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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 B13 [This Roll was previously named B12, and post-dates the renamed Roll B12.]

Roll B13 [previously B12] (front)

Part 1 13 Jan 1411

B.12

Dillewyssh

+ .12

cc-Court with View of Frankpledge held there on Tuesday in the Feast of saint Hilary in the 12th regnal Year of king Henry, the fourth after the conquest

cc-Excuses none

Fine 6d

cc-At this Court Robert Gonulde and his wife Sibilla (examined by herself) remitted &, by herself, quitclaimed to John Bregge, of all her right & claim that they might have, or she might in any way have, in future, as of the right of the aforesaid Sibilla, called 'her claim to dower', in lands which the aforesaid John Bregge purchased from William Knyght, late husband of the same Sibilla, such that they, nor either of them, might henceforth have any right in the aforesaid lands that she might henceforth be able to exact in future, for 40d, paid to the same Sibilla in open Court. And upon this, the aforesaid John Bregge gave the lord, as a fine, 6d.

ordered at the next {
ec- Further, the reeve **is** ordered to retain in the lord's hands all lands & tenements which Richard Depham & Thomas Longswete **[hold]**, and also all lands & tenements which were lately John Pyebaker's & John Alayn's, and which they held at the lord's will. And to answer for the profits thereof, until &c., in that they have not cared to show what lands & tenements they hold, & by what rent & services.

heriot & relief
-----6s 4d.
Heriot, because he has no animals. {
ec- To this Court comes Agnes, who was the wife of William Dene, & claims as guardian of **[blank]**, son & heir of the aforesaid William, all lands & tenements which were the aforesaid William's within the lordship of Dillewyssh. And custody is granted to her, as if the next Friend of the aforesaid heir, until the full age of the aforesaid heir. And befalls to the lord, called a heriot, by the custom of the manor, as much as she is accustomed to pay yearly, in that he [the deceased] had no animals. And she gave the lord as much again, for the fine called relief. And she is ordered to have the said heir at the next [court], to view his age.

amercement 3d
ordered at the next {
ec- Further, the reeve is in mercy, because he has not taken into the lord's hands the lands & tenements which Richard Bukynham holds at the lord's will, for this, that he [Richard] does not come to show what lands & tenements he holds at the lord's will, and by what services &c., as other tenants have done. And further it is again ordered, &c.

heriot, & relief
to him
-----4s 2d. {
ec- To this Court comes Thomas Knygth, brother & heir of Richard Knygth, and claims to hold of the lord 1 message, with one garden & 6 acres of land, which were the aforesaid Richard's, his brother, by rendering service **[sic]** of 2s 1d yearly & of other accustomed services. And befalls to the lord, called a customary heriot, as much as he is accustomed to pay yearly, in that he has no animals. And he is admitted, as if the nearest heir. And he made fealty to the lord, and gave the lord, called relief, as above.

amercement 4d { ec- John Elys & his wife, Joan, & their pledges namely Simon Dockynge & Philip Haverynge, are in mercy, because they did not pursue against John Lillebourne on a plea of land. And let it be held [over] without a day, &c.

day at the next { to be distrained against the next
ec- Thomas Sampson, Citizen & butcher of London, has a day until the next [court], to show by copy rolls how, & by what services, he claims [to hold] certain lands & tenements which are not contained within two indentures, which he shows, of certain lands & tenements demised to him for his life-time, under the seal of the Abbot & Convent, And by what services &c.

ordered to seize at the next { b.
ec- It is Ordered to seize into the lord's hands 7 acres of land lying in Northerecrofft, which Robert Man holds, & to answer for the profits thereof, until he wants to show how, & by what services, he holds.

for one toft & certain others
to Bole rent with others ----- 3 pence
Fine ----- 6s 8d

b.
erred to seize into the lord's hands one acre of land in the Hamme, which Thomas Sampson holds without licence, and which came into the lord's hands after the death of William at Wode, And to answer for the profits thereof.



fealty & fine
----- 6s 8d.

