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DEANERY OF ELMHAM.

I examined the Plate of this Deanery in the month of April, 1923. We were most kindly and hospitably entertained by the Rural Dean, the Rev. E. H. Townsend, Vicar of North Elmham, to whom and his Clergy my thanks are due. The pre-Reformation paten at Beeston next Mileham is very fine. There is a single mark only, a sort of black letter \mathcal{T} , on the cup at Little Fransham which I have since found at Bagthorpe, Tatterford, and Burnham Sutton cum Ulph, in the Burnham Deanery in 1924.

BEESTON NEXT MILEHAM, ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

Communion Cup. Height, $6\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, 4 ins. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, a flat fish in oval. Assay mark. A fine Norwich cup with a boss round stem, and egg-and-tongue border round foot.

In a 9/16-in. plain band, between double hatched lines, is engraved in capitals,

Paten, pre-Reformation. Very fine, parcel-gilt. Diameter, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Saucer-shaped depression in centre with six spandrels of three types, with conventional designs, and in the centre the sacred monogram the in black letter on a hatched ground with twenty inverted plain rays between each diaper ray; $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. rim with three lines, six dents and geometrical lines round monogram. One mark in an indented shield like a trefoil with a double stalk. Date, circa 1500. Norfolk Archæology, xii, 91.

Paten. Diameter, 6\frac{5}{8} ins. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman capital N, 1728, lion passant. Maker's mark illegible. Engraved, "Altari Ecclesiæ Stæ Mariæ Comitatu Norff. A.D. 1749, D.D."; under, "Donum Caroli Barnwell Rectoris."

Flagon. Height, $8\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Domed, with thumb piece. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter courthand c, 1640, lion passant. Maker's mark, a star over an orb, as at Walpole St. Peter. Engraved, "Altari Ecclesiæ de Beeston Sanctæ Mariæ com: Norff. consecratum, Anno 1742"; under, "Donum Caroli Barnwell Rectoris."

BEETLEY, ST. MARY.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, sun in splendour, P. Peterson. In a plain $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. band, between double hatched lines, is engraved in capitals,

"FOR THE TOWNE OF BITLE."



BEESTON NEXT MILEHAM

Ladder pattern decoration thrice above, and egg-andtongue round foot.

Paten Cover on foot. Height, 15 ins. Diameter,

 $4\frac{3}{8}$ ins. Rim, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. No marks.

Paten on foot. Height, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, 8 ins. With coat of arms in plume mantling. Marks: two illegible, date letter courthand s, 1713, lion's head erased.

Flagon. Height, $11\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Domed top with thumb piece. Diameter of foot, 67 ins. Engraved, "Beetley 1721, ex dono Rici Warner Rectoris ibidem." Marks: Britannia, date letter Roman capital F, 1721, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, a mitre with BE under.

BILNEY, EAST, ST. MARY.

Communion Cup. Height, 9 ins. Diameter, 33 ins. Engraved with a conventional design round lip, then a double lined collar, then another $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. conventional design, egg-and-tongue border round foot, and ladder pattern thrice above. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter small black k, 1567, lion passant. Maker's mark illegible. Engraved under,

"Est Bilney, 11 oz. 14 dwt."

Paten on foot. Height, $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $5\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Engraved in capitals, "East Bilney in Norfolk, 1741." Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter small Roman f, 1741, lion passant. Maker's mark illegible.

Communion Cup. Height, $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{7}{8}$ ins. With same marks as on paten. Engraved in large script, "A free gift to the Church and Town of East Bilney in Norfolk, 1741. For the use of the Lord's supper. Weight, 22 . 10."

Paten on foot. Height, 4¹/₄ ins. Diameter, 8 ins. No marks. Heavily loaded.

BITTERING PARVA, ST. PETER.

Communion Cup. Height, $6\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Diameter, 3 ins. Quite plain, with rather trumpet-shaped stem. Engraved in script,

"1722. The Cup of the Toun of Little Bitteringe."

