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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 L5 [previously M10] (front) [Monday] 13 Oct 1623. N.B. There may be a missing Roll between L4 [previously M9] and L5 [previously M10], as the 1623 Officers (Constable, Headboroughs, Ale Taster, Bailiff) are not those elected in April 1622.

Manor Of
Dulwiche in the
County of Surrey
1623 §-----

M.10

View of Frank Pledge with Court Baron of Edward Allen, Esquire, lord of the Manor, there held on Monday, namely the 13th Day of October in the 21st 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 57th Year, in the Presence of John Harding, gentleman, deputy Steward there.

Excuses

[blank]

Constable]	Thomas Downer]	§
Headboroughs]	Thomas Hamond]	}
		George Quarrell]	
Aletaster]	Thomas Lane]	
Bailiff]	George Quarrell]	
§-----				

Head Pledges
and Homage

John Casinghurst	}	Sworn	Walter Bone senior	}	Sworn	Thomas Lane	}	Sworn
Thomas Downer			Henricus Collins			Robert Starkye		
Nicholas Foster			John Bristowe					
John Staple			Walter Bone junior			Samuel Bridges		
Edmund Redman			Thomas Hamom[sic]			John Bodger		

Common Fine }
for Dulwiche } 4s } Who Say upon their oath that they gave the lord as the Common Fine
for Dulwiche as appears in the Heading.

Likewise, we do Order that the owners and occupiers of all the grounds through which the foot way from Dulwiche to Cambawell[sic] lies shall make their several stiles and bridges belonging to their said grounds so as people may have easy passage through and over the same, And shall amend their defects within ten days after notice thereof is given to them, under penalty to pay for every default §----- 10s.

Likewise, we present Samuel Bridges for keeping a victualling house and for supplying beer and wine without licence, and for keeping men's servants at unlawful hours, therefore he is amerced at §----- 40s

Likewise, Forasmuch as Samuel Bridges has consented in open Court to the diversion of the common water-course out of the high way into his ground at the corner of his orchard, where the ancient drainer is (and is thereby freed of the old water-course which passed on the other side of his grounds, and the charge thereof), We therefore order that the said Samuel shall make the drainer of such sufficient greatness all along his ground, so that it shall receive the waters which commonly fall into the high ways,

and the same is to be done before the last day of May next ensuing,
upon pain of forfeiting §----- 40s.

Likewise we order that Thomas Downer shall cleanse the drainer all
along his ground, from Samuel Bridges[**ground**] to the common sewer, in
the most sufficient manner, to receive the water from Samuel Bridges'
ditch, to carry it into the common sewer, and the same is to be done
before the last day of May next, upon pain of §----- 40s.

Likewise we order that Walter Ethersoll shall cleanse his ditch, from
his own gate until he comes over against Thomas Hammon's orchard,
in sufficient manner to carry the water that used to stand there in the
high way, before the first day of February next, upon pain of forfeiting
for every rod then undone §----- 12d.

Likewise we order that the said Thomas Hammon shall cleanse his ditch
at Ashpoole end, from the corner of his field as far as Butcher's field, and shall
amend his ditch in Butcher's field, where need is, before the first of February
next, upon pain of forfeiting for every rod then undone, ----- 12d.

Likewise we order that Mr [**John**] Dove shall cleanse his ditch at Ashpoole
end, against Butcher's field, all along against the high way, to bring the waters
out of the said way into Butcher's field, before the first day of February next,
upon pain of forfeiting for every rod then undone §----- 12d.

Likewise we order that [John] Dove, gent., shall cleanse his ditch in Butcher's field throughout, and shall cast up the Cart gap that is beaten down, that the water may pass thereby, before the first day of February next, upon pain of forfeiting for every rod then undone --- 12d.

[End of L5 [previously M10] (front). L5 [previously M10] (back) continues below.]

Roll L5 [previously M10] (back) *[Monday] 13 Oct 1623 (continued).*

M10v

Likewise we order That Roberte Bodger shall cleanse his ditch at Ashpoole end against the high way, 30 rods about[sic, ?above] the corner of Pennor's Leasue, to receive the water out of the high way, before the first day of February next, upon pain of forfeiting, for every rod then undone, §---- 12d.

Likewise we order that Walter Ethersoll shall cleanse his ditch at Carter's garden, all along the high way, in sufficient manner to carry the water out of the high way, before the first day of February next, upon pain of forfeiting, for every rod then undone, §----- 12d.

Likewise we present that the fence between Blanch doune and the Lordshipp Hills belongs to Blanch Doune, from the ditch that divides the Hill to the foot of the Hill, and from the same ditch to the top of the Hill

the fence belongs to the Lordship Hills.

Likewise we present Theodore Owle, Baker, for breaking the Assize of bread, therefore he is amerced at §----- 40s.

Of Phillip [blank], Baker, for the like, §----- 10s.

Likewise we present Edward Kipine for a Common breaker of hedges, therefore he is amerced at §----- 3s 4d.

Likewise we present those men whose names are hereunder written, for neglecting their work in the high ways, & we amerce them separately as follows, that is to say:

Thomas Downer, for failing with his Cart for 4 days §----- 12s;

John Staple, for failing with his Cart for 2 days §----- 6s;

Mr [John] Draper, for his own labour for 6 days §----- 6s;

Mr [Richard] Staughton, for his labour for 6 days §----- 6s;

John Casinghurst, for his labour for 1 day §----- 12d;

[Richard] Ward, for all his labour §----- 6s;

[John] Underwood, for all his labour §----- 6s;

[Henry] Kingsland, for all his labour §----- 6s.

Now of the Court

To this Court came Elizabeth Ewen, daughter of John Ewen, and the aforesaid John Ewen and the aforesaid Elizabeth in her own person, in open court, surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor one acre of customary land, be it more or less, with appurtenances, called Berdes, lying and being within

within the jurisdiction of this Court, **To the benefit** and use of the aforesaid Edward Allen, esquire, Lord of the aforesaid Manor, and his heirs for ever. To which Edward, by the aforesaid Deputy Steward, seisin thereof was conceded by the rod, **To Have** and to hold the aforesaid premises to the aforesaid Edward, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

Assessed by the whole Homage

Executed by John Harding, deputy
Steward there.

[End of Roll L5 [previously M10].]