

‘Piping Pebworth, Dancing Marston,  
Haunted Hillborough, Hungry Grafton,  
Dodging Exall, Papist Wixford,  
Beggarly Broom and Drunken Bidford.’

Pebworth and Marston, not in Warwickshire.

Dodging Exhall, from its difficulty in finding before the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Hungry Grafton, probably got its name from the poor state of soil.

Haunted Hillborough, not really known.

In ancient time Bidford possessed unenviable notoriety for festivity and drunkenness.

The “Topers” and “Sippers” met at the Falcon inn where they made challenges who could drink most.

This verse was attributed to Shakespeare, but it cannot be traced back earlier than The Gentlemen’s Magazine in 1794.