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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**.



Pannage 2s 10d ( ( custom, called Rumpepeny. And that Guy Gaweyn has 6 pigs, Walter Hede  
( 2d. 6d. 4d.  
( has 4 pigs, Richard at Hylle has 4 piglets, William Dockyng has 2 pigs & 8 piglets, Robert  
( 6½d 2d. 3d.  
( Bryght has 2 pigs & 9 piglets, John Carter has 4 piglets, Robert Morley has 6 piglets, Thomas  
( 3½d  
( Lane has 2 pigs & five piglets, for which each of them gave the lord as Pannage 1d for a pig over a  
( for  
( year old, & a halfpenny ^ a piglet under a year, by ancient custom.

amercements 11d ( Richard at Hylle, ale taster, presents that Lucy Brutone, Olive Cartere, Joan Bryght, Joan Dockyng, are  
{ 3d. 4d. 2d. 2d.  
( common hucksters of bread, & sold ale by unsealed measures. Therefore amerced.

Elections of officers ( (William Dockyng is elected into the office of Headpledge, in place of Thomas Lane, & remains sworn. Robert Morley  
(  
{ is elected into the office of ale taster, in place of William Bryght, & is sworn. John Bochier & Thomas  
(  
Sworn into the tithing ( Casyngherst are sworn at this View into the tithing.

cc----- Now follows of the Court there held the Day & Year above-written

Excuses ----- none

amercements 18d ( ( The Homage, Sworn, present that John Wynter, Thomas Wakefielde, Joan Goodson, Joan Debyl,  
( 3d. 3d. 3d. 3d.  
{ John Hogekeyn, John Broune, suitors of Court, make default. Therefore amerced. Roger Under Wode  
(  
Fine vj.d. ( gave the lord 6d as a fine for postponing his suit [of Court] until the feast of saint Michael Archangel.

amercements 5s ( ( The Reap-master presents that John Maynell, with 12 [of his] pigs, [&] William Otley with 20 of his pigs, trespassed  
{ 2s. 3s  
( in an enclosed field of the lord & of his tenants. Therefore amerced.

by the sworn tenants

Heriot 5s. ( At this [Court] it is testified <sup>^</sup> that Thomas Gryme, who held of the lord 1 messuage & 8 acres of land by estimation, of which  
(  
( the said messuage & 6 acres of land were lately Robert Barde's, & the other two acres of land were lately John Gonylde's, has  
(  
( closed his last day, whereby there befalls to the lord, as a heriot, 1 red cow worth 5s, & it remains with the [demesne] farmer.  
(  
{ And they say that Agnes, the wife of William Spenser, is his daughter & nearest heir, & of full age, & she seeks to be admitted to the  
(  
Fine 2s 9d. ( aforesaid messuage & lands, & seisin thereof is conceded to her by the rod in open Court, to Hold to herself & her [heirs]  
(  
( at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed.  
(  
Fealty ( And she gave 2s 9d as a fine, called relief, for having entry. And she made fealty to the lord, & she was admitted.

( To this [Court] came Joan Goodson, by her Attorney John Brutone, & surrendered into the lord's hands  
(  
Fine 8d. ( two acres of land in the Hamme, to the use of William Knyght, to whom seisin thereof is conceded to him by the rod in open  
{  
( Court, to Hold to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof  
(  
Fealty ( hitherto owed & accustomed. And he gave 8d as a fine for having entry. And he made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

( To this [Court] came Richard Colkok & surrendered into the lord's hands all his lands & tenements with appurtenances within the  
(  
Fine 6s 8d. ( lordship of Dyllewyshe, which descended to him by the law of inheritance after the death of his brother, John Colkok, to the  
(  
( Use of John Brutone & William Ode, whereby there falls to the lord as a heriot as much as he gave as rent, because he had  
{  
( no animals. And seisin thereof is conceded to the said John & William by the rod in open Court, to Hold to themselves & their  
(  
Fealty ( [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof formerly owed & accustomed.  
(  
( And they gave 6s 8d as a fine for having entry. And they made fealty to the lord, & they were admitted.

