

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM PAPERS  
IN THE CHURCH CHEST AT WYMONDHAM.

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Wymondham Gilds.

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WE are told by Blomefield that at the Dissolution there were divers gilds, well endowed with lands and tenements, held in the church of Wymondham, and he enumerates ten, viz., those of

(1) The HOLY TRINITY, which gild had a gildhall at Spooner Row, and is sometimes called *Spooner Rowe Gild*.

(2) ST. PETER of Sutton, to which Aveline Bird gave eight acres of land.

(3) Of OUR LADY at her altar in her chapel here, which gild kept a light before her image in her chapel, called *our Lady's light*.

(4) The Gild of ST. MARGARET, kept at her altar in her chapel.

(5) The Gild of ST. ANDREW at his altar in his chapel, where there was a new rood-loft erected in 1497.

(6) Wattlefield Gild, or Brotherhood of ST. THOMAS, kept at his altar in this church, and sometimes in his chapel in the middle of the town, and is sometimes called Middleton Gild.

(7) The Gild of HOLY CROSS.

(8) Of ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

(9) Of ST. GEORGE.

(10) Of ALL SAINTS.

All which gilds (he says) supported lights here in honour of their patron saints. Besides which, there were the *rood-loft light* and the *light of Jesus*.

Books containing accounts and other information respecting four of these gilds are still preserved in the church chest of this parish, viz., of the HOLY TRINITY; OUR LADY'S LIGHT; ST. JOHN BAPTIST; and ALL SAINTS. And there is, besides these, a fifth book relating to the affairs of an eleventh gild, not named by Blomefield, that of the NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, quite distinct from the Gild of our Lady's Light.

The extracts which I have made from these books are so numerous, and do of themselves throw so much light on the constitution and economy of these fraternities, that I have very few observations of my own to make.

These gilds are to be distinguished from the merchant gilds and trades gilds of large towns, some of which have found historians. They are in fact nothing but the originals of the burial clubs which exist in every parish amongst us, and, as such, serve to exemplify the social habits of our ancestors of the middle and humbler class.

It has been said that at a very early period in the history of this country "people clubbed together to be merry while alive and to be buried when dead." They do so now; and we find in the early part of the sixteenth century, the period over which the entries in these books extend, objects and practices similar to those of our village clubs. We see



the members assembling together for feasting and drinking, and we see them attending the funerals of deceased brethren. It has always been an object of desire to provide for the honourable burial of the dead; but what men at that time considered a duty of the highest importance was to obtain the prayers of the Church for the souls of the dead. It is the opinion of the present day that in this they were superstitious and mistaken, but we must allow that their purpose was laudable. It would be well if the modern clubs were connected with the Church and under the influence of Church principles. The merry-makings are kept up still, and in some few instances the parish clergyman is a member of the club, and the proceedings are initiated by divine service in the church, but in medieval times the very "drinkings" appear to have partaken of a charitable, if not a religious, character. Because these gilds had houses and lands, small in value as they were, they were swept away by the rapacious men who governed in the name of Edward VI., under the plea of "superstitious usages," but the feeling which dictated the formation of brotherhoods never died out, and it is to be hoped never will.

The communities now under notice were composed of sisters as well as brothers, the former being generally wives and widows of brethren. Each gild had its own ordinances or bye-laws, and the number of members varied considerably, the Gild of the Nativity of the Virgin enumerating at one time one hundred and eleven members, while that of St. John had but thirty-six. I propose to trace the history of each gild from its own records, but there were some features which all possessed in common. Each gild was presided over by an alderman, elected annually, whose duty appears to have been to receive the income, pay the outgoings, and keep the accounts; and the books before me contain the *comptus* of the alderman for every successive year. This important post was usually filled by an eccle-

siastic, or some leading man of the town. The Abbat of Wymondham was in 1500 alderman of the Gild of St. John. The vicar for the time being frequently held the office. The same person was generally re-elected for several successive years.

Each member in turn was bound to bear the charge of providing the annual feast, which was usually held on the Sunday nearest the festival of their patron saint, and then the officers for the following year were chosen. The elective body was composed of a certain number of brethren, usually twelve, termed *the Election, Eleccio*, by whom the office bearers were appointed. After the alderman, two members were chosen, whose duties are pretty well indicated by their appellations of *fest makers, provisosores* or *purviores convivii*, a place which in course of time came to be considered onerous, and compositions were made to be relieved from it, or fines paid for refusal. Two others were chosen for *gatherers of alms, colyors, collectores elemosinarum*.

The inferior officers were a beadle, *preco*; a banner bearer, *vexillator*; and sometimes a steward, *senescallus*; and a butler, *pincerna*, and others.

Each gild had its own hall, where their feasts and other meetings were held, or purchased one as soon as the state of the funds permitted; but we must not raise our imagination to a sumptuous edifice, suggested by the idea of a *hall*, or the example of the gildhall of one of the wealthy merchant companies. These halls were but humble tenements, built, as we learn from the accounts of their repairs, of stud and clay, and covered with thatch, and when not required for the use of the fraternity, appear to have been let for other purposes. How much to be preferred to the modern custom of meeting at the public-house!

Their worldly possessions usually comprised, as has been before remarked, some small real estate, acquired by gift or purchase. Their chattels or personal estate consisted of the



furniture and utensils of their halls, of which I am enabled in some instances to give the inventories, and of a common purse or stock of money, derived partly from legacies.

This stock was lent out in small sums to the members at interest, and for repayment of which each man had a pledge or surety, also a member of the Gild; thus investing the society with another fraternal purpose, that of mutual assistance. And so long as the capital was so employed the community flourished, but when, as I find was the case with all of them, the deposits, instead of being reinvested in the same manner, were laid out in new buildings, or sunk in the general expenses of the Gild; the result was a diminished capital, and an income unequal to the demands upon it.

This income was originally derived from the following sources, and is accounted for by the alderman in his annual computus under the principal heads: *De firmis*, rents and profits of lands and houses; and *De incrementis*, the yearly increase or interest received from the brethren for the use of such proportion of the common stock as had been intrusted to his hands, which was at the rate of ten per cent.

Another ordinary, or in some sense extraordinary, source of income occurs under the head, "*de potationibus*," from collections made at drinkings by certain of the brethren. Receipts under this head of various amounts occur sometimes only once, at others, three or four times or oftener in the year; sometimes as made by one member, at others by several clubbing together. I infer that every member, at his or her—for we find these drinkings made by ladies—entrance, was bound to provide a potatory entertainment at his or her own cost, at which small collections were made from the members present for the use of the gild. And it would seem that this custom was instead of the payment of entrance-money, an item of receipt we seldom meet with, and in the few cases in which it does occur, the probability is that the person making the payment was to be exonerated from the

expense of providing the potation. The sums gathered in this manner are accounted for either by the alderman or officers appointed for the purpose, under the name of alms, *elemosina*.

The disbursements generally are classed under two principal heads, *de solutionibus*, and *de expensis*, but without any definite arrangement between ordinary and extraordinary payments, some items occurring as often in one list as the other. There are some annual payments, however, to be found in the accounts of all the gilds throughout their history, such as a fee to the Vicar of Wymondham for his *certen; certitudine, certifying the gild*, whatever that might be. This fee, originally 4s. 4d., was in 1506 or a few years later reduced to 4s.; such also were an alms gift of 3d. to the lazars or lepers, a sum, varying in different gilds from 2s. 4d. to 3s. 8d.; for finding the gild light, which will be alluded to in the accounts themselves; one penny, or often a halfpenny, in oblation made at church on the second day of their festival, the Monday, on occasion of a solemn *dirige* held for the souls of departed brothers and sisters, as will be afterwards mentioned; one or two shillings for the services of a minstrel, but whether for festive or solemn occasions does not appear; and very generally 12d. *pro manefagio, janticulo*, the breakfast, of the brothers and sisters on one of the days.

Other ordinary payments were the rents due to the lords of the manors of which they held their estates.

It was by extraordinary expenses, such as repairs, that such inroads were made in their funds; and many of these I shall have occasion to remark upon in chronological order.

