

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 Ephemera

Bellmen's Verses (large outsize folder)

arranged by Place and then date

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London

1690s

A copy of verses presented to all my worthy masters and.... In thunder, lightening, hayl, rain, frost and snow, T. Bamber & G. Fido (beadles), printed by Thomas More, London, 1698

1720s

[Photocopies of] A copy of verses humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses in the town and parish of Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex: by Robert Hopperton, beadle and bell-man. Most worthy sirs, I humbly you address. Printed by Evan Ellis, London, 1720

1750s

A copy of verses presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses in the Parish of St. George the Martyr. Once more, my Muse, in soft and humble verse, John Smith, beadle, bellman. Printed by R. Philips, London, published by E. Evans, ESTC t205842, 1752

1790s

A copy of verses presented to all my worthy masters and ...Within this sheet, great sirs, expect to find. James Piper, Beadle, London. Printed by H. Reynell, 1791

A copy of verses humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses in the Parish of St. Mary, Islington. Once more my muse in humble lays will sing, Edward Manton, beadle, bellman. Printed by T. Bayley, London. ESTC t205838, 1791

The gift of H. Reynell, printer, at no. 21, Piccadilly, near the Hay-Market, London, for the year 1793. Again, kind sirs, your bellman does appear who brings this, H. Reynell, printer of club-orders, catalogues, tradesmen's cards, shop bills. Printed by H. Reynell, 1793.

Annotated in ink with dates etc. Printer's copy?

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses of Charing-Cross Ward, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, by Francis Cluley, Beadle and Bellman, for the year 1794. The circling year once more its round has fill'd. Printed by H. Reynell,

1794. Annotated in ink with dates etc. Printer's copy? Edges torn

The gift of H. Reynell. The circling year once more its round has fill'd, Francis Cluley, beadle, London. Printed by H. Reynell, 1794

A copy of verses humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses in the parish of East Greenwich, in the county of Kent, by John Wells, bellman and cryer. The circling year once more its round has fill'd, Greenwich. Printed by S. Bayley, London. ESTC t205767. Some hand colouring of image, 1795

[Photocopies of] The newsman's present to his worthy customers. The annual season now returned once more. Printed by R. Bassam, London Wall for the Society of Newsmen, 1795. Original at Douce Prints s.9 (now in Ashmolean)

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses, of Market Ward, in the Parish of St. James, Westminster, by John Jones, beadle and bellman, for the year 1796. Whene'er a play is first brought on the stage, John Jones, bellman, London. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1796

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses, of Charing-Cross Ward, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, by Francis Cluley, Beadle and Bellman, for the year 1798. The circling year once more its round has fill'd. Printed by H. Reynell, London. ESTC t205833, 1798

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses, of Charing-Cross Ward, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, by Francis Cluley, Beadle and Bellman, for the year 1798. Let learned authors, fir'd with generous wine ESTC number :t205834 Annotated in ink with dates etc. Printer's copy?

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, Land-side, by Thomas Jewning Addis, bellman and cryer, for the year 1799. Your bellman writes again, in hopes to find, Thomas Jewning Addis, bellman, cryer, London. Printed by H. Reynell, London. ESTC T205836, 1799. Badly damaged at edges. Annotated in ink with dates, etc. Printer's copy

1800s

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses, of Spur Alley and Bedford-Bury Ward, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields. By John Young (ink-maker), beadle and bellman, for the year 1800. Ladies and gentlemen, once more give ear. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1800. Annotated in ink with dates etc. Printer's copy?

