# Court Rolls of the manor of Tottenhall in the Parish of St Pancras, Middlesex.

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## Court 1

## 1306

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Court Rolls of the Prebendal manor of Tottenhall alias Tottenham Court in the Parish of St Pancras, Middlesex.

# **Guildhall MS 25,346/2**

## Transcriber's note:

First Court on 1306 skin only begins part of the way through the proceedings and is undated. However it predates the Court of 24 March 1306. The first few lines cannot be read because of the stitching of the membranes at the head.

- John Spinage, brother of the Hospital of St Giles pays a fine for brother Richard de Leiton, Master of the Hospital, for respite of suit of Court until the feast of St Hilary.
- 3d Payment from Robert Walter for several defaults 3d. Pledge Henry Slademan.

It is likewise ordered to distrain Cecilia, wife of William le Taylur because she married without permission.

It is likewise ordered to distrain Gilbert le Fouler because he harboured John Frelove who caused damage in the Lord's wood.

It is likewise ordered to distrain Stephen Alie (Alit?), Thomas Dodekyn and John Frelove, living in the house of Gilbert le Fouler, for damage [end of line eaten away].

Baldewyne Stephen Baldewyne brings John Baldewine, Stephen Swalewe and Mathew ?Egyt so that he can stand surety for them.

Richard Dygon and Stephen Hart? come so that Joseph Dorsett can stand surety for them.

William de Cornhille gives satisfaction for the default of Robert ?Perlli and for having a respite of suit for the tenant/tenement of the said Robert who was formerly of Lord William de ?Ken [end of line eaten away] until the Feast of St Michael for 12d.

William de Newenham, clerk, complains of John the miller by the pledges of John Andrew and John Nicole. John le Miller unjustly withholds one acre of arable land and half an acre of meadow, with the appurtenances in le? Ken [end of line eaten away] to the damage of half a mark, and therefore unjustly because Edith the daughter of Richard Hereward in open Court surrendered the said arable land and meadow and the Lord seised the said William thereof, according to the custom of the Court. John le Miller comes into Court and denies the allegations and says that the said William unjustly claims the said arable land and meadow because he came into open Court and surrendered the said arable land and meadow, together with other lands to the use of the said John and Rose, daughter of the same John and god-daughter of the said William and the Lord seised the said John and Rose thereof, and he begs that an enquiry be made. And the said William says that [end of line eaten away – some words missing] surrendered the said arable land and meadow as the said John says and he begs that an enquiry be made. The Jurors say, that is to say, Stephen Baldewyne, Ad[am] ate [end of line eaten away], John ate Forde, Ralph Peres, John Andrew, John Brounyng, Gilbert Randolf, Adu]lph [Adolph?] ate Nelme, Richard Dygon, Henry Slademan – end of line eaten away], Thomas Broun and Henry Cockes, that the aforesaid William [the] clerk surrendered the said arable land and meadow in open Court, together with other lands to the use of the said John and Rose, and the Lord seised the said John and Rose thereof. And therefore it is adjudged in Court that the said John and Rose are tenants of the said arable land and meadow and William [the] clerk is in mercy. He is pardoned ['Condonatur' occurs both as a marginal note and at the end of the text.]

John Nicole complains of John le Miller by the pledges of John Andrew and Stephen Baldewyn. John le Miller pledged to [?answer... end of line eaten away] Stephen Baldewyn and John ate Forde. John Nicole says that where Alice, his daughter was grazing the oxen and cattle of the said John in the common pastures before the last Court of the [illegible] Lord [this last phrase is interlined and very to difficult make out] at ?yussele where he himself is a joint holder of land, there came the said John le Miller and unjustly took one she goat from the said Alice, against her will, of the value of 4d to the damage of the said 2s. John le Miller denies the allegations and says that he found 3 oxen and 4 sheep of John Nicole grazing in his corn and causing damage and he took them before they could escape and the pinder took them into his possession. And the said Alice came and offered him a shegoat which was not worth one farthing for the damage done, and he took the said shegoat and delivered the said animals of the said [Alice – end of line eaten away] and he also delivered the said shegoat of the said Alice and he begs that an enquiry be made and John Nicole likewise. And the enquiry says that John le Miller took the shegoat of the said Alice against her will to the damage etc. and therefore it is adjudged that the said John Nicol ['should be awarded damages'] which are assessed at one halfpenny 3d and the said John le Miller is in mercy.

13s 4d An enquiry held concerning the damage done in the Wood of the Lord in the Keepership of Henry Slademan the Keeper of the said Wood, by Stephen Baldewyne, John Nicole, Henry Cok, Ad[am] ate Pyrye, John ate Forde, Ralph Peres, John Andrew, John Brounyng, Gilbert Randolf, Ad[?nu]lph ate Nelme, Thomas Broun and Stephen Swalewe. They say on their oath that damage was caused in the Keepership of the said Henry of one mark and therefore it is ordered to levy the said mark from the said Henry. And the said Henry is in mercy for his bad Keeping by the pledges of John Nicole, Stephen Baldewyne

6d

It was presented by the steward by a certain letter close sent to him that the wife of Stephen Coleman and Alice, sister of the said Stephen, and Richard Beket, the servant of the said Stephen, caused great damage in the Lord's wood of the said Stephen and sold one cartload of branches from the trees of the said wood [end of line eaten away] London on the Vigil of the Nativity of St John last past. [Nativity of St John the Baptist = 24 June] for 9d. next that the said Stephen lodged in London for [several] days and nights and [?left the Key of the Barn/Tithebarn – end of line eaten away] in bad Keepership so that the corn, the [?wheat]and the straw of the Lord were wickedly consumed and wasted, Next that the said Stephen arrived and heaped up wheat outside the barn/Tithebarn against the Granary/Garner, against the will of John Andrew and Ad[nu]lph ate Nelme, the Keepers, who had to keep a tally of the said wheat, next that the same Stephen took all the wheat seed from the heap and likewise had the Lord's land badly sowed, next that the said Stephen sometimes stayed at his own house for 3 days together and more and took no care of the Lord's goods/affairs, next that the same Stephen had carried the Lord's ?green/unripe barley into the Barn/Tithebarn, so that the straw was worth nothing and each bushel of barley was worth 3d less than a bushel of neighbouring barley, next that the same Stephen hired out the Lord's plough/ploughteam for 17 days and did not include/charge for this in the account, and that he sold several acres of straw/stubble and did [?not] include/charge for this in the account, next that one of the Lord's carts lay for 6 weeks for want/default of the said Stephen, next that because of the bad Keepership of the said Stephen, John le Saltere, the Keeper of the Lord's plough/ploughteam, entered the Lord's barn and he winnowed and carried away 2 bushels of wheat and had them sold in London. And the steward named/summoned and accused the said Stephen on all these articles/charges and placed himself on the whole Court except John Nicole, Stephen Baldewyne and Henry Cok, his enemies, and he assigned the cause. And the steward held a formal enquiry by Ad[am?]ate Pyrye, John ate Ford, Ralph Peres, John Andrew, John Brounynge, Gilbert Randolf, Ad[nu][lph ate Nelme, Richard Dygon, Henry Slademan, Thomas Broun, Stephen Swalewe and John le Miller, Jurors, who having examined strictly and diligently, say on their oath that the wife and the sister and Richard Beket, the servant of the said Stephen, carried away branches of the trees out of the Lord's wood and sold them in London on the said Vigil of St John for 9d but Stephen knew nothing of this, next they say that the wife and servant of the said Stephen by turn/on several occasions carried away [branches] from the said wood and caused damage to the said wood to the value of half a mark, the aforesaid 9d, being reckoned in the half mark. But they say that there is nothing blameworthy in respect of any of the other aforesaid articles/charges, with this exception that they say that he took? more than a measure of wheat to sow, but that he took the wheat for sowing within the barn/tithebarn, then he sent the wheat to the field for sowing and had the land sowed well. They also say that they do not know for how many days he left the plough/ploughteam nor how many acres of straw/stubble he sold, but it is found by his reckoning that he sold all the straw/stubble and that he hired out the plough/ploughteam? For the same time as before, for 20 days. And they say that the said John le Saltere was threshing in the barn/tithebarn by the order of the Reeve, the aforesaid Stephen, and Stephen trusted him, and he went [2 or 3 words I could not understand] in the Lord's goods/affairs, and the same John winnowed and carried away one bushel of wheat and put it in his chest, and the

carters came and took the said wheat from the chest so that the Reeve came and recovered the said bushel of corn and replaced it in the barn/tithebarn for the use of the Lord. And the said John the Chamberlain summoned/named by the carters concerning this, and, accused, come to the same Court and denies it and places himself on the enquiry, and the enquiry says as before that

- 2s he is guilty and therefore the said John is in mercy, pledges John Nicole, John le Miller and Richard Dygon. And it is
- 6s 8d adjudged that the said Stephen should pay the said half mark for the damage in the wood and that he should remain in mercy pledges Richard Dygon, Ralph Peres, Henry Slademan and John ate Holewaye 12d.
- 3d Payment from William Hamund for respite of suit of Court for the land of Geoffrey le ?Dolbere until the feast of St Michael 3d
- 3d Payment from William le Taylur for respite of suit of Court for the land of Geoffrey le ?Dolbere until the Feast of St Michael 3d
- 3s John Hue was distrained for the doing of fealty and he comes and does fealty and he gives the Lord as an acknowledgement/recognizance 3s, pledges Stephen Baldewyne, Henry {C end of line eaten away]
- 2s Henry Cok surrenders into the hands of the Lord two acres and a half of arable land in le Kentessetoun and the Lord seised thereof William, son of the said Henry, and he does fealty and gives to the Lord for entrance 2s pledges John Nicole and John ate Forde.
- 2s 6d John le Miller was elected to the office of Woodward and he gives to the Lord 2s 6d for respite of suit of Court at the will of the Lord. Pledge Richard Dygon.
- 3d William de Cornhille comes and in open Court acknowledges that he is indebted to Paul le Botyler in the sum of 5s 6d, and it is ordered to levy the said payment to the use of the said Paul and the said William is in mercy for unlawful withholding/possession.

Pardoned It is ordered, as on other occasions to distrain John de Wetyngg for default.

Distraint of John ate Forde so that he might, as on other occasions, by respited until the next Court.

The Master of the Hospital of St Giles was distrained for many defaults in the previous year and John Spynage, a brother of the said Hospital came into Court and said that the said Master paid a fine of 12d for having respite of suit for the previous year and he handed over the said 12d to John Nicole at Easter last past. And John Nicole acknowledged in Court that he had received the said 12d but had not entered it/carried it into his copy, and therefore the

- 3d said John is in mercy 3d and it is ordered to
- 12d levy the aforesaid 12d from the aforesaid John.

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## Court 2

## 1306

Court held there on Thursday next before the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward [24 March 1306]

Essoins: John ate Grene in common by John le Charet [Carter] 2° Stephen Brounin common by Richard Broun 1° Thomas Mergret in common by Jorg[ius - ?George] Fesaunt 2°

Baldewyne 12d Cecilia, wife of William le Taylur pays a fine because she married without permission. 12d, pledge Stephen Baldewyne.

3d Payment from Gilbert le Fouler, because he was acquitted by the enquiry that he admitted/received John Frelove into his house after it was presented in Court that the same John did damage in the Lord's wood. 3d, pledge John Nicole.

Respite Distraint of John ate Forde so that he might be respited, as on several occasions until the next Court.

Stephen Coleman, the reeve, accused/charged at the preceding Court, that the wife and sister of the same Stephen, and Richard Beket, the servant of the said Stephen, caused damage in the Lord's wood, to the value of half a mark, thus said the enquiry. The same Stephen, feeling himself wronged, gives 6d to the Lord to hold a new enquiry into these matters, who said at the preceding Court, that the wife and sister of the said Stephen, and the said Richard, caused the said damage of half a mark, together with other related matters of the said enquiry. And the said enquiry together with William Aunguyn, William le Taylur and Gilbert le Fouler says that the wife and sister of the said Stephen and the said Richard only did damage in the Lord's wood to the value of 12d and the said Stephen knew nothing of this.

Stephen Coleman, the Reeve, complains of Adam ate Pyrye, Ralph Peres, John ate Ford, John Andrew, John Brounyng, Gilbert Randolf, Ad[nu]lph ate Nelm, Richard Dygon, Henry Slademan, Thomas Broun, Stephen Swalewe and John le Miller, saying that the aforesaid Adam etc imposed the amercement of half a mark at the preceding Court by false means for the damage caused in the Lord's wood by the servant of the said Stephen, as they said, whereas neither the said Stephen nor his servant are guilty of the said damage. But the said Stephen paid 12d for a certain amercement for the said damage, to the injury and shame of the said Stephen 40s. And the said Adam and his fellows of the first enquiry came into open court and sought an agreement with the said Stephen and the agreement is in this wise, that they give the said Stephen half a mark and they are in mercy, each of them pledging the others. And William Aunguyn and the first enquiry, being resworn, say on their oath that John Nicole and Stephen Baldewyne by false means /wrongly for hatred and enmity brought about the indictment of the said Stephen, the Reeve, and his servant, at the preceding Court concerning the damage done in the Lord's wood.

William le Dryvere was summoned and accused that he ?encouraged John the Ploughman to take a bushel of wheat from the Lord's barn/tithebarn and carry it away. The same

William denies the charges and places himself on the Court. And the Court says that he is not guilty.

Stephen Alye/Alyt, Thomas Dodekyn and John Frelove have nothing that can be seized by which they can be distrained.

It is ordered to take into the hands of the Lord the tenement of Adam le Mareschale, deceased, until his heirs do for the Lord what they should do.

# Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/2

Court 3

1306

Court of Tottenhall held on Monday the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward [25 April 1306]

EssoinsRichard de Norts in common by Adam ate Pyrie John le Mason in common by John ate Pyrie

It is ordered, as on other occasions, to take into the hands of the Lord the tenement of Adam le Mareschal, deceased, until his heirs do for the Lord what they should do.

Henry Slademan complains of John Nicole and Stephen Baldewyne in a plea of trespass; pledge, the Bailiff. The aforesaid John and Stephen found pledges to answer, each one of them pledging the other the same. Henry says that when the aforesaid John and Stephen were in a certain enquiry in the penultimate preceding Court concerning damage caused in the Lord's wood in the Keepership of the said Henry, that the whole enquiry agreed on entering to put the damage caused in the Lord's wood in the Keepership of the said Henry at 5s and the aforesaid John and Stephen, without the agreement and consent of their fellows put this damage at one mark in the presence of the Steward, because of the hatred and enmity by which they have towards Stephen Coleman, the Reeve, because they intended to bring it about that the said Stephen the Reeve, should pay for that damage. The same John and Stephen denied the allegations and said that they did not put the damage at one mark in the presence of the Steward but according to the advice of all their follows, before entering, and they beg that an enquiry be made and the said Henry likewise. And the enquiry into these charges, that is to say Adam ate Pyrye, John ate Forde, Ralph Peres, John Andrew, Gilbert Randolf, Adulph ate Nelmme, Thomas Broun, who were in the first enquiry and William Cokes, Stephen Brounyng, William Aungevyn, William Coleman and Richard Baret in additions, says that the aforesaid John and Stephen did not put the same damage at one mark themselves but with the consent of all their fellows [? Word missing – document frayed here] as was arranged/agreed amongst them before entering/beginning and therefore the aforesaid John and Stephen are discharged and the said Henry is in mercy for a false/wrongful claim. He is pardoned because he is poor.

It was said by William Pomeray that the Lord's Wood was badly wasted in the sale/by selling this year and that much timber and large trees were felled in this sale and that such faggots [some words illegible due to creasing] in the said wood, and the same William said these words to the Steward. And the Steward diligently made an enquiry by Adam ate Pyrye, John

ate Forde, John Andrew, William Cokes, Stephen Brounyng, Gilbert Randolf, Ad[u]lph ate Nelme, William Coleman, Richard Baret, Ralph Peres, William Aungevyn and Henry Slademan, who were all in the Lord's wood on the preceding Sunday to see/resolve the truth of this, and they say on their oath that the wood was not wasted nor devastated in that sale and that more timber and many more large trees were cut in the preceding year than John Nicole sold from the wood, and that none of the faggots in the preceding year were worth as much as those which they made this year and more, and the whole Court bears witness to this.

John ate Forde was distrained and accused that he made default at one Court before the day of the Leet. The same John said that he did not make default because he and his brother hold a tenement as one heir and that his brother was at that Court for suit, and the whole Court bears witness to this, and therefore it is ordered to deliver the said distraint to the said John.

It is ordered to distrain Stephen Baldewyne and John ate Forde and William ate Gate to answer to the Lord because they were working in the Lord's possessions in a certain piece of arable land, of Adam le Mareschall.

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#### Court 4

1306

Court held there on Friday, the Feast of St Mary Magdelene in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward [22 July 1306]

# Essoins

Richard de Norts in common by Adam ate Pyrie 2°

William Aungevyn in common by John ate Grene 1°

Richard Dygon in common by John ate Pyrie 1°

John de Wetynges in common by Laurence de Brokherst he came afterwards

William [Randolf erased] Edward [interlined] in common by Walter [Bercar erased] Randolf 1°

John ate Green in common by Walter Barcar. 1°

[Bucarius = shepherd or tanner]

## 12d

Stephen Baldewyne, John ate Ford, confessed in open Court that they were working in the Lord's possessions in a certain piece of arable land, of Adam le Mareschal, therefore they are in mercy and each of them pledges the other.

William ate Gate holds nothing of the Lord and therefore cannot be distrained.

# 8d

Matilda, daughter of Adam le Mareschal, comes into open Court and begs for four acres of arable land in le Kentessetoun as her inheritance, which the said Adam held of the Lord whilst he lived. And it is found by the whole Court that the said Adam held the said 4 acres

of the land and paid eight pence per year for them and performed other services as a customary tenant, and that the said Matilda is the daughter and next heir of the said Adam. And the Steward seises the said Matilda thereof and she does fealty and gives to the Lord for a relief 8d.

William de Totenhal comes into open Court and demises to Thomas le Mareschal and Robert, his brother, four acres of arable land with the appurtenances which Thomas ?Margrete demised to the said William, in a certain croft in Russele to have for them and their heirs from the feast of St Michael next ensuing, that is to say, in the thirty fourth year of the Reign of King Edward, until the end of nine years next ensuing, fully completed. He also demises to the same [men] four acres of arable land with the appurtenances lying in a certain croft to the east next to the King's highway, to have for them and their heirs from the said Feast of St Michael until the end of eight years next ensuing, by permission of the Court, and the said Thomas and Robert give to the Lord for having the said estate 3. 6d.

William de Castr and Alice his wife surrendered into the hands of the Lord two acres of arable land lying at Russele between the land of Adulph ate Nelme on each side and the said Alice, having been diligently examined and questioned in the absence of her husband whether she willingly surrendered the same land or from fear and apprehension of her husband who said that she made the surrender willingly and without any fear, to the use of John le Miller who [?sepius fecit] for the same. And the Steward in the name of the Lord, seised thereof the aforesaid John le Miller, saving the right of whosoever, and performing the services previously owed and of right accustomed and he gives to the Lord for entrance 3s 6d.

[Endorsement on this skin: John, son of John ate Grene and Simon Randolf found pledges for the gathering and binding and without any default, stacking all the Lord's corn of whatever kind at Tottenhall, that is to say, John ate Ford, Ralph Peres and John ate Grene. No day/month given]

# Guildhall Sequence 25346/1

#### Court 5

1306

View of Frankpledge and Court of Master James de ?Span, held at Tottenhal on Friday the morrow of the Translation of St Edward in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward [14 October 1306]

#### Essoins

Agnes ate Welle in common by Robert Faukes

[Next item on this skin badly damaged by staining so that much of the left hand side of the skin is illegible. Have made an attempt at it to try and obtain available personal/place names]

William Brown complains of Robert Fyket and Richolda, his wife, in a plea of prosecution. Stephen Baldewine and John ate Ford. The aforesaid Robert and Richolda [illegible word] the plea to reply/answer. Stephen Baldewine and Ralph Peres. The same William says that

the aforesaid Robert and Richolda [illegible words] next after the Feast [illegible words] last past in le Kentessetoun unjustly raise a hue on him and called him a thief [illegible words] to the injury of the said William 20s. The same Robert and Richola deny the allegations [illegible words] that the said Richolda unjustly raised a hue on the said William, because she maintained that the said William [illegible words] was about to assault/insult her husband. They deny that they called him a thief. The said William says that he gave no insult to either of them and begs that an enquiry be made. An enquiry on this having been carried out, it says that the said Robert and his wife [illegible words] William. And it is adjudged that the said Robert and Richolda shall remain in mercy and the said William shall recover damages which are assessed at the said twopence.

Pledges Adam ate Pyrye and Richard Dygon [illegible amount written in left margin – possibly 2d]

Willaim Aungeryn was essoined until the next [Court] and now he does not come. Therefore he is in mercy. [illegible word/figure in left margin]

Richard Dygon was essoined until the next [Court] and now he does not come. Therefore he is in mercy.

[illegible word/figure written in left margin. Possibly 'pardoned'.]

Stephen Baldewyne and William le Taylur have come to an agreement and the said William puts himself in mercy. Pledge Stephen Baldewyne. Pardoned.

John Hamersmyt and Henry Slademan have come to an agreement, and the said Henry puts himself in mercy. Pledge Stephen Baldewine. Pardoned.

Payment from Paul le Botyler for respite of suit of Court for his portion [perhaps as joint tenant of a piece of land] until the Feast of St Michael, of the land of Geoffrey de Dolbere. [illegible figure written in left margin.]

Thomas? Mergretes and William de Totenhal have come to an agreement and the said Thomas puts himself in mercy. Pledges Ad[u]lph ate Nelme and John Andrew

# [Next item badly damaged by staining so that some of the left hand side of the skin is illegible]

2s Thomas? Mergretes comes into open Court and demises to Thomas le Mareschal and Robert, his brother, four acres of arable land, with the appurtenances, in a certain croft in Russele, to have for them and their heirs, from the Feast of St Michael [next ensuing – this appears to be underlined but I feel that this is meant to be an erasure] that is to say, in the thirty fourth year of the reign of King Edward, until the end of eight years next ensuing, fully completed. And the said Thomas and Robert give to the Lord for having the said estate ?2s

[Next item badly damaged by staining so that some of the left hand side of the skin is illegible]

Thomas ?Mergretes must give to the Lord each year for eight years next ensuing at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, his pence for chevage because the same Thomas demised all his land for the said term of eight years, and nothing remains in his hands. Pledge Thomas le Mareschal.

# [Next item damaged by staining so that some of the left hand side of the skin is difficult to read. There is an illegible word or figure in the margin]

Stephen [illegible] complains of Robert Fyket and Richolda, his wife, in a plea of prosecution. Stephen Baldewine. The same Stephen [illegible words] the said Robert and Richolda often called him a thief and said that he was accustomed to steal [?their] sheaves in the field [illegible words] of the kind of corn, to the damage of 100 shillings. The same Robert and Richolda deny the allegations and say that they are not guilty and both beg that an enquiry be made. An enquiry on this having been carried out, it says that the said Robert and Richolda are guilty as the same Stephen related. And therefore it is adjudged that the said Robert and Richolda shall remain in mercy. And the said Stephen shall recover damages which are assessed at 12d. Pledges Adam ate Pyrye and Richard Dygon.

John Andrew surrenders into the hands of the Lord one piece of arable land lying in Totenhal in the field called Herewardsfeld, between the land of John Hereward and the land which Agnes Hereward holds ?as her dower. And the Lord enfeoffs thereof Ad[u]lph ate Nelme and Joan his wife, performing the services previously owed and of right accustomed and they give to the Lord for entrance 4s.

# [Next item damaged by staining so that some of the left hand side of the skin is illegible]

2s 6d Matilda, daughter of Adam le Mareschal gives to the Lord 2s 6d for having permission to demise four acres of arable land lying in le Ke [rest of this and next few words illegible] from the feast of St Michael in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward for the term of eight years next ensuing [last words illegible]

John ate Grene surrenders into the hands of the Lord a half part of his messuage, with twenty acres and a half of land, that is to say, that part of the aforesaid messuage and those twenty acres and a half which the said John formerly acquired in le Kentessetoun. And the Steward [illegible words due to staining] the son of the said John, saving the right of whosoever and performing annually the services previously owed and of right accustomed [last few words illegible but probably 'and he gives to the Lord for having entrance/such estate'.] 2s 6d

[One short entry here of which nothing is legible at all, except perhaps an initial letter 'e'. Much of the rest of this skin badly damaged by staining so that much of the left hand side of the skin is difficult to read or illegible]

It is presented that ?Ermierus le Hokestr [Huckster?] sells ale against the assize in the house of Richard Dygon [3d interlined]. And John Ha[next few words illegible] Cokes [3d interlined], Ag [rest illegible] ?son/daughter of John Nicole [3d interlined] Simon Randolf is pardoned because he is poor.

It is also presented that John, a member of the household of Thomas Martyn, broke into/down the pound of William Cokes and led out one ox, and therefore [illegible words] Martyn.

[several illegible words] [?3d interlined] Roger ?Perlli [?2d interlined] and John Hue [3d interlined] make default and therefore they are in mercy.

Stephen Swalewe and John Baldewyne did not come but Stephen Baldewyne stood surety for them to have [several illegible words] to the next.

William [illegible words] and surrenders into the hands of the Lord one messuage and four acres of arable land with the ditches and all the appurtenances in Tottenhal [illegible words] the said messauge and said four acres of arable land he held of the Lord. And the Steward seises thereof Thomas le Mareschal and Robert, his brother, saving the right of whosoever and performing annually the services previously owed and of right accustomed [illegible words] and they give to the Lord for entrance, 4 shillings. Afterwards there came into open Court, Alice, wife of the said William [illegible words] claim which she has or may in any wise have in the future in the said messuage or in the said four acres of arable land to the use of the said Thomas and Robert, which Alice, having been diligently examined and questioned in the absence of her husband, and having replied that she freely surrenders the right which she has or which she may have in the said [illegible words] without any fear or apprehension for [illegible words] for the said [last few words illegible].

[?John plus illegible surname] surrenders into the hands of the Lord one parcel of arable land at Russele which is estimated at half a rood and which lies between [illegible words] Tottenhal and the land which William de Cash formerly held of the Lord. And the Steward seises thereof John le Miller performing annually the services previously owed and of right accustomed and he gives to the Lord for entrance 6d.

# Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/1

## Court 6

1306

Court held on Monday next after the feast of the Conception of the Blessed Mary, in the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of King Edward [12 December 1306].

Roger Perlli [essoined] in common by Thomas le Mareschal.

Henry le Celer de Norhamton against John le Miller in a plea of land by William de Newenham

Henry le Celer de Norhamton against John Andrew and Denise [Dionis] his wife in a plea of land by John de Mernten.

John ate Grene in common by John Carter

Richard Dygon in common by Robert de Kyngesbery.

Stephen Brounyng [essoined] in common by Richard Broun.

