rychard Hor[e] Phyllyp Fysh Wyllyam Gyb[ys] and ytt ys also [to be] remembryd that I Wyllyam Pern o[we] nothyng for my brother but all ys payd anno 154 . the xxiiij day of February wy[t]nes as abov[e] sayd.

fo. 3 v.

1541

[Thomas Juel and Wyllyam Gyby[s c]hurchmen recevyd of Rychard [Hore and Jh]on Harper
[Thom]as Juell hath recevyd iijs. viij*d*.
[Wy]llm Gybys hath recevyd iijs. viij*d*. ob.
Wyllyam Peryn and Rychard Harwell hath recevyd of Thomas Juel and of Wyllyam [G]ybys churchemen before ijs.
Rychard Harwell hath reseved of Wyllyam Fys iiij*s*.

fo. 4 r.

1543

[th]e yere of ou[r Lord 1543] cherche wardeyns, ij Phyllyp Fyshe
Memorandum to reseve of Rycharde Harwell vij*d*. on mydsomer [day] . . .
Item of Wyllyam Pa[rne] vs.

14 April 1544

The cownte made the Monday in Ester weke anno domini

1544 and there was made chyrche wardeyns Rychard Vyn and Tomas Jewell the which Rychard Vyn hath deliveryd to Richard Hore one of the churche men

xiijs. viij*d*.

Also Wylliam Gybbbs the other of the churche men hath receyvd of the sayed Thomas Yuwell

iiij*s*. ij*d*.

18 April 1545

Thys cownte was made anno domini 1545 and the xvij daye of Aprell

8 April 1547

fo. 4 v.

Memorandum that Philip Fyshe and John Bewe the viij th daye of Aprill in the first daye (*sic*) of Edward the First (*sic*) made theire acompt as folowyth

First thei receyvid in the churchbox in the yere before . . .

Item the encessid the said yere at theire Hock ale

xix*s*. *vd*.

„ at theire Witsondays ale thei encessid

xxvis.

Laidout for belropes and nayles¹

ij*s*.

Item for making of the pound dore

v*d*.

„ for a happs and ij staples for the pound dore

ij*d*.

„ for washing of the church clothes

j*d*.

„ laidout per John Bewe for making of the church standers

iijs. iiij*d*.

„ for ij bellropes

xix*d*.

„ for thexchange of ij cruettes

iiij*d*.

„ for a alye loff

j*d*. ob.

„ for mending of the pyx

iiij*d*.

„ for mending of the seats

ij*s*. viij*d*.

„ for washing of the church clothes

j*d*.

„ for making of the church walls and scoring of the pyxe

viiij*d*.

Summa viijs. xj*d*.²

So apperith that thei brought in the said and made a clere acompt of all things

xxix*s*. viij*d*.

Memorandum the made theire accompt also for these things following which thei receyvid to the townes use

For the Bull Acre

iiij*s*. viij*d*.

Item for a shepe receyvid at Madelins Colledg³

iiij*s*. viij*d*.

¹ In the margin, between this and the next entry: 'per Philip Fyshe'—which applies to these entries and the next two.

² Total of Bewe's outlay.

³ This entry, like those which follow it more or less regularly until the gap in the accounts early in the next century, refers to the carrying out of an agreement of 1520 (Magdalen College Deeds, Headington 32 A, Extract from Headington Court Rolls), by which, as part of the consideration for the surrender of their rights of common in the King's Mill Closes

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Item for a busshell of malt receyvid there also	viijd.
„ for the towne close	xijd.
„ for the Hye Dyche	ijs. iiijd.
Summa xiijs. iiijd.	

which thei laydout as apperith

So the be clere and mete for all things and delivered to the
new churchwardens xxixs. iiijd.

fo. 5 v.

30 March 1548

Memorandum that William Perne and Richard Harwell churchwardens made theire accompt the xxxth daye of Marche in the second yere of Edward the Sixt and the forsaide stock of xxixs. iiijd. and all such encrease as was made the forsaide yere was bestowed upon the church and other necessaries as apperyth at that tyme saving xs. iiijd.

The same daye Ed[mun]d Cryche and Henry Nicoll were chosen churchwardens and than was delivered to them in the boxe xls.

Laidout by them that yere following being the second of Edward the Sixt as folowyth

First for keeping the beast in Northemore Mede	ijs. vd.
Item for skoring the dicke at Pangsmore	xvj d.

„ for nayles	ijd.
„ for a payre of harness	ixs.
„ for wintering of the bull	xs.

„ layout to the joyner for making of the pulpitt and mending of scytes ¹ bells and pullys	vs. xd.
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„ expenses at Oxford at the kyngs visitason	viijd.
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fo. 6 r.	„ for making an enventory of the churche goods ²	iiijd.
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„ allowid to divers men of the towne for going to Thame and Oxford in the townes busenes	ijs. vij d.
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Summa xxxijs. iiijd.

Receyvid the said yere

First in the boxe	xls.
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by the other tenants of the manor, the college covenanted to pay annually to Headington and Marston churches one of the best sheep or 3s. 4d. and a bushel of malt or 10d. For the other payments in connexion with this purchase of common rights see *ibid.*, 1^a-12^a, and for the payment to the Marston churchwardens ('edilibus') in 1534, *Magdalen College Register*, New Series, ed. Macray, ii. 12. It looks as if the sheep and the malt were no longer wanted when there were no more church ales.

¹ Sheets; but 'seyles' may be the true reading.

² This inventory was made for the bishop's survey of the goods of parish churches ordered in commissions of 1547, which also explains the preceding and following entries. It has not been printed.

Item the gaynes of one ale at Witsontide	xxvijs.
„ for the Bull Acres	viijs.
„ for the waye at Allesworth	vij <i>d</i> .
„ of Fysse for the Hygh Dyche	iiijs. vij <i>d</i> .
„ of Bew for the Grene Waye	ij <i>s</i> .
„ for the Towne Close	vij <i>d</i> .
Summa iii <i>l</i> . iiijs.	
Laid out as apperith before	xxxij <i>s</i> . iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
So remaynith in theire hands	lijs. vij <i>d</i> .

2 May 1549

fo. 6 v.

Memorandum the second daye [of May] in the thirde yere of Edward the Sixt the said Edmund Cryche and Henry Nicoll made theire accompte as apperyth before wryten and than and there was the said Edmund and Thomas Cocks chosen new churchwardens and receyvid the said somme of lijs. vij*d*. in the boxe

4 April 1550

Accompte¹ made by Edmund Cryche and Thomas Coxe churchwardens the iii*j*th daye of Aprill in the iii*j*th yere of Edward the Sixt

Laydout thys present yere as folowyth
for a boke of new service²

Item for skoring of the Mershe Dyche	vs.
„ for washing of the church clothes	xvs. vij <i>d</i> .
„ for cutting of the meyde to voyde [?] way	vij <i>d</i> .
„ for skoring of the shire [?] tak	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ gyvin in erste to the herde ij yeres	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for cryst tyles ³	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for holye oyle	vij <i>d</i> .
„ for lyme	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ for paid to the . . . for his work	vj <i>d</i> .
„ delyvered to the Rychard Hoore Philip Fyshe and others	vj <i>d</i> .
„ delyvered to Mother Hosyer in almes	xls.
„ for mending of a surples	vij <i>d</i> .
„ to Roger Bew for mending of the frames of the bells	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ for mending of the iron worke	vj <i>d</i> .
„ for mending of the churche wall	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ expendid at Oxford when we caryed bokes ⁴	xij <i>d</i> .
iii <i>l</i> . viijs. j <i>d</i> .	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .

¹ In margin: 'iii*j* E[*dw*]ard si[*xt*]'.
² The first Prayer Book of Edward VI.
³ Crest or ridge tiles.
⁴ Perhaps the occasion when the new Prayer Book was bought.

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fo. 9 r. Recyvd the [said yere]

First in the boxe	lijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item the gaynes of the ale at Witsontide receyving but half the corne	xixs.
„ of John Perne for thuess of the Bull Acre	iiij <i>s</i> .
„ of Philip Hooe for the grene waye betwene the filds and at Alesworth	ij <i>s</i> .
Sum receyvid	iiij <i>li</i> . xvijs. viij <i>d</i> .
So remainith in our hande	ixs. viij <i>d</i> .
Receyvid of John Fische for the Bull Acre	ij <i>s</i> .
Item of William Perne	xs.
Laidout for skoring of the broke	xv <i>d</i> .
Item for mending of the Byble and for a newe Salter	iiij <i>s</i> .
„ aske allowans for skoring iiij hads ¹ in Marshe Dyche	iiij <i>d</i> .
So remaynithe in our hands	xvs. ix <i>d</i> .
at the same accompt was allowyd to certen men for skoring at Marshe Dyche and so remaynid in the boxe	xijs. x <i>d</i> .

fo. 9 v.

27 March 1551

Accompt made by Philip Fyshe and Richard Hooe churchwardens the xxvijth daye of Marche in the vth yere of Edward the Syxt

First laydout for iij bellropes	iiij <i>s</i> .
Item for a table for the comunyon	vs.
„ for making of a dyche by the Milneclose	viij <i>d</i> .
„ for holy oyle	iiij <i>d</i> . Summa xs. xj <i>d</i> .
„ for mending of the surples	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for registre for the byble	j <i>d</i> .
„ for whashing of the churche of clothes	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ expenses at Oxford in going to the visitacion	viij <i>d</i> .
„ paid toe the plumber for mending of the leads	viijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Summa	xxs. xj <i>d</i> .
Item paid to him for sawder	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for his borde	vj <i>d</i> .
„ for making of the pound dore	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ for making of a grate	iiij <i>s</i> .
Summa xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .	
Item for making of a yate at the townes end	vs.
„ for oyle	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for wintering of the bull	vs.
Receyvid at the townes ale	xxis.

¹ A hade is a strip of land left unploughed as a boundary line and means of access between two ploughed portions (*New Eng. Dict.*).

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Item of John Fyshe	iijs.
„ of John Boyce for High Dyche	vs.
So remanyth in there hands	viijs.

15 May 1552

fo. 10 r.

Accompt	the xv of May the sixt of Edw[ard] the Sixt	
First for dicging of the High Dyche in part		vs.
Item for felling of thornes for High Diche		xiiij <i>d.</i>
„ for the thornes		ij <i>s.</i> vi <i>d.</i>
„ for hedging of High Diche		iijs.
„ for dicging for the nue hedge		vii <i>d.</i>
„ of ij belrope and balrykes		vs.
„ laidout for the carrage of the Kings whayte ¹		ij <i>s.</i>
„ paid to the dicger of the High Diche		vij <i>s.</i> v <i>d.</i>
„ for gathering of [th]e setts		xij <i>d.</i>
„ for glasing of the church wyndowes		viijs. ij <i>d.</i>
„ for of the Lady yle		vii <i>d.</i>
„ for mending of the church walls		xiiij <i>d.</i>
„ for a lowde of thornes		x <i>d.</i>
„ for falling of a lowd of thornes		v <i>d.</i>
„ for hedging in the med		vii <i>d.</i>
„ for mending the yate at townes end		vij <i>d.</i>
„ for the post		xij <i>d.</i>
„ paid to the herds		ij <i>d.</i>
„ for a belrope		xx <i>d.</i>
„ for washing of the church clothes		v <i>d.</i>
„ alowyd to him for the fall of the coyne		viii <i>s.</i>
„ paid the church house rent		v <i>d.</i>
Receyvid at the townes ale		xxijs. viij <i>d.</i> fo. 10 v.
Item for ij shepe and malte of Maudeleyn Colledge		xs.
„ for a nother shepe and one bushell of malt of the said Colledge		iijs. iii <i>d.</i>
„ for one Bulle Acr		iijs.
„ for the Grene Waye		vs.
„ for the townes closes for ij yeres		xv <i>d.</i>
„ remanyth in Fyshers hand		vs.
„ for one Bull Acre		iijs.
„ for High Dyche		ij <i>s.</i>
„ for Wassh Waye		vii <i>d.</i>
„ for the towneclose at the churchhouse		ij <i>s.</i>
„ for a bull solde to Hoore and Jowell		xx <i>s.</i>
And so remaynith in thands the said daye their hands		xlvijs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item the same tyme was mad churchmen Richard Jowell and Roger Bew and their was delivered to their hands the said some of		xlvijs. ij <i>d.</i>

¹ I do not know what the king's wheat may have been.

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Item than was delivered to them at the same tyme which was
made by the yong men ix.s.
Summa lvijs. ij*d*.

fo. II r.

23 April 1553

[Accompt made by] Richard Jowel and [Roger Bew] church-
wardens the xxiiij^d daye of Apri[ll] the sevynth yere of
Edward the Sixt

First for the gaynes of the c[hur]che ale	xxs.
Item of Magdalen College for a shepe and malte	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
" for one B[ull] Acre of . . .	vs.
" of Roger Bew for [the other Bul]l Acre	iijs.
" for the Hygh Dyche of Richard Jowell	vs.
" for Wasshe Waye	vij <i>d</i> .
" for the Grene Waye	iijs.
" for the Towen Close	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
" for the youngmans ale	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Summa xlvij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .	

Leate out as foloyth

First the expensis goyng to Thame to the commissioner viij*d*.

Item a geyne att Oxford beffore them	ij <i>d</i> .
" for mayken of the inventorye ¹	ijs.
" for a houke for the towen yate	vd.
" for tow belropes	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
" for the mendyng of the church wall	ij <i>d</i> .
" for the communion booke ²	vs.
" delyvered for bread and wyne	xiiij <i>d</i> . ob.

[Item for t]he rentt of the churche housse

fo. II v. Item the wod'herde	vij <i>d</i> .
" the mendyng of the brand iron ³	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
" bred and wyne in the twellve dayes ⁴	vij <i>d</i> .
" for bred [to] Thomas Clarke	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
" for thre boardes	ij <i>d</i> .
" for [. . . hun]dred nayles to mende the . . .	ijs.
" for the paraphrases of Erasmus ⁵	xij <i>d</i> .
" payde to Roger Bew for is expensis to	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
" bred and wyne	xd.
" pay[ed] en for mending of stocks and thorne	xij <i>d</i> .
	xd.

¹ The text of this Inventory, dated 3 October, 6 Edward VI, is given in *Chantry Certificates and Inventories of Church Goods*, ed. by Miss R. Graham (Oxfordshire Record Soc.), p. 70.

² The second Prayer Book of Edward VI.

³ Presumably for branding cattle, but what cattle does not appear.

⁴ After Christmas.

⁵ An Injunction of 1547 had ordered the setting-up of this book in churches (Wilkins, *Concilia*, iv. 4).

Item paid to Cocks Nycolls and Gibbes xijs. ix*d.* ob.
 „ for tow lockes and tow keyes mending vijs. i*d.*
 „ paid to the herde j*d.*
 „ the wode herde j*d.*

Summa xxxiijs. v*d.* ob.

So apperith dew to the churche xijs. ix*d.* ob.

Item Receyvid in the boxe as apperyth in the last accompt lvijs. i*d.*

So apperith in the hands iijs. ix*s.* xj*d.* ob.

The same daye was Richard Jowell and Philip Pue chosen churchwardens and to them the same some was delivered

Memorandum that ij yeris accompt was l[ost]¹

? 1556

fo. 7 r.

First it [apperith that he receyvid at] his entre no[thinge]
 Item he made of the churc[he] ale at Witson[etide] xxx*s.*

„ for [a shepe and malte] receyvid of M[agdalen College] vjs. vii*d.*

„ for [H]igh Dyche xxx*d.*

„ for the Grene Waye iijs.

„ for the Bull Acres iijs. vii*d.*

„ of John B[ew] for the close xv*d.*

„ of Richard H[ore] f[or] a nother [c]lose xj*d.*

xxxix*s.* iii*d.*

Memorandum that then the accompt was not made no further.²

Memorandum that he layd out as apperyth by bill xxx*s.* v*d.*

Item alowid to him for wyntering of the bull vs.

„ for digging and carrage of erthe v*d.*

So remaynith in his hand ijs. v*d.*

Item at the same tyme Harper owyth to the churche ijs. vii*d.*

„ Wilmot xxi*d.*

„ John Ewen brought in for the yongmens ale which he made this yere iijs. iii*d.*

the same daye was made churchemen Richard Ewen and John Parne and there was delivered to them vijs. x*d.*

1557

fo. 7 v.

[Richard Ewen and John] Parne churchwardens . . . of . . . in the third and iiijth of [Ph]ili[p] and Mary

First the receyvid and made of the churchale over all charges xvijs.

Item for a [s]hepe [and malte of] Magdaleyn Colledge vijs. v*d.*

„ receyvid [off] the [youngmen] for the ale iijs. iii*d.*

¹ This explains the absence of any accounts 'made' in 1554 and 1555. The Inventory of 17 May, 7 Edward VI (1553), is printed in *Chantry Certificates*, p. 131.

² In margin.

Item for waxe	iiij <i>d.</i>
" receyvid . . the church . . .	vijs. xd.
" for the churche closes	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
" for a l[o]wde of Ewen	ijs.
Summa xlis. iiij <i>d.</i>	
Laid [o]ut for making of an outhar and for ledying of the churche and other necessaryes as apperith by a bill examynd before all the prissh	xliijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Sum the church owyth to the churchmen	xxiiij <i>d.</i>
Item upon a reckoning made with Edmond Cryche for pay- ment of wood xxjs. to Jeffrey and other things as than aperid it apperith that the church owyth to the said Edmond	xjs. vj <i>d.</i>
Memorandum that the said Edmond hath one houk and a thymble ¹ in his hande	
Item it apperith that the towne owyd to Flynt and Payne for digyng of the High Diche	xij <i>d.</i>
" to John Bew for felling of thornes	xvj <i>d.</i>
The same tyme was chosen churchmen Edmond Cryche and	
fo. 12 r. Thomas Cocks and receyved nothing but was in dett as before apperith	
Receyvid by Edmond Cryche for ij bussshels et di.	vijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Receyvid by Cocks for half a quarter of malte solde by him being parte of the malt that was gyven at Witsone- tyde	xijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Summa xxs. ij <i>d.</i>	
Receyvid by Cryche. Memorandum that the last church ale churchmen had half a quarter of malt and certen whayt over the stint that we had ²	
Item for a bushell of malt at Magdalen Colledge	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
" for a shepe there	vijs.
" made of the churche ale all charge deducted	viijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
" for half a bushell of malt	xviij <i>d.</i>
" for the Grene Waye	xvj <i>d.</i>
" of John Perne for the Stewwaye and the were at Wesh- were	ijs.
" of Alen for a lande of corne	ijs.
" for bothe the Bull Acres	
" for the paschall . . . hend	iiijs. vj <i>d.</i> ³
Laydout first Flint for makyng of thedge in the New Leyes and a stile	ij <i>d.</i>

¹ The ring or socket in the heel of a gate which turns on the pin of the gate-post (*New Eng. Dict.*, s.v.).

² In margin.

³ In margin: 'Sum of Cocks receyptis'. The words are followed by groups of dots for doing the addition sum.

Laydout by Cryche ¹

It paid to him and to Paynes wyf the debt abowewryten *ijd.*

Item alowyd to my self for my debt and laying out as below
aperith *xjs. vd.*

„ to the carpenter for makeng of brydge at Glasiar *fo. 12 v.*
Ford *viijd.*

„ alowyd to my self for xl staks *iiijd.*

„ paid to Goore for ij days [wor]k *xviijd.*

„ for Skoring of the canapys and plate for for [?] theue

Paid for the sepulcre and the paschall stocke *iijs.*

Summa *xvs. vd.* for debt *iijs. viijd.*

Item receyvid of Richard Hoore for the churcheclose *xijd.*

„ of John Bew for the churche churcheclose *xvjd.*

Laidout of Cocks

fo. 13 r.

For first to Flynt for digging of the comen plat at Brock
Brydge *xd.*

Item for graveling and hedging the bridge at Glasiar Ford *ijd.*

„ paid to John Jowell for a vestmet of grene silk *vjs. viijd.*

„ for thornes and stake for Glasiar Ford *ijd.*

„ for tow bell ropes *iijs. iiijd.*

„ for skoring of Pangsmore *vjd.*

„ gyven to the heyward for his earnest *jd.*

„ for sope for whasshing of the churche gere *ijd.*

„ for white leyther to mend the belropes *jd.*

„ for mending of the bell weles *vd.*

„ for nayles for the weles *iijd.*

„ for grese for the bells *jd.*

„ for the churche house rent at Mychaelmas *vjd.*

„ for mendyng of a yate at Glasiar Fourd *vjd.*

„ for ij thymbles for the toune yate *xjd.*

„ for hooke for the yate at Glasiars Fourd *ijd.*

„ for a new bellwele *iijs. iiijd.*

„ for making of thedged betwene the Cowe Lyes and the

Horseleys *jd.*

„ for the wax for the sepucure fonttaper and roodlight *xs.*

„ for holy oile *iiijd.*

Summa *xxixs. vijd.*

23 April 1558

fo. 13 v.

Item memorandum that the said Edmond and Cocks made their accompt upon saint George daye and payd all their recept and made their reckning with every man for all debts and entres aswell for harnes as all other things so that no man colde clayme any think neyther no man owyth any thing to the churche.

Item than aperid that there was in the custodye of Richard

¹ In margin. A payment of 10s. 6d. to Cryche himself and one of 6d. or brewing are scored through.

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Jowell than constable for the furniture of the soldier as followyth¹

First a paire of almon revetts with salet and splents

Item a pyke

„ a swerd and dagger

„ a payre of bootes

„ iiij yards of fustion white

„ ij yards and di of coten

„ iiij yards of white clothe at ijs. the yarde

Item the same tyme was chosen churchwardens Philip Fysshe and John Jowell and there was delyveryd to them in a stock vjs. x*d*.

fo. 14 r.

March 1559

The said churchmen made their accompt upon good fr[iday] being the xxv daye of Marche and knoedgid that thei receyvid for all things xlixs. x*d*.

Item thei laidout for things necessarye for the churche as apperith by byll xxxs.

So remanyth clere xixs. x*d*.

Item thei receyvid more for the churche close of Hoore xij*d*.

„ of John Bewe xij*d*. whiche was alowyd to him for plank

„ of Philip Fysshe his bequeste vjs.

„ laidout more iiij*d*.

Summa clere vijs. iiij*d*.

The whole sum is all things deductyd xxvjs. x*d*. whiche some of xxvjs. xi*d*. was delveryd to William Gybbes Roger Harper electyd churchemen

Item² this yere William Woodward yave to the churche toward bying of a crosse by his will vjs. viij*d*.

„ Richard Hoore gave also towarde the reparacions of the churchwalls by his will xxs.

„ of thexecutors of William Smythe for lying in the churche vjs. viij*d*.

„ of the yongmens ale viijs. viij*d*.

Sum of theis detts be xljs. iiij*d*.

Laidout syns that tyme by Edmond Cryche

To Kate Hore for keping of best out of the pulse fyld for iij weeks xxij*d*.

¹ By 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, c. 2, s. vi (*Statutes of the Realm*, IV. ii. 318) of 1557/8, parishes are ordered to provide and maintain armour, the number and kinds of which are to be written in indentures, of which one part is to be deposited with the clerk of the peace and the other to remain with the principal officer of the parish. 'Almon revetts' or 'Almayn rivets' is the name of a kind of light armour of German invention made flexible by rivets.

² In margin opposite this and the next three entries: 'Theis detts be owyng and the churchmen now electyd be chargyd to gather them.'

- Item for makyng of the rayles at Mylpound dyvers tymes¹ *vjd.*
 „ to Flynt and one other for hedging the Sothe Mede and
 High Dyche one daye *xvjd.*
 „ for mending of the Cowleyes hedge to Wylmot at
 Halowtyde *ijl.*

18 April 1560

fo. 14 v.

Memorandum that the xviiiith daye of Aprill in the seconde yere of Queene Elizabeth the forsaid William Gybbes and Roger Harper churchwardens made their accompt and knowledgid that thei had receyvid and laydout this yere past as folowyth

First receyvid wth the churche box at their first entre *xxvjs. xjd.*

- Item of the yongmen for the ale made last yere *viijs. viijl.*
 „ of John Forest for the burying of William Forest alias
 Smyth in the churche of Marston *vjs. viijl.*
 „ made of the churche ale with the shepe and malt of
 Magdalens Coledge all charges deduct *xxvs. vijl.*
 „ of John Perne for the Grenewaye *ijjs. viijl.*
 „ of Nicholas Hore for the churche close *xvjd.*
 „ of John Bewe for the churchclose *xjd.*
 „ of John Jowell for the High Diche *xxd.*
 „ for the ij Bull Acres *vjs.*
 „ of the yongmen for their ale *vs. iiijl.*
 Summa *iiijl. vjs. xjd.*

Laidout as apperith by byll examynid for divers things necessarye to the Churche *xvs. ixl.*

- Item alowyd to Edmond Cryche for money laydout as
 before *iijs. viijl.*
 „ gyven to Gybbes wyff *iijs. iiijl.*
 „ thei lent to Philip Perne *vjs.*
 Summa

At the same tyme was electyd churchwardens Nicholas Hore and Roger Bewe and than was delyveid to them in money *ljs.*

- Item we will him to levye of Richard Perne and John Ewen for the yongmen's ale this yere *vs. iiijl.*
 „ to receyvyd of thexecutors of Richard Hore whiche
 was gyven by his wyll *xxs.*
 „ to receyve of them that that was gyven by Woodward *vjs. viijl.*
 „ of Philip Perne for money lent *vjs.*
 Summa *iiijl. xs.*

¹ Possibly a fence.

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Item wax by estimacion *vli.*

vid. plus in pag. sequent.

fo. 15 r. Item¹ delivered to the said churchwardens one (au)thar clothe
infra. of holond

Item one clothe callid a vele of holond meseyring iiij ells
 „ one al[thar] clothe of diaper
 „ one vestment of grene dornix
 „ one cope of blew saten of bridges
 „ on chalice and j patent
 „ one chisabyll or vestment of grene sylk
 „ one pall of red and russet velvet
 „ one canapy clothe of fyne hollond hedgid with red and
 tassells of [r]ed silke
 „ iiij old stoles of dives colors
 „ ij pixes of laten
 „ ij baner clothes
 „ one towell of diaper of ij ell. Lost by John Bew²
 „ a canapy case of laten and grene and red saye with
 frengs
 „ a holywater boket and a sencer
 „ one hande bell
 „ ij candlesticks of laten
 „ *vli* of waxe
 „ one old crosse
 „ ij shurpleses
 „ a Byble and boke of servis. A church cupp of silver³

fo. 15 v.

8 April 1561

. . . that apone the Tewsdaye in Easter Weake in the third
 yere of Elizabeth Nicholas Hoore and Roger Bewe made their
 accompt as folowyth

Item first the layd out as apperyth by a byll examynid before
 the parysshe and alowyd *iiijli. ijs. ix d.*
 „ for keping of beasts *vs.*
 „ for a sheiff of arowes *vs.*
 „ for skor[ing o]f the gutter of the churche *ij d. ob.*
 „ for carage of a lowde of thornes *vjd.*
 The said Churchemen receyvid at their entre as apperyth
 before in this boke *iiijl. xs.*
 Item for the yongmens ale *iiij s.*
 „ for ij Bull Acres *vjs. viij d.*

¹ This is the inventory of 2 Elizabeth to which references are made
 below in 1564, 1565. ² These four words are added in another hand.