Inquisition at the next

ec- To this Court came Joan, who was the wife of Robert Woderove, by the testimony of the [demesne] farmer & John Sonyforde, & surrendered into the lord's hands one toft, with lands, tenements, rents & its other appurtenances, which were sometime Roger Morkyn's, to the benefit of John Bole, To whom seisin thereof is granted by the rod, To have & to hold to himself & his [heirs], at the lord's will, according to the custom of the manor, Rendering therefor the rent & services owed & accustomed. And they [sic] made fealty to the lord, And he gave the lord, as a fine for having entry, as appears &c. pledge for the fine: Richard Lokeslee. And befalls to the lord, called a heriot, by custom, as much as he ought to render Yearly, because the aforesaid Joan had no animals. And therefore it is to be Investigated, at the next.

+ great writ 2.

ordered to summon to the next

cc- John Elys & his wife Joan, plaintiffs, against John Lilbourne, on a plea of land - prosecution pledges J-----
 and John Burforde. And they say that they are willing to pursue this plaint in the form & nature of a plea by the writ of
 'while under age'. And therefore the reeve is ordered to summon, by good & legal men, the aforesaid John
 Lilbourne to be here at the next Court, to be held under reasonable summons, to answer to the aforesaid John Elys
 & his wife Joan in the aforesaid plea. And upon this, the aforesaid Joan puts in her place the aforesaid John
 Elys, her husband, to win or lose in the aforesaid plea, And he was summoned by W. Withy -----

amercements 14d.

cc- Simon Dockyng, William Lane, John Denewey senior, William Gonulde, together with all their tithing(s),
 infirm 2d 2d 2d 2d
 Sworn, present that Joan Alayns, John Cartere, Robert Ketell, John Bole, Robert Man, William
 2d 2d 2d
 Westone, John Lillebourne, & John Balle, are suitors of the Court, & make default at this Court, therefore amerced.

Now follows of the View held the day, place & Year above-written

Common fine 4s

cc- William Lane & John Cartere, headpledges, with their tithing(s) there sworn, present for the common fine
 decreed at this View day ----- 4s. Likewise they present that William Lane, Simon Dockyng, William
 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
 Gaweyn, John Cartere, John Lucas, Andrew Tyler, Philip Haverynge, John Bregge, & William Wythy have cattle
 Rumpeny 9d
 within the lordship to the value of 30 pence, whereby befalls to the lord, by the custom called Rumpeny, for each
 of them 1d Likewise they present for Pannage of 5 female piglets William Lane for 5 piglets, William Gaweyn
 1½d 2½d
 -----6d. for 3 piglets. Of Simon Dockyng, for avisage for 4 piglets.

amercement 4d { cc-Likewise they present one ditch at Howlottes & Spyndelmannes not cleansed, **by the default of Simon Dockynge**, to the common harm of the lord King's people. Therefore he is amerced, And he is ordered to make amends **before the next &c.**
[From this point on the parchment has been badly damaged, and rendered mostly illegible.]

amercement -d { cc-Likewise they present one ditch at Crokstrete not cleansed, **through the default of John -----**
G----f----, to the common harm of the lord King's people. Therefore he is amerced, And he is ordered to make amends **before the next [court], &c.**

cc-Likewise they present 12 perches of ditch ----- Dibbellescroftt not cleansed -----
----- butcher. Therefore he is amerced.

amercement 20d { cc-Likewise they present ----- John Larke ----- a ----- & --h-----
his & ----- aforesaid-- f----- g----- d-----

amercement 20d { cc- Likewise they present ----- John Larke -----
Assize his ----- in -----

amercement 4d { cc-It is ordered ----- to -----
Miel-----
Assessors { -William ----- }
 { -John Cartere ----- }

[End of Roll B13 [previously B12] (front). Roll B13 [previously B12] (back) continues below.]

Roll B13 [previously B12] (back)

Part 2 27 Sep 1412



[in a much later hand] B12V

Dyllewyssh

+ .13 .