A copy of verses, humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses. of the parish of Battersea, in the County of Surrey, by Samuel Salisbury, beadle and bellman, for the year 1801. Your bellman always, sirs, at your command. Samuel Salisbury, beadle, bellman, Battersea. London. Printed by H. Reynell, 1801

A copy of verses...of Windmill Street ward in the parish of.. Your bellman, sir, most duteous, now appears, Thomas White, beadle, London. Printed by H. Reynell, 1802

The gift of H Reynell. Let learned authors fired with generous wine. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1804

The gift of H Reynell. As tis the custom at this joyous season. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1805

The gift of H Reynell. Once more my worthy masters I entreat. Printed H. Reynell, 1807

The newsman's present. What tho' Britannia singly stands. Printed by Stringer, London, 1807

The gift of H Reynell. Ladies and gentlemen once more give ear. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1808

The newsman's present. A midst a world of strife and dire alarms, Printed by Stringer, London, 1808

The newsman's present. Oh horrid war with rage inspiring. Printed by Stringer, London, 1809

Copy of verses from Reynell, sons and Wales, printers. Your bellman always first at your command 1809

1810s

Copy of verses from Reynell, sons and Wales, printers. Permit kind sirs your bellman to appear, 1810

The newsman's present. While rain's fatal darts are hurled. Printed by Stringer, London, 1810

Copy of verses ... parish of Kensington. Within this street, great sirs, expect to find, George Tunks, beadle, Kensington, Middlesex. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1811

The newsman's present. Whilst war and discord shake the globe. Printed by Stringer, London, 1811

The newsman's present. Oh listen, oh listen, the last trump of fame. Printed by Stringer, London, 1812

Copy of verses ... parish of Kensington. Within this street, great sirs, expect to find. Printed by H. Reynell, London, 1812

A copy of verses from C H Reynell. Permit your bellman once more to appear. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1813

The newsman's present. Rejoice the world re-echos with the sound. Printed by Stringer, London, 1813

A copy of verses from C H Reynell. Still must the bellman's annual rhymes. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1814

A copy of verses from C H Reynell. St Michael at the Almighty's dread command, By Leigh Hunt. Printed by C.H. Reynell, 1815? The verses marked as by Leigh Hunt are: Bonaparte in Elba; The Congress; The Slave Trade; The militia; The property tax; The Tenth Hussars. Exhibited in John Johnson exhibition, 1971. Has annotation by CHR (C.H. Reynell): "The verses marked by L.H. were written by Leigh Hunt, when in prison." More annotations amending the text. Item 123 in A Nation of Shopkeepers exhibition, 2001. Another copy, in poor condition

A copy of verses from C H Reynell. In vain your bellman sings the happy times, W. Weatherby, London, 1816

A copy of verses.. in Pall Mall ward. Bright summer's cheerful reign is over, Thomas Dainton, beadle. Printed by T. Bayley, London, 1816

Elegy on the lost princes. And now my drooping bell must toll for a sweet departed soul. William Smith, beadle. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1818

(the above is part of):

A copy of verse.. Marlborough ward, parish of St. James. Let us, when tempted to deny the cause, William Smith, beadle. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London 1818

A copy of verse.. parish of St Mary. Masters and mistresses, again I'm here. David Wallers, beadle. Printed by Burton, Clay & Briggs, London, 1818

On the death of the princess. Mourn Britain, mourn! your sanguine hopes are fled, David Wallers, beadle. Printed by Burton, Clay & Briggs, London, 1818 (2 copies)

A copy of verses.. parish of Greenwich in Kent. Masters and mistresses a truce to sadness, John Davis, cryer, Greenwich. Printed by Burton, Clay & Briggs, London, 1819

A copy of verses from C H Reynell. Whenever a play is first brought to stage, James Bethall (?), London, Printed by H. Reynell, 1819. 2 copies of the poems but with different formats. the second one is addressed to the people of Covent Garden, and attributed to James Bethall, beadle and constable of 2 Church Yard, Covent Garden

1820s

A copy of verses.. St Mary, Whitechapel. 1820

A copy of verses... parish of Fulham, county of Middlesex. Reade them; and when your faces shine, John Sadler, beadle, Fulham. Printed by C.H. Reynell, 1820. 2 copies but attributed to different people. the second is said to be by William Smith, Carnaby Street, Westminster

A copy of verses from C H Reynell. Again old Christmas with his locks of snow. Printed by C.H. Reynell, Broad St., Golden Sq., London, 1821

The newsman's address. While circling seasons in their round. Printed by S. Newbery, London, 1821