William Coleman in common by William Randolf.

Henry le Celer [?Cellarer/Sadler] de Norhamton and Matilda, his wife, complain of John le Miller concerning a plea of land, pledge of prosecution John Nicole. The said Henry is absent and Matilda appears. The said John, being found in Court, says that he does not wish to answer Matilda in the absence of her husband, and they have a day until the next. [Illegible marginal note, possibly 'complaint']

Henry le Celer de Northamton and Matilda his wife complain of John Andrew and Denise [Dionis] his wife, concerning a plea of land, pledge of prosecution John Nicole, and therefore it is ordered to distrain John and Denise [illegible marginal note – possibly 'it is ordered']

Agnes ate Welle gives to the Lord 12d for having respite of suit of Court until the Feast of St Michael.

William Hamond gives to the Lord 3d for having respite of suit of Court for the land which he holds of the tenant/tenement of Geoffrey le Dolbere until the same feast [ie of St Michael as above]

William de Ho [no abbreviation symbols] complains of John Andrew concerning a plea of trespass, pledge of prosecution John Nicole. They are agreed and pardoned the amercement.

Juliana, the daughter of William Mergrete, complains of Thomas Mergretes concerning a plea of debt, pledge of prosecution. They are agreed and pardoned the amercement.

Adam ate Pyrye demises to William ate Gate two acres of arable land, lying in le Kentessetown in a croft of the said Adam, to the south, from the Feast of All Saints last past until the end of nine years next ensuing, and fully completed. And the said William gives to the Lord for having the said term 6d.

Gilbert Randolf appoints Henry Randolf in his place to pay suit of Court for him.

John Andrew surrenders into the hands of the Lord, all that tenement which he holds of the Lord, that is one messuage and three pieces of arable land, lying in Totenhal, which are estimated at two acres and half an acre, be it more or less, with the dower of Lucy Hereward and Agnes Hereward belonging to the said tenement when it should be delivered. And the Steward seises thereof the said Thomas le Mareschal and Robert, his brother, saving the right of whosoever, and performing annually the services previously owed and of right accustomed, and they give to the Lord for entrance five shillings. Afterwards there comes into open court Denise, wife of the said John, and surrenders all the Right and claim which she has in or may in any wise have in the future in the said messuage or in the said three pieces of arable land or in the said dower when it should be delivered, to the use of the said Thomas and Robert. Which Denise, having been diligently examined and questioned in the absence of her husband, and having replied that she freely surrenders the Right which she has or which she may have in the said messuage, pieces of arable land and dower, she says that she does this freely and willingly, without any fear or apprehension and this for the greatest advantage of herself and her husband.

Now it is ordered as on other occasions, to distrain Thomas Martyn [marginal note 'it is ordered]

Payment from William le Taylur for defaults 3d and for having respite of suit of Court until the Feast of St Michael.

Payment from Bartholomew le Cryur for defaults 3d.

Henry Cokes distrained for damage done in the Lord's wood, he sends William, his son, to request that the matter might be [heard] at the next Court.

# **Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/1**

## Court 7

1307

Court held there on Saturday, the Feast of St Agnes the Virgin, in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of King Edward [21 January 1307]

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## **Essoins**

John de Watrynges in common by Jorg [ius] Fesaunt 1° William Coleman in common by William Randolf 2° Richard de Nortf. in common by William Eget 1° John ate Grene in common by Adam le Vayrsire 2°

Adam ate Pyrye surrenders into the hands of the Lord one piece of arable land which is estimated at one [?perch] lying in his messuage, between his land and the land of Robert Fyket. And the Steward seises thereof Stephen le .... Performing annually the services previously owed and of right accustomed, and he does fealty and gives to the Lord for entrance 6d. Afterwards there comes Mabel, wife of the said Adam, and freely and willingly surrenders all the right and claim which she has or may have in the land to the use of the said Stephen.

William Eget gives to the Lord 2d to hold an enquiry as to where the same William should have a road/way to his land and all..... carried on this. He craves a day until the next [Court] and he has a day.

Thomas, the son and heir of William Mergrete, surrenders into the hands of the Lord all that tenement which he holds of the Lord, that is, twelve acres of arable land lying in a croft at Russele. And the Steward seises therof Thomas le Mareschal and Robert, his brother, performing annually the services previously owed and of right accustomed, and they do fealty and give to the Lord for entrance, 2s.

Henry Cokes, accused of damage done in the Lord's wood denies... [?and begs that an enquiry be made] and the enquiry says that he is not guilty and therefore the said Henry and his pledge are discharged.

Henry le Celer and Matilda, his wife, appear against John Andrew and Denise his wife, in a plea of land.... John and Denise are distrained by/for Fifty shillings [?prohibit.] in the hands of Thomas le Mareschal.... In those aforesaid fifty shillings. The said Thomas is bound to the aforesaid John and Denise because the same John.... surrenders in open Court the said land.... plea together with other land to the use of.... and the said John and Denise could not distrain.... [rest of item illegible]

....appear against John .... in a plea ..... land ....John [This is a separate item almost all of which is torn away or illegible.

#### **Court 8**

Bruce Castle MR/1

1308

Court of Tottenham [Tottenham Court in St Pancras] held there Wednesday next before the Feast of St Catherine the Virgin in the second year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward. [November 1308]

## **Essoins**

William Aungevyn, of common, by George Fesaunt Stephen ate Grene, of the same, by John the Carter Robert Fiket, of the same by John ate Pyrie.

Cecilia the wife of William the Taylour against John ate Ford and others of a plea of land, by John de Neuwork.

Distress. William Coleman, summoned, comes not; therefore to be distrained.

Robert Walter found surety Ralph Peres to answer for trespass done to the Lord and to satisfy the Lord for many defaults; and now comes not; therefore the same Ralph is amerced because he has him not; pledge John ate Ford.

John le Hun comes and puts himself in mercy [i.e pleads guilty] for many defaults. Pledge Henry Sclademan.

The same John gives 6d to the Lord for respite of suit of court until Michaelmas. Surety William Fitz H.....

William le Taylour comes and puts himself in mercy for default which he has done against John de Norvic. Elen his wife and John ate Ford in plea of land. 3d Pledge of Henry Sclademan.

John Baldewyn, senior, and John Baldewyn junior, put themselves in mercy for the same. Sureties William le Taylour and Henry Sclademan.

John Hereward at the last Court called to warrant the record Roll for a rod of land as appears above, and now has not his warrant.

Agnes Hereward puts herself in mercy for trespass done to Robert de Kesteven. Pledge Richard Vigonn. 3d.

The same Agnes puts herself in mercy for 'anat' the same Robert... to the damage of the same Robert 6d. Pledge Athenaph Goldsmith.

To wit Sum 2s 6d

The Rolls of Court from the time of John Nichole are wanting from Wednesday next before the Feast of Thomas the Apostle in the second year in the reign of Edward II...Court for four Rolls in the time of John Nichole.

## **Bruce Castle MR1**

## Court 9

1308

The Court of Tottenham held Wednesday before the Feast of the Blessed Thomas the Apostle in the second year of the reign of King Edward [December 1308]

## **Essoins**

Richard Norcliff, of common by John ate Pyrie William Cok, of the same by John le Cartere Robert Fykett, of the same by Richard ate Pyrie John Brounung, of the same by Gilbert le Lord.

## Amercement.

William Coleman puts himself in mercy for defaults. Surety John Nicol.

# Distress

John Andrew puts himself against John Hereward in plea of trespass; and the said John comes not; therefore to be distrained.

## Fine 2s

Cecilia atte Grene formerly the wife of John atte Grene in full Court grants to Stephen her son all the right and claim which she has or may have in a messuage and 20 acres of land with appurtenances which John atte Greene formerly her husband to the use of the aforesaid Stephen surrendered in that Court and the said Stephen gives for the quit claim now had 2s. Surety Henry Sclademan.

William le Taylour gives to the Lord 3d for entry into ??? a messuage which came to Lucy his wife after the death of Stephen Baldewyn formerly the husband of the aforesaid Lucy. Surety Henry Sclademan. And it is ordered to hold, etc.

William le Taylour finds sureties to repair and maintain that part granted to Agnes formerly the wife of Stephen Baldwyne which he claims by right of dower of his wife. Sureties Henry Sclademan and William Coleman, until Pentecost.

Item. John Baldewyn le younger finds sureties to repair and maintain his part of a messuage which he claims to hold of the Lord since the Feast of Pentecost. Sureties Ralph Perer and John ate Ford, for the aforesaid William le Taylour to maintain that part of the messuage which John Baldwyn senior by the sureties aforesaid, so that at the end of two years next ensuing keep and .... which ... the said messuage put to him and fully allow.

John ate Grene held of the Lord a messuage and 20 acres of land has died. By his death a heriot of one ox worth 18s comes. John and Stephen, sons of John ate Grene pray the land aforesaid as their right by inheritance and it is found that the aforesaid John and Stephen are the next heirs of the aforesaid John. Therefore is entry delivered to them of the messuage and meadow and they give to the Lord as relief 3s 4d...

Cecilia the wife of John ate Grene comes and prays of Stephen and John for her dower the third part of a messuage and 20 acres of land which....after the death of John ate Grene late her husband...John and Stephen grant this. John ate Grene gives to the Lord 2s for relief.

## **Bruce Castle MR1**

## Court 10

1309

The Court of Totenham held there Tuesday next after the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the second year of the reign of Edward son of King Edward [February 1309]

## **Essoins**

John Broun of common by John the Wodeward John Brouning of the same by John the Forester William Cok of the same by Richard Broun Richard of North of the same by Richard ate Pyrie.

## Fine 12d

The Master of the Hospital of St Giles gives to the Lord for respite of suit of court 12d....

## Amercement 12d

John de Norser and Henry Sclademan were bound by John ate Grene to wage their law against Robert Fiket in a plea of trespass and now they have him not. Therefore the same John and his pledges aforesaid are amerced.

#### Amercement

Walter ate Chirche puts himself in mercy for a trespass done to the Lord in his pasture and gives 18d. Pledge the Steward.

## Amercement 3d

Robert Fiket puts himself in mercy for that his wife took a certain cloak from the wife of John ate Grene...and gives 3d. Surety Adam ate Pirie.

## Distraint

John Hereward is distrained to answer John Andrew in a plea of trespass.

Affeerers: John atte Ford and Henry Sclademan. Sum 7s 3d.

#### Court 11

1309

The Court of Totenham held there Thursday next after the Feast of St Peter in Cathedra in the above year [February 1309]

## Essoin

Robert Fiket of common by Elias ate Gren. Affeered.

#### Amercement.

Of Henry Sclademan who has not brought Gilbert Randol who was bound to answer to the Lord in a plea of trespass and the same Gilbert is put by better surety to answer to the Lord in plea of trespass.

#### Distraint

John Hereward is distrained to answer John Andrew in plea of trespass.

Fine 9s

John Howe and Alice le Saltere his wife render into the hands of the Lord five acres and a half and one rod of arable land lying in Kentissetoun to the use of William Coks, doing therein the service due and accustomed, and the Steward in the name of the Lord enfeoffed the same William therein, saving the right of anyone. And the same William gives to the Lord for entry 9s. Sureties, Stephen ate Gren and Ralph Peirs. To wit Sum 9s.

## **Bruce Castle MR1**

# Court 12

1309

The Court of Totenham held Thursday next after the Feast of Easter in the second year of the reign of Edward son of King Edward [April 1309]

## **Essoins**

William Randolp called Coleman of common by William Randolf Adam atte Pirie of the same by Richard atte Pirie

## Distraint

Richard de Nortf' was essoined of common suit by Adam atte Pirie who is a suitor of the Court cannot speak nor can essoin. Therefore it is ordered the aforesaid Richard be distrained so that he be at the next, etc.

Amercement 3d

John Saltere was bound to find pledges for damage done in the wood of the Lord as in full court he admitted and finds pledges to make amends John the Monnier and Stephen atte Gren and for the aforesaid trespass by the sureties aforesaid. Amerced at the will of the Steward.

## Distraint

John Hereward summoned comes not at the suit of John Andr' in plea of trespass; therefore to be distrained 'sic.plur'.

#### Amercement 6d

William le Scwon and find finds a surety for his beasts straying in the Lord's pasture. Pledge John Nicole.

John Andrew finds surety to plead against John le Monner in a plea that he render two perches of meadow with appurtenances in Russel. Surety: Athenulp atte Nelu- and Ralph Peres; therefore it is ordered to summon the aforesaid John le Monner that he be at the next, etc.

Giles Randolf puts himself in mercy for trespass done in the Lord's wood. Pledge Ralph Peirs.

John atte Grene son of John atte Gren renders into the hand of the Lord a cottage and land to the use of Stephen atte Gren within the garden of the aforesaid Stephen. Fine 12d. And the Steward in the name of the Lord enfeoffed the same Stephen therein; saving the right of anyone. And the same Stephen gives to the Lord for entry 12d. Pledge Ralph Peres.

John de Merlawe summoned comes not; therefore to be distrained 'sic plur' for many defaults.

William Aungevyn summoned comes not; therefore to be distrained. Stephen Sebon summoned comes not. Therefore to be distrained etc. Sum 2s.

## **Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/3**

# Court 13

1309

Court of Totenhal held on Wednesday next before the Feast of St Margaret the Virgin in the third year of the reign of King Edward [16 July 1309].

## **Essoins**

William le Swan [essoined] in common by George Fesaunt Stephen ate Grene in common by John Chotle Thomas le Broun in common by Roger atte Leghe Richard Dygon in common by John de Hoxegate

John Andrew against John Hereward concerning a plea of trespass by John de Newark

Distrain

John de Merlawe was summoned to come to the Court of Totenhal held on Thursday next before the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist [ie Court of 24 April 1309] and he did not come. Therefore he is distrained etc.

