



## The Church Bells of Berkshire.

No. 4.

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### FARINGDON CHURCH

- (1) Mears & Stainbank : Founders : London. 1874.
- (2) Mears & Stainbank : Founders : London. 1874.
- (3) Will. & Rob. Cor. 1708. William Buns and John Ling, Church Wardens.
- (4) God Bless the Queen.
- (5) Mears & Stainbank : Founders : London. 1874.
- (6) No Inscription.
- (7) James Wells Aldbourne . Fecit 1803. Thomas Cotgrave and Edmd. Wilson. Churchwardens.
- (8) R : Wells : Aldbourne . Fecit . MDCCLXXVIII. I. Cock and Henry Newman. Church Wardens.  
Small bell. James Wells . Fecit.

### LITTLE COXWELL.

The Norman Bell Cot, above the Chancel Arch, contains 2 Bells out of reach.

### CHIEVELY CHURCH.

1. Iohn Corr. B : F : 1740.
  2. Honar God. 1633.
  3. Iohn Corr. B : F : 1740.
  4. ~~Prayzed~~ be the name of the ~~Lord~~  
on the waist. ~~Joseph~~ Carter 1584.
  5. P : Henchare Esq : R : Pocock. F Parson Gent. I.  
Corr. 1728.
  6. [18½ cwt.] Holiness unto the Lord.  
Ano. Dni. M . dccc . xlv. Purchased by subscription.  
W : Taylor. Fecit.  
Rev. I. E. Robinson . Vicar . Joseph Pocock & Samuel Shrimpton . Churchwardens.
- On the small bell on Tower roof :—  
James Wells Aldbourne Wilts Fecit

## LETCOMBE BASSETT.

The Tower of this Church, which contains 3 Bells, has no ladder. The dates, obtained, but not the Inscriptions, are :—

1st. 1576.

2nd. 1576.

3rd. 1728.

## NEWBURY ST. NICHOLAS.

In 1724, the Tenor Bell was given by Mr. Henry Bennet, and in 1803 the whole peal of 8 bells were re-cast by James Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. Weight of Tenor 25 cwt.

The Aldbourne Foundry (no trace of which now remains) owned by the Corrs, and then the Wells, supplied a large number of Bells to Berks and Wilts. Their heaviest was about 25 cwt. The following advt. appeared in the Marlborough Journal in 1772 :—

“At the Bell Foundry at Aldbourne, Wilts, Church Bells are cast in a most elegant and as musical a manner as in any part of the Kingdom ; the founder having made the theory of sounds, as well as the nature of metals his chief study. All orders will be punctually observed by R. Wells, Founders.”

W. H. HALLAM,

East Lockinge.

*(To be continued.)*

**Roman Relics.**

*By the Editor.*

**O**UR knowledge of Roman Britain has been vastly increased during recent years, chiefly by the exertions of the Society of Antiquaries in excavating the site of Roman city at Silchester. Berkshire antiquaries have especially benefitted by the labours of the Society, and Reading Museum is now a place of pilgrimage for all who wish to study the remains of the Roman occupation of