

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

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Guildhall Sequence MS 25,456/3

Court 69

1336

Court held there on the Feast of St Valentine in the tenth year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [14 February 1336]

Essoins

John Brounyng in common by Simon Brounyng

John Slademan in common by William Randolf

Nicholas Cheseman in common by Walter ?Dreygod

Richard atte Pyrie in common by Roger de Hamptonn

William Pope in common by Andrew Wodesome

William Broun in common by John Cheseman

William Bertram in common by Adam Shirlok

John Nicol in common by William Nicol.

John atte Grene in mercy 3d against William atte Cherche in a plea of trespass. Pledge the bailiff.

Robert de Kestevene surrenders into the hands of the Lord 1 acre of arable land, with the appurtenance in la Kentisshetoun in a field called Angewynes [rest of name illegible but probably feld] near/against le Grenestret to the use of Stephen atte Cok and his heirs, to hold etc according to the custom of the Manor, and he gave to the Lord for entrance 12d. Pledge the Bailiff.

Robert de Kestevene surrenders into the hands of the Lord 11 acres of arable land with the appurtenances in la Kentisshetoun in the field called Angewynes to the use of William Cok etc to have and to hold etc. William gives to the Lord for entrance 10d. Pledge: the Bailiff. And from the Master of St Giles 3d for default of Court.

Guildhall Sequence MS 24,346/2

Court 70

1337

View of Frankpledge of Totenhale held on Tuesday the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Judas, in the eleventh year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest. Court the same day. [28 October 1337]

[Petronilla atte Cherche](#) was summoned to answer [James le Girdler](#) in a plea of debt and he claims against the same Petronilla 2s by reason of the letting/hiring of one croft. And besides by the grant/agreement within the jurisdiction of the court. And the aforesaid Petronilla craved a judgement at the last Court etc. And she had a day for the hearing of her judgement at this Court to which the aforesaid Petronilla, having been called, comes not. Therefore etc in mercy.

[Agnes](#) who was the wife of [Thomas Andrew](#) is in mercy because she did not prosecute against [Geoffrey le Colier](#) in a plea of dower.

[Geoffrey le Colier](#) is in mercy for permission to agree against [Alice \[sic\] Andru](#) in a plea of dower.

[Geoffrey Broun](#) came into open court and surrendered into the hands of the Lord 2 acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in la [Croxford](#), to the use of [Richard le Brewer](#), to have etc. He paid an entrance fine of 2s.

[John le Carter](#) complained of [John](#), son of [Mariot Coleman](#). Pledge of prosecution [John Coleman](#). And the aforesaid John Coleman was attached to answer until the next Court which day the aforesaid John appeared and said that the aforesaid John Coleman depastured/grazed down his oats with his cows etc. And the aforesaid John Coleman says etc that he is not guilty thereof. And he submits this etc an enquiry having been held etc which says etc that he is not guilty.

[Geoffrey le Colier](#) in mercy for a false claim/complaint against [Stephen atte Grene](#) in a plea of trespass.

[Geoffrey le Colier](#) in mercy for a false claim/complain against [Stephen atte Grene](#) in a plea of debt

[Geoffrey Broun](#) comes into open court and surrenders into the hands of the Lord 1 acre of arable land, with the appurtenances in la [Croxford](#), to the use of [John Holowey](#) to have etc. Entrance 12d

A common fine for presentation is due 2s

An Enquiry having been held to enquire concerning various articles touching the View of Frankpledge, who say on their oath that [Gilbert Warin](#) raised a hue unjustly, [William de Haldenham](#) unjustly etc. Item they say on their oath that [James le Gurdler](#) ploughed up the highway, therefore etc. Item that says that [Robert de Kestevene](#) did not flood/cleanse a ditch, therefore etc. Item, they say that [Stephen atte Grene](#) brews against the assize, therefore etc. Item they say that [John Coleman](#) etc. Item, they say that [Hamo atte Welle](#), [Beatrice Cobelintonn](#), [Mariot Fayrser](#), [Stephen Howe](#), [Roger atte Grene](#) made default. [Petronilla Nicol](#) Nicholas ? Robert for the same.

One messuage and 1 garden with the appurtenances within the liberty of Totenhale were seized into the hands of the Lord. And concerning the matter there came [Robert](#) and [William](#), the sons and heirs of [Agnes Hamersmythe](#), and craved the said land etc and it was granted to them etc.

[John Nicol](#) paid a fine to the Lord for suit of Court for the following year for 6d etc.

[Henry Randolf](#) and Alice, his wife, came into open court and surrendered into the hands of the Lord one half rood of arable land, with the appurtenances, in [Homfeld](#), to the use of [John le Hopper](#), to hold for him etc. 4d.

[Matilda Baldewene](#) paid a fine to the Lord for suit of court for the following year etc 4d

Guildhall Sequence MS25,346/2

Court 71

1337

Court of Totenhale held on Saturday, the Feast of St Nicholas in the 11th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [6 December 1337]

[Henry Cros](#) in common by [Thomas le Gurdler](#)

[William Colin](#) in common by [H Godfelawe](#)

[John Chese](#) in common by [T le Koces](#)

[Henry Sondon](#) in common by [H de Horwod](#)

[Warren Broun](#) in common by [Stephen le Vessy](#)

[Geoffrey le Goldbeter](#) in common by [T Stistede](#)

[Henry Sondon](#) complains of [John Mareys](#), [John Porter](#), [John le Wite](#), [William Randolf](#), concerning a plea of trespass. And the aforesaid John le Mareys and John le Porter and John le Wite and William Randolf are attached by pledges and love days etc.

[Geoffrey Broun](#) came into open Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land and a half, with the appurtenances in la [Kentistoun](#), lying in the field called le [Croxfeld](#), to the use of [William de Aldenham](#), to hold etc. 18d

[John](#), son of [William Coleman](#), came into open Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lord half an acre of arable land, with the appurtenances lying in the field called [?Pirfeld](#) together with the hedge adjoining, to the use of [John Digon](#), to hold etc. 12d

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 72

1338

Court of Totenhale held on Tuesday the Feast of St Hilary in the above written year etc [13 January 1338]

Essoins

[Warren Broun](#) in common by [John Bartram](#) 1^o

[John Mareys](#) in common by [John atte Grene](#) 1^o

John Coleman in common by William Coleman 1^o
William Broun in common by Roger Hamond 1^o
Nicholas Cheseman in common by W. Lich 1^o

John Mareys defends/denies against Henry Sondon in a plea of trespass.

John le Wite against Henry Sondan in a plea of trespass. Pledge John de Perdonn

William atte Cherche defends/denies against John Slademan in a plea of trespass. Pledge H de Horwood

John Slademan complains against William atte Cherche in a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution the bailiff.

Richard Dodin complains against Robert de Kestevene in a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution the bailiff.

Stephen atte Howe and Estrelida, his wife, come into open Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lord 1 acre of arable land and a half, with the appurtenances, to the use of John le Kinges and Mariot, his wife, lying in the field called le Coupersfeld, to Howe etc, to the same John and Mariot and their heirs etc. 20d

John le Porter is in mercy because he comes not to answer Henry Sondon in a plea of trespass, and John Coleman and the bailiff, pledges of the aforesaid John, are in mercy because they do not have the aforesaid John to answer in the aforesaid plea. And therefore it is ordered to distrain.

William Randolf is attached to answer Henry Sondon in a plea of trespass, and he says that the aforesaid William on Monday next after the Feast of St Laurence in the 11th year he broke down his hedges and entered into his close etc and depastured/grazed down his corn etc to the damage of 20s etc. And the aforesaid William says that he is not guilty thereof, and he submits this etc. And Henry likewise.

Thomas le Ken/Keu paid a fine to the Lord for suit of Court for the following year 6d.

John Chese paid a fine to the Lord for suit of Court for the following year f6d

Walter le Baker complains against John atte Grene and Ellen, his wife, in a plea of trespass. And the aforesaid John and Ellen attached by the pledge of the bailiff, and he came not, therefore he is in mercy. And it is ordered to distrain.

Robert de Kestevene defends/denies against Richard Dodin in a plea of trespass. Pledge John de Kestevene.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 73

1338

Court of Totenhale held on Monday in the week of Pentecost in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [1 June 1338]

[This Court immediately follows that of 13 January 1338 with no breaks in the skin, so it would appear that no courts were held in the meanwhile unless a record exists elsewhere]

Essoins

The Master of **the Hospital of St Giles** in common by **Hugh de Harwode** 1^o

Nicholas Cheseman in common by **John le Hopper** 2^o

William Colin in common by **John le Porter** 1^o

John Holeway in common by **John ?Hour/Honn** 1^o

Warren Broun in common by **William Randolph** 1^o

John Mareis in common by Randolph [sic]

John Mareis essoined in a plea of trespass. Pledge **Henry Godfalawe**, guaranteed by **Henry Sondon**.

Walter le Baker in a plea of trespass by **John de Eton** against **John atte Grene** and Ellen, his wife.

John Slademan complains against **William atte Cherche** because the same William hired from him one horse for 3 days about the Feast of St Michael in the 10th year etc and broke his ?knee/hof etc to the damage of 4s 6d. And the aforesaid Williams says that he is not guilty thereof and he submits this etc and the aforesaid John likewise etc. An Enquiry having been held etc who say etc that the aforesaid horse has suffered damage of the said William to the damage of the said John 8d. Therefore...the aforesaid John shall recover the said pence and the said William is in mercy. Pledge **John atte Forde**.

Robert de Kestevene against **Richard Dodyn** of a plea of trespass. Pledge **John de Strethalle**

John le Wite was essoined at the last Court and now he does not guarantee, therefore he is in mercy 1d. Pledge **John Coleman**.

Henry Sondon by his attorney appears against **John le Wite**, **John le Porter** and **William Randolph** in a plea of trespass, saying that on Monday next after the Feast of St Laurence in the 11th year, they entered into his close and with their beasts broke down his hedges and depastured/grazed down his corn to the damage etc. and the aforesaid John, John and William defend/deny etc and say that they are not guilty thereof and they crave that an enquiry be made. And the aforesaid Henry likewise. An Enquiry having been held on the matter by the customary tenants who say on their oath that the aforesaid John, John and William entered into the close of Henry with their beasts and broke down his hedges to the damage of 6d. Therefore it is granted that Henry shall recover etc.

Memorandum concerning 6 acres of arable land demised to **Henry Cros** by **William Pope**. Item, memorandum concerning 1 acres of arable land demised to **William de Aldenham** by **Geoffrey Broun**. A fine with the Lord has not been made.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 74

1338

Court of Totenhale held on Wednesday the Feast of St Martin the twelfth year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest. [11 November 1338]

John atte Grene complains of Stephen atte Grene concerning a plea of land. Pledges of prosecution John Coleman, John atte Forde. And the aforesaid Stephen is common by the Bailiff.

Stephen atte Grene against John atte Grene in a plea of land by Thomas de Stistede.
Stephen atte Grene in common by Paul Hamond
John Chese in common by John Parndonn
William Broun in common by Roger Hamond
William Pope in common by John Baldewene
Warren Broun in common by Gilbert his son
Nicholas Cheseman in common by Ralph de Ware
John Slademan in common by William de Brackele
William Barthram in common by John Bartram

Walter le Baker defends/denies against William de Newenham in a plea of compromise/fine by Hugh de Horwode.

Richard Dodin made default. Therefore he is in mercy.

The land of which Robert de Kestevene died seised within the Prebend of Totenhale has been taken into the hands of the Lord. And it is ordered to take the best beast by way of a heriot.

Stephen Alis, partour, surrendered into the hands of the Lord half of one acre of arable land to the use of William Brounyng etc. Fine 6d

Now it is ordered to seize into the hands of the Lord the land which belonged to John de Cobelingtonn.