## In mercy 3d

John ate Holeweye is in mercy for many defaults; pledge Henry Slademan

#### Void

[This item partially erased] Letice, wife of William le Taylur complains of William Eget, concerning a plea of trespass, pledges of prosecution Thomas Broun and John ate Forde.

William le Taylur and Letice, his wife, complain of William Eget concerning a plea of trespass, pledges of prosecution Thomas Brown and John ate Forde, and it is ordered to attach the aforesaid William Eget to come to the next [Court] etc

Richard de Norfolch sold to John ate Grene, at the nativity of the Lord, one piece of land and it is ordered to take the piece of land into the hands of the Lord etc.

It is ordered to attach Agnes, the daughter of John Nicole, to answer the Lord concerning damage done in the Lord's meadow.

It is ordered to attach Henry Randolf for an offence committed in the Lord's meadow by Agnes, his wife.

[This item erased] It is ordered to attach Ralph Peres for the same.

It is ordered to attach Robert Fyket for the same.

John Hereward complains of John Andrew in a plea of land, pledges of prosecution Robert le Taylur and John Nicole, and it is ordered to take into the hands of the Lord one garden, together with the ?goods [?catall] found there.

Thomas le Broun is elected to the office of Woodward by the whole Court and for the collection of rents and for making attachments and Henry Slademan is removed from the said office.

William Eget is in mercy for default 2d
Payment from Stephen Bartram for the same 3d
Payment from William Aungevyn for the same 3d
Payment from Stephen Baret for the same 3d
Payment from Paul le Botiler for the same 6d
Payment from John de Merlawe for many defaults 12d
Payment from William le Swan for the same 8d
Payment from Hamo ate Welle for the same 12d
Payment from Roger ?Perlli for the same 6d
Assessors Ralph Peres and John le Monner
Total 4s 4d

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#### Court 14

1309

Court held there on Sunday the Feast of the Souls in the third year of the reign of King Edward [2 November 1309]

## **Essoins**

Richard Dygon [essoined] in common by Robert le Carpenter 1°
John de Merlawe in common by William Fynbard 1°
John Baldewyne junior in common by William le Taylur 1° he came afterwards
Hamo de Fonte [ate Welle] in common by Alexander le Caret [Carter] 10

John ate Grene is in mercy for a contempt done to the Lord; pledge Thomas Broun. 3d

## In mercy 3d

Henry Randolf and Agnes, his wife, are in mercy for damage done in the Lord's meadow; pledge John Nicole.

It is ordered as before to distrain Agnes Lovecote

John Andrew is charged/accused that he spoke ill of/insulted John Hereward in the preceding Court. He says that he did not speak ill of/insult him in anything that he said, as he is charged/accused and he offers to wage law; pledge of law Ad[u]lph ate Nelme.

Roger ?Perlli, Paul le Botiler made default, therefore it is ordered to distrain that they might be at the next Court.

Walter de Tybourne, cheesemaker puts himself against Osbert de Roggemere in a plea of debt, saying that the aforesaid Osbert owes the same Walter 19d and a halfpenny for several debts incurred concerning rights of pasture and other debts between them etc. And the said Osbert comes and denies etc and says that he is in no wise indebted to him and he begs that an enquiry be made into this and the aforesaid Walter likewise. The Court having been instructed/charged on this, says that the aforesaid Osbert owes the said money to the same Walter as he is charged. Therefore it is adjudged that the Walter shall receive the said 19d and a halfpence, together with damages assessed at 12d and Osbert is in mercy; pledge Robert Fyket. [Several interlined words which I cannot make out as they are so compressed].

Osbert de Roggemere puts himself against Walter de Tybourne, cheesemaker in a plea of trespass, saying that on Wednesday next before the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Judas in this year [that is, on 22 October 1309] as he was peacefully coming along the King's highway near Tottenhall, with his horses, carrying a certain sack with the Lord's wheat, the same Walter threw the sack to the ground to the damage of 20s. And the aforesaid Walter comes and denies etc and says that he was levying a certain attachment on the same Osbert and that he found the aforesaid [?pack] horse.

With the aforesaid horse causing damage in the Lord's land and that he himself did not other injury, and he begs that an enquiry be made into this and the aforesaid Osbert likewise. The Court, having been charged/instructed on this, says on its oath that the aforesaid Walter took the aforesaid horse causing damage in the Lord's land and in no other wise. Therefore it is adjudged that the Walter should be discharged and Osbert is in mercy for his false claim; Robert Fyket. In mercy 6d

William Coleman is elected by all the tenants to the office of reeve and he took the oath in the proper form.

Total 18d

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## Court 15

1309

Court of Master James de Espania held on Sunday next before the Feast of the Translation of St Edward in the third year of the reign of King Edward [12 October 1309]

#### **Essoins**

John Andrew against John Hereward concerning a plea of land; pledge John de Wyn [document torn and stitched].

Adam ate Pyrie [essoined] in common by John Choce/Chote William Swan in common by Edmund le Ka. He came afterwards

William [le Tayl- erased] Eget was attached to reply to William le Taylur and Lettice, his wife, in a plea of trespass, saying that on Monday next after the Feast of St Peter Advincula in the third year of the reign of King Edward [i.e. on 4 August 1309] he assaulted, tore at/scratched, harassed and ill treated a certain Wathilda, a member of the household of the aforesaid William and Letice, by which said Wathilda the same William and Letice had been served for a long time, to the damage of the same William and Letice half a mark and in respect whereof they brought suit. And the aforesaid William Eget says that he is not guilty and begs that an enquiry be made. And the aforesaid William and Lettice likewise. The Jurors say on their oath that the aforesaid William Eget struck the aforesaid Wathilda to the injury of the same Wathhilda 4d.Therefore the same William Eget and his pledge are in mercy; pledge John Nicole.

John ate Green is in mercy 3s 4d because he entered upon a certain place owned/bought by Walter de Norff without permission; pledges John ate Forde and Richard Dygon.

William le Taylur surrenders into the hands of the Lord one cottage with a curtilage, to the use of Cecilia who was the wife of John ate Grene, with the permission of the Lord to have and to hold to the same Cecilia for all of her life. And after the death of the same Cecilia the aforesaid tenement shall remain to Isabel, daughter of William le Hert, and her heirs forever. And the said Cecilia gives to the Lord for entrance 12d. Pledge William le Taylur.

Richard A Godesname surrenders into the hands of the Lord all his land in Kentessetoun, messuages, houses, gardens, pastures, rights of pasture and all other things belonging to the

aforesaid tenements, to the use of John A Godesname, with the permission of the Lord. And the aforesaid John is seised of the aforesaid tenements in form aforesaid, to him and his heirs. And with the Lord's permission, he surrenders the aforesaid tenements to the same Richard, to have and to hold to the same Richard for all of his life. And after the death of the same Richard the aforesaid tenements shall remain to the aforesaid John and his heirs without objection/opposition etc. And he gives to the Lord for entrance 6s 8d. And afterward the aforesaid Richard surrenders to the same John all the Right and claim which he has or which he may have in the future in the vill/township of Kentessetoun.

Osbert de Roggemere is in mercy for an offence done to the Lord 3d. Pledge the Bailiff.

William le Famageius is in mercy for the same. Pledge the Bailiff.

John Andrew is in mercy because he was not present against John Hereward to fulfil his law. 12d

Ad[u]lph ate Nelme is in mercy because he did not come with his cart to the Lord's haymaking to gather. 6d

John le Monner of Hampsted is in mercy for the same 6d

Robert le Taylur is in mercy for the same 6d

John le Monner of Hampstede is in mercy because he did not come to gather in the Lord's corn. 6d

The same John is in mercy for damage done in the Lord's meadow by his beasts 4d

John ate Grene is in mercy because he carried away hay from the Lord's meadow 6d. Pledge Stephen ate Grene.

Robert Walter is in mercy for damage done in the Lord's pastures. 3d. Pledge William Coleman.

William le Swan is in mercy for the same. 3d. Pledge the Bailiff.

It is ordered to attach Agnes Lovecote for damage done in the Lord's barley.

It is ordered to attach John Andrew to reply to the Lord for contempt of Court.

Agnes, daughter of John Nicole, Henry Randolf and Robert Fyket were charged/accused of damage done in the Lord's meadow. Who say that they are not guilty and they beg that an enquiry be made. An enquiry into the matter having been carried out, they say that they are not guilty. Therefore etc.

John Hereward is in mercy because he is not present against John Andrew in a plea of land. Pardoned.

## View of Frankpledge

The Frank pledge gives to the Lord money as a common fine 2s.

Item, they present that Roger ?Perlii makes default
Item, they present that Gilbert le Foulare makes default
Item Stephen Swalewe makes default [interlined and erased 3d]
Item they present that Ad[u]lph ate Nelme should have scoured a certain ditch as was presented at the last leet and he did not. Therefore etc to the nuisance of the Manor.

Item they present that John de Merlawe 6d, Roger ?Perlii and Bartholomew le Cryer 3d should have scoured certain ditches next to the King's highway but they did not for which to the nuisance/injury etc.

Item they present that John Dorsete sells ale against the assize. 3d

Item they present that William, son of Henry Cok, sells ale against the assize. 3d

They present that Agnes, daughter of John Nicole, sells ale against the assize. 3d

Item, they present that the Master of the Hospital of St Giles made a certain ditch in the King's highway to the nuisance/injury of the neighbourhood. Therefore he is in mercy 12d.

Assessors John Nichole, Robert Walter.

Total 21s 1d

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## Court 16

1309

Court held there on Sunday next after the Feast of St Edmund the King in the third year of the reign of King Edward [23 November 1309]

## Essoins

William le Swon [essoined] in common by George Fesaunt

John Andrew against John Hereward concerning a plea of trespass by Benedict [the] Clerk

Stephen ate Grene in common by John Choce/Chote

Thomas Pistor gives the Lord 12d for having an enquiry whether Stephen Swalewe can sell his land or not, by the pledges of Robert Rake and Henry Slademan, who say that the aforesaid Stephen can give and sell his land without any condition.

Stephen Swalewe surrenders into the hands of the Lord all the land which he had in the vill of Kentessetoun to the use of Thomas Pistor and Beatrice, his wife, and their heirs forever. And the Steward, in the name of the Lord, seised thereof the aforesaid Thomas and Beatrice, his wife, and their heirs forever. Saving the right and performing the services owed

and accustomed, and they did fealty and give to the Lord for entrance 4s; pledges Ralph Peres and Henry Slademan.

It is ordered, as on other occasions, to distrain Agnes Lovecote for damage done in the Lord's barley.

It is ordered, as on other occasions, to distrain Roger ?Perlii for default.

[Last few lines of the Court are illegible or almost illegible due to wear and rubbing]

It is ordered [to attach – erased] to distrain Hamo de Fonte for default. Item William Aungevyn. Item. Paul le Botiler, Richard Dygon. Robert Fyket for the same concerning the land, formerly of Geoffrey ?Dolbere, afterwards ?of the said Paul and Richard... Robert Fyket .... Formerly of Geoffrey

John Nicole complains of Adam ate Pyrie ?senior in a plea of land, saying that ....[rest of this roll illegible

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#### Court 17

## 1312

[There is one entry at the top of this skin before the heading of the first Court proper. This is undated and it is not clear whether or not it forms part of a previous Court, as it is not followed by the usual total of fines and amercements and the names of the Assessors which have appeared at the end of previous Courts]

Paul le Botyler surrenders into the hands of the Lord one plot of arable land, with the appurtenances, in le Kentessetoun, to the use of Richolda, who was the wife of Robert Fyket, and lying next to the messuage of the aforesaid Richolda, and the Steward [interlined illegible word] of his Lord, seises thereof the aforesaid Richolda, saving the right of whosoever, and she gives to the Lord for entrance 6d; pledge Richard Dygon.

# **Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/1**

## Court 18

Court held there on Monday next before the Feast of St Margaret the Virgin, in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [17<sup>th</sup> July 1312]

## **Essoins**

Adnulph ate Nelme in common by John le Chapman William le Swon in common by William Ballard Thomas le Broun in common by John Cole William le Taylur in common by John Prat Adam ate Pyrye Junior in common by Richard Pyrye Richard Dygon in common by William ate ?Stokke ?Stowe

# [From this point much of the right hand side of the Roll has been eaten away, making it difficult to complete entries]

Richard a Godesname is in mercy for wrongful occupation/possession of 4 acres and a half of arable land which Henry Randolf .... Beg against the aforesaid Richard etc.

Richard a Godesname by William de Newenham, his attorney, surrenders into the hands [...?of the Lord] .... Of arable land, with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun, which are called le Redacres, to the use of Henry Randolf.... Randolf, Henry Randolf and Simon Randolf, to have and to hold to the same Henry, Stephen ... and their heirs forever, and for this surrender of the aforesaid Henry, Stephen .... And they grant to the aforesaid Richard and his heirs forever all the right and Claim .... Which they might have of 4 acres and a half of arable land with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun .... Of the aforesaid Henry, Stephen, Henry and Simon was formerly seised ...

Henry Slademan and Alice his wife, appear against Richard a Godesname ... with the appurtenances, in le Kentessetoun as the Right and inheritance of the aforesaid Alice ... Alice [could not make sense of next line as a vital part of the case has clearly been lost above] le Hert as son and heir and of/concerning the aforesaid Reginald the hereditary Right and ... etc and it appeared that such was the Right of the aforesaid Alice etc. And Richard a Godesname... Right etc and he/she says that he/she ought not/must not answer this complaint because ... the aforesaid 4 acres and therefore they beg Judgement thereof etc. the Court, having been charged/instructed on this matter ... therefore it is adjudged is in mercy sine die and the aforesaid Henry .... In mercy 3d

A day is given to John Hereward, plaintiff, and John Andrew without essoin.

