

## Roll 29

### Welyngton

**View of Frankpledge with Court of John Mowbray Earl of Nottingham and Marshall of England held there on the Monday next before the feast of Saint Dennis [9<sup>th</sup> October] in the eighth year of the reign of Henry the fifth after the conquest. [7<sup>th</sup> October 1420]**

### Bekyngham

**Essoins** John Fesound the younger, of the community through John Grace, John Frelove of the same through John + Prat, the Bailiff there [illegible]

#### **Tithing men**

John · Myton  
John · Gaubryel  
John · Treket  
John · Yarwey

#### **sworn men**

John · Bande the elder  
William · Tayllour  
Thomas · Starlyng'  
John · Rydere

John · Bande the younger  
William · Starlyng  
Robert · Fesound  
Robert · Partrych

#### **Common fine xijs [12s]      amercement vjd [6d]**

They present that they gave xijs [12s] as common fine on this day. And that the Prior constantly of Newnham, Geoffrey <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Breton, Geoffrey <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Aubrey, John <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Abell [sic] made default. Therefore they were amerced.

#### **Stray, one bullock    a proclamation was ordered      it remains**

Also they present that one bullock valued at ijs [2s] was taken into the lord's liberty as a stray about the feast of Saint Martin in the eighth year of the current reign<sup>1</sup>. And a proclamation was ordered and no-one came<sup>2</sup>. And it remains in the keeping of the bailiff for which he is accountable etc..

#### **Amercement xiiij [13d]      penalties      +**

Also they present that John <sup>iiij [3d] put right</sup> Abel, John <sup>iiij [3d] put right</sup> Norman, and John <sup>iiij [3d] put right</sup> Gostwyk [have] blocked up water courses outside the gates<sup>3</sup> of their holdings and that the water flooded the King's road causing a nuisance. Therefore they are amerced. And they were ordered that they should put right the said ditches before the next [court] under penalties of xijd [12d] for each. And that Richard <sup>iiij [4d]</sup> Lyhtfot has not mended his ditch below his plot<sup>4</sup> as above, therefore he is amerced. And he is ordered to mend it before the next [court] under a penalty of xijd [12d].

#### **Amercement iiij [4d]**

<sup>1</sup> Martinmas is usually given as 11<sup>th</sup> November. However this would mean that the bullock was taken in on November 11<sup>th</sup> 1420, after the date of this court roll. The year was altered from 7 to 8

<sup>2</sup> Please can Kevin decipher these abbreviations and those on the next line.

<sup>3</sup> *Opporto* this may be a local term and has not been found elsewhere.

<sup>4</sup> *Placeam* could also be translated as an open space or plot see roll 27.

And they present that John <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Usshere, Miller of Willington Mill, took excessive toll against the statute. Therefore he is amerced. And that the same <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> John took toll by a measure without a seal. Therefore he is amerced.

**Amercement vjd [6d]**

Richard Lygtfot who contradicts presentments, in presentments, by the tenants is amerced.

**Amercement xijd<sup>5</sup> [12d]**

Also they present that Agnes, wife of John Abel is a common chatterbox and disturber of the peace within the same neighbourhood. Therefore she is amerced. And that [John written very faintly and the rest of the sentence left blank]

**Constables Amercements xiiijd [14d]**

John Bande the elder and Robert Partrych the constables present that Emma <sup>iijd [3d]</sup> Fesound unlawfully called the hue on John Grace by the pledge of the constables. And that John <sup>vjd [6d]</sup> Abel assaulted Thomas Starlyng against the peace of the lord king. Therefore he is amerced. And that Hugh <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Webbe assaulted Richard Bawdewene and Agnes his wife against the peace of the lord King by the pledge of Richard Parker. And that Agnes wife of Richard Baudewene rightly called the hue on the said Hugh <sup>iiijd [3d]</sup> by the pledge of the aforesaid.

**Presented by the tasters amercements iijs iiijd [3s 4d]**

John Bande the younger and John Myton, tasters of ale, present that John <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Gostwyk j [1], Thomas <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Stoughton j [1], Richard <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Baudewene j [1], John <sup>vjd [6d]</sup> Goffe constantly, Robert <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Myton j [1], John <sup>iiijd [4d]</sup> Kempston ij [2], Thomas <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Starlyng j [1], William <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Freynsch j [1], Geoffrey <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Palmere j [1], Henry <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Shepherde j [1], Robert <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Partrych j [1], Robert <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Fesond j [1], and John <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Rudland j [1], brewed and sold ale and broke the assize therefore they are amerced. And that John <sup>viiijd [8d]</sup> Kempston sold ale against the proclamation. Therefore he is amerced.