³ Added, but apparently not in another hand. In the margin the
 chalice, above, is marked 'stet', and the old stoles 'destroyed'.

Item for the ij church closes	ij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
„ for the waye next the Cowles	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
„ for the High Dyche	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
„ for the Grene Waye	ij <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
„ for Stew Waye and Wasshe Waye	iijs.
„ thei made that yere of the church ale	xx <i>s.</i>
„ for the shepe	vs. iiij <i>d.</i>
„ the busshell of malte that was receyvid of Magdaleyn	

Colledge was briwyd at Witsontide

Memorandum that the said church men askyd alowans for the fall of money ix*s.* viij*d.* whiche was orderid that if other church wardens in other townes were alowyd than thei lykewyse to be alowed els not

Item thei than deliveryd all the church stuff that thei receyvid fo. 16 r. as aperyth in the last accompt

Memorandum that Nicholas and Thomas Hoore denyeth to paye the bequest of William Woodward whiche was
vj*s.* viij*d.*

Memorandum the same daye was elected churchwardens Richard Jowell and Philip Perne and there was delyveid to them in the presens of the parysshe
ls. ij*d.* ob.

5 April 1562

Memorandum that the said churchwardens made their accompte the vth of Aprill Anno Elizabethae quarto

Item made of the church ale	xxxvj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
„ of Magdalens Colledge for a shepe and a bushell of malt	vj <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
„ for one Bull Acre	vs.
„ for the Highdyche	iiij <i>s.</i>
„ for the Grenewaye	iiij <i>s.</i>
„ for the Washewaye	viij <i>d.</i>

Summa iiij*li.* xiijs. ij*d.* ob.

Item for the yongmens ale	vj <i>s.</i>
„ for the church closes	ij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>

Summa v*li.* xvjd. ob.

Item laydout as aperyth by a byll for the reparacions of the church the porch and other things
v*li.* xvjd. ob.

So apperith all things deductyd and every man payd that no thing remanyd in the church stock

xd. And yet at the same tyme the church dothe owe to Edmond Crych for v^e lathes
ij*s.* vjd.

5 April 1562

fo. 16 v.

Item the vth. of Aprill in the iiijth of Elizabeth was electyd

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churchwardens John Bew and John Forrest no money deliveryd to them

20 May 1563

Memorandum that the xxth daye of May the said Churchwardens made their accompt as folowyth

First thei receyvid for church ale the shepe and malt

	xxiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for ij Bulacres	ixs.
„ for Wasshe Waye	vii <i>d</i> .
„ the towne water	iijs.
„ the church closes	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for High Diche	iijs.
„ of the yongmen for ale	vjs.
Summa receptorum lxviijs. iiij <i>d</i> . ¹	

Laydout for things necessary for the towne and churche as apperith by bill xlijs. ii*d*.

So remanyde dew unto them xv*d*. which was to them alowyd

And so nothing remaynid in the churche stock

Item the same day were electyd churchwardens Edmond Crych and Henry Nycolls And no money deliveryd to them

Memorandum that thei made on Witsonale and shepe xxxiijs.

Laid out for stones to Fysshe v*d*.

Item for to Robert Alen for ij dayes setting up the yat at

Highdyche and makeng of the same xx*d*.

„ for hooks and thymbles for the same yates xv*d*.

„ for a post and other tymber that made the yates xv*d*.

„ to Flynt for makyng the Coweleyes hedge and dyching

in the Cowleyes to mak a watering place xv*d*.

„ for skoring the dyche betwene Glasiars Close and Ewens

diche to Flint for a daye vii*d*.

„ for mowing the thistills in the Cowelees iiij*d*.

fo. 17 r. Paid before of othe stock²

Item for paid to the mynstrells for playing at Witsontyde vs.

„ for mending of the Cowlees hedge v*d*.

„ for mending of the High Diche hedge and Sowthemore

hedge vii*d*.

„ for a boke of prayers v*d*.

„ paid for rent of the Church house v*d*.

„ for making of the greate bell whele and the frame of the

bells vs. vii*d*.

¹ For xlvijs. iiij*d*.

² These five words, written in at the left of the page, refer to the next entry, which is in a different ink from the others, and is not added in with them. The same payment of 5*s*. to the minstrels is marginally noted by the entry for the ale above.

Item for nayles	ijd.
„ paid to Wilmot for digging of Mylpound over and above that that R. Jowell gatherid	xijd.
„ paid to Flynt for digging and setting of hedge at the Southe More End iiij perche at vjd. the perche	ijs.
„ for mending the Cowlees gate and the comen plat	ijd.
„ paid to Flynt for setting up the Cowleys gate and mending of the Brock Bridge	vijjd.
„ for wine and bread at Christmas	ijd.
„ for wyne and bread upon Palme Sonday and Good Friday	ixd.
„ for a lowd of thornes for the Sowmore Ende	xvijjd.
„ felling of them	vd.
„ for carrage	xijd.
„ for wyne and bread apon Easter Evin	vijjd.
„ for a galond of wyne agaynst Easter Daye	xxd.
„ for singing bread ¹	ijd.
„ for nayles for pound gate	iiijd.
„ for setting up and amending the towne gates	vijjd.
„ for making a thymbill for Hoore yat	vd.
„ for making of the pounce doore	iiijd.
„ for wyne and bred whan Sibell dyed	jd. ob.
„ a butt of Iron ²	vd. ob.
„ for a stable ³ for the Towne pound	iiijd.
Summa xxvijs. vijjd. ⁴	
Item alowyd to Henry Nycolls for staks	vjd.
„ alowyd to John Perne	iiijd.
Receyvid for the Bull Acres	vijjs. fo. 17 v.
Item for the Grenewaye	ijs. iiijd.
„ the waye by [the Co]weleys	ijs.
„ of Nicholas . . .	xjd.
Summa remaynith . . .	xixs. iiijd.
which was delyveryd to John Perne and Ric Ewen new church- wardens electyd	

1564

Item there is owyng for the yongmans ale	vijjs. vjd.
„ for the common waters	vs.
„ of Harper for the Grene Waye hade	vijjd.
„ of High Diche of Fysse	ijs. vijjd.
„ there was deliveryd to the said the church stuff as apperyth in acompt made the second yere of Elizabeth	

¹ The wafer used in the celebration (*New Eng. Dict.*, s.v.).² The reading is doubtful, and I do not understand what is meant.³ i. e. a staple.⁴ Two intermediate totals are noted in the margin.

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20 May 1565

Memorandum that the said Churchemen made their accompt
the xxth of May anno septimo Elizabethae as folowyth

First the made of the churche ale shepe and the malte

	xxxiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item made of the yongmens ale	viijs.
„ for the Bull Acres	viijs.
„ for the churche closes	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for the Grenewaye	xviiij <i>d</i> .
„ for the Stewaye	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ for the Grenewaye hade	viiij <i>d</i> .
„ for Washewere and High Dyche	iiijs. xd.
„ for the hygh wayes to Brakbrydge	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for the towne water	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

fo. 18 r. Memorandum that the said churchemen laydout as apperith
by the bylle xxxijs. vj*d*.

And so the brought in the said daye over and above all
charges iiij*l*.

Item the same daye was electyd Robert Wulley and Richard
Parne churchwardens and then and there was delivered to
them three pounds and all the churche stofe before specified in
a compt made the second yeare of Elizabeth and also a salter
boke and a homylley boke

per me [?] Ricardum Bolt

May 1566

Memorandum that the said churche men made ther accomptes
the jth day of May anno octavo Elizabethae as foloweth

First the made of ther churche ale shepe and malt

Receyved in the box	iiij <i>l</i> .
Item for the ij Bull Acres	viiijs.
„ for the churche closes	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for the Grene Waye and the hade	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for the Stue Waye	xx <i>d</i> .
„ for Washewaye	viiij <i>d</i> .
„ for the Hyghe Diche	iiijs.
„ for the towne water	...

Receyvid of Thomas Perne for the halfe of the yongmens ale
viijs. vj*d*.

Summa totalis v*l*. iijs. ij

fo. 18 v. Layed out therof as appereth by a byll examined by the
whole paryshe xxxiijs. vj[i*d*.]

So remayneth cleare iiij*l*. viijs. vj*d*.

Memorandum that John Macham and John Collye were elected churchwardens that same daye and the said summe of *iiij*l*. viijs. vjd.* was delivered unto them in the churche box

Detts

First of Edmond Litle	<i>vs.</i>
Item of Thomas Daye for the water	<i>iijs. iiij<i>d</i>.</i>
„ for John Ewen the joyner	<i>iijs. vjd.</i>
Per me Cryche	

13 July 1567

Memorandum that the said churchmen made the accompts the xiiijth day of July Anno Reginae Elizabethae nono as foloweth

Item made of the church ale	<i>xxs. vj<i>d</i>.</i>
„ for the shepe and malte of Magdelin Coledge	<i>viiij<i>s</i>.</i>
„ for the water of Thomas Daye	<i>iiijs.</i>
„ of John Macham and Edmond Cryche for ij Bull Acres	<i>viijs.</i>
„ for Highe Diche	<i>iiijs.</i>
„ for the highe way going to Oxford by the Cowe Lese	<i>fo. 19 v.</i>
hedge of John Macham and John Collye	<i>ijs. iiij<i>d</i>.</i>
„ of Nicholas Hore for ij churche closes	<i>ijs. viij<i>d</i>. unpaid.</i>
„ receyved of Adrian Cryche for the yongmens ale	<i>iiijs.</i>
„ receyvid of Rychard Collye for the same	<i>iiijs. unpaid.</i>
Summa totalis <i>ls. iiij<i>d</i>.</i>	

Laid out as apperith by a byll *iiij*l*. iiijs. xd.*

So remayneth of the said *iiij*l*. viijs vjd. / iijs. xd.*

This accompt made the xiiijth daye of July Anno Elizabethae nono and then appeared that theyr remayned in the churche box all things rekenid and paid *lvjs. vjd.*

Item remayneth in John Collyes hand for the yonge mens ale *iiijs.*

Memorandum that Robert Wolley and Roger Harper were elected churchwardens the same daye and the same summe of *lixs. vjd.* was delyveryd unto them in the churche box

16 May 1568

fo. 19 r.

The account mayd be Roburt Wolley the xvj day of May and ther was alecte churchmen Nycolas Hore and Jhon Ewen and ther was delivered in to there hands *iiij*l*. xvs. ij*d*.* all thynks dysscharged

8 May 1569

Memorandum that the eyght daye of Maye the eleventh yere

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of Quene Elizabethhe Nycolas Hore and John Ewen churchwardens made there accompt and there Remayned in the church box *iiij*l*. xviijs. vijd.* wherof remaneth in Nicolas Hores hand *viijs. iiij*d*.*

The same day Rychard Jowell and John Perne weare chosen Churchmen and receavid in the churche box the summ above wryten *iiij*l*. xviijs. vijd.* wherof was paid by them the same time to Edmond Cryche the yonger for makinge ther booke *ij*d*.* Item geven in rewarde to the clarke *iiij*d*.*

And the sayd churchwardens receavid at the same time these things folowinge

The chalis

The towne cuppe

The coop and *iiij* vestments sold by the said churchmen

Certen implements of brasse

The patenn

On greate clothe and a table clothe

23 April 1570

fo. 20 r. Memorandum that the *xxiiij* day of Aprill in the *xij* yere of Queene Elizabethhe Richard Jowell and John Perne the yonger being churchwardens made there accompte and then remaned in the churche boxe all thyngs rekned and accompted *xxxixs.* Item the same day Master Edmund Cryche and Henry Nicols were chosen churchmen and recevid in the churche boxe the sume above wryted vz *xxxixs.* Item receavid at the same time for the yonge menes ale *iiij*s*. vjd.*

Dettes

Item of Robert Wolley

*vij*s*.*

„ of Johne Colley

*iiij*s*.*

Stuffe

A challis

A cupp

The Churche pane and the brandiron

The paten

A great clothe and a table clothe

A cope and *iiij* vesments

ij baner clothes and a stremer

Laid out as folowethe

Imprimis to Richard Jowel for a peece of timber for the communion bord *ij*d*.*

13 April 1571

Memorandum that Henry Nicols and Adrian Cryche have

made ther accompt¹ and ther remaneth in the church
 box xls.
 The same day wear elected churchwardens Richard Ewen and
 John Perne thelder and have received the said som of xls.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE VOLUME

I. LIST OF CHURCHWARDENS

Elected

- 1571 Richard Ewen. Thomas 'Parny' *vice* his father
 deceased.
- 1572 Richard Jewell. Richard Rowney.
- 1573 Richard Jewell. John Gold.
- 1574 Adryan Cryche. Harry Nycoles.
- 1576 Nycollas Hore. John Coley.
- 1577 John Perne. Antony Fernesson.
- 1578 Thomas Perne. Rychard Nycols.
- 1579 Thomas Perne. John Colley.
- 1580 Nycolas Hore. John Ewen.
- 1581 Adrian Criche. John Perne.
- 1582 Jesper Myddelton. Thomas Perne.
- 1583 Thomas Perne. John Ewen. [Rycharde Bewe's
 name scored through.]
- 1584 John Golde. Rycharde Nycols.
- 1585 Rycharde Nycols. Nycolas Hore.
- 1586 John Colley. Rycharde Wolley.
- 1587 John Jewell. John Perne.
- 1588 John Perne. Rycharde Ewen.
- 1589 Rycharde Ewen. Rycharde Woolley.
- 1590 Rychard Wolley. Nycolas Hore.
- 1591 Nycolas Hore. John Colley.
- 1592 John Colley. Thomas Perne.
- 1593 Thomas Perne. John Ewen. Thomas Andros [? *vice*
 Ewen.]
- 1594 Thomas Andros. Rycharde Ewen.
- 1595 Ricard Ewen. Edmund Bolt.
- 1596 Edmund Bolt. Edmund Hill.
- 1597 Edmund Hill. Richard Parne.
- 1598 Richard Parne. William Halle.
- 1599 William Hall. John Jewell.
- 1600 John Jewell. Richard Hore.

¹ In the right margin is added 'the xiiijth day of April anno domini
 1571'.

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1604	Thomas Ewen	Rycharde Ewen.	
1605	Rycharde Ewen.	Edmund Bolt.	
1606	Edmund Bolt.	Edmund Hill.	
1607	Edmund Hill.	Baudin Smith.	
1608	Bauden Smith.	Richard Parne.	
1609	Richard Parne.	Oliver Ferneside.	
1610	Oliver Fearnside.	William Hall.	
1611	William Hall.	Richard Hore.	
? 1623	Richard Hore.	Richard Smith.	
? 1624	John Cobburt.	Richard . . .	
1625	Richard Bolt.	Anthonie Hore.	Richard Ewen [<i>vice</i> Hore deceased].
1627	John Craford.	Edward Bew.	
1628	Richard Parne.	Richard Hill.	
1629	Richard Parne.	Richard Hill.	
1630	George Merriall.	Griffith Silverside.	
1631	George Merriall.		
1632-3	John Wilmott.	Robert Keen.	
?	John Dence.	Richard Grove.	

II. SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS

1588	Edwardde Hill.	Robert Allen.
1606	Richard Bew.	John Holoway.
? 1607	John Andrews.	
1619	. . . Parne.	Nicholas . . .

III. TOWNSMEN

1579	Thomas Perne.	
1580	Adryan Cryche.	John Perne.
1581	{ Nycolas Hore.	John Colie.
	{ Thomas Ewen.	Thomas Andras. [Townsmen col- lectors for the poor.]
1582	John Colley.	Rychard Nycols.
1583	John Perne.	Nycolas Hore.
1589	John Ewen.	Antony Ellis.
1590	Thomas Perne.	Rycharde Ewen.
1594 ett.	Rycharde Parne.
1596	Richarde Wollie.	
1597	Richard Wollie.	Richard Hore.

IV. SIDESMEN

1630-1	Richard Parne.
1632-3	George Merriall.

V. INVENTORIES

- Undated. As in 1570 except that the chalice and cup appear as 'two town cupps', only two vestments appear, and instead of the two banner cloths, 'a pall cloth'.
- ? 1572 Cope of blue satin of 'Brygges', two vestments of 'Darniks', veil cloth of linen, table cloth, cup of silver, chalice and paten, 'a grett pan', brand-iron.
- 1573 As the last but differently worded and giving only one vestment, and omitting the paten.
- 1574 Damaged; of no special interest.
- 1577 Pan, brand-iron, cup for the communion with cover, 'a cloth of Darnyks', surplice, pall, Bible, 'tow saters in the church'.
- 1578 Cup, cover, great brass pan, brand-iron, cloth for the table, surplice, Bible, two service books, homily book, psalter, cloth for the pulpit, linen cloth for the table.
- 1593 Cup, cover, two Bibles, service book, 'a faier auter cloth and the carpet and pulpit cloth', two surplices, two chests, two little, one homily book.
- 1598 Bible, prayer book, homily book, 'and in the hands of St Balle on other homile booke', three little prayer books, cup, cover, surplice, carpet cloth, pulpit cloth.
- 1600 Cup, cover, Bible, the common prayer book, homily book, one prayer book [incomplete]
- 1606 Bible, common prayer book, two homily books, the little prayer books, one book of articles, a register book in parchment, cup 'with a plate of silver', carpet cloth of blue silk, communion cloth, surplice, book of canons.
- 1607 Homily book, book of canons, surplice, bible, common prayer book, register book, three prayer books, book of articles, table cloth, pulpit cloth, communion cloth, 'a communion cup and a cover of sillver in a basket for the cup'.
- 1608 Bible, communion book, homily book, surplice, table cloth, cloth and cushion for pulpit, book of canons, register book, two prayer books, book of articles, communion cup and cover.
- 1609 Like the last with the omission of the last three items.
- 1626 [Fragmentary]: the communion cloth is 'of silke' and a 'linen cloth' appears.
As before with the addition of 'a direction concerning prechers' and 'of silke' after 'pulpitt cloth'.

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Another fragmentary.

- 1628 'As above recited togeather with a statute . . . booke of prayer for the Faste 1628.'
- 1629 Goods 'before mentioned with a new pulpitt cloth and a cushin given by Mary Harburne daughter of Richard Parne'.
- 1630 As the last.
- 1631-2 Fragmentary.

VI. OTHER ENTRIES

- ? 1572 'Memorandum thatt Jhon Parny the elder did geve to the church of Marston att hys deth vjs. viij*d*. and was payd be hys sun Tomas Parny in the 14 yere of Quen Elysabeth.'
- 1577 'Memorandum Rycharde Joele muste kepe a boke on y . . haveng for hys labor the bullacke and [not to] pay for hym.'
- 1579 10 May. 'Memorandum that it is a greed by the common consente of the whole parishners that yf the churche men be not readye to make theyre accountes the Wensdaye in the Easter weecke in the after none in the parishe churche of Marston under the payne of vs. to be leavied of theyre goods and cattell to the use of the parishe.'
- 1583 'Memorandum that the paryshe have let and set Hey Dycke to Thomas Coper and his assignes for syxe' ['fy[ve]' scored through] 'yeres from Our Lady Day last paste before the date hereof paying ther for yearly j*d*. moreover this yere he shall have to his bargayn Greene Waye this yere only.'
- 1586 'Payde by Nycolas Hore for buryinge of is wife in the churche vjs. viij*d*.'
- 1588 'John Ewen and Julian Ewen executors to Rychard Ewen late decessed are in debte to the churche . . . 6*s*. 8*d*.'
- 16 April. 'Be it known that the greater part of the townes men of Marston have let theyre right and commone of one peace of ground or commone lyinge and joyninge to Stock Lease to William Lychfild and his heyers for ever payinge to the towne yerlye x*d*.'
- 1590 'Memorandum that Henry Carter did enter one Hye Dyche in the yere of our Lord God 1590 at our Lady Day that yere.'
- 1594 'Given by Nicolas Hore in his will to the Church x*s*.'

SPELSBURY

THE parish of Spelsbury is six miles from Chipping Norton; the church of All Saints, valued at 20 marks, formerly belonged to the College of St. Mary, Warwick, to which it was granted in 1385 by William Beauchamp, brother of the Earl of Warwick (*V.C.H.*), now to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford. The college is mentioned on p. 45. The parish includes the hamlets of Dean, Ditchley, Fullwell, and Taston. Dean appears to have had a separate 'Lights stock'.

It will be noticed that, strictly speaking, these are not really churchwardens' accounts at all, for very few items of expenditure by the churchwardens are recorded in them, but they contain lists of the lights of the church and the property of the church; this included a large stock of sheep, termed in the accounts 'Oves ecclesie'; they were hired out in lots of from 20 to 4 for periods varying from one to five years; a rental was paid of from 20*d.* to 16*d.* per sheep, but usually the former scale. Sureties were required for the due return of the sheep. The number of sheep hired in the first year of the accounts was 153, afterwards they dwindled in numbers; they disappear from the accounts in 1556.

In 1535 Robert Gwy owed to the church for a couple of oxen xxij*s.*

The church property included houses (including one at Woodstock), land, barn (*orium*) (rent 4*s.*), and a church mead called Sydnall, domus Sutoris (called the tailor's house, rent i*j.s.* iii*j.d.*), domus Dekyn. Receipts include profits from the church ale, and lights.

The parish chest contains a typed copy of the accounts from 1525-1699 by Dr. Oldfield.

Herningi Chartularium ecclesie Wigorniensis [2 vols. Hearne, Oxford, 1723] contains four references to Spelsbury [Speoles byrig]:

i. 313. Isdem episcopus [i.e. Wigorniensis] tenet Speolesbyri in Oxenforde scire, et Urso de eo. Ibi sunt decem hide geldantes.

ii. 369. Der egibus Merciorum

19 Berhtwulfus reigned 13 years and gave Speolesbyrig to the monastery of Worcester. He reigned 838-852, and the probable date of the gift is 840.

ii. 480. Speoles byrig Byrhtulf cyng gebecte, xv hida et on godes est Heabyrhte biscope betæhte.

'Byrhtwulf the king granted Spelsbury by charter [xv hides], and gave it on God's behalf to Heabyrht the bishop.'

There is a charter of this king of Mercia dated Mar. 28, 840 in Hist. MSS. Comm. Middleton 207: the bishop is called Heaberhtus.

ii. 511. Domesday. Terra Episcopi de Wircestre. In Patelau Hund' Isdem Episcopus tenet Spelesberie et Urso de eo. Ibi sunt x hide. Terra est xvi carucat. In dominio sunt iiii carucata et v servi, et xxv villani, et xii bordarii, eum xii caruc. ibi molin. de L denariis, et xxxii acre prati, et pascua xxxvi acr. Silva 1 leuv. et 1 quarent. longitudine, et vii quarenten. Latitudine. Valuit et valet x libras.

The following extracts relate to the church and manor:

1230. Folewell, hamlet of. Close Roll 390.

Abbas de Oseney attornavit fratrem Willelmum de Kenefar', canonicum suum, de warantia carte Rogeri de Coddessford et Isolde uxoris ejus de una virgata terre in Folewell.

1309. John de Lodelalbe [? Lodelawe] rector. Pap. Reg. 2. 62.

1317. The manor belonged to Guy de Bello Campo, late earl of Warwick. Close Roll 491.

1346. Robert son of Henry de Frankeleyn and John son of W^m le Taillour of Spelsbury & others carried away goods of the abbess of Godstow at Bloxham and Whicchewode co. Oxon and assaulted her men and servants there. Patent Roll 231.

SPELSBURY

Patent Roll

1385
Feb. 6,
Westmin-
ster

Licence, at the supplication of Thomas de Bello Campo, earl of Warwick, by whose ancestors the collegiate church of St. Mary, Warwick, was founded, and because the endowment

thereof is so scanty that divine services there cannot be honourably maintained without further augmentation, for the said earl to alienate in mortmain to the dean & canons thereof the manor of Haselorc and the advowson of its church, valued at 15 marcs yearly, and the advowson of the church of Wolfhamcote co. Warwick, valued at 25 marcs yearly, not held in chief, and the advowson of Wytlesford co. Cambridge, valued at 40 marcs yearly, held in chief, and for William de Bello Campo, his brother, to alienate to them in mortmain the advowsons of Spellesbury, co. Oxford, valued at 20 marcs and Chaddesley Corbet, co. Worcester, valued at 45 marcs, not held in chief, to celebrate divine service for the good estate of the king, queen Anne, the said earl and William and for their souls after death, and those of their ancestors & others.

By p.s.

In Dodsworth MS. 66, Bodleian Library, there are [ff. 113^b-114^b] extracts from a Cartulary of the college of St. Mary, Warwick.

Early Chancery Proceedings, v. 265

Plaintiff

Defendant

1518-29

Robert Charde,
vicar of Spelsbury

John Osbalston,
esquire

Cause

Detention of deeds relating to Composition made between the dean & chapter of Warwick & the vicar of Spelsbury for the income of the vicarage and the provision of a parish clerk.

The Osbaldeston family were seated at Chadlington, which is the next parish north of Spelsbury. We find this entry under the year 1528.

Edmond Osbaston for beryall of his brothyr vjs. viij*d*.

1526. Magister Robertus Chard vicar [*O.H.S.* lxiii. 264]; he resigned 1549-50.

The deacon's wages: domus Dekyn, rent iij*s*. iiij*d*.

LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH

St Andrew, St Anthony, St Clement, St Christopher, St Erasmus, St George, St Katherine, our Lady, our Lady in the chapel, St Mary of Pyte, St Michael, St Nicolas, Trinity, herse light [*pharatri*], Torches [*fassium*], Keepers of the lights, increase of lights, Keeper of the bells.

BEQUESTS TO THE CHURCH

Terells W^m Kyrtons
poor money list of donors.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

In 1560 James Suche was fined 2 strike of malt for refusing the office of churchwarden (p. 59). A strike is a measure varying, according to district, from half a bushel to four bushels (*N.E.D.*).

Holirode day [May 3]; lodgers; chief rent; water pott;
sencer; holy bread box; clock wherl; twist.

Theft from the church box.

Black Monday, i. e. Easter Monday (*N.E.D.*).

Thomas Peniston, Esquire (p. 63) lived at Cornwell, co. Oxon, a parish about eight miles from Spelsbury.

1575. Every communicant to give one halfpenny for bread & wine (J. C. Cox, 'Churchwardens Accounts', p. 99).

SPELLSBURYE

Robert Prynce xx schype

Thomas Wyse xvj schy.

James Hucwell xv sch.

Robert Gwy xx schy.

W. Harris vj sch.

Chekley x sch.

Trynder x sch.

Lenard xj sch.

Hycks xv schype

John Box xx sch.

Tryndar v sch.

James Hanwell v shepe, surety for these v shepe Thomas Vosse

Richard Hucwell xxixs. iij*d.* ob. John Web xxxiis. iij*d.* ob.

Payd to mayster xlijs. ijd.; payde to John

The pryce off every shepe xx*d*.

For the x shepe that Cha[]¹ hath, Robert Rym[an] ys
surety for the one [halfe] and Thomas Wysse for the [other]
halfe.

[1524]

Compotus Edwardi [Osbaston] & Thome Sowche anno M
 quingentesimo 24°. Compotu facto Edwardus Osb[aston] &

¹ Probably Chakley.

T. Sowche, computatis computandis & allocatis allocandis, reddiderunt ecclesie de claro *iiijl. xixs.*

Robertus Charde vicarius.