It is ordered to distrain Paul le Botyler because he makes waste and .... William Angevyn

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain John de Merlawe, Robert Walter mag....

Master John ?Perlii is ordered to do fealty to the Lord.

It is ordered to distrain William Martyn for default, John Brounyng, William Ha.... Monner of Ely, John ate Grene, Gilbert le Foulere, John D....

# **Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/1**

Court 19

1312

Court held there on Thursday the Feast of St Laurence, in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [10<sup>th</sup> August 1312]

Ralph Peres [essoined] in common by William ?R... 1° Richard Dygon in common by Richard Broun 2°

Paul le Botyler against William Angevyn concerning a plea of agreement/compromise [?a Fine] by William de Newenham.

Henry Slademan in common by Robert de Hawe William [illegible due to staining] in common by John Chapman

[Partly illegible marginal note against essoins concerning View of Frankpledge]

A day is given to William Angevyn, plaintiff, and Paul le Botyler, defendant, concerning a plea of agreement/compromise until the next? without essoin.

Paul le Botyler complains of William, son of Henry Cok, concerning a plea of trespass; pledge of prosecution William Hamond.

Paul le Botyler appears against William, son of Henry Cok, concerning a plea of trespass, saying that the cows and other beasts .... Of William ... he put into the field of the same Paul and did damage there and to the damage of 2s etc. And the aforesaid William ... and acknowledge etc, and therefore it is adjudged that the aforesaid Paul should recover the aforesaid 2s and the aforesaid William is in mercy; pledges Stephen Coleman and John Nicole. 3d

Master John ?Perlli puts himself in mercy for many defaults.

Master [John erased] William ?Perlii aatterns William de Newenham to make suit for ...

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain John de Merlawe, Robert Walter, William Martyn....3d

John Brounyng in mercy for many defaults; pledge Stephen Brounyng. 3d Of/from Stephen [Coleman erased] Brounyng for the same pledge John Brounyng

Of/from John ate Grene for the same; pledge Stephen Coleman.

It is ordered to distrain Hamo de Fonte for the default of John de Hodeford ... Eget for man defaults

It is ordered to distrain Henry Slademan for a contempt done to the Lord in [the] distraint

Assessor Adam ate Pyrye

**Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/2** 

Court 20

Ms 25346/2

1312

[Some lines of writing at the top of this skin before the heading of the first Court proper. This appears to be the end of the proceedings of the previous Court. However, because of the stitching at the head of the skin and the tearing away of the right-hand corner, only a few words and phrases are visible here and there]

**Guildhall Sequence MS25346/2** 

## Court 21

Court held there on Tuesday next before the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward (19 December 1312)

#### Essoins

John Brounynges [essoined] in common by Henry Releg John le Monner in common by John ate Pyrye William, son of Henry Cok in common by John Choce/Chote

And from Paul le Botiler for many defaults, in mercy 3d. Pledge the Reeve And from Henry Slademan for the same, in mercy 3d. Pledge John ate Forde It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain William de Aldenham, John de Merlawe and William le Swon for many defaults. Total 6d

# Guildhall Sequence MS25,346/2

## Court 22

1313

Court held there on Thursday next after the Feast of the purification of the Blessed Mary in the Sixth year of the reign of King Edward (February 8 1313)

#### **Essoins**

Thomas le Broun in common by Richard le Wodeward

## Complaint

Hamo de Fonte complains of William le Swon concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution, the Reeve. And it is ordered to distrain the said William that he might be at the next Court to answer the same. He came afterward and seeks an agreement and the same William gives to the same Hamo 18d and puts himself in mercy, pledge William le Taylur.

In mercy 3d. And from William le Swon for many defaults. Pledge John Nicole.

Ordered. It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain William de Aldenham and John de Merlawe for many defaults.

Fine 6s 8d. Richard a Godesname surrenders into the hands of the Lord four acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun to the use of William Eget, in le Longeleye. And the steward in the name of the Lord seises thereof the aforesaid William, saving the right of whosoever, and he gives to the Lord for entrance. Pledges Richard Dygon and John ate Forde.

Complaint. Henry Slademan complains of Richard a Godesname concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution Richard Dygon. And afterwards he wished [illegible words due to staining] the aforesaid complaint, therefore he is in mercy. Pledges Stephen Coleman and John ate Forde.

John le Monner of Ely surrenders into the hands of the Lord half an acre of arable land with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun to the use of Stephen Coleman. And the Steward in

the name of his Lord seises thereof the aforesaid Stephen. Saving the R.... This is a test of whosoever to have and to hold to the same Stephen and his heirs forever, and he gives to the Lord for entrance. Fined 12d. Pledge the Reeve.

Henry Randolf surrenders into the hands of the Lord one half acre of arable land in le Kentessetoun, lying in le Brodefeld, to the use of John le Moreys. And the Steward in the name of his Lord seises thereof the aforesaid John, saving the right of whosoever, to have and to hold to the same John and his heirs forever, and he gives to the Lord for entrance.

Henry Randolf surrenders into the hands of the Lord one messuage and four acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in le Kentessetown to the use of John Nichole. And the Steward in the name of his Lord seises thereof the aforesaid John, saving the right of whosever, and he gives to the Lord for entrance. Fine 2s.

John Nicole surrenders into the hands of the Lord one messuage and four acres of arable land, with the appurtenances, which he purchased/acquired from Henry Randolf in le Kentesstoun, to the use of Henry Randolf and Alice his wife, to have and to hold to the same Henry and Alice, and the heirs or assigns of the same Alice. And the Steward in the name of his Lord seises thereof the aforesaid Henry and Alice, and the heirs of the same Alice, as aforesaid, saving the Right of whosoever and he gives the Lord 2s for entrance.

Henry Slademan is accused/charged because when the Steward in the name of his Lord, granted to the same Henry the Keeping of the Wood [illegible words due to staining] the same Henry demised the said Wood in his keepership in contempt of the Lord, so that in [illegible words due to staining] by the suitors of the Court it was found, because of this, the lands of the said Henry should be taken into the hands of the Lord until etc.

And from Henry Slademan because he should have withdrawn from his office who was elected to the office of Woodward, pledges John Nicole, John ate Ford and Stephen Coleman. Fine 5s.

# Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

# Court 23

Court held there on Monday next before the Feast of St Gregory the Pope in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [5<sup>th</sup> March 1313]

# **Essoins**

William le Swon in common by John le Chapman, John Brounynges in common by John le Lord and Richard Sydon in common by Richard Broun.

Paul le Botyler and Ann, his wife, surrender into the hands of the Lord all their lands and tenements which they formerly purchased/acquired from William Aungevyn in Kentissetoun, to the use of William son of Henry Cok, afterwards the said Ann, having been diligently examined and questioned in the absence of her husband, whether she made this surrender of her own free will or not, he replied that she made the surrender of good will and for having [word illegible] and not for fear of her husband. And the Steward, in the

name of the lord, seises thereof the aforesaid William, saving the right of whosoever, and he does fealty and gives 6s 8d to the Lord for entrance.

And from Henry Slademan because he opposed the relief of the land which he and Alice is wife hold in the name [several illegible words due to staining] of Richard Randolf pledges John Nicole and John ate Forde. And it is ordered to levy 8d from the said Henry and Alice for the said relief.

It is ordered to levy from Henry Slademan to the use of Richard a Godesname 3a 4d which were awarded to the same Richard because he defaulted of his law against him etc.

It is ordered to distrain Master John? Perlli for many defaults and the doing of fealty to the Lord.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain John de Merlawe and Thomas le Pastur for many defaults.

The Master of the Hospital of St Giles gives to the Lord 12d for having respite of suit of Court until the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary.

Complaint. William Augeryer complains of Paul le Bolyer concerning a plea of debt. Pleads of prosecution John Andrew and Henry Slademan.

Complaint. It is ordered to distrain the aforesaid Paul that he might be at the next Court to answer the same.

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## Court 24

Court held there on Monday next after the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [26 March 1313]

#### **Essoins**

William le Swon in common by William Ballard.
Henry Slademan in common by Henry, son of Robert Rakes
Thomas le Broun in common by Richard le Bodeward
John ate Forde in common Richard ate Pyrie
[Henry erased] William, son of Henry Cok in common by Richard le Lord
William le Taylur in common by John Baldewyne

And from John de Merlawe for many defaults. In mercy 3s. Pledge the Reeve

It is ordered as on another occasion before to distrain Paul le Botyler to answer William Anungevey in a plea of debt.

And from Thomas le Pastur for default. In mercy 6d. Pledge John Nicole.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Master John ?Perlli for many defaults and the doing of fealty to the Lord.

Total 3a 6d default/want of estreats.

## Court 25

# Court held there on Monday next before the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [23 April 1313]

Essoins: John de Merlawe in common by William de Newenham William Coleman in common by William le Whyte Adnulph ate Nelme in common by John le Chapman Henry Slademan in common by Hilke ate Pyrye

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain master John ?Perlli for many defaults and the doing of fealty to the Lord.

It is ordered to distrain Hamo de Fonte, Henry Slademan, Richard a Godesname and Robert Walton for default.

And from William Eget because ?deceiving the Lord he took ?the land of Matthew Eget, his brother and witholds the services of the Lord etc. Pledge the Reeve. In mercy 12d

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#### Court 26

Court held there on Thursday in the week of Pentecost in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [7 June 1313]

Essoins: William de Newanham, attorney of William Aungeryn against Paul le Botyler concerning a plea of debt. Pledge John Hereward.

John Nicole against Henry Randolf and Alice, his wife, concerning a plea of land. Pledge John Baldewyne jnr.

Henry Randolf and Alice, his wife, complain of John Nicole concerning a plea of land, pledges the Reeve, Stephen Randolf and Simon Randolf and the same John finds pledges to answer, Stephen Coleman and William le Taylur.

John le Monner complains of William son of Henry Cok, concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution [no name given]

Matthew Eget puts himself in mercy for many defaults done for the past 10 years. Pledges William Eget and John ate Forde. In mercy 2s.

Matthew Eget gives to the Lord 3d for having respite of suit of Court until the Feast of Pentecost. Pledge William Eget.

John le Monner appears in Court against William, son of Henry Cok in a plea of trespass, saying that the same William sold to the same John one cow of the price etc. and guaranteed to the same John Not it would calve...after the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary, and it calved 6 weeks [several lines damaged by staining here] after the Feast, to the damage of the same John 3s. And the said William came [words which I cannot understand] and well acknowledged the sale but he said that he did not guarantee the calving as aforesaid and he puts himself on the enquiry. And the aforesaid John likewise. The Court, having been charged/instructed on this matter, says that the aforesaid William sold the aforesaid cow and guaranteed the same as aforesaid to the damage of 6d and the same William is in mercy. Pledge William Coleman.

John de Merlawe, William le Swon, Hamo de Fonte, Robert le Taylur, Richard Dygon, Henry Slademan, John Brounynges, John Andrew, Adam ate Pyrye junior, Thomas le Pastur, Stephen Randolf, Richard a Godesname, Robert Walter, Stephen Baret, William son of Robert Cok, John le Hunte, Stephen Brounyng, John ate Grene, Gilbert le Foulere, Stephen Bartram, John Page make default, therefore to ....

Now it is ordered as on other occasions to retain in the hands of William, son of Henry Cok, 5 marks which he owes to Paul le Botiler, to answer William Aungeryn concerning a plea of debt.

John Nicole is in mercy 6d for concealment, pledges John ate Ford and John le Monner, and it is ordered to levy from the same 5 shillings which are assessed for suit of court and for concealment.

The essoin of William de Newenham, the attorney of William Aungeryn appears against Paul le Botiler in a plea of debt and the same Paul is called and comes not, therefore it is ordered to distrain as on many occasions.

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#### Court 27

Court held there on Thursday, the Vigil of the Apostles Peter and Paul, in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward [28 June 1313]

Essoins: John Nicole against Henry Randolf and Alice his wife concerning a plea of land [essoined] by William de Newenham
Adnulph ate Nelme concerning the same by Richard le Chapman 1º
Stephen Brounyes concerning the same by Gilbert le Lord 1º
William Coleman concerning the same by Stephen Cok. 1º

And from Henry Slademan 3s 4d to the use of Richard a Godesname.

William de Newenham, the attorney of William Aungeryn, appears against Paul le Botyles in a plea of debt and the same Paul is called as on many occasions and comes not and therefore a distraint.

And from Thomas le Broun [for concealment erased] because he is convicted by the enquiry of damage done to the Lord's Wood. Amerced 6d

And from the same for the said damage as it is found by the enquiry, which is assessed at 12d

John de Marys gives to the Lord 12d for having an enquiry if William Eget can sell two acres of arable land he has by the gift of Richard a Godesname, as appears in the Court held above.

William Eget surrenders into the hands of the Lord 2 acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in le Kentesstoun, to John de Mareys, to have and to hold to the same John and his heirs forever. And the Steward in the name of his Lord, seises thereof the aforesaid [John – omitted] saving the right of whosoever and he gives to the Lord for entrance 3s 4d. Pledge the Reeve.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain John de Merlawe, William le Swon, Hamo de Fonte for many defaults.

It is ordered to distrain Robert Walter, John de Odeford for default.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to retain in the hands of William, son of Henry Cok, 5 marks which he owes to Paul le Botiler to answer William Aungeryn in a plea of debt.