John the son of John atte Grene Junior was taken/seized within the demesne.

Henry Sondon in common by Thomas le Gurdlere.

[The left hand margin has suffered from rubbing, so that some marginal notes are indistinct and some may have vanished]

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 75

1338

Court of Totenhale held there on Tuesday the Feast of the Blessed Mary in the year above said [8 December 1338 - the Feast of the Conception of the Virgin Mary]

William Pope in common by John ?Hour/Honn

John Slademan complains against Walter le Baker in a plea of trespass. And it is ordered to attach the aforesaid Walter against the next etc. Pledges of prosecution Stephen atte Green and William Koc.

An Enquiry held by oath between Stephen atte Grene and others, who say on their oaths that Robert de Kestevene held of the Lord sixty acres of arable land and two messuages by services etc and 10 shillings per annum and that John de Kestevene is his first born son and his heir and he gives a relief of 10s.

John atte Grene came into open Court and released to Stephen atte Grene all the right and claim which he had in three acres of arable land and [?one half and three...] of one messuage with the appurtenances in la Kentistoun except for a certain way [several words totally erased and obliterated here] in the land of the said Stephen to the land of the aforesaid John, that is to say in those three acres of arable land which the said Stephen had by the surrender of Cesilia, his mother.

Guildhall Sequence MS 24,345/2

Court 76

1339

Court held on Thursday in the week of Easter in the thirteenth year [1 April 1339]

Richard atte Piry in common by John Sheperd
William Bentham in common by John Bartcham
Geoffrey Goldbetter in common by John Hammond
John Nichol in common by Stephen Broun
William Broun in common by Thomas Cokes
Nicholas Cheseman in common by William Wyseman
John Holeway in common by William Holeway
Stephen atte Grene in common by John de Bylyngham
Hendry Sondan in common by Robert Randolf

John Slademan is in mercy because he did not prosecute Walter le Baker.

The land of John de Coblyngtonn was seized into the hands of the Lord after the death of John, son of John, and concerning this matter there comes Elena, the sister and one of the heirs of the aforesaid John, and craves one half of the aforesaid land, that is to say half of one messuage and eight acres of arable land etc.

And the other half was retained in the hands of the Lord and afterwards it was demised to John Colman until the Feast of St Michael for 2 shillings and eight pence.

John de Kestevene is in mercy because he made default of suit of Court 3d.

[Stitches and stitch holes indicate that there was probably another skin below this]

Guildhall Sequence 25,346/2

Court 77

1338

Court of Totenhale held on Monday the Feast of St Margaret the Virgin in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [20 July 1338]

[This and the succeeding Court are on the dorse of the preceding material for 1338-9. Some sections of the material have been damaged by dirt and rubbing.]

Essoins

[William Bartram](#) in common by [John Bartram](#)

[Stephen ate Grene](#) in common by [Thomas le Gurdlere](#)

[John Slademan](#) in common by [Henry Broun](#)

[John atte Forde](#) in common by [John de ?Heton...](#)

[Walter le Baker](#) complains against [John atte Grene](#) and Elena, his wife, and the aforesaid John puts himself/submits etc. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledge [Coleman](#) [sic] 3d

[Robert de Kestevene](#) and [Richard Dodin](#) crave that ... until the next by the permission of the Lord etc.

[William Pope](#) complains against [John Slademan](#) in a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution [John Coleman](#).

[William Koc](#) made default. Therefore he is in mercy Pledge [John Coleman](#). 2d

[John Coleman](#) complains against [William atte Cherche](#) in a plea of trespass. Pledge [John Coleman](#).

[Geoffrey le Goldbeter](#) in common by Paul [sic] he came afterwards.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 78

1338

Court of Totenhale held there on Thursday next after the Feast of the Translation of St Edward the King in the twelfth year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [15 October 1338]

Essoins

[Henry Sondon](#) in common by [Thomas le Gurdler](#). He came afterwards

[Richard Doidin](#) in common by [Nicholas le Heringmonger](#).

[John Mareys](#) made default at the last Court. Now he comes and submits. Pledge [John Coleman](#). 2d

[John Coleman](#) did not prove his claim against [William atte Cherche](#) in a plea of trespass. Therefore the said William should be ... thereof. And the aforesaid John is in mercy 3d

[William Pope](#) appears against [John Slademan](#) in a plea of trespass, saying... by him... wrongly presented in Court and an enquiry between the same John Slademan and [William atte Cherche](#) to the damage etc. And the aforesaid John did not deny this. Therefore William Pope should recover damages which are assessed at 2d. And the said John is in mercy, pledge [John Coleman](#).

[Richard Dodin](#) did not pursue his claim against [Robert de Kestevene](#) in a plea of trespass. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledge [John Coleman](#). 2d

[Henry Randolph](#) bound to find one man at harvest time for forking onto the cart for the carrying of the Lord's corn, made default thereof. Therefore the same is in mercy. Pledge [John Coleman](#). 3d.

[Nicholas Cheseman](#) bound to find one man at harvest time for forking onto the cart for the carrying of the Lord's corn made default thereof. Therefore he is in mercy 3d. Pledge [John Coleman](#).

[William Koc](#), bound to find one cart at harvest time for the carrying of the Lord's corn, made default. Now he comes and says that he is not bound to find any cart. And the Lord of this Court, concerning aforesaid...which is not...afterwards the said William craves that an enquiry...by the Court...said...to do...customary...the Court concerning the aforesaid cart etc...must do the said carrying as of Right. Therefore the Lord should receive damages which are assessed at 8d. And the said William, for his withdrawal of the said service is in mercy. Pledge [Stephen ate Grene](#).

[John](#), son of [John de Coblyngtonn](#) held of the Lord half of one grange/barn and seven acres of arable land...with the appurtenances in le [Kentistoun](#)... ?died...from whom there was no [heriot](#) because he had no animal....etc for the aforesaid tenement....as...right....claims Therefore it is ordered to seize the said tenement, with the appurtenances into the hands of the Lord and the Bailiff....

[John Mareys](#), bound to find one man at harvest time for forking onto the cart for carrying of the Lord's corn made default. Therefore he is in mercy 1d. Pledge [John Coleman](#).

[William le Herde](#) was attached for an offence committed in the Lord's wood by an axe, price/value 1½d. and the said securitynot...and the said William to be better distrained.

[Geoffrey Broun](#) surrenders into the hands of the Lord two acres of arable land in [Croslane/d](#) to the use of [William de Aldenham](#), his heirs and assigns etc. And the Steward in the name of the Lord, seised ... Saving the right of everyone. Pledge [John Coleman](#). A fine of 2s

[William Pope](#) came into open Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lord eight acres of arable land, with the appurtenances, whereof six acres lie in [Crosfeld](#) against le ?[Neyersote](#), and his two acres of arable land lie in [Henwardefeld](#) to the use of Henry... and

Matilda, his wife etc. And the Steward in the name of his Lord, seized the same Henry and Matilda etc. Fine 5s. Pledge [John Coleman](#).

Court 79

1338

View of Frankpledge held at Totenhale the day and year above written [they were not noted].

It is ordered to seize into the hands of the Lord four acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in la [Meddelfelde](#) in le [Neyersote](#), which [Walter le Bakere](#) sold to [William de Newenham](#).

[William de Newenham](#) complains against [Walter le Baker](#) in a plea of compromise. Pledge of prosecution [Henry le Cros](#). And it is ordered to attach the same Walter in all respects etc. so that he might be at the next to answer the said William.

The members of the Frankpledge present that [Walter le Bakere](#) 3d, [Nigel](#) the [Clerk](#) 2d, the guardian of [Stephen Hereward](#), [John](#) son of [John atte Grene](#) 2d, [William Holeway](#) 2d, make default, therefore the same are in mercy.

Item they present that John son of [John atte Grene](#) junior, is of the age of twelve years and outside the assessment/examination but [John atte Grene](#) stood surety for him so that he might come to the next Court etc.

Item, they present that [Mariot Slademans](#) unjustly raised a hue on [Isabel Coleman](#). And the aforesaid Mariot found a pledge so that she might be at the next, and now she does not come. Therefore [William Coleman](#), because he stood bail/surety is in mercy. 3d. [Isabel Coleman](#) was bailed/assured by [Richard le Brewere](#) 2d and now she does not come. Therefore the aforesaid Richard is in mercy.

Item, they present that William the [groom/servant](#) of [John Coleman](#), raised a hue on [John Coleman](#) junior justly. Therefore John Coleman is in mercy.

Item [John](#), son of [John ate Grene](#) raise a hue on [Stephen](#), son of [Stephen atte Grene](#) justly, but he had nothing, therefore/on condition that he is to be amerced later.

Item they present part of a grange/barn which the heirs of [John de Cobelintonn](#) held is broken down and unrepaired because of the default of the same heirs. Therefore the heirs are in mercy.

Item. They present that because of the defect of a certain ditch which [Robert de Kestevne](#) should flood, one of the King's highways was submerged, therefore Robert is in mercy and it is ordered etc.

Item, they present that [Thomas de Berkhamsted](#), 2d [Mariot Fayrser](#), 2d [John Slademan](#) 2d and [John Coleman](#) 4d, sold ale against the assize. Therefore they are in mercy.

Item they present that [Mariot](#), wife of [John le Kinges](#) ...the house of [John Coleman](#) Junior against the will of the said John. Therefore the said Mariot is in mercy 4d. Pledge [John le Kinge](#).

[William atte Cherche](#) gives to the Lord for suit of Court until ...the Leet next following 6d. Pledge [John Coleman](#).

[John Mareys](#) gives for the same 6d. Pledge [John Coleman](#).

[Petronilla Nicoles](#), who held of the Lord one acre and a half of arable land with the appurtenances in la [Kentistoun](#), has died. And concerning this matter there came John and William, sons of the aforesaid Petronilla, to crave the said land as the nearest heirs of the same Petronilla and because it was witnessed that they have a right in their claim, seisin is delivered to them, etc. Relief 3d. They pledged each other.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/6

Court 80

MS 25,346/6

Court held there [Totenhale] on Thursday next after the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest (23rd Oct 1343]

Essoins

[John le Bacheler](#) in common by [Michael atte Forde](#)

[John Nicole](#) in common by [John Dygonn](#)

[William Broun](#) in common by [Geoffrey le Heyward](#)

[William atte Cherche](#) in common by [Stephen atte Cherche](#)

[William atte Cherche](#) defends/denies against [John Dygonn](#) concerning a plea of trespass by [Stephen le White](#).

[John Dygonn](#) complains of [William atte Cherche](#) concerning a plea of trespass, pledge of prosecution [Roger Cros](#). And the foresaid William is essoined as above.

[John Baldewyne](#) complained of [William atte Cherche](#) concerning a plea of debt. Pledge of prosecution [Roger Cros](#).

And the aforesaid William was attached by the pledge of [Nicholas Chesman](#) and he comes not. Therefore the aforesaid Nicholas is in mercy 1d. And it is ordered to distrain the aforesaid William so that he might be at the next Court etc.

[John atte Grene](#) junior puts himself in mercy against [John atte Grene](#) senior, concerning a plea of trespass

[Roger Cros](#) comes into open court and demises, with the Lord's permission, to [William Payn](#) and [Juliana](#), his wife, all the lands and tenements, with all their appurtenances, which he has in [le Kentisshoun](#) within the Prebend of Totenhale, for the term of five years, beginning at the Feast of St Michael in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward the third since

the Conquest, until the end of the five years next following and fully completed. And the aforesaid Roger, in open Court, undertakes and binds himself that he will not alienate the aforesaid lands and tenements with all the appurtenances within the aforesaid term so that William and Juliana might avail themselves of their term. And they give to the Lord for entrance 6s 8d.

[John Slademan](#) is in mercy because he removed himself/departed from a certain enquiry in which he was sworn, between [Roger Cros](#) and [John Colman](#) junior.

