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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.

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Roll B12 [This Roll was previously named B11, and post-dates the renamed Roll B11.]

Roll B12 [previously B11] (recto) 2 Jun 1410

B.11

Dillewyssh ¶ Court with View of Frank pledge, held there on the second day of June in the 11<sup>th</sup> regnal Year of King Henry the fourth

m

1 cow worth 8s

fine 2s.

cc-The Bailiff answers for 8s for 1 seized cow, called a heriot, after the death of Adam Lucas, upon which came Joan, who was the lord, the wife of the aforesaid Adam, & took, to hold of ^ 1 toft & eight acres of land lying in Frensshe feld, which the aforesaid Adam lately held. And seisin thereof is conceded to her by the rod, to have & to hold to herself & her [heirs], at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, making therefor the rent & services therein owed & accustomed. And she gave the lord 2s for a fine for entry, And she made fealty. (pledge for the fine: Richard Alayn.)

It is ordered -----

cc-Further the [demesne] farmer is ordered to retain in the lord's hands all lands & tenements which John Pibaker & John α. α. Elys held in villeinage in the lord's fiefdom, And to answer for the profits of the same, saving the right, &c. α. he has a day at the next

amercement 3d.

to be distrained ----

cc-Further the bailiff is amerced, because he does not have John Bregge, as he was ordered. And he is ordered to be distrained to the next Court, to answer, as appears in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Court next preceding. ===== And he is to be distrained.

amercement 3d.

to be distrained ----

cc-The Bailiff is amerced, because he has not seized into the lord's hands ===== all the lands & tenements which α. Richard Depham & Thomas Longswete hold of the lord in ===== villeinage, & because he has not distrained them, to show [by their] copy rolls what lands & tenements they hold, how, & by what services, as in the preceding [court]. And he is ordered to distrain [them].

Stayed -----

cc-Further, judgement [is] stayed between Robert Gonulde & his wife Sibilla, plaintiffs, & John Bregge, tenant, who now make default in a plea of land, And they have a day at the next &c. It appears in the preceding Court. And that is conceded to them.

Further -----

he had no animals, therefore double the rent 6s.4d.

cc-It is further ordered to seize the best beast that William Dene had, named a heriot, And all the lands & tenements which he held of the lord in Villeinage, & to answer for their profits, &c.

amercement 3d.  
to be distrained -----

stopped

cc-The Bailiff is amerced, because he has not distrained John Bregge to be at this day, as he was several times [ordered], to make apportionment of rent, As appears ~~pr~~ in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd [courts] preceding. And let him be distrained,

with heriot, 2s. cc-The bailiff is charged for 1 pig, as a heriot of John Pottesblode, appraised at 2s. As appears in the preceding Court.

to be distrained -----

b. b.

cc-Let Richard Bukyngham be distrained, to show [by his] copy rolls what lands & tenements he holds, & by what services, As appears [&c.]

It is ordered -----

cc-It is further ordered to seize into the lord's hands all lands & tenements which Richard, son of William, Knyth held of the lord in villeinage, And to answer for their profits, And to take the best beast that was the same Richard's, called a heriot.

no animals, therefore double the rent 2s.1d.

To be Summoned

not pursued

cc-John Elys & his wife Joan, plaintiffs of John Lilleborne in a plea of land, by pledges of Simon Dockynge and Philip Haverynge, are not summoned. Therefore let them be Summoned before the next [court].

at the next

a. a.

cc-Thomas Sampson shows two indentures, by which he claims to hold various lands & tenements out of the concession of the late Abbot & Convent, by service of 42s. Likewise four acres by copy[hold]. Therefore let there be Investigation of the customs & services.

at the next

a.

cc-Robert Man claims 7 acres in Northerecrofft, of which he has 3 from the grant of Richard Courteour & John Polle, & 4 out of the tenement of John Bround, by service of 8d & other services. And therefore let there be scrutiny of the old-time Court rolls, for copies thereof to be made.

Scrutiny before the next

fealty & fine  
40d .

cc-At this Court it is testified by the bailiff that Joan atte Welle, lately the wife of Adam Lucas, surrendered into the lord's hands 5 acres of land in The Apse, to the benefit of William Westone, Citizen of London, to whom seisin thereof is conceded by the rod, To have & to hold to himself & his [heirs], according to the custom of the manor, making therefor the rent, services & customs therein owed & accustomed. And he made fealty, And he gave the lord 40d as a fine for having entry, which was paid in Court, &c.

