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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 *H.1.* View of Frank pledge there, held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the Third year of the reign of our most awesome lady Elizabeth, by the grace of god queen of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c / - / - /

Excuses John Dove is excused from his Common suit of Court, at this day by Walter Dove / . / .

12 Sworn there, Namely Walter Symonde, Robert Brokesbye, Thomas Wode, Christopher Curson, John Becket, John Lewes, Thomas Hunte, John Badger, John Kemson, Giles Abecke, John Heathe, William Kepyn, Thomas Dalton, Henry Huscrofte and Thomas Bowmer, **Who, Sworn, Say** that they gave as the common fine for the heads of pledges there, at this View, as appears in the heading, &c.  
Common fine c--4s  
Amercement c--- 5s. Amercement c--- 5s

Amercements c-10s They Present, that Henry Pyke of Frerhans Courte, and John Webster of Peckham, felled & carried away certain bramble-bushes growing on the common there, without the licence of the lady there, to the nuisance of the aforesaid tenants. Therefore they are separately amerced, as appears over their heads &c.  
Amercement c--- 4d Amercement c--- 4d

Amercements c- 8d They Present that Henry Knyghte & John Crofte are free tenants there, & make default at this View, Therefore &c.  
Amercement c--- 2d

Amercement c- 2d And that Trislans Harlegys likewise makes default at the said View, Therefore he is amerced, as appears over his head.  
Amercement c--- 2d

Amercement c- 2d Likewise they present that Thomas Bowmer is a common brewer of ale, & breaks the assize thereof. Therefore he is amerced &c.  
Sworn into the assize And that Robert Badger & Michael Newet are aged 12 years and more, who now came to this View & were Sworn into the assize of the lady queen.

1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.

To this View came Christopher Custance, John Becket, John Lewes, John Hunt, Thomas  
1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.

Wode, Thomas Dalton, Henry Huscrofte, William Dalton, Edmund Newbande, John Kemsall,  
1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.

John Badger, Giles Abecke, John Hethe, John Smythe, William Kepyn, Thomas Fearynge,  
1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.

Fine for liberty of Robert Brokesbye, Thomas Bowmer, Richard Wrighte, Thomas Tyther, John Dove, Thomas  
Commons c--2s 2d 1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.                      1d.

Hunte, Trislans Harlegys, William Henlay, Walter Symonde, & Edward Casyngehrst

and each of them gave the lady for having liberty in the Common there to graze their pigs & Cattle, as appears over their heads &c.

**Ordinances**

put at the said View

John Becket Is Ordered to make one grate in the common stream there, before the feast of the Nativity of the lord next following this View, under penalty of forfeiting c--- 20d. And Giles Abecke is Ordered to make eight perches of ditch Against Mathew Draper's ground above the Howlet bridge, before the feast of Pentecost next, under penalty of forfeiting for each perch c----- 4d. John Casyngehrste is Ordered to make 40 perches of ditch against the Howlettes, from land of the said Mathew Draper as far as the common stream there, before the said feast, & under the like penalty as next above. Likewise the said Mathew Draper is ordered to make 10 perches of ditch between the land there called Newelandes, and Robert Brokesby's house, before the said feast, & under the like penalty. Likewise all the tenants there are Ordered that none of them henceforth shake or thrash down any acorns of the oaks growing upon the common there, under penalty, however often any of them are discovered doing it, of forfeiting for each time c----- 12d. And that none of those same tenants may sell outside the Lordship any acorns which he may collect upon the common there, under penalty of forfeiting for each peck of acorns so sold c----- 4d.

Election of officers { Namely Robert Brokesbye into the office of Constable /  
Giles A becke and } into the office Heads of pledges /  
William Henlay }  
Henry Huscrofte, into the office of taster of ale. } Who are sworn into the same &c /

Assessors { Walter Symonde c  
&  
Thomas Wode c } Sworn, &c c-----

Total of this view c----- 17s. 2 pence      Whereof  
~~--x // xx &~~

Of the common Fine c---- 4s.

Of ameracements c----- 11s.

And for liberty of --- } 2s 2d.  
Commons there --- }

c-----w-----

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Roll I4 [previously H1] (back)

Dulwyche / Roll of the Court there, of the Third year of the Reign of queen Elizabeth . / c-----w-----w-----w-----

[End of Roll I4 [previously H1].]