



## *Eyre Rolls 1249*

### **Great Bedwyn**

The Eyre for the common pleas, as it was known generally in the thirteenth century as distinct from the Eyre for forest pleas, was a royal court held by the King's justices in the county at intervals of several years and usually as part of a countrywide visitation. The justices were commissioned to hold all pleas of writs, or civil pleas, which had been appointed to come before them and all crown pleas which had arisen since the last Eyre or were then undetermined.

The following are entries relating to Great Bedwyn for the year 1249.

Robert le Vaillant, William le Poitevin, Henry of Bissopeston, Henry son of John, Ralph of Bedewynde and Ralph Galapyn do not come. It is testified by the jurors that all are guilty of burglary and larceny. So let them be exacted and outlawed. They were harboured in the town of Remesbury outside the tithing. So [the town] is in mercy. They had no chattels.

William Beverech was in the tithing of Bedewynde, so it is in mercy. His chattels: 6d.

John Freke killed John Alywyne and fled at once to Bedewynde church, admitted the deed and abjured the realm. He was in the tithing of the prebend of Bedewynde. So it is in mercy. His chattels: 20s. whereon let the bishop of Salisbury answer.

Concerning exchanges, they say that John the goldsmith of Bedewynde holds an exchange. So let him be taken.

William Pynnok of Bedewynde and Ralph Austin of the same, accused of housebreaking, and Robert Beverech of the same, accused of stealing sheep, do not come. The jurors say they are guilty, so let them be exacted and outlawed. They were in the said tithing of Bedewynde. so as before. No chattels.

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