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The fine military brass in the chancel, of which nothing remains but the indent, seems to have commemo-
rated either Sir William Wingfield, of Dennington and Kimberly, who died in 1398, or his son William, who died before 1421. His widow, Katherine, appears to have left £5 to the parish for loans. In breaking open "oon Coofer wythyn the vestery of Denyngton" in 1544, an operation performed by "markant Smyth" in the presence of John Rous, Willm. Smyth, Willm. Aldred, Robert Jerves, Thomas Borett, Robert Calver, Robert Lyme, and others, there were discovered "ffyrste of obligations vj wherof

"oon of Willm Aldred & Robert Markant dated iiijö Maij A°. reg.
Hen. viij xx°.
on other of Willm Goodale & Robert Bagott dated A°. reg.
Hen. viij xxij13°
on other of Henry Colles & Robrt Markant dated A°. reg.
Hen. viij' xx°.
on other of John Bannok and Alexāder Drowry A°. reg.
Hen. viij 'iiij°
on other of Willm Bannok and Robt Boreth dated xijth July
A°. reg. Hen. viij' xxto
Onon other and the laste of the vjth (sic) of Robt Bagott and Willm
Goodale dated xxijth mens Octobris A°. Henrici viij xxij13o3

There were probably several sources from which these sums might have been borrowed. In the same coffer was a book containing the "prist and accōpt" of the ....... money (word illegible to me), also "oon pece of pchemēt cōteynyng thothe gyven to those that shall borrowe of the
Churche money according to the Terms of the wyll of dame Kateryn Wyngefelde, and the Dame's will. The sum of £5 is mentioned in later years' accounts. But the parish had other sources of revenue, as we find at the beginning of the book, "the xxxth yer of Kyng harry the eyght." The "Resayts" are as follows:

"Item Resayvyd of the Chereche Wardyns beyng the yer before vijs. vjd ob.
Item Reysayvyd (sic) of the Wycheys gatheryng iiijd.
Item Resayvyd of our cherche aell xs. viijd ob.
Item Resayvyd of the lorde de mycsrewlle xxxd.
Item Resayvyd of the houer plus that be lyfte of the cherche all ijs. vd.
and for calves skin
Item Resayvyd the Rynte of the town laned ijd.
Item the somme to be chargyd with the ferm of the Bell Acre for ijij yer due at the feaste of S. Mary xxd.
Ao. xxx. at ijs. iiijd. by yere" vijs.

The "Wycheys" (?witches) gathering is rather notable than explicable; but the Church Ale and Lord of Misrule, unless indeed "mycsrewlle" suggests another derivation, require little comment. The Churchwardens do not disdain to receive the overplus that is left of the former, and two pence for the skin of the calf provided for the company at the Church Ale, 10 per cent. on that purchase. "Rynte" and "ferm" seem conterminous.

The doings of the Lord of Misrule and the "wilde heads of the parish," by whom he was chosen, are described in vigorous English by Stubs in his Anatomie of Abuses, 1585, p. 92.

"Then marche these heathen companie towards the church and churchyard, their pipers pypyng, drummers thonderyng, their stamps dancynge, their belles jyngling, their handkerchefes swyngyng about their heads like madmen, their hobbie-horses and other monsters skyrmishyng amongst the throng; and in this sorte they go to the churche (though the minister be at prayer or preachyng) dauncing and swyngyng their handkerchefes over their heads in the churche, like devilles-incarnate," &c.

That their heads were hot with something more than
malt and hops, may be seen by the fact that in the following items spices cost at least double of hops. The Quire, no doubt, needed washing out if the Lord of Misrule had his crew there. “Stays” for the fourth bell seem to denote something more than chiming. The variable spelling of “church,” “wheat,” “wheel,” “coffer,” “iron,” “pale,” &c., show the scribe to have been no great scholar; and the writing is a mere scrawl, hard to decipher.

In the case of the Sanctus bell the “forloke” seems to be a lever at right angles to the little stock, to which the “lyen” (line) was fastened.

As to the lead, it seems to have been a straightforward transaction between the parish and Mr. “Rowes,” at whose “places” a great quantity of church lead had been delivered.

“Lyen” for the “troen” beats me. The writer evidently intended to spell key “caye,” but added a penultimate “k” from the example of “loyke.”

“Surpyles” and “scyen” for “skin” are peculiar, and perhaps to be explained on the principle on which a Norfolk farmer crammed a good many letters into the spelling of his name—“if one ‘on’t dew, bor, another wool.”

The first item of the payment is “Town Money. Itm payde to John Marknt for myndyng of harnes and shoyng and to the constabyll for carnge a letter to aye (Eye) of the towne mony.” Then come the “payments.”

"Itm payde for on quarter wassyng due of the year  
viijd  
Itm payde for ij bell ropyes  
ij iijd  
Itm payde for glasyng  
ij iijd  
Itm for calfe for the cherche all  
xxd.  
and for grynyng of Whaeth and malt  
xd.  
Itm for hopes  
ijd.  
and for spyes  
iiijd ob.  
Itm payde to markant for nyryn hoke  
jd  
and for paper  
jd  
and for myndyng of the cresmatory (crismatory)  
jd  
Itm for forloke for the santes bell and for lyen  
ijd  
and for styes for the forth bell  
ijd
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Itm for latthyn of the insyde of the cherche
To Markant for a Key
Itm for a yer washyng of the gyre
Itm payde to John marcante for loyke and a cayke for the lytell cofer
Itm for halfe yere wassyng of the quear
Itm to John Rooke the carpenter for palynge and makynge nyew gate to the Cherche yerde for tymber and Workeshpe
Itm for eyren worke and nayles for the sayde palle and gate written in the margin owyng to master Rowesys plaes xiiij xijd by me Anth. hondred and ten pondes lede of Rous.

Itm for Iryen worke bout the bell whyell
Itm for lyen for the troen
Itm payde for spyesse
Itm for hoppes
Itm for calfe
Itm for washing of the quear on halfe yere and for myndyng of the Surplyes
Itm for gryndyng of Whyathe and malte
Itm for a calfe scyen

These are many of them suggestive items, and there are more; but the period during which this precious volume has been entrusted to my care has elapsed.