Lumina sanctorum

Lumen Mychaelis; T. Smythe *ijs. iiijd.*, & Ro. Wever *xvjd. : iijs. viijd.*

Antonii; Ry. Dew, I. Legat ¹ *viijs.*

Trinitatis; Ed. Osbaston, Ry. Belchar.

Campanarum custodes; Ro. Guy ² & Percy.³

Marie pietatis; Wyll. Rouke and Jhon Wyntyr *ijs. iiijd.*

Marie in capelle; T. Sowche & Ro. Boke *ijs.*

Katerine; Meds & Wysse *iijs. jd. ob.*

Nicolai; Maynard, Ry. Ryman *vs. vjd.*

Clementis; T. Prynce & Wyll. Kyytt *ijs. viijd.*

Georgii; Webbe *ijs. vjd.*, Ry. Eton *vjs. vjd.*, ii stryke of barley.

Fassium ⁴ custodes; Wyll. Boxe & Jams Sowche *iijs.*

Pharatri; T. Ryman ⁵ & John Syms *ijs. vjd.*

Crystophery; Jhon Tayler *iijs. vjd.*, Ro. Prynce *viijs. iijd.*

Reditus coll[ecti], viz. *ijs. iiijd.*; ⁶ tenementum apud Wodstoke *vjs. viijd.*; tenementum Spellsbury *xjs.*, achra terre incolte *iiijd.*; acra prati in Sydnall *xvjd.*; Rychard Damure for the barum ⁷ *ijs. iiijd.*, a styke (*sic*) of wete.

Oves ecclesie

Jams Hart x oves, *precium xvijjd.*; John Syms xx, *precium xvijjd.*; Robert Gwy *iij*, *precium xvjd.*; Jhon Tayler *xvj*; Leonard Carpenter v, *precium xvjd.*; Wylliam Kytte x, *precium xvijjd.*; Wylliam Gwy *ij*; T. Wysse vi, *precium xvjd.*; Wylliam Taylar xx, *precium xxjd.*

Debita

Jams Hart pro ovybus *vjs. viijd.*; Lenard pro ovibus *vs.*; Robert Gwy *ijs.*; Jhon Syms *ijs.*; R. Ryman pro sepultura *iijs. iiijd.*; Jams Hucwell j schype.

Incesse of lyzghts

Inprimis saynt Myzghells lyzght *xd.*; Nycolas lyght *vijd.*; antony *xvijd.*

Debita ⁸

Ky3gth debet *vs.*; Lenard for schyp hyer *vs.*; Clemens Damery *ijs. iiijd.*; Strauke *iiijd.*; the Welcheman *vjd.*; the

¹ Altered to Percy.

³ Altered to Hucwell.

⁵ Altered to John Grey.

⁷ i. e. barn.

² Altered to D. Smyth.

⁴ i. e. *facium* (torches).

⁶ This entry is an insertion.

⁸ As the debts for 1524 have been given, this list may belong to another year.

howsse yn Wodstoke for iij terms that ys to sey from the Annuntiacion of owr Lady to Christymas vs.; W. Tayler xxs.; Belchar vj stryke of malt; W. Tayler ij stryke of whett; James Hartt for schyp iijs. iiij*d.*; M. Vycar xxvijs.; W. Tayler for the chyrchbarne; Robert Hawks iijs. viij*d.*; T. Smyth iijs. iiij*d.*; Ro. Prynce for Terle bequest viij*d.*

Mem. that yt ys agred bytween the parysche & [Wylliam] Rorke that the sayd Wylliam motest pay by iij yers every yer xiijs. iiij*d.* [until] xls. be cum upp, dew to them for the bequest of Wylliam Kerton the yer of owr Lord []

Schyp of the chyrche¹

Jams Hart x schyppe; Jhon Syms xx schype; T. Wysse vj schyppe; W. Ky3th x schyppe; W. Tayler xx schyppe; Jams Huckwell j schyp, precium x*vd.*; J. Sims to Wynter vj schyppe; James Hucwell j schype of Wylliam Belchard gyft, pryce xvij*d.*

Incrementa anni 1529

Antonii nil; Nycolai ijs. iiij*d.*; Trinitatis viij*d.*; Cristoferi xvij*d.*; herse iijs. j*d.*; Erasmi nil; Georgii nil; Katerine non computat; Mycahelis non computat; Torchys xii*d.*; Clementis nil; the bells viij*d.*

Receperunt gardiani xiijs. viij*d.*

[1525]

Thys ys the conte of Master Edward Ossebaston and Thomas Soche the xvijth here² of the reyne, payd iij*li.* vs. x*d.*

Syms owthe for iij schyp iii st[rike] bra[ley] & xij*d.* for ij schyppe.

The chorchmen Rychard Bellchar, William Taylar in the chorchbox iij*li.* vs. x*d.*, bysydes the detts.

Incesse of ly3gths ut patet in latere sequente viz anno 1526

Incesse of ly3gths 1526

Sent Myhells ly3th xvij*d.*; Torchys *vd.*; Sent Antonys ly3th xx*d.*; Sent Nycolas ly3gt ix*d.*; Sent George xx*d.*; the herse ly3gth ij*d.*

Mem. for Lenard & Tome Hartt iijs. ix*d.*

Robert Wever debet iij. iiij*d.*

Incrementa anno 1527

Of the bells viijs. to be payd at Lentt next; Sentt Myells ijs. xij*d.*; Erasmus Ly3ght iijs. viij*d.*; seintt Nycolas ix*d.*; the hersse ly3gt xvij*d.*; Sentt Cristopheri *vd.* ob.; seint

¹ The sheep for 1524 have already been mentioned; they must belong to another year.

² i.e. year. The date of this account is Nov. 1524 to Nov. 1525.

George nil; seint Antonys vij*d.*; Trynite ijs. viij*d.*; seint Clements nil; seint Katerins ly3gt iijs. vij*d.* ob., non soluerunt.

[1526]

The cowntte of William Tayler & Rychard Belcher chyrche wardens for the yer endyd at Sentt Kateryns day the xxv day of November the yer of the reynge of kyng Henry the viij the xvij.

All costs, charges, & exspences deductt & alowyd they bro3gt yn at the day of ther accowts for the Wytson ale ls.

Item they bro3t yn of the chyrche money recevyd at ther entry yn to the chyrchewardenschyppe ii*l.* vs. x*d.*

Item for encresys of ly3gtys & rents and hyer of schype & other profetts dew to the chyrche xls.

And so they lefte yn the chyrche box, ther. accownt fynshyd yn redy money v*l.* xx*d.*

And yn detts dew at the days assynd as aperyth her befor.

Anno 1526

Sent Erasmus ly3th kepars G[] & Wylliam Ryman; stok viijs. & ij str' of malt

Sent Myhells; T. Smyth ijs. iiij*d.*, Robert Wevar¹ ijs. viij*d.*: vijs.

Sent Antonyse; Ry. Dew & W. Percy; summa stoke xiijs. & v stryke of malt & a halfe

The Trinity; T. Osbaston [altered to Jhon Wynter], Ry. Belcher; ijs. iiij*d.* and a quarter of barley [altered to xixs.]

The bells; J. Smythe, James Hukwell; ijs. iiij*d.*

Mary of Pyte; W. Rouke & J. Wynter; ijs. iiij*d.*²

Howr lady yn the chapelle; T. Sowche, Robert Boxe; iijs. iiij*d.*

Katerynes ly3th; W. Meds & Wyse; iijs. ij*d.* & ij stryke of malt or xiiij*d.*

Sent Nycolas ly3gth; Jhon Maynard, Ro. Ryman; vs. v*d.*

Sent Clementts; T. Prynce & W. Ky3th; iijs.

Sent Georges; W. Webe ijs. v*d.*, S. Russell vjs. v*d.*: xs.

The Torchys; Ry. Boxe [altered to Colyng], James Sowche [altered to Ry. Ryman]; stoke viijs.

Herse ly3gth; W. Prince & J. Grey; ijs. v*d.*

Sent Cristofer; Ro. Prince, T. Hart; stok iijs. v*d.*

Incrementa anno 1528.

Incrementa luminis sancti Antonii ijs.

Md. for the ouyrplus of the dekyngs wages vjs. viij*d.*

¹ Altered to Lenard Carpenter.

² This entry is scratched out. This light is not mentioned any more.

Rentts of the chyrche.

domus Wodstoke vjs. viij*d.*; kyt3g vs. for the land; sydnall xv*d.*; domus Dekyn ijs. iiij*d.*; domus Sutoris ijs. iiij*d.*; orium¹ iijs.; the kechyn xij*d.*; item the overplus of the dekyns wages xiijs. iiij*d.*; Thomas Gardener vjs. viij*d.*; M. that the tenant of Wodstok payde on sent Stevyns day to Robert Ryman and Jhon Syms for rentt of the yer paste dew at Myhelmas vjs. viij*d.*, of the wych they payd ageyn for cheve rent² j*d.* and for a twest³ j*d.*; and so at that day he owde for j quarter xx*d.*

Md. that the chyrch howse of Wodstoke was let to rent to the tenantt at Mychellmas and so hys yer cumup at Mychalmas

Md that Robert Ryman and Wylliam Geyner, kepers of seynt Georg lyghths, recevyd at their entry for the stoke ix*s.*, and so remanyth of that stoke to be payd iijs. x*d.*

The accompt made by Rychard Belcher and Thon Wynter the yer of owr [lord] M^vxxvij, then chyrchewardens the seyd Rychard and Jhon, all costs and charges dyspacchyd and payd and alowd bro3th yn at the accompt.

For the Wytson ale xxxiijs.

and for rentts and hyer of schyp and detts of the other yer and encressys of ly3gts and other rykenyngs dew to the chyrche, and so fynally they lafte to the chyrche yn the box yn olle summe clerlly, all thyngs deductyd, with the money of the box of the other yerr, costs and charges allowdde and deductyd of the churche, as yt apperyd yn the cowntt of the chyrchwardens at the day of the accomptt the xxvj day of Novembre of the seyd yer, vj*li.* vjs. iiij*d.*

And the detts dew for that yer fyrste for xx schyppe Jhon Syms vjs. viij*d.*; Wylliam Rouke for xx schy. vjs. viij*d.*; item Wylliam Rouke for old detts xiijs. iiij*d.*; item Jhon Smythe vjs. viij*d.*; Lenard vs.; Wylliam Rrouke for the chyrch barne []; Robert Prynce for Terlls bequeste viij*d.*; Clements Damery xs.

Mem. for the beryall of M^r Osbaston and Jane

[1528]

Computus Jhon Syms and Wynter.

Item Jhon Syms and Jhon Wynter layd owt ther yer for charges of the chyrche as yt apperyd yn a byll of the accompt

¹ i.e. the barn.

² i.e. chief-rent.

³ The flat part of a hinge, fastened on a door or gate, and turning on a hook or pintle fixed in the post (*N.E.D.*).

yn particular summys, wych byll cam to the summe of
vj*l.* xiijs.

Item they made of the chyrch alle¹ cler xxxs.

and so fynally of the chyrch alle and schyppe hyrr and
other dewtes and rentts they left yn the chyrch box at the end
of accowmp^t iij*l.*, besyd other detts unpayd as yt aperyth
yn the leffe² fowloyng :

Incresys of the lyg3ths, non sol^t.

Seynt Myhells iijjs. viij*d.* ; the bells, nil ; Sent Antony, nil ;
Trynyte [*blank*] ; Sent Erasmus viij*d.* ob. ; owrr lady yn the
chapell ; Sent Kateryns ; Sent Nycolas nil ; Sent Clementt
xij*d.* ; Sent George vj*d.* ; the torchys ij bushells of barley and
ij*d.* ; the hersse ix*d.* ; sent Cristopher, nil.

Incrementa

Owr Lady [erased and 'trynyte' written over] xij*d.* ; Nicolaii
iiij*d.* ; owr lady viij*d.* ; George xiiij*d.* ; the bells xx*d.* [non
sol^t] ; sent Erasmus ijs. iiij*d.*

Computus Johannis Symys et Johannis Wynter 1528.

oves ecclesie Spellsbury

Robert Ryman x schyppe, the pryce every schyppe xx*d.*,
for the space of v yer sett to hym.

Jhon Symys xx schyp for iij yer, price xvij*d.* apece.

Ry Belchar and Ro Prince xx schyp, price xx*d.* apece, for
iiij yer.

Thomas Wyssse vj schype, price xvj*d.*, for iij yer.

W. Ky3gth x schype, price xvij*d.*, for iij yer.

Jams Hucwell iij schyppe, price of on xv*d.*, and the other
xviij*d.* and xv*d.*

Wylliam Rouke for the Trinyte lyg3th of Kyrtons bequest
ij schyppe.

Lumina ecclesia et custodes

Sent Antonys lyg3th ; Rychard Dew, W Percy ; the stok
xiijs.

Sent Mychells ; T. Symthe (*sic*) and Lenard Carpenter ;
xx*d.* and iijjs. viij*d.*

The Trynete ; Ry Belchar and Jhon Wynter ; stoke xixs.
[], Belchard xvs., and Wynter iijjs. viij*d.* (altered to
vs. iiij*d.*).

Sent Erasmus Kypers ; Wylliam Ryman and Wylliam Meds
(altered to Jhon Boxe) xvs. iij*d.* ob. and j schyppe price xx*d.*

¹ i. e. ale.

² i. e. leaf.

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The bells kepars; Jhon Smythe and Jhon Grey; the stoke ijs. vjd. and a bushell of barley wyche Jhon Smythe hathe.

Owr lady yn the chapell; Thomas Sowche xvjd., Robert Boxe ijs. xd.

Sent Kateryns; Wylliam Meds ijs. viijd. and Rychard Bowden xxd.

Sent Nycolas; Thomas Clyfton ijs. iiijd. and Ry. Sowche vs. xd.

Sent Clementt; Thomas Prince and Wylliam Kyght iijs. vd.

Sent George; Wylliam Webbe iijs. viijd. and Saunder Russell vjs. vjd.

The torchys; Ry. Ryman [altered to W. Damery] ijs. and Rychard Coling [altered to Jhon Burley] ijs.

The herse; James Sowche [altered to Thomas Wysse] and Wylliam Harrys iijs.

Sent Crystofer; Robert Prince xxjd. and Thomas Hartte ijs. iiijd. Summa iijs. jd.

Debita ecclesie

Wylliam Rouke othe for old detts of the bequest of Wylliam Kyrton xxs. viijd. and for the hyer of ij schyppe viijd.;

Jhon Symys for schyppe hyer vjs. viijd.; Lenard Carpenter vs.; Clemens Damery xs.; Thomas Gardener vjs. viijd.;

Wylliam Kygth for rentt vs.; Wylliam Rouke for schyp hyer vjs. viijd. and for the chyrche barne iijs.; Wylliam Tayler for hyer of ij schyppe iij yer; owr tenand of Wodstok for the howsse rentt vjs. viijd.;

Robert Wever iijs. iijd.; Jams Hucwell vjs. vjd.;

Thomas Tayler ijs. iiijd.; Thomas Dekyn iijs. iiijd.;

Edmond Osbaston for beryall of hys brothyr vjs. viijd.;

Item for Jans beryall —

Md. that Jhon Wynter and Jhon Symys beyng chyrche-wardens at the day of ther accowmpt wher cast yn aryage of iijs. ix d., the wych they seyde was stollen from them and so they stand at the curtse of the parsche for that money to be payd.

Recevyd schyp hyer xxijs. iij d., item for Sydnall xvijd.

oves ecclesie 25 Novembris 1531.

Rychard Belcher hathe x schyppe for the space of j yer, the price of every schyp xxd., and hys sewrty is M^r Penyston. Ro. Prynsces hath x schyppe for j yer, the pryce of every schype xxd., and his sewrtey ys M^r vycar. Ro. Ryman hath x schypes for the space of ij yer, the price of every schype

xxd., and hys sewrtey ys M^r vycar. Thomas Wyse hathe vj schype for the space of ij yerrs, the price of every schype xxd., and his sewrtey is Thomas Sowche. James Hucwell hath iiij schyppe the space of iij yer, the price of every schype xxd., and his sewrty ys M^r Vycar.

John Syms hathe xx schype for j yer the price of every schyp xviiij*d.*, and his sewrtes be Wylliam Webbe and . . Ryman.

Anno 1529

Jhoannes Syms et Robertus Ryman gardiani ecclesie receperunt a parochianis in proximo computo in pecuniis numeratis xljs. ix*d.*, et v^o die februaryi eiusdem anni induxerunt in computo suo pro pecuniis collectis in pentecoste omnibus deductis xxvjs. viij*d.*; et finaliter reddiderunt in manus ecclesie, allocatis allocandis, cum debitis et redditibus ecclesie in pecuniis numeratis iij*l.*

Sequuntur debita ecclesie.

In primis Jhon Syms vjs. viij*d.*; Clemens Damery xs.; W. Kygth vs. for rentt; Ro. Wever iij*s.* iij*d.*, rec^t xxd.; T. Tayler iiij*s.* viij*d.*; Jhon Syms for rentt of the barne iiij*s.*; Jhon Symms of Dene a schyp xij*d.*; the tenantt of Wodstok vjs. viij*d.*; Item John Syms for the dekyns wages left behynd iij*s.* iiij*d.*; Item Iohannes Symms for the money lost¹ iij*s.* ix*d.*

Robertus Ryman et Wyllhelmus Percy chyrchemen recevyd of the chyrche at ther yn cumming iij*l.*

Wylliam Kygth hathe x schyppe for ij yer, the price of every schyp xviiij*d.*, hys swertes be Jhon Wynter and Wylliam D

anno domini 1530

The accomptt of Wylliam Percy and Robert Ryman chyrchewardens made by them to the paryche the xxv day of Novembre the yer of owrr lord 1529.

Fyrste the stoke of the chyrch recevyd by them at their entrey [—] Item they made of the Whytson alle, awll thyngs deductyd, clerly xxvjs. viij*d.*; item for schyp hyerr [—]; item for rentts annwall [—]; item for old detts [—]; item yncresse of lyzghts [—]; item the ovyrplus of the yerly rentt of the colege of Warwyke x [amount scratched out].

schyppe hyer.

Jhon Damery x schyppe for v yerr, price of every schyp xxd., his sewrtey ys Wylliam Medds. Thomas Wyse x schyppe for iij yer, price of every schype xxd., hys sewrtey ys

¹ i. e. stolen (see ante, p. 44).

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M^r vycar. Wylliam Ryman xx schyppe for iij yer, price of every schype *xxd.*, hys sewrte ys Robert Ryman. Robert Ryman x. Richard Prynce x. Robert Gwy and Robert Prynce chyrchwardens

The ly3gths and the kepyrs

The Trynyte ly3gth; Ry. Belcher xvs. and J. Wynter vijs. viij*d.*; the stok *xxijs. viijd.*

Oowr lady ly3gth; T. Sowche Kepar and Jhon Damery; stoke ijs.

The herrsse ly3gth; T. Wysse and W. Harrys; the stoke viijs. iiij*d.*

Seyntt Nycolas ly3gth; Ro. Prynce and Ro. Ryman; vijs. *jd.* Sentt George ly3gth; W. Webb iijs. viij*d.*, and Saunder Russell ix*s.* i*d.*; the stok *xiijs. xd.*

Seynt Clementts lygth; T. Prynce and W. Ky3th; the stoke *vs.*

Seynt Kateryns ly3gth; W. Medds, Ry. Boden *xxd.*; Bodyn ij str of barley.

The bells Kepar; Ro. Gwy and Ny. Chakley iijs. *vd.*

Sent Erasmus ly3gth; Wylliam Ryman and J. Boxe iijs. and a schyppe price *xxd.*

Seynt Cristofers lygth; John Bumpas and Ja Sowche iijs. iiij*d.*

Seyntt Antonysse ly3ht; Ry. Dew [altered to Jo. Grey] Wy. Percy; the stoke *xiijs.*

Seynt Myhells ly3ht; T. Smyth and Le. Carpenter; the stoke *ixs. jd.*

The Torche lygth; W. Damery and J. Burley; the stoke *iijs.*

Anno 1531

Wylliam Webbe and Wylliam Percy at the day of the accowmpt renderyd and delyveryd to the parysche apon seynt Kateryns of the seyde yer for all yncresys and rentts and profetts with the stoke that they recevyd the yer befor all charges deductyd yn redy money vij pounds fyve syllyngs and syxe pens

Ro Gwy & Sowch recept vij*li.* iijs. iiij*d.*¹

1530

Wylliam Webbe and Wylliam Percy chyrchwardens recevyd of the paryche at their entrey the yer of owr Lord a thowsand fyve hundyrd and *xxx^{ty}* the twenty day of November yn money *vli.* ijs. ix*d.*

¹ This entry is in other ink.

anno 1531

detts of the chyrche.

fyrst of Jhon Symys owthe to the chyrche for schyp hyerr vjs. viij*d.*; Item for the chyrch barne iijs.; Item for the dekyns wages left behynd ijs. iiij*d.*; Item for money lost iijs. ix*d.*; Item for the rentt of the taylers howsse ijs.; Item Wy. Kygth for rentt vs.; Item Ro. Wever x*d.*; Item Robt. Gwy vs.; Item the tenant of Wodstoke for iij yer rentt; W. Buschebey viij*d.*; W. Kygth for schyp hyer iijs. iiij*d.*; W. Damery for Thomas Boxe iijs.

30 November anno 1531

Wylliam Webb & Wylliam Percy brogth yn at ther accowmpt of the stoke that they recevyd *vli.* ijs. ix*d.*, and for the Whytson all xxxvjs. viij*d.*, and for schyp hyerr xixs. viij*d.*, and for rentt xls., and so they dyd delyver to the parysche all charges deductyd [. . .] wyche was liijs. vij*d.* besyde detts remaying [£7 5*s.* 6*d.*]

anno 1531

Thomas Sowche and Wylliam Webbe chyrche wardens yn this yer recevyd of the chyrch yn money *vijli.* vs. *vjd.*, besyd the detts that wer dew at sent Katyrins day of that yer, and they yncresyd and made of the chyrche all at Wytson tyd all charges dyspachyd xxxjs.; and they renderyd ynto the hands of the parysche, all charges deductyd, in money *xli.* ix*d.*

anno MVXII¹ festum Sancte Katerine.

Thomas Sowche and Robert Gwy chyrchewardens recevyd of the chyrche and the parysce *vijli.* iijs. iiij*d.*

the chyrche detts

Robert Gwy vs.; Robert Wever x*d.*; W. Kygth vs.; Wylliam Buschebe xij*d.*; Thomas Burley vs. viij*d.*

Md that Thomas Sowch and Robert Gey payd to the dekyn hys wages for crystymas quarter of the chyrch stok, and Gey and Prince must bryng for that quarter at the accompt [] clere to the chyrch.

Custodes luminum ecclesie

The Trinite lygthe; Ry. Belcher xvs. and Jhon Wynter vijs. viij*d.*; xxijs. viij*d.*; ther day to gethyr Candelmas day.

Owrre lady lygthe; Thomas Swche & Jhon Damery; iijs.; the Annuntyacion of owr lady.

¹ 1532 is meant.

The hersse lygth; Thomas Wyssse, Wylliam Harris, xijs.; any day before alle hallontyd.

Seynt Nicolas lygth; Ro. Prynse, Ro. Ryman [altered to Jhon James], vs. vjd.

Seynt George lygth; Wylliam Webbe iijs. vijd., Saunder Russell [altered to Robert Ryman] ix. ijd.: xiijs. xd.; sentt Mathias day.

Seynt Clementt lygth; Thomas Prynstes & Wylliam Knygth; the stoke vs. vjd.; sent Clementts yeyvn.

Seynt Katerynes lygth; Wy. Medds vjs. vijd., Ry. Bodyn [altered to T. Tryndall] xxd.: viijs. iiijd.; & iij str' of barley and a half; sentt Thomas yn Cristmas.

Kepers of the bells; Ro. Gwy & Nic. Chakley [altered to T. Molynton]; iijs. & j str' and a halfe of barley; the Wens-day yn Estyr [week].

Seynt Erasmus lygth; Wy. Ryman, Jo. Boxe; iijs. vjd. and a shippe price xxd.; sent Stephyns day.

Seynt Cristofers lygth; Jo. Bumpas, James Sowche; iijs.; new yerrs yeyvn.

Seynt Antonys lygth; Wy. Percy, Jo. Grey xiijs.; Schrove Munday.

Seynt Myhells lygth; Tho. Smyth, Lenard Carpenter ijs. and iiij bush' barley; sentt Myhells day.

The torchys; John Burley [altered to T. Crosse] & Wy. Damery [altered to Ry. Ryman] xs.; blake Munday.

Sent Androsse lygthe.

1533¹

Thomas Sowch & Robert Gey, chyrchwardens, made of the Whytson ale xls. clere, and so they left yn the stoke at ther goyng furth all charges deducted vjd. xs. [xjd.]² The charges of that yer was iiijli. xxiijd.

The chyrche schyppe anno MCCCC[xx]xii

Robert Prynce hathe xx schype for iij yers, the pryce of every schype xxd. & hys sewrtey ys M^r Vycar.

Robert Ryman hathe xx schype for terme of iij yers the pryce of every schyp ys xxd. & hys sewrtey is M^r Vycar.

Wylliam Ryman hathe xv schype for the space of iij yers, & the price of every schype ys xxd. and hys sewrtey ys Robert Ryman.

Thomas Wyssse hath xvj schyppe for the space of iij yerrs and the price of every schyp ys xxd. and hys sewrtey ys M^r Vycar.

¹ 1532 is meant; see below.

² See the accounts for 1533.

Jhon Damery hathe x schype for the space of iij yer the pryce of every schyp ys *xxd.* & hys swertey ys Wylliam Meds.

Davy Tayler hath x schype for the space of one yer, the pryce of every schyp ys *xviijd.*, & hys swertes be John Wynter and Wylliam Damery [these names crossed out and M^r vycar added].

Jams Hucwell hathe iij schyp, the price of every schyp ys *xxd.*, for the space of ij yerrs & hys sewrty ys M^r vycar.

Jhon Damery hath vj schyp for iij yers, the price of every schyp *xxd.* and hys sewrty ys John Gwy.

1533

Robert Gey hathe xx schyp for iij yerr, the pryce of every schype *xxd.*, and hys sewrtys be Rychard Belcher and Wylliam Percy. Rychard Belcher hathe iij schyppe for iij yerrs, the pryce of every schype *xxd.* Wylliam Harris hath vj schyppe pryce *xxd.*, swerty Jams Sowch. John Boxe hath xx schyp pryce *xxd.*, swerty Thomas Colyng. Jams Hucwell xj, pryce *xvj d.*, swerty Wylliam Ryman.

1535

Wylliam Ryman and Jhon Grey chyrch wardens recevyd at their entrey yn the chyrche boxe *xvli. xijs. viij d.*

Anno 1533.

Robert Gey and Robert Prynce chyrche wardens for that yerr recevyd of the parysch at ther entrey *vjli. xs. xjd.* [altered to *vijli. xjd.*]

Debita.

Wylliam Percy vjs. *viiij d.* ; T. Wyse vjs. *viiij d.* ; Robert Gwy for a couple of oxyn *xxijs.* ; Item Gwy for Clemens Damery vs. ; Wylliam Kyght vs. ; Item for hyer of schype *ijs. iiij d.* ; M^r vycar vjs. *viiij d.*

Chakley hathe v schype, pryce *xxd.* apece, for v yer ; hys swertey ys Robert Ryman.