Marks: Britannia, date letter Roman capital G. 1722, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, E A, John East.

Paten. Diameter, $3\frac{5}{8}$ ins. With $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. rim. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion. Maker's mark like a bird in indented shield, similar to the marks on the Guestwick cup and paten, c. 1590, but rather thinner and surrounded by a wreath of leaves.

Paten. Diameter, 55 ins. With gadroon edge. Plated.

DUNHAM, GREAT, ST. ANDREW.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Quite plain, on trumpet-shaped stem with ladder band decoration repeated twice. Engraved in small script, "Great Dunham," with double lines under lip, again in centre, and again lower down. Mark exactly like that on the Plumstead cup, a sort of trefoil.

Paten. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. With turned up rim. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman capital Q, 1731. Maker's mark, M L, Mary Lofthouse.

Flagon, plated. Height, 11 ins. Diameter, 3 ins. On splayed foot, diameter, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Engraved, "Dunham Magna." Above, I H S, with nails inside fifteen rays.

Alms Dish, plated. Diameter, 8 ins. Engraved as above.

DUNHAM, LITTLE, ST. MARGARET.

Communion Cup, gilt. Height, 83 ins. Diameter, 4 ins. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman small N, 1788, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark, R M, Robert Makepeace. Engraved, "Ex dono Revdi Henrici Jowett Rectoris, 1817." Also I H S and nails in a circle of twenty-four pointed rays, "Dunham Parva," decorated with sixteen long upright leaves, on bowl, and running pattern on base of pedestal foot.

Salver on three feet, gilt. Diameter, $7\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Engraved in centre, I H S, with nail in circle of twenty-four rays, "Dunham Parva" under, and below same inscription as on cup. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman p, 1790, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark illegible.

Flagon. Height, 11 ins. Diameter at top, $1\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Domed top with a cross as finial. On six-lobed foot. Marks: lion passant, date letter Roman small 0, 1909.

ELMHAM, NORTH, ST. MARY.

Communion Cup. Height, $9\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Quite plain, with collar to stem. Engraved on bowl with I H S, cross and nail within a circle of radiating rays, and round foot in script, "For the use of the Parish of North Elmham, 1786." Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman small l, 1786, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark, B L, Ben Laver.

Paten on splayed foot. Height, $\frac{7}{8}$ in. Diameter, 5 ins. Saucer shaped, with $\frac{5}{8}$ -rim, on which is engraved in old script, "Ex dono Gulielmi Welles Vicarij de North Elmham." Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, seeded rose. Maker's mark, \mathcal{H} , A. Heaslewood. Date, circa 1670.

Flagon. Height, $12\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{4}$ ins. With flat top and pierced thumb piece, hollow splayed foot with collar above. Engraved with I H S, cross and nails in a circle of thirty-two rays, under which is "North Elmham Church, 1803." and round the foot, "The gift of Richard Milles, Esqr." Marks: date letter Roman capital H, 1803, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark, T R, T. Robins.

Alms Dish on foot. Height, $2\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Diameter, 8 ins. Engraved with a somewhat fanciful representation of the Church, with two angels on either side, one saying "Take, eat," the other, "Drink this"; under, "Elmham Church Plate, 1707." Round the edge is engraved in script, "This Plate is given for a Bason to collect the offertory every Communion. The money so collected to be then distributed to the Poor then present"; under, in small capitals, is engraved, "Ex dono Gulielmi Vesy de Elmham, Generosi 1707." Marks: Britannia, date letter courthand m, 1707, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, E A, John East.

Communion Cup. Height, $7\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Six lobes, like the famous Nettlecombe cup. Gilt on one lobe. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman small c, 1898, lion passant. Maker's mark, W K, Wm. Keith. Engraved with a cross and "Presented by their children, Easter, 1899, in memory of George Norris, Vicar, and his wife."

Paten. Diameter, $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Rim, $1\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Same inscription and same marks as on cup, except the date letter is the Roman small d, 1899.