[Roger Cros](#) puts himself in mercy against [John Colman](#) junior, concerning a plea of compromise/fine.

[John Mareys](#) 6d, [Stephen atte Grene](#), 6d, [Nicholas Chesman](#) 6d, [John Colman](#) 6d, [Stephen Cokes](#) 6d, [John Marreys](#) 6d, [John atte Forde](#) 6d, [Michael atte Forde](#) 6d, [William Cokes](#) 6d, [John atte Grene](#) 6d, [William Bartram](#) 6d [one faded and illegible word here] in mercy because they refused/contradicted their sworn statements at the preceding Court.

[John Colman](#) junior is fined 12d against the Lord for a contempt done to the Lord's bailiff.

[John Colman](#) junior demises with the Lord's permission to [John Slademan](#), one acre and one rood of arable land with the appurtenances lying in a certain field called the [Sixacres](#), for the term of six years, beginning at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward the third since the conquest, until the end of six years fully completed. And he gives to the Lord for entranced 6d.

Affeerers, [John Marreys](#), [John Colman](#).

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/6

Court 81

1844

Court held there [Totenhale] on Thursday next before the Feast of St Hillary in the 17th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [8 January 1344]

Essoins

[William Bertram](#) in common by [Adam Shirlock](#)

[Richard atte Pirie](#) in common by [John atte Pirie](#)

[John Colman](#) senior in common by [John le Hoppere](#)

[William Broun](#) in common by [William de Eye](#)

[John Nicole](#) in common by [John de Essex](#)

[Matilda Baldewyne](#) in common by [John Dygonn](#).

[William atte Cherche](#) acknowledges himself indebted to [John Baldewyne](#) in four pence. And the aforesaid William is in mercy. Fined 1d

[John Bacheler](#) and [John Holeway](#) are in mercy for default of suit of Court. Fined 3d.

John Mareys comes into open Court and renders into the hands of the Lord one messuage, with the appurtenances in **la Kentisstoun**, to the use of **Ralph de Kent**, **pottere**, to have and to hold to the same Ralph, his heirs and assigns as land held by **villein tenure** [Latin: terra native] according to the custom of the Manor of Totenhale. And the Steward seised the aforesaid Ralph, saving the right of whosever. And he gives to the Lord for entrance 3s 4d.

John Mareys demises with the Lord's permission to **Matilda de Kestevene**, one piece of meadow lying in **Egeltesmede** for the term of four years, beginning at the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary the Virgin next ensuing until the end of four years next following and fully completed. And she gives to the Lord for having her term 6d.

John de Kestevene comes into Open Court and renders into the hands of the Lord eight acres of arable land with the appurtenances in **Herewardesfeld**, to the use of **David de Leicestre** and **Alice**, his wife, to have and to hold to the same David and Alice and their heirs and assigns as land held by **villein tenure** according to the custom of the Manor of Totenhale. And the Steward seised the aforesaid David and Alice saving the right of whosever. And they give to the Lord for entrance 8s.

John, the son of **Stephen atte Grene** comes into open Court and renders into the hands of the Lord one cottage with a garden adjoining, and with all other its appurtenances, to the use of **David de Leicestre** and **Alice**, his wife, to have and to hold to the same David and Alice etc. And they give to the Lord for entrance 12d.

Stephen atte Grene and **John**, son of the said Stephen, came into open Court and acknowledged themselves indebted to **Matilda de Kestevene** and **John** her son, in ten shillings sterling, to be paid at the Feast of Easter next following. And [one damaged word here] etc.

John de Kestevene comes into open Court and renders into the hands of the Lord one acre and a half of arable land, with the appurtenances in a certain field called le **Folleresfeld**, to the use of **John**, son of **Stephen atte Grene**, to have and to hold to the same John etc. and he gives to the Lord for entrance 18d.

A **love day** between **Robert le Clerk** of **Hampstede** in a plea of trespass in three suits/complaints, and **Nicholas Chesman**.

Between **John Digonn** and **William atte Cherche** in a plea of trespass.

John Colman Junior comes into open Court and renders into the hands of the Lord [damaged erasure – half an acre?] three roods of arable land, with the appurtenances, lying in **Piriefeld**, to the use of **Stephen Cokes** and **Isabel**, his wife, to have and to hold etc. And they give to the Lord for entrance 8d.

John de Kestevene comes into open Court and renders into the hands of the Lord one croft containing one rood of arable land, as it is enclosed by hedges and ditches, lying in **la Kentisstoun**, together with four acres of arable land lying in **Herewardesfeld**, between the

land of [John D – erased] [Richard Dodyn](#) and [William Bertram](#), to the use of [Ralph de Kent](#), [pottere](#), to have etc. And he gives to the Lord for entranced 5s.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/7

Court 82

Court of Master John de Carleton Prebend of the Prebendary of Totenhall held there on Thursday next before the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Judas, together with the View of Frankpledge, in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Kind Edward the Third, since the Conquest [25 October 1352]

[The front of this skin is in generally good condition with some odd dirty/rubbed patches and also a series of stains where something has been spilled on or soaked into the skin. The dorse is in a worse condition with much damage due to dirt/rubbing/staining]

[John Carter](#), [Henry atte Grene](#) and [Richard Pirier](#), [headboroughs](#).

The [Headboroughs](#), with the whole tithing, present that [Nicholas Baldewine](#), [William Slyngg](#) 6d, Stephen [stained] 6d... Clerk, [William Aldeneham](#) junior 6d (Lord Robert erased) the Chaplain of St Giles, Walter a [rest of line illegible] of/concerning... of the Lord, now they do not come and make default, therefore they are in mercy.

The Headboroughs give to the Lord as cert money 2s.

Item, they present that a certain [Martin le Girdeler](#)...for a certain thief....in....and the said Martin raised a hue. Therefore he is in mercy.

Item. They present that [Thomas Dikon](#) did not flood his ditch and because of this the water flows into the road to the annoyance of his neighbours, therefore he is in mercy and it is ordered [rest missing] 3d

They present that [William le Chalener](#) did not flood his ditch as above, therefore he is in mercy 3d.

They present that the wife of [Richard Pirier](#) is a regrator of ale, therefore she is in mercy 3d.

They present that the wife of [John Nicol](#) broke down the hedges of her neighbours and carried away the wheat of her neighbours, therefore she is in mercy 6d.

They present that [William Sondon](#) demised to [Henry Greneman](#) 12 acres of arable land for the term of one year beyond the custom of the Manor without the Steward's permission, and it was not enrolled, therefore he is in mercy 12d.

They present that [Henry Greneman](#) entered the house of [John Nicol](#) and carried away his goods and chattels against the will of the aforesaid Nicholas [sic] and not attached in the hands of the Bailiff, therefore he is in mercy. Pledges of the aforesaid Henry, [Richard Litul](#) and Richard le [Karter](#), pledge of the foresaid Nicholas [sic] [John Holwey](#).

[Felicia/Phyllis ?Cynof](#) because she did not perform the service for the Lord as she should do, therefore she is in mercy. Pledges [John Bulteford](#) and [Richard Litul](#).

They present that [John Holwey](#) did not perform the services for the Lord as he should do and as it is contained in the rental, that is to say 2s 8d pledge [Richard Litul](#), therefore he is in mercy [the rest of this item appears to have been written later] because they were in arrears for 2 years. Pledges...payment of rent, Richard Litul and John le [illegible].

They present that [Alice Hopper](#) did not perform the services for the Lord as she should do and as it is contained in the rental, that is to say 10d pledge John [illegible].

[William le Chalener](#) is in mercy because he called others to guarantee the record of the Roll which he should not have done....services as are contained in the Roll.... of the Court and he defaults of Warranty/Guarantee, therefore he is in mercy. Pledge [John Bulteford](#).

[Henry Greneman](#) is in mercy because he did not perform the services for the Lord at the usual terms as he should do [rest of line illegible]

They present that [Thomas Challegam](#) did not perform the services of the Lord at the usual terms as he should do...and he did not pay... 2 1/2d and thus there remains in arrears 13 1/2d. Pledge [John Bulteford](#).

[Geoffrey atte More](#) and [John Dikon](#) did fealty.

The Headboroughs, with the whole tithing elect [John Baldewyn](#) and [William Kolyn](#) to the office of [Reeve](#), at the will of the Lord and [Richard atte Ford](#) and [Richard Litul](#) to the office of [Pindar](#).

The Jurors say on their oath that one heifer of the colour...with one...came as extrahuras, valued at 2s and remained in the hands of the Lord from the Feast of Saint... until And now they are in the hands of [this last phrase is in darker ink and appears to have been written in later.]

They present that one horse of the colour of grey came as an extrahura, valued at 3s and remained in the hands of the Lord for 15 days.

It is presented that [Margery le Baker](#) did not perform the services for the Lord as she should do, and the annual rent of 12d and she has paid nothing for 2 years, therefore she is in mercy at the will of the Lord.

[David de Leycestre](#) comes to this Court and surrenders into the hands of the Lord 10 acres of arable land and meadow with the appurtenances in [Kentiston](#), to the use of [Peter Atrente](#), Citizen of London and [Alice](#) his wife, to hold to them and their heirs etc. Entrance 6s 8d and he did fealty.

[John Salman](#) and [Ellen](#) his wife come here into Court and surrender into the hands of the Lord a third part of one messuage to the use of [Peter Atrente](#), Citizen of London and Alice his wife as [much as] the dower of the same Ellen, to hold to them etc. Entrance 6d.

To this Court come [John Gylot](#) and [Sabina](#), his wife, and surrender into the hands of the Lord 2 acres of arable land and a half, and one rood of arable land in [Coupersfeld](#) to the use of [John Salman](#) and [Ellen](#), his wife etc. Entrance 2s 6d.

To the Court comes [William Bertram](#) and surrenders into the hands of the Lord half an acre of meadow, with the appurtenance insunde, to the use of the aforesaid [John](#) and [Ellen](#) etc. Entrance 6d.

To the Court comes [William Bertram](#) and surrenders into the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land in [Herewardesfeld](#) to the use of [John Slethe/Sleche](#) and [Isabell](#), his wife, etc. Entrance 12d.

To the Court comes [Alexander le Pynner](#) and [Agnes](#), his wife and surrender into the hands of the lord 2 acres of arable land in [Kelburlond](#) to the use of [John Alston](#) and [Alice](#) his wife etc. Entrance 18d.

[William Bertram](#) comes to this Court and surrenders into the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land in [Herewardesfeld](#) to the use of [William le Chalener](#) and [Joan](#), his wife, to hold etc. Entrance 12d

To this Court comes [Richard Littol](#) and surrenders into the hands of the Lord 5 acres of arable land in [Kentiston](#) whereof 2 acres lie in ...ynfeld and 2 acres at [le Longgelondes](#), and one acre in [Litul Pinfeld](#) to the use of [William le Chalener](#) and [Joan](#), his wife, etc. Entrance 5s

To the Court comes [John atte Forde](#) and [William](#), his brother and surrenders into the hands of the Lord 4 acres and a half of arable land in [Kentiston](#) to the use of [Sarah atte Forde](#) mother of the aforesaid John and William etc. Entrance 2s.

To the Court comes [William le Chalener](#) and surrenders into the hands of the Lord one messuage with the appurtenances in [Kentiston](#) to the use of [Rose de Egeswer](#) to hold etc. Entrance 10d.

[Richard de Podyngton](#) complains against [Geoffrey atte Motte](#) concerning a plea of trespass that 6d and he did not.... Therefore he is in mercy and it is ordered to levy. Pledge [Richard atte Pirie](#)

The same [Richard](#) complains of the aforesaid [Geoffrey](#) concerning a plea of trespass and they have permission to agree and ... in mercy.

