



## Crofton, Great Bedwyn

### Extracts of Register Of John Chandler Dean Of Salisbury 1404-1417

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**16 Sept. 1405**

Crofton.

Free chapel is built on lord's manor. Altar is dedicated to St. Katherine. Patron is Sir William Sturmy [knight]. R. [Rector?] shall not administer sacraments and sacramentals to anyone but say Mass if lord is on manor. He should receive all tithes from demesne lands. Rectory has a barn with 1 a. [acre] of land and a croft. R. pays 7d. a year for lordship and a pension of 13s. 4d. to P. [Parish] of Bedewynde. Chapel is completely ruined through fault of lord. 'Rectory is completely destroyed.'

Roger Shephurde of Hungerforde for fornication and contract with Christine, servant of Thomas Stoke of Bedewynde because he abjured her before official of Bedewynde and afterwards had intercourse with her; both confessed; both to be beaten thrice through ch. [church?]; she alleges that a marriage contract was made with the words, 'I, Roger, take you, Christine, as my lawful wife' and 'I, Christine, take you, Roger, as my lawful husband'; he confesses all; dean warned him to have marriage solemnized within a month on pain of excom [Excommunication]. If no canonical impediment existed; has next court day in cath. [Cathedral?] to say why he ought not to be excomd. If he has not obeyed monition; later her penance remitted in charity at V. [Vicar] of Bedewynde's request.

Henry Felde, a married man, commits adultery with Lettice, his servant; both left.

Stephen and Thomas Smyth of Bedewynd, Nicholas Tanner of Crofton, John Alewyn, Walter atte Lese of Westgrifton, Thomas Broun of Estgrifton, John Perlere, John Coupere of Wilton, Hugh Broun, William Lamhurde of Wexcombe, Hugh Denyas, William Frankelayn of Merton, appointed by parishioners of Bedewynde to collect money from these townships for Bedewynde ch. bells, partly collected it but will not present accounts; all ordered by commissary on 3 Jan. 1406 in Hungerforde ch. to do so within 17 days on pain of 20s.

Chapel of Merton failed to pay a yearly pension of 2s. to V. of Bedewynde for last 3 years.

**10 May 1409**

**Crofton**

John Medmenham, R., came by Nicholas Godewyn, his proctor.

Thomas Morys, R.'s farmer, says all is well.

**12 July 1412**

Crofton.

John Medmenham, R., did not come; dean excused him.

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