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#### Court 28

Court held there on Thursday next before the Feast of St Margaret the Virgin in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward [19 July 1313]

Essoins: John Brounynes in common by Roger le Lord 1º William Coleman in common by John Foucher 2º Thomas le Broun in common by Thomas Stringer 1º Adnulph ate Nelme in common by John Hereward 2º John Andrew in common by William de Newenham 1º Richard a Godesname I common by John de Newark 1º

Henry Slademan is distrained for one heifer for 3s 4d to the use of Richard a Godesname and he did not justify himself. Therefore it is ordered that the distraint be held and kept longer.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Paul le Botyler to answer William Aungeryn concerning a plea of debt.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to distrain John de Merlawe, Hamo de Fonte, Robert Walter for many defaults.

William le Swon puts himself in mercy for many defaults. Pledge, the Reeve.

And from Stephen Coleman because in open Court his preceptor charged/censured William le Swon. Pledge the Reeve

John de Odeford puts himself in mercy for many defaults. Pledge John le Monner.

Henry Randolf and Alice, his wife, appear against John Nicole in a plea of land claiming from the same one acre of meadow, with the appurtenances in la Kentessetoun, as the Right of the same Alice, as of the gift of [hole in document] ....son and heir of John ... and in which the same Alice was seised in the time of peace in the time of the Lord Edward the King, the father [the next section very difficult to read as an extra line has been interlined, part of which has then been erased]... by the said John in the keeping of the said Alice to the value of half a mark etc because such was their right by/for ....And John comes and denies ?their right and the injury etc and he claims the /right thereof etc. And he has etc. Therefore the bailiff is ordered to bring it about that the aforesaid John has on occasion before/at the next Court etc.

It is ordered to distrain Master William Perlli for many defaults and for the doing of fealty to the Lord.

It is ordered to distrain Henry Randolf, John Frelove and Stephen Alys who made faggots in the Lord's wood to answer to the Lord concerning the return/reparation of the faggots etc.

It is ordered to distrain William son of Robert Cok, John ate Grene for default.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to retain in the hands of William, son of Henry Cok, 5 marks which he owes to Paul le Botiler, to answer Willam Aungeryn concerning a plea of debt.

It is ordered to take into the hands of the Lord the messuage [of William – erased] of Stephen le Hert until etc.

John Nicole complains of Henry Randolf in a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution Stephen Coleman.

John Nicol appears against Henry Randolf in a plea of trespass saying that on Monday next before the feast of St Margaret the Virgin in the seventh year of King Edward [16<sup>th</sup> July 1313] in contempt of the Lord the said Henry caused to be attached William, son of John and the cart of the same in common/together, and the same John found pledges to answer in Common/together, that is to say, Ralph Peres and John ate Grene, to the damage of the same John. 20s and he brings suit thereof. And the said Henry comes and denies etc and he says that he is guilty of nothing and he wages law. Pledge of law William Taylur

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#### Court 29

Court held there on Thursday the Vigil of St Laurence in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward [19<sup>th</sup> August 1313]

Essoins: Richard le Gros, William le Swon in common because he cannot come here as attorney appointed

John le Monner in common by Richard le Forester

Henry Slademan in common by Henry son of Robert Walter.

Henry Slademan is distrained for one heifer and he comes not. Therefore the distraint to be held and kept longer, to answer Richard a Godesname that he should pay him 3s 4d which were awarded to him in a plea of trespass.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Paul le Botiler to answer William Aungeryn in a plea of debt.

And from Stephen the Reeve because he was unwilling to distrain Hamo de Fonte as he was ordered to for many defaults. Pardoned.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain John de Merlawe, Hamo de Fonte and Robert Walter.

And from Henry Randolf because he defaulted of his law against John Nicole in plea of trespass. Pledge John ate Forde.

Henry Randolf and Alice.... [a large space of about 2" in depth has been allowed for the continuation of this case but it has not been filled in. Total 6d default/want of estreats has been written in and then partially erased and it looks as if the assessors took this space for the gap between Courts before realising their mistake]

Now it is ordered, as on many occasions, to distrain Master William Perlli for many \*

It is ordered as on another occasion to distrain Henry Randolf, John Frelove and Stephen Alic who made faggots in the Lord's wood to answer to the Lord concerning the return/reparation of the faggots etc.

And from William the son of Robert Cok for many defaults. Pledge the Beadle/Under Bailiff

And from John ate Grene for the same. Pledge the Woodward.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to retain in the hands of William, son of Henry Cok, 5 marks which he owes to Paul le Botiler to reply to Paul le Botiler] concerning a plea of debt.

Now it is ordered as on another occasion to take into the hands of the Lord the messuage of Stephen le Hert until etc.

It is ordered to distrain William le Taylur for default.

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## Court 30

#### 1313

Court held there on Thursday next after the Feast of the Decollation of St John the Baptist in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward [30 August 1313]

Essoins: John Brounynges in common by Gilbert le Lord 1º Thomas Broun in common by John de Essex John Nichol denies/defends against Henry Randolf and Alice his wife, concerning a plea of land by William de Newham, one of the Enquirers [last two words not clear as they are squashed against the right hand edge of the Roll]

Richard Dikon in common by William Broun.

And from Hamo ate Welle for many defaults – pledge Stephen ate Grene

And from Paul le Botiler for many defaults – pledge the same Stephen

William Angeryn by his attorney appears against Paul de Botiler, Claiming from him 4 pounds and 19s which he owes him and unjustly withholds, because on Wednesday next before the Feast of St Barnabas the apostle in the fifth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward [ie 7 June 1312] to the use of the same Paul, he surrendered into the hands of the Lord one messuage, six acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in la Kentishton according to the custom of the prebend of Totenhale, and the same Paul in open Court, bound himself to the said William for the said messuage and lands in 4 pounds and nineteen shillings of silver to be paid on Michaelmas day next following at the manor of Totenhale, on which day the said William came to the said place and awaited the said money, and asked for it, which the said Paul then unjustly withheld and now withholds to the damage of the said William 40s etc and the said Paul in open court did not refuse/deny the claim, and the said William, by his attorney begs for a judgement of the same Paul as of no denial Therefore it is adjudged that the said William should recover the said claim with damages which are assessed at one mark and the said Paul is in mercy. Pledge John Nichol.

John de Marlowe for many defaults pledges Hamo ate Welle, William le Swon

Stephen Colman in mercy because he does not have Robert Walter whom he pledged and now it is ordered to distrain Robert Walter for many defaults.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions, to distrain Master William Pelli for many defaults and for the doing of fealty to the Lord.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Henry Randolf, John Frelove and Stephen Aliez because they made faggots in the Lord's wood to answer to the Lord concerning the return/reparation of the faggots.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to retain in the hands of William son [of Henry omitted] Cok 5 marks which he owes to Paul le Botiler, to reply to William Aungeryn concerning a plea of debt.

Agnes, wife of Stephen le Hert, gives to the Lord for suit of court [six] from the Feast of St Michael in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward until the same next following 6d. [Despite the final note on the front of the document, the row of stitch holes below and fragments of thread suggest that there was another skin below and which has since disappeared.]

Now concerning the Court of Thursday next after the Feast of the Decollation of St [John the - omitted] Baptist as within.

And from Thomas Piston for many defaults. Pledge William Grey

And from William le Taylour for default. Pledge Richard Dikonn.

John de Merlowe attains William de Newenham for the doing of suit for him by want of the Lord King.

Thomas le Baker who held of the Lord five acres of arable land, with the appurtenances, in la Kentishton, who was seised together with Beatrice, his wife, and their heirs and assigns has now died and the aforesaid Beatrice comes and offers fealty to the Lord and does fealty. And she gives to the Lord for having Entrance 40d. Pledge William Cissor.

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to the Bailiffs of James de Spayne of Tottenhall, greetings. For that, by the common council of your King, it is stipulated/provided that each free man who owes suit to the Court of his Lord can cause his attorney to make this suit for him, we order you that the attorney whom John de Merlowe attains shall be valid for the doing of fealty for him at the aforesaid Court of your Lord of Tottenhale, in the place of the same John, without any difficulty/obstruction being received in this respect. Witnessed by me at Wyndesor on the seventh Day of August, in the seventh year of our reign.

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## Court 31

Court of Totenhal held on Thursday in the Vigil of St Mathew the Apostle the seventh year of the reign of King Edward [20 September 1313]

Essoins: Thomas le Broun in common by John Simond 2º

William Coleman in common by Richard Ke???

William de Newenham, attorney of John de Merlawe in common by John Hereward.

And from John ate Forde because he opposed/objected against the Lord concerning an essoin for John le Monner. Pledge the Reeve.

An Enquiry having been held concerning waste made in the tenement formerly of Stephen Baldewyne, that is to say, by Adam ate Pyrye, John ate Grene and others, who say on their oath that William le Taylur holds the messuage of the aforesaid Stephen and they say that he made mutilation in the thatch and in other necessaries belonging to the said messuage but the same William found pledges that is to say Ralph Peres and John ate Forde for the reparation of the said messuage before the next Court.

And from William son of Robert Cokes for offences done to Ralph Peres. Pledge John le Monner. In mercy 3d

And from the same for a contempt done to the Lord. Pledge John le Monner.

William de Newenham complains against William Aungeryn in a plea of debt. Pledge of prosecution etc.

William de Newenham attains John de Newark against William Aungeryn in a plea of debt.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Master William Perlli for many defaults and for the doing of fealty to the Lord.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Henry Randolf, John Frelove and Stephen Alyc because they made faggots in the Lord's woods, concerning the return/reparation of the faggots.

It is ordered as on many occasions to retain in the hands of William, son of Henry Cok, two marks [five marks which he owes to Paul le Botyler] to answer William de Newenham in a plea of debt – [erased].

It is ordered to retain in the hands of William son of Henry Cok forty shillings [two marks and a half – erased] to answer the lord concerning 40d and to answer William de Newenham concerning a plea of debt.

Henry Randolf and Alice his wife appear against John Nicole in a plea of land, craving from the same one acre of meadow with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun, as the right and Inheritance of the same Alice as the gift of Stephen Swalewe, son and heir of John Styward and in which the same Alice was seised in the time of peace etc in the time of the Lord Edward the king, the father. The same John, guardian of the said Alice, received/took the rents/profits to the value of half a mark. And that such was their right [cannot make out next two words] etc and that they have a better right in their claim than the said John in his keeping/tenancy etc.

And the said John says that the said Alice was never seised and the said Henry and Alice have no right in their claim, and thus he craves that an enquiry be held. And the said Henry and Alice likewise. Afterwards the enquiry/body of jurors were elected and sworn. And the said John went out of Court and he was called many times and did not return. And the

aforesaid Henry and Alice craved the Right thereof. And it was Ajudged by the whole Court that the said Henry and Alice should recover seisin for the aforesaid default and John is in mercy 12d.

William le Swon, Richard Dygon, John de Odeford made default, therefore to distrain.

Richard Walter is distrained by one bullock and he does not justify himself, therefore this distraint to be kept and more to be taken.

Assessors: John le Monner and Stephen Brounynges

It is found by the suitors of the Court that the tenements of John Baldewyne [sic] were badly kept in the guardianship/custody of William le Taylur, and therefore the said William is ordered to make repairs to the said messuage before the next and he found a pledge, that is to say, John ate Forde.

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#### Court 32

View of Frankpledge and Court of Master James de Ispania held on Thursday next before the Feast of the Translation of St Edward in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward [?11 October 1313]

Essoins: Richard Dygon in common by William le Herde, William le Swon in common [rest of line not completed] and John Brounyng in common by John Roleges.

The Frankpledges give to the Lord as cert [money], 2s. Item: that the Master of the Hospital made default. William le Swon, Master William Perlli, John de Merlawe, Hamo de Fonte made default. Therefore to distrain etc. Item, they present that there was received at the house of Robert le Taylur one cow by way of a pledge for 2s and that it was worth 10s and that the Lord delivered to the said Robert the said two shillings together with damages and that the Lord should have same cow until etc. Item they present that Matthew Eget, John le Hunter, John Baldewyne junior, Gilbert le Caretter, Stephen le Hert, John at Pyrye, John Fyket, Richard a Godesname, John a Godesname, Paul le Botyler, William son of John Nicole made default and the headboroughs stood surety for them until the next.

Item, they present that Agnes, the daughter of John Nicole sold ale against the Assize.

Item. They present that John Andrew made default but the headboroughs went bail for surety for him.

Item they present that John ate Grene drew blood from Robert Walter. Therefore he is in mercy 6d.

Item, they present that Roger By—K unlawfully raised a hue on William, son of John Nichol by night. Therefore the same William [sic] is in mercy 3d.

Item. They present that Robert de Wyndesor, the servant of John Nicole, by night carried away one stook of oats from the land of Richard Godesname and therefore it is ordered to attach the same Robert etc and all the other articles are placed in respite until the next.

And from William Eget because in contempt of the court [he presents – erased] he made his presentment.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Master William Perlli for many defaults and for the doing of fealty to the Lord.

Now it is ordered, as on many occasions, to distrain Henry Randolf, John Frelove and Stephen Alyce, who made faggots in the Lord's wood, concerning the return/reparation of the faggots.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to distrain William le Swon, Richard Dygon and John de Odeforde for many defaults.

And from Stephen ate Green because he did not have Robert Walter for who he was going bail. Amerced 3d.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to distrain Robert Walter for many defaults.

And from William le Taylur because he did not proffer/produce in Court the ?messuage of John Baldewyne as he had been ordered. Pledge for Bailiff. Amerced 12d.

