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Brackley court rolls, 1557-71

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*mm.3-3d, mm.7-8*

12 June 1557

[1] Joan Bowton *spinsor* complains against William Warde in a plea of debt, 7s for her annual stipend.

Richard Warren complains against Richard Tomson in a plea of trespass.

Giles Harden, by Lancelot Willton his attorney, complains against John Painter of Evenley.

[2] John Hardy complains against John Jakman of Turweston (*Tursen*) in a plea of debt, 5s.

[3] Giles Overend complains against William Stuterbury and George Marshall in a plea of debt, 24s.

[4] William Stuterbury, by Lancelot his attorney, complains against Richard Gill of Adderbury in a plea of debt, 40s.

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2 July 1557

[5] William Cleydon of Syresham, by Lancelot his attorney, husbandman, complains against John Rowsam of Bodicote (Oxon), husbandman, in a plea of debt, 20s for a certain horse.

[6] Agnes Bagly, by Lancelot her attorney, complains against John Berridge the elder in a plea of debt, 4s.

[7] Agnes Bagly complains against Roger Duckett in a plea of debt, 9d.

[8] Agnes Bagly, by Lancelot her attorney, complains against Peter Greenwell in a plea of debt, 7d.

[9] John Yayt' complains against George Alyson alias Smyth in a plea of debt, 10s.

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[10] Agnes Bagly, by Lancelot her attorney, complains against John Bateman in a plea of debt, 2s.

[11] Nicholas Bennet complains against John Berridge in a plea of debt, 20s.

[12] John Becke complains against John Pecocke in a plea of debt, 3s 4d.

John Becke complains against John Pecocke in a plea of detinue of 4 yards of cloth called white kersey worth 18d.

[13] John Brockhall complains against Thomas Bennet in a plea of debt, 3s 4d.

John Brockhall complains against Thomas Bennet about an agreement made between them for carrying wood for 15d.

[14] Agnes Bagly complains against Thomas Osborne in a plea of debt for a shoulder of mutton 8d and a ... of mutton 10d and 6d. Total 2s.

[15] Richard Bawdin complains against Henry Higgens in a plea of debt, 20s.

[16] Agnes Oliver complains against John Edwardes in a plea of debt, 4s.

[17] William Slatty complains against John Beridg the elder in a plea of debt, 3s.

[18] Thomas Cawcot complains against John Berige in a plea of debt, 25s.

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[12], [9]

[19] Agnes Bagly complains against Stephen ... in a plea of debt, 2s 6d.

[13]

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[15], [3]

Richard Tomson complains against Nicholas Warren in a plea on the case.

[18], [16], [5]

[20] John Arden complains against John Painter in a plea of debt.

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19 September 1557

[21] William Matheu complains against Richard Warren of Whitfield in a plea of debt, 2s 8d.

[22] John Beston complains against John Beridg the elder in a plea of debt, 20s.

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19 January 1558

[23] Nicholas Benet complains against Thomas Yate in a plea of debt, 17s.

[24] Thomas Benet complains against Alice Edward in a plea of debt, 4s.

[25] Thomas Benet complains against Agnes Stevenson executor of William Stevenson in a plea of debt, 10s.

[26] John Baker complains against Thomas Weynman in a plea of debt, 15s 6d for pasture.

[27] Richard Bawden complains against Richard Tomson and Alice his wife executor of John Nicol in a plea of debt, 20s.

William Squerell complains against Thomas Benet in a plea of detinue of 1 *ollei henii* worth 10s.

*m.2d*

4 April 1558

Robert Randall complains against Giles Overend in a plea of trespass.

[28] Lancelot Willton complains against George Pese in a plea of debt, 8d for his fee.

[29] Robert Saunders esquire complains against John Berridge the elder in a plea of debt, 12s.

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2 May 1558

[26] John Baker complains against Thomas Wayman in a plea of debt, 16s [*sic*] 6d.

[27] Richard Bawdine complains against Alice Tomsone recently wife of Richard Tomson in a plea of debt, 20s.

[28] Lancelot Willton complains against George Pese in a plea of debt, 8d for his fee for putting him in the stocks.

[29] Robert Saunders esquire complains against John Berridge the elder in a plea of debt, 12s.

[30] John Baker complains against John Berridge the elder in a plea of debt, 4s 4d for pasture.

[31] John Baker complains against John Berridge the elder in a plea of debt, 2s 6d for rabbits.

George Marshall complains against John Arden of Evenley in a plea of trespass because in February at a place called Hewe Stuterburis in Evenley John's dog killed George's cow worth 30s.