A copy of verses.. parish of Greenwich, Kent. In these dread times will by good masters deign, Robert Fisher, ale conner, Whitechapel. Printed by Burton, Clay & Briggs, London, 1822

A copy of verses.. parish of Greenwich. Like the dull bird, whose unmelodious throat. John Davis, Greenwich, cryer. Printed by Burton & Co, Devonshire Street, London, 1822

A copy of verses.. west division, in the parish of St Paul. Your servant, kind masters from bottom to top, James Bethall, constable. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1823

The newsman's address. Your newsman amidst the world's hurly-burly, printed by S. Newbery, London, 1824

A copy of verses for 1825. Year after year your bellman with his rhyme, William Smith R. Allpress, London. Printed by Burton & Co., London, 1825

The newsman's address. What can a newsman sing - no time. Printed by S. Newbery, London, 1825

The newsman's address. Death enters boldly through the massive gate. Printed by G. Larrance, London, 1827

1830s

A copy of verses for 1830. To our good friends the usual gift we bring. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1830

A copy of verses for 1831. Again old Christmas with his locks of snow. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1831

A copy of verses for 1832...of the Hamlet of Knightbridge. Once more your belman greets you with his rhyme, Richard Forder, beadle, London. Printed by C.H. Reynell, London, 1832

A copy of verses for 1832...in the parish of Bow, Middlesex. My generous friends again I ring my bell, William Bland, beadle, London. Printed by Richard Clay, London, 1832

The newman's address. For verse of a verity Christmas is the time. Printed by J. Teuten, London, 1832

A copy of verses for 1833...in the parish of St. Paul, Shadwell. Whenever a play is first brought to town, G. Deverell, enginekeeper, Shadwell. Printed by C. & W. Reynell, London, 1833

A copy of verses for 1834...in the parish of St Luke. Your beadle again with his verses and bell, John Garner, warder. Printed by Richard Clay, London, 1834

A copy of verses for 1836...in the parish of St Mary Le Strand. As tis the custom of this joyous season, Thomas Rice, beadle. Printed by C. & W. Reynell, London, 1836

The newman's address. Old Christmas has come back again with fine old English cheer. Printed by Mudie & Son, London, 1836

A copy of verses for 1839 from Reynell. My masters and mistresses pray lend an ear. Printed by C. & W. Reynell, London, 1839

1840s

A copy of verses for 1840...parish of St George. When first your bellman wake their lyres, William Coole, London. Printed by C. & W. Reynell, London, 1840

The gas lamplighters address. From highest dignities to low estate, printed by R. Billing, [London], 1841

A copy of verses for 1842...parish of St George. In vain your bellman sings these pinching times, William Coole, London. Printed by C. & W. Reynell, London, 1842

A copy of verses for 1842. How rapidly the year roll round. Printed by J.V. Quick, London, 1842

A copy of verses for 1843...Brompton division of St Mary. In vain your bellman sings these pinching times, Richard Martin, engine key. Printed by C. Reynell, London, 1843

A copy of verses for 1844. Well practised minstrels artfully decline. Printed by C. Reynell, London, 1843

1850s

A copy of verses for 1854... parish of Tottenham. Again the waning of the passing year, John Fowler, engine keeper, Tottenham. Printed by Reynell & Weight, London, 1854

A copy of verses for 1855... upper liberty of St Andrew. The warning voice of time again we here, John Price, beadle, London. Printed by Reynell & Weight, London, 1854

1860s

A copy of verses...St Margaret and St John the Evangelist. The warning voice of time again we here, John Price, beadle, London. Printed by Reynell & Weight, London, 1862

The death of the Prince Consort. In the pride of his manhood and zenith of fame, Edward Waller, coroner's officer, London. Printed by C.W. Reynell, 1862

A copy of verses for 1862...St Leonard, Shoreditch. With joyous smile and genial laugh old Christmas comes again, Edward Waller, beadle; coroner's officer. Printed by Charles Reynell, London, 1862

A copy of verses for 1863. Again old time the merry season brings, London. Printed by C.W. Reynell, Little Pulteney Street, London, 1863

A copy of verses for 1869...parish of St Anne, Westminster. How soon the time comes round when once again, Robert Francis Horne, beadle; sub-inspector of nuisances. Printed by C.W. Reynell, London, 1869

1870s

A copy of verses for and almanack for 1872...Hornsey. In vain the beadle sings these pinching times, Robert Lucas Crouch, engine keeper, Hornsey. Printed by J. Hornsey, London, 1872

n.d.