In my "Introductory Remarks to Extracts from Papers in the Wymondham Church Chest," which have been already printed in our Proceedings, I have alluded to those which I now present, and which the Society of Antiquaries has been so good as to return to me for the purpose of our own Society.



Extracts from the Book of the Gild of the  
Holy Trinity,

From 9th Henry VIII., consisting of 24 foolscap sheets.

This book has lost its cover. It begins, Elecio huius gylde ffacta in anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi in anno nono.

Peter Belys	Rychard ffedymond	Richard Marten
John Den	Thomas Jaffrey	Stewyn Wodcoke
John Colyer	Thomas Knyght	Robert Wyllson
Stewyn Browne	Rychard Colyor	John Colman, Gen.

Elegerunt in officio aldermanij, Thomas lombe.

William Wodcoke	}	puruiores.
Thomas Jaffrey		

Jaffrey Wytred, senescalys.

John Randell, bedalye.

Imprimis received of the Botlers . . . . .	xxvs. iij <i>d</i> .
Received of John Browne ijs. iij <i>d</i> . ffor dys- charyng of ye holdyng of the gylde.	
Itm. rec. ijs. iij <i>d</i> . of James Colyor of the stoke of the gylde.	
Itm. rec. of Rob. Jefferey of the stoke . . . . .	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. rec. of John den & Rychard Baxter pro ffyrma de praty. [Sum not named.]	
Itm. rec. of Roberd Baxter pro ffyrma de claun <sup>s</sup>	ijs. iij <i>d</i> .
Itm. rec. of the cres of the stoke . . . . .	xxxjs. iij <i>d</i> .
Itm. rec. of John pye of ye stoke . . . . .	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. rec. of ij dryngkyns . . . . .	iijs.
Sum of the Receyts . . . . .	iiij <i>l</i> . vij <i>d</i> .
In ꝑmis payd to Master Wekyr ffor the s'ten (certifying) . . . . .	iijs. iij <i>d</i> .

I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to the Syr Adh <sup>m</sup> parys preste . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd for the lythe . . . . .	ijs. jd. ob.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd for dyrge on the monday . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to the clarke . . . . .	jd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . in ofryng . . . . .	jd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . ffor the lythes . . . . .	ij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . to ye sekemen . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Andrew the mynstrell . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Strowger the mynstrell . . . . .	vjd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to the King . . . . .	vs.
I <sup>tm</sup> . paid ffor spargetyng of the howse . . . . .	xs. jd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd ffor strawe w <sup>t</sup> the caryage . . . . .	iijs. xd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to the thaxster and hys s <sup>t</sup> be v days . . . . .	ijs. vij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . for ther Borde . . . . .	xx <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . paid ffor a key . . . . .	ij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . paid to ye wyffe of Roberd Browne ffor warkyng be iiij days w <sup>t</sup> her borde . . . . .	xij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Robert Browne for palyng by halfe a day . . . . .	jd. ob.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Barbore the mynstrell . . . . .	xij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Peter Colton for two years' rent . . . . .	vij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Master Knewet for rent . . . . .	vjd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd for the Brekfast on the Sunday . . . . .	xx <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd for the Brekfast on the Monday . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd for the makyng of thys accownte . . . . .	xvij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . for a qweyer of paper . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd to Robert Jaffrey for hangyng up of the Bason . . . . .	ijs. vjd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . of the towne gylde . . . . .	xd.
Memorandum quod remanet in the hands of the Botlers . . . . .	xxxjs. vjd.
Memorandum quod remanet in manibus Johannis calored Johannis Dene in pecuniis elemosy- narum . . . . .	ixs. vij <i>d</i> .
M <sup>d</sup> . that Thomas Luce howythe to the gylde . . . . .	vs.



## De incrementis.

In primis recepta de Ricardo Martyn viijd. pro incremento vjs. viijd. Ricardus Baxter plegius, followed by fifty-four more similar entries (the rate of interest being 10 per cent.)

## 10th Henry VIII.

Amongst the payments (owyth's chargs) are:—

Itm. payd ffor the lygth upon the herse . . . . .	ijd.
Itm. payd unto Thomas Carow beyng baly unto Mr. Kneuet in isto anno . . . . .	vjd.
Itm. payd unto Peter Colton for Cromwell's parte . . . . .	iiijd.
Memorandum of costs and othyr chargs payd owyth of the hands of the Buttelers.	
In primis payd unto roberd Dey and hys man ffor drawing up of the gylld hall and all other chargys of wy . . . craft . . . . .	ijs. ijd.
Itm. payd for mete and drynke for hym and hys man for iij days . . . . .	xxd.
Itm. payd Wylliam Betts smythe ffor yrne . . . . .	iijs. vijd.
Itm. payd for a schaldr. of lyme with the caryage . . . . .	iijs. xd.
Itm. payd ffor colers beyng occupyed in the howse . . . . .	viijd.
Itm. payd unto iij masyns and ij men ffor to make mortyr and ffor to serve them be the space of iij days with wages and mete and drynk . . . . .	vijs. viijd.
Itm. payd for ij lode of sond wyth caryage . . . . .	viijd.
Itm. payd unto the kyng for the taske of the medow . . . . .	viijd.
Itm. payd for the tythe of the medow ffor ij yer . . . . .	viijd.
Itm. payd ffor the rent of the same medow . . . . .	vjd.
Itm. payd ffor the fynyng of the lyght be the trynpte . . . . .	ijs. ijd.

I <sup>tm</sup> . spent whan the howse was drawn up . . . . .	xjd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . delyveryd unto Mr. Lombe beyng aldarman of as many namys the wyche have of the stokke as the inesse drawyth . . . . .	ijs. iiijd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . delyuery unto Peter Dow and John Machyn Buttellers . . . . .	xvjs.

## 11th Henry VIII.

Payd on to ych howse of ffryers in Norwyche . . . . .	viijd.
Payd for ye fynyng of ye lygth . . . . .	ijs. viijd.
Payd for ye chayne . . . . .	xvjd.
Payd in almes in ye chyrcheyard . . . . .	iiijd.

## 12th Henry VIII.

The officers chosen were an alderman, two "Fest makers," two "Buttlers," two "to gadyr ye almes money," a Bedell and a senescall.

Rec. of John machyn and stephyn brown beyng buttelers the wyche left of ye drynkyne . . . . .	vjd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . rec. of ye same John Stephyn for lattyg [letting] of pewt <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	xixd.
M <sup>d</sup> . payd onto margeret vdon for brekefast sonday and monday . . . . .	ijs. viijd.

## 13th Henry VIII.

Rec. ffor the fferme of pewtyr . . . . .	xvjd.
. . . ffor the fferme of the howse . . . . .	ijs. xd.
M <sup>d</sup> . of ye costs ffor the plawncering of ye kechyn.	
In p̄mis payd onto Wyllm Bale ffor CCC ffett of borde ye p̄ce . . . . .	iijs. vjd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd onto John Dyn ffor C peces of tymbyr ye p̄ce . . . . .	iijs. iiijd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd onto Pet <sup>r</sup> Colton ffor ye Dormont . . . . .	iijs. iiijd.
I <sup>tm</sup> . payd onto John Agas ffor caryng of ye borde from town . . . . .	iiijd.



Itm. payd for xl pownd of pewtyr redy wrowght	xxs.
M <sup>d</sup> . rec. ffor the fferme of the medow . . .	vs.
M <sup>d</sup> . that ye kechyn ys latyn onto rycharde martyr ffor thys yer ffolyng the þee . . .	vs.

## 14th Hen. VIII.

Also the said elec<sup>c</sup>ōn brought in at y<sup>es</sup> gyld  
that rycharde blomēs holder of ye gyld  
shall pay ffor the deffawt of a mynstrell . . . xij*d*.

[He had been one of the feast makers appointed the  
previous year.]

Payd to S <sup>r</sup> Adam for ye certen . . . . .	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
The same Adam for hys labor to say Euynsong	iiij <i>d</i> .