[Richard Litul](#) complains of [John Nicol](#) concerning a plea of trespass because the aforesaid [Nicholas erased] John ... 3s 4d and the aforesaid John comes and says that he is not guilty thereof, and they say that he is guilty thereof... therefore he is in mercy.

[John Nicol](#) complains of [Thomas Dikon](#) concerning a plea of trespass because the aforesaid Thomas, together with his cart, did ... at the end of/beyond the private meadow to the damage of 12d and they say on their oath that ... is guilty to the damage of one penny. Therefore the aforesaid Thomas is in mercy and is ordered to levy etc.

[John de Buntynford](#) complains of [William Bertram](#) and [Alice](#), his wife, concerning a plea of trespass and they have permission to agree and the aforesaid William is in mercy.

[Alice Colman](#) is in mercy because she does not appear against William [Smyth](#) in a plea of trespass.

[Geoffrey Goldebeter](#) is attached for 2 bullocks in the Lord's pasture. The aforesaid Geoffrey comes...therefore he is in mercy by pledge.

[Roger atte Stowe](#) was attached for 1 cow in the Lord's pasture by the pledge of one [illegible word] and he comes not. Therefore he is in mercy.

[Robert ?Mippe/Mippie](#) is attached for 40 animals in the Lord's pasture. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledge [Richard de Podyngton](#).

[John le Cherlyngg](#) is attached for 8 pigs and 2 animals in the Lord's pasture. Therefore he is in mercy.

The Master of the [Hospital of St Giles](#) is attached for 8 animals in the Lord's wheat. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledge the Bailiff.

The same Master is in mercy for 26 pigs taken in the Lord's corn.

[Martin le Girdeler](#) is in mercy for 2 horses taken in the Lord's private pasture.

[Alice atte Crouche](#) is in mercy for one cow take in the Lord's private pasture.

[Robert Mippe/Mippie](#) is in mercy for 4 animals taken in the Lord's private pasture.

[Agnes atte Chirche](#) complains of [John le Carter](#) concerning a plea of trespass because ... on their oath they say that the aforesaid John is not/did not ... therefore the aforesaid Agnes is in mercy.

[The last eight inches of so of this skin is in very poor condition and is illegible in part. This section was the outside of the Roll and has suffered greatly from general rubbing and dirt, spills and other stains. Some marginal notes have disappeared beneath the grime.]

[Richard Warde](#), [Sheather \[Schelhere\]](#) and [?Cecil](#) ...son and heir of [John le \[Bacheler](#) and interlined] because...for...puts himself... until of John le Bacheler taken... ?15 acres of arable land and two acres of meadow in [Kentesshetoun](#). And concerning this matter... Ward, Sheather and Cecil son and heir of the aforesaid John le Bacheler and is ... etc. Who say on their oath that the aforesaid.... That is to say Katherine... ... of/concerning.... To the

aforesaid Richard Ward. And they say that the aforesaid Katherine and ... the son and heir of the aforesaid John Bachelor and that the aforesaid John...because it is adjudged that a half part of the aforesaid...to the aforesaid Richard and Cecil and the heir of the aforesaid Cecil to hold of the Lord...aforesaid...relief for etc. And the Bailiff is ordered

... that the same should make fealty...the aforesaid Richard and Cecil ... the same Katherine.. Richard and Cecil...Roger de... Katherine...to the use of...afterwards...into the hands of the Lord... of the aforesaid...the aforesaid to the use of the aforesaid.. Roger... to hold of the Lord according to the custom of etc... And a day was given to the aforesaid Roger to...and a day was given to the aforesaid Richard and Cecil...until the next...the half part...after...day and damage assessed etc to the use of the aforesaid...rent...is...aforesaid...the aforesaid Richard comes not to claim...Richard...And...until the next etc and a day is given...aforesaid...the aforesaid...therefore he is attached etc..

Affeerers of the Court [John de Buntyngford](#) and [Paul Littyll](#)

[There are no stitches/stitch holes at either end of the skin so this one extremely long court would seem to have been recorded as a separate item.]

Guildhall Sequence MS 25, 346/2

Court 83

Court of Master John de Carleton Prebend of the Prebendary of Totenhale, held there on Saturday the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the 27th year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest [29 June 1353]

Essoins

The heir of [David le Leycestre](#) in common by [Richard Littul](#).

John Holwei in common by [John Adam](#)

[John Baldewyn](#) was essoined until the next Court and now he comes not, therefore he is in mercy 3d/6d

It was presented that [William Coln](#) [document rubbed] demised one half acre of meadow to [John le Carter](#) for the term of one year above/beyond the custom of the Manor and the Bailiff was ordered to seize into the hands of the Lord the said half acre of meadow to hold to the use of the Lord until an enquiry has been held concerning the said meadow.

[Martin le Gerdeler](#) is attached for the horse in the Lord's enclosure. He puts himself by the pledge of the Bailiff. 12d

[Thomas Diconn](#) is attached for two horses in the Lord's enclosure – he puts himself by the pledge of the Bailiff. 6d

[Richard the clerk](#) is attached for one horse in the Lord's enclosure. He puts himself by the pledge of the Bailiff.

Henry atte Grene complains of Richard Pirie concerning a plea of trespass, pledge of prosecution the Bailiff, and the bailiff was also the pledge of the aforesaid Richard to answer the said Henry, and now the aforesaid Henry is not present. Therefore he is in mercy and his pledge is in mercy 6d.

The whole homage presents that Geoffrey Goldebeter 3d, a free tenant makes default John Cox 9d, William Colyn 6d, Robert Roulf 3d, Henry Sondon 4d, John Bachiler 6d, John Marreys, tenants owing suit, make default, therefore they are in mercy.

They present that John atte Grene had custody of William [illegible, interlined word] son of Stephen atte Grene and six acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in Kentischetoun as the nearest blood relation of the foresaid William, according to the custom of the Manor, and the same John atte Grene also had the custody of Alice, daughter and heir of John, son of John atte Grene, as the next of blood of the aforesaid Alice, and also for five acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in the aforesaid township, according to the custom of the Manor, and they say that the aforesaid John has died and the foresaid William and Alice remain in the custody of Alice who was the wife of John atte Grene, and executrix of the testament of the aforesaid John, and now comes John Alleston who espoused the foresaid Alice, executive of the aforesaid John atte Grene, and also the said Alice, and they craved to be admitted to the custody of the said William and Alice, and also to the aforesaid tenements until the full age of William and Alice and they are admitted and give to the Lord for a fine 6s 8d.

They say that Richard le Smyth took/received one acre of arable land to hold for one year without the Lord's permission against the custom of the Manor, by the demise of John Holway and therefore he is amerced 12d.

The whole homage present that John Nichol, a tenant and villein within the demesne/Lordship, removed himself outside the demesne/Lordship and remained/stayed with Edmund de Grimmesby at Cantelow, therefore the whole homage is ordered to take the said John, to remain and serve his Lord like all the others, under the penalty of one mark, and further that the Bailiff should cause to be seised into the hands of the Lord all the tenements which John Nichol holds within the Lord's demesne.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 84

1353

Court of Master John de Carleton, likewise with view, Prebend of the Prebendary of Totenhale, held there on Monday the Feast of the Apostles Symon and Judas in the 27th year of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [18 October 1353]

John Alston and William le [illegible] have permission to agree in ... they have a day until the next.

William Swan is attached for 2 pigs in the Lord's corn. He puts himself by the pledge of Adam Paddebury. He puts himself by the pledge of the bailiff. In mercy 3d

[Martin le Girdeler](#) is attached for 2 horses in the Lord's enclosure. Pledge the Bailiff. Amerced 3d.

[John Hartwell](#) is attached for 12 animals in the Lord's enclosure. He puts himself by the pledge of the Bailiff.

[John Halston](#) complains against [William Chalener](#) in a plea of debt. Pledge of prosecution [John Carter](#). [John Smal](#) [rest of name illegible] complains of Geoffrey Pledge of prosecution the Bailiff. [William le Chalener](#) complains of John Halston in a plea of trespass. Pledge [Richard de Podyngton](#).

[Robert Clerk](#) complains of [John Halston](#) in a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution [William le Wrich](#)

The same Robert complains of [Richard Little](#) in a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution the same [William Wrich](#).

[Agnes](#), who was formerly the wife of [John Fisshe](#) received from the Lord 2 acres of arable land in [Kentyssetoun](#) to hold for the term of her life etc. Entrance 12d.

The whole Homage presents that [John Cook](#) 3d, [William Everard](#) 2d, [Geoffrey Goldebeter](#) 2d, [David de Leicestre](#) 3d, [William le Chalener](#) 6d, [William Sondon](#) 3d, [Roger Amberwell](#) ?2d/3d, [Master Walter](#) del 2d, [S. Witchihehawe](#), Thomas [illegible] 6d, [Alice Colman](#) 2d, [Agnes atte Chirche](#) 2d, John [illegible], [Alice Hopper](#), [John Cartere](#) de [Grenestret](#) 2d, the Tenant of the tenements which belonged to [Mariot Veisers](#), [John Colman](#) 1.2d, [Felicia/Phyllis](#) [illegible], [William le Chalener](#), [Peter Aterente](#) 2d, [Isabell le Peyntur](#) 2d, [William atte Grene](#) [[William Baldewyn](#) erased] [William Slyngg](#) 6d, [Ralph Schip](#) 6d, [Thomas Clayer](#) 2d, [Thomas Colyn](#) 2d, tenants of this Manor make default. And because the Headboroughs have not ... the tithing, therefore the headboroughs, with the whole tithing are in mercy. They present that the headboroughs [illegible word] give to the Lord as cert money 2s. They present that [John Smal](#) [rest of name illegible] did not discuss/establish with the Lord for a day to receive/take the harvest and for another day to take/receive the ... as he was bound to, therefore he is in mercy and he says that ... aforesaid are worth ... for the other day and worth.

They say that Katherine aforesaid and did not do and it is worth ?10d. The Bailiff is ordered to levy and the said Katherine is in mercy. They present that John ... therefore the bailiff is ordered to levy and the said John is in mercy. They present that ... to the Lord ... for one day and it is worth 12d, and the Bailiff is ordered etc and the said ... is in mercy.

They say that ... raised a hue unlawfully on [William Smith](#). Therefore the said William is in mercy and 6d. Headboroughs/tithing ... to attach ...

They say that [Thomas Dicon](#) did not flood a certain ?lane which is called ... therefore he is in mercy 3d and the Bailiff is ordered to distrain the aforesaid Thomas for the flooding of the said lane.

[John Halston](#) complains against Geoffrey atte ... in a plea of trespass of prosecution. [John de Buntynford](#) and the said Geoffrey puts himself...

[Both sides of the skin containing the Courts for 1353 are in very poor condition due to rubbing, creasing, dirt and staining, so that many words and phrases are illegible]

To this Court comes [John de Buntynford](#) and surrenders into the hands of the Lord 1 acre of land with the appurtenances, to the use of John le [illegible] of the Lord etc. Entry 18d.

[Stephen Wyte](#) comes into Court and surrenders into the hands of the Lord half an acre of arable land, to the use of [John Salmon](#), and the said John ... of the Lord etc. Fine 6d.

The whole Homage elected [John Smalgrave](#) and [John Nicol](#) to the office of [Reeve](#), and [William le Smyth](#) and Henry for the guarding/keeping of the Lord's wood, and for the levying of the Lord's rent.

[Richard le Sheyer](#) comes into court and surrenders into the hands of the Lord one messuage and 9 acres of arable land with the appurtenances in [Kentiesh...](#) to the use of [Roger de Ambewelle](#) ... of [Cecilia](#), daughter of [John le Bacheler](#), and the said Roger received of the Lord the said tenements to hold... 8s, and did fealty etc.

John Smalgrave who was elected ... admitted ... to/from the Lord so that/as ... to the Lord as a fine...

