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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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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 C3 (front)

Part 1 1 Dec 1432
C.3.

Dyllewyssh ¶ View of Frankpledge with Court there held on Monday next after the feast of saint Andrew the Apostle in the 11th regnal Year of king Henry the 6th

Common fine 4s { (Thomas Lane & William Dockyng, Headpledges, with the whole of the tithing, Sworn, present as the customary common fine at this day
(4s, paid in open Court, as is the custom.

12 sworn for the King { Thomas Gryme } Sworn { Richard at Hylle } Sworn { Robert Goodsonne } Sworn { John Deneweeye } Sworn
{ John Houchon } Sworn { John Colkok } Sworn { Simon Dockyng } Sworn { Thomas Debylle } Sworn
{ Roger Tornour } Sworn { William Dockyng } Sworn { Richard Depeham } Sworn
} 2d
(present that William Mullyng makes default at the View Therefore he is amerced.

amercements 6d { (John Colkok, ale taster, presents that John Colkok, Cesilia Casyngherst, William Dockyng, are common hucksters & sold ale by false
(measures Therefore they are amerced.

Pannage 2s 1d { (Likewise they present Richard at Hylle for Pannage of 3 piglets, John Houchyn for 1 pig, Thomas Lane for 1 pig & 6 piglets, William
(Dockyng for 20 piglets, John Colkok for pannage of 6 piglets, Roger Tornour for pannage of 6 piglets, Simon Dockyng for pannage of 4
(piglets, William Jonsone for pannage of 4 piglets, namely 1d for each pig over a year old, & a halfpenny for each piglet.

(Likewise they present that Thomas Ingolf, Simon Dockyng, John Colkok, John Houchon, Richard at Hylle, Roger Undyrwode,

Rumpepeny 8^d { 1d 1d
 { Thomas Lane, William Dockyng, are residents having cattle to the value of 30 pence for which each of them gave the lord
 { (of old S[?] custom 1d called Rumpepeny. +

is flooded,

Penalty at the next { (Likewise they present that the High Way under Cogmannescroft ^ though the fault of the [demesne] farmer. Therefore &c. And he is
 { (ordered to make amends before the next [Court] under penalty of 40d.

Sworn into the tithing { Nicholas Hunte is Sworn into the tithing of the King at this View.

cc-----now follows of the Court held the day & Year above mentioned

Excuses William Haukyn excuses himself from common [suit], by ----- John Colkok.

*In these pledges are five
 precedents proving the
 fines to be uncertain*)

Edith,

(To this [Court] came ^ lately the wife of Henry Lake, & William, son of the same Henry, by their attorney Thomas Ingolf, &
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 Fine 20d (surrendered into the lord's hands one Croft lying next to Langbourne, sometime Richard Wodesere's, to the use of Roger
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 { Tornour, to whom seisin thereof was conceded by the rod in open Court. To have [& to hold] to himself & his [heirs] at
 {
 Fealty (the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor, Rendering yearly 8d & the services therefor owed & accustomed.
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 (And he gave [the lord] 20d as a fine for having entry. And he made fealty [to the lord] & he was admitted.



(To this [Court] came Richard Depeham, & surrendered into the lord's hands 1 acre of land called Canell Acre, to the use of Roger
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 { Tornour, to whom seisin thereof was conceded by the rod in open Court, To have [& to hold] to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the
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 { lord according to the custom of the manor, Rendering yearly 4d & the other services therefor owed & accustomed. And he gave
 Fine 12d. (

Fealty (the lord 12d as a fine for having entry. And he made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.



(It is testified by the [demesne] Farmer that Alice Shortes, at this [Court], surrendered into the lord's hands one Croft called
(Walkynescroft, to the use of Simon Dockyng, to whom seisin thereof was conceded [by the rod] in open Court, To have
([& to hold] to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, Rendering yearly 8d &
(the other services therefor owed & accustomed. And he gave the lord 20d, as a fine for having entry, And he
(Fealty (made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

