

**Roll 49a Welyton**

**View of Frankpledge with court of Katherine Duchess of Norfolk, held there on the viij<sup>o</sup> [8<sup>th</sup>] day of the month of October in the first year of the reign of Edward the fourth after the conquest of England [1461]**

Thomas Rokes the Steward

**Essoins** Elizabeth Maryon and Nicholas Cruse of the community by John Gostwyk

**Common fines vijs vd [7s 5d]**

John Yarwey the elder	Robert Taillour	John Sterlyng
John Yarwey the younger	Nicholas Wareyn	Walter Yarwey
John Norman	John Stones	John Rydyer
John Taillour	Randolph Bawdewyn	William Couper

The xij [12] heads of Tithings sworn there present that they gave vijs <sup>vd</sup> [7s 5d] to the lady as common fine on this day for which John Gostwyk the bailiff was answerable to the lady.

**Amercements ijs xd [2s 10d] penalty for damage penalty before the next [court]**

And that Edmund<sup>1</sup> <sup>iiijd [4d]</sup> Grey lord of Ruthyn, knight, the Prior <sup>iiijd [4d]</sup> of Newnham for thirty acres of land with appurtenances, Roger <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Coupere and John <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> of<sup>2</sup> Belton who should have come on this day and did not come, therefore they are all amerced.

And that John <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Morbourne, tenant, should have scoured his stopped-up ditch lying next to his messuage, causing a nuisance. Therefore he is amerced.

And that John Chapleyn has not cleared his ditch lying next to the King's Road opposite his tenement. It is still stopped up and causing a nuisance. Therefore he incurs the penalty of vjd [6d] put on him at the last [court] and now it is forfeited to the lady for not being cleared. And lastly that if the nuisances are not cleared before the next court, then the penalty for each of them will be xijd [12d].

And that Henry <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Maye is a butcher and he sold meat without heads, in his workshop<sup>3</sup>, for excessive gain against the statute. Therefore he is amerced.

And that William <sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Lentewhet is a baker of white bread and broke the assize of bread. Therefore he is amerced.

And that Simon <sup>xijd [12d]</sup> Ussher is the miller and took excessive toll. Therefore he is amerced.

And that the same Simon <sup>iiijd [4d]</sup> Usshere took toll at the bin<sup>4</sup> and not on the lady's land for two years against the statute concerning which is proclaimed, causing nuisance to all the villagers. Therefore he is amerced.

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<sup>1</sup> The roll says 'Edus' is this Edward or Edmund I wonder?

<sup>2</sup> This appears to be *of*, an English word used in the document.

<sup>3</sup> *In arte sua* (*artavus* means a knife)

<sup>4</sup> The paleaography here is difficult, 'b' and 'v' being very similar, but seems to be *byn*'. There was no evidence of a vineyard in Willington, so this is probably is what it says, a bin, or storage (for grain). It seems that the tolls charged on milling the tenant's grain should have been charged in public, outside the miller's enclosure.

**Presented by the constables and the tasters of ale                      amercements xvjd [16d]  
Chattel forfeited, valued at jd [1d]**

John Flaunders and John Starlyng, sworn Constables and Tasters of ale there, present that Simon<sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Usshare assaulted John Rydye with one baton valued at jd [1d] against the peace of the lord king. Therefore he is amerced. And that Alicia<sup>vjd [6d]</sup> Stoughton constantly and John<sup>vjd [6d]</sup> Rydye constantly for the said year and John<sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Norman once, brewed and broke the assize of ale. Therefore they are amerced.

**Xij sworn men**

John Cooke	Henry Maye	John Bawde
John Myton	William Tayllour	Thomas Garter
Robert Cooke	John Tyler	William Chamberleyn
John Warnere	John Ropere	Robert Partryche

The xij sworn jurors present that the Constables, Tithing Men and Tasters of Ale there well and faithfully presented and omitted or concealed nothing.

**Proceedings of the little court**

**The sworn homage    amercements iiijd [4d]                      penalties**

The homage there present that John<sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Morbourne has one ruined barn within his messuage that he holds from the lady at will, needing of repairs. Therefore he is amerced. And that John<sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Sterlyng's messuage is ruined and needs repairs. And therefore he is amerced. And furthermore it is ordered that they should well and competently repair the said messuage and barn before the next under a penalty for each of them of iij s iiij d [3 s 4 d] forfeited to the lady.

**Fallow land, excused                      amercement ijd [2d]**

Roger<sup>ijd [2d]</sup> Coupere was charged for not coming to his fallow land. He was amerced,

To this court came John Fraunceys and Agnes his wife and John their son and took one messuage with a garden and a nearby croft and ten acres of land and meadow with appurtenances, lately in the holding of John Palmere, from the lady, to have and to hold it for the terms of their lives and whichever of them lives longest, at the will of the lady, according to the custom of the manor by services, rendering therefrom xs [10s] a year to the lady at the usual terms there and suit of the common court and all the customary services due therefrom. And the aforesaid John Fraunceys and Agnes his wife and John their son will not give a heriot to the lady after the custom, neither after their death or withdrawal any heriot. Conversely they have given ij [2] capons valued at viij d [8d] to the lady as entry fine for having. And they made fealty to the lady.

**Penalty, a brief**

John Morborne the sworn Warrener there presents that John Fitz Geoffrey esquire of Thurleigh<sup>5</sup> in the county of Bedford, [had] this day at Court, for fishing within the head<sup>6</sup> of water of the lady in the Wall[?] of the church's byn on the land of the mill and from

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<sup>5</sup> Written as Thirlye in the document

<sup>6</sup> This word reads 'cepalem' in the document

there he took ij [2] small pikes without permission. Therefore a brief was presented against him.

**The bailiff was ordered to deliver timber to the tenants ...**

It was presented to the bailiff that he should make a delivery to John Taillour, one of the lady's tenants, of ij [2] spars for making and repairing one new building called a 'bakehouse,' within the cottage lately in the holding of William Tayllour, X [10] shillings in cash for [illegible] from ten oaks and one rood of withies from the lady's wood to repair the aforesaid building, and so John Tayllour should keep and repair the aforesaid at his own cost and expense.

And furthermore the same bailiff was ordered to make a delivery to John Roper, another tenant of the lady, of one rood of withies within the lady's wood for repairs to his messuage that he holds from the lady at will etc

**Penalty**

Simon Usshere, the miller, was ordered not to take toll from now on after the date of this view with Court at the bin<sup>7</sup>, that is to say on land within his mill strips, under a penalty of iijs iiijd [3s 4d] to be forfeited to the lady.

**Assessors of fines, John Cooke, John Myton**

**Sum of this View with Court xiijs iiijd [13s 4d]**

**In expenses of Thomas Rokes the elder and others coming to the court, all being taken in pence vijs viijd [7s 8d]**

*The next roll, 49b, is for Cardington. The names are significantly different from the names in the Willington court rolls. The court in Cardington was held the day after the roll written above.*

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<sup>7</sup> Here written at 'le bynne'