[32] Robert Saunders esquire complains against Thomas Evans in a plea of debt, 13s 3d.

[33] Thomas Thorne gentleman complains against John Berridge the elder in a plea of debt, 6s.

[34] William ... complains against Thomas Waynman in a plea of debt, 33s 4d.

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[35] Richard Rande complains against Thomas Bonham in a plea of debt, 17s.

[36] Richard Arden complains against John Grymson in a plea of debt.

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10 April 1559

[26] John Baker complains against Thomas Waynman of Evenley in a plea of debt, 15s 6d.

[35] Richard Bond complains against Thomas Bonham of Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 17s.

[36] Richard Arden complains against John Grymson in a plea of debt.

[27]

[37] Alice Leper widow complains against John Beryge the elder in a plea of debt, 19s 8d for 1 horse delivered on 12 June 1549.

[38] Henry Calcott complains against Thomas Bray of ~~Brackley~~, labourer, in a plea of debt, 6s 3d.

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10 May 1559

[39] Thomas Squier of Cottisford (Oxon) shepherd complains against Alice Squyer widow, executor of John Squyer of Syresham, in a plea of debt, 10s.

[38] Henry Calcott complains against Thomas Bray of Brackley, labourer, in a plea of debt, 6s 3d.

[40] Randolph Walker and Anna his wife complain against William Warde of Whitfield, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 4s 10d.

*m.2*

29 May 1559

[38] Henry Calcott complains against Thomas Bray of Brackley, labourer, in a plea of debt, 6s 3d.

[39] Thomas Squier complains against Alice Squyer widow, executor of John Squyer of Syresham, in a plea of debt, 10s.

[40] Randolph Walker and Anna his wife complain against William Warde of Whitfield, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 4s 10d.

[41] Henry Hobb of Darneford (Oxon.), shepherd, complains against Thomas Bonham of Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 19s.

[42] Margaret Blyncoo widow of Laurence Merson complains against Roger Bray of Brackley, labourer, in a plea of debt, 2s 4d for a mowing scythe.

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[43] Thomas Bonham complains against John Leper of Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 10s.

[29] Robert Saunders esquire complains against John Berige of Brackley in a plea of debt, 12s for wood.

[33] Thomas Thorne gentleman complains against John Berige the elder in a plea of debt, 6s for half a year's rent.

[26] John Baker complains against Thomas Wenman of Evenley in a plea of debt, 15s 6d.

[44] Thomas Bonham complains against Henry Hobbe of Darneford (Oxon.), shepherd, in a plea of debt, 5s 4d.

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20 June 1559

[39] Thomas Squier complains against Alice Squyer of Syresham widow, executor of John Squyer, in a plea of debt, 10s.

[42], [43], [33], [29], [26]

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10 July 1559

[33]

Robert Clerke complains against Nicholas Warrenner of Old Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of trespass for killing a brown steer worth 30s [with a dog called a mastiff].

[45] Patrick Lile complains against William Claydon of Syresham, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 2s 6d.

Robert Saunders esquire complains against Thomas Bonham of Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of trespass.

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[40] Randolph Walker and Anna his wife complain against William Warde of Whitfield, husbandman, and Agnes his wife in a plea of debt, 4s 10d.

31 July 1559

[46] Patrick Lyle complains against John Beryge the elder in a plea of debt, 13s 4d.

Thomas Bray complains against Thomas Bonham of Brackley husbandman in a plea of trespass [about the mound].

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18 September 1559

[26]

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Roger Krencke complains against John [blank] servant of Robert Overend in a plea of trespass, killing a cow worth 39s.

[47] Lancelot Wylton complains against George Hawton gentleman in a plea of debt, 4s for 2 bus. of wheat.

[48] Robert Hylton complains against John Hodge of Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 39s 11d for repairs to his house.

John Hodge complains against Thomas Rawson clerk, vicar of Brackley, in a plea of detinue, viz. ½ acre of barley worth 5s.

Thomas Rawson, clerk, complains against John Hodge of Brackley husbandman in a plea of broken agreement, 20s.

Roger Krancke complains against Robert Overend of Brackley yeoman, Alice Thompson widow, and John Hurst servant of Robert, in a plea of trespass.

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9 October 1559

Richard Brook complains against Thomas Bray of Brackley husbandman in a plea of trespass because he broke the mound.

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30 October 1559

[48], [39]

*m.7d*

21 November 1559

[49] William Couper complains against William Claydon of Syresham husbandman in a plea of debt, 20s.

[48]

Thomas Edward complains against Jerome Hames of Syresham husbandman in a plea of trespass, 10s for felling and carrying away a load of peas.