Mr Nicholson's address to Christmas, gratuitously presented, Renton Nicholson, London. Printed by Joseph Last, London, [n.d.]

A copy of verses St Margaret and St John the Evangelist. Michael Marchant, Westminster, cryer. Printed by H. Reynell, Piccadilly

Provincial, by town, then date

Bampton policeman's address for Christmas. Hail joyful season round earth's rolling sphere, Bampton, 1850

[Photographic copy of] A copy of verses, humbly presented to all our worthy masters and mistresses, in the borough of **Banbury**, in the County of Oxford, by T. Harbert and B. James, bellmen. Most worthy masters. mistresse and friends. Printed by J. Cheney, Banbury, 1785

New year's address to the distributors of the **Bath** Chronicle. Old battle array big with horror is fled. Bath, 1798

Bath Herald newsman's address. When rosy faced Christmas the king of good cheer, 1834

The milkman's address. To you my friends to you I call. Joseph Wilson, milkman, **Boston**, 1815

The newsman's address. Tis christmas time, **Bristol**, 1853

A copy of verses humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses in the Parish of St. Mary, **Bury St. Edmunds**, Suffolk. Again, kind sirs, your bellman does appear, Thomas

Palfry, beadle, Bury St. Edmunds. ESTC t205839, 1792

Aldermen and... a copy of verses... presented to the Mayor. The humble efforts of my unlearned muse, Thomas Adams, **Cambridge**, 1806

Aldermen and... a copy of verses... presented to the Mayor. This bellman's verses annually come, Thomas Adams, **Cambridge**, 1807

Aldermen and... a copy of verses... presented to the Mayor. By long experience I am taught to know, Thomas Adams, **Cambridge**, 1814 Aldermen and... a copy of verses... presented to the Mayor. By long experience I am taught to know, Thomas Adams, **Cambridge**, 1814

Cambridge? A copy of verses... In these new times toy bellman deems it meet. Thomas Adams. The right hand side of the bellman missing, lacks imprint. However, a Thomas Adams was working in the Cambridge area in 1806. The design on the bellman looks similar

Bellmen's verses. The days, the weeks, the months have circled round, ESTC t40996, [1796?] [Reproduction of] A copy of verses humbly presented to all my worthy masters and mistresses in the city of **Canterbury**, and county of the same: wishing them health and happiness. By Thomas Hall, your loyal bellman. Whilst my good masters do themselves regale. 1733. Reproduction by John Foreman at the College of Printing in 1973.

Gloicester newsman's address. In these probationary days 1786

Christmas address from the **Gloicester** Herald. Tho' all the world is frost and cold is bound. Printed by G.F. Harris, Gloucester, 1804

Portrait prints: Josiah Curtis. Bellman at **Gt. Yarmouth**, above 30 years, from a painting by - - Swanborough Esq. 1806. sepia. "Drawn by C.W.J Winter", 1849.

A copy of verses for 1824. How loved how valued once it matters not, James Lingham, crier, Hereford. Printed by Parker, **Hereford**, 1824

A copy of verses for 1830. Right worthy sirs, I am glad you now to greet, James Davies, crier, Hereford. Printed by John Parker, **Hereford**, 1830

The balliffs. Your bellman always sirs at your command, William Garlett and J. Philips, bellmen, Ipswich. Printed by C. Battely, **Ipswich**, 1816

A copy of verses... parish of St Paul. In vain your bellman sings the happy times, Paul Warren, beadle. Printed by C. & H. Reynell, **Ipswich**, 1816

A copy of verses... parish of St Paul, According to a custom know full well. James Bethall, constable. Printed by C.H. Reynell, **Ipswich**, 1817