Henry Randolf gives to the Lord 2s for the measuring of the meadow which he recovered in the last preceding Court against John Nicole. Pledges John le Monner and Simon Randolf.

John ate Grene gives to the Lord 2s for having one corner of land next to the messuage of the same John. Pledge - John ate Forde and the Court having been charged/instructed on this matter, the Jurors say on their oath that there is no damage either to the said Lord King or to the Lord Prebend nor any others, who will beg permission to enclose and impropriate the said Corner.

And from John ate Grene and Robert Walter because they made an agreement out of Court in a plea of trespass - pledge the Bailiff.

It is ordered to take into the hands of the Lord the land formerly of Thomas Pastur until etc.

Adnulphe ate Nelme and John ate..... are elected to the office of Reeve. William Coleman and William son of Henry Cok are elected to the office of Woodward.

It is ordered to levy from Elena, who was the wife of John Dorsete, to the use of John de Newerk, clerk, 2s which are held by the same Elena by a certain acknowledgement/enquiry in this Court.

[This has clearly formed part of a longer Roll as stitch holes and the remains of stitches are visible at the bottom of the document, though not at the top. There are some largely illegible endorsements of which only a few words are visible.]

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#### Court 33

Court of Totenhale held there on Tuesday next before the Feast of St Hillary, in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward [11<sup>th</sup> January 1317]

Essoins: Stephen ate Grene by Richard ate Pyrie Ralph Pyrers in common by John le Wodeward John Nichole in common by Michael Baconn Stephen Baret in common by Matthew Eget 2º Thomas Bron in common by William Broun

John Agodesname against Henry Randolf concerning a plea of land, by William de Neuwanham.

Henry Randolf appears against John Agodesname concerning a plea that he should surrender to him one acre of arable land and a half of arable land in La Kentistoun. And the said John Agodesname is essoined. And thus it remains until the next etc.

The suit concerning John Andreu and Robert de Kastevene is placed in respite until the next with the agreement of the parties.

The Enquiry which remains to be taken between William, the son of Henry Kok, plaintiff, and Stephen Coleman concerning a plea of trespass, is placed in respite.

William, the son of William of Aldenham, gives to the Lord for having an enquiry whether he might be the true heir or not. And all the suitors say that he is the true heir. And he gives to the Lord for having the enquiry 7d and for a relief by the pledge of Richard Dygun.

John de Mareis who was a plaintiff/complainant concerning Matilda Randolf, concerning a plea of debt and with the assent of the Court, have come to an agreement. And the said Matilda puts herself by the pledge of John de Mareis. In mercy 2d.

Roger de Sabrichesworth comes to the Court and in the name of the Master Lord Thomas de Sabri.....[Sabri erased] Segrave, craves the rearing/upbringing of William, son of Thomas Piston until the lawful age of the said William, and it is granted to him together with five acres of arable land which descend to him by inheritance after the death of Thomas, his father, in la Kentistoun.

It is ordered to distrain William Coleman, John Agodesname for default of Court.

John de Mareis pays a fine to the Lord, 6d, for having respite of suit until the Feast of St Michael following.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions, to hold in the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land which belonged to Robert Fyket.

## **British Library Additional Roll 42296**

#### Court 34

Court of Totenhale held there on Tuesday in the Vigil of the Purification of the Blessed Mary in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward [1st February 1317]

Essoins: The Master of the Hospital of St Giles in common by William de Neuwenham.

Thomas Bron in common by Geoffrey Bron.

John ate Grene in common by John, his son

John Nichole in common by Richard le Schepherde

John Hereward, the attorney of John de Merlawe in common

Robert Kasteven against John Andreu concerning a plea of land by John de Essex. Affeered

Robert de Kastevene against John Andreu concerning a plea of land by John de Essex. Affeered

John Agodesname against Henry Randolf concerning a plea of land by John de Farnham. Affeered. 2º

John Andreu appears against Robert de Kastavene concerning a plea of land as before. And the said Robert is essoined but it is challenged. And this it remains until the next.

Henry Randolf appears against John Agodesname concerning a plea that he should surrender to him one acre and a half of arable land in la Kentistoun. And the said John is essoined. And thus it remains until the next.

Now the enquiry which remains to be taken between William, the son of Henry Koc, plaintiff, and Stephen Coleman, concerning a plea of trespass, is placed in respite for default of suitors.

Now it is ordered to distrain William Coleman [and John Agodesname – erased] for default of Court. He came afterwards.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to hold in the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land formerly of Robert Fiket.

John le Hunte surrenders into the hands of the Lord one acre in ?Gudgoythefeld in Kentysshetoun, to the use of John, son of Stephen Coleman, and he gives to the Lord 12d for having entrance and he did fealty and he will perform the services therefore owed and accustomed.

## **British Library Additional Roll 42296**

#### Court 35

Court of Tottenhale held on Tuesday the Feast of St Peter in Cathedra, in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward. [22<sup>nd</sup> February 1317]

John Brounynges essoined in common by John, his son. 1º Richard Dygun in common by Roger le Wyte. 1º

John Hereward attained by John de Merlawe in common by John de Newerk. 2º

John ate Grene in common by John, his son. 2º

The Suit concerning John Andreu and Robert de Kestevane is placed in respite until the next Court.

Henry Radolf appears against John Agodesname and craves against the said John one acre of arable land and a half, with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun, whereof he says a certain Richard Randolf, father of the aforesaid Henry, was seised in his demesne as of fee in the time of peace in the time of the Lord King Edward, father of the King that is now, in respect thereof rents/profits taken to the value of half a mark. And from the aforesaid Richard the right and fee of the aforesaid tenement discards to the aforesaid Richard [sic] who craves [one illegible word] as son and heir. And that such is his Right offered/appearing in Court etc. and the aforesaid John comes and defends/denies etc. and he craves a view/inspection thereof and he has a view/inspection.

Now it is ordered as on many occasions to hold in the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land formerly of Robert Fiket.

Thomas Broun, Robert Walter [William, son of Robert Cok – erased], William Bertram, John the Milwarde of Hamstede did not come. Therefore it is ordered to distrain.

Stephen Brounyng died, after whose death comes a certain Isabel and says that she is the heir of the aforesaid Stephen and craves two acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in le Kentessetoun. And she gives to the Lord for the holding of an enquiry whether she might be the true heir or not, 2d. And an enquiry thereon having been taken they say on their oath that the said Isobel is the true heir of the aforesaid Stephen. Therefore it is adjudged that she should have full seisin thereof etc. And [one or two illegible words] for having entrance 3d.

# **British Library. Additional Roll 42295**

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#### Court 36

Court of Totenhale held thereon Tuesday next after the Feast of St Gregory the Pope in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward [15 March 1317]

Essoins: Ralph Peres in common by William Randolf [William Bertram in common by GeoffreyBrun – erased] Stephen ate Grene in common by Roger le White William Coleman in common by John Randolf Richard Dygun in common by Roger le Bakere.

John of [sic] Godesname against Henry Randolf concerning a plea of land wherefore a view/inspection by William de Newenham. Affeered

Robert de Kestevane against John Andreu concerning a plea of land wherefore a trial/judgement, by John de Lammere.

John Andreu appears against Robert de Kestavene concerning a plea that he should surrender to him half a chamber/loft and half of a barn ad four acres of arable land and a half, with the appurtenances in Kentistoun. And the said Robert was essoined as above. And the said John challenges the said essoin because the said Robert was essoined at the Court held on Tuesday in the Vigil of the Purification of the Blessed Mary in the year [Tuesday 1st February 1317] and from this the said Robert receives many postponements in the aforesaid plea, according to the usual customs of the aforesaid Manor, from that day so that this essoin is null/invalid. And he craves a judgement of default of the aforesaid Robert. And the said Robert comes by his essoin and says that the same Robert appeared at the last court and that since that certain appearance the essoin is valid. Therefore he says that that essoin is allowable according to the aforesaid custom. And thereof he craves a judgement. And the said John likewise. And that it seemed to the Court that they could not proceed to a judgement unless the old Rolls of the said Court had been seen and examined in which the custom of the said Manor might more fully be known and ascertained. And that the foresaid Rolls are not present. Therefore it is placed in respite until the next.

Henry Randolf appears against John Agodesname concerning a plea that he should surrender to him one acre of arable land and a half with the appurtenances in 1 acre in la Kentistoun. And the said John is essoined and this it remains until the next.

Thomas Bron was distrained to answer the Lord because he made default at the last Court. And the said Thomas wagers law against Stephen Coleman, the woodward, that he was not summoned fairly/reasonably by him. And the pledges of law are John le Meleward and William de Aldenham. And he shall come with compurgators to the next etc.

John le Maleward was distrained to answer the Lord because he made default at the last Court. And the said [Thomas – erased] John says that he was not summoned fairly/reasonably. And therefore he wagers law against the woodward. And he shall come with his compurgators to the next Court. And the pledges of law are Thomas Bron and William Cok.

Robert Walter was distrained to answer the Lord concerning many defaults. And the said Robert comes and says that he shall not make suit at this Court nor at any others [illegible erasure] who was enfeoffed of arable lands are bound to come to each Court to make suite unless they scarcely reside within the demesne/fee, and might be there regularly/constantly. Therefore it is adjudged that it/he shall be dismissed [last 2 words illegible due to rubbing]

It is ordered as on other occasions to distrain William Barthram for default

It is ordered as on many occasions to hold in the hands of the Lord a certain acre of arable land formerly of Henry Fiket.

A woman's surcoat with a fur hood of the price of 18d.....

# **British Library Additional Roll 42295**

#### Court 37

Court of Totenhale held there on Tuesday next after the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward [26 April 1317].

Essoins: Stephen Coleman in common by John Edward 1º John le Monner in common by William Brun John Brun[n]ing in common by John, his son Stephen ate Grene in common by Richard Pirie. 2º

John de Godesname against Henry Randolf concernng a plea of land wherefore a view/inspection by Thomas le Taylur.

John de Godesname that is in the service of the Lord King against Henry Randolf concerning a plea of land by William Newenham.

John le Monner against Stephen Coleman concerning a plea of trespass, wherefore law, by John le Monner.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain William Barthram for many defaults etc.

It is ordered as on many occasions to hold in the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land which was of Robert Fiket etc.

John Andrew appears against Robert de Kestavane in a plea of land, challenging the essoin of the said Robert, wherefore a Judgement is pending as appeared at the last Court from which it is carried forward/renewed and he craves that the same Robert should reply himself to the principal plea. Which Robert is present and craves a judgement concerning the same because nothing is said to him by the aforesaid John [failing at this point] and he craves an answer for himself. And immediately the said John, by his statement of claim, craves from the same Robert a third part of a chamber/loft and a third part of a barn, and four acres of arable land and a half in la Kentesstoun and Totenhale, as was his Right etc

and....etc. and the same Robert defends/denies etc. He says that firstly he craved from the same half of the Chamber/Loft and half of the barn, and four acres of arable land, as it was said and how he craves a third part, as before etc .....varying..... the principal..... and he says that to this statement of claim he does not have a day and he craves a judgement concerning the aforesaid John, concerning his variation. And the aforesaid John likewise, whereupon it was adjudged by the suitors of the Court that the aforesaid Robert should withdraw his quittance thereof *sine die* and that the aforesaid John and his pledges are in mercy, that is to say, Anulfus ate Nelme and William Cokes, who were pledges of prosecution as appears in the Court held on Tuesday next after the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist in the Ninth year of the Reign of King Edward [27 April 1316]

The same John Andrew complains against Robert de Kestevane concerning a plea of land. Pledges of prosecution Thomas le Broun and Richard Dygon.

It is ordered to seize Robert de Kestvavane so that he might be at the next to answer John Andrew in a plea of land.

John Randolf **complains against** Henry Randolf concerning a plea of debt pledges of prosecution Warren Broun and William Cok. Therefore it is ordered to fine the aforesaid Henry to answer.

It is ordered as on many occasions to distrain William Bartram for many defaults

It is ordered as on many occasions to hold in the hands of the Lord a certain acre of arable land, formerly of Robert Fyket.

And from Stephen Coleman because he did not prosecute against Thomas le Broun concerning....going. In mercy 3d.

And from the same Stephen because he did not prosecute against John.....doing. In mercy 3d.

Henry Randolf appears against John a Godesname in a plea of land....John as he is essoined above, the said Henry challenges the aforesaid essoin, saying that the aforesaid essoin is not valid because in the last court the essoin was..... and that..... is not valid..... essoin....Court....of the said John says that after the view....craves the judgement of the Court and the said Henry likewise and by the suitors of the Court.... Present have a respite until the next....John....aforesaid....day which....called [Last few lines almost totally illegible as these once formed the outside of the Roll and are very worn and faded and greasy from use and exposure.]

### **Bruce Castle MR/1**

### Court 38

The Court of Tottenhall held there in the Vigil of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward [28 June 1317]

Robert de Kastevene, taylor, against John Andreu of a plea of land by John....

Henry Randolf defends against William Randolf of a plea of debt, by John Discon.

Essoins: John ate Ford of common, by John his son Thomas Bron, of the same, by Geoffrey Broun John Nicole, of the same, by John Sandre Richard Digoun of the same, by Henry Walter William Koc, of the same, by John Koc Stephen ate Grene, of the same by Geoffrey Purcer.

Henry Randolf is in mercy for contempt. 3d

It is ordered to distrain Stephen ate Grene that he be here at the next to render to the Lord, etc. for several defaults

It is ordered 'sicut plur' to distrain William Barcham for many defaults.

It is likewise ordered to take into the hands of the Lord and acre of land which was of Ralph Fiket.

John Andreu puts himself against Robert de Kasteven, tailor, of a plea of land. And the same Robert .....