FRANSHAM, GREAT, ALL SAINTS.

Communion Cup. Height, $4\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Splayed bowl, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep. Trumpet-shaped stem, diameter, $2\frac{7}{8}$ ins. at base. Silver. No marks.

Paten. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Rim, $\frac{5}{8}$ in., with slight depression. Hand-worked silver, with tiny hole in centre. No marks.

Flagon. Height, $9\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Quite plain, with collar round lower part. Domed top with thumb piece. Engraved, "Ex dono Johannes Baily de Congham in usum Ecclesiæ Parochialis Fransham Magnæ in Comitatu Norfoltiæ, 1720." Weight, about 40 oz. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman capital G, 1722, lion passant. Maker's mark, W I, George Wickes.

Plate, pewter.

Alms Dish, brass, 1907.

FRANSHAM, LITTLE, ST. MARY.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{3}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Quite plain, with ladder band decoration round base of cup and above foot, and a splayed trumpet-shaped stem.

Only one mark, a large



This must be a maker's mark, probably local, and I first saw it on the cup and paten at Bagthorpe in 1911, while in 1924 I again identified it at Bagthorpe, Tatterford, and Burnham Sutton in the Burnham Deanery. I am indebted to Mr. P. H. Mitchell, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, for making me casts from the wax impressions, and to Messrs. Coe for reproducing them by photography.

Paten Cover on foot. Height, $1\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. This has been much altered. No marks.

Paten, plated. Diameter, 8 ins.

Alms Dish. Diameter, 10 ins. White metal.

Flagon. Height, $11\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $2\frac{3}{4}$ ins. With a cross as finial. Marks: leopard's head, date letter Roman small a, 1896, lion passant. Maker's mark, C.E.

GRESSENHALL, ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.

Communion Cup. Height, $8\frac{3}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Quite plain, with collar round stem. Engraved, "Gressenhall Church." Marks: Britannia, date letter Roman capital L, 1726, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, B A, Richard Bayley.

Paten, with deep depression. Diameter, $10\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Same engraving and same marks.

Flagon. Height, $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, 3 ins. Diameter of foot, $5\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Domed top and thumb piece. Same engraving and marks.

Alms Dish, with handle. Engraved, "Gressenhall." Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman capital N, 1728, lion passant. Maker's mark illegible.

KEMPSTON, ST. PAUL.

Communion Cup. Height, 5 ins. Diameter, $3\frac{3}{8}$ ins. In a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. band, between double lines, is engraved in capitals,

"THIS * FOR * THE TOUVNF * OF KEMSON."

Ladder pattern and egg-and-tongue border round foot. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, I V over a heart, as at Bintry.

Paten, saucer shaped, with $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. rim with double hatched lines. In the centre is (?) a punched mark, round which are two concentric rings with double hatched lines.

Alms Dish, pewter, on foot. Diameter, 9 ins. Engraved, "For the use of Kempston Church, 1785."

Flagon, pewter. Height, $7\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, 4 ins. Domed top and thumb piece. Same inscription.

LEXHAM, WEST, ST. NICHOLAS.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{7}{8}$ ins. In a plain band $\frac{9}{16}$ -in. wide, between double hatched lines, is engraved in capitals,

"FOR THE TOVNE OF WEST LEXSUM."

Egg-and-tongue round foot, and ladder pattern thrice between bowl and foot. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, sun in splendour, P. Peterson.

Paten Cover on foot. Re-made. Height, $1\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Engraved on reverse, "The Rev. John Armstrong Coghlan, A.B., Rector, West Lexham, to his Respected Parishioners, A.D., 1850."

Small Salver on four feet. Pricked, "Eccl. West Lexham d.d. N.D. rector" (N. Davies). Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman small r, 1792, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark, E.I., Edward Jaye.

