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The following document is part of a Dulwich Society project to digitise, transcribe and translate the Dulwich Manorial Court Rolls. They begin in 1333 and continue, with some breaks, to 1908.

A typical Manor Court Roll starts with apologies for absence and fines for non-attendance without excuse, followed by a list of local tenants serving on the manor jury, or 'Homage'. The 'Court Leet' or 'View of Frankpledge' dealt with minor offences, disputes between neighbours, and such matters as failing to keep ditches clear. The early Rolls list those with goods worth more than 30 pence, and those keeping pigs (and how many they kept). The 'Court Baron' dealt with property transactions and inheritance matters. Sometimes the functions of the two Courts, almost invariably held one after the other on the same day, overlapped. In time, the 'Court Leet' became increasingly less important.

For more details and links to images of the rolls and other documents please go to https://www.dulwichsociety.com/courtrolls/

Text in **red**, apart from modern notes by the transcriber, indicates text missing from, or entirely illegible in, the original Roll. Text in various shades of **grey** indicates text which, in the original Roll, is to a greater or lesser extent difficult to decipher. Otherwise, all contemporaneous text is in **black**, except for presumed later additions which are indicated in **brown** or **blue**.

Roll B1 [This Roll was previously named B5.]

Roll B1 (front) undated – c. 1345 [N.B. This Roll is currently (June 2022) missing. The following is based on the transcription was made by me (Patrick Darby) c. 1982.]

Suitors of the Court of Dilewissh

- Roger Morkyn
- John Arnold
- Roger Baldhead
- Henry the Mileward
- John le Wite
- Thomas Hyld

2d - John Alesandre order to distrain
son of Maurice now Cristine Berlynges

- ~~Hugh atte Stile~~ puts himself [in mercy]
- Richard Morkyn

2d - ~~William Prat order to distrain~~ now John Haverynge
- William Withewod order to distrain

- Hugh son of William atte Stile
- Richard Berlynges
- William Brounynges
- John Sawell
- Richard the Walsh
- John Neweman
- John Philpe
- William Hosewod

2d - John Bologne order to distrain

- Hugh Peres
- Richard Brand
- Hugh Brand
- Robert Tabere
- ---------- the Frensch
- ---------- the Webbe
- Reginald Spyndelman

[End of Roll B1 [previously B5]. Nothing on the back.]