[39]

William Backhowse complains against Robert Hylton husbandman in a plea of trespass, 26s 8d.

[50] Nicholas Bennett complains against William Backhowse in a plea of debt, 6s 8d.

[51] Thomas Bennett complains against Henry Hyggyns in a plea of debt, 4s.

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11 December 1559

[52] John Ryland complains against Thomas Wenman of Evenley yeoman in a plea of debt, 20s.

Edmund Cowbrydge complains against Thomas Gledwell of Souldern (*Southorne*) husbandman in a plea of trespass.

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15 January 1560

[48], [39], [50], [51], [52]

*m.6d*

Thomas Edward complains against Jerome Hames of Syresham husbandman in a plea of trespass, 10s for ploughing.

[53] Lancelot Wylton complains against John Maunsell of Helmdon husbandman in a plea of debt, 6s.

[49]

[54] Richard Baldewyn complains against Henry Hyggyns in a plea of debt, 11s.

[55] Alice Tompson widow complains against Roger Cranke in a plea of debt, 26s 8d.

12 February 1560

Thomas Bennett complains against Lancelot Wylton in a plea of detinue, 20s.

The same Thomas complains against Thomas Beston and Joan his wife in a plea of detinue, 20s.

The same Thomas complains against Thomas Rawson, now vicar of Brackley, in a plea of detinue, 13s 4d.

The same Thomas complains against Richard Bawldwyn in a plea of detinue, 6s 8d.

Nicholas Bennett complains against Richard Faull of Hinton-in-the-Hedges husbandman in a plea.

[56] [Robert] Hylton complains against William Rychard of Brackley husbandman in a plea of debt, 4s.

[57] Richard [faded] complains against [blank] Colt of Evenley husbandman in a plea of debt, 12s for a horse.

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22 April 1560

[52]

[58] Anne Alen' complains against Alice Squyer widow of Syresham in a plea of debt, 20s.

Richard Burford complains against William Loveday of Brackley, husbandman, in a plea of trespass, 5s for killing sheep.

21 May 1560

Thomas Heynes of ... Waren' (Oxon) husbandman complains against Richard Bond of Brackley husbandman in a plea of broken agreement, viz. dressing a horse.

*m.5d*

17 June 1560

John Stok of Brackley *botler* assaulted Robert Stultesbury of Evenley husbandman with a dagger.

[59] John Burrough of Buckingham tapster complains against John Hodge of Croughton husbandman in a plea of debt.

Thomas Bennett complains against John Stok of Brackley *botler* in a plea of broken agreement.

[60] The same Thomas complains against John Stok in a plea of debt, 11s.

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20 August 1560

Thomas Rawson, clerk, complains against John Beryge of Brackley *inholder* in a plea of trespass for distraint of a croft called John Jakeman close worth 40d.

Randolph Walker complains against Katharine Cely of Radstone in a plea of trespass, that on 10 August at Walkmeade she broke, entered and damaged hay worth half a mark.

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28 October 1560

[61] Thomas Bennett complains against John Redyng of [blank] (Leics) gentleman in a plea of debt, 39s 11½d.

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2 December 1560

[62] Robert Henshawe clerk, rector of Mixbury, complains against Robert Barker of Hinton-in-the-Hedges gentleman in a plea of debt, 5s.

[63] Thomas Wendeborough of Lamport complains against William Baynard of Brackley tanner in a plea of debt, 5s.

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25 February 1561

[64] Thomas Stok of Buckingham butcher complains against Thomas Bennett of Old Brackley in a plea of debt, 6s.

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17 March 1561



[65] John Stok of Buckingham butcher complains against Amy Bartlett of the same widow in a plea of debt, 9s.

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*m.2*

7 October 1561

Richard Burford complains against William Watt of Whitfield husbandman in a plea of broken agreement.

[66] Thomas Kyng of Helmdon complains against William Roo of Culworth in a plea of debt.

Edward Fyll of Whitfield complains against Richard Bond of Brackley in a plea of trespass, for killing a swine worth 40d by driving his cart over it in Whitfield on 30 September.

[67] Nicholas Bennett complains against William Loveday of Brackley husbandman in a plea of debt, 5s.

Agnes wife of Thomas Gardyner complains against John Stok of Brackley, butcher, in a plea on the case.

Thomas Gardyner and Agnes his wife complain against Katharine Beryge wife of John Beryge in a plea on the case.

Richard Pease complains against John Beryge in a plea of trespass.

[68] Robert Butler complains against Robert Bond in a plea of debt, 21d.