## 15th Henry VIII. Thomas Knight elected alderman.

M<sup>d</sup>. ye elec<sup>c</sup>ōn bryngeth in by v<sup>d</sup>yzth [verdict] that  
he that hathe of the stocke shall bryng yt in upon the  
gyld monday or ellys be mydson<sup>n</sup> next folloyng or ells ffor  
evy nobyll in ye payn of losyng of xx*d*.

M<sup>d</sup>. that Robert fflorey peynt<sup>or</sup> hathe couenawntyde and  
barganyde w<sup>t</sup> the aldman and the brethyrn of the gyld of the  
trinite in spon<sup>n</sup>aw<sup>1</sup> in Wymūdhm ffor to peynt and make a  
new ba<sup>n</sup> at hys ppyr costs in all cawsys patronyde and lyke  
onto the olde ba<sup>n</sup> in evy condy<sup>c</sup>ōn and the seyde aldman and  
hys brethyrn to pay onto ye seyde ro<sup>b</sup>t fflorey liijs. iiij*d*.  
sterlyng of the wyche ye seyde ro<sup>b</sup>t fflorey receyuyde the day  
of ye makyng thys wrytyng xs. and so to re<sup>c</sup> no more monay  
tyll the ba<sup>n</sup> be ffull ffenyschyd.

Itm. payd onto Robert fflorey ffor mendyng of the candylstyke bothe in golld and all othyr colers . . . . .	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
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## 18th Henry VIII.

P <sup>d</sup> . to ye aldman for messpene . . . . .	ix <i>d</i> .
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<sup>1</sup> Still known as *Spooner Row*.

Compotus Johis Dyn Aldermanni huis Gelde fact in crastino s̄ce Trinitatis Anno Dñi quingentesimo vicesimo septimo et regni Regis Henrici octavi xix<sup>mo</sup>.

The income this year was derived from the sources following, viz., 53s. from the butlers' (pincernis) balance of last year's account, from interest 28s. 4*d.*, from repayment of a load 6s. 8*d.*

Reç vs. de Riço Martyn p fir<sup>a</sup> teñti huis gilde.

It. rec. vs. de Petro Colton p fir<sup>a</sup> p̄ti huis gilde.

It. rec. xx*d.* ex legat. Rici Deyns.

It. rec. xx*d.* ex legat. Georgii Brown.

It. rec. ijs. ix*d.* ob. de potaçoib; et ex dimissione vasoꝝ.

[Viz. 10s. for rent of the gild house and meadow, 3s. 4*d.* from legacies, and 2s. 9½*d.* from drinkings and letting out their vessels or pewter. The sum total of the receipts being £5. 4s. 1½*d.*]

The payments include:—

It. paid iij*d.* gevyn in elemos [alms] to the lazars.

It. paid vj*d.* in rent to M. Knyvett for ye medow.

It. paid iiij*d.* in rent to the lord of Crounwell for a peell of our place paid to the place of Petyr Colton.

It. paid iij*d.* offeryd for iij deds.

It. paid j*d.* for scoryng of the Bason hangyng be y<sup>e</sup> trinite.

It. paid vj*d.* to a ministrall in reward.

It. paid iiij*d.* to S<sup>r</sup> Adam Bishopp seying evynson.

It. paid ij*d.* gevyn to Andrew Kerby in reward.

It. paid viij*d.* for wryghtyng of thys acompte.

It. paid viij*d.* for the Brekfast on the Monday.

It. paid viij*d.* to ij mynstralls in reward.

One of the "provisores convivii" elected for the ensuing year was "Mr. Pakk Rector de Morlee."

20th Henry VIII., 1528.

The receipts this year were:—

From interest money, 19s. 8*d.*



iijs. xjd. de potacõe.

iiijd. ex dimissione le pewter vessell.

vijs. jd. gaderyd in elemose sylur.

The rent of the house, "tenti huis Gilde," this year was 7s.; that of the meadow 5s. as before.

The payments amounted to 23s. 2d., including:—

iijd. to Thomas Knyght for the ease of a wey.

ijd. to Andrewe Kerby holywa<sup>l</sup> clerk in reward.

After the entry of the election of officers for next year is written the following:—

M<sup>a</sup>. it is decreed by this Eleccion that the ffestmakers shall pvide for the company & the 3vice, y<sup>t</sup> is to sey, for dener ffrumenti; for potage, hoole gosse & veale, pygge, moton, & custard; & lekewyse the Monday, except they shall 3ve half gosse.

Also y<sup>t</sup> eny brother & suster shall paye for ther ffest to the ffest makers vjd. to be gaderyd the Monday.

21st Henry VIII., 1529. The receipts this year for rents include, besides 5s. for the tenement and 5s. for the meadow, 2s. for the farm of one acre and a half of arable land.

It. rec. vjs. viijd. de dño Johē Symonds Capellno p suo ingressū t̄ in plenā soluçõem p fine officij pvisoris conuiuij.

Amongst the payments:—

It. solut. ijs. xd. p inuençõe fnis corā ymaginē Trinitatis in choro.

It. solut. ijs. viijd. dat in elemosina ad obit duoz ffr̄m ist<sup>s</sup> Gilde.

It. solut. xxd. dat in elemosinā ad exequias in ija die.

It. solut. vjd. in reddit. p p̄to huis Gilde mañio de Grishaug.

It. solut. xjd. t̄ ob. qa in reddit. p aula t̄ j acf̄ t̄ di t̄f̄ arabil' mañio de Cromwell.

It. solut. *iiijd.* in reddit. p pcella p̄ti d̄co mañio de Cromwell.

It. solut. *ijs. ix̄d.* p manifagiis ff̄m in die d̄nica.

De reparationibus.

In p̄ paid *jd.* for emendyng of a gyld spete.

It. paid *vij̄s.* for *iiij* loods of strawe w<sup>t</sup> the cariage.

It. paid *ijs. iiij̄d.* to Richard Alden thakkyng by *v* days & di w<sup>t</sup> his bord.

It. paid *iijs. viij̄d.* to *ij* labores servyng hym by *v* days & di w<sup>t</sup> his bord.

Itm. paid *xiijs. iiij̄d.* to the p̄ste syngyng by half a q̄rter of a yere.

22nd Henry VIII., 1530.

In p̄ solut. *xiijs. iiij̄d.* to a prest syngyng for ye brethers & systers souls by a q̄rter of a yere.

It. solut. *iiijs. iiij̄d.* to ye seid prest syngyng by *ij* wekys.

It. solut. *ijs. iiij̄d.* p manifraḡ ff̄m in die d̄nica.

It. paid *ijd.* in expens̄ at makyng the wey to the gyld medowe.

It. paid. *xs.* for *ij* tabyll clothis new bowght & for a pece of diaper to lengthē the clothe of the hey tabyll.

23rd Henry VIII., 1531.

Thomas Kett became a brother.

This year *26s. 8d.* was paid to the priest singing, &c., for a quarter of a year.

It. sol. *iijs.* p manifagiis ff̄m ¶ soroꝝ.

It. sol. *xij̄d.* in expens̄ in sepeliendo Riči Martyn.

At the election of officers for the year ensuing, "Dñs Adam Bischopp" was appointed one of the "pvisores convivii."



24th Henry VIII., 1532.

Receipts, vs. pro firma prati hujus gilde de Roberto Colman sen. et Willelmo Peynter.

Item *xij*d. de Roberto Colman pro fir tre.

Item vs. de Agnete Agas p fir ten. huius gilde.

Item soluta *xvj*d. for making of new skochyns for ye almosse [alms.]

Item *vj*d. for a chayre.

Item *xd*. for ij formes and ij shelvys.

Also five entries of payments of *xvj*d. each for souls.

John Dyn, who had now been alderman for five years, disappears, and the next account is that of Adam Bischopp, capett and alderman of the Gild of the Holy Trinity, made on the morrow of the Holy Trinity, in A.D. 1533, and 25th Henry VIII.

The next account, of 1st June, 1534, contains payments of *xij*d. for ij new pewter dischys, and *xj*d. ob. for a new corned chayer.