Flagon. Height, 9 ins. Diameter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. A cross on top, and fluted sides. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman capital V, 1735, lion passant. Maker's mark, A C with fleur-de-lys, Augustus Cortauld. This looks like a secular piece with the cross added, and has a wooden handle. Engraved underneath, "This flagon was presented to the Parishioners of West Lexham by the Rev^d F. F. Reavely, Rector, Jan^r 16, 1874 \cancel{E} D."

Coffee Pot

LEXHAM, EAST, ST. ANDREW.

Communion Cup. Height, $7\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Quite plain, collar round stem. Engraved in script, "East Lexham," and I H S with a cross and nail

surrounded by sixteen rays. Marks; leopard's head, date letter Roman small s, 1833, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark illegible.

Paten on foot. Height, $1\frac{3}{8}$ ins. Diameter, 7 ins. Marks: leopard's head, date letter Roman small r, 1832, lion passant, king's head. Maker's mark, ${\overset{E}{J}} B_{\overset{E}{W}}$ E. J. and W. Barnard. Same monogram and lettering.

Paten on foot. Height, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $8\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Marks: castle over lion, crown, rose sprig. Maker's mark, TH, Thomas Havers, circa 1660. Inscribed in script on rim, "East Lexham." In centre, same monogram as on two previous pieces.

Flagon. Height, 9 ins. Diameter, $3\frac{3}{8}$ ins. With domed top and thumb piece. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter black letter small d, 1681, lion passant. Maker's mark, probably DG, and fleur-de-lys in lozenge. Pricked, "For the towne of East Lexham, Ex dono Guylielmi Thurrold Junior deceased, October 26, 1680."

LITCHAM, ALL SAINTS.

Communion Cup. Height, 77 ins. Diameter, 4 ins. Parcel-gilt. Trumpet-shaped stem, with collar. Splayed foot. Bowl, 4½ ins. deep. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter black letter small \$\overline{\pi}\$, 1681, lion passant. Maker's mark, F S. Engraved, "Donum Johannis Halcott de Medio Templo Londini Armigeri, Año Dm. 1682."

Paten Cover on foot. Parcel-gilt. Height, 1 in. Diameter, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter of rim, $\frac{5}{8}$ in., with four sunk lines round it. Same marks as on cup.

Flagon. Height, $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Parcelgilt. Splayed foot, diameter, 6 ins. Domed top, and thumb piece. Marks on lid and foot, same as on cup and paten, and engraving as on cup.

LONGHAM, ST. PETER.

Communion Cup. Height, 5 ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. In a plain $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. band, between double hatched lines, is engraved in capitals,

"+ THE TOVNE OF LONGAM, 1567."

Ladder band once round stem and round foot. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's marks, orb and cross, P. Peterson.

Paten Cover on foot. Height, 1 in. Diameter, 37 ins. Slightly domed top with twelve flutings and hatched ground between.

Paten, plated. Diameter, 7 in. Engraved under, "Longham, 1857."

Flagon, plated. Height, 9 ins. Diameter, $2\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Domed top, and thumb piece.

MILEHAM, ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Quite plain. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman capital K, 1805, king's head. Maker's mark, W B Peter and William Bateman, lion passant. graved under in capitals, "Mileham, 1805."

Paten Cover on foot. Height, 1\frac{1}{8} ins. Diameter, $4\frac{3}{8}$ ins. Same marks and engraving.

Paten Cover on foot. Height, $2\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Diameter, 63 ins. Marks: Britannia, date letter Roman capital A, lion's head erased. Maker's mark illegible. Engraved, "Sacrum Deo et ecclesiæ de Mileham ex dono Caroli

"Sacrum Deo et ecclesiæ de Mileham ex dono
Wand et Annæ uxoris ejus, 1717."

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> Communion Cup. Height, 9 ins. Diameter, 44 ins. Quite plain, rather trumpet-shaped stem with collar

round it. Marks: Britannia, date letter courthand j, 1704, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, S H, Joseph Sheene. Engraved in small script, "Altari Ecclesiæ de Scarming consecratum ex dono Jane nuper relicta Nicholai Repps S.T.P. Quondam hujus Ecclesiæ Rectoris Anno Salutis, 1704." 20 oz. 15 dwt. Coat of arms in plume mantling.