Robert Prynse and Wylliam Ryman chyrche wardens recevyd of the chyrch money at ther entrey *xli. xixs. anno 1534.*

The towne of Dene made of the chyrche alle cler *xviij s.* Item Spellsbury *xxxxs.*, Robert Ryman and John Grey.

1536,

Jhon Grey and Thomas Colyng chyrche wardens recevyd of the parysche at ther entrey *viiijli. xiijs.*

Debita ecclesie

Thomas Wyse vjs. viij*d.*; Robert Gwy for a yoke of oxyn xxij*s.*; Item Gwy for Clement Damerys detts vs.; Item Kyth for schyp hyer iij*s.* iiij*d.*; Wylliam Buschby paid iij*s.* iiij*d.*; Thomas Colyng vjs. viij*d.*

Robert Gwy othe xxij*s.* whosse swerte ys Robert Ryman dew to [be] payd by too evyn portyons, that ys to sey at Mydsomer, the other at Mydsomer nexte after enswyng.

Item he promysyth to pay to the chyrchemen at Wytson tyd vs. yn whett.

Kepers of the lyghts

Kepers of the Trinyte lyght, Ry. Belcher & Jhon Wyntyre; the stoke ys xxij*s.* viij*d.*

Owr lady lyght kepers, Mr Penyston & T. Colyng; the stoke [blank]

Seynt Nycholas lyght, Ro. Prynce & Humfry Kery; the stok vjs.

The herrsse lyght, T. Wyse & Wylliam Harrys; the stoke xijs. *xd.*

Seynt George lyght, Robert Ryman & Jhon Gyner; the stok ix*s.* & iiij*s.* to receve & *xd.*

Seynt Clemetts lyght, T. Prynce & Wy. Kytgh; the stoke vs. *xd.*

Seyntt Katrins lyght, Robert Gwy & T. Tryndall; iiij*s.* ob.

Kepers of the bells, T. Molynton & Robert Gwy; Ro. Gwy ijs. x*d.*; & Molynton iijs. i*d.*

Seyntt Erasmus lyght, John Box & Wy. Ryman; the stoke viij*s.*

Seynt Crystophyrs lygth, the kepars James Sowch, Jo. Bumpas; the stoke iiij*s.*

Seynt Antonys lygth, the kepars Wy. Percy & Jhon Grey; the stoke ys xij*s.*

Seynt Myhells lygth, the kepars Lenard Carpenter & Thomas Clyfton; the stoke is ijs.

The kepars of the torchys, T. Crosse & Ry. Ryman; the stoke viij*s.* *vd.* ob.; Ry. Ryman ijs. *jd.*; Crosse vjs. iiij*d.*

Seynt Androsse lygth, the kepars [blank]

Kepars of the torche lyght, T. Crosse & Ry. Ryman; the stoke vjs. ix*d.* ob.; Crosse vs. *jd.*; Ryman x*xd.* ob.

Tryndar hathe ten schyp, price of every one x*xd.*, hys suerty ys Kery, for j yer. Lenard hath xj schype, xv*d.* apese, hys swerty ys John James, for ij yers.

The rent of chyrch kechyn to the bocher ijs., with the reparacions to hym

The decon for hys howse iijs., with the reparacions to the chyrche

[1537]

Thomas Colyng & Thomas Molynton, chyrchewardens, recevyd of the parysch at ther entrey xj*li*. xixs. iiij*d*.

Item Nyclas Caclay¹ for v shype for the pryse of every shyppe xx*d*.

Item a shyppe that the vicker hath in hys hande.

Davy Tayler for schype vjs. v*d*.

Ther ys yn chorche box xj*li*. xjs.

Wylliam Frenche hathe fortrey schyppe, xx*d*. a pece, for the terme of iij yerrs.

The kepars of the torchys T. Crosse & Rychard Hucwell; Hucwell ijs. iiij*d*., Crosse ijs. x*d*., more recevyd of Rob. Guy vs. viij*d*.

The yncresse of the torchys yn Crossys hands & yn Ry. Hucwells xx*d*.

Anno domini 1538

Md. that Thomas Molyntwn & Robert Ryman be chosyn chyrchewardens & they recevyd at theyr entryng clerly yn the chyrche bokxe xj*li*. xjs.

Here foloyte the kepars of the chyrche lyghts that were & what the stoke be.

In primis Jhon Wynter & Jone Bellchar be kepars of the Trynyte lyght; Jhon Wynter hath yn hys hand vjs. v*d*. & Jone Bellchar hath yn hur hand xvs.

Item Wylliam Webbe keper of owr lady lyght; the stoke ys iiij*s*.

Item Robert Pryns & Humfry Kery kepers of saynt Nycholes lyght; the stoke ys vjs.

The hersse lyght kepers Tomas Wyssse & Wylliam Harris; the stoke ys xijs. x*d*.

Kepars of saynt Gorge lyght, Robert Ryman & Jhon Gynar, the stoke ys vjs. viij*d*.

Seynt Clementts lyght, kepars Thomas Pryns & Wylliam Kyght, the stoke ys vs. x*d*.

Seynt Katrins lyght, kepars Robert Guy and Thomas Tryndall; the stoke ys howle yn Tryndalls & yt ys iijs. iiij*d*.

Thomas Mullyngtwn, Robert Guy, kepers of the bells; the stoke ys vs. x*d*., devyded be evyn betwene them.

Seynt Erasmus lyght, Jhon Boxe & Wylliam Ryman, & the stoke ys vjs. viij*d*.

¹ Elsewhere Checkley.

Seynt Crystophyrs lyght, kepers James Sowch & Jhon Bumpas; the stoke ys iijs. *ijd.*

Seynt Antonys lyght, the kepers Wylliam Percy & Jhon Grey; the stoke ys xiijs.

Seynt Myhells lyght, the keper Lenard Carpenter, stoke iiijd.

Thomas Crosse & Ryc. Ryman kepers of the torch lyght; the stoke ys ijs. *vjd.*

Rychard Hucwell hath xx schype, *xxd.* a pece; Ro. Ryman sewrtes & M^r Vycar

Md. that Robert Gwy oythe to the chyrche *xxijs.*, the one halfe to be payd by Myhelmas next, that is to sey at Wytson-tyde a quarter of whet & the rest of that half at Myhelmas; the other half at Myhelmas next after the other yer.¹

[Dec. 1539 to Dec. 1540]

The lyghgts stoks.

John Wynter *vjs. vjd.*; Wylliam Frenche *xvs.*;

W. Webbe *iijs.*; Ro. Prince and Kery *vjs.*;

Thomas Wyse and Harris *xijs. xd.*;

Ro. Ryman and Gynar *vjs. viijd.*;

T. Prince and Kyght *vs. xd.*; Trynder *ijs. viijd.*;

Ro. Guy and Molynton *vs. xd.*;

John Boxe and W. Ryman *vjs. viijd.*;

Bumpas and Jams Sowche *iijs. ijd.*;

Grey and Percy *xiijs.*; Lenard *iiijd.*;

Wyllyam Persye *vjs. vjd.*

John Wynter hathe yn the chyrche boxe of Dene *xiijs. ijd.*; Kery and Gynar hathe yn the chyrche stoke *xxij^{li}. vjs.*; Humfrey Kery and John Gynar left yn the chyrche box all thyngs alowd and dyschargyd at the day of the acompt viz. the *vjth* day of December yn the yer of owr lord 1540 *xvij^{li}. xijs.*

Dene stok for this yer *xijs.*

1541

Md that John Gynar and Humfrey Kery² at the day of the accompt wer cast yn rerage fyve marks to be payd by the seyde John and Humfrey by sent Kataryns day yn the yer of owr lord 1542

¹ A year's accounts must be missing here; the churchwardens would be Robert Ryman and Humfrey Kery.

² The churchwardens for the year ending Dec. 1540 were Kery and Gynar; for the next year evidently Gynar and Prince; then Prince and Jams; then Jams and French; then French and Robert Ryman.

Wylliam Hytts hathe xv schyppe pryce of every schyppe *xxd.*, & hys seurty ys Rychard Elkyns both for the stoke and hyer.

Dene stoke yn the holle ys *xxvs. ij*d.** yn Crossys hands.

Robert Prynce and John Gyner chyrchwardens recevyd of the paryche at the cownty day *xvij*li.* xijs.*

John Box othythe to the chyrch for xx schyppe *xxxiijs. iiij*d.**, dew to be payd at May day next yn the yer of Criste 1542.

Robert Guy othe *xvjs. iiij*d.**

Md. that M^r Penyston hathe recevyd at the handds of Wylliam Frenche fyve marks for forty schyp bequethyd by mastres Osbaston and Rychard Belchar to a wsse¹ known by the testament, and also of the yncrese *xxiiijs. viij*d.**

Md. that Wylliam Webbe of Spellsbury hathe recevyd foorr pownds sterlyng at the hands of M^r Penystone for to by forty schype of the money that Master Jone Osbaston and Rychard Belcharre dyd by legacy gyve to a wse declaryd by their testaments; the seyde Wyll to rendyr by the ye[r] for the space of fyve yerrs *xiijs. iiij*d.** for the terme of v yerrs, M^r Penyston beyng sewrty for the stoke and for hyer bothe, and of the same stoke Rycarde Elkens have reseved *xs. iiij*d.** for v yeres, payeng *xxd.* evere yre; hys sowntey ys John Grey.²

[Dec. 1541 to Dec. 1542]

Robert Prynce and John Jams chyrchwardens chosyn recevyd at ther entry *xx*li.* xijs.*

Robert Prentyse ys in debet to the chyrch *xxxs.*, to be payde at Holye Roode day next comynge.

Ryc' Huckwell debet for the torch ly3ht for this yere *xxiiij*d.**³

[Dec. 1543 to Jan. 1544]

Wyllyam Frenche and Robert Ryman chyrchewardens of Spellseburye have recevyd at theyre entre viz. the xvj day of December the yere of owre lorde 1543, *xx*li.* viijs. iiij*d.**

Robert Gweye othe to the chyrch *xvjs. iiij*d.**, the one halffe to be payde at Mydsomer next and the other halffe at Mydsomer after that.

¹ i. e. use.

² Elkens no doubt was to buy five sheep with the 10s. 4*d.*

³ A year must be missing here; the churchwardens would be Jams and French.

Md. that Robert Ryman and Wyllyam French have reseyyvyd of M^r Penyston of the deakyns wages for the last yere xs.; also thye have resevyd of Lenerde Carpenter xiijs. viij*d*.

[Jan. 154⁴/₈ to Dec. 1545]

Robert Ryman and John Box chyrch wardens of Spellsburye have receyvyd at theyre entre viz the xvij day of Januarye the yer of owr lorde 1544 xij*li*. xvs.

The forsayde chyrch men must make there accownts upon saynt Nycholaus day in payn of vjs. viij*d*. apese except a lawfull cawse.

In Robert Rymans hande and Wyllyam Frenchys hand that they must account for, fyrst that they lent to the paryshe xxvjs. viij*d*.; thys summe above wryttyn the parysh promysyth to pay upon saynt Nycholas day anno domini 1545.

Item that they lende to Bryxxe xs.

Item that they lende to Wyllyam Harrys lijs.

Item that they left yn Ryc. Collyngs hande iiij*d*.; thys before must Robert Ryman and Wyllyam French make answer fore.

Robert Gwey owyth off the oxe money viijs.

Leonard Carpynter owyth to the chyrch vjs.

Rychard Huckwell hath off the torch stocke and renewys xvij*d*.

Item Ryc' Sowch hath of the torch stocke which he receyvyd of Thomas Crosse ijs. v*d*.

Phylp Huckwell and Edward Margetts wardens off the torche lyght have receyvyd at theyr entre iijs. viij*d*. devydyd betwyxt them by evyn porcyons.

[Dec. 1545—Dec. 1546]

John Box and Wyllyam Ryman churchwardens of Spellsburye have receyvyd at theyre entry viz the vj day off December the yere off owre lord 1545. xiiij*li*. iijs.

All thyngs deductyd Wyll. Ryman and John Box muster and have broght in x*li*. xij*d*.

Md. that Wyllyam Webbe doth owe to the chyrch of Spellsburye for part of hys shepe hyre which he shulde have paid to Wyllyam Ryman and to John Box vjs. viij*d*.¹

¹ A year is missing here; the churchwardens would be William Ryman and John Hosyer.

[Dec. 1547—Feb. 1549]

Humfrey Kyerye and John Hosyer¹ otherwyse Fletcher church wardens off the parysh off Spellsburye have receyvyd at theyr entrye viz. the xxj day of December the yere of owre lord 1547 xj*li*. xij*d*. wheroff John Box ys in debet xvjs., which he must pay at saynt Mychaells tyme next ensuyng the date here off.

Item receyvyd other wyse ix*li*. xijs. vj*d*.
so that theyre whole recepte ys xx*li*. xiijs. vj*d*.
remaynyth xvj*li*. iiijs. vj*d*. ob.

Thys ys to be notyd that it ys agreyd amongst the parishners here that the accownpt off the church goods shall yerlye be made by the chyrchwardens upon sayntt Mathias day in Februarii upon payne off vjs. viij*d*. apese that the sayd wardens shall paye to the church for lacke of the sayd accownpt.

The xxiiij day of Februarii in the yere of oure lord god 1550 there remayneth in the pore mans box ijs. iij*d*.

[Feb. 1550 to Feb. 1551]

Anno domini 1550 et anno Regis Edwardi sexte 4^{to} et xxiiij die mencyz Februarii

Oumfray Kyrry and James Suche of Fullwell churchwardens of Spellesbury have recevyd of the church stoke at the hands of the parrych ix*li*. ijs.

[Feb. 1551 to Feb. 1552]

Anno domini 1550 et anno Regis Edwardi sexti quinto et 24^{mo} mencyz Februarii James Such of Fulwell and Thomas Cowlyng of Deane churchwardens of spellsbury have receyvyd at theyre entre of the church stoke by the hands of the parrych xij*li*. ijs.

[Feb. 1552 to Feb. 1553]

Anno domini 1551 25 die mencyz Februarii et anno Regys Edwardi sexti sexto Thomas Cowlyng of Dene and Dave Fleccher churchwardens of Spellesbury have receyved at the hands of the paryche x*li*. xvj*d*.

Md. that Thomas Cowlyng and James Suche oyeth to the

¹ Kerry and Hosyer must have been churchwardens for the next year as well, if the rule was followed that every man must hold office for two years.

church for the hyer of shep of Nicoles Chekley, James Hanwell and Phylp Hucwell xs.

Md. that Thomas Trender hath delyvered up the church stoke of shep wych he had that ys viijs. iiij*d.*, the wych summe ys not in the great stoke of x*li.* xvj*d.* above notyd.

Here ys to be notyd also that the church howse wych Cristofer Lankeforde nowe dwellyth in ys rentyd be the yere xs. viij*d.*

[Feb. 1553 to Feb. 1554]

Anno domini 1553 24 die mencis Februarii et anno Regis Edwardi sexti septimo Dave Flyeccher and Thomas Mullington churchwardens of Spellesbury have receyvyd at theyr entrey at the hands of the parych xj*li.* ix*s.*

Note that Dave Fleccher ys suretie for Nicoles Chekley for the hyer of hys shep iijs. iiij*d.*

[Feb. 1554 to Feb. 1555]

Anno domini 1554, 24 die mencis Februarii anno primo Marie prime Regine

Thomas Mullyngton and Nicolas Hobbe churchwardens have receyvyd at theyere interie at the hand of the parrych vj*li.* xvij*s.*

Note that Philyp Hucwell must pay to the church at Mychellmas nex xx*vs.* xx*d.* for the hyer thereof above the upper great summe and Wylliam Hyx must pay to the church also xx*s.*, that ys to wyt at Holirode daye in Maye nex *vs.*, at Mydsummer nex after that *vs.*, at Mychellmas nex after that *vs.*, and at the cowntie day nexte other *vs.*

Thys ys above the greate summe.

Wylliam Frenche suerte for Wylliam Hyx.

Note further that Nicoles Chekeley must paye to the church at Mydsummer nexte iij*s.*; thys ys in the great sum; note further that John Churchehowse must paye to the church at Holirode day next xs.; note Philip Hucwell payde thys hys dew to the churche wardens in the presence of M^r Peniston the vicar with other of the parryche the last day of September anno domini 1554.¹

¹ This last sentence is added as a side-note to the statement that Philip Hucwell was to pay 2*5s.* 20*d.* at Michaelmas.

[Feb. 1555 to Mar. 1, 1556]

Anno domini 1554, the 24 die mensys Februarii et anno primo et secundo Philypei Regis et Marie Regine

Nicales Hobbe and Robert piman churchwardens have receyvyd of the hands of the parych at theyere entery viij^{li}. viijs. vjd.

Note that John Churchhowse must pay at Mychelmas nexte xs.

Note also that Nicoles Chakeley must pay at Holirode day next xxd.

Both thees be above the greate sum ; John Byller seurtie.

[Mar. 1, 1556 to Oct. 1556]

Anno domini 1555 the fyrst day of March and ij^{do} et iij^{cio} Phylpypp et Marie Regis et Regine

Robert Piman and Thomas Crosse churchwardens have receyved at the hands of the parrych at theyre intery vij^{li}. xs. viijd.

Note that Wylliam Shurley hathe boroed of the church stoke xls., to be repayed at saynt Lukes day nexte cummyng ; suretes Wylliam Ryman and Humfrey Kyrry, to be payd the 25 daye of October 1556.¹

Note that the holle parryche ar agreed and condecended together to have the church cownt from and after thys tyme to be all wayes upon saynt Lukes day the Evangelist nexte cummyng, and soo and then ever after to contynnew upon that day ; anno 1555, primo mercij.

[Oct. 1556 to Oct. 1557]

18th day of October

Thomas Crosse and John Tayler 3^{li}. 6s. viijd.

The 18th day of October in the iij^d and iijth yers of Philip and Mayrg [*sic*] and anno domini 1556.

Thomas Crosse and John Tayler church wardens have receyved at the hands of the parrych at theyere enterye iij^{li}. vjs. viijd.

Hyt ys ag[r]eeyd by the parrychcyoners that the tenaunts wyche dwell in the church howsys shall kepe the reperacions thereof over and above there rent.

Hyt ys alsoo agreyd that the best be made of the church meade namyd Sydnoll to the church behofe and advantage

¹ This last clause seems to be an addition.

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Md. that Thomas Wyse must pay to the churche use at Wytsonyde nexte a stryke of mawllte; so then he hath payed bothe the stoke and the rent for hys parte of the churche-shepe.

James Hanwell hath payd the 24 day of October the same yer *iiijs. ijd.*; so that he ys cleane dyschargyd for the number of hys v shepe, both for the stoke & the hyer thereof.

Item the churchwardens have receyved at the hande of Master Walter Peniston of the gyfte of hys father to the churche *xls.*

Thys ys over the greate summe; soo the hole summe ys *5*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.**

hyt ys agred by the holle parrych that the churche med named Sydnoll ys rentyd for *xxd.* by the yer.

[Oct. 1557 to Dec. 1558]

The 18th day of October in the *iiijth* and vth yers of Philip & Marie by the grace of god Kyng and Quene of England, Spayne &c. Anno domini 1557.

Humfrey Kyrre and John Jiner churchwardens have receyved at theyer entre at the hands of the parrych *iiij*li.* xjs.* [altered to *ljs.*]

Note hyt ys agred by the hole parrych that John Tayler shall have *xls.* of the church stoke, the on hafe to be payed unto the churchwardens at Holyrod day in May nexte and the other at Michelmas nex after that; sewrtys for that John Jiner and Rychard Graye; thys ys besyds the *ljs.*; remaynet in the holle *3*li.* 3*s.**

[Dec. 1558 to Dec. 1559]

Note that Humfray Kere and John Joyner hath gyvyn a count before the paryche the *iiijth* daye of Dyscembre in the first yere of our soveren lady Quene Elyzabeth and hath delyvered into the hands of Davy Flecher and John Boxe *iiij*li.* vd.*, and the count to be made the Sondag before sent Nycholas day.

Anno primo Elyzabethe

Note thatt M^r John Osbaldeston hathe to aunser to thys church for hys fathers and hys uncle M^r Anthonis wylls¹ in theyere wylls towards thys churche

¹ 'and mothers' is inserted here.

There remayneth in the churche stoke the iij day of December, anno domini 1559, iiij*li*. ijs.; that day was the churche cownt gyven before the whole parryche there and Thomas Prynce¹ and Dave Fleccher to contynnew churche wardens for that yere.

Note that John Games hathe bequethyd to the church halfe a quarter of barley.

Thyes note be withowte the upper summe.

[Dec. 1559—Dec. 1560]

The church cownt was made befor the parrych the fyft day of December in the yer of our lord 1560, wyche was the Sonday befor saynt Nicoles day. Then was chosen to be churchwardens Rychard Hucwell² and Thomas Gy and they have receyved at the hands of the parrych the summe of iiij*li*. xvij*s*.

Hyt ys agreed by the holle parrych that whosooever refusyth to be churchwarden shall pay to the church use ij stryke of mawlte.

[Dec. 1560—Dec. 1561]

The churche count was made before the parrych the vij day of December the yere of our lord 1561. Rychard Hucwell and Thomas Gy churche wardens cownted and delyvered in the presence of the hole parryche the summe of vi*li*. xjs.

James Sowche and Thomas Gye churche wardens and they have resevyd of the parryshe vi*li*. xjs.

summa totalis vij*li*. vijs. iiij*d*.

Note James Suche oyethe to the churche, forsakynk to be churche man in the yere of our lord 156[0], ij stryke of malte, to be payd at Wytsumtyde nexte to cum to the use of the sayd churche. An order taken the same yere for the chosynge of the chyrche men, that every yere from hence forthe to change on yerly, and he that refusythe to take the offyce to pay to the chyrche use ij bosshell of malte, and to have the conte at saynt Luke's day, upon payne of vjs. viij*d*.; so that the chyrchmen can have ther moneye that theye doo lend in to the parryhye.

[Dec. 1561—Nov. 1562]

1563. Note Wytsum Alle xls.

The church cownt was made befor the parrych upon saynt

¹ This name is written above 'John Boxe' erased.

² 'James Such' was written first.

Andros day in the yere of our lord god 1563,¹ et anno quinto Elyzabeth regine; then wesse chosen churchman Robert Piman to be with James Such, and they have receyved at the hands of the parrych the same daye and yer vij*li*. vs.

[Nov. 1562—Oct. 1563]

1563 anno quinto Elyzabeth regine.

Hyt ys agrede by the consent of the holle parrych that the church acownt shal be contynnually every yere upon saynt Lukes day the Evangelyst upon payne of vjs. viij*d*. for every falt therein made to be payed by the churchmen.

The Church cownt was made upon saynt Lukes day before the parrych anno domini 1563 et anno quinto Elyzabeth regine and then was chosyn [*blank*] to be with Robert Pyman; and they have receyved of the parrych that day in the church cownt the summe of vi*li*.

[Oct. 1563—Oct. 1564]

The church cownte was made before the parrych upon saynt Lukes day anno domini 1564 et anno sexto Elyzabeth regine, and then was chosyn churchwardens John Web and Rychard Hucwall,² and they have receyved at the hands of the parrych the some of iiij*li*. iiij*s*.; Humfrey Kyrre must paye to the parrych for refusing to be churchman ij stryke of mawlte.

Made at Wytsuntyd all thyngs cowntyed xxxvs.

Summa totalys vi*li*. xix*s*.

[Oct. 1564—Oct. 1565]

The church cownt was made upon saynt Lukes day anno domini 1565 et anno septimo Elyzabeth regine. The ar chosyn churchmen Dave Fleccher and Cristofer Lankeford, and they have receyved of the parryche viij*s*. iiij*d*.

[Oct. 1566—Oct. 1567]

The church cownt was made upon saynt Lukes day anno domini 1566 et anno octavo Elyzabeth regine. Dave Flecher and Cristofer Lankeford remayne yet styll thys yere churchwardens and they have receyved at the hands of the parryche xvs. xd.

The church mede of Sydenowle ys by the yere xx*d*.

M^r John Osbaston hathe hytt nowe in hys occupacyon.

¹ 1562 is meant; St. Andrew's Day in 5 Eliz. was Nov. 30, 1562.

² Humfry Kyrry was written first.

The churche rent ys by the yere ix.s. viij*℥*.; note xs. viij*℥*.

Dave Fleccher payeth to the parrych of the munney wyche remaineth in hys hands, of the summe of munny that he receyvyd when he was constable, he owyethe iijs. viij*℥*. yet to peye.

[Oct. 1567—Oct. 1568]

The cownte of the churche was mad upon saynt Lukes day in the yere of our lord god 1567 et anno nono Elyzabeth regine Thomas Tayler and Edmund Flecche then chosen churchwardens and they have receyved of the parrych at theyere entery xxxs.

Cristofer Lankeford payeth by the yere to the churche xijs. iiij*℥*. and owte of that the lords rent must be deducte or taken.

Howghe Wodforde payeth to the churche yerely ijs., whereof the lorde hathe no parte.

[Oct. 1568—Oct. 1569]

The churche cownt was made upon saynt Lukes daye anno domini 1568 et anno Elyzabeth regine decimo.

Humfrey Kyrrey and Edmund Fleccher chosyn churchwardens have receyved att the hands of the parryche then xls. iiij*℥*.

[Oct. 1569—Oct. 1570]

The churche accompt was made the Sonday next before the feste of Simon and Jude thappostles being the xxij of October¹ anno domini 1569 made by Humfrey Kery and Edmonde Flecher then being churchwardens.

The churche account was made upon saynt Lukes daye anno domini 1569 et anno xj Elyzabeth regine. Ambros Roke and Thomas Cowlyng chosyn then churchwardens have receyved at the hands of the parryche at theyre entre xxxjs. vij*℥*., were off ys accounted ijs. iiij*℥*. dewe for Sydenowlle as parcell of the sayde summe.

[Oct. 1570—Oct. 1571]

The churche cownt was made the xxij day of October in the xijth yer of Quene Elyzabeth 1570; Ambrose Rocke² and Robert Lankeford choson then churchwardens have receyved at the hands of the parrychcioners xvs.

¹ 'St. Lukes day' is written above this, and the whole paragraph has been crossed out.

² 'Wylliam Ryman' was written first.

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note Sydenowle be hynde unpayd 1571 iiij yers rent *xxd.* by the yere.

Summa totalis for Sydenowle iiij yers vjs. viij*d.*

M^r Osbeston owyeth for Sydenowle ij yers rent ijs. iiij*d.* 1571

Mem. the rent of the churche ix*s.* iiij*d.*; of M^r Peniston for Sydenowle 1571 *xxd.*

Summa totalis *xxvjs.*

Layde owte in expencys:

smok farthyngs *xxd.*; to Martin for the bells *xxd.*; in expencys at ij visitacions *xvj*d.**; to the apparitor for warnyng the courts viij*d.*; to Ambroes Hucwell for hys feys viij*d.*; to Martin for logers iiij*d.*; for bred and wyne *xvj*d.**

The hole sume remaynyng in the churche stoke the xviiijth day of October 1571 ys *xxiiij*s.** [originally *xvijs.*].¹

a stryke of lyme and ij stryke of mawlte wyche Wylliam Ryman owyeth to the church for refusyng to be churche man; these two be besyds *xvijs.*

Item for the water pott ijs. payd; Item for the ij candlestycks *xxd.* to be payd at Cristinmas nexte; ffor a tablecloth *xij*d.**, for ij crosse a sencer ijs. iiij*d.*

[Oct. 1571—Oct. 1572]

The churche cownte was made the xviiijth daye of October beyng saynte Lukes day; then was Thomas Kyrry and Wylliam Belcher chosyn churchwardens the yere of our lord 1571 et anno xiiij Elyzabethe regine, and they have receyved of the parryche at theyre entry *xx*s.** iiij*d.*

The rent of Sydenowle *xxd.*

[Oct. 1572—Oct. 1573]

The churche cownt was made upon saynt Lukes day 1572 et anno xiiij^o and then were chosyn churchwardens Rycharde Hucwell of Fulwell and Rychard Fletcher. In the churche stoke viij*d.* There remayneth unpayd wyche M^r Osbaston owyeth to the church ijs. iiij*d.* for the rent of Sydenowle.