The baliffs. Your bellman always sirs at your command, William Garlett and J. Philips, bellmen, Ipswich. Printed by C. Battely, **Ipswich**, 1819

The baliffs. Our generous masters will now suppose. J. Philips & T Newton Cook, Ipswich. Printed by Edward Hunt, Tavern Street, **Ipswich**, 1819

Lincoln newscarrrier's address to his customers. The days, the weeks, the months have circled round, Lincoln, 1798

A copy of verses.. by the mail coachmen and guards. When first the social arts of life were known , **Norfolk & Suffolk**, 1802

A copy of verses... city of **Norwich** by Society of Lamplighters. As custom gives command each circling year. Printed by White, 1809

A copy of verses... City of Norwich by Society of Lamplighters, Norwich. Printed by White, Norwich, 1896

The **Oxford** newsman's verse. Tis not enough to trudge the country round, Oxford, 1778

Bellmen's verses. 1778. The Oxford newsman's verses, for the year **1778**, ESTC t154879

The **Oxford** Journal newsman's address. Soon, as stern winter's scowls appear. Printed by Grosenor and Hall, Oxford, 1818

The address of St. Aldates watchman. Gloomy November and December too, Oxford. Printed by Ham, **Oxford**, 1837

The **Oxford** newsman's address, Christmas alas my worthy masters. Printed by Dawson & Co., Oxford

A copy of verses for 1865... town of **Romford**. Once more the swift revolving wheels of time, S. Wheatley, Romford. Printed by C.W. Reynell, 1963

Rougham post man's petition. Tho' I am able to boast more than many, my betters, [s.n.], Rougham, 1829

New year's address. Churton & Bartlett, **Rye**. Printed by Taylor, Rye, 1864

A copy of verses for 1833...in the parish of St Mary. Once again comes your bellman your spirits to cheer, John Workman, beadle, **Stoke Newington**. Printed by Richard Clay, London, 1833

No place

The newsman's address. Another year is now upon the wane, 1841

The newsman's address. Thrice hail Merry Christmas we greet thee again, 1842

The newsman's address. Our newsman has come again with his address, 1849

The lamplighters address. With the lamp-lighter's compliments, now we are right, 1891

The lamplighters address. With the lamplighters compliments - compliments true, 1892

The lamplighters address. With the lamplighters blessing a Christmas so bright, 1897

The lamplighters address. Ladies and gentlemen we hold it treason, 1899

The lamplighters address. Ladies and gentlemen we come confessing, 1900

The lamplighters address. Ladies and gentlemen with your permission, 1902

The lamplighters address. Merry Christmas friends, a season jolly, 1906

The lamplighters address. The lamplighter now stands as oft before, 1911

The lamplighters address. Christmas has come once more hat in hand, 1913

The gas-lighters poem. Again the revolving year brought round the welcome day. Printed by Hancock, Silver Street, Wood st. [n.pl.], [n.d.]

Foreign

Address of the carriers of Poulson's American Daily Advertiser. Once more the sun his splendid course has run, 1823

Etrennes de 1852. Du jour quand la lumière.... Printed by A. Marre, Brussels, 1852

Ratelwachts nieuwe-Jaers Groet, aen alle Heeren,. Wanner dat Phebus gaet, Amsterdam, Printed by Gerardus von Blocmen, Amersterdam, 1721

Prints

The committee or Popery in masquerade committee. Behold here, in this piece, the plague the fate. Printed by Mary Evans. Published by Henry Brome, London, 1680. Annotated after The Explanation "by Roger L'Estrange Esq"

The committee or Popery in masquerade committee. Behold here, in this piece, the plague the fate. Printed by Mary Clark. Published by Henry Brome, 1680

Political cartoons: Portraits of the Bellmen in the Wonderful Magazine. Part I

Humorous pictures: Portraits of the Bellmen in the Wonderful Magazine. Part II

See also

The Lamplighter's address for Christmas, 1887 [Oxford] G.A. Gen. Top. c.40

Bodleian Ballads database

The Houghton Library (USA) owns a series of early Bellman's verses within their Bute Broadside volumes. Originally owned by Narcissus Luttrell, they are particularly fine