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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 L4 (recto) [This Roll was previously named M9.] [Tuesday] 30 Apr 1622.

N.B. There may be a missing Roll between L3 [previously M8] and L4 [previously M9], as the 1622 Officers (Constable, Tithingmen, Ale Taster) are not those elected in April 1621.

Dulwhiche in **View of Frank pledge** With Court Baron of Edward Allen Esquire, there held on Tuesday, namely the the County of Surrey } Thirtieth day of April in the twentieth 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 Fifty-fifth Year, in the Presence of John Harryes, Steward there.

M.9.

Complaints } none }

Excuses } none }

Constable for Dulwich } John Staple } is Sworn

Tithingmen } John Bodger and Walter Bond *[sic, Bone]* are Sworn

Taster of Ales } William Mathewe } is Sworn

Bailiff } Benjamin Hearne appears, and is ordered to return.

Head Pledges and homage } John Casinghurst } Sworn }
Nicholas Foster }
Mathias Allen }
Matthew Wythers } o---

John Staple } Sworn }
Edmund Redman }
Robert Bodger }
Robert Starkeye } o---

Henry Collins } Sworn }
William Mathew }
Daniel Cranwell }
Ralph Canterbury } o---

Common Fine 4s
paid to the Lord

Who say upon their oath that they gave the Lord, as the Common Fine for Dulwich at this day, as appears in the heading. [*or words to that effect. A space appears to have been left for this entry.*]

Who, sworn and charged to enquire of and upon various Matters, not only for the lord King but also for the lord of this Manor, upon their oath present that Samuel Bridges put the Corpse of a dead pig in the King's high way at Dulwich aforesaid, within the jurisdiction of this Court, on the last day of September in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of the said present lord King, ~~to enquire~~ to the annoyance of All the people of the said lord King travelling by the aforesaid road, and contrary to the form of the order then previously made, in a former Court held here for the lord at Dulwich aforesaid, according to the Roll of the aforesaid Court, whereby the aforesaid Samuel forfeits ten shillings of legal English money. Therefore the Bailiff of the aforesaid Manor is ordered to levy the aforesaid Ten shillings of the aforesaid Samuel from the goods and Chattels of the same Samuel to be found within the Jurisdiction of this Court, and thus to satisfy the lord of this Manor, in accordance with the existing law, &c.

Likewise the aforesaid Jurors present that Theodore Owle of Lambeth[, who] has long been, and still is, a Common Baker, sold bread at Dulwich, within the jurisdiction of this Court, on the tenth day of January last past, his bread, in English '*his penny wheaten bredd*', then weighed but seven-and-three-quarter ounces, Wheat being sold in the latest market before the aforesaid sale ~~by itself~~ for forty shillings a quarter [bushel] of wheaten bread, in English '*wheaten bredd*', weighing Twelve ounces and more. Therefore he is amerced o----- 40s.

Likewise they present Samuel Bridges for not selling ^{a full} ~~a~~ quart ^{of ale} ~~of drink~~, in English '*a quart of Beare*' for a Penny, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 20s.

Likewise the aforesaid Jurors present Richard Warner and John Barnabee, being joint Tenants, in English '*joynt occupiers*', because they Defaulted in not performing one day's labour in the King's high ways with their Cart and horse, within the jurisdiction of this Court, this Year 1622, according to the Statute's form. Therefore they are

[In this and all the following similar entries, the Latin words for 'performing' and 'amerced' both, for no obvious reason, have a small circle, with a dot in its centre, over them.]

amerced o----- 10s.

Likewise they likewise present John Staple because ^{himself} ~~that~~ he defaulted in not performing one day's labour in the King's high ways within the jurisdiction of this Court this Year 1622 with his Cart and horse according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 10s.

Likewise they likewise present Robert Bodger and John Bodger, joint occupiers, in English '*joynt occupiers*', because ~~that~~ ^{they} defaulted in not performing ⁱⁿ three days' labour [in the King's high ways] with their Cart and horse, within the jurisdiction of this Court, this Year 1622, according to the Statute's form. Therefore they are amerced ^{for each day} o----- 10s.

Likewise they likewise present Richard Streete [*sic, Steele*], gent., because that he defaulted in not performing four days' labour in the King's high ways, within the jurisdiction of this Court, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 4s.

Likewise they likewise present [John] Trewe, gent., because he defaulted in not performing ⁱⁿ six days' labour in the King's high ways, within the jurisdiction of this Court, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o---6s.

