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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 L16

[This Roll was previously named S3.]

Roll L16 [previously S3] (front)

[Wednesday] 20 April 1636

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S3

Manor of Dulwich

View of Frank pledge with Court Barron there, held on Wednesday the 20th day of April in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of our Lord Charles, now king of England, &c., held by Thomas Edgar, steward there:

Jurors for the king	James Nelham	} Sworn	John Bodger	}
	Edmund Redman		Henry Collins	
	Thomas Downer		Hugh Bowden [<i>formerly</i> Bolton?]	
	Faber[sic] Fox		Thomas Hamond	
	William Staple		Richard Crane	
	Edmund Cursons		John Barrett &	
	Paul Baxter		John Starky	
	John Duffield			

Office of Constable **Likewise** the aforesaid Head pledges elected Richard Crane, one of the residents within the purview of this leet, to the office of Constable, to exercise and execute there, who being now present in Court, undertook his bodily oath to execute that office well and faithfully &c.

Office of Headborough **And** likewise they elected Henry Everatt and Daniel Scrivener, two residents within the purview of this leet, to hold the office of Headborough there, who being now present in Court, each of them was separately and respectively sworn to exercise and execute that office there

well and faithfully.

Aleconner

And likewise they elected William Mathewe, one of the residents within the purview of this leet, to hold the office of Aleconner there, who being now present in Court, undertook his bodily oath to execute that office well and faithfully &c.

At this Court Ralph Latham, inhabiting within the purview of this leet, George Welshe and Lawrence Lothar, two servants of Matthew Sheppard, residents within the purview of this leet, and John Romsey, likewise resident within the purview of this leet, were sworn to the Lord King for allegiance.

penalty
[phrase missing?]

First, it ^{is} ordered that each person shall '*ingulat*', in English '*yoake*', or that each shall '*anulat*', in English '*ringle*', their pigs, and according to old custom he shall yoke or ring in such manner, under pain of forfeiting to the Lord[sic, Lords], for each pig, for each week: 1s.

penalty

Also, it is ordered that John Moreton[sic], inhabiting within the purview of this leet, shall scour his ditch or water-course, from the eastern part of his land, adjacent to the high-way, as far as John Bodger's land, and the same to be done before the eighteenth day of October next to come, under pain for each rod thereof, by then undone, of: 1s.

penalty

Also, it is ordered that none of the inhabitants within the purview of the aforesaid leet, nor the servants or assigns of any of them, at any future time, shall dig, or cause to be dug, any earth or loam, in English '*Loame or earth*', next to the eastern end of the Burial Ground, next to the high-way leading to the place called 'Dulwich Court', under pain for each occasion of: £1 – 6s – 8d.

Also, it is ordered that John Apletonne, gent., and Richard Abbott, gent., two inhabitants within the purview

penalty

of this leet, shall scour, or cause to be scoured, their ditch, or water-course, from the eastern part of the water-course next to the Nulandes, to the western part of the Conny Ackre, so that water flowing there may have its free course, and the same to be done before the eighteenth day of October next to come, under pain to each of them for each rod thereof not yet done: 1s 6d.

penalty

Also, it is ordered that the aforesaid John Appleton shall scour, or cause to be scoured, the water-course from the eastern part of his orchard as far as the Nulands hedge, and the same to be done before the said eighteenth day of October, under pain for each rod thereof not yet done: 1s.

penalty

Also, it is ordered that William Stapple, residing within the purview of this leet, shall scour, or cause to be scoured, the water-course leading from the Cony Akre to the lower part of the Eightene Akres, westward, and the same to be done before the said eighteenth day of October, under pain for each rod thereof at that time not done: ----- 1s.

penalty

Also, it is ordered that [blank] Cassinghurst, widow, one of the residents within the purview of this leet, shall scour, or cause to be scoured, her ditch from the southern part of the [blank] to the north part thereof, adjacent to the high-way, before the twentieth day of March next to come, under pain for each rod thereof not done: 1s.

increased penalty

Also, that since the aforesaid John Moreton, at the last Court held here on the first day of April A.D. 1635, was ordered, by the Head pledges under pain, to lay open, in English 'to lay open', the High-way which ^{by the enrolled} the same John had enclosed, before the seventh day of July then next to come, as appears [^] record of the same Court, the Head pledges present that the same is still not done, and therefore they order the same John Moreton amerced £5. And that he shall lay open the aforesaid way, as it was in olden times, before the tenth day of July next to come, under paid of: £10.

