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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 ¶ Escheats, Fines & Amercements of the Law day with Court of Thomas Calton, Citizen and Goldsmith of London, there held the 11th day of May in the 38th year of the Reign of Henry the Eighth, By the Grace of god King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on the earth Supreme Head of the Church of England and also of Ireland

Of Common Fine there, as of old time used &c c-4s, paid in Court

2d Of William Denys }
2d Of Richard Bendon } Because they make default of their law day, therefore they are amerced &c.

2d of John Mossyer, Because he is a Common Baker & makes bread contrary to the Assize of our Sovereign lord the King, therefore he is amerced &c

2d. Of the same John Mossyer, Because he is a Common Brewer & brews unwholesome & unlawful Ale & Breaks the Assize, therefore he is amerced &c.

2d. Of Thomas Bowmer because he is a Common Tippler & Sells Ale by unlawful measures & Breaks the Assize, therefore he is amerced &c.

Inmates

12d + of William Wylson, Because he Suffers various Tenants to Remain & dwell within one Tenement, Contrary to the Custom there made by the Court, therefore he is amerced as Appears over his head &c.

penalty Received 8d And that warning be given to the same William, that he evict them all Save for one man & his wife, & does not offend again, upon penalty of c----- 40s.

4d + of Giles Roberts & Maud his wife }
4d of Isabel Hunte }
4d of Elizabeth Hunte } Because they are Common hedge-Breakers, & break the hedges around the lord's springs & in other places within the lordship, to the Great hurt of the lord & tenants there, therefore they are amerced &c.
2d + of John Barres, for allowing his Boys to break hedges }

12d  of John Webster, Because he allows his servants to break the hedges and fences around the lord's Springs, & Carries, & causes to be Carried, the Same hedges to his own house with his Cart, and there uses the same, therefore he is amerced as appears over his head &c. And that Warning be Given to the same John that he does not do so again, nor allow his servants to do the same, upon penalty of c----- 40s.

20d Of John Olyffe Because he Allows his servants to break the hedges and Fences around the lord's Springs, and Carries, & causes to be Carried, with a dray, the same to his own house, & there uses the same. Therefore is he amerced &c., and that Warning be given to the same John that he does not do so again, nor Allow his servants to do the same, upon penalty of c-- 40s.

4d of John Lynge Because he has Cut down underwood in the Common & has made thereof Six loads of Bavins in prejudice of & loss to the tenants there. Therefore he is amerced &c., and that Warning be given to the same John that he does not do so again, nor allow his servants to do the same, upon penalty of c-----20s.

6s 8d Received of John Harrison & Elizabeth his wife, late the wife of Thomas Henley, for their Fine for the Custody of the heir & Customary lands of the aforesaid Thomas Henley during the minority of the said heir, &c.

[End of H1 [previously F] (front). H1 [previously F] (back) follows below.]

Roll H1 [previously F] (back)

Fv

Roll F.

Penalty And that warning be Given to Harry Ode to Scour his ditch lying against Harry Hunte's Gate, to be done by the feast of All Hallows next, upon penalty of c-----40d.

Penalty And that warning be Given to William Wylson to Scour his ditch Coming From the aforesaid ditch of Harry Ode to Howlattes Meade, to be done by the same feast, upon penalty of c----- 10s.

Penalty And That warning be Given to John Scotte esquire to Scour his ditch Coming From the aforesaid ditch of William Wylson to

Penalty

Howlattes Grene, to be done by the aforesaid feast upon penalty of
c-----40s.

+

Also, the homage presents that one Stray mare Coloured Brown Bay did
Come as a Stray into the lordship at the Feast of Saint John the
Baptist last past, and was appraised By John Webster and Michael
Casynherst at c- 16d., and Remains in the Custody of
John Badger, on behalf of the lord &c.

Likewise they have Chosen Harry Hunt as Constable there, And Michael
Casynherst as Headborough there, And John Badger as Ale Taster there,
for this year, &c.

6s

✂ of John Webster for Cutting down of certain Crab[apple]
trees, contrary to the Custom of the Manor, therefore
he is Amerced c---6s And

4d

✂ of the ~~#~~ same John for Cutting down of young oak
Springs, therefore he is Amerced c- 4d.

penalty to him & all others for [future] Felling of Crab[apple] Trees,
for every tree c--12d., of an old custom.

And A penalty to him for [future] Felling of young oak trees,
c-----10 s.

~~6d~~ of Edward Webster for default of the law day of 2d.

[End of Roll H1 [previously F].]