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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**.

Roll J5 [previously K3] (front)
K.3.

[Thursday] 16 Apr 1579

Manor of Dulwyche **View** of Frank pledge with Court Baron of Joan Calton, widow, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, there held on Thursday the Sixteenth day of April in the Twenty-first Year of the reign of our lady Elizabeth, by the grace of god Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

Excuses Edmund Bowyer, gentleman ; John Crofte ; John Shott ; Christopher Curson and his son Henry Curson ; and Thomas Salter.

Free tenants and Suitors John Crofte ; Thomas Longe .

Presentment of the Constable Thomas Longe presents that all's well, and nothing else. And in his place John Heathe is elected. And he was Sworn.

Head Pledges William Dalton and Henry Hunter present that all's well, and nothing else. And in their place Henry Mathye and Thomas Fearinge are elected. And they were Sworn.

Taster of Ale Henry Huscrofte presents that all's well, and nothing else. And in his place Richard Mathye is elected. And he was Sworn.

12 not only for the Lady Queen, but also for the Lady of this Manor

Nicholas Everedge
Thomas Sergeant
Henry Mathye
Roger Hamon
Walter Bone } Sworn

John Heathe
Thomas Shott
Thomas Warde
William Dalton } Sworn

Thomas Fearinge
Richard Mathye
Robert Nelson
Henry Huscrofte } Sworn

Sworn into
the Assize

Arthur Sergeant, Thomas Maye, William Hamon, Henry Buckham, John Lewes, and Stephen Curson,
are aged 12 Years and more. And they were Sworn to be true subjects of the said lady Queen, her heirs
and successors.

Common fine 4s

The aforesaid **Homage** say and Affirm all and singular the above presentments to be true. And they
further say that they assuredly gave to the Lady of this Manor at this day c----- 4s. And also they say that
each of the tenants of this Manor having Animals to the value of 2s 6d assuredly paid to the lady of the
aforesaid Manor, from ancient custom, 1d called '*Rompe pence*', for the Year last ended at the feast of saint
Michael Archangel last past.

Rump pence

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