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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**.

Dulwyche ¶ View of Frank pledge with Court, there held on the Thursday next after the feast of Saint Michael Archangel, in the ninth Regnal Year of King Henry the Seventh.
D.4.

Constable there Thomas Webster, Constable there, presents that all is well.

Headmen there (William Bartone & Richard Lane, Head tithing-men there, sworn, present as the Common fine at this day --4s And that Robert Crosby
Common fine --4s { overloads the Common called Dulwyche Grene with his cattle, to the nuisance [&c] And that Guy Hunt's wife, Ralph Cotlonde's wife,
2d. 2d. 2d. 2d.
amercements --4d. { John Roiselle, William Langley's wife, Robert Holonde's wife, John Michelle's wife, [deletion], collected Tree branches of the lord And
12d
4d. { that John Baker senior overloads the Common in Dulwyche Grene with his animals, And he has no right of commons there. And that
Henry Knyghte has not scoured his ditches around Newlonde, to the common nuisance.

Ale taster Robert Holande, Ale taster there, sworn, [presents] 6d. that John Torpyn is a Common brewer, & sells ale in this lordship. And that the wife
amercement --8d. of Thomas Knyght is a common ale-seller. 2d.

cc--12 sworn for the King, namely
cc--Richard Ode -----
cc--Thomas Knyghte ---
cc--John Dove -----
cc--William Langley ---
cc--John Warene -----
cc--Thomas Henley ---
cc--Guy Hunt -----
cc--John Lane -----
cc--John Casyngherst -----
cc--Thomas Hale -----
cc--John Wode -----
cc--Ralph Cotlonde -----
Sworn

(Who say, upon their oath, that they affirm all the above presentations as True, And further they say that Richard Lane made an assault
 ([upon] 6d. [erased]
 (^ Thomas Webster with one Dagger (worth 3d) in breach of the peace, And that Robert Holande wrongfully allows his cattle ^ into the
 (12d
 (pasture of Thomas Henley, And that Richard Lyall wrongfully took two planks of the lord's goods, in breach of the peace, And that
 amercements - 2s 2d. (4d. 12d
 { John Lane wrongfully took from the lord's Thorn-bushes, And John Lane has not scoured his ditches at Bysmers bryge, to the
 { Common nuisance, And that John Lane has not made his fence about John Dove's land (& he has a day before the next [court] to
 { make amends, [under] penalty of 40d), And John Leyghe has not scoured his ditches about Amyell (he has a day before the next Court
 { under penalty of 12d), And that one horse, coloured White-grey, came in as a stray one year ago, and no-one comes, therefore it is
 { awarded to the lord because after a Year and a day, And that Thomas Hale wrongfully cut down Thorn-bushes in the lord's wood.

¶ Now Of the Court held there the day & Year Above-stated & c.

Excuses ¶ John Warene senior, by John Warene junior

(The Homage there, namely John Dove, Richard Ode, Guy Hunt, Thomas Knyght, John Warene, John Lane, Thomas Hale, Robert
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 Suit of Court (Holande, Sworn & charged upon matters of the Court, say that John Laygh, John Wylde, Henry Knyght, Thomas A Lee, make default
 amercements - 2s (of suit of Court, And that Richard Skynnere, who held of the lord has closed his last day by copy [erased] of the Court certain lands
 { (which were William Gonyld's, & died seised thereof after the last Court, And that Michael Skynnere, youngest son of the aforesaid
 (--fine of land) (Richard, is nearest heir according to custom, who is present in Court & seeks to be admitted, to whom seisin thereof is conceded, to
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(-----2s-----) } (have to himself, his heirs & assigns, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof owed & accustomed, And
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(so he is admitted, And he made fealty, And he gave the lord as a fine for his having entry.

And that John Brodwelle, who held of the lord one Croft called Wattes Croft, by copy of the Court, at the will of the lord, made an alienation thereof to Robert Crosby by Charter, contrary to the custom of the Manor, therefore the bailiff is ordered to seize the aforesaid Croft into the lord's hands.

And that Joan Brutone, who held of the lord one parcel of land, by Copy of the Court, lying in a certain Field called Myddylfylde, has withheld rent of 2½d yearly for the Period of 12 years, therefore it is ordered to seize it into the lord's hands.

o----- [?] To this Court come Thomas Tymber and his wife Cecilia & (herself examined alone by the Steward) surrendered into the lord's
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finie 4s hands three Crofts of land, of which one, called Denweyes Croft, lies between land of the lord on the south side, & land [erased]
of John Dove on the north side, & land sometime Richard Skynner's on the south [sic] side, and another Croft, called Carterscroft,
lies between land of the lord (which the aforesaid John Dove now has in exchange) on the north side, & the High way on the south
side, & one garden, called Carters gardene, lies between land sometime Richard Skynner's on the south side, and the High way on
the north side, to the benefit of John Dove, to whom seisin thereof is conceded, to have to himself, his heirs & assigns, according to
the custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof owed & accustomed. And so he was admitted. And he made fealty, And he
gave the lord as a fine for his having entry, as appears [in the margin.]

Ancient
custom 13d To this Court come Tomas Knyght, Guy Hunt, William Bartone, John Lane, Robert Holande, John Waren, Richard Lane, Thomas
Webster, John Wode, John Casyngherst, Ralph Cotlonde, John Russelle, Thomas Henley, because they have goods & chattels worth

---2s 6d. And they give to the lord by the custom called Rumpeny, namely 1d for each of them.

Elections
there

They elected into the office of headmen there Robert Holande & William Bartone (remains), & Robert is sworn in the aforesaid office.

And Thomas Webster, constable, remains in the aforesaid office.

They elected into the office of Ale taster there John Casyngherst, & he was sworn

	Assessors	Guy Hunt -----	} Sworn
		Richard Ode -	
		John Dove -----	

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