Henry ... who was elected ... in ... after he was elected ... for making a fine with the Lord so that aforesaid ... for making ... therefore... admitted ...

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/2

Court 85

1853

Court of Totenhale held there on ?Thursday next after the Feast of St Lucia in the 27th year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest. [The Feast of St Lucia was the 13th December so this Court would have been held on or about Thursday 19 December 1353]

Essoins

[William le Smyth](#) in common by [John ?Crawleye](#)

[William Bertram](#) in common by [John Sleghe](#)

[John Ambewelle](#) in common by ?William/Walter [illegible]

[John Alston](#) plaintiff 6d appears in Court against [William le Chalener](#) in a plea that William puts himself ...

[William le Chalener](#) plaintiff 12d appears in Court against [John Alston](#) in a plea of trespass ... that is to say, that John puts himself ...

The whole homage presents that [Walter/William Marchal](#) and [Katherine](#) his wife.....[Henry Sondon](#) 3d, ?the heir of [John Fissch](#) 4d, [Geoffrey S....](#), [John le Swon](#) 6d, [William Everard](#) 3d, [Walter ?Cannon](#), [William..... John](#) 6d, [Robert ?Rolf](#), [A\[?Agnes atte\] Chirche](#), [John Smalgrave](#) 2d, [Henry Colman](#) 3d and [John Holway](#) 3d make default.

At the Court comes [Michael atte Ford](#) and surrenders into the hands of the Lord one rood to the use of [William le Chalener](#) and [Sarah](#), his wife, etc.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/3

Court 86

Court of Master William de Dighton held here [Totenhale] on Tuesday the 15th May in the 49th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [15 May 1375]

Essoins

?[Bartholomew Costard](#) in common by [Henry Colman](#)

[William Aldenham](#) in common by [William Bycock](#)

[Richard Porter](#) and [Denise](#), his wife, come and surrender into the hands of the Lord, to the use of [John Smalgrave](#) and [Katherine](#), his wife, 5 acres of arable land [one illegible word] that is to say 3 acres lying in the Field called [le Longelond](#) and 2 acres lying in ?[Tynfeld](#) to have and to hold etc. Fine 8s

[William](#) the son and heir of [Robert York](#) comes and surrenders into the hands of the Lord, to the use of [John atte Forde](#) and [Margaret](#), his wife, 3 acres of arable land lying in [Sleplond](#), to have and to hold etc. Fine 5s.

The same [William](#) comes and surrenders into the hands of the Lord to the use of [William atte Forde](#) and [Christian](#) his wife a garden and 3 acres of arable land, lying in [Keleburnelond](#) after the death of [Margaret Baker](#), formerly the wife of [Walter Baker](#), to have and to hold etc. fine 3s 4d.

[John le Cartere](#) and [Helen](#) his wife come and surrender into the hands of the Lord to the use of [John atte Forde](#) and [Margaret](#) his wife, one acre of arable land with the appurtenances lying in [Herewardesfeld](#) to have and to hold etc. Entrance 20d.

[John atte Forde](#) and [Margaret](#) his wife come and surrender into the hands of the Lord, to the use of [John le Cartere](#) and [Helen](#) his wife, one acre of land lying in the Field call [Randolfesfeld](#) to have and to hold etc. Entrance 20d

[Richard Lytellyckke](#) comes and surrenders into the hands of the Lord to the use of [Thomas Dyconn](#) and [Alice](#) his wife 2 acres of arable land with the appurtenances and lying in the field called [le ?Goodefild](#) to have and to hold etc. Entrance 3s 4d

[Robert Clerke](#) is presented by the whole Homage for a certain default because he did not come to Court. He therefore puts himself in the Lord's mercy 3d

The Homage present [John atte Pirie](#) because he did not come at the [Reeve's](#) summons for ploughing the Lord's land in wintertime and the aforesaid John puts himself in the Lord's mercy. 4d.

The Homage presents that since the last Court [William Coupere](#) has died, and he held of the Lord divers tenements which are liable for a [heriot](#). But they say that for the whole of his tenure he gave only one heriot, according to the custom of the Manor. And a day is given until the next Court for enquiry whether the Lord shall have a heriot or not.

An Enquiry was made by the whole homage whether [Richard Lytellyckke](#) might have given to another his lands and tenements, and the said Homage says that the said Richard never gave the lands to another until this day except for one messuage and 2 acres of arable land which he gave to [Margaret/Margery](#) his wife.

The [Reeve](#) is ordered to seize to the use of the Lord, four acres of arable land which formerly belonged to the Master of the Hospital of St Giles, and one acre of arable land which formerly belonged to [David de Leycestre](#), [cordwainer](#), saving the right of whosoever.

It is ordered to seize one piece of arable land to the use of the Lord call [Smythescroft](#) for the making of suit of court and for the doing of fealty to the Lord.

The whole homage has a day until the next for enquiry whether [Helen](#), now the wife of [John Cartere](#), was formerly the wife of [John atte Grene](#), and whether the cottage and garden belonged to the aforesaid John ate Grene at the time when the aforesaid Helen was his wife.

Affeerers [William atte Forde](#) [John Bundyford](#).

Guildhall Sequence MS 25346/3

Court 87

1375

Court held there [Totenhale] on the 21st day of ?June in the year as within.

Essoin

[William Chalener](#) in common by [John atte Purie](#)

To this Court comes [Agnes](#), the daughter and heir of [John Alston](#), who is now of the age of ten years and receives of the Lord half an acre of arable land, lying in [Follaresfeld](#) and which had descended to her by hereditary succession following the death of [John](#), her father. And she gives to the Lord for a relief ?1d for the aforesaid lands. And because Agnes is under age she will remain in the custody/guardianship of [Alice](#), her mother.

The Homage Jury present that [Bartholomew Costard](#) 2d, [Robert Harrye](#) 2d and [John Broun](#) are suitors of this Court but they do not come. Therefore each one of them is in mercy 2d each.

The Homage presents that all those tenements in which [William le Coupere](#) died seised at present are not liable for a [heriot](#), so that [Christina](#) his wife had [illegible word] right in the same tenements [rest of line illegible].

A day is given of the whole homage at this Court concerning those who live outside the Lordship/demesne and overstock the common pasture of the Lord with their animals, without the Lord's permission, and for presenting [illegible word] and who are [illegible words] of the Lord and where are the residents until the next Court.

Guildhall Sequence 25,346/3

Court 88

Court with View held there [Totenhale] on Saturday next before the Feast of St Katharine in the 50th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest. [22 November 1375]

[William](#) the son of [John Chesman](#), is admitted into the tithing. And he took the oath thereof. And he is of the age of 13 years.

[Henry Coleman](#) surrenders into the hands of the Lord half an acre of arable land, lying in the field of [Hethfeld](#), to the use of [William Fulkes](#), and the annual rent to the Lord 1d and suit of Court once in the year. And the said William gave to the Lord for a fine 8d for entrance to have and to hold etc.

[John atte Forde](#) is in mercy because he does not have [William de ?Chaileburgh](#), the Bailiff of the Master of the [Hospital of St Giles](#), to answer the Lord concerning an offence made with two cows in the private pasture of the Lord. And it is ordered that the same William should be distrained so that he might be here at the next to answer etc. Afterwards John atte Forde put himself in mercy 4d

The [Headborough](#), that is to say, [John Smalgrave](#) and his fellows, the Jurors, cert money 2s present as cert money on this day 2s.

Item. They present that [Robert Henry](#) (4d) is in mercy because he did not come to perform his suit.

[Matilda Goldbetere](#) (2d) is in mercy for the same. In mercy 4d. [John Broun](#) is in mercy for the same.

[Thomas le Wryghte](#) is in mercy 3d because he did not come to make the oath in the tithing group. And it is ordered to distrain until the next.

[John Saleman](#) is in mercy for the same 4d.

[Bartholomew Costard](#) is in mercy for the same.

[Thomas de Kent](#) is in mercy for the same. In mercy 4d.

[Richard de Werlawe](#) is in mercy for the same.

Item. They present that [Gilbert](#), son of [William Coupere](#) [illegible word] from the tithing under the harbouring of [Christina](#), his mother, and he did not come to put himself. Therefore the same Christina is in mercy for her harbouring. And it is ordered to distrain the same Gilbert until the next etc.

Item. They present that [Bartholomew Costard](#) is bound to flood a blocked ditch as [Hatchelane](#), to the common nuisance/annoyance. Therefore he is in mercy. And it is ordered that the same Bartholomew should amend the same nuisance before the next under penalty of 40d.

Item. They present that [William Smyth](#) is bound to flood a ditch at [Hatchelane](#) to the nuisance. Therefore he is in mercy. And it is ordered that he should amend before the next under penalty of 40d.

A day is given for John B...eford to....one cottage at the end/boundary of the township of [Kentisstoun](#), called ?[Pages](#)... from the day until the Feast of Easter next ensuing under penalty of 20s.

It is presented by the Homage that [Christian](#), daughter and heir of [Nicholas Baldewyne](#), died seised of two parts of one messuage and six acres of arable land in [Kentisshetoun](#), since the Feast of St Peter advincula without heirs... Therefore they are to be taken into the hands of the Lord. And Concerning a [heriot](#) because she had no animal at the time of her death. Afterwards [John atte Ford](#) [then illegible]

[Margaret Baker](#).... For 15 acres of arable land which she formerly demised to [William Balhe](#) for the term of the life of the said William, with reversion thereof to the same Margaret William ... as is testified/witnessed. Therefore the said Margaret gives to the Lord for having entrance into the aforesaid... 40d. And she did fealty to the Lord, pledge concerning the fine [William Chalener](#).

The Homage Jurors present that [William Molyner](#) has been a customary tenant for the past two years he has overstocked the common pasture of the Lord of the Manor and of his tenants with five beasts. Therefore to detrain so that he might be here at the next to answer the Lord concerning this offence etc.

Item. They present that [John Cookes](#) unlawfully overstocked the said common with the animals of others in his keeping. Therefore he is in mercy.

[John Sleyghe](#) complains against [William Bycokes](#) in a plea of trespass, whereby he complains that the aforesaid William with his animals grazed down/depastured his wheat in [Herewardesfeld](#) for two years past, to his damage 3 bushels of wheat. And the aforesaid William [illegible word] the aforesaid damage and craved that the damage be decided by the Jurors, which was assessed at one bushel of wheat. Therefore the said William is in mercy.

[John Cookes](#) puts himself in mercy for an offence made with 5 cows on the Lords corn. Pledge [John Smalgrave](#). 3d

[John Broun](#) is in mercy because he defaulted [illegible word] for 4 customary services in the harvest. In mercy 16d. [William Aldenham](#) 13d senior, is in mercy for 3 customary services at the said time.

[Robert Henry](#) is in mercy for 4 customary services in arrears in the harvest. 16d.

[Geoffrey atte Mare](#), [William atte Forde](#) and [John atte Purie](#) are ordered to take The beasts ?grazing down/depasturing the [Croukescroftes](#) for rent and suit in arrears so that they might answer here at the next Court.

It is presented that one horse grazed down/depastured the Lord's private pasture of [Marwelle](#) from the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist last past until the day ... and ... by the homage at 8s. And it was delivered to the Bailiff of the Manor.

[Christina Couperes](#), with the Lord's permission, demises to [John Cookes](#) five acres of arable land, lying in parcels/partly in [Culverchonfeld](#) to hold from the Feast of St Michael last past for the term of six years next ensuing and fully completed under such conditions as ?to her, the said Christina, the said land was alienated.... Within the said time that ... of the said John Of ten shillings Of the said John for the aforesaid land. And afterwards he did By the said John. And the aforesaid John gives to the Lord 2s for having the said land.

