



Great Bedwyn

Hemingby's Register

Hemingby's register is the name given to the earliest chapter act book of Salisbury Cathedral which consists of 74 parchment folios. The cover bears the statement 'Hemingsby Registrarius 1329'. Not until July 1341 does John Hemingby (Hemingsby is a late corruption of his surname) make his appearance. The date and terms of his appointment are unknown, but he describes himself as 'clericus et scriba capituli', and, as a notary public, "was responsible for drawing up all legal instruments.

These entries relate to Great Bedwyn and were transcribed by the Wiltshire Record Society..

30 August 1345

The locum tenens assigned the farm of Homynghon, void by the death of Sir Walter Wyville, to Sir John de Caniera, 'ipsam instanter petenti . . . ct juxta majoritatem sue residencie tenendam;' the farm of the mills at Bedwynd, vacated by the said John, to M. James de Havont, and the latter's farm of Wyntrebourne to M. Peter de Inkepenne. Present: Mm. John de Kirkeliy, Archdeacon of Dorset and locum tenens. Elias de Sancto Albano, chancellor, John de Langebergh, Ralph de Querendon, John de Whytcherche, John de Sar', James de Havonte, William de Salton' and John de Camera.

18 October 1345

Indenture of lease by the locum tenens and chapter to Richard Herblot of Crofton, Margaret his wife and Richard their second son 'ad terminum vite eorundem Ricardi, Margarete et Ricardi, et qui eorum diucius vixerit,' for an annual rent of 10 marks, payable at Easter and Michaelmas, of the mill of Bedwynd and its appurtenances. The lessees to maintain the premises in good repair at their own expense, and to be responsible for all rents and services due therefrom, whether ordinary or extraordinary. The lessors to have the right of re-entry in the event of the rent being two months or more in arrears."