In the account of 24th May, 1535, occur payments, *xd*. for a grosse of trenchers, and *vj*d. for x dosen spones.

John Dyn again elected alderman, and his account for 1537 includes *ijs*. paid to John Manning, smyth, for a trefoote and a pott hooke, petit allocari de *iiij*d. datis in reward to Thomas Dowsyng emendyng the hey wey at bayett hyll.

The comptus for 1538 is the last year in which any sums are accounted for as received for interest, amounting to 16s. 4d. The rents received were 6s. I give the payments for that year in their entirety.

In primis soluta *iijs*. *iiij*d. pro certitudine hujus gilde.

Item *j*d. in oblacone in secunda die ad missam.

Item *iiij*d. data in elemosinas ad lazarus.

Item *ijs*. pro invencoe luminis.

Item *xxij*d. pro *xij* new pewter salts.

Item *xjd.* ob. q. [ $11\frac{3}{4}d.$ ] pro redditu aulæ et j ac̄ t̄re manerio de Cromwells.

Item *iiijd.* manerio de Grishaugh in redditu.

Item *vjd.* eodem manerio in redditu.

Item *ijs. iiijd.* manefagis fr̄m et soror̄z in dnica.

Item *iiijd.* p̄sbit̄o dicenti vesp̄as.

Item *ijd.* Andree Kerby in m̄cede.

Item *ijd.* Johanni Moore p̄coni in m̄cede.

Item *xijd.* scrip̄cōe huis comptat.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. *xvs. iijd.* ob. q<sup>a</sup>.

#### De repaċ.

In p̄ paid *viijs.* for v loads of strawe w<sup>t</sup> the cariage.

It. paid *iiijs. vijd.* to Bartholomew Dey thakkyng by *viiij* days & a half w<sup>t</sup> his bord.

It. paid *ijs. xd.* to a laborer seruing hym ye same days w<sup>t</sup> his bord. Sm<sup>a</sup> *xs. vd.*

It. payd *viijd.* for the taxe of our sufferen lord Kyng.

It. payd *ijs. viijd.* gevyn in almes to ye ffrers.

It. paid *iiijs. vijd.* gevyn in almes at *iiij* obyts kept.

It. paid *xxjd.* in almes the Monday.

It. paid *vjs. viijd.* deliud to the almesmen.

Sm<sup>a</sup> total om̄i soluť *xlvijs.* ob. qū [ $\frac{3}{4}d.$ ]

And so the receyts excede the payments *ijs.* ob. wherof the seid ald askethe to be allowed of *viiijd.* paid for ye brekfast of the brethern in the monday, and also askethe to be allowed of *xijd.* gevyn in reward to the ffestmakers, and also of *jd.* gevyn in reward to a minstrall. Sm<sup>a</sup> of allowans *xxjd.*, and so resteth to the use of the Gild *iijd.* ob. remaynyng in the hands of the Ald.

The Comptus of 1539 contains but few entries, amongst the payments are:—

*ijs. ixd.* for the brekfast of the brethers & susters.

*ijd.* in expens̄ upon Ryngars.



And there are a few entries in an account of John Dyne (who it appears had continued alderman) in the year 1544, including—

Item payd to ye syke folke . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item rec. of Thomas Coulter & Wyllm Wod- koke buttlres of ye sayd gyld . . . . .	iiij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for the s <i>f</i> of ye gyllde of ye trenyte in sponer rowe to ye vycker . . . . .	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for ye brekefaste of ye seyde gyld to steven Ward <i>n</i> . . . . .	iiij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .

The entries in this book, containing twenty-four foolscap sheets, or ninety-six pages, are in the same hand as the others, but the water-mark of the paper is distinct, viz., a kind of standard.

### The Transactions of the Gilde of All Saints

from 1501, for thirty-eight years, are contained in a parchment-covered book of forty-eight leaves, of which the last ten (the last of all excepted) have not been used. They have all the water-mark of the hand and star.

Noia fratrum ⁊ soroz Gilde Omi S*co*z Anno D*ni* millesimo cccccc<sup>mo</sup> secundo et anno regni Regis henrici septimi decimo octauo.

There are forty-two names, including those of Maister Robt. Irby, vica*r*, Syr Tho*m*s Delys,<sup>2</sup> and two females; but to twenty-nine the words “*⁊ vx*r* eius*” are added, making the total number of members seventy-one. Against most of these an “*m*” is prefixed, to signify the death. “*Ao. d*ni* m<sup>o</sup>cccc<sup>mo</sup> secundo,*” four names added, with one wife. In 1503, one only, Johanna Curson. In 1504, Dompnus Jacobus Curson, and three others. In 1505, five names, including

<sup>2</sup> Also Will Blythe, John Curson, Thomas Blythe, John Davy, Thomas Dowsynge.

Dompnus Thoñs Greshñ, Dompnus Willñs Bury, Roberd roo, mawteгоре. In 1507, two men and their wives and two other females. In 1508, four. In 1510, Dñs Thoñs Porter, vicar<sup>s</sup>, Frater Willñs hornereyk, and five others, with John Kett. In 1511, ten new members, of whom six were wives of old members, Dompn<sup>s</sup> Johes Henghñ, Dompn<sup>s</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Osmūd. In 1512, four, of whom one from Kenyng-hale. 1513, one. 1514, Johes Drye, vič, Ričus Howse, Johes Kett, and others. 1516, Frač robč Wyndhous, and others. 1517, three married and one single woman. 1518, nine names, consisting of two men and their wives, two widows, David Flowredew, Frač August, F. Ročts Ryng, Dñs Ročts Fresdik. 1519, six.

These occupy the two first pages, and the list is continued on the last page of the book.

Compotus Ricardi Denton, Alderman' Gilde Omī Sčoz  
Anno dñi millimo ccccc<sup>mo</sup> primo.

De recepčõnibus hõ Ao.

In primis iijs. iiij*d.* rec. of ye legat [legacy] of Katern Botyld.

Et de xx*d.* rec. of ye legate of Agnes Breese.

Et de xiijs. vij*d.* rec. of drynkyng made be Thom<sup>s</sup> Hendry and Thomas Dobbys. Et de ijs. viij*d.* rec. of Robert Newman for hows Ferme [house rent] ye yer paste.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. xxjs. iij*d.*

Itn. de increment<sup>s</sup> hõ Ao.

In p̃mis iiij*d.* rec. de Jacobo Frosdyke p̃ incr' de iijs. iiij*d.*, Willm. Blythe pleğ. Et de viij*d.* rec. de Wiffmo Levald p̃ incr' de vjs. viij*d.*, John Dunthorn pleğ. Et de viij*d.* rec' de Wiffmo Blythe p̃ incr' vjs. viii*d.*, Jamys Frosdyke p̃t. Et de iiij*d.* rec' de Johe Sawerd p̃ incr' iijs. iiij*d.*, Willm. Lebald p̃t. Et de iiij*d.* rec' de Johe Curson p̃ incr' iijs. iiij*d.*,



Willms. Payn p<sup>t</sup>. Et de viij*d.* rec' de Willmo. Payn p  
incr' vjs. viij*d.*, John Curson p<sup>t</sup>.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. incr' hoc Ao. iij*s.* Sm<sup>a</sup>. total recept' xxiiij*s.* iij*d.*

Inde resoluta ut patet in ꝑcellis postea.

In ꝑmis iij*s.* paide to maister Vycar for ye certen of ye  
Gylde.

Et de i*s.* paide to Robt. Newman for fyndyng of ye  
lyght ye yer past.

Et de iij*d.* paide in Elmes to ye syke men.

Et de j*d.* paide in offeryng of ye secunde day.

Et de j*d.* paide for papyr.

Et de xvj*d.* paide to ye mynstrell.

Et de vj*d.* paide for wrytyng of y<sup>s</sup> accompt.

Et de viij*d.* paide in rewarde to ye holders.

Et de iiij*d.* paide for rent to ye Baile of ye Fryres.