[John atte Forde](#) took/received those two parts of a messuage and arable land of which [Christina](#) the daughter and heir of [Nicholas Baldewyne](#) died seised, and which are in the hands of the Lord as an escheat, for ?all/half of one year, beginning at the Feast of St Michael last past, rendering therefore annually to the Lord six shillings and eight pence. And he will maintain the house of the said messuage for the aforesaid term.

Affeerers [William atte Forde](#), [John atte Purie](#).

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/3

Court 89

Court held at Totynhale on Thursday, the Feast of St Valentine, in the fiftieth year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest of England [14 February 1376]

[Thomas Wreyte](#) is in mercy 3d because he did not come to make the oath in the tithing group, and it is ordered to distrain until the next.

[William Moliner](#) is in mercy 3d for five beasts which grazed down/depastured the Lord's grass in the common pasture for five years past, as it was presented. Pledge [John Ford](#).

[Geoffrey atte Mare](#) essoined of common suit by [John Cheseman](#). [Robert Clerk](#) of the same by [William Aldynham](#).

[Matilda Goldbetere](#) made a fine for her suit until the feast of St Michael for 6d pledge [John atteford](#).

[Christina Coupere](#) complains against [John Smalgrave](#) concerning a plea of debt. Pledge of prosecution [Simon Holway](#). Therefore it is ordered to summon until the next.

The same [Christian](#) complains against the same concerning a plea of debt. Pledge of prosecution [Simon Holway](#). Therefore it is ordered to summon that he/she might be at the next.

A penalty of 40d is imposed on [William Smyth](#) because he did not flood his ditch at [Hachlane](#) as it was presented at the last ... by the whole homage and a day was given until the court for repairing the aforesaid ditch, and he did not do as it was presented.

A day is given to [Barthomolmew Costard](#) for the repairing of his ditch there before the next under penalty of 0d.

[John Smalgrave](#) is in mercy because he did not come to make suit. In mercy 4d. [William Challoner](#) is in mercy for the same.

[Margaret Bakere](#) is in mercy for the same.

[Emma Colman](#), [Henry Colman](#) and [Stephen Colman](#), her sons surrender into the hands of the Lord, to the use of [John Porter](#) and [Christian](#), his wife, two acres of arable land in the [Cruxfelde](#), to hold [?to them – document stained] and their heirs according to the custom of the Manor, and he gave to the Lord for entrance 40d. Pledge [John atte Forde](#).

[John Cartere](#) [surrenders – erased] grants the reversion of one cottage with one garden [hole in document so that next few words and interlining are illegible] in [la Kentstoun](#) to [John de ?Ewelle](#), being in the hands of the aforesaid [John Cartere](#), to have and to hold to the aforesaid John Ewell etc. John Cartere and Helen his wife, and the aforesaid John Ewelle will maintain the same house/building during the time of tenure of the same with ?timber [for] the walls and he will thatch/roof for the whole time ... of the life of the same John Cartere and the aforesaid Helen ... and he gave to the Lord for entrance 4s by the pledge of John Cartere.

[Chistian Coupere](#) complains against [John Smalgrave](#) concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge of prosecution [Simon Holway](#). And therefore it is ordered to attach until the next.

The same [Christian](#) complains against the same concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge the same. And therefore to attach.

[John atte Forde](#), the [Reeve](#), seised into the hands of the Lord [five – erased] three acres of arable land sown with barley and ?peas ...?to the Lord ... two acres of meadow which was [sic] in the tenure of [William Chaloner](#) ... barley taken into the hands of the Lord is valued/appraised ... two acres at five quarters and ?Peas approved/valued at 9 bushels ... hay growing on the aforesaid meadow valued/approved at ?8s by the whole homage. The aforesaid lands were taken into the hands of the Lord.

Affeerers: [Simon Holway](#), [John Broune](#)

[Although the skin looks in fairly good condition there are many illegible word due largely to staining and rubbing. There are also 2 different hands using some new and different spellings and terminology, which led to many queries, some of which will hopefully be made definite in the light of business carried out at succeeding Courts. The reverse is in very poor condition – the first 8 inches or so are almost totally illegible and much of the rest is badly rubbed, stained and creased. It is not possible to make out any part of the date of the first Court on the reverse]

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346

Court 90

Court ?1376

[William atte Forde](#) ... the land of [John atte Forde](#)

[John atte Forde](#) and [Margaret](#) his wife ...

[John Smalgrave](#)

The same John is in mercy for ...

The same John is in mercy for ...

[Thomas Wryght](#) comes and puts himself in the tithing group and he makes his oath thereof.

[Christina](#), who was the wife of [William Coupere](#), in her widowhood ... and granted to [Margaret](#), her daughter, ... in [Kentisstoun](#) ... five acres of arable land lying in a certain croft called [Purifeld](#) with the appurtenances and ... ?reversion ... acres of land with the appurtenance in le [illegible name] which belonged to [Roger le Helderres](#) to have and to hold ... to the aforesaid Margaret, her heirs ... Margaret should die without heirs begotten of her body ... [Alice](#), [Agnes](#) ... ?the sisters of the aforesaid Margaret their heirs and executors ... and of the aforesaid Alice, Agnes and ... should die without heirs begotten of their bodies that ... [Gilbert](#), son of [William le Coupere](#) of [Kentisshetoun](#) .. she gave to the land ... half a mark.

The same [Christina](#) also granted to [Alice](#), the other/another daughter, if ... the reversion of half her ?barn/grove in [Kentishtoun](#) ... containing ... reversion ... ?and half an acre of arable land in le ...laghe ... cares of arable land in [le Netherfielde](#) ... to have and to hold of the said Alice and the heirs of the body lawfully begotten. And of ... should die without heirs of her body lawfully begotten, that ... the aforesaid reversion ... the aforesaid Agnes and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten. And if ... and she gave to the Lord for having permission

The same [Christina](#) ... the other/another daughter ... the reversion ... message which belonged to [John Slademan](#) ... seven acres of arable land in le [Kentisshetoun](#) ... acres of arable land ... crofts and another three acres of arable land ... of ... with all the appurtenances ... and if ... should die without heirs of her body lawfully begotten ... the same reversion and the aforesaid land ... Margaret and Alice ... heir of their bodies lawfully begotten ... Alice and

Agnes ... of ... heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten ... to [Gilbert](#), son of [William Coupere](#) ...
And she gave to the Lord for having permission 20s.

The same [Christina](#) gave ... [le ?Kyngeslane](#) ... in ... and ?six acres of called [le Kyngesaker](#),
to have and to hold to the aforesaid [Agnes](#) and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten. And
if the aforesaid Agnes should die without heirs of her body lawfully begotten ... to Margaret
... heirs of her body lawfully begotten. And ... Alice ... without heirs of her body lawfully
begotten ... to [Gilbert](#), son of [William Coupere](#) ... and she gave to the Lord for having
permission half a mark.

[John Broun](#) ... is in mercy because he did not come to make his oath.... [William Coleman](#) in
mercy for his oath the same

[Christina](#)... of [William Coupere](#) ... an enquiry [John Smalgrave](#) 6d

[John Chesman](#) ... thre acres of arable land in [Brodefeld](#) ... 4s. and he gave to the Lord for
permission 20s.

[Thomas Kent](#) and Alice ... Coleman ... two acres of arable land with the appurtenances in
[?Crakesfeld](#) for ... between the land of [John Broun](#) on the one part and between the land of
[John atte Forde](#) on the other part, to the use of [William atte Forde](#) and [Christina](#), his wife ...
William Christina and the heirs of the same William. And he gave to the Lord for ... 4s... And
...

[John Broun](#) complains of [John Dycon](#) and [Thomas Kent](#) concerning a plea of ... Therefore the
Bailiff is ordered to attach the aforesaid John Dycon so that he might be at the next.

John B... at this court ? makes a fine for ... land. And that ... Court ... land ... and that ... land is
?liable for a [heriot](#) ... could ... and he gave to the Lord for a fine 40d because such is the
custom of the Manor ... for such ...

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/3

Court 91

**Court held at Totenhale on Monday next after the Feast of the Nativity of St John the
Baptist in the fiftieth year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest of
England [30 June 1376]**

Essoins: [John Sley](#) essoined in common by [Thomas Wreyte](#)
[Margaret Baker](#) of the same by [John Cartere](#)
[John Cook](#) of the same by [William Colyn](#).

A day is given to [John Broun](#), plaintiff for [John Dycon](#), [Thomas Kent](#), [John atte Forde](#), [William
atte Forde](#), [William Aldernham Junior](#), [John Porter](#) until the next to answer John Broun.

[John Coleman](#) complains against [John Smalgrave](#) concerning a plea of trespass because the
same John Smalgrave unlawfully and against the peace of the Lord King, broke one
door/gate of the same John Coleman, to the damage of 40d. And the aforesaid John

Smalgrave says that he is not guilty thereof. Therefore he puts himself on the homage. Therefore an enquiry to be made at the next etc. Pledge [John Bulteford](#). Afterwards they came to an agreement and John Smalgrave is in the Lord's mercy 6d.

[John Cartere](#) complains against [John Smalgrave](#) concerning a plea of trespass whereby he complains that the said John Smalgrave in the year last past cut his hedges unlawfully at [Kentisstoun](#) to his damage of half a mark. And the aforesaid John Smalgrave says that he is not guilty hereof. Wherefore he puts himself on the homage. Therefore an enquiry to be made at the next etc by the aforesaid pledge. Afterwards they came to an agreement and the aforesaid John Smalgrave is in mercy 8d.

[John Cartere](#) found pledges of [one illegible word] peace against [John Smalgrave](#), that is to say, [John de Purie](#) and William M [rest of name illegible] under the penalty of 40 pounds.

The whole Homage Jury presents that [Robert Payn](#), in the time when he was the tenant of the Lord, knocked down two houses/buildings on his tenement. It is presented that one barn on the aforesaid tenement was knocked down by ...[illegible] ?Holm, and afterwards it was rebuilt at [Cauntelous](#), but for several more of them [one illegible word] it is not known/they do not know. Therefore they are to enquire concerning these things before the next.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/3

Court 92

Court with view held there on Monday the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Mary in the 50th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [8 December 1376].

Headboroughs:

[John Smalgrave](#), [John atte Purie](#), [William Aldenham](#) senior.

[William atte Forde](#) and the ... Jurors present that they give for cert money on this day 2s.

The whole Homage presents that [Richard Werlowe](#) does not come to the Leet on this day.

Therefore he is in mercy 4d. [Bartholomew Costard](#) for the same. Phyllis ... for the same 3d.

[Thomas Kent](#) for the same 4d. [William le Smyth](#) for the same 2d. [Henry Smyth](#) for the same

4d. [Robert Harry](#) for the same 4d. [John Walshe](#) for the same 4d. [Richard Holeway](#) 2d,

[Thomas Dycon](#) 4d for the same. [Margaret Bakere](#) for the same 2d. [Thomas Estby](#) for the

same 2d. [Thomas Geffray](#) for the same 4d. [Stephen Coleman](#) for the same 2d. They present

that [Matilda Goldbetere](#) is in mercy 3d because she did not flood her ditch next to her house/manor.

They present that [Simon Holeway](#), [John Smalgrave](#) and [Richard Werlawe](#). Tenants of the lands which belonged to [Stephen Coleman](#) concealed 4 work services, that is to say, one service for hay making [one service with the cart – erased] one pitching the hay and one service for the harvest of the corn and one service at the pitching. And they had a cart and then made one carrying service with the cart, one hay making and one harvesting the corn.

They present [John atte Purie](#), [John Dycon](#) to the office of ?[Reeve](#) [this word rubbed and indistinct]

They present **William ?Floyde** and **John Porter** to **keep the Lords woods**.

And **Matilda Goldbetere** is ordered to repair the ditch before the next under penalty of 20d.