*m.5d*

10 November 1561

Thomas Collyns complains against Richard Flowre of Charlton (*Chorleton*) husbandman in a plea of broken agreement, for not ploughing and sowing his land at Charlton.

William Watt of Whitfield, husbandman, complains against Richard Burford of Brackley, carpenter, in a plea of *cost & dag*'.

[69] Robert Pontygrasse of Hinton-in-the-Hedges complains against Richard Faull of the same in a plea of debt, 16s.

[70] Richard Bond complains against Edward Fyll of Whitfield husbandman in a plea of debt and trespass for killing a pig and taking the flesh for his own use.

*m.5*

15 December 1561

The constables present that Hugh servant of George Adams of Farthinghoe (4d) assaulted John Soundr' against the peace.

Edward Stone complains against Thomas Bennett in a plea of broken agreement for keeping sheep worth 12d.

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19 January 1562

The constables present that John Hancock of Broughton assaulted John Stok.

[71] Thomas Wylson complains against Giles Nerend recently of Brackley, husbandman, executor of Robert Nerend defunct, in a plea of debt, 2s 7d.

[72] John Brockhele complains against Roger Cranke of Aynho, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 16d.

William Watt of Whitfield, husbandman, complains against Richard Burford of Brackley, carpenter, in a plea of broken agreement for the fencing of a garden.

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10 February 1562

[73] Lancelot Wylton complains against Henry Hyggyns of Brackley, barber, in a plea of debt, 12s.

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9 March 1562

George Pease complains against William Backhowse of Brackley, fuller, in a plea of deception, viz. 14 yards of woollen cloth destroyed to the value of 20s.

[74] Thomas Preswell of Westbury, woodward, complains against James Bartlett of Brackley, butcher, in a plea of debt, 35s.

[75] John Stoke complains against Richard Pury of Evenley, husbandman, in a plea of debt, 20s.

Thomas Fiz complains against William Warde of Whitfield, husbandman, in a plea of detinue.

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13 April 1562

William Bonham of Syresham, labourer, complains against Richard Tyly of Syresham husbandman in a plea of detinue of a black cow.

Thomas Rawson, clerk, complains against William Richarde of Brackley husbandman in a plea of broken agreement.

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1 June 1562

[76] John Clerke complains against Thomas Warren of Syresham husbandman in a plea of debt, 2s 2d.

William Backhowse complains against Thomas Rawson clerk, vicar of Brackley, in a plea of detinue.

*m.4d*

22 June 1562

[77] Nicholas Bennett complains against Richard Pease of Brackley, tailor, in a plea of debt, 5s.

[78] Randolph Walker complains against Thomas Gardyner of Brackley, smith, in a plea of debt.

*m.8*

15 November 1563

Alice Leper widow complains against John Powell clerk, ... of Hinton-in-the-Hedges, in a plea of detinue of a load of hay worth 13s 4d.

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*m.5*

6 December 1563

[79] Richard Wylmott of Evershaw complains against Thomas Draper of Brackley *calciat* in a plea of debt, 20s.

*m.2d*

30 May 1564

[80] Francis Dryng of Brackley woollen draper complains against William Belsor of Finmere husbandman in a plea of debt, 13s.

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*m.3*

13 November 1564

[81] John Yat' complains against John Jakeman of Turweston husbandman in a plea of debt, 13s 4d.

[82] William Newe of Aylesbury complains against William Smyth of Warwick pewterer in a plea of debt, 39s 11d.

11 December 1564

[83] Henry Fyssher of Kendall (Worcs) woollen draper complains against Francis Tryng in a plea of debt, 10s.

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7 May 1565

[84] John Tompson of Sulgrave yeoman complains against Richard Parry of Evenley husbandman in a plea of debt, 30s.

*m.2*

4 June 1565

John Baker of Halse complains against Thomas Pytman of Banbury dyer in a plea of trespass.

Edward Stonere and Robert Catherall complain against Henry Maior of Collyweston in a plea of detinue, 5s.

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3 October 1565

[85] Thomas Preswell of Westbury labourer complains against John Wryght of Silverstone tailor in a plea of debt.

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17 November 1567

[86] William Richard of Brackley husbandman complains against Robert Wakelyn of Rowley Green in the parish of Westbury labourer in a plea of debt, 12s.

[87] Richard Gryffen of Buckingham sadler and Edward Momford of Stony Stratford and Thomas Gryffen his brother acknowledge for *benegr* William Lucas against Poulton de Helmedon in a plea of debt, 7s.

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28 June 1568

[88] Nicholas Chandos complains against Humphrey Jones of Bicester joiner in a plea of debt, 6s.