& 1 acre in Alnotes Hawe also 1 toft 'ad peremencia' [?],
(John Cartere, who held of the lord 1 messuage & four acres of land in the Napse ^ has closed his last day, whereby befalls the
(m [?] (lord, as a heriot, one bull worth 10s, for which the Farmer was responsible. And his nearest heir is his younger son John, according
(& seeks to be admitted to the messuage & aforesaid land.
(heriot 10s. (to the custom of tenure, & [who is] of full age, ^ And now into this Court comes Alice, who was the wife of the aforesaid deceased,
(& claims to hold the aforesaid messuage & land for the term of her lifetime, upon which the reeve is ordered to seize the aforesaid
({messuage & land into the lord's hands, And to answer for the profits thereof until &c., saving the right of whomsoever [&c] And
(the aforesaid Agnes, plaintiff, [&] the aforesaid John, are told to be at the next [Court] with their copies & muniments to receive that
(order to seize ([decision] which the Court shall then be led to make, And for making a fine & fealty. It is testified by the homage that the said Agnes
(has no standing in the same, And therefore seisin thereof is released seisin[sic] to the aforesaid John, by the rod, To [have & to] hold to himself &
(his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to custom, by the rent & services thereof [owed] & accustomed. And he gave 16d, as a fine for having
(entry, And he made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

in the field

(The same John Cartere held, on the day that he died, 7 acres of land next to the lord's wood, ^ called Hyldecroft, in
(Newemede, whereby nothing befalls the lord as a heriot, according to custom, because it is not heriotable. And John,
(his younger son, seeks to be admitted to the said land, as if [he were] his nearest heir according to custom, & he has
(heriot nothing (seisin by the rod in open Court, To have [& to hold] to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord according to the
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Fine 5s. (custom of the manor, Rendering yearly therefor all rent & services [there]in owed & accustomed. And he gave the
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Fealty (lord 5s, as a fine for having entry, namely as much as he gave as rent, called relief. And he made fealty to the lord, &
(
(he was admitted.

[Corner torn away

from this point on](To this [Court] came John at Brygge, & surrendered into the lord's hands two Crofts called Northcroft & Debyllescroft, to the
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(use of Richard Bakere, to whom seisin thereof was conceded by the rod in open Court, To have & to hold to himself & his [heirs],
{
(at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, Rendering yearly therefor the rent & services thereof hitherto
Fine 2s. (
Fealty (owed & accustomed. And he gave the lord 2s, as a fine for having entry, And he made fealty [to the lord], & he was admitted.

(-----ere, who held of the lord 1 messuage & certain lands [..deleted..], with appurtenances, has closed his last day,
(
Ordered to seize { whereby nothing befalls the lord as a heriot, so they say, according to custom. And it is ordered that the reeve seize the same
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(into the lord's hands, and answer to the lord for the profits, because [s]he died without an heir, saving the right of whomsoever &c.

(Likewise they present that ----- overloaded the common pasture with 400 sheep, on several occasions. Therefore
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amercements ----.d { [s]he is in mercy And that -----duner likewise overloaded the common pasture with 200 sheep. Therefore
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([s]he is in mercy.

[End of C3 (front). C3 (back) continues below.]



Roll C3 (back)

cc-----More of the within-written Court

(To this [Court] comes John Gonylde, & seeks to be admitted to 7 acres of land, of which three 'insiles' [?strips] lie in The
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 (Rydene, next to land of John Deneweeye, on the west side, another acre lies in a certain field called Newmannys, next to land
 (
 (of William Haukyn, on the east side, the other three-acre 'insiles' [?strips] lie in the field called Clementysfeld, next to land of
 (
 (the said John Deneweeye, on the east side, which fell to him by right of inheritance, after the death of his father
 {
 (William Gonylde, so they say. And he has seisin by the rod in open Court, To have [& to hold] to himself & his [heirs], at the
 (
 (will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, Rendering yearly therefor all rent & services therein owed & accustomed.
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 (And he gave the lord 2s 4d, as a fine for having entry, namely as much as he gave as rent, called relief. And he made fealty
 (
 (to the lord, & he was admitted.

Fine 2s 4d.



Fealty

Assessors { Thomas Gryme } Sworn Total of the View with Court [blank]
 { Simon Dockyng }

Part 2 30 Nov 1433

Dyllewyssh ¶ View of Frankpledge with Court there held on Monday In the feast of saint Andrew the Apostle in the 12th regnal Year of king Henry the 6th

Common Fine 4s. {
(Thomas Lane & William Dockyng, Headpledges, with the whole Tithing, Sworn, present as the customary common fine at this day
(4s, paid in open Court, as is the custom,

12 sworn for the King {
(William Haukyn }
(Simon Dockyng } Sworn { Robert Goodson }
(Thomas Debylle } Sworn { John Houchyn } Sworn { Richard at Hylle } Sworn { Richard Depeham }
(Thomas Gryme } Sworn { John Deneweeye } Sworn { John Cartere junior } Sworn, present that
(Richard Aleyne } Sworn { Elias Ingolf }

penalty at the next {
(John Wynter allowed his ditches in Myddelfield & Blaunchysdoun to be unscoured, whereby the High way there & the public footpath
(towards the church are flooded, to the nuisance of the country. Therefore &c. And he is ordered to make amends before the next
([Court] under penalty of - 40d. And that the High way in Cogmanstrete is flooded, for want of scouring of the lord's ditch. Therefore &c.
penalty at the next {
(And the [demesne] farmer there is ordered to make amends before the next [Court], under penalty of 40d.

amercements 6d {
(John Colcok, ale taster, presents that Thomas Ingolf, John Colcok, William Dockyng, are common hucksters of ale, & sold
(by false measures. Therefore they are amerced.

