

**Account of William de la Ritha** <sup>reeve of Morden, from 11th May in the 11th year</sup> **beginning on the Tuesday next after the feast of SS Gordianus and Epimachus in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Edward [I] until the feast of St Margaret next following in the same year .** [1283]

### Rents

The same answers for 17s 2½d received for rent for the term of St John the Baptist. And for 2s from the men of Ewell and Morden to aid the mowing of the demesne meadows by tally answering for the total. \* Sum 19s 2½d.

### Beasts and pasturage sold

The same answers for 4s received for 1 female pig sold. And for 9d<sup>14d</sup> received for 1 calf sold by tally against Richard the *serviens*. And for the safe-keeping of 1 stott seized 6d. And for pasturage of lambs 8d. And for 12d<sup>18d</sup> received for 3 gallons of butter sold by the prior's tally. And for 2s for corn and other things sold at the audit. Sum 6s 11d. <sup>9s 10d</sup>

### Profits

The same answers for 7s 3d received from the Court View of Frankpledge. And for 6s 8d received from Walter the reeve<sup>†</sup> by tally for the total. <sup>as deriving from the office of reeve</sup> Sum 13s 11d.

**Sum of Total Receipts: 42s 11½d.**

### Expenses

The same answers for 15d<sup>13d</sup> spent in 1½ sheaves of steel bought. And for 2d spent in 1 piece of iron bought for fitting to ploughs. Also in shoeing horses 3d. Also in 1 sheaf of steel bought 10½d. <sup>9½d</sup> And in 4 pieces of iron bought for ploughs 6d. <sup>of which there remain 3 pieces</sup> And in 2 plough feet bought for ploughs 4d. Also in 4 clouts for carts 2d. Also in shoeing horses 3d. The same answers for 2s 7d<sup>16d</sup> spent in stipend of the smith for fitting iron to ploughs by tally against Richard the *serviens* by tally for the total. Sum 6s 4½d. <sup>4s 7½d</sup>

The same answers for 9¾d<sup>6d</sup> spent in 2 bushels salt bought. Also in 13 dishes bought 1d. Also in shearing ewes 2d. Also in 4 hurdles bought for the sheepfold [*caule*] 4d. Also in timber bought for the mill 12d. And in repairing the mill 4d. The same answers for 3s 1d<sup>18d</sup> spent in hoeing corn. And in mowing meadows 2s 6½d<sup>this year</sup> by tally against Richard the *serviens*. Sum 9s 5¼d. <sup>5s 7d‡</sup>

### Stipends of servants

The same answers for 2s 6d spent in stipends of a carter and 4 ploughmen at the Nativity of blessed John the Baptist. And in stipend of a shepherd 6d. And in stipend of a maid 6d.<sup>4d</sup> And in stipend of a cowman 4d at the same term. Sum 3s 10d.<sup>8d</sup>

\* The two account rolls WAM 27284 and 27285 cover the period 24.6.1282 – 20.7.1283, so both Midsummer days are included, when rents and the commutation of mowing labour were due.

† Walter had been the previous reeve. There is no mention here of his arrears of 40s from his previous account WAM 27284. There are no more extant account rolls until 1287-88.

‡ Actually 5s 11d

**[Cash] deliveries**

The same answers for 16s 6½d delivered to Sir William de Wetford for rent for the term of St John the Baptist by tally. And ~~for 12d~~ delivered to Alice de Kenardel for rent owed to her [*de redd sibi debito*]. And for 3s delivered to the steward's valets for the repair/purchase of their shoes by order of the steward and by view of the steward's clerk. And for 6d delivered to Pleytere because he made a loss at purchasing his shoes, by tally against Richard the *serviens* and by order and view as before.<sup>§</sup> Sum 20s 0½d.

**Rent allowances**

~~The same claimed [petit] for 3d~~ for the reeve's rent. <sup>In acquittance of the reeve's rent for the term of St John the Baptist 3d.</sup> And for 6d for the overseer of harvest's [*messor*'] rent at the Nativity of blessed J Baptist. Sum 9d.

The same answers for 3s 10d delivered to Walter the reeve by order of the bailiff of profits of the Court for expenses of the bailiff on the Tuesday next after the feast of SS Gordiamus and Epimachus by tally against the said Walter. Sum 3s 10d.

**Sum of all expenses and deliveries 38s 6d. And he owes 4s 5½d.**

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**Corn** The same answers for 2 quarters 2 bushels mancorn received from William Wybyrne the miller. <sup>for the arrears of his farm</sup> And for 1 quarter mancorn [ie servants' maslin] received of issue of the mill, without curall. And for 5 bushels peas received in the granary from Walter the reeve. Sum 3 quarters 7 bushels.

Of which The same renders account for 4 bushels mancorn for carter's livery from the Sunday next after the feast of St Dunstan until the Nativity of blessed John Baptist for 4 weeks and 4 days. <sup>taking a quarter for 9 weeks</sup> The same renders account for 2 quarters for livery of 4 ploughmen for the same period. The same renders account for 4 bushels for dairy worker's livery from the Thursday next after the feast of St Dunstan until the Nativity of blessed J Baptist for 5 weeks, taking a quarter for 10 weeks. ~~And for livery~~ delivered to the same for arrears from the time of Walter the reeve. The same renders account for 4 bushels for shepherd's livery from the Thursday next after the feast of SS Gordiamus and Epimachus until the Nativity of blessed J Baptist for 6 weeks, ~~taking a quarter for 12 weeks~~. And for 2 bushels for cowman's livery before the Nativity of blessed J Baptist, taking a quarter for 16 weeks. In sale 1 bushel. Sum 3 quarters 7 bushels. And nothing remains.

**Wool** The same renders account for 24<sup>28</sup> fleeces and 1 skin of a hogget. <sup>of issue</sup> ~~Delivered to Sir William de Wetford by tally.~~ Sum 28. In delivery to brother William de Watford 24. <sup>and 1 skin</sup> In sale 4. And none remains.

<sup>§</sup> A valet [valettus] ranked above a groom [garcio] in a household. The large sum of 3s would have **bought** several pairs of shoes. However, emendend' may be a scribal error for emend', and if so the reference is to purchases and not repairs. Pleytere too is in trouble over shoes, but here the word is emend', and this perhaps strengthens the hypothesis that both entries refer to purchases. – Barbara Harvey Jan 2008,