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**Halmoot held there on Tuesday viij<sup>o</sup> [8<sup>th</sup>] day of May in the tenth Year of the reign of King Edward iii<sup>o</sup> [4<sup>th</sup>] [1470]**

**Essoins**

None on this day

**The Homage**

John Yerwey elder	Thomas Tayllour	Nicholas Cruce	John Yerwey younger
Randolph Baudewyn'	Henry Parker	John Flaundres	Thomas Baylemont
Walter Yerwey	John Morborne	Nicholas Waren'	John Waren'

**Penalty**

The Sworn Men present that William Rydy's Barn needs timber, that is to say one Pair of timbers, and needs roofing, and the Hall in his holding needs roofing, and the Bakehouse in his holding needs walls and roofing, and he has a day to make them sufficient until the Feast of All Saints [Nov 1] next following, under a penalty of xxs [20s]. His pledge is the vicar.

**Penalty**

Also they present that Thomas Sall' should put right the walls and roofing of the Hall and Barn in his holding. And John Morborne [should put right] his Hall and Barn sufficiently before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel [September 25<sup>th</sup>] next in the future under a penalty for each of vjs viijs [6s 8d]. And they will have a day in the future to make them. And they say that they cannot because of the need of straw.

**Penalties pending**

Also they present that Lady Elisabet Marion, John Morborne, John Chapelen', John Myton, John Yerwey the elder have obstructed the common watercourses near their Tenements, failing to clear the ditches there. Therefore they are ordered to put them right before the next under a penalty of xijd [12d] for each of them, forfeited to the lady.

**No penalty**

It was ordered that Lady Elisabet Marion should clear her ditch at Dedley Crofte before the next, under a penalty of xijd [12d].

**Penalty**

Also it was presented that the servants of the Abbot of Warden have driven one Cart on the separate meadows of the lady called the Burymede, several times, with their horses and have trampled down and consumed the grass growing there making a heavy loss to

the lady's tenants and they were ordered not to do it any more, under a penalty of vjs viijd [6s 8d]

### **Orders**

It was ordered in Court, following the agreement of all the tenants, that henceforth no commoners should pasture animals or their cattle in the pastures of the lady called Fulwell, Myttelmershe, Vyrtnell Furlong, Moutonswell Furlong, nor with their horses, before the feast of Saint Peter in Chains under a penalty for each of them of xijd [12d] for as many failings as are found.

### **Penalty**

It was ordered that henceforth no commoners should make any footpath on Fulwell Headland which remains in the hand of Thomas Tayllour, under a penalty of vjd [6d] for each of them.

### **No penalty**

The Tenants of Cople and the Tenants of this Demesne have a day, as previously ordered, to make one drainage channel<sup>1</sup> at Willington Mare<sup>2</sup> for Richard Hatley and Thomas Tyler until the week of Pentecost under a penalty for each of xijd [12d]

### **Taking of land                      fealty**

Thomas Sall' came to this Court and surrendered one Tenement and x [10] acres of land into the lady's hand. And on this Richard Langton has come and took [it] from the hand of the Lady<sup>3</sup>, to be held by himself, according to the custom of the manor, with Elizabeth his wife and one of his family for the terms of his life and their lives as long as they shall live, rendering xs [10s] therefrom to the Lady a year at the terms there, and suit of Court. And they and each of them will repair the said Tenement at their own expense during the aforesaid term except that the Lady will provide him and each of them with timber, withies and laths as becomes necessary. And they made fealty and were admitted.

**Assessors of fines** John Flawndrys, John Yerwey the younger, Sworn men

**Sum of this court** nothing

**In expenses of the steward** iijs iiijd ob [3s 4½d]

**... sum total of the steward's expenses**<sup>4</sup> vjs vjd ob [7s 6½d]

The Bailiff has delivered on the order of the Steward one [acre or virgate] of underwood to repair the Mill dam, the Cawse<sup>5</sup> and the pynfolde.

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<sup>1</sup> Lira which may mean either a baulk, a selion or a drainage channel

<sup>2</sup> Marsh? In earlier rolls it was described as Mere.

<sup>3</sup> The use of upper case letters is irregular, and as it appears here

<sup>4</sup> That is the expenses of this court and of the previous court of 21<sup>st</sup> October 1469

<sup>5</sup> Perhaps the causeway

Also the Bailiff has sold v [5] and a half acres of underwood this year at viijs [8s] an acre, total xliiij [44s]. Therefrom he has delivered iiij d ob [4s 5½d] as tithe and so xxxixs vijd ob [39s 7½d] remains clear for the Lady

Also the Bailiff made from the pleached hedge at Sherehache and the laths for hedges vij [7] <sup>acres as tithe</sup> this year, worth per acre jd quarter [1¼d]