



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.

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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 D1 [previously C12] (front)

C.12

Part 1

6 May 1468

Dillewhiche Court held there on the Sabbath day [Saturday] the Sixth day of May in the eighth Regnal Year of King Edward the fourth

Excuses [blank]

The Homage namely John Brutone, John Carter, John Waryne senior, John Lane, John Morgane,

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Jurors, say upon their oath that Thomas Barnstone, John Barnarde, John Palmer, William

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Spencer & Elys Goodson owe suit of this Court And make default. Therefore they are amerced.

cc- Likewise they present that a certain red-coloured cow, worth 5s, strayed within this lordship, And that a ~~ee~~ certain bullock, worth 2s, And a certain Horse, worth 16d, strayed within this lordship.

Therefore it is ordered to seize them into the lord's hands, And to answer to the lord therefor.

3s 4d

cc- Likewise [they present] that John Grenesorde's agent felled wood of the lord totalling twelve cart-loads etc.

cc- Likewise they present that John Barnstone withheld rent of 40d for ~~p~~ the space of five Years, Therefore the bailiff is ordered to Distrain for the arrears.

4d

cc- Likewise they present that John Palmer overloaded the pasture with strangers' beasts Therefore he is amerced.

12d

cc- Likewise they present that Thomas Clapham overloaded the pasture with his beasts Therefore &c.

2d 2d
John Langley, & Richard Gawyne, ought to attend &c. And that John Balst^d

is a common baker of bread, & breaks the assise.

cc- Likewise they present that Nicholas Bestone and Stephen Hunt took hold of stray pigs within
3s 4d 3s 4d
non[-compliant ?]
this lordship, And they should answer to the lord. Therefore they are amerced.

Election of constable cc- John Brutone is sworn into the office of constable for this Year.

Election of head pledges cc- John Waryne senior & John Carter are sworn into the office of Head pledges for this Year.

Election of ale taster cc- John Daly is sworn into the office of ale taster for this Year.

Small Court

The Homage present that ^{4d} [the tenant of] ^{4d} the land held of Knolles, William Spencer, Elys Godson, John ^{4d}
^{4d} Rodwelle, Richard Skynner, & Katherine Asshtone, owe suit of this Court & make ^{4d}
default. Therefore &c.

At this Court it is testified by the homage that Thomas Lane, who held of the lord
one messuage & 30 acres of land, with appurtenances, to himself & his heirs & assigns, has closed his
last day, And there befalls to the lord, namely a heriot of 9s 6d, and that John Lane
senior is his son & nearest heir, and is aged forty years and upwards.

[End of D1 [previously C12] (front). D1 [previously C12] (back) continues below.]

And to this same Court came the aforesaid John, & his wife Cristina, & sought to be admitted to the messuage & lands aforesaid, to hold to themselves & the heirs & assigns of the same John, to whom the lord conceded seisin, to have & to hold the aforesaid messuage & lands to the aforesaid John & Cristina, & the heirs & assigns of the same John, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed. And they gave to the lord as a fine for having entry ?9s 6d. And they made fealty to the Lord. And they were Admitted tenants therein.

Edward
y^e 4th
1461
[sic]

Assessors { (cc—John Palmer)
(cc—William Wood) } Sworn

E iiij^{te}

In a later hand : Edward y^e iiij^o

[There follow about 30 lines of intermittently legible writing, perhaps intentionally erased, which relate to the manor of Walsingham (also owned by Bermondsey Abbey).]

[End of D1 [previously C12], which appears to lack a pair of holes for threading several rolls together, although there is one hole at the top on the other side, which might do.]