Court with View of Frankpledge, held there on Tuesday next before the Feast of saint Michael, in the 13th regnal Year of king Henry, the fourth after the conquest.

Excuses none

Fine: half a mark

fealty

ec-To this Court came John SONDYFORD & John DYLLEM, Citizen of London, & surrendered into the lord's hands all lands & tenements, meadows, pastures, & their other appurtenances, which they had from the concession of Alice, who was the wife of John Shrovesbery, to the benefit of William Westone, Citizen & baker of London, & of John Credy. And seisin thereof is conceded to them by the rod, to have & to hold to themselves & their [heirs], at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, Rendering therefor & making the services owed & accustomed. And they made fealty to the lord, And they gave the lord, as a fine for having entry, half a mark, as appears in the Heading.

amercements 14d {
 cc-^{2d} Robert Man, ^{2d} Robert Ketell, ^{2d} Joan Alayn, ^{2d} John Denewey senior, ^{2d} William Gonelle of Pekham, ^{2d} Cristina Knygth, ^{2d} John Lilleborne & ^{2d} Richard Bokyngham, ^{2d} Piebaker, Court suitors, make default at this Court. Therefore they are amerced.

Now follows of the View held the day, place, & year above-written

Common fine: 4s {
 cc-William Lane & John Cartere, Headpledges, together with John Larke, John Balle, William Wythy, John Elys, Richard Alayn, Simon Dockyng (their tithingmen), there sworn, present of Customary common fine, decreed at this View day : 4s. Likewise they present that William Lane, Simon Dockyng, William Gaweyn, John Cartere, John Lucas, Andreas [?Heriard,] Tiler, Philip Haveryng, John Balle, John Bregge & William Wythy, have cattle within the lordship to the value of 30 pence, whereby befalls to the lord, by the custom called Rompeny, for each of them : 1d.

Pannage of pigs 9d {
 cc-Likewise they present, for Pannage, William Lane for 2 pigs & 3 female piglets, William Gaweyn for 2 pigs & 5 female piglets, & Simon Dockyng for 3 pigs.

cc-Likewise they present that the highway is a nuisance at the Marlepyte, through the fault of the whole homage, whereupon William Gaweyn and his whole homage come, & undertake to repair the aforesaid road before the next [court], under penalty of half a mark.

cc-Likewise they present that one ditch at Marchalles is a nuisance for lack of scouring, through the fault of Robert Man. Therefore he is amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court].

.c.

cc-Likewise they present that a certain ditch at the Hamme's end is a nuisance to the country, for lack of scouring, through the fault of Thomas Sampson. Therefore he is amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court].

adjudged to be taken & freed 6d.

cc-Likewise they present one beast of burden, which came into the lordship as a stray, around the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, worth 16d ----- it remains in the bailiff's custody until more than a year [shall have passed].

20d

cc-Likewise they present that Robert Aylmere, alias Goodson, overburdened the common pasture by leading sheep on the occasion of one -----'erre', to the common nuisance. Therefore he is amerced.

cc-At this View Richard Bedell is sworn into a tithing of the lord King.

2d

he did, & he was sworn.

cc-Likewise they present that Simon Dockyng kept his son William out of a tithing of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced. And it is ordered to distrain the aforesaid Simon to have his said son at the next, to put himself into a tithing of the lord King.

6d

false

cc-John Larke, ale taster, presents that John Elys is a common huckster & sells by ^ unsealed measures. Therefore he is amerced.

2d

2d

2d

cc-The Jurors present that John Cartere, Simon Dockyng, John Larke, are hucksters of ale, & break the assize. Therefore they are amerced.

4d

2d

cc-And also, as sworn by the homage, Simon Dockyng & John Elys dug turves in the lord's soil, to serious harm. Therefore they are amerced.

2d

2d

cc-And also William Lane & John Cartere, because they do not have the common fine to pay into Court, according to ancient custom.

Assessors John Cartere } Sworn Total of the Court & View : 18s 4d Therefore they are in mercy.
John Larke }

[End of Roll B12, apart from, upside down at the foot :]

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