

Roll 38b Wilyton

Hall moot of lord John Viscount Beaumont and Katherine his Consort held there on the Wednesday next before Rogation Days in the above year [14th May 1449]

Essoin John Clerk

Surrender, penalty seized

John Palmer came to this Court and surrendered one Cottage and viij [8] acres of land with appurtenances, lately held by David Whychyrch, into the hand of the lord from which he was accustomed to render viijs [8s] a year. Therefore it was ordered that the bailiff should take possession of all the goods and chattels being in the same Cottage and land until the said [torn edge] was well and competently repaired and enclosed. And furthermore the bailiff was ordered to provide for the holding [torn edge]

More of the same Court on the back

Still from the Court above

Various tenants of Wylyton came to this Court for taking from the Lord's demesne lands, severally, the bushes growing in the fields as appears particularly below. That it to say:

John Rodland one lot and a half

John Myton one lot and a half

John Yarwey ^{the elder} one lot and a half

John Palmer and John Flaunders [torn edge] ij [2] lots

John Bawde the elder one lot

Randolph Bawdewyn one lot and one quarter

William [torn edge] of Couphyll [Cople] one quarter

John Goode half a lot

Robert Warner half a lot

William Starlyng and John his son one lot

To be held by them from the feast of Saint Michael the archangel next in the future until the end of a term of three years next following after the present date, rendering from them xvij pounds [£18] payment at the usual terms there.

And William Launcelyn holds the hall yard and le Orcharde and half of Thalde Well¹ as divided by the ditch there and renders xxs [20s] a year, which the certain xx [20] shillings are parts of the aforesaid xvij pounds[£18] to be paid in the future

And also the lord granted to the same tenants viijs [8s] a year for ploughbote.² And the lord will allow the benefit, in the third year of the aforesaid term, for them to enter upon the Fallow pasture and meadow land at the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Mary.

¹ The Old Well (field-name)

² usually the right to take wood from the common but here replaced by a money payment

And they made fealty to the lord separately for themselves and were admitted into the tenancies. And the aforesaid tenants are permitted the benefit to cut all bushes and d[torn corner] growing on the said lands and holdings by the View³ of William Launcelyn; during the aforesaid terms; they may not cut any trees except by the view of the said William.

The homage

John Rodland William Starlyng John Grene Robert Taylour John Waryner
John Yarwey the younger John Palmer Randolph Bawdewyn William Leg John Goode
Walter Yarwey John Flaunders John Taylour John Salt John Waryn'

Amercement ijd [2d] amercement iiijd [4d]

Charged and sworn by the various articles concerning the Court, they present that William Drykwell has a ruined building, that is to say one stable. And he is ordered to put it right before the next Court under a penalty of xijd [12d] And that the tenement which Thomas Wyltschyre lately held and another tenement lately belonging to David Whychyrch and John Redy and another tenement lately belonging to the Fesaunts and another tenement lately belonging to the Mytons and another tenement lately belonging to John Clerk, now being in the hand of the lord, were ruinous and in need of repairs and there is one plea for them at the lord's Council.

And that John Gostwyk has one ditch below his ditch,⁴ not emptying or flowing, causing nuisance to all the tenants. Therefore he was ordered to put it right before the next Court, under a penalty of xijd [12d]

And that William^{ijd [2d]} Warner has ploughed and overthrown a certain boundary at Stykedych. Therefore he is ordered to put it right before the next [Court] under a penalty of xijd. [12d]

And that Richard^{ijd [2d]} Pecke did the same in the same place. Therefore he is amerced.

And that John^{ijd [2d]} Passewater ploughed one narrow strip on the same footpath at Partrych balke and he was ordered to put it right before the next [court] under a penalty of xijd.[12d]

It was ordered by the lord's Council and all the tenants that no-one shall put their animals in the several fields of the lord without the permission of the tenants who hold the aforesaid fields, nor put pigs in the manor unless they are ringed. Also that none shall overturn the pastures there etc.

Assessors of fines John Myton, John Taylour, sworn men

**The expenses of the steward and other surveyors ijs iiijd [3s 4d]
and for parchment for the roll and the ink and paper for Wylton and
Cardington iiijd [4d]**

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³ Meaning 'with his permission'

⁴ This suggests that a ditch leading out from the ditch round John Gostwick's homestead was blocked, but it is not clear.

allowances of timber

also an allowance of xx [20] oaks from Shyrehache for making the mill of Willyton by the order of the lord's Council

also an allowance of xx [20] piles for making the same, from the same wood by the order of the lord's Council

also an allowance of vj [6] large elms for the said mill as was ordered as above.

Sum of this Court viijd [8d]

Sum of the ij [2] preceding Courts xjs xd [11s 10d]. Therefrom in expenses of the steward for the aforesaid Courts xjs vd [11s 5d]