Also, since Nicholas Bodger, one of the inhabitants within the purview of this leet, at the last Court held here

increased penalty

on the first day of April A.D. 1635, was ordered, by the Head pledges under pain, to kennel, in English 'to kennell', his hunting dogs, or keep them within their compound, so that they do not lead to [damage to] or harm his neighbours, before the sixth day of November then next to come, as appears by the enrolled record of the same Court. The Head Pledges present the default thereof, and therefore they order the aforesaid Nicholaum amerced £6 for the aforesaid default. Also, they order the aforesaid Nicholas to kennel his dogs, or to guard them, as aforesaid, before the sixth day of November now next to come, under pain of: £12 13s – 4d.

finer for failures in the High-ways

Also, they present the default of the certain persons following, inhabitants within the purview of this leet, for default of working and ^{not} repairing the High-way, in manner and form following, that is to say:

40s

Ralph Lathum, gent., for six days with his cart, according to the form of the statute;

40s

John Duffield, for six days with his cart, in the same way;

8s

William Staple, for one day likewise with his cart;

30s

Nicholas Bodger, for five days likewise with his cart;

3s

Francis Cantar, for not procuring workmen for two days' working in the High-way as aforesaid;

1s 6d

Edmund Cursons, for not procuring workmen for one day's working in the High-way;

1s 6d

Hugh Bowden, for not procuring workmen for one day's working in the High-way;

3s

Nicholas Michell, for not procuring workmen for two days' working in the High-way;

6s

William Sharpe, for not procuring workmen for six days' working in the High-way;

3s

James Deacon, for not procuring workmen for two days' working in the High-way;

6s

Paul Baxter, for not procuring workmen for four days' working in the High-way;

[End of L16 [previously S3] (front). L16 [previously S3] (back) follows below.]

Roll L16 [previously S3] (back)

[Wednesday] 20 April 1636 (continued)

S3

I, Thomas Edgar, Steward of the View of Frank pledge & Court Baron of the aforesaid Manor of Dulwich, have imposed separate fines upon the ^{same} certain parties delinquent in the aforesaid high-ways, as aforesaid, in the same manner, and [sic, as] appears separately upon the head of each of them.

by me 

[later additions, in pencil :]

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[see the Roll for 10 April 1581 (J8 [previously K6] (front), ll. 64 to 75).]

To this Court came Philippa Forster, widow, native [i.e. customary] tenant of this Manor, in her own person, and in open Court surrendered into the hands of the Lords one messuage or tenement and fourteen acres of land, be it more or less, with appurtenances, within the aforesaid Manor, being customary land of the same Manor, and of which a certain Philip [sic, Henry] Henley deceased, late father of the said Philippa, was ⁱn his lifetime seised, **To the benefit** and use of the said Philippa Forster for and during her natural life, and after her death the remainder thereof to the benefit and use of Joan, now the wife of John Westwood, and Mary, now the wife of John Dunn, daughters of the same Philippa, and to the heirs of the same Joan and Mary in perpetuity, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, **Under this** condition, however, that the aforesaid Joan and Mary will pay, or the heirs or assigns of one or other of them will pay, within

one year next following the the death of the aforesaid Philippa, the sum of twenty marks of legal English money to one Elizabeth Forster, daughter and heir of Nicholas Forster deceased, **To which** same Philippa the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their Steward, conceded seisin thereof, to have [and to hold] to herself during her natural life, and after her death to the aforesaid Joan and Mary, and their heirs in perpetuity, under the condition as aforesaid. And the aforesaid Philippa gave the Lords as a fine, and she made fealty to the Lords, and she was admitted.

executed by me , Steward aforesaid

[End of Roll L16 [previously S3].]