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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 K6 [This Roll was previously named M2.]

Roll K6 [previously M2] (front) [Tuesday] 13 Dec 1608

## M.2

### Dulwich

in the County of Surrey 1608 View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of Edward Alleyn Esquire, held there the thirteenth day of December in the Sixth Year of the reign of our lord James, by the grace of God King of England, France, & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., and the forty-second [Year as king] of Scotland, in the presence of John Harryes esquire, Steward there

Excuses	None	None	None	None
Complaints	None	None	None	None

Constable { Thomas Abecke } Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath. And now at this Court he is discharged. And John Berrye is newly elected, and he was Sworn.

Headmen Robert Best } Appear and, Sworn, present with an Oath. And now at this Court Christopher Savage } they are discharged. And John Staple } are newly elected, and they were Sworn. John Feiringe }

Taster of Ales Robert Kingsland } Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath. And now at this Court he is discharged. And { Robert Starky } is newly elected, and he was Sworn.

Headmen  
Homage

[	Anthony Kitchen, gentleman,	]	Sworn
	Nicholas Foster x x x x x		
	Edmund Curston x x		
	John Berrye x x x x		
	Robert Starkye x x x		
	Walter Boane x x		
	John Hall o-----		

[	John Cassinghurst	]	Sworn
	Thomas Abecke,		
	Christopher Savadge		
	John Lewys, x x		
	John Howe x x		
	John Feiringe x x		
	Robert Badger junior		

Common Fine, 4s  
paid to the lord

**Who say** upon their oath that they gave the lord as the Common fine at this day, for Dulwich, as appears in the Heading.

**Who**, Sworn and charged to enquire about and upon various matters, not only for the lord King, but also

for the lord of this Manor, say upon their oath that Elizabeth Ewen, Humphrey Abdy, Richard Collyns,  
Robert Badger senior, Henry Collyns, John Longe, Richard Paire, Walter Hethersall, and Laurence  
Otway are Residents within the boundary of this Manor, and owe suit of Court, and now at this day make  
default, Therefore each of them in amerced, as appears over their heads.

**And now**, at this Court, it is ordered by the whole Homage that all the Inhabitants of this Manor will ring their pigs and sows before the seventh day of February next to come, under penalty for each pig then, for each month, found unringed o-----4d, And for each sow o-----2d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that John Hall will procure an adequate post to be provided to support '*the Dreyner*', in English '*the drain*', running into the ditch called '*the Common Sewer*' at Howlettes, before the feast of Pentecost next to come, under penalty of o----- 10d.

**Likewise** it is similarly ordered that John Ewen will procure another adequate post and Grate to be provided in respect of the said Drain, before the fourteenth day of June next following, under penalty of o----- 5s.

**Likewise** it is ordered Thomas Calton, gentleman, [blank] Collyns, gentleman, John Boane, [blank] Lewys, widow, John Hall, and Christopher Savage, should construct such rustic stiles between Dulwich and the parish church of Camerwell, by which men may easily cross, before the last day of February next to come, under penalty for whichever of them [defaults] of o--- 12d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that John Staple senior will cleanse his ditch lying next to the land of Robert Badger junior, abutting upon the common pasture of Dulwich, before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of 4d.

**Likewise** it is similarly ordered that John Feiringe will cleanse the ditches from his mansion house to the land called Newlandes, before the twentieth day of June next to come, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o----- 4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that John Staple senior will cleanse his ditches adjacent to the land called Newlandes, before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o----- 4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that Robert Best will cleanse his ditch next to the land called Butchers feild at Ashepole ende, before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of ---4d.

**Likewise** it is similarly ordered that Acton Dove will cleanse his ditch at the land called Ashepoole ende, from the gate there, twenty rods up towards [blank], before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o----- 4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that Thomas Calton, gentleman, Thomas Hamond, and John Ewen, will cleanse their ditches from Ashepoole ende to the Close called '*the Lordship Close*' before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o----- 4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that John Hall will cleanse his ditch from widow Lewys' house to his own Mansion house before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o-----4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that John Bone should Construct a rustic stile leading out of his close called Gilcockes into the High way there, before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty of o----- 5s.

**Likewise** it is similarly ordered that [blank] Collyns will cleanse his ditch between his own lands and the Close called Dickariddinges, before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o-----4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that John Cassinghurst will cleanse his ditch facing the land called Hathorne feild before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o-----4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that Richard Paine[sic, Paire] will cleanse his ditch between Dickariddinges and Hathorne Feild before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of 4d.

**Likewise** it is similarly ordered that Walter Bone will cleanse his ditch between Hathorne feild and Annis Feild before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of 4d.