[Oct. 1573—Oct. 1574]

The church cownt was made upon saynt Lulkes day 1573 et anno quinto decimo Elyzabethe nunc regine and then were chosyn churche wardens Leonard Ryman and Henry Paxford and they have receyved of the church at theyer entre *xjs.* ix*d.*

¹ The *xvijs.* first altered to *xix*s.**; then to *xix*s.** *xxd.*; then to *xxjs.* viij*d.*; then to *xxiiij*s.**, i.e. by the sale of ornaments mentioned in the text.

[Oct. 1574—Oct. 1575]

The church cownte was made upon saynt Lukes day 1574 et anno sexto decimo Elyzabethe regine. Then were chosyn churchewardens John Chowlyng and Robert Web and they have receyved at theyre entere at the parryche hands ix*s.* x*d.*; and for a box vii*d.*; for the holy bread box i*d.*; and the clock wherl xx*d.*; for bras, and ij cruets vii*d.*.

All ys xiijs. j*d.*

Spellesburi 1575. Munney gyven to the pore of thys paryche by the worshepful Thomas Peniston Esquyer, Water Peniston and Michael Peniston jentylmen the xxviijth day of May 1575 anno xvij^o Elyzabethe nunc regine

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| 1. Hewghe Wodford xij <i>d.</i> | 2. Wylliam Bylson xij <i>d.</i> |
| 3. Edmund Tomson xij <i>d.</i> | 4. Marten Margyth xij <i>d.</i> |
| 5. Wylliam Sponer xij <i>d.</i> | 6. John Dorbage xij <i>d.</i> |
| 7. Rycharde Dystlyn xij <i>d.</i> | 8. Wylliam Hunt xij <i>d.</i> |
| 9. Wylliam Marche xij <i>d.</i> | 10. Rychard Smyth xij <i>d.</i> |
| 11. Jone Shurley xij <i>d.</i> | 12. Rycharde Churchehowse
xij <i>d.</i> |
| 13. Ambroes Hucwell v <i>d.</i> ¹ | 14. James Harrys xij <i>d.</i> |
| 15. James Meds xij <i>d.</i> | 16. Rychard Suche xij <i>d.</i> |

Al xvjs.

Spellesburi 1575

yt ys agreed by the worshepful and all the parrycyoners there that every communicant within the paryche shall gyve one ob. to by bred and wyne for the blessed communion not only agaynst Easter but to serve for every monethe in the yere for the same purpose, as yt ys there ministred and receyved; and that every howse howlder shall auncer and pay for all thoes that be within hys howse, and the tythyng man within every towne and vilage shall gether or take up the same sume of every hose howlder, and the same so getherred or taken shall withowte delay delyver the same unto the church wardens for that tyme beyng, and they to provyde for bred and wyne at all tymmes, as ys before named; and further yt ys agrede that yff any howse howlder denye to paye for all the communicants within hys howse, that then the sayde tythyngman shall strayne for the same sum and the stres to kepe tyll yt be auncered.

Robert Web and John Colyng church wardens have geyned to the church at Wytsonyde 1575 all thyngs counted de claro iiij*li.* iijs.

¹ The total shows that xij*d.* is meant.

[Oct. 1575—]

The churche cownte was made the Sunday after saynt Lukes daye wych was the xxiiij of October 1575 et anno Elyzabethe nunc regine 17^o; then wer chosen churchwardens Robert Lankeforde and Wylliam Suche and they have receyvyd att the hands of the parrycioners att theyere entery lixs. vjd.

PYRTON

THE parish of Pyrton, with its hamlets of Clare, Golder, and Portway, is in Oxfordshire, one mile north from Watlington and eight miles south-west of Thame. It is thus described in Bacon's *Liber Regis* (1786):

Pirton V. St. Mary cum capella Standell destructa, Mon. Norton in Cheshire propriator or propr. now Dean & chapter of Ch. Ch. Oxon.

Dugdale (vi. 313) says that the rectory of Piretona was worth £20. It was given to the Augustinian priory (later made an abbey) of Norton, which was founded *circa* 1135 by Wm. Fitz Nigell at Runcorn, and removed by his son William to Norton in the time of Stephen; it is mentioned in Carta Rogeri Constabularii Cestrie, who was living in 1194 (Red Book of the Exchequer, 87).

The Simeon family were landowners: in 1571 Francis Simeon was churchwarden, and on June 24, 1619, the famous John Hampden married at Pyrton Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Simeon, Esq., then lord of the manor (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*). She died in August 1634. In 1548 mention is made of Edmund Symeon. In the Visitation of Oxfordshire in 1634 will be found a pedigree of Symons (*sic*) of Pyrton. *Arms*: per fesse sa. and or a pale counterchanged and 3 trefoils slipped of the 2nd.

We have gathered together the following items relating to the bells of the church: sanctus bell, sanctus bell-rope, making of sanse bell, casting white leather used for the bell-ropes, trussing of bells (TRUSS, v. 10, *N.E.D.*, to tighten up a bell on its stock after it has worked loose), bolting the clappers, suting (i. e. shooting or splicing of bell-ropes, see SHOOT, *N.E.D.*), Bellfry, bellfry dore, bell whele, Baldrick or Bawdrick, balryd (the leather gear with its appurtenances by which the clapper of a church bell was suspended, *N.E.D.*),

great bell, fore bell, middle bell, bell cast at Buckingham, casting of gudgeons or axles of bells (*N.E.D.*, *Wells Cath. MSS.* ii. 51), gosshawke for the great bell (not in *N.E.D.*).

The following books are mentioned in the accounts: processioner (J. C. Cox, *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 109, 110), manuall (Cox, 106-11), portes (Cox, 106-11), common prayer, Bible, binding the new bibell (Cox, 118), book marker for Bible, service book, book of canons, book of articles, Register book of parchment, book bought at Dorchester, carrying books to Oxford, boke of the quere (Cox, 110, 112), homelyes and King's injunctions (Cox, 116).

Visitations were held at Henley, Ewelme, Watlington, Oxford, Dorchester, by the archdeacon, by the bishop, and by the archbishop of Canterbury. In 1548 the King's visitation was held at Oxford, and the apparitor had a fee for warning the churchwardens to the assizes and to the visitations. Mention is made of smoke farthings; generally the sum of xviii*d.* ob. was paid at the visitation. It is sometimes called smoke silver (Cox, 74).

At Mary's accession things were restored in the church: among others, a haircloth (spelt hearecloth) for the altar; but soon after her death we have entries as to pulling down the altar and wiping out the images, the rood-loft was pulled down and the pulpit set up, and mention is made of the lord's table.

There are interesting entries respecting the church acre, such as felling, weeding, cocking, ploughing, harrowing, mowing and yearing, seed barley, seed oats, threshing the church barley, 28*s.* received for barley, all referring to this church acre.

Animals were owned by the church. We read of the delivery of the lampe cowe, and compare the following which occurs in the will of John Middelton, of Longfield, Kent (*Testamenta Vetusta*, 781):

1511 to the mayntenance of the rode light in the said church a cowe the which I wille in the keeping of some honest person to the said use, according to the discretion of my executors.

We also find mention of the rent of 20 sheep belonging to the church.

Collections were made for the church of Arthuret, a village in Cumberland on the Esk: the parish church was rebuilt in 1609 by means of a brief issued on Sept. 24, 1606, but the persons employed in the building going off with a considerable portion of the money collected, the tower was left unfinished, towards which Dr. Todd, the rector, contributed about £60, and procured contributions of £20 to £30 more (see *Church Briefs*, by W. A. Bewes, p. 99).

The following interesting miscellaneous items found in the accounts have been brought together: Maimed soldiers and hospitals (Cox, 332, 340), glazing of windows and quarrels (Cox, 87), chalice sold, summer pole (see under SUMMER, *N.E.D.*; Cox, 283), brack (probably breach in a wall), banner clothes (Cox), payntyng of the dowme (a pictorial representation of the Last Judgement, painted on the chancel arch), three tapers for rood, helping to brew the church ale, increase, inventory of church goods, rate made by parishioners, church mound, whytyng of the church, font-taper (Cox, 37), cope, pascal, encle, inkle (*N.E.D.*, a kind of linen tape used to make a book-mark (register) for the Bible; the word is mentioned three times in *Wells Cath. MSS.* ii. 280).

These celebrated persons are mentioned in the accounts: Dr Drury (John Drury, LL.D., rector of Witney, archdeacon of Oxford 1592, ob. 1614); Sir Francis Stonor (see *Visitation of Oxfordshire*, 1574); Mr Warcopp (see *Visitation of Oxfordshire*, 1634); Mr Douch (see Noble's *Memoirs of the House of Cromwell*, ii. 189-203); Mr Simoons (see above).

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[1548]

Thes parcells foloyng we have layd owt syns owr last Acompt fyrst for castyng of the grett bell *vli. vjs. viijd.*

Item to the carpynters for hyngyng of the same bell *iijs. iiijd.*

Item for costs when he went to Bockyngnam to cast the bell *xviiijd.*

Item payd to Thomas Dowson for makynge a byll of covenantts betwene the belfounder and us *iiijd.*

Item spent when I went to Rysborow for herne to heng the bell *iiij^d*.

Item payd for a presentment at Oxford when the kyngs vycytation was *iiij^d*.

Item for owre costs at the same tyme *viiij^d*.

Item payd for owre costs at Dorchester at the last syttyng for the kyng *iiij^d*.

Item for owre costs at Watlyngton at ij chapter days *viiij^d*.

Item payd for neyls to mend a bell whelle *ij^d*.

Item payd for a bell Rope *ix^d*.

Item payd for smocke ferthyngs *xviiij^d*. ob.

Item payd for bollyng and mendyng of ij bell clapurs and a locke *iijs*.

Item payd for the homelyes and the kyngs iniuntionns *xiiij^d*.

Item payd for makyng the medyll bell whele *xiiij^d*.

Item for bordyng hym that made the whele ij dayes *vj^d*.

Item payd for a bell Rope *xj^d*.

Item payd for neyls for the bell whele *j^d*. ob.

Item whyt enkle to make Regesters for the byble ob.

Item payd for mendyng the medyll bell bawdrycke *ij^d*.

Item for a copy of the kyngs injunctions *iiij^d*.

Item payd to Woodkock for mendyng the heggeh in the chyrchyerd *ij^d*.

Summa Soluta *vj^{li}. iijs. ij^d*.

Anno secundo Edwardi *vj^{ti}*

And so the sayd wardens have leyd owt *xxijs. vij^d*. and paid more then they receyvyd.

The acompt of Robert Carpynter and Edmond Yats made the syxt daye of Maye the seconde yere of the reyne of owre soveraigne Lord Kynge Edward the syxt.

The same daye Robert Carpynter owythe to the chyrch

[This has been erased and the sum owed is illegible.]

Wardens chosyn the *vj* daye of maye Edmond Yats and Thomas Walys.

The sayd wardens have receyvyd in the chyrche box the same daye *xiiij^d*.

Item rec' of John Webbe *iiij^d*.

Item receyvyd at the chyrche at Wytsuntyt clerr to the chyrche *xixs*.

Item resevyd for olde brasse *xvijs. viij^d*.

Item leyd oute for a boke ffor the church vjs.

Item ffor payng of smoke ferthyngs *xviiij^d*. ob.

Item ffor mendyng of ij belle clappers *xviiij^d*.

Item ffor exspensys at the chapter day *vd.*

Item ffor exspensys and a boke bowt at Dorchester *vjd.*

Item ffor exspensys at Henley at ij tymes *xxd.*

Item ffor exspensys at Henley at ij tymes *xvjd.*

[Against the two last items the words goodman zats and goodman Walys are written in the margin.]

Item the delyveryng of the lamppe kowe *iiijd.*

Item payd Edmund Symeon that the cherch ovyde hym *vjs. viijd.*

Item expensys at Henley *viijd.*

Item expensys *xxd.*

a cowtt made by Edmund Zatts and Thomas Walys the *xxvijth* day of may in the *ij* zere of the reygne of our soveryn lord kyng Edward the *syxtt* and all thyngs a lowed and remanyth in the box *xvs. viijd.* and now cherche wardens William Dene and Thomas Wallys.

Item that the cherche wardens William Deven and Thomas Walys have reseyyvd at the cherche ale *xijs. iiijd.* there rema[n]yth *ijs. xjd.*

Item Harry Slatter recevyd of William Deven ffor gatheryng and caryng of stones *iijs. viijd.*

Item Jhon Deryke *iiijd.*

Item to Richard wyff *vjd.*

Item to Thomas Lane ffor *vij* lods caryng *ijs. iiijd.*

Item William Deven for *xij* lode caryng *vs. vd.*

Jhon Devon ffor spredyng of stonys *ijd.*

Item for the boke of the quere *ijs. viijd.*

Item leyd out for smoke verthyngs *xviijd. ob.*

Item for expensys *iiijd.*

Item for mendyng of the meddell clapper *xviijd.*

Item for a belle rope *xjd.*

Item for a lode [*erased*].

Item to Jhon Boltor for gatheryng of stons *iiijd.*

Item for a bell rope *xijd.*

Item for mendyng of a loke *ijd. ob.*

Item at Dorchester *iiijd.*

Item for caryng the boks to Oxford *iiijd.*

Item at Watlynton at the chapetor day *iiijd.*

Item for lyme *viijd.*

xxiijs. xjd.

A cownte mayd be William Dewene and Thomas Wallyll (*sic*) the *xvityne* daye of maye in the *fowr* yere of the rayne of Kyng Edward the *syxth* and all thyngys aloyd there remanyt in the boxe *xis. viijd.*

and nowe chyrche mene Wylleam Deven and Tomas Lane.

Item to Robart Tyler for whytyng of the churche vs. viij*d*.

Item for lyeme viij*d*.

Item naylys j*d*.

Item ij lowd of wood xix*d*.

Item to Tom Edwards for gatheryng of stons vj*d*.

Item to Derycke iiij*d*.

Item to Rychard Warde iiij*d*.

Receavyd off the churche ale xxxjs. ij*d*.

Item payd to the goodman Yeates for caryng of stons viijs. xj*d*.

Item to the goodman Carpynter for caryng of stons vjs. iiij*d*.

Item to the goodman Laene for caryng of stons vs. vj*d*.

Item to the goodman Devens for caryng of stons vs. xj*d*.

Item Rychard Warde for stons iiij*d*.

Item a balryd for the gret bell xvij*d*.

Item for smoke ferthyngs xvij*d*. ob.

Item for expensys ij*d*.

Item to Pryse wyf for gatheryng of stons xx*d*.

Item Rychard Bokeland for makyng a loke iiij*d*.

Item at Dorcester at chapyter viij*d*.

Item for the Injuncions and makyng of oure byll iiij*d*.

Item at Watlynton at the capiter iiij*d*.

A count mayde the ij day of may be Wylliam Devyn and Tomas Lane in the v yere of oure soverant lord Kyng Edward the syxt and now ar church men Robart Andros and Thomas Lane and there ys delyverd unto them xs. vj*d*.

And mayd at the church ale the same yere xxxixs. iiij*d*.

They be chargyd wytt in all ls.

leyd owt

Item payd for makyng of the lords tabull xs. viij*d*.

Reset

Item for the banner clothys xx*d*.

A count mayd the xx day of may by Thomas Laene and Robart Androos the vj yere of ovr soverant lord King Edward the vjth and there ys delyveryd unto them xxs. vd. and now are churche men the goodman Symons and Robart Androos

Item mayde of the churche ale xxvjs. j*d*.

leyd owt

Item payd unto Jhon Wefer iijs. xd. Item payd to the goodman Yeates for beryng of stonys xs. Item for expensys at Henley xix*d*. Item payd to Gycles for layng of the stone xvj*d*. Item payd for smoke farthyngs xvij*d*. ob. Item for expenses at the capeter daye iiij*d*. Item ffor a boke of Comen

Praar sset forthe be the kynge iijs. Item payd to Jhan Wever ffor hys labor goyng to Henle vjd.

Item spent at Newhellme vij.

Item payd for bred and wyne for the comunyon iijs. iiijd.

The cownt mayd the vij off maye by Edmund Symonds and Robart Andros the vij yeayr off the rayne of ouer sovereigne lord king Edward the sixt and there remaynes in the churche boxe xviijs. vjd. and nowe are church wardynes Edmund Symonds and Thomas Hollan.

Item reseved at Ester for smoke farthynges iijs. vijd.

Item reseved at the Wytson ale xviijs. vjd. ob.

The acont of Edman Semeon and Thomas Hollan xxvj daye of aprell in the fyrste of quen Mary.

Theys passelles foloyng we have layd owt synnys oure laste acont fforste for glasyng of the wyndo in the chyrche xxvjs. viijd. Item payde smoke farthyngs xviijd. ob. Item delyvered to Thomas Hollan to mend Kneythe bryge vjs. viijd. Item payd for a paten for chalys xiijs. ixjd. Item payd for a masse boke vjs. viijd. Item payd for makyng of the seuper altare viijd. Item payd for makyng of the paschall and the wantapar xviijd.

The following items are erased :

Item the same daye Edman Yates hoys iijs. iiijd.

Item the same daye Robarte Carpynter hoys xxiijs. iiijd.

Item the same daye Thomas Hollan hoys xijs. viijd.

Summa of the receyts xls. vijd. ob.

Summa of the expenses lviijs. vd. ob.

Summa of the dus xvijs. xd. the which was dyscharged by Robert Carpenter.

1554

Anno Domini

Resets

Item that Edmund Yeats and Thomas Holande mayd of the ale at Wytson tyd and all costs and chargys borne xxxixs. iiijd.

Item resevyd of Robart Carpynter vjs. viijd. ob.

Item resevyd of Master Byrt of Shabynton iijs. iiijd.

Item resevyd of Robart Carpynter a bussell of barley for Wylliam Po . . . (*this item is erased*). Item resevyd at Ester iijs. xjd.

liijs. viijd.

leyd owt

Item for makeng the pascall and fant taper iij^s.

Item payd to the vycar of Sherbord (*sic*) for a cope & iiij vestments xls.

Item for mendyng the church box iij^d. Item payd for smoke ferthyngs xvij^d. ob.

Item at the chapyter day iiij^d. Item for a manuell iij^s. viij^d.

Item for a precessyner iiij^s. Item leyd out when y went to Oxford to by bokys ij^d. Item for the workemanshye about the auter ijs. iiij^d.

Item for charyng a lode of chaocke and a lode of yearth and a boshell of lyme xij^d. Item at the chapter day at Henley iiij^d. Item naylys about the sepuker jd. Item for hanggyng of the great bell xij^d.

Summa lvijs. vij^d. ob.

Anno domini

1555

7 May

Item mayde of the Wytson alle xxxiijs. iiij^d. Item reseved at Ester vs. xd. Item resevyd of Robert Carpynter off a mor som part of payment vs. Item payd ffor a cros and a parys xxxs. Item payd ffor haff a portes iij^s. Item payd for mendyng of the byell and nayls ijs. iiij^d. Item payd for dryssyng of the pykes vjd. Item resevyd ffor the pascall at hester (*sum erased*). Item payd ffor makyng off the pascall and the ffantaper ijs. viij^d. Item payd ffor a byell roope xxd.

Thes passell dotte remayne in the bokys the day and yere abowesayd xxxvijs. vjd.

Anno domini 1556.

Receytes Receyvedde

Item made of the churche alle xxxvijs. vjd.

Recevid of the goodwife Simion vs. iiij^d.

Recevid of the gatheryng for the pascal and the fante tapar at Ester ij^d.

Laid owt

for a heare to the altare xvd. for a bell rope xxd. for mendinge the churche yate ijs. for a portus ijs. vjd. Item for mynding off ye baudrike of the medell belle jd. Item in part of payment for the Rode and the other imagis xxvijs. viij^d. for nayles and a seyve iiij^d.

for the stapilles and the hoks for to hange uppe the Rod viij*d*.
for a pese of ashe of Androse the pryse iiij*d*.

Item for a day worke to Androse and bording *xd*.

for a stapul to the Rod iiij*d*: for trussing of the belles xij*d*.

for the nayles and the hinchys for the belles ix*d*.

for bording of the carpenter xij*d*. for making of a dore for
the stepul x*d*. for mending of the bere iij*d*.

Item for making of the pascal and the fant tapar and to
pound of wixe ijs. viij*d*. for making of thre tapars for the
Rode and a pound of wixe and a quarterne *xxd*.

satisfecit

Anno domini 1557.

Churche men Edmonde Yates Jhon Parsons.

Recyvedd the *xxth* of June xljs. iiij*d*.

Item recevedd off Mistris Strete vjs. iiij*d*.

Item resevyd of Edmond Symon of a more sum vjs. viij*d*.

Item resevyd off Jhon Carpenter ijs. viij*d*.

Summa recept lvijs. iiij*d*.

Summa expens lvijs. iij*d*. ob.

Summa detts xiiij*d*.

satisfecit monys gathered for the pascall laid owt

lvijs. iij*d*. ob. Leyd owt

Item leyd owt for payntyng of the hy awter vjs. viij*d*.

Item payd for payntyng of the dowme xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item for ij bell roppys ijs. ix*d*.

Item myndyng of the bell and for naylys *xxd*.

Item for smoke farthyngs xvij*d*. ob. Item for iij quartans
of say to hange over the piccks xiiij*d*. Item for myndyng of
the church and workemanshype therof *xxijs*. iiij*d*. Item for
hys borde and hys manys borde xv*d*. Item for mendyng of
the bellys xij*d*. Item for owre dyners at chappyter day viij*d*.
Item for fellyng of the church aker viij*d*. for makeinge a bawd-
ricke to the myddell bell xiiij*d*. Item for mendinge the
myddell bell and nayles xij*d*.

Summa lvijs. iij*d*. ob.

in the margin for mendinge M^r Starts grave xij*d*.

Anno domini 1558

church men Robert Androse and Wylliam Devyn are
church wardens.

Item mayd of the churche ale lvs. iij*d*.

Item layd oute at the chapter daie xvij*d*. ob.

Item for ij bellropes ijs. viij*d*.

satisfecerunt

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Item reseved of John Copper of Sherborne xij*d*.

Item geven to the cherche by Alies Devon iiij busshells of
barlie

Item receyvede for the pascall ijs. viij*d*.

[These six items are erased.]

1559-60

churchemen Jhon Reding Jhon Wodos

Receyved xxxvijs. iij*d*.

Item mayded of the cheyrche ale xliijs. viii*d*.

and so they be chargyd with iiij*li*. xij*d*.

Mony layd owt by Jhone Readyng and Jhone Wodehowse

In primis at tuyme at the quens vysytatyon for ouer
chargys and thos wyche wear with us xx*d*.

Item for maykyng and puttyng in ouer byll ther viij*d*.

Item for the injunctyons *vd*. Item for the boke off comon
prayer and a plaine boke vjs. viij*d*. Item for tylyng the
churche porche iijs. viij*d*. Item for truesyng the bells ijs. vj*d*.
Item to the clark for pull yng downe the alter viij*d*.

Sumys layd owt xvjs. iij*d*.

For the Witsone ale anno domini a thousand v hundred lx
[1560]

Made of the Whytsone ale xijs. iij*d*.

layd oute the yer afore said

fyrst for the smoke sylver iijs. viij*d*.

Item for glasinge the windo and lime and nailes xs. iiij*d*.
Item paid to the somner iiij*d*. Item for the tables xx*d*. ob.
Item for wiping oute of the Images xviiij*d*. Item for our
expenses at Henli xij*d*. Item paid to the somner for warneng
us to appere at Tame iiij*d*. Item paid to Harre Slatter vj*d*.
Item layd oute for bred and wine before Wels boutie anie vj*d*.
Item for mendinge the churche yate iij*d*. Item lent to good
manne Yates vjs. summe off that wyche ys layd owt xxvijs. ob.
and so remaynythe in the box xliijs. j*d*. ob.

[1561] to May 12 1562

Churche wardens John Carpenter Baldwen Reygnolde.

payments

In primis payd at the busshop of Canterburys visitacyon xx*d*.
Item payd for dressinge of goodwyfe Symeons grave vj*d*.
Item payd for the trussyng of the bells vs. Item for naylis
for the same bells viij*d*. Item for a pese that went over the

frame and mendyng of yt viij*d*. Item for mendyng of the belle whele iij*d*. Item for mendyng of the gudgyn of the bell j*d*. Item payd to Robert Tyler for dressyng of the churche xvj*d*. Item for v pecks of lyme v*d*. Item payd at Watlyngton in smoke farthyngs xvij*d*. ob. Item in expences at Watlyngton viij*d*. Item for makyng clene of the churche whe[n] the Rode lofte was pulled downe ij*d*. Item for a plate of iron that jonethe the byble boke j*d*. ob. Item for mendyng of surplusses j*d*. Item expences at Henley xx*d*.

Summa totalis xiiij*s*. x*d*.

Acontt made the xij day off May in the iiij yere off the rayne off oure ssoverentt lade Elysabeth be Jhon Carpyntor and Balden Ranolde and all charges a loyd them ther remanyt clerley ffor them to ansar xlviis. ob.

[1562]

Churche wardens Baldwen Reynolde John Carpynter

Item payd for mendyng of the belle frame v*s*.

Item payd for trussyng and nayles and the gudgyn xij*d*.

Item at the vycytacyon at Watlyngton in smoke ferthings xvij*d*. ob.

Item in expences at Watlyngton viij*d*.

Item payd for a santse bell rope xix*d*. Item at Henlye at the vycitacyon at Henlye xvj*d*. Item payd to the somner iiij*d*. Item payd at Henlye for the makyng of the inve[n]torye of the churche goods iiij*d*. Item payd for a baldrycke for the mydle belle xvj*d*. Item payd for belle ropes v*s*. Item payd for the baldrycke of the greate bell xvij*d*. Item for mendyng of the surples ij*d*.

Summa totalis xx*s*. ix*d*. ob.

Item that we receved xxv*s*. ij*d*.

Item that we gayned v*s*.

Item that Jonne Deven ouithe too busshyll of malte

[1563]

Churche wardens Balden Ranolde Rychard Deven

Item layde outt ffor bokes ii*s*. x*d*. Item for a godgyn i*s*. viij*d*. Item for smoke farthings js. vj*d*. ob. Item for my charges vj*d*. Item for two baldricks js. Item for mendinge of the surpys ij*d*. Item to the sumner iiij*d*. Item for my charge viij*d*. Item for wytletar i*s*. ij*d*.

Some totale xi*s*. x*d*. ob.