John Randolf pleads against Henry Randolf of a plea of debt, and thereupon the same John pleads that on Monday next following the Feast of Easter in the seventh year of King Edward, son of King Edward, he let to the before mentioned Henry an alehouse to maintain for their joint profit from the said Monday to the end of the term...viz, until Monday next after the Feast of Easter in the year abovesaid. At which Monday John Randolf came to the said Henry and demanded his share of the said alehouse....Henry....refused; whereof he had damage to the value of 5s....And the said Henry comes and says that from the said Monday...severally common profit... which the Inquest....John likewise, and the 12 sworn say on their oath that the said Henry....the Lord 6d. Pledges: John de Diacom and William Coleman. And the said Henry is in mercy 6d.

William Randolf....that he render his 4d which he owes...William confesses to owe the same 4d. Therefore ....

Henry Randolf puts himself against John Agodesname in plea of trespass ... ...de Mareis impleads Mariota daughter of William Randolf of a plea....

Henry Randolf impleads William Randolf of a plea of debt, and sureties for prosecution are John ate ?Forde and Stephen Sclademan.

John ate Ford and Stephen Coleman are in mercy because....order to distrain the same Mariota that she be [at the next court] to answer John Mareil in pleas of debt etc.

Richard the Clerk and .... surrender into the hands of the Lord 10 acres of land and pasture...Kentiston to the use of John de Neuwerk between the customary land of .... and

land of the aforesaid John in the Otefelde to have and to hold to the said John and his heirs...

Stephen Baret, sawyer, and Macelina his wife surrender into the hands of the Lord three acres of land with appurtenances lying in Homefield in la Kentiston between the land of Henry Sclademan on either side to the use of John Agodesname and Margaret his wife to have and to hold to the same John and Macelina their heirs and assigns; and thereupon the said Macelina confesses....And they give to the Lord for entry had 18d and seisin is granted them...by the steward on behalf of the Lord.

William Randolf surrenders into the hands of the Lord an acre of land with appurtenance lying in the Coupirfeld...Chesham, to the use of John Agodesname and Margaret his wife to have....

William 'Ogm' surrenders into the hands of the Lord half an acre of land with appurtenances in la Kentiston to the use of John Agodesname and Margaret his wife to have and to hold to the same John and Margaret, their heirs and assigns...for entry had 3d.

Simon Randolf has died, after whose death comes one Alicia as his sister and heir and gives the Lord for inquest to be had 3d; and after by the Inquest therein....a cottage and four acres of land with appurtenances in la Kentiston gives to the Lord 10s.

Alice daughter of Simon Randolf surrenders into the hands of the Lord an acre of land with appurtenances in la Kentiston to the use of John Agodesname and Margaret his wife lying next the land of Richard Pygot on one side and land of the same John and Margaret and their heirs and assigns; and they give to the Lord for entry .... And seisin is granted them.

[There are a few lines of business from a previous Court (undated before the heading of the first Court proper. Stitch holes through the top of the skin indicate that this was part of a much longer roll.]

....from the Feast of St Michael next ensuing for the term of ten years next ensuing and fully completed. And he/she gives to the Lord for entering upon/into this term 6d.

# Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/4

#### Court 39

John Page complains of William le Taylur and Letice his wife, concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution William Cok, the Woodward and therefore it is ordered to attach the aforesaid William and Letice so that they might be at the next Court. The fifteenth year of the reign of King Edward [4<sup>th</sup> September 1321]

### **Essoins**

John ate Grene in common against John Hamersmyth concerning a plea of trespass by Stephen le Vaynsire.

The same John ate Grene in common by John le Fullere 1º Mathew Eget in common by Michael ate Forde 1º

The Master of the Hospital of St Giles in common by Richard le ?Blount 1º

And from William Cok, Woodward, because he was unwilling to attach William Bartram, John le Monner and John ate Forde to answer John de Odeford concerning a plea of trespass, as he was ordered to. And it is ordered as before to attach the aforesaid William, John and John so that they might be at the next Court to answer the said John de Odeford concerning a plea of trespass.

And from John Page for a false claim against William le Taylur and Letice his wife, concerning a plea of trespass 3d

And from John atte Grene for making default concerning the hearing of his judgement. 6d

It is ordered to distrain the said John ate Grene for the hearing of his judgement between him and John Hamersmyth until the next Court.

The Judgement between John Hamersmyth and John ate Grene is respited until the next Court for default of the suitors.

It is ordered on other occasions to distrain Thomas le Ken/Keu for default

And from Adam ate Pyrye junior for default

And from John Baldewyne junior for the same.

And from Richard son of John a Godesname for the same.

And from Henry Randolf for the same And from Alice Slademan for the same.

The land of Richard Dygon has been taken into the hands of the Lord. And this it remains. And the Lord had/shall have by reason of his death one horse of the price of 10s in the name of a heriot.

[marginal note opposite this entry partly eaten; 'Of the price and an abbreviation mark from a previous word only are still visible.]

The land of Robert Rake has been taken into the hands of the Lord. And this it remains.

# **Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/4**

#### Court 40

Court and View of Frankpledge of Master James de Ispania held at Totenhal on Wednesday the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Judas, in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward [28 October 1321]

Essoins: Hamo de Fonte in common by Reginald le Hert. 1º

William Bartram, John Monner and John ate Forde were attached to answer John de Odeford because the aforesaid William and the others, at the last Leet, presented themselves with malice against the same John de Odeford because the same John ploughed his land where the said William and others should carry and drive with their carts at will etc. to the damage etc. and the said William and the others come and deny this and in Right etc and they say that they are not guilty thereof and in this regard they put themselves on the Court/plead not guilty. And the aforesaid John likewise. And a Court having been held on the matter they say that a certain back path between the same John de Odeford and William Bartram is for them for carrying and driving etc and not for the said John le Monner and John ate Forde. Therefore it is adjudged that the said John de Odeford and William shall hold the said back path and the said John and John are in mercy for the aforesaid trespass. In mercy. 6d.

Thomas le Ken/Keu gives to the Lord 6d for many defaults and for having respite of suit of court for a whole year together – pledge the reeve.

John Hamersmythe appears against John ate Grene in a plea of trespass as appears in the penultimate court and he begs another Judgement concerning his plea. And a Court having been held on this matter, that say that, as the same John ate Grene made default after default, he must be assessed by the Court, which assessment is respited until the next Court.

The land of Robert Rake remains in the hands of the Lord until the next Court.

John Randolf complains of Macillina who was the wife of Stephen Randolf, concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution, John ate Grene.

John Nicole surrenders into the hands of the Lord a moiety of his messuage, together with twelve acres of arable land and meadow with all its appurtenances, which the same John Nicole formerly purchased/acquired from Stephen Stiward and Joan/John son/daughter of John Hereward, in La Kentesshetoun to the use of John Hamersmith and Agnes, his wife, to have and to hold the said tenement with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid John and Agnes, and their heirs and their assigns of the Lord by the services which belong to these tenements forever. And they did fealty to the Lord. And they give to the Lord for entrance 2s. And the steward in the name of the Lord seises thereof the aforesaid John and Agnes saving the right of whosoever. Afterwards the said John and Agnes granted to the said John Nicole, that the same might have and hold the same tenements with their appurtenances for the term of his life.

Alice, who was the wife of Richard Dygon, comes and begs for her land, which was taken into the hands of the Lord by the death of the aforesaid Richard, formerly her husband etc. because she says that she purchased/acquired the said land before she was married with the said Richard and she begs that an enquiry be made by the Court regarding this matter.[

William de Fenham gives 6d to the Lord for having respite of suit for a whole year together.

#### Court 41

# Guildhall Library MS 25,346/4 28 October 1321

Item, they present that Hugh/Hugo Perlli, the Hospital of St Giles, John Andrew, Richard son of John Godesname, Nicholas Abbot, William ate Hoo, John de ?Perchiford, Michael ate Ford, John son of William Cok, John de Cantelo.....

Item. They present that John ate Grene raised a hue against Robert, the son of John Hammersmyth, unjustly and therefore is distrained.

Item. They present that the wife of Stephen ate Greene brewed twice and sold ale against the assize.

Item. The wife of Richard Dygon brewed once and sold against the assize. Pardoned.

The wife of William de Cantelo brewed once and sold against etc.. fined 3d.

The wife of William Coleman sold against the assize but did not brew. Fined 3d.

They present that for want of cleansing a certain ditch which belongs to William Cok, on the highway, was submerged. Therefore he is in mercy 3d.

They present that for the default of the Prebend of Cantelo, a certain common way in Bishopeslane was submerged.

They present that, for the default of Adam ate Pyrye, a certain way was submerged at Dolberesgore, therefore he is in mercy.

And from Richard ate Pyrye because he refused the enquiry/questioning of the Frankpledge, therefore he is in mercy.

They present that John ate Grene drew blood from Robert, son of John Hamersmyth, unjustly therefore he is in mercy and he has wounded the same Robert.

Robert Deveneys was admitted/received on the Lord's fee, and he is not in a tithing group. Therefore the land is to be taken into the hands of the Lord until etc afterwards he came and placed himself in a tithing group and took his oath as is proper.

Now it is ordered to retain in the hands of the Lord the land formerly/lately of Robert Walton until etc....

### Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

### Court 42

1321

Court held there on Monday, the Feast of the Blessed Thomas the Apostle, in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Edward [21 December 1321]

#### **Essoins**

Stephen Coleman [essoined] in common by John, his son William Coleman in common by John Slademan

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William de Henham and Agnes, his wife complain of John Nicole concerning a plea of land. Pledges of prosecution John atte Grene and Stephen atte Grene.

Now it is ordered to retain in the hands of the Lord the land formerly/lately of Robert Walter until etc.

John Hamersmythe appears against John atte Greene in a plea of trespass and he begs the assessment of the Court as appears in the third Court last past. The Court, having been charged/instructed on this matter, they say that the said John Hamersmythe shall receive damages to two marks of which the same John pardoned the same John atte Grene half a mark ... twenty shillings to be paid, and he found pledges for the satisfaction of the same, that is to say, Stephen atte Grene and John atte Forde. And the same John atte Grene is in mercy for the aforesaid trespass.

William de Henham and Agnes, his wife, claim against John Nicole two acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in la Kenteshetoun. And they say that a certain Stephen Stiward, brother of the aforesaid Agnes, formerly came into that Court and surrendered the said land to the use of the said Agnes, which Agnes, on the day of the surrender was in the custody of the said John her father, being under age, and thus the said John holds the said land from the said day of the surrender until the present time, and concerning this matter they put themselves on the Court.

And John comes and denies etc. And he says that they unlawfully claim the said land because he says that the aforesaid Stephen made no surrender, thereof to him as the aforesaid William and Agnes say, and he begs that an enquiry be made and the aforesaid John likewise. Therefore the bailiff is ordered to summon them here in open court before the next etc. Afterwards there comes the Jury, namely, Thomas le Broun, Warren le Brown, Thomas le Chesman, John le Monner, John ate Forde, Stephen Coleman, John ate Grene, John de Mareys, William Coleman, Adnulph ate Nelme, William de Aldenham, William Bartram, Stephen ate Grene, William, son of Henry Cok, who say on their oath that the said Stephen Styward came into that Court and surrendered the aforesaid two acres of land as the aforesaid William and Agnes complain. Therefore it is adjudged that the said William and Agnes shall recover seisin of the said land and the aforesaid John Nicole is in mercy for unlawful possession. Pledge the Woodward.

.....Agnes, wife of William de Henham, attains the aforesaid William against John Nicole, concerning a plea of land.

All his fellows elected Stephen Coleman as Headborough in place of Stephen ate Grene, and it is ordered to distrain the aforesaid Stephen that he might be at the next Court to take the oath as is proper/fitting.

Adam ate Pirie Junior gives to the Lord 3d for having an enquiry concerning three roods of meadow.

Adam ate Pirie and Mabel, his wife, surrender into the hands of the Lord three Roods of meadow, with the appurtenances in la Kentesshetoun, to the use of Adam, their son. And the Steward seises therefore the aforesaid Adam, saving the right of whosoever, performing the services therefore owed and accustomed and they give to the Lord for entrance 12d. Pledge the Woodward; which meadow is in the hands of Phillip de Dykeman from the Feast of St Michael last for the three years following.

And from the headborough because they did not have Richard, so of John a Godesname, when they were pledging.

It is ordered to distrain the land formerly of John a Godesname for default.

Richard Digon, a tenant of the Lord, has died and his land has been taken into the hands of the Lord until the Lord knows who shall be the heir, and after his death the Reeve took one horse by way of a heriot. Afterwards there came Alice, relict of the aforesaid Richard, and claimed the aforesaid land for all of her life, because she was associated with the said Richard, her husband, in the acquisition/purchase of the said land. She also said that by reason of this association the Lord should not have a heriot, and thus it was she begged that an enquiry be held regarding this matter by the Jury. They say on their oath that the said Alice was associated with the said Richard in the acquisition/purchase of the messuage in which they lived, but concerning the arable land which the same Richard acquired/purchased they do not know whether the said Alice was associated or not. They also say that if any tenant there has arable land and no messuage, that the Lord should not have a heriot, but if he has a messuage and land belonging to it, the Lord should have a heriot, or if he has a messuage without land then the Lord should have a heriot. And because the said Alice was associated in the acquisition of the said messuage the aforesaid heriot is delivered to the same [two membranes have been stitched so tightly together at this point that part of the rest of this item, the names of the Assessors and the total of Court are either invisible or damaged by rubbing] Afterwards it was found in the old rolls that the aforesaid Alice was associated in the acquisition of the aforesaid land and she gives to the Lord 4d.