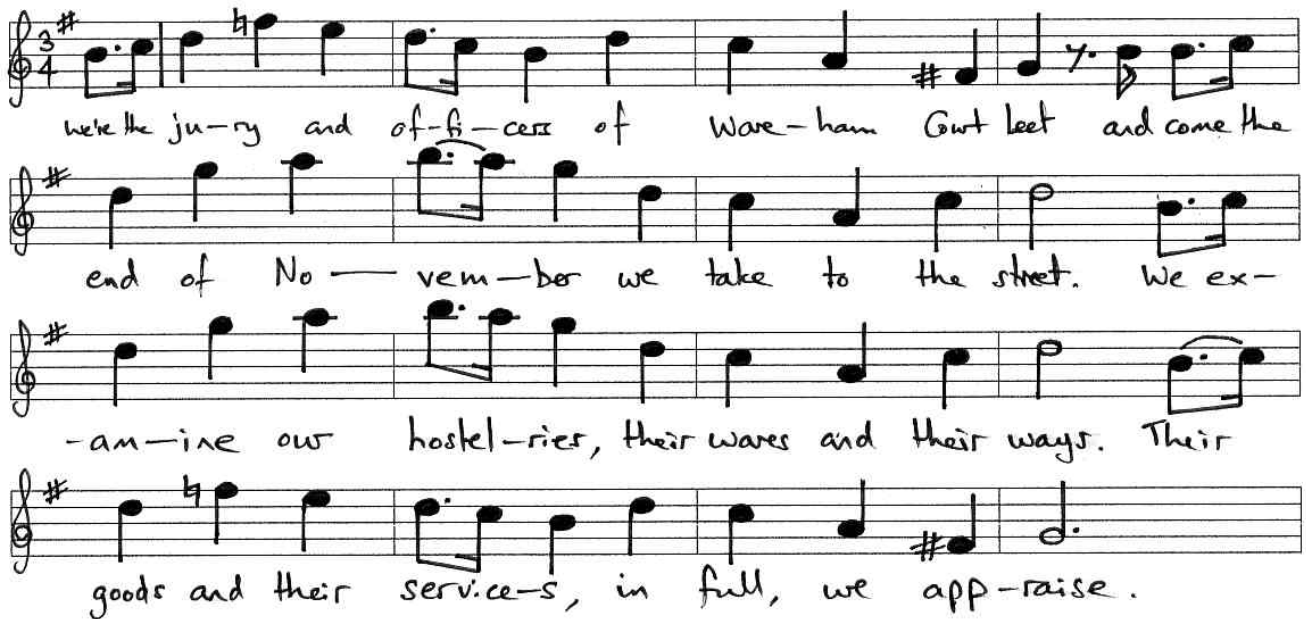


WAREHAM COURT LEET

BOUNCY

WORDS AND MUSIC
BY GRAEME MEEK



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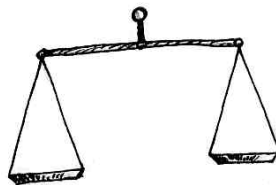
Chorus:

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1. To the Lord of the Manor we give evidence.
There's the Steward and Hayward, their judgements, dispense.
The Bailiff picks the jury, the Foreman presides,
And likewise, the Deputy, judicious and wise.
2. On Monday The Horse & Groom receives of our call.
At The Quay Inn, we likewise, ourselves do install.
On Tuesday to The Antelope our officers go
Then to The Duke of Wellington come rain or come snow.
3. It's The King's Arms, on Wednesday, then take of their turn.
Off to The Railway Tavern then we all do adjourn.
The Red Lion on Thursday and then The Black Bear:
Unto both these hostelries we gladly repair.

4. Our carner ensures the meat is fresh for to eat;
Our bread-weighers certify no baker may cheat;
Our constables enforce the law they proudly uphold;
Our ale tasters sample all the ale that is sold.
5. Our chimney-peepers verify the flues are all clean;
Our scavengers check the cleanliness of all the latrines;
Our leather-sealer tests the work of boots in our care
So on Friday before the court, our report we may air.
6. Come Friday we all adjourn to the Town Hall to tell
Of all we've experienced and if all is well.
As the clock strikes thirteen, shall our meeting commence
Then we all feast at the Lord of the Manor's expense.

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Wareham Court Leet is one of only a few of Britain's ancient Manorial Courts still presiding over affairs in its locality. Now more ceremonial than official, the Court Leet's colourful characters visit each of the town's pubs during a week at the end of November. The Friday is reserved for the Court's sitting in the council chamber to consider their findings after checking the quality of goods and services and the cleanliness of toilets and chimneys on their rounds from Monday to Thursday.

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