John Coleman surrenders into the hands of the Lord half an acre lying in the **Hethfield** against the Lords wood called **Shirewykes** to the use of **William Fulkes**, to have and to hold according to the custom of the Manor to him and his heirs, rendering therefore annually to the Lord one penny. And he pays a fine of 8d to the Lord. And he does fealty.

Christina, who was the wife of **William le Coupere** in her widowhood grants to **Margaret** and **Alice**, her daughters, the reversion of half the messuage in a certain [one illegible word] in **Kentisshetoun**, that is to say, the south part of the said messuage with the appurtenances, as it lies in breadth and length, and with six acres of arable land, in **le West feld** as it lies between the land of **John Coleman** on the south part and the land of the **Prior of Crichurce** in the north part to have and to hold, that is to say, half of the said messuage to the said Margaret and the heirs issuing from her body, and the other half to the aforesaid Alice and the heirs issuing from her body. And if the said Margaret and Alice should die without heir issuing from their bodies, then the said half part with the six acres of arable land aforesaid shall remain together to **Emma** and **Agnes**, the other daughters of the said Christina, and the heirs issuing from their bodies to hold of the Lord according to the custom etc. And if the aforesaid Emma and Agnes should die without heirs then the aforesaid half part, with the aforesaid six acres of arable land shall remain to **Gilbert** the son of **William Coupere**, and his heirs forever. And she gives to the Lord for having permission 6s 8d.

It is ordered to distrain **Stephen Coleman** so that he might be at the next to answer the Lord why he did not build his damaged house on his tenement in **Kentisshetoun**.

It is presented that **John Smalgrave** beat **Margaret**, daughter of **William Coupere**, with a certain stick in **Kentisstoun** against the peace etc. and the said John comes and denies/defends etc. And he says that he is not guilty thereof. And concerning this matter he puts himself on an enquiry. Who [ay- erase] have a day until the next Court.

Margaret Baker is in mercy because she did not come to the next Court to make her suit [document rubbed and creased]. Therefore she is in mercy. And it is ordered to distrain until the next.

Christina Coupere complains against **John Smalgrave** because the aforesaid John threw down a certain door/gate of the same Christina, being at **Slademan**, to the damage of the said Christina of half a mark. And the aforesaid John says he is not guilty thereof. And he puts himself on an enquiry. And the whole Homage has a day therefore until the next.

And the same Christina complains of the same John because he depastured/grazed down her private holding in **le Purifeld** with his beasts for the space of a whole year, who says that he is not guilty thereof. And he puts himself on an enquiry. Who say that he is not guilty thereof. Therefore the same Christina is in mercy 4d.

Matilda Goldbetere paid a fine for her suit for this year 6d.

Henry Coleman complains against John Broun concerning a plea of land. Pledge of prosecution William le Smyth of Hochegate. And the aforesaid John was summoned and he appeared. And concerning this matter they have a day until the next Court without essoin.

A day is given to John Broun, plaintiff for John Dycon, Thomas Kent and other defendants until the next without essoin.

John le Cookes puts himself in mercy for a trespass with his animals in the Lord's private pasture. Pledge William Colyn.

Affeerers: William Chaloner, Simon Holway.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,346/3

Court 93

Court of April 6 April 1377

It is presented by the Homage that Bettardus Costard [has died, and Matilda, his wife – erased] died seised of 16 acres of arable land and one plot of land in the waste of Kentystoun on the 26th day of March last past [illegible interlining] and because it is found by the Homage that Matilda his wife is a common feoffee with the aforesaid Costard and claims the tenements and lands aforesaid, they are delivered to her and she did fealty.

It is presented that one stray horse was taken here within the demesne by two weeks before the Feast of St Michael last past, which horse is released by the Homage and delivered to the Bailiff at 12d.

Affeerers John Butlford, Simon Holway.

Guildhall Sequence MS 25,245/3

Court 94

Court held at Totenhale on Monday next after the Feast of St Ambrose in the fifty first year of the reign of King Edward the Third, since the Conquest [6 April 1377]

[Erased – it is found by the Homage Jurors that Robert de York died seised of twelve acres of arable land with the appurtenances in Kentystoun, which lands descend to William his son and heir.]

Essoins: Geoffrey atte More essoined in common by William atte Ford, and William Moraunt essoined in common by William Bakote.

Stephen Coleman was attached to answer the Lord why he did not build a certain house, liable for a heriot, in le Kentisstoun, which was damaged, as it was presented by the whole homage at the last Court, who comes personally and says that he paid a fine for a time of exemption, according to the custom of the Manor, for the aforesaid building, but that he did not have the transcript of the aforesaid fine in his hands, he has a day until the next.

[Erased – [John Sighey](#) is in mercy because he did not come to make his suit. 3d. [John Broune](#) is in mercy for the same]

It is ordered as on other occasions, to distraint [John Broune](#) for his default in answering [Henry Coleman](#) concerning a plea of land, and concerning this matter he has a day until the next.

[John Broune](#) and his pledge are in mercy because he did not attend/continue against [John Dyconn](#), [Thomas Kente](#), [John atte Ford](#) and [William atte Ford](#) and others in a plea of trespass.

[William Bacok](#) complains of [Geoffrey atte More](#) because he unlawfully withholds from him 40d which payment he has owed for the past seven years, to the damage of the said William 12d which Geoffrey comes and [says – erased] acknowledges that he owes eight pence, and as to the rest he owes him nothing and concerning this matter he puts himself on the Homage by the pledge of [John Perie](#). Afterwards they came to an agreement by permission and therefore Geoffrey is in mercy.

Further concerning the same [Geoffrey](#) because the same Geoffrey, with force and arms, depastured the corn and the grass of the same [William](#) in [Hampstede](#) and other places within the demesne, to the damage of the same William. 10s. And the same Geoffrey comes and says that he is not guilty thereof and concerning this matter he put himself on the homage by the pledge of [William Ford](#) and afterwards they came to an agreement by permission and Geoffrey is in mercy 2d.

[John Salmane](#) and [Helen](#), his wife, surrendered into the hands of the Lord one acre of arable land in [Herlfordfeld](#) called [Baldewynsacre](#), to the use of [William Becokes](#) and [Joan](#), his wife, and their heirs and assigns etc. He gives to the Lord for entrance 20d.

[Robert Hery](#) is in mercy because he did not come to make his suit. In mercy 3d.

[John Smalgrave](#) is fined because he beat [Margaret](#) the daughter of William [Coupere](#) as was found by an enquiry, to the damage of the said Margaret of 12d, by the pledge of [John Bulteford](#).

[Christina Coupere](#) is in mercy for a false claim against [John Smalgrave](#) concerning the throwing down of a door as was found by an enquiry. 2d

[William](#), the son and heir of [Robert de York](#), claims here in Court 12 acres of arable land in [le Kentyshtoun](#) which [Margaret Baker](#) held for the term of her life by the grant of [Agnes](#), daughter and heir of [Walter Baker](#), which Agnes granted to reversion to Robert de York, the father of the said William, after the death of the aforesaid Margaret. And because it is found by the Homage Jury that the aforesaid Margaret has died the 12 acres of arable land are delivered to the aforesaid William. And because the custom of the Manor is to double the payments on the entrance of each tenant, and the payments for the aforesaid acres rendered to the Lord are two shillings beyond as well as services, therefore the aforesaid William pays 2s to the Lord, and afterwards at the same Court the same William renders

into the hands of the Lord the aforesaid 12 acres of arable land, to the use of [William atte Ford](#) and [Christian](#), his wife, to have and to hold etc. He gives to the Lord for entrance 14s

It is found by the Homage Jury that each tenant of a tenement liable for a [heriot](#), and alienating his tenement shall give his beast to the Lord as a heriot and because the tenements of the aforesaid [William](#) are alienated to [William atte Ford](#) and [Christian](#), his wife, and the aforesaid William has no animals besides sheep, the Bailiff is ordered to take his best sheep as a heriot and this was assessed by the homage at 2s because ... of one ...

The Bailiff is ordered to take [into the hands of the Lord](#) all the lands and tenements of [Robert Hery](#) because his services are in arrears by one year and such is the custom of the Manor as is found by the Homage Jury.

It is presented by the Homage that [Bettardus Costard](#) [has died and Matilda his wife – erased] died seised of 16 acres of arable land and one plot of land in the waste of [Kentysstoun](#) on the 26th day of March last past And because it is found by the Homage that Matilda his wife was a common feoffee with the aforesaid Costard and claims the tenements and lands aforesaid, they are delivered to the same Matilda, and she did fealty.

It is presented that one stray horse [seized – erased] was taken here within the demesne by two weeks before the Feast of St Michael last past, which horse is released by the homage and delivered to the Bailiff at 12d.

Affeerers [John Buttleford](#), [Simon Holway](#).

MS 25,346/

Court 95

[Court Roll + annexed docket. Condition variable with some reasonably good sections, a number of badly stained sections and a badly damaged dorse due to heavy staining and rubbing]

Annexed docket:

Memorandum that at a Court held in the 27th years of King Edward [that is 1353-54] it was found that [John Andrew](#) demised his lands to Walter de He..... for the term of two years and for this reason he paid a forfeit and they were seised into the hands of the Lord.

At the Court held at the Feast of Epiphany, in the 29th year of the reign of King Edward [6 January 1356] [John attegrene](#) was fined by an enquiry that he had often hired the plough and the cart of the Lord, and received money in respect thereof, who was the [Reeve](#), and of that money nothing was found in his account and therefore he paid a fine for four marks.

It is found at the same Court that if any tenant should alienate all his land which he holds of the Lord, that he should pay a [heriot](#) of 8d, and if he should retain any parcel he should not pay.

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Court 96

Court of Lord **William de [Totenhale – erased] Dyghton** at Totenhale on Tuesday in the Vigil of Simon and Judas [rest of date torn away, but probably still 1377 when the Vigil of these Saints fell on Tuesday 27 October 1377]

Headboroughs: **William atte Forde**, **John Smalgrave**, **Geoffrey atte More**, **William Aldenham senior**, Jurors present that they give for cert money on this day 2s.

They present that **Felician/Phyllis Synot** 3d, **Thomas de Kent** 3d, **William Fulkes** 3d, **Richard Werlawe** 3d, **John Carter** 3d, **John Walssh** 3d, **Thomas Dycon** 3d make default on this day. Therefore the same are in mercy.

They say that **Stephen de Grene** made default concerning his services, that is to say, concerning 2 harvest services. Therefore he is in mercy.

They present that **Christina Coupere** lawfully raised a hue on **John Smalgrave**. Therefore the same John is in mercy. And aforesaid John is accused that Of the aforesaid Christina ... and concerning this it was found by the Homage. And the same John in a fine by the pledge of **John Sleyghe**.

They present that a certain ditch of **William Smyth** at **Hatchelane** is blocked for the default of the said William to the nuisance. Therefore the same is in mercy. And it is ordered that he amend before the next under a penalty of 2s.

Matilda Goldbetere gives to the Lord for a fine 6d for release of suit of Court until the Feast of St Michael next ensuing.

Gilbert Coupere comes and puts himself in a tithing group. And he is sworn.

Alice Holoway complains against **Henry le Smyth** concerning a plea of trespass. Pledge **John atte Forde**. And she says that she sold to the said Henry a half of a certain enclosure of underwood, lying between her tenement and **Richard Werlawe** for 9d, and the aforesaid Henry felled another parcel of the aforesaid enclosure not sold to him, to the damage of the aforesaid Alice 10 shillings. And the aforesaid Henry says that Alice sold to him the whole of the enclosure and this he felled his own underwood, and he does not ... that Alice can claim any action against him. And Alice says that she only sold him a half. And thereof she puts herself on the country. And Henry likewise. And a day is given until the next homage.... It is found by the Jury that Henry is not guilty and that Alice is in mercy 3d.