Paten on foot. Height, 3 ins. Diameter, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Same marks and arms. 11.05 oz. Same words inscribed on reverse.

Flagon. Height, $12\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Hollow base, diameter, $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Domed top with thumb piece. Same marks. Same coat and inscription.

Flagon. Height, $10\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Diameter, 3 ins. Domed top, and thumb piece. Diameter of foot, $6\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Engraved with coat of arms (Lombe), "Ex dono Revd' Joannis Lombe, A.M. Quandum Hujus Ecclesiæ Rectoris, 1746." Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman small l, 1746, lion passant. Maker's mark, TW in script, Thos. Wright.

Paten on foot. Height, 1 in. Diameter, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Marks: on front, as on larger paten; on reverse, same coat and inscription.

STANFIELD, ST. MARGARET.

Communion Cup. Height, 6 ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Quite plain, with trumpet-shaped stem and collar round middle. Marks: Britannia, date letter Roman capital F, 1721, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, N A, Bowles Nash. Engraved in script, "Stanfield, January 1st Anno Domini. 1761."

Paten Cover on foot. Height, 1 in. Diameter, $4\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Marks: N A repeated thrice, and on foot in script, the same lettering.

Alms Dish. Diameter, $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Saucer shaped, with moulded rim. Engraved in script, as on cup. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter black letter E, 1760. Maker's mark, T W in script (?) Tho. Whipham.

SWANTON MORLEY, ALL SAINTS.

Communion Cup. Height, $7\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, trefoil slipped. Assay mark. In a $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. plain band, between double hatched lines, is engraved in large capitals,

"+ SWANTON MORLAY AL SAYNTES, AÑO 1567."

A very fine cup. Quite plain, with egg-and-tongue border round foot.

Paten on foot. Height, 2 ins. Diameter, $7\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Marks: Britannia, date letter courthand q, 1711, lion's head erased. Maker's mark, E A, John East. Engraved in centre in script, "Swanton Morley All Saints, 1712," round I H S with a nail and cross.

Small Dish, Sheffield plate. Diameter, $5\frac{1}{4}$ ins. Gadrooned.

Flagon. Height, $10\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Pierced thumb piece, flat domed top, and splayed hollow base, $6\frac{3}{4}$ -in. diameter. Marks: leopard's head crowned, date letter Roman small d, 1779, lion passant. Maker's mark, W E, Wm. Eley. Engraved, "Swanton Morley, 1779." Alms Dish, Sheffield plate.

WENDLING, SS. PETER AND PAUL.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, sun in splendour, P. Peterson, assay, VOL. XXII.]

ladder pattern twice round bowl and round base, and egg-and-tongue round foot. In a plain \(\frac{1}{4}\)-in. band with double hatched lines is engraved in capitals,

"+ FOR THE TOVNE OF WENLYN."

Paten. Diameter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Rim, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Saucer shaped. Marks in saucer: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, sun in splendour.

Salver, secular, on three feet, plated. Diameter, $7\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Flagon, plated, with domed top, and thumb piece. Height, 12 ins. Diameter, $2\frac{7}{8}$ ins.

WORTHING, ST. MARGARET.

Communion Cup. Height, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Diameter, $4\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Marks: Norwich Castle over lion, date letter C, 1567. Maker's mark, sun in splendour, P. Peterson. Marks on lip and foot; ladder pattern round foot. A beaded lip has been added to the lip of cup. In a plain $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. band, between double lines, is engraved in capitals,

"+ TE TONE OF WORDEN."

Paten Cover on foot. Height, 1 in. Diameter, 5 ins. Rim, $\frac{9}{16}$ in., with a single line all round. Maker's mark, E H crowned, repeated four times. Norwich, circa 1685.