Et de ij*d.* paide to maister Knyvett's Baile for rent of a  
purpris.<sup>3</sup>

Sm<sup>a</sup>. ix*s.* v*d.*

De repaçonib; hō Ao.

In ꝑmis i*s.* vj*d.* p<sup>d</sup> to hary Seman for vj C strawe.

Et de xvij*d.* p<sup>d</sup> to felde ye Thaxter for thackynge be  
vj dies.

Et de xij*d.* p<sup>d</sup> to his server be vj daies.

Et de xvij*d.* p<sup>d</sup> for boordynge of ye seid Thaxter & his  
man be vj daies.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. vjs. vj*d.*

S<sup>m̄</sup> total solut. xv*s.* vj*d.*

Et sic recept<sup>a</sup> excedunt solu<sup>t</sup> hō Ao. vijs. iiij*d.*

M<sup>d</sup>. that Johis Baxster hathe gevyn a chetel [kettle] to  
ye Gylde to be dyscharged of ye holdyng of ye seid Gylde.

<sup>3</sup> A purpresture, originally an encroachment.

## Elecōio huius Gylde.

[Names of twelve members.]

Ald. Ric Denton.

Puruiores, Willms Kyne [?] Gregory Calyor.

## 1502, 18th Henry VII.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were, besides the *Alderman*, *Bidellus*, Thom Blythe; *Custos lum<sup>s</sup>*. Robt. Newman; *Pu'iores*, Thoms. Foster, Robtus Caly; *Vexillator*, Thoms. Walter; *Collectores*, Robtus Newman, Thoms. Sponer.

## 1503, 19th Henry VII.

The receipts include *vs. viij<sup>d</sup>. rec. de Potaōne fact. p Ricū Deynes et vx' eis ⁊ ux<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Jeffrey, ⁊ viijs. jd. ob. rec. de Potaōne p Thomā Godfrey ⁊ ux' eis ⁊ ux<sup>r</sup> Jacobi Petyt. And the payments, "ij<sup>d</sup>. solut<sup>r</sup> for holdyng of the Torchys in ij<sup>d</sup> die," and *jd.* "in a rewarde for berynge of the Baner."*

There was a surplus in the funds, which was put out as follows: *M<sup>d</sup>*. that the Alderman hathe delyverd to Ric<sup>d</sup> Payne *ij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. ad incrementum*, Ric Denton *pleg<sup>r</sup>*. *Itm.* delyvered to Wiseman to *incres xij<sup>d</sup>. Ric Denton pleg<sup>io</sup>*.

## 1504, 20th Henry VII.

*Rec<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. rec. de arreraĝ voc. Obite money hō Ao.*

*Paym<sup>ts</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. in oblaōne in p<sup>ma</sup> ⁊ secunda die.*

*ij<sup>d</sup>. dat ad leprosos in Elemosina.*

*ij<sup>d</sup>. solut<sup>a</sup> for mercyment.*

*iiij<sup>d</sup>. pd. for a mece of mete to John Saacer  
beyng in poverte.*

After electing the Alderman, two Purveyors, two Collectors, the Bedellus, the Candelberer, and the Vexillator, two others are named "for ye Derige."

"Also it is ordeyned be ye seid Eleccon y<sup>t</sup> eu<sup>y</sup> brother and sustyr in tyme to come xal pay an ob. to ye almes to



be paide at ye Gilde day. Also Willm. Blythe hathe grūnted to ye Gilde a Busshell of malte to a drynkyng.

## 1505, 21st Henry VII.

M<sup>d</sup>. of iijs. in mañ Johis Curson & Johis Cotynghān for to kepe ye costs of ye Dirige in ij die.

Itm. iijs. viij*d*. rec. de potaċōne facta ex dono Dñi Thome Dalys ⁊ Thome Dowsyng. Itm. iijs. rec. de potaċōne fact. ex dono Wiſſmi Freymond ⁊ Symonis Mannyng.

Besides the usual payment of “xij*d*. ministrallo pro suo salario,” “ij*d*. solut. to ye wayte for a rewarde.” Itm. ij*d*. soluta to the sextens for a rewarde.”

Richard Denton, who up to this time had been yearly elected Alderman, had got into arrear in his account.

M<sup>d</sup>. that Richarde Denton ow<sup>t</sup> to ye Gilde for ye dette of Wiſſm Wyseman [for whom he had become surety] vs. Itm. de arreragio vltimi sui compoti iijs. ob. Itm. pro ingressū in Gild Jacobi Peyntor ⁊ Johanne ux'is iijs. iiij*d*. Itm. ex parte lega<sup>t</sup> Wiſſmi Dyman iiij*d*. Summa xjs. viij*d*. In his stead they elected Alderman<sup>s</sup> Dompn<sup>s</sup> Jacob<sup>3</sup> Curson ⁊ puruio<sup>r</sup> festi et Jocab<sup>3</sup> Peynto<sup>r</sup> similiter puruio<sup>r</sup>.

## 1506, 22nd Henry VII.

This is the comptus of “Dompni Jacobi Curson, Alderman in Gilde Oñi Sċo<sup>z</sup> in Wymondham,” who accounts for 6s. 4*d*., the balance of the last account. Sm<sup>a</sup>. de catallis, cum 6s. 8*d*. and 3s. 4*d*. in the hands of persons named, xxxiijs. iiij*d*. He also accounts for 15s. 3½*d*. received from three drinkings, one of them being viijs. de potaċōne facta p dompnū Jacobū Curson ⁊ Johannā Curson. And he received 3s. 4*d*. in part payment of Richd. Denton's debt, the total receipts being £1. 7s. 3½*d*.

The ordinary payments were for the same purposes as last year; three extracted items being thus entered:—“Et de ijs. solut ministrallo hō Ao.; et de ij*d*. da<sup>t</sup> ad aliū ministrallū,

et de *ij*d. dañ ad sacristos pro regardis; total, 9s. 11½*d.*” The bill for repairs is referred to as entered elsewhere, and amounting to £1. 5s. 2½*d.* The payments, therefore, exceeded the receipts; and there was a balance left due to the alderman.

Two of the office-bearers elected are styled “Collectores pro le Dirige in ij die;” and two others, “Collect̄ pro Potaçõnibus.”

“M<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>t</sup> I, Robt. Newmā, ġante on to ye gyld of All ye Seyntys my spetyſ & kaberns aſt my dyſſeſſe.”

Three members, who each held in their hands 2s., are “to kepe ye costs of dirige the next yer folowyng w<sup>t</sup> ye ences of ye same.”

1507, 23rd Henry VII.

Compotus Dompni Jacobi Curson, Monachi, alderman, &c.

Imp<sup>s</sup> iijs. viij*d.* rec. de Potaçõne fact. p̄ Dompñ Williñ Bery, Dompñ Thomā Greshm̄, et Matildam Challey.

“Itm. ijs. xd. r’ de potaçõne fact. p̄ Robtum Roo t̄ Margaret Denton.”

“Unde resoluta vijs. vjd. ob. p<sup>d</sup> to Dawn<sup>4</sup> Jamys Curson owyng on to hym of debbte as it apperyth in ye counte the yer paste.”

*xij*d. Soluta Thome Bylawe minstrello.

1508, 24th Henry VII.

Compotus Thome Dalys, Capellani, aldermanni, &c.

Itm. solut. p̄ dimid combi Brasij ad potaçõem *xij*d.

Itm. solut. mimo huis Gilde in A<sup>o</sup>. uliõ p̄terito *ij*d.

Itm. solut. mimo hoc A<sup>o</sup>. *xij*d.

The officers elected for the ensuing year, besides the Aldermen, are styled Provisores, Collectores, Dispensatores, Preconem, Vexillator, and Custodem luis, Thomā Foster señ p̄ a<sup>o</sup> seqũ & habit p̄ labore *xxd.*

<sup>4</sup> This is an unusual form of contraction for *Dominus*, but the more contracted form *Don* was not uncommon.



1509, 1st Henry VIII.

In þ̄ solut iijs. viij*d.* to Robt. Godfrey for dawbyng our stabyll.