John Smalgrave complains against **Christina Coupere** concerning a plea of trespass. And he says that, for default of repairs and flooding, a certain ditch at **Whiteslane** overflowed/submerged the common highway there, so that John ... to leave and enter his ... making/doing to his land six acres ... at **Longelondes** to the damage of the same John a hundred shillings. Christina says that the said ditch was not blocked by his own default. And therefore she puts herself on the Homage. John likewise. And a day is given in the same way. It is found that Christina is not guilty. John is in mercy for a false claim. 3d

A day is given for [Christina Coupere](#) and [Gilbert](#), her son, to be at the next Court to show all their muniments/deeds by which they claim to hold their tenements of the Lord, that is to say to ... of/whether any tenement should descend to the same Gilbert by hereditary succession after the death of his father.

[Christina Coupere](#) complains against [John Smalgrave](#) concerning a plea of trespass. She says that he took her sheep into his own house/hall in [Bacheloreslane](#) after...to...and...them until...his/her, and ... them there against... and... to her damage 40s. And John says that he is not guilty because he says that he took the sheep in his oats at [Redelond](#). John puts himself on the Homage. Christina likewise. A day is given. It is found that John is guilty. He is in mercy 4d.

The same [Christina](#) complains against the same [John](#) and says that he broke down a certain close of hers at [Sladmanlane](#) [with his beasts] ... beasts which ... corn and grass... to the damage of Christina of 20s. He says that he is not guilty and puts himself on the country. A day is given. It is found that he is guilty and he is in mercy 4d and the damage...

[John Smalgrave](#) puts himself on the Homage that he is not guilty of that which [Christina Coupere](#) imputes to him, that he seized and impounded a cart with her grass ?working in the field called [Redelon](#), so that she lost her said grass entirely and it was wasted but he says that he took the said cart in his private holding, then doing damage there. And concerning this he puts himself on the Homage, and Christina likewise. A day is given. It is found that John is guilty and in mercy 3d.

A penalty is ...for various... between [John Smalgrave](#) and his wife on one part, and [Christina Coupere](#) and her children on the other by the agreement of the aforesaid, that ... insulted a ...in...or in and concerning this matter it is found by the Enquiry that they shall pay half a mark to the Lord.

It is found by the Enquiry that John Smalgrave is guilty concerning these complaints considered in the last Court by Christina Cuprere. Therefor he is in mercy 8d.

The whole Homage presents [Thomas Dycon](#) and [John Puriere](#) in the office of [Reeve](#). And [Simon Holeway](#) and [John Saleman](#) in the office of [Woodward](#).

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Court 97

Court held there on the first day of December in the year of the reign of King Richard [1 December 1377]

[Gilbert](#), son and heir of [William Coupere](#) did fealty to the Lord for [three –erased] four acres of arable land which formerly belonged to [James Gilotes](#) and he gave to the Lord for a relief 16d. Pledge [John atte Forde](#).

At the Court [Christina](#) showed her copies of her purchases/acquisitions, amongst which it was found that a copy bears witness that [William Coupere](#) acquired for himself and his

heirs, four acres of arable land from [James Gilot](#), and that he died seised of these. And therefore Christina is bound to the Lord in one [heriot](#). And therefore the homage is ordered to enquire concerning the value of her best beast at the time of the death of the said William. Who say that in the time when [John Suthcotes](#) was [Steward](#) there was taken into the hands of the Lord one horse of the said Christina as a heriot of the said William, of the price of 30s. And afterward it was delivered by the said Steward to Christina by what right they know not. And therefore [Thomas Dyconn](#) the [reeve](#) is ordered to take the best beast of Christina that she might be here at the next Court.

[William Chaloner](#) complains against [William atte Forde](#) concerning a plea of trespass. And he said that [William atte Forde](#) depastured/grazed down the private holding of William Chaloner, and his enclosures and his [one illegible word] growing in le [Kentisshoun](#), to his damage of 1 mark. Who says that he is not guilty. And thereof he puts himself on the Homage.

The same [William Chaloner](#) complains against [John Bolteford](#) senior, concerning a plea of trespass. And he says that John ... unlawfully... depastured/grazed down the private holding of William for the whole year last past, to the damage of William. Who says that he is not guilty of any entry before the Feast of St Michael, and therefore he puts himself on the Court To the Lord/demesne ... feast of St Michael if any ... this was in default... puts on the country.

The same [William Chaloner](#) complains against [John Saleman](#), [Carter](#), concerning a plea of trespass. He said that John depastured/grazed down the private holding of William in the six acre with his beasts to the damage of 10s. John says that, as to the damage to the hay before the Feast of St Michael he puts himself on the Homage. And as to the ?demesne after the Feast of St Michael he puts himself on the country.

[William Chaloner](#) complains against [John Coleman](#) concerning a plea of trespass. And he says that John unlawfully depastured/grazed down the private pasture of William and his enclosure and his underwood growing in [Kentisshoun](#), to his damage of 10s. who comes and says that he cannot deny that he might be guilty to some extent, but not to the same value. Thus he claims the Court's assessment thereof.

At this Court [Christina](#), who was the wife of [William le Coupere](#), renders into the hands of the Lord one acre of meadow called ?[Donmed](#) in [Kentisshoun](#), to the use of [John Totenhale](#) who comes into Court and gives to the Lord for a fine 2s for having entrance into the said plot of meadow to hold to him and his heirs according to the custom etc.

[Robert Broun](#) complains against [John Porter](#) concerning a plea of land, because a certain [Thomas Broun](#), his grandfather was seised of twenty acres of arable land by certain services which Thomas alienated various parcels of the said tenement and now John Porter has two acres of the said land, and he does no services, whereupon charging concerning the services. And because the said John is not now present. Therefore to distrain until the next etc.

Memorandum that [John atte Forde](#), as [illegible word - ?under reeve] says on his oath that there are now in the Barn in ?measures 60 quarters of wheat, 20 quarters of barley and 60 quarters of oats.

Item, memorandum that in the complaint considered in the last court between [Alice Holway](#) and [Henry Smyth](#), Alice is in mercy for a false claim as appears in the aforesaid Court.

Item, in the preceding Count, in the complaint considered between [John Smalgrave](#) and [Christina Coupere](#). John is in mercy, that is to say in 4 complaints.

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Court 98

Court held there on Tuesday next before the Feast of Pentecost in the first year of the reign of King Richard [1 June 1378]

[William Chaloner](#) against [William atte Forde](#), [John Buttleford](#), [John Salmane](#), Carter and [John Colman](#), concerning pleas of trespass.

[Thomas Deconn](#) the reeve was ordered to cause to be seized into the hands of the Lord, two acres and a half of arable land which belonged to [William Wryghte](#) by reason of the minority [of Robert erased] of [Thomas](#), son and heir of the said William, because the aforesaid [Robert erased] Thomas entered.... [document damaged by bad stains] against/on [John Sleghe](#), who held the said lands in keeping custody by the Lord's grant, during the minority of the same heir because [John Piryer](#) cut the underwood growing in the aforesaid land, as it was presented by ...aforesaid, who And doing, and ?in the Lord's mercy and concerning this matter there comes the aforesaid heir personally and craves that an enquiry be held into his age and it is found by the Homage Jury that he is aged 16 years, and that the custom is that no heir shall be in custody 'keeping beyond the age of 14 years, therefore the aforesaid land is to be delivered to the aforesaid heir, and he gives to the Lordfor a relief and [John Perier](#) and [John atte Ford](#) are bailed so that the aforesaid heir might.... [John Sleghe](#)....

[William atte Forde](#) concerning [illegible word]. The same William against [William Chaloner](#) concerning a plea of trespass by [Thomas Kante](#).

[Thomas Giffrey](#) challenges/disputes because the aforesaid Thomas demises to [John de Kyerseley](#) 12 acres of arable land in [le Kentisstoun](#) beyond the term of one year, against the custom of the Manor, who says that he demised only for one year and concerning the matter he wagers law with 11 persons and himself 12 persons by the pledge of [Geoffrey atte Mare](#), and he has a day until the next.

The same [Thomas](#) is ordered to have here at the next [Agnes](#), the daughter and heir of [John Alestonn](#) who ... of the Lord for showing his/her [illegible word] concerning the foresaid custody/keeping.

[Alice Alleway](#) complains of [Henry Smyth](#) because the aforesaid Henry cut down her underwood ... for four years last past to the damage 20s who said that underwood and

concerning this he puts himself on the Homage by the pledge of John atte Forde, who say that he is guilty to the damage ...'two', to be paid, and therefore it is ordered that a levy be made on his goods and chattels, therefore he is in mercy 3d.

Henry Colmane complains of John Smalgrave concerning a plea that [bad stain running through centre of this item]. John surrenders to him one rood of arable land lying in Barestmede which descended to him by hereditary right after the death of John Coleman, his father, who died seised thereof, and the aforesaid John comes personally, and calls to Warranty Thomas de Kante and Alice, his wife, and therefore the Reeve is ordered to summon the aforesaid Thomas and Alice against [ie in preparation for] the next to Warrant/Guarantee the aforesaid land.

William Becock puts himself in the Lord's mercy for one bullock taken in the Lord's corn, by the pledge of Thomas Deconn.

John Deconn is in mercy for a like offence by the pledge of the same Thomas.

John Smalgrave challenges/disputes because the aforesaid John, for a consideration between himself and John [surname illegible] conspired to arrest/seize the son of Christina Coupere for a certain offence committed within the demesne of the Manor by ... of the City of London ... aforesaid against the custom of the Manor, who says that he is not guilty thereof, and concerning this matter he wagers law, and he has a day until the next with 11 persons by the pledge of John Sleyghe.

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Christiana [sic] Coupere acknowledged 30s Was For a heriot after the death of William, formerly her husband and therefore the foresaid

John Broune complains against John ... William ...ham, John/Joan Of ... John and he has a day....

Henry Coleman complains against John Broune ... of ... aforesaid moiety ...etc...that the aforesaid Henry ... in the aforesaid lands, therefore...in mercy...

John Bultford ... because? impleading .. within the demesne of the Lord in ... of/concerning ...to be done therefore ...

John Bultford complains of name illegible] concerning a plea of trespass by the pledge of ...

John Bultford surrenders into the hands of the Lord a certain acre of arable land called called le Holdhawe, containing three acres of arable land, with the appurtenances in le Kentisstoun...Alice his wife to have and to hold to the aforesaid William and Alice ...8d and performing suit of Court at every Court and four work services annually. And ...heriot and ... annually only two work services. And the aforesaid John and his heirs... and the aforesaid John acknowledge to do three work services annually for the Lord and the aforesaid

William... and he gave to the Lord for a fine 8s and he did fealty so that ...aforesaid John to do three work services for the aforesaid William, his heirs and assigns.

[John Broune](#) and [Sarah](#) his wife surrender into the hands of the Lord ?five acres of arable land ... [Kentisstoun](#) in [le Crokesfeld](#) to the use of [William Marrant](#) and [Alice](#), his wife and the heirs ... of William to have and to hold to the aforesaid William and Alice and the heirs and assigns of the said William, rendering ... 10d and performing four work services and one ?heriot ...of each tenant/tenancy, and ...the aforesaid lands to the aforesaid William and Alice, and the heirs and assigns of the same [William Warr](#) [sic] and ...for having entrance 10s and he did fealty.

[William Marrant](#) complains of [John Bullford](#) concerning a plea of debt and concerning a plea of breaking a pledge of ...Thomas...by the pledges of the said John and [John atte Ford](#), and he has a day until the next.

[Agnes](#), who was the wife of [John ?Coke](#) is in mercy because she did not come to do suit and it is ordered that she should be.

[William de Aldenham](#) is in mercy for the same.

Affeerers [John atte Ford](#) and [William Marrant](#).