

## Summary of Dorney Manor Court Roll (11 June 1526)

This summary outlines the main points from the Dorney Manor Court Roll of 11th June 1526. It covers various aspects of manor management, including fines for non-attendance, recording of deaths and inheritances, land transactions, enforcement of community regulations, and the establishment of new ordinances for the management of common lands and livestock.

The document provides valuable insight into the day-to-day administration of the manor, particularly highlighting the detailed regulations put in place to manage shared resources and maintain order within the community. The new ordinances, given in English, offer a particularly vivid glimpse into the agricultural practices and community organization of early 16th century rural England.

### Court Details

- Date: Monday, 11th June 1526 (18th year of King Henry VIII's reign)
- Lord of the Manor: John Aleyne, Citizen & Alderman of London, and other recoverers for Richard Hyll, esquire

### Key Points:

1. **Homage (Jury) Members:** Listed, including John Norres, John Carter, William Ingby, and others.
2. **Fines for Default:**
  - Several institutions and individuals fined for failing to appear, including the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, the Provost & Fellows of Eton College, and others.
  - Fines ranged from 2d to 4d.
3. **Deaths and Inheritances:**
  - Isaak Sybylle: Died holding various lands. His sister Anne (wife of John Cheyny) named as heir.
  - John Putney: Died holding various properties. His sister Agnes Mason named as heir.
  - Alice Dolwyn: Died, with property reverting to her son Thomas Dolwyn.
  - John Shepperd alias Webbe: Died, with his son William Shepperd named as heir.
  - Thomas Ramsey (son): Died, with his unnamed two-year-old son as heir, in custody of the King.
4. **Land Transactions:**
  - Provost & Fellows of Eton College acquired land from Robert Dens and Cristina, potentially violating the Statute of Mortmain.
  - Thomas Buck acknowledged holding land from the lord and performed fealty.
5. **Community Regulations:**
  - John Ingby ordered to stop using a common way and repair his hedge (40d penalty).
  - Abbess of Burnham ordered to remove a bridge at Northfield (10s penalty).
  - John Richardson ordered to take down a hedge enclosing pasture at Tylstone (12d penalty).

- William Robertts forbidden from commoning animals at Lake end (40d penalty per offense).

**6. New Ordinances** (in English):

- Restrictions on driving oxen over meadows (12d fine).
- Ban on keeping mares in the common (40d fine).
- Rules for putting beasts in the mead and sheep on the green.
- Regulations for keeping and ringing hogs.
- Detailed rules on the number of animals allowed based on rent paid.
- Appointment of Thomas Dolwyn and John Wylde to enforce these rules.

**Note on Spelling Variations:**

- Aleyne / Aleyn
- Norres / Norreys
- Shepperd / Sheperd