**Likewise** it is ordered that [blank] Collyns, gentleman, shall construct an adequate ditch between the land called Hathorne feild and John Cassinghurst's land, as far as the Close called Wateringes, before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o----- 6d.

**Likewise** it is similarly ordered that Edward Cursons will cleanse his ditch from the land called Wateringes to the high way there before the twentieth day of June next following, under penalty for each rod which is then found to be undone of o-- 4d.

**It is Found** by the Homage that the way to the close called '*the Eighteene acres*' in the occupation of Anthony Kitchen, gentleman, (according to several notices) belonging to the ancients ['maiorum pertinentem'], lawfully lies through the land of John Mathewes.

**Likewise** the Jurors present that John Bone, at two separate times, impounded a horse of Anthony Kitchen, gentleman, outside this Lordship, namely at the pound called '*Knighteshill pound*', contrary to the order made in that respect. Therefore he is amerced for each time 10s. 20s.

**Likewise** they present that John Longe obstructed John Hall and his servant in forcibly taking his cattle from them as they led them to the common pound, for loss made to the same John Hall. Therefore he is amerced o----- 6d.

**Likewise** they present that Thomas Watson, gardener, impounded the Cattle of widow Trowton outside this Lordship. Therefore he is amerced o----- 10s.

Likewise they present that [blank] Wilson, baker, baked bread lacking true and full Assize, contrary to the form of the Statute published and provided in such a case. Therefore he is amerced o----- 5s.

Likewise they present that John Staple senior took his cattle fom the pound by two tenants[?], according to the custom of the Manor, And because he has not paid for the loss made by the aforesaid cattle, nor produced them to be impounded according to the custom of the manor before the next Court, Therefore he is amerced o----- 6d.

Likewise they present that Walter Ethersall and John Lewys sold beer lacking true and full Assize, contrary to the form of the Statute published and provided in such a case. Therefore each of them is amerced o— 2d.

See more on the back :

[End of K6 [previously M2] (front). K6 [previously M2] (back) continues below.]

Roll K6 [previously M2] (back)      [Tuesday] 13 Dec 1608 (continued)

*[N.B. This side of the Roll is much worn, and in parts is almost illegible.]*

M2v

Now of the Court / held there the Year and day above-stated [erased]

At this Court it is found by John Harryes esquire, Steward of the aforesaid Manor, that Edmund Bowyar, knight, one of the Customary tenants of this Manor, after the last Court and before this Court, namely on the thirteenth day of December in the Sixth Year of the reign of our lord James, by the grace of god King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith &c, and of Scotland the forty-  
1608,  
second, at the Principal house of the same Edmund, situate at Camberwell in the County of Surrey,

Surrendered into the lord's hands, by the hands of the aforesaid John Harryes esquire, steward of the aforesaid Manor, according to the custom of the same manor, Eleven acres of Customary land lying at Howlettes Bridge within this lordship, held of the Manor of Dulwich aforesaid, by Copy of the Court Rolls, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, Which were sometime Thomas Ode's late one of the Customary tenants of this Manor, And also all his other customary lands and tenements held of the aforesaid Manor, **To the sole** benefit and use of the aforesaid Edward Allen esquire, lord of the aforesaid Manor, his heirs and Assigns for ever. And afterwards at this Court the aforesaid surrender is found by the aforesaid Homage to be made and taken to the aforesaid use, in manner and form as aforesaid &c

**At this** Court it is likewise found by John Harryes esquire, Steward of the aforesaid Manor, That John Bowyer esquire, one Customary tenant of this Manor, after the last Court and before this Court, namely on the thirteenth day of December in the Sixth Year of the reign of our lord James, by the grace of god King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c, and of Scotland the forty-second, at the Principal house of Sir Edmund Bowyer himself, situate at Camberwell in the County of Surrey, Surrendered into the lord's hands, by the hands of the aforesaid John Harryes esquire, steward of the aforesaid Manor, according to the Custom of the same Manor, One messuage or Tenement, and fourteen acres of Customary land, with appurtenances, in Dulwich aforesaid, held of the aforesaid Manor, by Copy of the Court Rolls, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, And also all his other Customary lands and tenements, held of the aforesaid Manor, **To the sole** benefit and use of the aforesaid Edward Allen esquire, his heirs and Assigns. And afterwards at this Court the aforesaid surrender is found by the aforesaid Homage to be made and taken to the aforesaid use in manner and form as aforesaid &c.

Sum total of  
this Court assured } 37s 10d.

Assessed by

Nicholas Foster o-----  
Anthony Kitchen, gentleman  
Edward Curson } Sworn  
Walter Bone  
John Lewys ---

[End of Roll K6 [previously M2].]