**By a writ**

Also the Tithing Men present that Richard Hende son of John Hende of Southmylne [South Mill] and William Denyas of Blunham [Blunham], son of John Denyas of Blunham the Butcher, came into the lord's Warren and hunted game in the said Warren and have taken rabbits from the said Warren without permission. Therefore a writ will be put.

**Amercement vjd [6d] ordered to the tenants penalty**

Also it was presented that the tasters <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> of ale have not performed the duties of their office lately. Therefore they are amerced. And that Richard <sup>iiijd [4d]</sup> Lygtfot has prosecuted one writ of trespass against George Swon when correction should properly have been made in the lord's Court. Therefore he was penalised. And it was ordered <sup>by</sup> the steward and commanded in full court that no tenants henceforth dare to do nor make a plea either in the court of the king, neither in a Special court, under a penalty of xxs [20s]

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<sup>5</sup> This is a very high fine, and there is no evidence that it was paid.

paid to the lord as often as any against this ordered and commanded suit, without a special command granted by the lord or steward.

**Amercement iiijd [4d] defective buildings days penalties**

Also they present that John<sup>ijd [2d]</sup>+ Fesound has one ruined and defective grange. And John<sup>+ ijd [2d]</sup> Yarwey one ruined and defective bakhous [bakehouse]. Therefore they are amerced. And that John Wodeward, William Wryght the younger, Joan Yarwey, Richard Baudewene and John<sup>put right</sup> Rydere have divers ruined and defective buildings for which they had days until the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next. And the days are present to well and adequately repair the said buildings as appeared in the next preceding Court under a penalty for each of them of xls [40s]. To be paid to the lord if they default on the repairs of the said buildings as appears more fully in the lord's Court<sup>6</sup> And because the said tenants are paupers and in the greatest penury of Money exists between them Therefore still each of them is given a day until the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next in the future by the grace of the steward under the penalty placed in the said Court

**Holding in the hand of the lord bailiff being answerable**

Also they present that John Rydere the younger, a born villein of the lord, who held one Messuage and half a virgate of land from the lord, for service and xijs iiijd [13s 4d], according to the custom of the manor, closed his existence after the day of the last court and does not have any goods or chattels within the lord's demesne, for the satisfaction of the lord as heriot. And so the said holding remains in the hand of the lord because of lack of a tenant. And it was ordered that the bailiff should be answerable to the lord for the income.

**Oaths**

John Freynsch presented an oath and joined a tithing.

**Twelve sworn men**

John Gostwyk John Warner the younger John Passewater Thomas Stoughton  
John Maryon John Kempston William Wryght the younger John Samgyln  
Robert Myton John [torn]Goffe Robert Cook Thomas Smyth

**Amercement ijs iiijd [2s 4d]**

They present that in Ancient years, in the eighth year of the reign of Henry Vth, John<sup>xijd</sup>  
[12d] Abel caused damage<sup>7</sup> and took<sup>and carried away</sup> sheaves of corn and property valued at ijs  
[2s] from the goods and chattells of John Gaubryel, against the peace of the lord king.  
Therefore he is amerced. And that the same John<sup>iiijd [4d]</sup> Abell [sic] illegally took goods  
from John Kempston the lord's bailiff. Therefore he is amerced. And the tithing men<sup>xijd</sup>  
[12d [illegible]] have concealed and are amerced.

**Assessors of fines Robert Myton, John Bande the younger**

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<sup>6</sup> See roll 25

<sup>7</sup> Noctans, no exact translation for this word has been found. 'Noct' has been used elsewhere to refer to illegal night-time activities, and the noun 'nocumentum' refers to harm, damage, nuisance, harmful thing..

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Sum xxijs jd [22s 1d]

Therefrom in expenses of the steward, the fifth and other visitors the same day vijs iijd  
[7s 3d]

*There is a further line of script overleaf, with a date, but it is so faint that no attempt has been made to translate it. It may have been a heading written and then not used.*