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*m.5*

13 December 1568

[89] Nicholas Bennett complains against Edward Collyns of Charlton husbandman in a plea of debt, 8s.

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*m.7*

12 December 1569

[90] Lancelot Wylton complains against Paul Hearon recently of Deddington yeoman in a plea of debt, 30s.

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*m.1*

22 May 1570

The mayor and burgesses of Brackley complain against Nicholas Bull of Radstone husbandman in a plea of trespass.

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26 June 1570

[91] Richard Miller of Aynho complains against Robert Barker of Sulgrave gentleman in a plea of debt, 4s.

*m.2*

6 November 1570

[92] Richard Baldwyn complains against Edward Blaby of Syresham tanner in a plea of debt, 4s.

John Baker the elder complains against Henry Whyte of Cane (Hants) clothier in a plea of trespass for killing 20 sheep.

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*m.5*

5 February 1571

Thomas Hayes of Aynho shepherd complains against William Smyth of Brackley wheelwright in a plea of detinue, 13s 4d, viz. 2 *lathiamina* called a pair of *shet* worth 4s and a *double twylcloth* called a *wynyng* cloth worth 9s 4d.

[93] Henry Marshall and Elizabeth his wife complain against Robert Gledwell of Merson yeoman in a plea of debt, 25s.

Summary of cases: residence of plaintiffs/defendants

- 1 Aynho (9.2km): Brockhele vs Cranke; Miller vs Barker; Hayes vs Smyth
- 2 Charlton (6.7km): Collyns vs Flowre; Bennett vs Collyns
- 3 Cottisford (6km): Squier vs Squier
- 4 Croughton (6km): Burrough vs Hodge
- 5 Evenley (2.5km): Marshall vs Arden; Stoke vs Pury; Baker vs Waynman; Ryland vs Waynman; Stoke vs Stultesbury; Richard vs Colt; Arden vs Painter; Thompson vs Parry
- 6 Evershaw (5.7km): Wylmott vs Draper
- 7 Farthinghoe (6km): Adams vs Soundre
- 8 Finmere (6.5km): Dryng vs Belsor
- 9 Halse (3.7km): Baker vs Pytman
- 10 Helmdon (7.5km): Wylton vs Maunsell; Kyng vs Roo
- 11 Hinton (3km): Pontygrasse vs Faull; Leper vs Powell; Bennett vs Faull; Henshaw vs Barker
- 12 Lamport (9.6km): Wendeborough vs Baynard
- 13 Mixbury (4km): Henshaw vs Barker
- 14 Radstone (4km): Walker vs Cely; Brackley vs Bull
- 15 Rowley Green [Westbury] (3.6km): Richard vs Wakelyn
- 16 Souldern (9.3km): Cowbryge vs Gledwell
- 17 Sulgrave (8.9km): Miller vs Barker; Thompson vs Parry
- 18 Syresham (7km): Bonham vs Tyly; Squier vs Squier; Lile vs Claydon; Alen vs Squier; Edward vs Harnes; Couper vs Claydon; Claydon vs Rowsam; Baldwin vs Blaby; Clerke vs Warren
- 19 Turweston (2km): Hardy vs Jakman; Yate vs Jakman
- 20 Westbury (4km): Preswell vs Bartlett; Preswell vs Wryght
- 21 Whitfield (4km): Burford vs Watt; Fyll vs Bond; Fiz vs Warde; Walker vs Warde; Matthew vs Warren

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- 1 Adderbury (11.6km): Stuterbury vs Gill
  - 2 Aylesbury (33.8km): Newe vs Smyth
  - 3 Banbury (13.8km): Baker vs Pytman
  - 4 Bicester (13.8km): Chanos vs Jones
  - 5 Bodicote (14km): Claydon vs Rowsam

6 Buckingham (11.5km): Burrough vs Hodge; Stoke vs Bartlett; Stoke vs Bennett; Lucas vs Helmedon

7 'Cane' [Hants]: Baker vs Whyte

8 Collyweston (78.5km): Stoner vs Maior

9 Culworth (11.7km): Kyng vs Roo

10 'Darneford' [Oxon]: Hobb vs Bonham

11 Deddington (13.8km): Wylton vs Hearon

12 'Kendall' [Worcs]: Fysshier vs Tryng

13 [Leics]: Bennett vs Redyng

14 '... Warren' [Oxon]: Heynes vs Bond

15 Silverstone (10.7km): Preswell vs Wryght

16 Stony Stratford (20km): Lucas vs Helmedon

17 Warwick (46.1km): Newe vs Smyth