The caunte made the 7 of maye by Rychard Deven and Rannolde Balden and in the syxe yeare of the range of oure soverant ladie Quene Elizabeth and al things decharges theare remayneth in the churche boxe *xxs. vd.* and nowe church wardens Rychard Deven and Androwe Hawse

Item made of the churche ale *xvjs. ijd.*

Item receved by the hands of M^r Barnard vycore of Pyrton geven by the Deane and chappyter of Chryste Church to the burdinge of the stale of the same churche *xxs.*

Item more recevid of M^r Barnard *ijs. iiijd.*

Item recevid of goodman Symeon *xs.*

The following account is out of place on fo. 147^b.

Item for chareiges of earth to Good carpynter *iijs.*

Item for chareiges of stone to goodman Eates *ijs.*

Item for chariges of stone to goodman Reddinge *ijs. iiijd.*

Item for sande ffittinge *js. ijd.* Item for earthe ffittinge *js. viijd.*

Item for geatheringe of the stones *vjd.* Item for lyme *ijs. ijd.*

Item for workemanshype theareof *viijs. viijd.* Item for mendinge of the lede *vs. iiijd.*

Item payde to the Somner *iiijd.* Item for charges at the fisitacion *js. vjd. ob.*

Item for expences theare *ixd.* Item for felling of the tymber and ssaringe *vjs.*

Item for chariges theareof *iijs.* Item for sawinge *xiijs. viijd.*

Item for charges at Henlye *vijid.*

Some *liijs. vd.*

The counte made the 6 of maye in the 7 yeare of the raigne of oure soverante ladie quene Elyzabeth by Rychard Deven and Andros Havease and theare remaynes in the churche boxe and all things aloued *xvjs. iiijd.* and nowe churche wardens Edmond Eates, John Honnte

Item recevid for thinkes solde *vijid.* Item recevid of Goodman Symeon and goodman Woddos *xxvijs. viijd.* Item recevid mor of Edmund Symeon and John Charpynter *xxxvijs. viijid.*

Item mad and gainid by the churche alle *xxs.*

[expenses]

[of Edmund Eates and John Hont churche wardens]

fyrst to the carpinter for bordinge the setes and makinge of the yate *xiijs.* Item for nayles *ijs. ijd.* Item for ij laborars to abate the grownd *ijs.* Item for felling one oke and the

squaringe ijs. Item for the sawinge of the said timber vs. Item for sawyng one other bordstoke iij*s.* viij*d.* Item for nayles xv*d.* Item for mendinge of the belleclapper iij*s.* Item for shotinge of ij bellropes ijs. Item at the chappiter at Henli ix*d.* Item for smoke farthinges xix*d.* Item paid to the somner iiij*d.* Item laidowght at Dorchester vij*d.*

Some xxxviij*s.* v*d.*

The counte made the xix daye of maye in the yeare of oure lorde god 1566 and in the 8 yeare of the rayne of quene Elzabeth by Edmonde Eates and John Hunte and theare remaynth in the churche boxe and all things aloued iij*li.* xvs. xj*d.* and nowe churche wardens Edmonde Eates and Roger Gregorye.

first for the chapiter for the laying of the wetherbore and makinge of the seates of the courcke xvijs. Item layde forthe to stapele and a hape ijs. Item fore makinge of the beere and timber ijs. viij*d.* Item for smoke fartheng xix*d.* Item payde to the sumnen iiij*d.* Item payde at Dorchester xii*d.* Item for the makinge of a lader and woode for the rounne xxd. Item payde at Hinly xij*d.*

sum xxiiij*s.* j*d.*

Item receved of Edmund Eates iiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item receved smoke fertheng viiiij*d.*

Item gayne by the churche alle and all thynges discharge vijs.

The acounte made the xv daye of maye in the yeare of oure lorde god 1566 and in the night yeare of the rayne of quene Elzabeath by Edmund Eatis and Roger Gregorey and ther remaeneth in the churche boxe and all thynges aloued iij*li.* iiij*s.* ix*d.* and now churche wardens

Roger Gregore and Rychard Simion

Layd owght by Roger Gregore and Rychard Simion as folowithe

fyrst for the makinge of the sanse bell xvs. vj*d.* Item for hanginge of the bell to Bokeland xiiij*d.* Item for iij newe bellropes iiij*s.* xd. Item for nayles v*d.* Item for j bord to make the yate xd. Item for smoke farthinges xvij*d.* Item to Wigginton the carpintor for one dais worke xij*d.* Item at the visitasion at Watlington vj*d.* Item for makinge of our byle ij*d.* Item at the visitasion at Henle vj*d.* Item for ij hinges and one hoke to hange the yate Item paid to the somner viij*d.*

som of the layenges owght ys xxvijs. ix*d.*

The account made by Roger Gregore and Rychard Simion church wardens the x yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth and so ther remainthe in the church boxe all thinges alowd xxvijs. iij*d.* and now churchwardens William Laurence and Richard Simion

Item resevid of Robart Androse xij*d.*

Laide owght by William Lawranse and Richard Simion as folowith

fyrst laid owght for makinge of ij bawdrikes xij*d.*

Item paid to Robart Tailer ijs. viij*d.* Item paid to Rychard Bucland vjs. viij*d.* Item paid for a church boke xij*d.* Item paid to Harre Adene for halff a hide of whit lether ijs. vj*d.* Item paid for smoke farthinges xix*d.* Item at the visitation spent vj*d.* Item paid to the somnor iiij*d.* Item for makinge of ovr presentement ij*d.* Item paid to the plommer iiij*s.* Item at the visitation at Henle vj*d.* Item for makinge owre presentement ij*d.*

Som of the laynges oute xxijs. j*d.*

An account made by William Lawrence and Rychard Simion the xjth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth the first of may and all thinges to them alowde there remainith in the church box xxijs. ij*d.* and now churchwardens William Lawrens and William Sadlar

Item for the visytacion at Watlington xvij*d.* Item for a baudrek xvj*d.* Item for a booke xij*d.* Item for smoke farthyngs xvij*d.* Item for the visytacion at Henly vj*d.* Item for the somner iiij*d.* Item for iiij*d.* ball (*sic*) roppes vs. viij*d.* Item makynge a church alle the encrease of it xxxiijs. iiij*d.*

Item for the mending of the bellse vs.

An account made by William Lawrans and William Sadlar the last of Aprill in the xijth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth as folowithe and all thynges alowd ther remainithe in the church boxe xlvjs. iiij*d.* of the rente of the shepe one yere

Allso resevid of Fransis Simion for the shepe iiij*s.*

Allso resevid of Jhon Carpenter ijs. viij*d.*

and now church wardens William Sadler and Franses Simion.

Item gaynede by the church ale xlijs.

Item recevyd of John Carpenter xijs. (?)

Item laide out by Frauncis Semeon and William Sadler as folowith

[N.B. one leaf, numbered 155, is missing.]

Item laide oute for castinge of oure lede xxxs.

Item laide oute for lede that we lacke xxxvj^s.

Item laide oute for takinge oup of our lede and laynge doune vs.

Item laide oute for soderringe of the lede ijs.

Item laide oute for expenses when we wher at Reding xiijs. vjd.

Item laide oute for hanginge of the bell iijs.

Item laide oute for castinge of oure bell iij*li*. vjs. viij*d*.

Item layde oute at the vicitacion at Walyngton xvii*d*. ob.

Item laide oute the same daye for our dinners v*d*.

Item laide out to Sharpe for a days worke vjd.

Item laide oute at the vicitacion at Henlye x*d*.

An aconnt made by Franes Simion and William Sadler the xxvijth daie of Maye in the xiiijth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth and all thinges accownted for the churche owthe unto Franes Simion churchewarden xjs. vijd. And now churchewardens Frances Simion and Jhone Reddinge

Item laide oute by Francis Semeon and John Redyng as folowyth

friste (*sic*) laide oute for mendinge of the glas vs. vjd.

Item laide oute for a bell rope vjd.

Item laide oute for smoke farthings xvii*d*. Item laide oute for his dinner iiij*d*. Item laide oute for hafe a hide of wyt-lether ijs. Item laide oute at the vicitacion at Henly ijd. Item laide oute more in carges vjd. Item laide oute at the vicitacion at Watlynton ijd.

A counte mayde by Francis Semeon and John Redinge and al thyngs alouyde ther remaned in the curch boxe viijs. v*d*. and noue church wardens John Redinge and Wyllyam Yeates

Item that John Reddinge and Wyllyam Yeates hathe gote by the churche ale xxxvijs. iiij*d*.

Item that thaye have receved of Reanolde Balden vs. iiij*d*.

that they recevid and made of the churche alle ys ljs. jd.

Item laide oute by John Redyng and Wyllyam Yeates as folowyth

Item laide oute at the visitacyon at Watlyngton xxjd.

Item laide oute for mendinge of the bell wele iijs. v*d*.

Item laide oute for makinge of a bell wele vjs. viij*d*.

Item laide oute for a newe bibill xxvjs. ijd. Item laide oute at the visitacion at Henlye xij*d*. Item laide oute for tow neu bell ropes ijs. x*d*. Item laide oute for makinge of a clapes and nails iiij*d*.

Some of the lainges owte ys xlvjs. ijd.

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An acownte made the iij daye of maye in the xvth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth by Jhon Reddinge and William Yates all thinge accowntid and alowde there remaineth in the churche boxe iij^s. xjd. and nowe churche wardens William Yates and Balldin Raynowld

Item the said churche wardens have resevid the daie of the account vjs. viijd. for the her of the shepe and allso for the owld bybell ijs. vjd. so there remainith in the boxe xiijs. jd.

Item resevid for the challis xxxjs. iiijd.

Item resevid of Edmond Yates xijs. ix^d.

Item layde oute by Wyllyam Yeates and Balden Rennouls as foloweth

Item for liiij^{li}. of soder (*torn*)

Item for x days att xd. the day . . .

Item layde oute more for soder xijd. Item layde oute to Vygenton for mendynge of the frame . . .

Item layde oute for nails xxijd. Item layde oute to the somner viijd. Item layde oute for hys borde iijs. iiijd. Item laide oute at the vicitacion at Watlynton ijs. ix^d. Item laide oute for mendynge of the greate bell js. iiijd.

Some of the layenges owte ys iij^{li}. iijs. xjd.

The accownte made by William Yates and Balldern Raynowlde the ixth daie of maye in the xvth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth all thinges alowed and reconed the churche owth to the said William Yates and Balden Raynowld ix^d. and now churchwardens Balden Raynowld and Jhone Deven.

Resevid for the shepe vjs. viijd. Item for the hier of the church accre xxijd.

Item laide ought by Baldine Raynold and Jhone Deven as folowith

for smoke farthinges xviijd. ob. Item for mendinge of the Iorne of the bell iij^d. Item paid to the somnor viij^d. Item at the visitasion at Watlingetone vjd. Item paid to Henry Gillons vjs. viij^d. Item at the visitasion at Henle vjd. Item for makinge of ij bawdrikes xd. Item a bellerope xviijd. Item for makinge of the byll ijd. Item for nayles ijs. ijd.

[Mutilated.]

. . . the churche oweth to the churchwardens & Francis Symeon vjs. xd. and to M^r Barnard for the communion boke vjs. viij^d. and now churchwardens Jhone Deven and Edmond Yates

Item for the buryall of M^r Gregore vjs. viij^d. Item for the

sommer pole *xv^d*. fyrst gained by the churche alle *xlvijs*. *vijd*. whereof paid to M^r Barnard *vjs*. *viiij^d*. and to the churche wardens and Francis Simeon *vjs*. *xd*.

Layde owte by Edmond Yates and Jhone Deven as folowith fyrst to M^r Barnard *vjs*. *viiij^d*.

Item to the churche wardens and Francis Simion *vjs*. *xd*.

Item for dressinge of the bell clappers *iijs*.

Item for dressinge a bell clapper *ijs*. *iiij^d*.

Item at my lorde of Canterberis wisitasion and for a boke at Henle *xiiij^d*. Item at the visitasion at Oxford afore the saide visitors *ijs*. *vjd*.

Item at one other visitasion at Oxford afore the said visitors *ijs*. *xd*.

Item one other visitasion at Oxford before the said visitors *xv^d*.

Item at the wisitasion at Henlie before M^r Cennolle *vjd*.

Item for smoke farthinges *xviiij^d*. *ob*.

Item for a belle rope *xxjd*.

[MS. torn.]

the *xviiijth* yeare of the raine of quene Elizabeth and all things reconed the shepe hire the rente of the churche acer and the noble of M^r Gregore and the sommer pole acownted for there remainithe cleare in the churche boxe *xxixs*. *ixd*. and now churchwardens Jhone Deaven and William Woddos

Item made and gained by the churche all [ale] all thinges accountted for *xxxjs*.

fyrst layd owte by the said churche wardens as folowith

In primis for makinge the bele whele to Johne Rine *vjs*. Item to Thomas Reddinge for one borde *vjd*. Item to Bacodshawe for hellpinge the cooke *xd*. Item for the staple for the stokes *iijd*. Item for mendinge of the bawdrikes *vjd*. Item for the visitation at Watlington and smoke farthings *xxd*. Item at the visitation at Henle *xd*. Item for the hope apon the bell whele *xd*. Item for Iorne worke abowte the bell whele *iiij^d*. Item at the visitasion at Henle *vijd*. *ob*.

Item for whete to Drewe Andros *ijd*.

An acownte made by Jhone Deaven and William Woddos the *xixth* daye of Maye in the *xixth* year of the raine of quene Elizabeth and all thinges accounted for there remaineth in the churche boxe *xli*. *xvjs*. *viiij^d*. the heyer of the shepe the heyer of the churche acare paid and accounted for and now churchwardens William Woddos and Deven Androse memorandum that *xjs*. of the monne ys to be paid by Jhon Deven and *xs*. by Edmond Yates

Anno 1585 the xxvij yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth
churchwardens Andrew Hause Hughe Thomas

Remayning in the Churche box vs. ij*d*.

Layde owte for smoke farthings xix*d*.

Item for the Apparitors fee iiij*d*.

Item for receaving the presentment ij*d*.

Item for trussing of the great bell xiiij*d*.

Item for whittleather iijs.

Item for makeing of bauderikes vij*d*.

Item for tow bussells of lime v*d*.

Item for a gosshawke for the great bell xx*d*.

Item to the Smith for his labor v*d*.

Item for nayles j*d*.

Item to the parator for warning the churchwardens to the
sises iiij*d*.

Item to the Aparitour for warning the churchwardens to
the visitation iiij*d*.

Item for receaving the presentment ij*d*.

Summa xvs. x*d*.

Anno 1586 the xxviii yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth
Churchwardens Andrew Hause, Hughe Thomas

An accompte made the viij of may anno 1586 in the xxviii
yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth all things accounted
for, the churche remayneth in debte to Hughe Thomas
iijs. viij*d*.

Inprimis receaved of M^r Semens for the rent of xx sheepe
by Androw Hause and Hughe Thomas churchwardens vjs. viij*d*.
the viij of may 1586.

Item receaved for the rent of the church aker iijs. iiij*d*. by
Hughe Thomas the xij of May 1586.

Inprimis layde owt the last of May 1586 in eyght and
twentith yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth for a booke
of omilies and prayers viij*d*. To the Aparator for warning
iiij*d*. Item for my dinner v*d*. Item the last day of Septem-
ber for a prayer booke ij*d*. Item for on of the sides mens
dinner & mine owne xij*d*.

Layde owt by Hughe Thomas

Item for a gudgeon for the great bell xx*d*. Inprimis layde
owt for a presentment xij*d*. Item for my dinner and on of
the sides men xij*d*. Item to the Aparator for warning iiij*d*.
Item for a presentment at the assises iiij*d*. Item for a pre-
sentment at the Quarter Sescions iiij*d*. Item for a present-
ment at the Assises iiij*d*. Item for apearing at Oxford for

want of presenting the defaulte of Mr Stevens mounde ijs. xd.
Item for my dinner vjd. Item to goodman Wigginton for
mendinge the churchyard gate xvijd. Item for nayles iiijd.
Item for a hooke iiijd.

Item to Wracton for mending the seates in the church
porche and pairinge a grave and other worke aboute the
church ijs. Item at Michaelmas layde oute for smoke
farthings xvijd. ob. the 2 day of May laide owte at Wat-
lington for a presentment iiijd. to the Aparatour for warning
iiijd. for Hughe Thomas his dinner vjd. for makeing a
clapper vs.

The Sum is xxvjs. vd. ob.

Receaved for the rent of the sheepe vjs. viijd.

Receaved for the rent of the Church Aker ijs. iiijd.

This accompte was made the xxj day of May in the xxix
yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabethe 1587 All things
accompted for, the church remayneth in debte to Androw
Hawse and Hughe Thomas xjs. vd. ob.

The xxj day of May 1587 were chosen for churchwardens
Androw Hawse, Hughe Thomas

layde owt by Androw Hawse in the yeare of our lord 1587
for a bell rope xxjd. for a quarter of lime ijs. for fetching
stones and lime ijs. to goodman Barnie for his worke in
repayring the church viijs. for lath nayles iiijd. for exhi-
biting a presentment at the Sessions iiijd. to the aparator
iiijd. for a presentment at the visitation iiijd. for my dinner
at the visitation vjd. for glass vjd. for tow bawderickes viijd.
layde out by Androw Hause at the last visitacion being the
xxix of Aprill for war[n]ing iiijd. for receving the present-
ment ijd. for my dinner vjd.

A Rate made by the parishioners of Pyrton the xxix of
October 1587

Receaved of M^r Semons ijs. iiijd.

Goodman Yates xvjd.

of goodman Smith xxd.

of M^{rs} Bernard xd.

of goodwife Semon ix d.

of goodman Deven viij d.

of M^r Lee xiiij d.

of goodman Carpenter vjd.

of goodman Rose iiij d.

of goodman Lane iiij d.

of goodman Androes iij d.

sum is xjs. ijd.

This accounte was made the v day of May in the xxx yeare of the rainge of Queene Elyzabeth 1588 all things accounted for, the churche remayneth in debte to Androw Hause iijs. ix*d.* ob.

The v of May 1588 were chosen for churchwardens Androw Hause, John Carpenter

xiiij of July the yeare above written the churchwardens gott to the churche of Pyrton iij*li.* xjs. ob. whereof iijs. ix*d.* ob. was payd to Androw Hause.

Layd out the xxij of September 1588 by Androw Hause iijs. j*d.* for smoke farthings [—] for a presentment at the Archdeacons visitation ijd. to the Aparatour for warning iij*d.* for my dinner vjd.

Layd out the xix of Januarie 1589 by Androw Hause churchwarden

Item for caryng out the moulde from M^r Lees grave iij*d.* for makeing a diche iiij*d.* for whitleather and mendinge the great bell rope vjd. for a buckel and nayles to the great bell ijd. for a bushel of lime iiij*d.* for a baudricke for the fore bell xjd. for a presentment iiij*d.* to the plumber for soulder and his work about the church xvs. xd. for mending the church dore and for laying M^r Lees grave ijs. vjd. for a bussell of lime and the fetching iiij*d.* for mending the church dore lock iiij*d.* for giving in a presentment to doctor Drurie iiij*d.* for servise booke for the vicker iijs. for a surplisse xiijs. iij*d.* [1*li.* 11s. 5*d.*]

the xx of Aprill received of M^{rs} Lee for her husbands buryng in the church vjs. viij*d.* by me Androw Hause churchwarden 1589

1589

Received then for the rent of the church acre ijs. iiij*d.*

received for the rent of xx shepe vjs. viij*d.*

This accompte was made the xj of May 1589 all things being accompted for there remaynes in the church box xxxixs. iij*d.*

the xj of May 1589 were chosen churchwardens Androw Hause, John Carpenter

laide oute by me Androw Hause at the bishops visitacion for 3 of our dinners xiijd. for a presentment at the same visitacion viij*d.* to Cooke for seeking out a woman which was suspected for convaying the church goods away ijs. vjd. for my owne charges and goodman Devens vjd. payde for halfe a hundred of lathes vd. payde for smoake farthings the last of October 1589 xix*d.* for not appearing at the visitacion

and for exhibiting a presentment ijs. for 2 bawdrecks viij*d.*
for my dinner at Oxford v*d.* for nailes ij*d.* layde out by me
John Carpenter for articles vij*d.* to the Aparatoure iiij*d.*
for my charges ij*d.*

Sum is xijs. 3*d.*

This accompte was made the xxiiijth of May in the xxxij
yeare of Queene Elyzabeth 1590 all things being accounted
for, there remayneth in the church box xxxixs. vij*d.*

the xxiiijth of May 1590 were chosen churchwardens John
Carpenter Henry Yates

Received for the sheepe vjs. viij*d.* received for the Acker
iij*s.* 4*d.*

Layde out by me Henry Yates Inprimis for a wheele for
the fore bell vjs. viij*d.* for exhibiting of a presentment at the
bishops visitacion ijs. to the Aparatoure for his fee viij*d.* for
smoke farthings at Michaelmas xvij*d.* for cariage of it to
the Aparatour iiij*d.* for naeles and woorkemanship about the
bells xv*d.* layde out by Henry Yates for casting the bell
brasses vs. v*d.* for tow plates for the belles ijs. v*d.* at the
Bishopes visitacion for our charges and the sidesmen 22*d.*
John Carpenter for Articles and exhibiting a presentment and
to the Aparator 18*d.* for delivering the presentment 8*d.* for
our charges at Watlington to the Aparator and delivering the
presentment 20*d.*

for casting the bell brasses vs.

for a dayes worke about the belles xij*d.*

for makeing a presentment xij*d.*

This account was made the ix of May 1591 all things
accounted for, ther remayneth in the church box vs. x*d.*

received for the sheepe vjs. viij*d.*

the 9 of May were chosen churchwardens Henry Yates,
Thomas Childe.

1591 Hanrie Yates

Glasing worke dunne this yere at our chirche xxj of March

Item new leded xxviij fotte at iij the fotte vijs.

Item repared and mended xvij fotte at j*d.* the fotte xviij*d.*

Item stopped in iiij score and xv quarels at j*d.* the score
vijs. xj*d.*

at the visitation at Easter last xix*d.*

The sum is xvjs. iiij*d.*

In the yeare of our lorde god 1591

churchwardens Henry Yates, Thomas Child

Item at the last Asdecin visitacion for your chargis xij*d.*

Item for smocke farthinge layd out xvij*d*. Item the parritour for his fe iiij*d*. Item the presentment iiij*d*. Item layd out for mouing of the church acar viij*d*. Item layd out to the parritour viij*d*.

Item for chargis for threshing of the church berlie viij*d*. Item for mending the second bell clapper ijs. v*d*. Item for smokefarthings xvij*d*. Item for a bell rope for the middell bell xxj*d*. Item for a balrick v*d*.

This accompte was made the vijth of May 1592 all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box xviijs. v*d*.

1592 the 14 of May were chosen for churchwardens Jherome Lane, Thomas Childe.

Inprimis to Wigginton for a wheele for the midle bel viijs. iij*d*. layd out at Michaelmas at the visitation for our charges, a booke, delivering the presentment and smokefarthings iijs. j*d*. At the visitation at Easter ijs. for a baudericke viij*d*.

An account made the 27 of May 1593. the churche is in debt v*d*. all things being accounted for. receyved then for the rent of the sheep vjs. viij*d*. so the debt being payd there remayneth in the church box vjs. ij*d*. The church is in debt to Richard Vere whiche layd out for the saunce bell xixs. iiij*d*.

the 27 of May were chosen churchwardens Jherome Lane Joel Bernarde

Inprimis layd out for paving a grave xiiij*d*. for weeding mowing and cocking the church aker xvj*d*. for threshing the barlie x*d*. for fourteene bushel of barley sould after xijs. the quarter xxjs. for a bell rope xxij*d*. for nayles to mend the bell wheelles ij*d*. for a presentment iiij*d*. for another presentment iiij*d*. for a prayer booke v*d*. for washing the surples ij*d*. for smokefarthings for tow yeares iijs. j*d*. for a presentment iiij*d*. for expenses ij*d*. for expenses at the Quarter Sessions xx*d*. for expenses at the visitation x*d*. for casting the sanct bell xixs. iiij*d*. for exhibiting and caryng a presentment iiij*d*.

An accounte made the xij day of May 1594 the xxxvjth yeare of Queene Elyzabeth Received then for the rent of the sheepe vjs. 8*d*. all things accounted for there remayneth xvij*d*. in the box.

and now churchwardens Joel Bernard John Poffley

Received for the barley of the church aker xxiijs.

Layd out for wetherboords for the belfree whiche came to 96 feete iijs. x*d*. Item for mending of the church windowes and findeing the glasier meate and drinke vs. Item payd for

smokefarthings xvii*d.* ob. Item to John Hambledon for three dayes worke iij*s.* Item to Wigginton and his man for on dayes worke i*s.* Item to Wigginton for halfe a dayes worke v*d.* Item for delivering tow presentments v*d.* Item for mending and makeing of baudericks for the bells x*d.* Item for suting of 2 bel ropes i*d.* Item for warning to the visitation iiij*d.* Item for nayles to wetherboord the steeple i*s.* Item to the smith for worke about the bells xvii*d.* Item for warning to the visitation iiij*d.* Item for expenses at the visitation v*d.* Item to the glasier xvii*d.* for warning to the visitation iiij*d.* for expenses at the visitation vii*d.* Item for delivering a presentment iiij*d.*

This accounte was made the first day of June anno domini 1595 and in the xxxviijth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraygne lady Queene Elyzabeth all things being payd and accounted for, there remayneth in the church box a halfe peny

Item received then for the rents of a score of sheep v*s.* vii*d.* so that there is now in the church box v*s.* vii*d.* ob.

and now are chosen churchwardens John Poffley, William Woodhouse

Layd out at the visitation at the feast of St Michael the Arckangel for smokefarthings xix*d.* to the Aparatour vii*d.* expenses at Henley for churchwardens and sidesmen xxii*d.* for a presentment iiij*d.* for a presentment at the Assices iiij*d.* for a presentment iiij*d.* for nailles about the bel wheele j*d.* for a bel rope xx*d.* for a bawdericke v*d.* for a bawdericke xij*d.* for yearing the church land xij*d.* for sope j*d.* at the visitacion at Easter to the Aparatour iiij*d.* for our dinners xvj*d.* for a presentment iiij*d.* for sowing the church land xij*d.*

This account was made the ixth of May in the xxxviiijth yeare of the raigne of Queene Elyzabeth 1596 all things being payd and accounted for there remayneth in the church box iiij*d.* ob.

Item received then for the rent of a score of sheepe v*s.* vii*d.* so that there is now in the church box v*s.* xj*d.* ob.

and now are chosen for churchwardens William Woodhouse, William Thomas.