Likewise they likewise present Walter Ethersall, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within the jurisdiction of this Court, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o-----6s.

Likewise they likewise present William Sharpe, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within the jurisdiction of this Court, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o-----6s.

Likewise they [*likewise*] present Thomas Lane, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within the jurisdiction of this Court, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o-----6s.

Likewise they likewise present [blank] Redhedd, because he defaulted in not performing five days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o-----6s.

Likewise they likewise present Walter Bond[sic] junior, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 6s.

Likewise they likewise present Henry Kingston[alias Kingsland], because he defaulted in not performing four days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 4s.

Likewise they likewise present Richard Ward, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 6s.

Likewise they likewise present John Underwood, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 6s.

Likewise they likewise present Thomas Ellis, because he defaulted in not performing six days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 6s.

Likewise they likewise present John Tapnut, because he defaulted in not performing Three days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 3s.

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Likewise they likewise present William Howell, because he defaulted in not performing Three days' labour in the King's high ways, within this Court's jurisdiction, according to the Statute's form. Therefore he is amerced o----- 3s.

Likewise it is ordered that all those who hold or occupy any of those lands lying between Dulwiche and Cramwell [*sic*, *Camberwell*] in which there is a Common footpath, in English '*a foote waye*' in them, should Repair and maintain the aforesaid ways and bridges, in English '*Bridges and stiles*', with all necessaries, in English '*foote stepes on everie side*', and if there shall be any defect of Repairing at any time and notice to a person or to any of them is given, And the aforesaid bridges, in English '*stiles and Bridges*' be not Repaired within ten days after notice given as aforesaid, each making default in Repair thereof shall forfeit o----- 5s.

Likewise it is ordered that Thomas Stiles shall make a bridge leading from his Tenement in a certain place called Grenestreete, within the jurisdiction of this Court, with good Rails, in English '*Rayles*', before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, under penalty of o----- 20s.

Likewise it is ordered that no inhabitants of Dulwiche aforesaid shall at any time throw any dead Corpse in the King's high ways, to the annoyance of the King's people, but shall bury any such in any convenient place, under penalty for each default thereof of o----- 10s.

Likewise it is ordered that William Bynam shall scour his ditch lying through his Tenement, from Robert Bodger's orchard to the house of the said William, within this Court's jurisdiction, and the aforesaid William shall make the aforesaid ditch three-and-a-half feet in width and three feet in depth, before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, under penalty of o----- 20s.

Likewise it is ordered that Matthew Wythers shall scour his ditch that lies against the field of John Bodger and his [?] courtyard at the Grene, before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, under penalty for each rod not done at the aforesaid time, of o----- 12d.

Likewise it is ordered that [John] Trewe, gent., shall scour his ditch from Ashe pole end, leading to a certain Field called Blanches downfeild, within this Court's jurisdiction, through which water may Flow, before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, And that the aforesaid [John] Trewe shall make a drain or bridge, in English 'a sluice or Bridge' above the ditch, to carry into another Field of the aforesaid [John] Trewe through which the aforesaid water runs, before the feast of All Saints next coming, under penalty of o----- 40s.

Likewise it is ordered that whosoever shall scour any ditch next to the King's high way within this Court's jurisdiction shall cause the soil, in English 'the Rubbish' thereof to be removed out of the aforesaid ditch to another place within two months after he digs the ditch, under penalty for each Cartload, in English 'load', not Carted of ----- 12d.

Likewise it is ordered that Thomas Hamon shall scour his ditch that lies between a certain Butcher's Field and a Field of the aforesaid Thomas, within this Court's jurisdiction, through which water flows ^{towards} ~~towards~~ Blanches downe, before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, under penalty for each rod of o----- 12d.

Likewise it is ordered that [Richard] Steele, gent., shall make an adequate bridge and rails, in English 'Rayles', in his Field leading to [sic, ?from] a Field of Thomas Stiles to a certain place called Grenestreete, being a Common footpath, in English 'a Comon footwaye', before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, under penalty of o----- 10s.

Likewise it is ordered that no person ^{shall come} ~~shall~~ inhabit within the jurisdiction of this Court in any Cottage unless he ^{previously} ~~shall~~ have become obligated, with sufficient security for the inhabitants of Dulwiche, to keep the inhabitants

there indemnified from all payments by Reason of their habitation there, And if any such shall refuse to become obligated, he shall forfeit for each month of such habitation there, within Dulwiche aforesaid: 20s.

Assessed by all the Head
pledges and the homage

[End of Roll L4 [previously M9].]