It. solut. j*d.* in espens. at heveryng the seyð dawber.

It. solut. xij*d.* to Jamys Peynton for splents.

It. solut. ij*d.* for carying of ye seid splents.

It. solut. xj*d.* to harry Seman for casting & carying of iiij loods of cley.

It. solut. iiij*d.* to ye said harry for casting & carying of ij loods of sonde.

It. solut. xvj*d.* to Thoñs Godfrey for ij Groundsyllys.

It. solut. xij*d.* to Robt. Dey for werkyng by ij days w<sup>t</sup> hys bord.

It. solut. ij*d.* for hempe to bynde w<sup>t</sup> splents.

It. solut. xd. for a quarter of lyme w<sup>t</sup> ye caryage.

It. solut. xij*d.* to John lovyk for a C & a quater of Brykk Tyle.

It. solut. vd. for a combe of lyme w<sup>t</sup> ye caryage.

It. solut. iiij*d.* for strawe to ye cleye.

It. solut. xij*d.* to John Godfrey for werkyng by ij days w<sup>t</sup> hys bord.

It. solut. j*d.* for emendyng a gate.

It. solut. iij*d.* for castyng of a chambyr w<sup>t</sup> stoofe.

It. solut. ij*d.* for castyng and carying of a lood of sonde.

It. solut. xvij*d.* for storyng of a welle & emendyng of ye same.

It. solut. xd. for emendyng of ye chymny in ye halle.

De expens̄—j*d.* in oblaçõne in ij<sup>a</sup> die in Eecetia.

iiij*d.* in oblaçõne p trib; obiř. iij*d.* in misericordia.

The disbursements were now yearly exceeding the income.

After entering the election of officers for the year following :—

Mñi. q̄ hec est conuencio inter hanc Elecçõem ⁊ Johem Colyour q̄ ad firmā dimisēřnt mansionē suā p̄fato Johi a dař huius Elecçõis usq; ad ffm̄ oīm scoz q̄ erit in A° Dñi millimo

quingentesimo x<sup>mo</sup> et soluet<sup>l</sup> vel solū faciet p̄fato Aldermanno et Gilde xiijs. viii<sup>d</sup>. ad f̄m̄ jnuençōis see cruce p̄xim̄ futuř post dař huis Elecçōis xv<sup>d</sup>. et ad f̄m̄ oīm scoz tūc p̄ im seqū xiijs. viii<sup>d</sup>. in plenū solut.

Hec est Inuentoria factē in Anno Dñi millimo quingentesimo nono et regni Regis henrici octauī p̄mo de oībz vtensiliis hūis Gilde d̄ oīm scoz.

In p̄is a ffalte tabyll ex dono Johis Swete.

It. a pleyn tabyll.

It. ij fformys.

It. ij stolys lying up on stulpis.

It. a cawdern w<sup>t</sup> a byle ex dono Johis Baxter.

It. a Brassepott continens v lageñ ex dono Johanne Skynner.

It. ij prykket candelstyks of latyne.

It. xij platers of pewter.

It. xxv dishys of pewter.

It. xvij dawsers of pewter.

[The four preceding were afterwards struck through with a pen.]

It. a forme ex dono Johne Tyndehyve.

It. a laten candylstyck ex dono Agnetis Leman.

It. a brode laten basen [and a candylstyck] of the gyfte of Wyffm Lebald.

Thomas Dalys had been re-elected Alderman for the next year, but his name is not mentioned in the account which is headed "Compotus Gilde oīm scoz in anno Dñi millesimo ccccxxj<sup>o</sup>;" and the first entry is of the names of those present as "Elecçio," who "eligerēt in officiō Aldermanni Jacobū frosdyk vndyr thys condycion yff the dey or the corse of kepyng come a boute ye said Gyd. xall haue vjs. viii<sup>d</sup>."

The receipts include "of Johi Colyo<sup>r</sup> for ferme of ye Gyldehall xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>," "of a drynkyng made by sondry Brothen iijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>."



Amongst the payments:—

- To ye mynstrell for šuying of ye gyld ijs.  
 Payd to Willm. Tetyssale for fynding ye lyth vpon ye pke  
 ijs. ix*d*.  
 Payd to a pore man of Thetford in almes j*d*.  
 Payd in offeryng at iiij obyttis on ye gylde mūday ii*d*.  
 To Robt. Jeffery ij sonys, for syngyng ij*d*.  
 To ye mynstrells for gyffs of songys of ye brethern ij*d*.  
 To Thomis Bylowe for goyng to Chyrche w<sup>t</sup> ye gyld iiij*d*.  
 Payd for makyng of ij torchys vs.  
 It. payd for takyng up of ye lond to ye fryers iiij*s*.  
 iiij*d*.  
 It. payd for ye dyryge at ye gylde day xiiij*d*.  
 It. payd off ye det of ye yer last past vij*d*.

1512, 4th Henry VIII.

It. rec. iij*s*. iiij*d*. of ye elmes ġderyd on ye day ye dyryge was kepte.

It. rec. xij*d*. de Edmūdo Glover ppt ffasciculos domi seu [illegible].

It. rec. vijs. j*d*. de potacōe fact p Johem Hengham monachū ⁊ Johem Gall. It. rec. vs. iiij*d*. de potacōe fact. p̄ fatrē Horencrek ⁊ Johem Ket. Total receipts, £2. 7*s*. 10*d*.

Soluçōnes de expensis:—

It. in̄pmis vs. iiij*d*. payd at ye dyryge in Chyrche kept for all ye brothrys & systers.

It. solut. viij*d*. jn capicensu<sup>5</sup> dñi Reġs Henrici octaui.

The items of payments under the head “de Reparaçōib<sub>3</sub>” are very numerous this year, in which it would seem the Gild house was rebuilt.

It. solut. ij*d*. to Thoms. Fostē for werkyng by a daye in takyng down ye old howse.

It. solut. j*d*. bent vpon ye sylle at ye howse reyseng.

<sup>5</sup> Head money, or poll tax.

It. solut. ijs. iiij*d.* ob. to Richerd Aldman for thachyng vpon ye howse by ix days & a half. It. solut. xix*d.* for bordyng of ye said Richerd. Leaving the Gild in debt to the Alderman 34*s.* 8*d.*

Although James Frosdyk was re-chosen alderman, the comptus of the next year, 1513, 5th Henry VIII., is described as that of *Jacobi Poynter*,<sup>6</sup> alderman, &c.

The payments mention viij*d.* to ye taske of ye kyng; xvj*d.* for makyng of a torche.

## 1514.

The alderman is named again as Jacob *Frosdyk alias Peyntor* [or Poyntour.]

The payments contain—viij*d.* for ye taske of ye halle.

iiij*d.* in expens at ye lattyng of ye mansyon.

ij*d.* in rewarde to a strawenge mynstrell [a frequent payment].

ijs. to ye dryge rec. of Jone Curson.

iiij*d.* for mkyng of yō in dento<sup>r</sup>.

## 1515, 7th Henry VIII.

In p<sup>s</sup> rec. xxvjs. viij*d.* de Johne Colyo<sup>r</sup> p fir<sup>m</sup> mansioñ, an increase of rent from 13*s.* 4*d.*

It. rec. xij*d.* de roo howse. [Qy. noo or new].

The expenses of repairs to the house are this year continued principally for timber, clay, and straw.

Also j*d.* in oblacyon on ye Gyld munday.

j*d.* for ij yrons for ye candylstyk.

## 1516, 8th Henry VIII.

The alderman called "Jacobus Frosdyk," again, who accounts for 4*s.* and 7*s.* received of "drynkyngs."

It. rec. vij*d.* ob. for pewter lattyng to drynkyngs.

<sup>6</sup> He had once before been designated "Frosdyke alias Poynter."



## 1517, 9th Henry VIII.

4s. 8*d.* for three legacies.

Paid *ijs.* for fyndyng of ye lyght on ye candilstyck.

There is a further expenditure for repairs, to the gates, the well, and to ye goter [gutter] in ye Bakhows.