Layd out for smoakfarthings xvii*d.* ob. to the Aparatour iiij*d.* for a rope for the saunce bell vii*d.* for felling the church aker vii*d.* for weeding the church aker v*d.* for cocking the church aker iiij*d.* for a booke iij*d.* to the Aparatour for carying and delivering a presentment v*d.* for binding the byble vijs. i*d.* for plates and staples for the bells

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ijs. ixd. for suting the great bell rope and a new rope for the fore bell *ijs.* for charges at the visitation at Easter *xxijd.* to the Aparatour for warning to the visitation *iiijd.* for exhibiting the presentment *iiijd.* received for *vij* bushels of barley after *iijs.* the bushel of the church aker *xxvijs.*

This accounte was made the *viiijth* day of may in the *xxxixth* yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne lady Queene Elyzabeth 1597 all things being payd and accounted for there remayneth in the church box *xvs. iiijd.* Item received then for the rent of a score of sheepe *vjs. viijd.* so that there is now in the box *xxijs.*

and now are chosen for churchwardens William Woodhouse, William Thomas.

payd for a booke *iijd.* payd for a key for the belfrydore *vjd.* payd for yaringe of a land *xvjd.* payd at the visitation for smokefarthings *xviijd. ob.* payd for warning to the visitation *iiijd.* payd at the visitation my dinner *vjd.* payd for exhibiting the presentment *vjd.* payd for three bushells of lime *xviijd.* payd for nayles *jd.* payd for the masons woork *iijs. viijd.* payd for halfe a hundred of boards to goodman Shervill *iijs. vjd.* payd to tow carpenters for a dayes work *ijs.* payd for a hundred of nayles *viijd.* payd for spreding dung *ijd.* payd for warning to the visitation *iiijd.* payd for our expenses at the visitation after Ester at Henley *xixd.* payd for exhibiting our presentment *iiijd.* payd for shoveling a load of sand *ijd.* payd for a bushel and a halfe of seede barley *vs.*

This account was made the *iiijth* day of June in the *xxxxth* yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne lady Queene Elyzabeth All things being payd and accounted for there remaineth in the church box with the *vjs. viijd.* which was payd for the rent of a score of sheepe *iijs. ixd.*

and now are chosen churchwardens William Woodhouse Androw Hause.

Received of John Poffley the *vjth* daye of August *ijs. vjd.* which Robert Deven did bequeth to the church of Pyrton

payd for *iiij* busshell and halfe of ootes at *xijd.* the bushell *iijs. viijd.* payd for gudgion for the middle bell *xjd.* for nayles and a dayes woork to East *xiiijd.* for plowing the church aker and harrowing *ijs. ijd.* to the Aparatour *iiijd.* expenses for our selves at Henley the last visitation *vijd.* for exhibiting the presentment *iiijd.* for a hinge for the belfrey doare *ijd.* [Sum] *x.s. vd.*

Item for a register booke of parchement ijs. xd. payd for smoke farthings xixd. at the Archbishops visitation for our selves and the sidesmens dinners xxd. payd to the Aparatour xijd. for exhibiting a presentment viijd. for weeding the church aker viijd. for mowing the church aker viijd. for cocking the church aker viijd. for carying the barly vd. to the maymed souldiours vs. vd. for a bawderick for the great bell xvijjd. for conduct money to the maymed souldiours ijs. xd.

Received for xij bushels of barly xxvijs.

[*In margin*] This account was made the xx may 1599 RR Eliz. 41^o

due to the church ijs. xjd. Received for the sheepe vjs. viijd. so now is remayning in the church box ix. s. vijd.

and now are chosen churchwardens Androw Hause, Drue Androe

the xxx of September layd out for the maintenance of maymed souldiours iijs. to the spittle house viijd. for tilling and harrowing the church aker ijs. vjd. for three bushels and a peck of otes to sow the church aker iijs. iiijd. Item payd for smoakfarthings xixd. Item our chargis at the visitation xvjd. Item to the Aparatour iiijd. Item for exhibiting a presentment iiijd. Item for carying a quarter of barley to Henley xijd. Item to the maymed souldiers iijs. vijd. Item for mowing the church aker ixjd. Item for cocking and carying the church aker xijd. Item for 2 bellropes iijs. vjd.

Received for tow quarters of otes and a bushell xvijjs.

Item for nayles to mend the bell wheele jd. Item at the visitation the xiiijth of Aprill 1600 for our dinners xijd. Item to the Aparatour and exhibiting a presentment viijd.

This account was made the fourth day of May in the xxxxiij yeare of the raigne of Queene Elyzabeth all things being payd the church remayneth a penny in debt. Received then for the rent of the church flock vjs. 8d. so the penny being payd there remayneth in the church box vjs. vijd. and now are chosen for churchwardens Androw Hause, Drue Androse

[*in margin* May the ix]

layd out to the glasier for new ledning twentie three foote of glass at iiijd. the foote vs. ixjd. to the glasier at the same time for lxxv quarrells vjs. iiijd. received of the glasier for the old lead of the glass vjd.

Anno Domini 1601 May 17 Regni Elizabethæ 43.

The churchwardens Drew Andrewes Andrew Hawes

Layings out by us ut sequitur

Imprimis unto the plumber of Aylsburie for mendinge the leades of the churche xxxs. Item for glazinge of the church windowes xijs. Item unto Henry Yats for Billatt for the church xd. Item payd more unto Andrewe Hawes which he layd out of the church box ijs. ijd. Item unto goodwife Widowes for helpinge about the Ale ijs. Item then unto Bastian Belsonn for helpinge xijd. Item at Watlington at the visitacion the 13 of October for the smoakfarthings xvijd. ob. Item unto the Apparitor for warninge us iiijd. Item then our expences xvjd. Item unto William Hambledoun for mendinge the bells iijs. Item for nayles ijd. Item unto Richard Gregorie of Watlington for a bell wheele and mendinge the clapper of the forebell xvs. Item unto John Dodd of Stoke Talmage for boards for the church doore ixs. iiijd. Item unto Gregorie of Watlington for iron woorke for the church doore and the bells xxvjs. viijd. Item unto William Hambledon of Watlington for him and his boy six dayes aboute the church doore xjs. Item unto him for 33 pownd of leade to fasten in the hookes ijs. ix d. Item unto a mason aboute the doore xiiij d. Item unto Bower of Watlington for one hundred and a half of viij d. nayles xijd. Item at the visitacion at Hendly uppon the twentieth of Aprill our dinners their and then xvjd. Item then for delivering of a presentment unto Higgs the Apparitor viij d. Item for warninge us unto the visitacion then being the xxth of Aprill iiij d.

Summa totalis vli. xiijs. viij d. ob.

This account was made the xvijth day of May in the xxxxiij yeare of the raigne of Queene Elyzabeth all things accounted for there remayneth xxvjs. ob. in the church box and Androw Hause hath iiij li. xiijs. iiij d. which is the church flock and now are chosen for churchwardens

Androw Hause Thomas Quatuormaine

Imprimis layd out at the visitation at Michlemas for smoke-farthings xvij d. ob. for exhibiting the presentment xijd. for three bauderickes and tow buckels xx d.

to the Aparatour for warning viij d. At the visitation at Easter to the Aparatour for warning us and caryng a presentment and delivering it viij d. for our expenses at Henley xvd. paid to the joyner of Chalgrove for a seate and a pulpett xls. paid to the mason for settinge up the pulpett xijd. Item paid to the smyth for hookes ijd. paid for hayre and lyme vjd. received of Henry Yeats for the rent of the church acre vjs.

This accompt was made the ixth daye of May in the fowre and fortith yeare of the raygne of our Sovereaigne Ladye the Queenes Majestie all things accounted there remayneth iijs. vjd. in the church boxe and Androwe Hawes hath iiij^{li}. vjs. which is the church Stocke and nowe are chosen for churchwardens

Thomas Quatermayne William Rose

Imprimis to a souldier iij^d. Item payd for smokefarthings at Michaelmas xix^d. Item payd to the aparatour for warning us to the visitation iiij^d. Item payd for delivering the presentment iiij^d. Item payd for my dinner vjd. Item payd at the visitation at Easter for my dinner vjd.

Item delivered to the aparatour for warning to the visitation iiij^d. Item for delivering of the presentment iiij^d. Item for my dinner at the visitation at Henley vjd. Item for tow bell ropes ijs. xd.

This account was made the xxj day of May in the first yeare of the raigne of King James the first all things accounted for there remayneth in the box iijs. vjd. and now are chosen for churchwardens William Rose, Thomas Childe

Received for the rent of the church aker vjs. Item layd out at the visitation at the feast of St. Michaell for smoake farthings xix^d. for our dinners xvij^d. for exhibiting a presentment vjd. to the Aparator iiij^d.

payd to William Rose xvij^d. at Easter at the visitation payd for our dinners xij^d. for exhibiting a presentment vjd. to the aparator iiij^d. for a prayer booke viij^d.

Received for the church flock vjs. viij^d. received for the rent of the church aker vs. Androw Hause is to answer yearly unto the parish the church flock which is three pounds for the which he is to pay for the rent of the same flock vjs. viij^d.

This account was made the xiiijth of May in the second yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne lord King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box viijs. iij^d. and now are chosen churchwardens Thomas Childe, Richard Simons

received of Drue Androwes xxs.

The seventh day of Aprill in the third yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne lord King James 1605 were chosen churchwardens (no names)

Item laide out for tow bawderickes ijs. viij^d. for the booke of the Canons xvij^d. for a booke of Articles vjd. for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners xvij^d. for exhibiting the presentment xij^d. to the aparatour viij^d. for sope ijd.

for a service book viijs. for exhibiting a presentment iiij*d*. for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners ijs. iiij*d*. to the aparatour iiij*d*. for one of the sidesmens dinners v*d*.

Frauncis Semons, Thomas Child churchwardens.

This account was made the vth day of May in the third yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne lord King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box vijs. ix*d*.

Received for the rent of the church flock vjs. viij*d*.

received for the rent of the church aker vs.

Item there remayneth in the church box xviijs. ix*d*.

Inprimis layd out unto the plumber and glasier for mending the lede and glaswindowes xixs. Item layd out for timber xxvijs. Item for sawing the timber viijs. ij*d*. Item layd out for casting two bells xliijs. iiij*d*. Item for expenses at Reading xvij*d*. Item to the carpenter for all his worke iiij*li*. x*d*. Item unto the smith for ironworke about the bells xxxvijs. ix*d*. Item for spoakes for the bell wheelles xiiij*d*. Item for sending for the bellfounder viij*d*. Item for an arme for the bell wheelles xv*d*. Item unto William Stasie for his cartline xxij*d*. Item layd out at the visitation at Michelmas for our dinners xv*d*. Item to the apparatour for warning us vij*d*. Item for delivering the presentment iiij*d*. Item layd out for not repairing the bells in time ijs. viij*d*. Item for bellropes and bawdrickes viijs. Item for timber vs.

Summa totalis xij*li*. ijs. v*d*.

note of the receipts

Inprimis received of Sir Francis Stonor xxs.

Item received of M^r Warcopp xxxs.

———— M^r Douch xxs.

———— M^r Simoons xxvs.

———— Pirton towne xiiijs.

Item of Henric Yeates of the church stocke xls.

Item received of Drew Androse xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item received for the summer pole xxd.

Drue Androse oweth unto the church xls.

summa totalis ix*li*. ijs. ix*d*.

This account was made the xxvijth day of Aprill in the fourth yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for the church remayneth in debt iiij*li*.

1606

Item received for the rent of the church aker vs.

Francis Semons John Carpenter churchwardens

1606 at the visitation after Easter layd out to the aparatour viij*d.* the presentment v*d.* for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners ijs. x*d.* for mending the surplis iij*d.* at the visitation at Michaelmas for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners iijs. to the aparatour viij*d.* for exhibiting the presentment v*d.* for nayles ijs. iij*d.* for carying the bell to Reading ijs. ix*d.* for washing the surplis ij*d.* for shuting the bell ropes ij*d.*

Received of Sir Francis Stonor xxs.

1607

This account was made this xijth day of Aprill in the vth yeare of the raigne of king James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box xjs. iij*d.*

John Carpenter Richard Deven churchwardens

our receaytes commeth to v*li.* xviijs.

Item layd out to the paynter iij*li.* Item payd to the plumer xxixs.

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Item toward the building of churches in Arthuret and to the aparatour xiiij*d.* Item for lime and workmanship in mending the brack xiiij*d.* Item layd out at the visitation at Eneline vs. ij*d.* Item for mending the clapper and other woorke iijs.

Somme is vj*li.* ixs. j*d.*

1608

This account was made the xxviith of March in the vjth yeare of the reigne of King James all things accounted for the church is in debt x*d.*

Received then of Thomas Yates for tow years rent for the church aker xs.

Richard Deven Thomas Yates churchwardens

John Wiggins William Mundy sidesmen

Received of M^r Rodolph Warcopp for a legacie which his uncle bequethed to the church of Pyrton xls.

Rec' for the rent of the church aker vs.

gayned by the church ale iij*li.* xs.

Imprimis layd out for lime and ridgtiles viij*d.*

for washing the surplis and mending a bawdrick x*d.*

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for all charges at the visitation iijs. xjd. Item for 2 bell ropes and 2 bawdricks vs. viij*d*. for glasing ijs. payd for all chargis at the visitation ijs. vd. for timber and squaring ix*s*. vij*d*.

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Summa totalis iiij*li*. vs. vij*d*.

1610

This accounte was made the ix day of Aprill in the viijth yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box xlix*s*. vd.

Richard Deven Thomas Yates churchwardens

Robart Androes Nartha Munday Sidesmen

Inprimis layd out at the visitation at Henley after Easter vs. vd.

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Received for the rent of the church aker vs.

1611.

This account was made the last day of March in the ixth yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box xxxiiij*s*. iij*d*.

Thomas Yates William Bradshaw churchwardens

Nathaneel Mundie Edward King sidesmen

Inprimis layd out at the visitation vs. ix*d*. for a baudrick ijs. iij*d*. expenses about the aker called the church aker in the great mead xd. at the visitation at Henley iijs. iij*d*. to the glasier ijs. for oile for the bells jd. for mending the church mound vjd. for pavement and lime vjs. jd. to the mason for three dayes woork ijs. to Richard Deaven for carying sand vjd.

for halfe a hundred of brick viij*d*.

Summa xxvijs. jd.

1612

This account was made the xiiijth of Aprill in the tenth yeare of the reigne of King James all things accounted for ther remaineth in the church box xvij^s. xj^d.

Received then for the rent of the church aker vs. this five shilling is parcell of the sum above written

William Bradshaw, Henry Yates churchwardens

Edmund King, William Barine sidesmen

Inprimis layd out by mee Henry Yates for myselfe at the quarter Sessions xvij^d. Item for a bawderick xvij^d. Item at the visitation at Henley vs. vd. Item at the purchased Sessions at Oxon xxij^d. Item at the Quarter Sessions ijs. Item for mending of a bawderick iiij^d. Item at Watlington at the visitation vs. iiij^d. Item for the presentment xiiij^d. Item spent ij^d.

1613

This account was made the xvijth day of Aprill in the eleventh yeare of King James all things accounted for the church remayneth in debt iiij^d.

Received then for the rent of the church aker vs.

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Open Fields and Inclosure at Marston, Oxfordshire

THE picturesque village of Marston stands on the top and the southern slope of a low gravel hill, and is the last village which the River Cherwell passes on its left before it joins the Thames at Oxford. It is a compact village of the type usual in Oxfordshire: all the farm-houses, except one, stand close together on the two sides of the village street or in the short branches at the top and bottom of it. Besides the one isolated farm-house there is only one other out-lying building older than living memory, the inn at the ferry over the river. The church, of which the oldest parts seem to belong to the late twelfth century and of which the first written mention is in the time of King Henry I, stands not in the main street but a stones-throw from the corner, still called 'The Cross' from the village cross which used to stand there, where the high road takes a right-angle turn near the top of the village on its way towards Elsfield and Beckley. Like the plan of the village, this position of the church is not uncommon in these parts.

The parish contains, according to the Ordnance Survey, rather more than twelve hundred and twenty acres, the higher ground being gravel and the rest the Oxford clay, a circle of which, scarcely higher than the river and much of it liable to flood, surrounds the village on all sides, so that some geologists think the site must once have formed an island between an old course of 'lusty Cherwell' and the present stream. According to philologists the name of Marston is derived, exactly as the layman would guess, from the Anglo-Saxon equivalents of Marsh-town,¹ and the various fields of the eastern strip of low ground have long had such

¹ Alexander, *Oxfordshire Place Names*, pp. 150-1. The earliest forms of the name ('Mersce' and 'Mersttune' in the charters of Edward the Confessor and William the Conqueror mentioned below on p. 3, n. 5) are not given by this author.

names as the Marsh and Marsh Ditch. On that side, the boundary of the parish is a brook which runs along the road to Wood Eaton, known to the maps as the Bayswater Brook and to the inhabitants as the Wash Brook. This joins the river at the north end of the parish, which is then bounded by the river itself as it runs down to the King's Mill, just outside Oxford. From here the line follows a short lane to the road between Oxford and Marston and, except that there is one patch of land on the other side of the road, it follows the road to a point about three quarters of a mile from the Wash Brook. That remaining bit of the boundary is an arbitrary line traced first along the hillside which rises towards Headington and then down again to the brook in the low ground. There is no reason to think that this boundary has varied much since first it was traced.

So far as the history of its fields is concerned, Marston is not a typical English village. The typical village would be hard to find, but there are at least three things which disqualify Marston from being taken as such. First, it has a city for neighbour, and this has meant for centuries what it means now, that it has a number of watchful investors near it who will buy and sell land without being much concerned in agriculture. In recent times also, and perhaps a good way back, the town's demand for dairy and garden produce has made the development of Marston different from that of remoter places. A second point in which Marston is unlike the pattern village of the text-books is that it is not a separate manor but a hamlet of the great manor of Headington. In its economy, indeed, it seems to have been exactly like an independent manor in the whole period covered by existing records, and quite possibly it was once a manor to itself and was joined to Headington by William the Conqueror or someone else; but in the records it appears as one of several members of the composite manor of Headington, and it would be unsafe to assume that this was merely a matter of record and corresponded to nothing in the management of the estate. On the other hand, it would be equally dangerous to suppose that every statement that was true of the

manor of Headington was also true for the hamlet of Marston, and that is a pity, for if we could be sure that Marston was included in the remarkable agreement made in the late thirteenth century between Hugh of Plessis and his men of Headington,¹ some of Marston's mediaeval history would become plainer. As it is, there must remain a little doubt whether its legal subordination to Headington had not substantial consequences. A third point in which it was an exceptional community is that, like the rest of the manor, it was in the forest. Except where it marches with Headington the parish boundary is also the boundary of the forest,² and the tenants exercised rights of common in the rest of the forest until it was disafforested by Charles II. Then they were compensated for their loss by the grant of common rights in Grunsell Copse,³ and the village poor still get at Christmas their 'forest coal' which is the last local echo of the word. It would be hard to say how the agricultural history of the parish was affected by the forest law, but it must not be said that it was not affected at all.

It is a history which begins scantily. From palaeolithic times⁴ to the Anglo-Saxons it is a blank. The evidence of the name, position and lay-out of the village are enough in themselves to make it fairly clear that there was a settlement before the Norman Conquest, and there is actually an Anglo-Saxon document which seems to relate to Marston, a grant by Edward the Confessor of a half-hide of land there to the abbey of Westminster.⁵ But this piece of information about the ownership of part of the land of Marston, like many of the hundreds of similar facts that are known from later cen-

¹ See *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1354-8, pp. 301-2.

² See the perambulation in *Cartulary of the Abbey of Eynsham*, ed. Salter (Oxford Hist. Soc.), ii, 96.

³ *Calendar of Treasury Books*, vii, iii, 1551.

⁴ For two palaeolithic finds in the parish see Manning and Leeds 'An Archaeological Survey of Oxfordshire' in *Archaeologia*, lxxi, 249.

⁵ Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, p. 368. Dugdale, *Monasticon*, new ed., i, 301, No. xxxiv. Davis, *Regesta* No. 18.

turies, tells nothing about how the fields were divided and cultivated, the subject with which this essay specially deals. It is the same with the earliest documents relating to the church, which begin with the grant of the church, which of course means the rectory and more particularly its tithes, by Henry I to the monastery of St Frideswide in Oxford in 1122.¹ Three church documents from the time of Hugh of Plessis contribute a little. The first mentions as the boundary of some land, part of the road from Oxford to Marston, apparently where it is now.² The second is a confirmation by Hugh of a grant, amongst other things, of all the tithe from his demense and the lands of his 'agricolae' in Marston; so that by this time Marston is divided, like the regular mediaeval estate into the lord's demesne and the land of the villagers. The third document is Hugh's grant of the half hide with which St Nicholas's church was endowed in the time of Henry I.³ This consists of four half virgates, two virgates being the normal amount of the glebe of a parish. At the present time there is no glebe: it must have been alienated, perhaps at the Reformation, when the canons of St Frideswide's ceased to be rectors. The only other fact useful for the present purpose that can be gathered from the early ecclesiastical notices of the parish is the mention of mills in the apportionment of tithe between the canons and their vicar when the chapel became a church and the vicarage was regulated under Hugh of Welles, bishop of Lincoln (1209-35).⁴ So, one by one, the features of the thirteenth-century village emerge—the high road, the demesne, the glebe, the mills or mill. They may all have been there for centuries, but we do not know, and in this the records of Marston are disappointing, because in Domesday Book the figures are lumped together with those of Headington and cannot be disentangled.

For a survey of the community we have to wait until

¹*Cartulary of the Monastery of St Frideswide*, ed. Wigram (Oxford Hist. Soc.), i, 10. ²*Ibid.*, ii, 25. ³*Ibid.*, ii, 37.

⁴*Ibid.*, ii, 39, and *Rotuli Hugonis de Welles* (Canterbury and York Soc.), i, 181.

1279, when the township is described in the Hundred Rolls.¹ The return bears every sign of describing a community which has undergone many changes. There is considerable variety in the terms on which the cultivators hold their land. There are seven villeins with one virgate each, but although they all do sixteen 'operaciones' they make money-payments on three different scales. Twenty-six have half a virgate each and do as much work as if they had a whole virgate. In the 'Buriende' there are eight men, six with cottages and two without, who have one virgate, and all eight do the work for one virgate, but pay more than is paid for the most expensive of the other virgates. After these comes a man with one 'forera,' one strip of land, and he pays the same as five cottagers who follow him, making altogether forty-seven cultivators who are not free. The free holders ('liberi tenentes') are enumerated last, a miscellaneous and interesting little group. Ralph le Wal and Walter de Pilers, 'piscatores Oxonie,' have the manorial fishing and a ferry over Cherwell. A few years later they or their successors were in trouble for interpreting their fishing-rights too freely, but they handled considerable sums of money and were no common poachers.² Thomas, son of Thurstan, simply holds one virgate freely, paying four shillings a year and scutage for one virgate. William, vicar of Marston, has one piece of the demesne called Budelcroft for life. John of the Mill ('Johannes de Molendino') is a more interesting figure. He has one bit of land ('unam placiam') on which he has built, and one 'forera' of grass and a mill called Scitepilche. Where this mill was it seems impossible to tell, though its ownership can be traced nearly continuously to the present day. In 1406, when it had not long passed out of the hands of Thomas atte Mull, son and heir of William atte Mull of Marston, there was no mill standing in the croft or enclosure upon which

¹Ed. by Miss R. Graham in *Oxford Hist. Soc., Collectanea*, iv (1905), 68 ff.

²*Oxford City Documents*, ed. Rogers (Oxford Hist. Soc.), pp. 209-10; from *Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I*, ii, 176, it looks as if they sold some or all their rights.

was once a mill called Pulchermulne,¹ but late in the fifteenth century Shippulche Mill seems again to exist² and Brasenose College, the ultimate successor of Thomas and William atte Mull, had a mill in 1540.³ A mill-stream may dwindle and become unrecognizable in a very short time and the mill may have stood somewhere on brooks which are now very small and weak.⁴

It is clear from one entry in the Hundred Rolls that Marston at this time had the three-field system and that the demesne-land lay together all in one piece: 'Est quaedam terra in campo de Merstona vltra dominicum que... eo anno quo seminatur reddit ix d. obolum quadrantem... et semper in tercio anno nichil reddit quia iacet warectum.'⁵ This is a starting-point for the history of the actual fields. By itself it does not tell much. This bit of ground cannot be identified and so the outline of the scheme of cultivation cannot yet be fitted to the map; that becomes possible only when the mediaeval evidence is interpreted in the light of that of the seventeenth century. Fairly soon after the Hundred Rolls there begin the deeds relating to particular pieces of property, and these give, first of all, an idea of some of the changes of ownership which took place in the middle ages. The Brasenose property, acquired in 1525 shortly after the foundation of the college, was a composite holding, containing besides the Water Mylne already discussed, three cottages with their bits of land (ten, twenty and twenty-five reputed acres), one half yardland and half quarter, another half yardland and a close, one messe place and one yardland with it and finally one principal messuage with one yardland

¹B.N.C. 7. References will be given in this form to deeds in the muniment room at Brasenose College, the numbers being those of the Marston section in Hurst's manuscript Calendar of the muniments. ²B.N.C. 29, 37. ³B.N.C. 60.

⁴From a document of 1398 in *Public Works in Mediaeval Law* (Selden Soc.), ii, 123, it is clear that beside the mill was a bridge on a public cart-road. The editor's guess on p. xxii at the etymology of 'Shutpulche' is disproved by the form of the name in the Hundred Rolls. ⁵No. 59, p. 70.

of freehold.¹ Thus it seems to represent the holdings of some half-dozen of the holders of Edward I's days. The process by which these were added to one another can be traced from the middle of the fourteenth century, and the principal share in it seems to be that of a family called Hyze, Hye or Hay. John Hyze was forester of Stow Wood ('Stowode') in 1406 when he acquired the Mill, and the power of the family in Marston nearly coincides with the fifteenth century.² They appear to have lived at the principal messuage which has the yardland of freehold. Its name is Court Place—a name which first occurs in 1477 and is still used—and parts of the old house still stand, with fine moulded beams of that period. Traces of a moat, the only one in the village, may still be seen in the orchard, and, as will appear later, there is reason to think that amongst the fields which slope down from it to the foot of Headington Hill lay the original demesne.

Besides information about the ownership of the land, the deeds contain here and there field-names, some of which are still used and many of which can easily be placed on the map. The earliest are in an isolated deed at Oriel College,³ which records the gift to the college in 1349 of an acre of lot-meadow divided into four roods in four places of which three long kept their names. In the sixteenth century the information of all kinds becomes fuller. Not only has Brasenose College got its estate, but Corpus Christi College, Oxford, also gets an endowment in the parish from its first president John Claymond.⁴ Magdalen becomes the owner

¹For the names of these see *Brasenose Quatercentenary Monographs*, No. vi, p. 22, and for further particulars B.N.C. 44, 55.

²In 1386 a Magdalen deed (Headington 16) refers to John Hay 'raungere de Shottore,' presumably the same man. Besides the Brasenose deeds, especially Nos. 7-37, there is a Marston deed of the Hyes, as the Rev. H. E. Salter kindly tells me, at Bridgewater (Oxford, No. 115, 12 March, 1493).

³S [636]: also discovered by Mr Salter.

⁴Wood, *History and Antiquities of the University of Oxford*, iii, 394-5. I have not seen any deeds relating to this property.

of forty-two acres of meadow, and all these colleges kept their records carefully. The Magdalen meadows went with the King's Mill, which lies outside the parish. From Henry III's time this had belonged to St John's Hospital of which Magdalen was the successor.¹ Magdalen in 1520 began to buy out the common rights of the other tenants of the manor, and besides money payments to individuals spread over a long period of time, covenanted to give annually to the churches of Marston and Headington one of the best sheep from the meadows, or, if the churchwardens so choose, 3s. 4d. and a bushel of malt or 10d.² The Marston payments in kind are recorded in the Churchwardens' Accounts; but the greatest interest of this transaction is that it is a small beginning of inclosure, the buying out of the right of common of pasture from one block of land which lay, conveniently, all together and on the outskirts of the parish. It is in the reign of Henry VIII that the local Churchwardens' Accounts begin.³ From them it appears that the churchwardens used to draw rent from several small closes, of which all but one have since been alienated, and from several pieces of the green roads which, besides being the only roads there were, served also as pasture. From early in Queen Elizabeth's reign they also let the town water or common waters, the fisheries which had probably been acquired by buying out the owners in the days of Edward I.⁴ Besides letting the green roads they had other functions in managing the common agricultural concerns. They kept in repair the village pound, the gate at the town's end, a bridge. They did a good deal of 'scouring' of ditches and setting up or repairing of hedges, especially at the Cowleas, a big field

¹ Magdalen Deeds, especially Headington 24, 33, 59.

