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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 K8 [This Roll was previously named M4.]

Roll K8 [previously M4] (front) [Monday] 8 Apr 1611

M.4.

Dulwich in
the County
of Surrey:
1611 :

View of Frank Pledge With Court Barron of Edward Allen, esquire, held there on the Eighth day of April in the Ninth 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-fourth year, on the presence of John Harryes, esquire, Steward there.

Excuses Humphrey Abday, gentleman ; John Hall ; & John Cassinghurst.

Constable Anthony Kitchen } Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath, And now at this Court he is Continued.

Tithingmen John Lewis ---- } Appear and, Sworn, present with an Oath, and now at this Court
and } they are excused, And Edmund Curson & Timothy Cooke are
Henry Collyns } newly elected, and they are Sworn.

Taster of Ales } Arthur Kingsland } Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath, And now at this Court he is discharged, And Richard Freelove is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Richard Jordan
 Henry Bone
 John Feeringe and
 John Hardinge

} were Sworn to Allegiance to the Lord King.

Head pledges
 and Homage

John Ewen
 Edmund Curson
 Anthony Kitchen
 John Berry
 Robert Best
 Robert Badger senior
 Matthew Withers
 John Mathewe
 Nicholas Foster

} Sworn

John Feeringe
 Richard Freelove
 John Lewis
 Thomas Abeck
 Walter Ethersall
 Robert Starkey
 Anthony Harries
 Timothy Cooke

Common fine for
 Dulwich --- 4s
 paid to the lord

Who say upon their oaths that they gave the lord as the Common fine for Dulwich
 as appears in the heading.

Who also, Sworn and charged to enquire of and upon various Matters, not only
 for the lord King but also for the Lord of this Manor, say upon their oaths that
 Thomas Townsend is a tenant of this Manor, and that Richard Collins is a resident
 within the boundary of this Manor, and they owe suit of Court. And now at this

day, and at the last Court, the aforesaid Thomas made default. Therefore he is amerced ----- 3s 4d, and the aforesaid Richard is amerced ----- 12d.

The Jurors further say, and present upon their oaths, in these English words following, that is to say:

We present [blank] Hawkyngs for not coming to labour at the high ways in Dullwich on any of the six days, according to the Statute, and we amerce him ----- 6s.

Likewise Edmond Pigeon is amerced, for not working at the high ways there, with his cart, for 4 days of the said six days, according to the Statute, in the sum of ----- 20s.

Likewise John Bone, for not working with his cart at the said high ways, two days of the said six days, is amerced ----- 10s

Likewise Christopher Savage, for not working with his cart at the said high ways, two days of the said six days, is amerced ----- 10s.

Likewise we also present William Poole, Brewer, because two of his barrels of beer, on one occasion delivered and served to John -//- Lewis, victualler, lacked the quantity imposed by the Statute, one by two gallons, and the other by three gallons, & therefore he is amerced 8s.

Likewise we present -//- -//- Edward Wilson of Lambeth, Baker, for not making his bread according to the assize imposed by the Statute, and amerce him ----- 10s.

Likewise It is Ordered, that whereas Richard Collyns annoys the inhabitants of Dullwich with the stink of starch water, that if he

does, or shall continue, the said annoyance at any time after the 25th of July next, then he shall forfeit ----- 40s.

Likewise it is also ordered that Edmond Pigeon shall scour his ditch from Ashepoole end to the Lordshippe Close, before the second day of November next, upon penalty to forfeit for every rod then undone —4d.

Likewise it is also ordered that Matthew Withers shall scour his ditch, next to the Lane, where necessary, from his dwelling house to the ground of Robert Best, before the second day of November next, upon penalty for every rod then undone of -----4d.

Likewise it is ordered that the said Matthew Withers shall, after the 29th day of September next, at all times lay open and make a good and convenient foot way and passage for people to travel through his ground called his backside, to and from Greenstreet, with convenient and easy stiles, upon penalty of ----- 3s 4d.

Likewise we present Robert Starkye for his foot way from his stile to his house, lying between Lane's pond and his barn or shed, And it is ordered that if he does not set a sufficient standing hedge or fence to enclose the said way from the pond, convenient for people to pass without danger, before the 29th of September next, he shall forfeit ----- 5s.