Pannage ---2s. {
(Likewise they present Richard at Hylle for Pannage of 6 piglets, John Houchyn 3 pigs, Thomas Lane 3 pigs, William Dockyng
(6d 4d 1d 4d
(6 pigs, John Colcok 4 pigs, Roger Tornour 1 pig, Simon Dockyng 4 pigs, namely 1d for each pig over one year old
(& a halfpenny for each piglet under one year old, by ancient custom.

Rumpepeny 8d. {
(Likewise they present that Thomas Ingolf, Simon Dockyng, John Colcok, John Houchyne, Richard atte Hylle, Roger Undyrwode,
(1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
(Thomas Lane, William Dockyng, are residents having cattle to the value of 30 pence, for which each of them gave the lord, of assured
(custom, 1d, called Rumpepeny.

2d.

amercement 2d { Likewise they present that John Tornour, residing within the View, does not come to put himself into a tithing, Therefore he
Sworn into a tithing { is in mercy. John Waryn is Sworn into a tithing at this view.

now follows of the Court held the day & Year above mentioned

Excuses none

S (To this [Court] came John Bryan, & surrendered into the lord's hands, by his attorney Thomas Ingolf, all his lands & tenements, which were lately William
Heriot [blank] (with appurtenances, which he held within the lordship at the lord's will, according to the custom of the manor, to the Use of John
(Westone's, Citizen & Baker of London,
(Wynter, Nicholas Molyneux, Roger Wynter, & Adam Lyvelord, whereby befalls the lord, as a heriot, as much as he gave the lord as
(& to hold Wynter
(rent, because he had no animals. And they have seisin by the rod in open Court To have to the said John, Nicholas, Roger, &
(Adam, & the heirs of the same John Wynter, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, Rendering yearly therefor all
Fine 13s 4d. (rent & services therein owed & accustomed. And they gave the lord 13s 4d, as a fine for having entry, And they made fealty to the lord,
Fealty (& they were Admitted.

Fine -- 6d. (John Wynter, Nicholas Molyneux, Roger Wynter, & Adam Lyvelorde, gave the lord [6d] as a fine for having their suit [of court]
{
(postponed, until the feast of saint Michael next to come.

amercements - 18d. { 3d. 3d. 3d. 3d. 3d.
(The Homage present that Richard Bakere of Pecham, John Gonylde, Roger Tornour, Lucy Bakere, Christiana Knyght,
(John Colyn, make default at this Court. Therefore they are amerced.

amercements - 6s. { 12d.
(Likewise they present that Cecilia Horley overloaded the common pasture with 20 oxen & 200 sheep there. Therefore she is amerced.
(And that William Haukyn likewise overloaded the said pasture with 60 oxen & 400 sheep. Therefore he is amerced.

Assessors { Thomas Gryme } Sworn Total of this View with Court [blank]
 { John Colkok }

Margery, lately wife of Richard Loxele, examined in the presence of John Sturmy, Steward, outside the Court, surrendered into the lord's hands one tenement & 17 acres of land called Morkynes, to the Use of Thomas Stowelle, whereby befalls to the lord as a heriot as much as she gave the lord as rent, because she had no animals. And the said Thomas, in open Court, came & sought admittance to the said lands & tenements, with appurtenances, according to the custom, &c. And upon this, comes one John Colkok, & says that the said Thomas cannot and ought not to be admitted to all the aforesaid lands & tenements, because, he says in allegation, that long before the aforesaid surrender, the aforesaid John was jointly enfeoffed & seised, together with Richard Loxele & the aforesaid Margery his wife, & so his standing up to now continues, so he says, without on his part any surrender or other condition made therein whatsoever ~~is~~ is to verify of whatsoever kind the Court had considered in this case. And because the Court is not yet fully informed ~~old~~ certain ^{old} ^ Rolls of the Court's proceedings in this matter are in some regard ambiguous. Therefore a day is given ~~by~~ by consent of the parties, until the Court shall be better advised therein.

[End of Roll C3.]