Fealty &  
Fine 12d.

cc-To this Court comes John Lane, & surrenders into the lord's hands 2 crofts, containing 2 acres of land, called Dibbellescroft & Marchalle, To the benefit of Robert Man. And seisin thereof is conceded to him by the rod, to have & to hold to himself & his [heirs], According to the custom of the manor, Rendering therefor Yearly the rent, services & customs owed & accustomed. And he made a fine with <sup>^</sup> the lord for having entry, & he gave as a fine 12d, which he paid. And he made fealty, &c.  
α. α.

It is ordered

cc-It is ordered to seize into the lord's hands 1 acre of land in the Hamme, which Thomas Sampson holds, lately William Willelmi at Wode's, & to answer for the profits before the next [court], until he shall have shown copies, &c.

amercement 4d.

cc-Robert Ketell amerced for his false complaint against Simon Dockynge, on a plea of trespass, quit by the man.

amercement 4d.

cc-Robert Ketell amerced for his false complaint against John Elys on a plea of trespass, quit by the man.

amercement 40d.

cc-Simon Dockynge puts himself in the lord's grace for trespass made with his cattle =====  
in the [demesne] farmer's pasture =====

Sworn

cc-At this Court Simon Dockynge is Sworn into the Tithing =====  
Thomas Lane likewise is Sworn into the Tithing =====

amercement 13s 4d

cc-William Westone puts himself in the lord's grace, for carrying away 5 cartloads of 'teneyt'. Therefore amerced =====

amercement 40d

cc-John Elys in mercy, because he cut down & carried away the lord's timber, without licence =====

amercement 2d cc-William Gaweyn puts himself in the lord's grace, for digging turves in the lord's land without licence =====

Common fine 4s. pledges,  
cc-William Lane & John Elys, Head ^ present as the common =====  
fine (as appears in the Heading) of old custom =====

Rompeny 12d cc-Likewise they present William Lane, Simon Dockynge, Simon =====  
Greneslade, John Elys, William Gaweyn, John =====  
Cartere, John Lucas, Andrew Tyler, Philip Haverynge, =====  
John Balle, John Brigge & Robert Gonulde, tenants of the lord, =====  
having animals to the value of 30 pence within the lordship Therefore each of them gave the lord 1d of the custom called Rompe  
called Rompeny as appears in the heading

A .  
Avisage of pigs 15d cc- Likewise they present William Lane having 4 pigs & 4 female piglets, Simon Dockynge 4 pigs, William  
Gaweyne 4 pigs, John Elys 2 pigs, for which they gave for the Avisage of each pig 1d, piglet  
a halfpenny, female piglet a farthing, of old custom ; they gave as appears in the heading

amercements 12d cc-Simon Dockynge & Andrew Tyler in mercy because they dug turves without the lord's licence

Relief 9s cc-Likewise they present that Elena Ledes has closed [her] last day, who held of the lord one messuage & 30 acres of land, with  
appurtenances, whose heir is William Lane, who made fealty to the lord. Thus befalls to the lord, for relief, as appears in the  
heading, And for a heriot, 1 female piglet worth 16d, which is seized into the lord's hands, Whereof the bailiff is charged &c.

Heriot 1 female piglet  
worth 16d

cc-Likewise they elected Simon Dockynge to the office of Constable. Likewise they elected John Cartere Head pledge, in place  
he came afterwards

amercement 14d

of John Elys, which John Cartere refused to serve the aforesaid office, therefore he is amerced. And afterwards he came, & was Sworn to the aforesaid office.

amercements 20d

cc-John Larke Ale taster presents that Richard Beste [is] a common brewer of ale; Likewise Alice at Hille a common huckster, Joan Lucas a common huckster, Joan Cartere a common huckster, Joan PynFowell a common huckster, selling ale by false measures & breaking the assize. Therefore they are amerced.

cc-Likewise they present that William Wedone has relinquished all lands & tenements which he held of the lord in villeinage within the manor & lordship of Dyllewyssh, & left off, by two years, payment of rent & services therein owed & accustomed, And that distraint is not available there, in the meantime, by which he could be distrained for existing arrears of services & rent. Therefore it is ordered to seize into the lord's hands the said lands & tenements, with appurtenances, & to retain the Holding to itself & its successors, as of right of its aforesaid Manor, in perpetuity, any calumny therein by the said William, his heirs or assigns, notwithstanding.

[End of Roll B12 [previously B11] (front). B12 [previously B11] (back) is below.]

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Assessors cc--William Lane

cc--Simon Greneslade

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[End of Roll B12 [previously B11].]