Likewise it is also ordered that John Cassinghurst shall scour his ditch well and sufficiently, between his close and the lane called Croxted Lane, all along the upper end of his field there, before the second day of September next, upon penalty for every rod then undone of ----- 6d.

[End of K8 [previously M4] (front). K8 [previously M4] (back) continues below.]

Roll K8 [previously M4] (back)

[Monday] 8 Apr 1611 (continued)

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Likewise It is also ordered that Mathew Wythers shall scour his ditch sufficiently, from the upper slough in Croxted lane, to the little slough beyond it, next to the gate there, before the second of September next, or else to forfeit for every rod undone -----4d.

Likewise It is also ordered that John Berry shall scour his ditch sufficiently all along his field called greate Brownings, next to the lane there, before the second day of November next, or else to forfeit for every rod then undone -----4d.

Likewise we also present that the ditch lying between the field called Napps, late in the occupation of John Howe, and Brockwell's green, ought to be scoured by the Lord. Also it is ordered, That Thomas Abecke shall, before the second day of November next, sufficiently scour his ditch lying between Brockwell's green and his field called Napps, or else to forfeit for every rod then undone ----- 6d

Likewise we also present Humphrey Abdye for not laying a sufficient bridge for a foot way over the common sewer, between the field called Eighteene acres and the ground of John Mathewe, and if he

does not make the said footway and bridge well and conveniently before the 29th of September next, he shall forfeit ----- 6s 8d.

Likewise we present Edmund Pigeon for keeping the lower end of his orchard ditch, next to the Church footway and stile there, stopped, and if he does not open the said ditch for the passage of water before the 29th of September next, he shall forfeit ----- 3s 4d.

Likewise we present John Bone, the widow Lewys, John Hall, John Berry, Thomas Calton, Edmond Pigeon, and Richard Thomas, because their several stiles in their several grounds in which the footway to the parish Church lies are not easy and fit for people to pass. Therefore it is Ordered that if they, and every one of them, shall not, before the second day of November next, make in the places of the said old styles other good, fit, easy and convenient carpenters- or ladder-stiles in the same places, That then every one of them, by him[/her]self so offending, or making default, shall forfeit apiece ----- 5s.

Likewise we also present John Hall for annoying the inhabitants of Dullwich with a privy or house of easement lying in his backside next to the lane, and it is Ordered that if he does not, before the tenth day of May next, remove and take away the privy and annoyance, or shall at any time after the same day continue or do the said annoyance again, then he shall forfeit ----- 10s.

Likewise we do present John Longe, John Stephens, Thomas Lane, and Henry Collyns, for [having] inmates, And also we present that Arthur

Kingesland and Robert Kingesland have, for the space of many years, taken within this Manor common of estovers for firing, without any just title or right, & therefore we amerce them in [blank] apiece.

Likewise we do present Christopher Savage, for breaking the pound in Dullwich and taking out his milch-cows, [the same] having been impounded by Richard Collyns, and because it was done after the said Richard Collyns was satisfied for the trespass, but not to the knowledge of the impounder, we do amerce the said Christopher Savage in ----- 15s.

Likewise we present Christopher Savage the younger, Francis Bodger, William Mathewe, and Robert Barrett, because they put sheep out of the pound between the rails, the pound door being locked, and we amerce them severally in ----- 12d apiece

Likewise we do present Walter Bone for [being] a drunkard, and we do amerce him ----- 12d

Likewise we do present that there was an iron-grey-coloured colt taken up for [being] a stray within this Lordship, and that the same was impounded and cried according to the law, and remained so, unclaimed, for a year and a day ending at Whitsuntide *Anno Domini* 1611.

Likewise we do find and present that John Berry ought to have, of ancient right, a sufficient cartway and passage for cattle to and from his ground called Little Brownings by and through

the ground now in the occupation of John Feeringe also called Little Brownings.

Likewise we also present Walter Ethersall and John Lewis, victualler, for selling less beer for a penny than is limited [**i.e. required**] by the Statute, And we do amerce each one of them in ----- 12d apiece.

Assessed by John Ewen
 Anthony Kitchyn
 John Lewys

[End of Roll K8 [previously M4].]