stopped, because he paid afterwards

( It is ordered to seize into the lord's hands all lands & tenements which Roger Colyn holds within the lordship, because the said

Ordered to seize { Roger has failed to pay the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed. And to answer to the lord for the profits, saving the  
( right [of whomsoever] &c

(cc—Thomas Ingolf --)  
Assessors { } Sworn Total of the Court with View [blank]  
(cc—William Ode -----)

Part 2 25 Nov 1445

Dyllewyssh ¶ View of Frankpledge with Court held there on Thursday In the feast of Saint Katherine the Virgin, in the  
Twenty-Fourth regnal Year of king Henry, the sixth after the conquest.

Common fine 4s ( William Dockyng & John Carter, Headpledges, with the rest of the tithing, Sworn, present as the common customary fine at the View 4s  
{ 2d. 2d. 2d.  
ameracements 6d. ( And they present that Robert Baron, Robert Morley, George Wylby, make default at the View Therefore amerced

12 Sworn for the King ( Walter Knyght, William Ode, Ricardus Wythyr, Thomas Lane, Walter Heed, John Waryn, William Spenser, William Gaweyne, Guy Gaweyn,  
amercement 12d. ( 12d  
{ John Heed, Robert Webstere, Richard atte Hylle, Sworn, present that Roger Wynter has a certain unscoured ditch, 4 perches long, at the  
{ Napse, whereby the High Way there is flooded. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court] under penalty  
{ of 40d. And that the lord's farmer has not yet mended the ditch at Crokstrete, 16 perches long, as he has elsewhere been ordered.  
{ Therefore &c. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court]. And that the same farmer has not yet repaired the lord's ditch next  
{ to Newlonde, that is a nuisance, as he has elsewhere been ordered. Therefore &c. And he is ordered to make amends. And they likewise  
{ present that 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d  
Rumpepeny 12d. ( 1d 1d 1d  
{ Morley, John Brutone, John Waryn, Robert Webstere, are residents having Cattle or chattels to the value of 30 pence, for which each of them  
{ gave the lord 1d called Rumpepeny, by ancient custom.

( The ale taster presents that William Dockyng, Guy Gaweyn, Robert Bryghte, John Cartere, Lucy Brutone, Isabel Waryn, tapsters, sold ale  
ameracements 18d ( 3d. 3d. 3d. 3d. 3d. 3d.

{ by false measures. Therefore amerced. And they present that 1 hanged bullock, worth 6s, came in as a stray at the feast of the Nativity of  
( Saint John the Baptist last past, so let there be a proclamation. And it is ordered to keep it in safe custody until more than a year has  
( passed, or ownership thereof is proved.

3d. 1d. 2d. 2d. 2d.  
amercements 10d. { And they present that Guy Gaweyn, Richard at Hylle, Walter Heed, William Dockyng, Robert Morley, dug turves in the lord's ground without  
a licence. Therefore &c.

{ Thomas Lane & John Heed are elected into the offices of Headpledge, in place of William Dockyng & John Cartere, & are sworn. Guy  
Elections of officers {  
( Gaweyne is elected into the office of ale taster, in place of Robert Morley, & is sworn.

Turn over

[End of C10 [previously C11] (front). C10 [previously C11] (back) continues below.]

Roll C10 [previously C11] (back)

C11v

cc----- Now follows of the Court held there the Day & Year within-written

Excuses ----- none

3d. 3d. 3d. 3d.  
amercements 12d { (The Homage, Sworn, present that Thomas Wakefelde, Richard Bakere, Richard Depeham, John Hogekeyn, make default at the Court.  
Fine 6d ( Therefore amerced. Roger Undyr Wode gave the lord 6d as a fine for postponing his suit [of Court] until the feast of Saint Michael.

s ■ (To this [Court] comes John Broune, son & heir of William Broune, & surrendered into the lord's hands one messuage & 10 acres of  
heriot: as much as ( he gave as rent 22d (land, with appurtenances, lately John Pottesblod's and afterwards Simon Dockyng's, to the use of Alice (lately the wife of the said  
( William Broune), John Erethe & William Thwaytes, whereby there befalls to the lord, as a heriot, as much as he gave as rent, because  
Fine 2s. { he had no animals. And seisin thereof is conceded to the said Alice, John Erethe & William Thwaytes by the rod in open Court, to  
( Hold to the aforesaid Alice, John Erethe & William Thwaytes & their heirs, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor,  
( Fealty (by the rent & services thereof formerly owed & accustomed. And they gave 2s as a fine for having entry. And they made fealty to

( the lord, & they were Admitted.

