

BL2 14th May 1464

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Halmoot held there on Monday 14th May, in the fourth year of the reign of Edward the fourth [1464]

Essoins no-one on this day

The Homage

John Yerwey the elder	John Tyler'	Nicholas Cruce	John Mouborne
John Tayllour	Randolph Bawdeweyn	Nicholas Waren'	Simon Usshere
John Flaundrys	John Sterlyng	John Waren	Henry Parker'

Amercements iiijd [4d] Penalty pending

The men ^{above} were Charged and Sworn on their oath that John ^{ijd [2d]} Fage ^{mended} of Coupull has ploughed with his plough at Willington Mere, between the dene and uyet¹ dyche, a space in length xx [20] feet and in width a space of half an acre. Therefore he is amerced. He was ordered to put it right by the next cultivation under a penalty of vjs viijd [6s 8d]. Also they say that John ^{ijd [2d]} Fage made one drainage channel on the other ^{side} of the half an acre of land there. Therefore he is amerced. And he was ordered to put it right before xv [15] days under a penalty of xld [40d].

Amercements iiijd [4d]

Also they present that William ^{ijd [2d]} Couper took and carried away twigs out of the warren of the lady without permission. Therefore he is amerced. Also it is presented that John ^{ijd [2d]} Kyng has fished in the lady's ^{several} waters without permission. Therefore he is amerced.

Penalty pending

And it was ordered that none shall carry away branches growing in the warren, without permission to remove them, under a penalty of xijd [12d].

Also they present that the barn ^{and bakehouse} in John Sterlyng's holding, and one pig shelter in Randolph Bawdewyns' holding, the hall, barn and stable in John Tyler's holding, John Tayllour's barn, the barn in the holding of John Yerwey the younger, and another pig shelter in Randolph Bawdewyn's holding, in their roofing, laths and uprights, one Shippon in the holding of John Yerwey the elder, one side of the barn in John Roper's holding, the stable and barn of Simon Usshere, the end of Nicholas Cruce's barn, all of the Buildings in John Rydy's holding, all these holdings need roofing. Therefore it was ordered that they should be sufficiently put right before the next Court as was ordered under a penalty for each of them of xld [40d] forfeited to the lady.

And that the room above the hall in the holding of Nicholas Waren, ^{and the barn's doors}, are defective in timber, laths, uprights and roofing. Therefore he was ordered to put them right before the next court under a penalty of [illegible]

Penalty pending

¹ Uyet / byet dyche, might this be white ditch?

It was ordered that John Warner and John Flaundrys should show the charter of the feoffment of Margaret Palmere at the next Court, under a penalty of xld [40d].

Penalty pending

Also they present that John Stones should sufficiently repair his holding before the next [court] under penalty of xld [40d]

The assessors of fines John Flawndrys and John Tayllour, sworn men
Sum of this Court viijd [8d]

In the expenses of the steward and others besides	ijs xjd [2s 11d]
Sum total rendered from ij [2 ²] preceding courts	xiijs vijd [13s 7d]
Therefrom in steward's expenses ³	vijd xd [7s 10d]

Sale of underwood iiij li xvjs jxd [£4 16s 9d]

John Yerwey, bailiff, sold in the fourth year of the reign of King Edward the fourth xij [12] acres and xv [15] perches of underwood, price viijs [8s] an acre Total **iiij li xvjs jxd [£4 16s 9d]** in value. Also J [1] [*vacant?*⁴] acre, half a Rood and x [10] perches for repairing the holdings within the demesne of Willington and j [1] acre, j [1] Rood and x [10] perches for the tithe which John Coke has had. Also the said John has delivered six pieces of timber for the repair of one door of Bedford Castle, on the order of the steward..

Also he delivered xiiij [14] large pieces of large timber and xxij [22] laths, through the order of the steward for making a barn at Bromham in the holding of Robert Lumpney that ^{was} exceedingly ruined.

Also xxjx [29] large pieces of large timber for the mill of Willington, through the order of the steward.

² Only the sum total from 1 preceding court is added to this court, that is from 3rd October 1463 12s 11d, making a total of 13s 7d

³ The stewards expenses from 3rd October 1463, are added to this total

⁴ – the original says ‘j va acra’