² *Ibid.*, Headington 1^a, 12^a, 31^a, 32^a.

³ See my forthcoming edition of those for the sixteenth century (Oxfordshire Record Soc.).

⁴ See above p. 6, l. 2. Magdalen College owns the lower part of the fishing: the boundaries of 1477 and 1486 are given in Magdalen Deeds, Headington, 6, 31, those of 1551 in *Magdalen College Register*, ed. Macray, new series, ii, 27, but I cannot exactly identify them.

of forty-five acres which seems to have been a common cow-pasture. They also made trifling payments of 'earnest' to the herd, woodherd and hayward.

In 1605 comes a most valuable survey of the township. This is a survey in a far more literal sense than that of the Hundred Rolls, for it is given in two beautiful coloured maps bound in a book of estate maps at Corpus Christi College and both inscribed as 'drawne in November Anno Domini 1605.' They show the northern and the southern halves of the parish and are evidently both the work of Thomas Langdon who signs one and who worked also for Brasenose and All Souls Colleges about the same time. Wherever it is possible to check the measurements they are very accurately surveyed. They show the main outlines and the strips in the open fields held by Corpus with those abutting on them. They do not show all the strips, and there is one part of the parish, to the east and south-east of the village, which they do not show, although in some ways it is important. Some additions can be got from other sources, especially the terriers of one of the farms (Spurrier's) belonging to Brasenose College, of which the earliest dates from 1613 and represents substantially the same state of affairs.¹

The Corpus maps show that the college estate was, according to the summary in the corner of the northern map:

The ij ^o Tenements and a lamas close adioyninge doe conteyne	} ij ^{ac} i ^{ro} vij ^{pt}
The landes and leaes in marsh field being in number xxvij esteemed xiiij ^{ac} rod doe conteyne by statute measure	} ix ^{ac} ij ^{ro} xxv ^{pt}
In Colterne field xxviiij sellions by estimacion xiiij ^{ac} do conteyne	} x ^{ac} iiij ^{ro} iiij ^{pt}
In west mead and forward hamme five parcell by estimacion i ^{ac} i ^{ro} di conteyninge	} iiij ^{ro} xvij ^{pt}
In Sutton fiede xxxij ridges by estimacion xvj ^{ac} i ^{ro}	x ^{ac} iiij ^{ro} xxiiij ^{pt}
In Horseleaes x leaes by estimacion iiij ^{ac} di and i q ^{te} ro and they conteine	} ij ^{ac} ij ^{ro} xij ^{pt}

¹ B.N.C. 80.

In Brooke Field xxiiij landes and leaes by estima-
 cion xj^{ac} di conteyninge } ix^{ac} ij^{ro} xvj^{pt}
 Summa Totalis xlvj^{ac} ij^{ro} xxv^{pt}

Besides comon for xv beasts and lxxv sheepe. And besides his meadowe in the lott meade for every xx^{ac} one acr dim.

Besides the two colleges twenty or twenty-one names of owners or occupiers are given, and of these a good majority have surnames which are found in the Churchwardens' Accounts of the preceding years and in Brasenose leases, so that they may be presumed to have lived in the parish. The total amount of arable in the parish was, as nearly as I can reckon from the modern Ordnance map, somewhere about 600 acres, or about half of the whole area. How the rest was divided between pasture, lot meadow, meadow-land held in severalty, wood, the village itself with its closes, the roads, water and osier-beds, I cannot calculate. The furlongs into which the fields were divided are not all shown in the maps: the terriers add a few for each field.¹ Except two single and nine double strips of a reputed acre and two or three quite small strips, all the Corpus strips are reputed half acres, and in most of them a reputed acre is less than a statute acre in area.

Now let us take one by one the differences between Marston of 1279 and Marston of 1605 and see what explanations of them can be got from the documents and the ground, avoiding as far as may be conjecture and theories. The first obvious change is that there are no longer three arable fields, but four: Marsh Field, Colterne Field, Sutton Field, Brook Field. Can the original three be identified? There can be little doubt that they were Marsh, Colterne and Sutton Fields. These three are roughly equal in size and each of them is distinctly bigger than Brook Field. The holding of Corpus is fairly equally apportioned between these three but not equally between all four. The three all lie close to the village, filling three quadrants of a circle of which it is the centre, and they are mainly on the higher gravel while much of Brook Field lies low and all of it at some distance

¹ See the lists of field names, below p 22.

from the houses. We know that in many places additions were made to the arable land in the the course of the middle ages, and here it looks as if Brook Field had been added to it. There is little to show when, how or why this can have come about. Two of the furlongs of Brook Field are named, and a third mentioned without its name, in a Brasenose document of 1488,¹ so that it cannot well have been after then; but this document is one of a series of three extracts from the lost early court rolls of the manor relating to some exchanges of land between William Hye and others in 1488-1502,² and, since such exchanging of land is exactly what we should expect to find when a new field was made, it is possible that this may be not merely a time when Brook Field was in existence but the very time when it came into existence.

A fourth field has been added, but the demesne is nowhere to be seen. That fact seems definitely to fix its position. The fourth quadrant, not occupied by the three old fields, is the south-east quadrant which is mostly left blank in the map because Corpus has nothing there; but at its apex stands Court Place, and this is exactly what the map might have been expected to show if the demesne farm had been the land attached to that house. The position of the demesne is thus satisfactorily accounted for; but, in any case, some earlier lord of the manor must have sold the greater part of it, perhaps to the Hyes. After the middle ages the lords of the manor seem to play no part in Marston's history, except that their stewards hold their manorial courts and collect the usual dues from copyholders. No glebe is shown on the maps, presumably because the glebe had already been sold. No mill appears except Suscot Mill which is just outside the parish to the north; but there is one outlying building in the Marsh which does not exist at the present day. There is no sign of the position of the ferry. The other features of the map are sufficiently shown in the diagram here given; but it may be added that in many parts of the fields the

¹ B.N.C. 29.

² The other are B.N.C. 30 and 37.

ridges now to be seen correspond so closely with the strips of the Corpus map as to leave no doubt at all that they are the old strips themselves.

Whatever view we take about the general nature and causes of inclosures, there is now less disagreement about those of the seventeenth than about those of either the sixteenth or the eighteenth centuries because there has been less of ill-informed theorizing about them. Whatever view we take about the general movement it is probably safe to say that in 1605 the parish of Marston was ripe for inclosure. It had several of the features which Mr H. L. Gray¹ has shown to be favourable for it. It was small; it was by the riverside; in it the three-field system had already been abandoned. Unhappily I do not know at all precisely when or why, how or by whom the parish was inclosed. The earliest dated reference I have seen is in a Brasenose lease of 1689² which refers to the 'late' inclosure of the parish, but there are no dated Brasenose leases between 1650³ and that date, so that the leases fix the limits only forty years apart. The mere-stones which divide the consolidated holdings of Brasenose and Corpus in Colterne Field bear the date 1691; but on the other hand Antony Wood speaks of the parish as 'lately inclosed' in a passage which, according to his editor, would seem to belong to 1662-3;⁴ a marginal note gives the year 1657 which cannot well be meant for any of the other parishes named in the same passage. There is no inclosure award in the custody of the clerk of the peace nor in the printed lists of such awards; but the inclosure is often referred to as having been made 'by commissioners,' so that I do not despair of finding a record of it in the records of the court of chancery or the exchequer.

It is possible to see in outline what was done when the parish was inclosed. The next map which is useful for comparison is the plan made for the Tithe Commutation Award. The award is dated 8 June, 1843, and was confirmed on 30 June: it gives the names, owners, occupiers, area and con-

¹ *English Field Systems*, p. 120, l. 4 and *passim*.

² B.N.C. 93.

³ B.N.C. 92. ⁴ *City of Oxford*, i, 52 and Introduction, p. 32.

dition (arable, pasture, &c.) of all fields. Almost two centuries had, of course, elapsed since the inclosure, but, besides college muniments, there are new materials which partly bridge the gap, especially the Court Rolls, which run from 1720 to 1800 and then, after a gap, from 1866 to the present day.¹ The map of Oxfordshire made by Richard Davis of Lewknor in 1793-4 (published in 1797) is of little use for comparison: the natural features are so inaccurately drawn that it is impossible to feel confidence in the representation of the hedges.

The four open fields have, of course, disappeared, as have also the big stretches of meadow and pasture. They have been cut up into well over a hundred closes. For practical purposes the division was perhaps excessive in the first instance: there are four or five places in the parish where hedges standing in 1843 have now been grubbed up, and this process began certainly as early as the early eighteenth century.² Not only has the whole area thus been hedged and sub-divided, but everything that can be called 'common,' except the rather puzzling green roads Marsh Lane and Cope Lane and the rough patch of Peasemore Piece, has disappeared. The last field on the Wood Eaton road is named the Poor's Common of Marston, but it is not a true common, being a field left by a charitable benefactor for twelve selected poor.³ The fact that no common is left does not, of course, necessarily mean that anyone has been unjustly deprived of common rights. There is no means of knowing how far the operation was carried out equitably, but the general nature of the inclosure was to exchange the old

¹ They are now in the custody of Mr W. E. B. Walton, of St Michael's Street, Oxford, the steward of the manor, to whom and to the lord of the manor I am much indebted for permission to use them. The earlier volumes are numbered ii (1720-37), iii (1738-75), iv (1775-1800): No. i is missing.

² See the Court Rolls of 1761 for a reference to the formation of Litchfield's Meadow (No. 69 on the Tithe Map) by the throwing down of a fence. Coventry Litchfield who did this died in 1739.

³ Mary Brett's Charity, 1650: see *Abstract under Gilbert's Act*.

combination of land and common rights for freehold or copyhold land alone. Thus Corpus, for its old forty-six acres odd with rights of grazing and hay in the lot meadows, got rather more than seventy-two acres. From the voluminous but scrappy information of the Court Rolls it is clear that at the end of the seventeenth century there were a number of quite small holdings, and, though nothing like a list of these can be compiled, it seems clear that they lay mostly in the southern part of the parish, where, it must be admitted, the best land is not to be found. That part was, throughout the eighteenth century, divided between many owners; the three oldest fields and the more northerly meadows and pasture were cut up into larger blocks. Colterne Field fell mostly to three owners.¹ Marsh Field in 1843 was mainly divided among one of these and three others; but two of these allotments may very well have been at first in the same hands. An area roughly corresponding to Sutton Field and the fringe of meadow between it and the river was made into four compact farms of somewhere in the region of thirty acres, each with its own arable, pasture and riverside meadow. Court Place farm has consisted since the inclosure of two main blocks of fields, one about four hundred yards from the house and the other about half a mile further, about 100 acres in all. These larger portions include more than half the parish. The rest was so much sub-divided and its closes changed hands so often from the time of the inclosure onwards that it is not possible to say much about how the work of inclosing it was carried out.

Before 1843 it seems impossible to compile a list of the owners or occupiers, but enough is clear about some of the owners and their affairs to throw an interesting light on the local agricultural history. The permanent and stable landlords were, of course, the colleges; Corpus, Magdalen with its forty-two acres of meadow, Brasenose, the largest landowner of 1843, with 237 acres. Amongst private individuals

¹ Hodgkin's Charity for Manciples' Widows bought in 1690 a meadow here which formerly belonged to one of these, a Croke: see *Charity Commissioners' VI Report* (for 1821), 1822, pp. 405-6.

there is much buying and selling. The most remarkable of them were the Crokes. Unton Croke, the fourth son of Sir John Croke, knight and justice of the king's bench, married Anne, daughter and heir of Richard Hore of Marston, by which Anne, according to Antony Wood, he got half a yardland at Marston worth £40 per annum, and he built a house thereon.¹ His eldest son was about eleven years old in 1634,² so the marriage was probably in about 1622. Stupid modern alterations have left a good deal of the interior of the house unspoilt: two wainscotted rooms, the oak hall-screen, arched stone doorways and armorial tiles show, like Delamotte's old drawings, that it was built expensively and well. Unton Croke lived long and flourished: he was a master in chancery and a sergeant-at-law, and acted as verderer at the forest court at Headington in 1636 when King Charles I revived the forest law, and two Marston husbandmen were fined £5 for felling and removing an oak. A few years later Unton Croke had to make room in his house for Lord Fairfax's headquarters, whither Prince Rupert came to negotiate the surrender of Oxford city.³ His second son and namesake, Colonel Unton Croke, made a considerable figure as a Parliamentary commander of horse, and at the Restoration the father had to give a bond for his peaceable demeanour: such was their substance that the amount was fixed at £4,000.⁴ The elder Unton's heir, Sir Richard Croke, recorder of Oxford, did not long survive his father, and was succeeded at Marston by Wright Croke who lived into Queen Anne's reign.⁵ By what stages the Crokes added field to field I do not know, but the half virgate was not all they held and cannot by itself have been worth £40 a year. It is natural to suppose that this legal family had something to do with the inclosure.

¹ Wood, *Life and Times*, i. 195; see also ii, 214; iii, 40.

² *Visitation of Oxford*, 1634 (Harleian Soc.), pp. 280-1.

³ *Dictionary of National Biography*; Coxe, *Royal Forests of England*, p. 263. ⁴ *Cal. of State Papers, Dom.*, 1660-1, 29 December 1660.

⁵ Monumental inscriptions in Marston Church and the Parish Register; see also Sir Alexander Croke, *Genealogical History of the Croke Family*.

The Croke property did not hold together for long. Wood tells us that about 1690 Wright Croke sold part of it to Thomas Rowney of Oxford. Thomas Rowney was an attorney, and, like his son whose portrait hangs in the town hall, sat in parliament for Oxford city. Other families before and since have sold land to attorneys, and the Rowneys may have bought from others in Marston beside the Crokes. The Crokes may also have sold to others besides the Rowneys; indeed as late as 1770 Wright Croke's granddaughter, Mrs Anne Yorke (*née* Bishop) of Hampstead, had a messuage and a few scraps of land to sell to John Leake of Witney, gentleman. But whether or no they got it all from the Crokes, and whether or no it included the bulk of the Croke land, the Rowneys had altogether over a hundred acres scattered over the parish and including some of the large portions of the old fields. Not all the fields can be clearly identified, because the Rowney holding split up. The successor of Thomas Rowney the younger in 1760 was the Rev. Rowney Noel of the University of Oxford, afterwards D.D. and rector of Kirby Mallory, Leicestershire. He gradually disposed of his eight copyholds. The greater part went to John Stevens of Oxford, who was a cook, and was followed by his son, an apothecary. Like Mary Phillott of Mortlake, widow, who held it in 1843 and let it all to one tenant, they were presumably absentee small proprietors. The remainder of Dr Noel's land went to Barbara Smythe of Cuddesdon, spinster, who in 1753 had inherited two yardlands in Marston, from her father and her grandfather, Sir Sebastian Smythe, a rich inhabitant of Oxford. She died in 1787 and was succeeded by her cousin, Sir John Whalley Smythe Gardiner, Baronet, but he soon began selling land and by the end of the century there were half-a-dozen owners of what had been Smythe land: the steward of the manor, two Marston yeomen, some non-residents.

It would be tedious and useless to enumerate the many other eighteenth-century sales of copyholds recorded in the Court Rolls; but one or two general remarks may be made about them. No large property was put together at this time;

the tendency was rather the other way. Besides the lands of the Rowneys and Smythes, some smaller accumulations were dispersed. Hearne tells us 'Mr Coventry Litchfield of Oxford, Barber (a single man, Brother to Mr Leonard Litchfield the Printer) hath an Estate at Marston near Oxford of seventy libs. per an. and more. He hath likewise an estate at Iffley.'¹ A William Litchfield is mentioned in the Churchwardens' Accounts, in 1588, as renting from the churchwardens a piece of common, but there is nothing to connect him with Coventry *tonsor*, who seems to have got his estate by two purchases. He was succeeded by three brothers and at last by a clerical nephew and a still more magnificent clerical grand-nephew, the Rev. Coventry Townshend Powis Litchfield, but these had only part of the inheritance and by the end of the century the Litchfields were selling. In these transactions there are several features which are repeated in others. The clergymen play a characteristic part. No less than seven of them appear between 1720 and 1800 as the owners or married to the owners of copyholds in Marston. They were all absentees, the most respectable members of the numerous and very mixed set of people living outside the parish who inherited bits of Marston land. Besides those who have been named already, there were such others as Mr Tubb, upholsterer of Drury Lane in London, Mr Swinton, timber merchant of Sandbach in Cheshire, Mr Rumbull, another college cook, his brother, a peruke-maker, and even John Smith of Iffley, shepherd. A good many of them mortgaged their land as soon as they came into it: they were small landowners but not agriculturalists. So were the small absentee purchasers like Coventry Litchfield, Stephens and Higgs the cooks, Halse the saddler, the Rev. Bernard Hodgson of Hertford College, Hobley the hosier, Matthew Hyatt the baker of Stanton St John, Sayer the butler of Balliol College, and Vincent Shortland the carpenter. In comparison with these the resident yeomen who purchased land were few, but there were some such, like the Sims, whose descendants still own some

¹ *Collections*, ix, 387.

of his land, and Joseph Bleay, whose descendants are still in the village but own land no longer.

Fortunately there exists a description of the parish written in the year 1800, from which the following sentences are taken:¹

The *town*, as it is called, of Marston consists of 45 dwelling-houses; the number of inhabitants are about 250.² There is no home, no house or habitation in any other part of the parish except the hut of a solitary fisherman on the bank of the Cherwell, where he resides for the purpose of attending his nets and his wheels.

No person above the rank of a yeoman dwells in this parish at present . . . An ale-house, distinguished by the sign of the White Hart [is] in the possession of Mr Joseph Bleay, an old and respectable inhabitant, who carries on the triple employments of a farmer, a baker, and a publican. [Unton Croke's house] is now inhabited by six families of paupers. . . There is a great quantity of excellent bacon cured here, which is disposed of in Oxford . . .

The inhabitants of Marston may be divided into three classes, viz. farmers or yeomen, labourers, and paupers. There are but three or four mechanicks in the place; a blacksmith, a carpenter, and a weaver. Luxury has not yet extended to Marston, near as it is to the University and a populous city. The farmers are most of them persons possessed of considerable property, yet they live in the most frugal and plain manner. The names most general are *Sims*, *Bley* and *Loder*; and there are several families bearing each name.

. . . The ague was formerly an almost universal distemper, but for the last 14 years it has been hardly known. Its successor is the rheumatism. There are three females deaf and dumb, of whom two are sisters. The poor are numerous and expensive, notwithstanding the attention and liberality of Dr Curtis³ and the charity of some of the principal inhabitants. The Doctor also keeps several poor children at his own expense.

. . . The land is very rich, and yields good crops, and of all kinds of corn and pulse, especially beans. I cannot, however, compliment the

¹ *Gentleman's Mag.*, lxx, pt. i, 105-8; the author is J. S-m-ds.

² The census of 1801 made it 264.

³ The Rev. John Curtis, D.D., fellow of Magdalen College, who is sometimes mentioned as vicar, but does not so appear in Dr Oldfield's manuscript 'Clerus Diocesis Oxoniensis,' in the Bodleian and was probably curate-in-charge.

farmers here, on the neatness of their husbandry. A considerable number of house-lambs are raised here; the breed of sheep are chiefly the Berkshire kind. . . Here is a great variety of good fruit for which a market is found at Oxford.

. . . [There are] great numbers of *cray-fish*, which are sold at Oxford for three shillings the hundred. Angling is permitted, and is a favourite diversion with the gentlemen of the University.

The more exact but less picturesque details of the Tithe Award may be regarded as a supplement to this description: the only great change in the interval from 1800 to 1843 was the ending of the old Poor Law. The award shows 267 acres of arable, 884 of meadow and pasture. There is only one owner of more than 100 acres, Brasenose College, which has 237. Five owners have between 100 and 50: Corpus, two non-residents (Mary Phillott and the Rev. Robert Wintle of Culham), two resident women, both of the farmer class, but one belonging to a family which came to Marston in the nineteenth century. Nine own between fifty acres and nineteen, namely, Magdalen, three yeomen living in Marston or near, one gentleman living near by at Cutslow, one gentleman who lived at a distance, one gentleman of Oxford University, and one cabinet maker of Oxford. There are thirty-five persons who own less than nineteen acres, eleven non-residents (including widows) who may be called 'gentry,' one solicitor and one plumber of Oxford, an innkeeper of Cheltenham, butchers in London, one yeoman of Chilworth, and in Marston itself the blacksmith, six yeomen, four widows or other women of the yeoman class and one labourer. In this parish, then, which is not typical, the small landowner had not disappeared, and the large landowner had not arisen; but this statement must be qualified by the remark, which is true of more places than is sometimes thought, that the small landowner was by no means always a cultivator of the soil.

The amount of land owned by different owners does not show the size of the farms. Brasenose had from the sixteenth century let off its land to three lessees, and some of these sub-let to farmers. In 1843 the tenant of Favians (of which

Wright Croke once held the lease and on which a house had been built in 1559-65)¹ leased also from Corpus the garden and homestead called Hill's Farm (half-way up Mill Lane or Sescut Lane) and almost all of the Corpus land. Thus he had well over a hundred acres and was the largest farmer in the parish. His Corpus land and his Brasenose land was divided by the imaginary line between the two mere-stones already mentioned:² this one farm with two landlords lasted thus from 1691 until a few years ago. The tenant of Court Place had also one of the farms into which Sutton Field had been divided, making altogether more than a hundred acres. Along with these two substantial men were three more with over a hundred acres, two with between sixty and a hundred, half-a-dozen between twenty and thirty acres, six more with smaller holdings which yet were larger than the patches of garden held by labourers. But amongst the two last groups of six were several who probably had other land outside the parish. Except for those who had only gardens there were, roughly speaking, seven small and six still smaller farmers and two or three small holders.

By the time when the Tithe Award was made the old times in Marston were near their end, and the economic history of the parish sank rapidly into being not an independent story but simply a local example of changes which are sufficiently known from national statistics. What has happened since then may be summarized quickly. In the southern half of the parish the town has begun to encroach: about 1880 a working-class suburb called New Marston began to be built, so that the population of the whole parish went up quickly after that date. Even before then it had risen until 1851. The census figures are:

1801	1811	1821	1831	1841	1851	1861	1871
264	296	380	364	396	471	452	447
1881	1891	1901	1911				
515	720	668	716				

¹B.N.C. 69. ²p. 12 above.

Colleges of the University absorbed one field after another for playing fields. Some of the old landowners wanted to sell, and in the twentieth century the holding of Brasenose College rose to more than 400 acres. No other large property was built up, though there were many sales. One yeoman family went down and another came up; arable declined and, as a consequence, the scale of farming became even smaller so that the old village is now a village of small dairy farmers, most of them owning a little land and renting more. There are few labourers and between them and the farmers are gardeners (whose bicycles take them into Oxford) and small holders some of whom own cottages, gardens and closes. Two fair-sized fields have been broken up into allotment gardens. The blacksmith has gone as the weaver and the baker went before him, though for a good many years there have been a builder and a small woodyard. A school was built in 1851. The telephone has come but not yet the motor 'bus. The old stone houses have begun to attract residents from the town.

LIST OF FIELD NAMES

In this table the third column gives the names in the Corpus Maps (1605) in Roman type, in italic the variants and additional names in the Brasenose Terrier of 1613 (B.N.C. 80). The second column gives, with reference in the first column, the earliest form of the name known to me; the fourth, the form it had assumed by the time of the Tithe Award in 1843. The initial F. stands for 'Furlong.'

		COLTERNE FIELD	Colton
		Long Colterne	
		Redland Furlong	
		Hamme Grove F.	
		Narrow Long	
		Ley F.	
		North and South	
		Long Dean.	
		<i>Deane F.</i>	
		Hallyday Hill,	
		<i>Hollidayes H.</i>	
		Bradlandes	
		Stone F. <i>Short</i>	
		<i>Stone</i>	
		Steel Long F.	
		<i>Long Stone</i>	
Churchwardens' Accounts	1548 Alesworth	Alesworth F.	Alesworth
B.N.C. 29	1488 Stockes F.	Stache	
		<i>Tite</i>	
		<i>Hawe Hedge</i>	
		<i>Gales Hedge F.</i>	Scales Hedge
		<i>Slates</i>	
		SUTTON FIELD	Sutton
		Longe Land	
		Malte F.	
		Low Runsted.	
		<i>Nether Rusteed</i>	
Churchwardens' Accounts	1552 Wasshe Way	Washeway F.	

LIST OF FIELD NAMES

		SUTTON FIELD <i>(continued)</i> Sutton F. Waterslade Meaden Hill F. <i>Midnell</i> <i>Upper Rusteed</i> <i>Meade Hedge</i> <i>Broadhead</i> <i>Long-Small</i> <i>Rusten</i>	Water Slade
		MARSH FIELD Milne F. Long Acre F. Longe Foxwell, <i>Foxwell</i> <i>Short Foxwell</i> Upway F. Heales Hedge, <i>Bales Hedge</i> Chicken Lease Marshes Dich F. Dead Claye Turtle F. Stente F.	Marsh Ditch
B.N.C. 29	1488 North- croft F.	North Crofte F. <i>Gould Land</i> <i>Opway Down</i> <i>Stain F.</i>	
		BROOK FIELD Stock Leaes Assland F, <i>Ash- long F.</i>	Stock Leys
B.N.C. 29	1488 The F. under Hed- ley Grove	Under Hedleye Middle Crofte (? <i>sc. Crosse</i>) F. High Crosse F.	Head Leys Great Cross Ground

LIST OF FIELD NAMES

Magd. Heading- ton 25	1401 Tyle- hous	BROOK FIELD (continued)	
		Tyle Hoste F.	
		Brookbridge F.	
		The Goare	
Churchwardens' Accounts	1548 North- moore Mead	Colterne Pasture	
		Short Lottes	Shortlets
		The Hamm	The Ham
		Forward Hamm	
Oriel S. 636	1349 South- more	West Landes	
		Normoore Lotte	
		Meadowe	
		South Moore Lotte	
Churchwardens' Accounts	1557 Horse Leas	Meadoe,	
		Hill Meade	
		Highe F.	
		Horse Leaes	Horse Leys
Churchwardens' Accounts	1557 Cow leas	The Cow Pas- ture	Cow Leys
		Brookes Borow	
		Lot Meade	
		Little Millponde	Little Mill
Oriel S. 636	1349 Little- mellepoint	Lotte Meade	Pond Mead
		Greate Millponde	Great Mill
		Lotte Meade	Pond Mead
Oriel S. 636	1349 Muchele mellepoint	Pachette	The Patchet
		Succrofte Com- mon	
		The Marshe	The Marsh
		Sheepe Comon	
B.N.C. 29	1488 Le Pachet	Cowe Leaes	
		The Comon	
		Marshe	
		Gorse Leyes	The Gorse
		Comon	Leys

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