Fine called relief 16d ( At this [Court] it is testified that William Ingolf, who held of the lord 4 acres of land lying in a certain field called Myddylfelde, has closed ( his last day, but nothing as a heriot because it is not heriotable. And they say that Joan, the wife of William Webbe, is the daughter ( and nearest heir of the said William Ingolf, & of full age, & seeks to be admitted to the said lands, with appurtenances, as closest heir of ( the said William Ingolf. And seisin thereof is conceded to her by the rod in open Court, to Hold to herself & her [heirs] at the will of the ( lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed. And she gave 16d as a fine, ( Fealty ( called relief, for having entry. And she made fealty to the lord, & she was admitted. And to this same [Court] came the aforesaid ( William Webbe & the aforesaid Joan, his wife (the said Joan being examined alone, in the presence of John Sturmy, the Steward ( Fine 12d. ( there), & surrendered into the lord's hands the said 4 acres of land with appurtenances, to the Use of Ellis Ingolf. And seisin thereof is ( conceded to him by the rod in open Court, to Hold to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, ( Fealty ( by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed. And he gave 12d as a fine for having entry. And he made fealty to the ( lord, & he was admitted.

Fine 12d. ( To this [Court] came John Gonylde, & surrendered into the lord's hands all the lands & tenements which he has within the lordship of ( Dyllewysse, to the Use of his brother, William Gonylde, and which were lately William Gonylde's (father of the same John & William), ( Fealty ( And seisin thereof is conceded to him by the rod in open Court, to Hold to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the ( custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed. And he gave 12d as a fine for having entry. And he ( made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

Fine 12d. ( To this [Court] came William Spencer & his wife Agnes (the said Agnes being examined alone, in the presence of John Sturmy, the ( Steward there), & surrendered into the lord's hands 3 acres of land lying in the Napse, to the Use of John Waryn & John Knyght. And ( Fealty ( they have seisin by the rod in open Court, to Hold to themselves & their [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the ( Manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed. And they gave 12d as a fine for having entry. And they made

Fealty ( fealty, & they were admitted.

for a messuage & three acres  
Ode Annual rent 12d.  
Knight Fine ----- 3s 4d

Fine 3s 4d. {

Fealty 

To this came John Brutone & Walter Knyghte, & surrendered into the lord's hands one messuage & 3 acres of land called Brounyngges, whereby falls to the lord as a heriot a black bull, worth 16s, to the Use of William Ode & John Knyghte. And they have seisin by the rod (in open Court, to Hold to themselves & their [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent & services (thereof hitherto owed & accustomed. And they gave 3s 4d as a fine for having entry. And they made fealty, & they were admitted.

Attachments of the ( The Reap-master presents that Robert Morley with 8 of his pigs, Robert Bryghte with 7 of his pigs, William Dockyng with 14 of his pigs, made  
Reap-master ( trespass, churning up & trampling, in the lord's enclosed meadow. Therefore amerced. And that Guy Gaweyn with 8 of his pigs, Thomas  
( 6d.  
amercements 7s 3d { Lane with 5 of his pigs, Walter Heed with 7 of his pigs, made similar trespass everywhere in the lord's enclosed pastures. Therefore  
( 12d 2s. 6d.  
( amerced. And that John Laweman with 60 sheep, Richard Ode with 400 sheep, John Bele with 50 sheep, wrongfully appropriated &  
( occupied the common pasture of the lord & of its tenants, several times, without a licence. Therefore amerced.

[Several lines appear to have been erased from this point on, including presumably the usual 'Assessed by' section.]

[End of C10 [previously C11], apart from two holes at the bottom corresponding with those on the other side.]