## 1518.

Rec. viijs. *ijd.* de pota<sup>o</sup>coe fact p Fřem Wyndhows t ux'em Johis Tye.

*xijd.* p ingressu Agnetis Archerd, vidue.

Payd *ijid.* to the ryngens.

Payd *iiijd.* to a fryer att the syngyng of hys messe.

## 1519.

Paid *ijs. ijd.* for ffyndyng of ye lyght before All Seynts.

Paid *jd.* to Tytsale emendyng the Greys [steps?]

## 1520.

It. paid *ijs.* for the kervyng and the gildenge of the candilstik.

It. paid *ijs. viijd.* to Thome Sterlyng for makeng *ij* candilstikks.

It. payd *viijd.* for the poyntyng of the seyd candilstikks.

It. paid *xiiijd.* ob. for a li. & a di. of waxe w<sup>t</sup> the making.

There was a balance at the close in the hands of the alderman, and *vijs. iiijd.* in the hands of John Kensy and John Machen to bye pewter.

Jacobus Frosdik at Peynto<sup>r</sup> had been re-elected for 1521, but the comptus is of "Robti Frosdik, Capellani, Alderman Fraternalitatis Oim S<sup>o</sup>z," &c., who appears to have been elected on the gild day. The collectores, John Kensy and John Machen are said to hold "*ijs. vd. ad erogand' elemosinas.*"

The disbursements include further small repairs, such as—  
*ijd.* for brykks to amend the herthes.

*ijs. viijd.* ob. to John Fischpole by *v* days.

iijs. to him for casting, whytyng, and redyng the hall.  
 xij*d.* for red oker to the hall.  
 ij*d.* for making clen bothe howses after the masons.  
 iij*d.* for a pownse to make w<sup>t</sup> the pewter.  
 ij*d.* to John harrold for ryngyng.

1522.

Reč iijs. de Stephñio Verdon p̄ dñis vtens.  
 Payd ij*d.* in oblacon the sonday & mudaye.  
 viij*d.* for a dede makyng & drynke at ye state takyng.  
 xj*d.* ob. for a li. of waxe & makyng.  
 ij*d.* to John Kensy for hys costs at ye markett corte  
 by ij days.  
 iij*d.* to John Machyn for hys costs of ye market corte  
 by ij days.  
 [They were the "collectores elemosine."]  
 vj*d.* to the alderman for hys costs iij corte days.  
 ij*d.* to mother Seman for hyr mete.  
 ij*d.* to rowse for hys expensē at ye market corte.  
 vj*d.* ob. for iiij skor brykks.  
 j*d.* for ye streynyġ [distraining] of Stephyn Verdon [the  
 late tenant of the gild house, for unpaid rent.]  
 ij*d.* for ye pleynt enteryng.  
 ij*d.* for ye queste sūmyng [summoning.]  
 iiij*d.* for the jugemēt of ye corte.  
 j*d.* for the messe peny of Jone Tynwhyte.  
 iij*d.* for the caryng a wey ye fylthe of ye strete.  
 iijs. viij*d.* for newe pewter.  
 [Intermixed with payments for repairs, chiefly to the  
 stable and gates.]  
 Thys is the Inuētory of the Pewter of the gyld:—  
 Fyrste xxxvj<sup>te</sup> platers of pewter. [The first x added  
 afterwards.]  
 It. xxxv [marked out with pen, and "v dussen" written  
 over] dysches of pewter.



It. xij sawsers of pewter.

It. ij rakks to toste w<sup>t</sup>.

It. ij long spets.

It. a ffalt Tabyll in the hall.

It. ij stoles lyeng on stulpes.

It. a pley n Tabyll.

It. ij fformes.

It. a cawdern w<sup>t</sup> a byle.

It. a brasse pott.

It. a laten basen of the gyfte of Willm̄ lebald.

[The following apparently added from time to time.

It. at ye disposyçõn of John Kensy ye yong<sup>r</sup> iij tapyl  
clothys ye to wone of v yardes & di, and ye tothyr tweyn of  
v yardes a pese.

It. a new salt w<sup>t</sup> a cover.

It. x new salts w<sup>t</sup>owt covers.

It. ij new spets of yron.

It. a Garnische of newe pewter.

It. vij dussen Trenchers.

It. vij dyš [dysen or dosen] sponys.

## 1523.

Rec. xij*d.* ob. de Johe Machyn for lattyng of the pewter.

Paid ij*d.* to a pore pryste on the gild mūdais.

iiij*d.* to the sextens for ryngyng at dirige by ij yers.

ijs. vj*d.* att ij keynyngs for Isabell Hikks & Agnes  
Seman.

ijs. to the kyng of preste money.

xx*d.* to John Kensy for stolyng of the botrye  
[buttery].

## 1524.

Rec. xvij*d.* for the latage [letting] of the pewter.

Pd. iij*d.* for mēdyng of the baner & to ye bedell.

1525.

Pd. ijs. iiij*d.* for stagyns for the pore folks w<sup>t</sup> the candell.

xj*d.* for a li. of waxe & a q̄rter w<sup>t</sup> the making.

xixs. ix*d.* for a garnyshe of Pewter & an odd dysche.

[There is a change in the handwriting towards the end of the account, and the alderman elected is John Kensy, jun.]

1526, 18th Henry VIII.

Rec. iiij*s.* ex dimissione le pewtor vessell.

Paid iij*s.* j*d.* for xj new salts bowt to the gyld.

vs. to John Heyns for ij new spets.

[After the election of officers for the next year] :—

M<sup>d.</sup> that Robt. Rynge hathe made hys ffyn for the ffest makeyng for ye s<sup>m</sup> iiij*s.* to be payd xij*d.* quarterly tyll the seid iiij*s.* be payd to the use of thys gyld.

Item that S<sup>r</sup> John Sygar is receyvid a brother of this Gild and the seid S<sup>r</sup> John Sygar gūnteth to pay to the use of this gyld x*d.* quarterly till ye s<sup>m</sup> of iij*s.* iiij*d.* be paid, so that herafter he shall not be charchyd w<sup>t</sup> no offyce belongyng to this gyld.

1527.

Reč iiij*s.* de Johe Rynge in plena solu<sup>t</sup> p finē offi' puisoris conuivij. It. rec. iij*s.* iiij*d.* de dño Johe Sygar in plena solu<sup>t</sup> p eodem.

Paid v*s.* viij*d.* to Tho<sup>m</sup>s Petyte in a reward to bere the ffest thys yer in the stede of Richard Martyn [who had been chosen one of the purveyors at the last election.] And so that the seid Thoms. Petyte [an error for R. Martyn?] shalbe dischargyd of the ffest kepyng for this tyme.

Paid ijs. j*d.* for the light ffyndyng vpon the perk.

vj*d.* for wax to the light of thys Gyld w<sup>t</sup> the making of the same.

iijs. j*d.* for xj new salts bowt for the gyld.



1528.

Rec. ijs. iiij*d.* ex lega<sup>t</sup> Jacobi Frosdyk.

Paid ijs. vj*d.* for the obits of Dame [*sic*] Wiffm Bury,  
Jone rowse, & Margaret Sawer.

to hewe leveriche for a Garnyshe of Pewter xxiijs.

to John heynes for a bonde to ye grett chetill [kettle]  
& ij Gryns xx*d.*

to Robt. Drake ʒving the rigger [thatcher?] by  
a day w<sup>t</sup> mete & drynk iiij*d.*

M<sup>d</sup>. that John Cotinghm hath pmysed to the Elecon to  
be discharged for ever of the Fest holding vs. to be paid at  
the next gild xx*d.* and so yerly at ye gild day till the seid  
vs. be full paid.

1529.

Rec. iiij*d.* de obit<sup>s</sup> Robti Clere t Edwarde Knyvett,  
militū p lūie Gilde.

Eleccio p aldmanno, Thom<sup>s</sup> Sendell, also one of the  
puisores convivii. The collectores also "Custodes vasorum."

1530, 22nd Henry VIII.

Rec. ijs. viij*d.* de Willmo Rowse et Stepho Vardon, col-  
lectorib; huis Gilde, eisdem delibat ad compo<sup>t</sup> vlē Johis  
Kensy ut i<sup>h</sup>m patet.

It. rec. ijs. v*d.* m<sup>o</sup>. collect<sup>i</sup> in pecuniis elemosine.

It. rec. iiij*d.* in restitu<sup>o</sup>ē of j le pewter saler ʒ*d*c*f*.

Soluta iiij*d.* da<sup>t</sup> Johi Dewe wayt m*e*cede.

Solu<sup>t</sup> j*d.* da<sup>t</sup> p*e*oni isti<sup>s</sup> gilde.

The sum total of receipts for the year was lxs. x*d.*, the  
payments, xxjs. v*d.*; and ijs. viij*d.* were delivered to the  
collectors for the ensuing year, and the balance, xxxjs. ix*d.*,  
handed over to Mr. John Drye, elected alderman for the  
following year, "et sic deus Tho<sup>m</sup>s Sendell exo<sup>n</sup>lat et quiet<sup>e</sup>  
recessit ab hoc compoto."

Compotus M<sup>r</sup>i Johis Drye Aldermanni Gilde o<sup>i</sup>m s*oz*

facta die lune pxme post ff̄m om̄ S̄coꝝ anno Dñi millimo quingen<sup>mo</sup> tricesimo p̄mo [1531] et regni Reg<sup>s</sup> Henrici octauī vicesimo tercio.

Rec. ijs. viij*d.* de Wiffmo Rouse ⁊ Wiffmo Garrard de pecuniis sibi ũdit ad expendend in obitibꝫ anno p̄cedente.

It. rec. ijs. v*d.* collecta hoc Ao. in pecunijs elemosine.

It. rec. iiij*d.* for chyppys.

Soluť ijs. ij*d.* p̄ jnuençõe luīs corā crucifixo.

Anno 1532, 24th Henry VIII.

The disbursements are chiefly for "makyng a pentise"  
[penthouse?], xs. for ij m<sup>l</sup> ⁊ di of thek Tyle [roofing tile.]

iiijs. iiij*d.* for v C bryk Tyle w<sup>t</sup> the caryage.

xd. for ij C ⁊ di of iiijs. ⁊ iij peny nayle.

It. sot xv*d.* disposit̄ p̄ aīa Wiffi Hornkeke ff̄ris.

It. sot iiijs. ij*d.* disposit̄ p̄ aīabꝫ ff̄m et soroz huiſ gilde defūctoꝝ.

1533, 25th Henry VIII.

[For some time 4*d.* a year had been returned to John Gale the tenant, whose rent was £1. 6s. 8*d.* per annum, and was so paid in 1531. In 1532 the alderman accounted only for 12s. 6*d.* for a half-year's rent from John Cheseman, a new tenant, and in future the rent was £1. 5s. per annum, from which 4*d.* was remitted.]

It̄ payd xx*d.* in yssews to the lord of the mañ of Gris-  
haugh for a p̄rest [a purpresture.]

It. paid ijs. iiij*d.* gevyn in reward to Henry Dyman in  
consideraçõn for holdyng the ffest countabill for Thoñs  
Carrowe [one of the appointed provisors.] The disburse-  
ments this year exceeded the receipts.

A.D. 1534, 26th Henry VIII.

The receipts were only £1. 9s. 4*d.* for the year, the out-  
goings £1. 8s. 2*d.* And so the payments w<sup>t</sup> arrerages  
excede the receyts xxvijs. ij*d.* dew on to the seid Alderman.



The collectores render a distinct account.

M<sup>d</sup>. remaynyng ijs. j*d*. in the hands of the collectors.

It. rec. xvij*d*. gadered for the Almose this yere, wherof payd first xvj*d*. for the obite of John Machyn.

It. xvj*d*. for the obite of John Tye.

1535, 27th Henry VIII.

Paid xs. for the ffyne of a p̄pres̄ takyn of my lady Knyvet.

ij for brown of Spayne. [Something used for repairs.]

The officers elected for the ensuing year were the alderman, (Mr. John Drye the Vicar), two providers of the feast, two collectors, a bedell, and a vexillator.

Computus Mr. Johis Drye, aldermanni, &c. Computanť a ffō oñi scoz A°. Regni Regē Henrici Octauī 27° usq, ad ffm̄ de 28°.

The income was nil. “Domus istīs Gilde stetit vacua hoc A°. 7 sic n<sup>l</sup> reč.”

De solut. In p̄mis solut. iij*s*. m̄ vicario p̄ certit hui<sup>s</sup> gilde.

It. solut. j*d*. in oblacoibz dñicā et die lune.

It. solut. iij*d*. dat. in elemosina ad lazarus

It. solut. i*s*. p̄ inuenčōne lūie.

It. solut. ij*d*. mañio de Gristhaugh in reddiř.

It. solut. ij*d*. mañio de Chosele in reddiř.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. v*s*. viij*d*.

De expens. In p̄mis solut. ij*d*. p̄ fine mesuagii teñt de mañio de Chosele.

It. solut. iij*d*. p̄ copia rotulaz curie euisdē mañii exp̄ir.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. vj*d*.

M<sup>m</sup>. q̄ dča Fraternitas debet p̄dco alđmanno xxxv*s*. ix*d*. ex arrerağ vlř compořs ut p̄ in pede dieř compoř.

And there is no election of officers entered.

The fresh account in the book is that of John Drye, who

was alderman to the last, for the year 28th and 29th Henry VIII., when the only sum received by him was 10s. de Rico Kedele p firm mesuağ dce Gilde oim scoz vl̄ repaçoēs domoz dci mesuagii.

De solut. In̄ solut. iijs. m̄ vicario p certitud huis gilde.

It. solut. jd. in oblaçoē die dnica.

It. solut. ij. d. dař in elemosina ad lazarus.

It. solut. n<sup>l</sup> p lūie hoc A°. qz non est inuenř.

It. solut. ij. d. mañio de Grishaugh in reddiř.

It. solut. ij. d. mañio de Chosele in reddiř—Sm<sup>a</sup>. iijs. vij. d.

It. solut. iiij. d. dař Rico Kedell ffirmerio in m̄cede.

M<sup>m</sup>. q. đca ffraternitas debet p̄do Aldermanno xlijs. xj. d. ex arrerağ vl̄ compoř ut p̄z iřm.

Sm<sup>a</sup>. totař omi soluč cū arrerağ xlvij. d. x. d.

Et sic soluč cū arrerağ excedūt reč xxxvij. d. x. d.

Vñ placuit dco ald remittere iijs.

Et sic debit est dco ald xxxiijs. x. d.

[But whether he ever got it does not appear.]

The rest is blank.

On the last leaf is entered the account of receipts and payments of the collectors for the years 1525, 1526, 1527, and 1528.

M<sup>d</sup>. reč in pecunii elemosine in A°. dñi m<sup>e</sup> ceccc xxvij<sup>o</sup> ijs. xj. d. inde resoluř vd. ex arrerağ vl̄ anni.

In p̄ soluř p aia dñi Johis Siger xiiij. d.

It. p aia Margareř Kiddell xiiij. d.

It. solut. in die lune ad exequias ij. d. et sic queř est.

M<sup>d</sup>. reč in pecunijs elemosine in A°. dñi [1528] ijs. viij. d.

[No account of its disbursement.]

The last page in the book is a continuation from the first leaf, of the names of those entering the Gild, viz. :—

In 1520, one man only; in 1521, two do.; 1522, one man and two married women; 1523, none; 1524, two men and one wife; 1525, man and wife and another wife; 1526, Dñs Johes Sygar, Capell<sup>s</sup>, and four others; 1527, two



females; 1528, two males; 1529, none; 1530, six persons; 1531, a man and his wife; 1532, Thomas Kett, Sibilla Sendell, Elizabeth Ponyant, vidua; Johes Cheseman, and Johes Dewe.

On the inside of the parchment cover is this motto: "Dum sumus in mūdo vivam<sup>s</sup> corde secundo."