

# STAFFORDSHIRE

**ABBOTS BROMLEY** 4079 3245. Borough 1222 (BF, p. 160). 1334 Subsidy £80.75. Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 471).

**M** (Letter Close) Tues; *mercatum*, gr 1221, by K Hen III to A of Burton upon Trent. To be held until the king came of age. The A of Burton owed two palfreys for having the market (C 60/14 m. 4; *PR*, 5 Hen III, p. 141). On 12 May 1227, K Hen III granted St Mary's, Burton and the A and M there a Tues market (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 42). On 13 May 1227, sh of Staffordshire was ordered to publicise the market and cause it to be held (*RLC*, ii, p. 186).

**F** (Letter Close) vf, Bartholomew (24 Aug); *feria* gr 1221, by K Hen III to A of Burton upon Trent. In 1221, the A of Burton owed two palfreys for having the fair at the manor of Bromley, to be held until the king came of age (C 60/14 m. 4; *PR*, 5 Hen III, p. 141). On 12 May 1227, K Hen III granted St Mary's, Burton and the A and M a fair on vfm Bartholomew (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 42). On 13 May 1227, sh of Staffordshire was ordered to publicise the fair and cause it to be held (*RLC*, ii, p. 186).

**ALREWAS** 4167 3153. Borough 1328 (BF, p. 193). 1334 Subsidy £35.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 9 Feb 1290, by K Edw I to Robert de Somervill (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 342).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Margaret (20 Jul); gr 9 Feb 1290, by K Edw I to Robert de Somervill (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 342).

**ALTON** 4073 3423. Borough 1239 (BF, p. 160). 1334 Subsidy £67.75.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough). No further information for the market.

**ASHLEY** 3763 3364. 1334 Subsidy £39.50.

**M** (Grant: other) Wed; *mercatum*, gr May 1220, by K Hen III to Philip de Burewardeslegh. The date of the grant is not given in full (C 60/12 m. 5). *Nova Oblata*: Philip de Burewardeleg owed one palfrey, for having the market at the manor (*PR*, 4 Hen III, p. 173).

**BETLEY** 3756 3484. Borough 1299 (BF, p. 160). 1334 Subsidy £21. Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 471).

**M** (Letter Close) Thurs; *mercatum*, gr 16 Apr 1220, by K Hen III to Henry de Audley. To be held at the manor (*RLC*, i, p. 415). On 2 May 1227, K Hen III granted a Thurs market to Henry de Audley (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 35). On 7 May 1227, sh of Staffordshire was ordered to publicise the market throughout his bailiwick and cause it to be held (*RLC*, ii, p. 185b).

**F** (Letter Close) vfm, Margaret (20 Jul); *feria* gr 16 Apr 1220, by K Hen III to Henry de Audley. To be held at the manor (*RLC*, i, p. 415). On 2 May 1227, K Hen III granted a fair on vfm Margaret to Henry de Audley (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 35). On 7 May 1227, sh of Staffordshire was ordered to publicise the fair throughout his bailiwick and cause it to be held (*RLC*, ii, p. 185b).

**BREWOD** 3883 3086. Borough *c.*1280 (BF, p. 161). 1334 Subsidy £115.25. Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 25.

**M** (Letter Close) Fri; *mercatum*, gr 28 Jul 1221, by K Hen III to W bp of Coventry (*RLC*, i, p. 466b). To be held until the king came of age. Notice to the sh of Staffordshire.

**M** (Charter) Mon; *mercatum*, gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). Mon market held by the bp of Coventry and Lichfield was recorded in 1297. In 1382, the burgesses of Stafford, Staffordshire (*q.v.*) alleged that the market had been held for twenty years without royal licence. K Ric II confirmed the bp of Coventry and Lichfield's right to the market in 1387x90. Market had fallen into disuse by 1680 (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 25).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Nativity of the Virgin (8 Sept); gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). Fair held by the bp of Coventry and Lichfield was recorded in 1297. K Ric II confirmed the bp of Coventry and Lichfield's right to the fair in 1387x90. Fair continued until the calendar change in the eighteenth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 25).

**BURTON ON TRENT** 4248 3230. Borough 1187x97 (BF, p. 161). 1334 Subsidy £60. A monastic site from the beginning of the eleventh century. Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 471). Fair 1587, 17 Oct (Harrison, p. 396).

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 12 Apr 1200, by K John to A and M of Burton (*RCh*, p. 49). On 12 May 1227, K Hen III granted a Thurs market to the A and M of Burton (*Monasticon*, iii, p. 43, no. xv). On 7 Jul 1468, K Edw IV confirmed the charter of K Hen III to William Bronston, the A and the C of St Mary and St Modwenna, Burton (*CPR*, 1467–77, p. 95). The Thurs market continued in 1999 (*VCH Staffordshire*, forthcoming).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) Sun; recorded 28 Nov 1384 (*CPR*, 1381–5, p. 506). It was stated that an unlicensed Sun market had lately been set up at Burton on Trent by men of Derbyshire and Staffordshire, which was damaging the market at Stafford, Staffordshire (*q.v.*) (*CPR*, 1381–5, p. 506). This unofficial Sun market may date from as early as 1309. It was subsequently abandoned (*VCH Staffordshire*, forthcoming).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Modwenna (5 Jul); gr 2 Apr 1200, by K John to A and M of Burton (*RCh*, p. 49). Fair continued until at least 1805 (*VCH Staffordshire*, forthcoming).

**F** (Prescriptive) f, Ascension (Easter dep); recorded 1255 (*VCH Staffordshire*, forthcoming). Fair continued until 1891, but had fallen into disuse by the early twentieth century.

**F** (Letter Patent) vfm, Luke the Evangelist (18 Oct); gr 7 Jul 1468, by K Edw IV to William Bronston, A and C of the ch of St Mary and St Modwenna, Burton (*CPR*, 1467–77, p. 95). Fair continued until 1924 (*VCH Staffordshire*, forthcoming.).

**CANNOCK** 3981 3101. 1334 Subsidy £70.25. Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, v, pp. 61–2.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). The bp of Coventry and Lichfield was holding the market in 1293 (*QW*, pp. 710–11). K Ric II confirmed the bp of Coventry and Lichfield's right to the market in 1387x90. Market had fallen into disuse by 1747 (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 62).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Michael in Monte Tumba (16 Oct); gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). The bp of Coventry and Lichfield was holding the fair in 1293 (*QW*, pp. 710–11). K Ric II confirmed the bp of Coventry and Lichfield's right to the fair in 1387x90 (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 62).

**CHARTLEY** 4007 3284. 1334 Subsidy £80.

**M** (Letter Close) Thurs; *mercatum*, gr 26 Sept 1221, by K Hen III to R[anulph] earl of Chester and Lincoln (*RLC*, i, p. 470). To be held at the manor until the king came of age.

**F** (Letter Close) fm, Pentecost (Easter dep); *feria* gr 26 Sept 1221, by K Hen III to R[anulph] earl of Chester and Lincoln (*RLC*, i, p. 470). To be held at the manor until the king came of age.

**CHEADLE** 4008 3432. Borough 1383 (BF, supplement, p. 63). 1334 Subsidy £70. Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 471).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough). No further information for the market.

**CHURCH EATON** 3849 3176. Borough 1275 (BF, p. 161). 1334 Subsidy £39.12. See also *VCH Staffordshire*, iv, pp. 93–4.

**M** (Charter) Mon; gr 28 Jan 1251, by K Hen III to Adam de Brinton (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 352). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vf, Edith (16 Sept); gr 28 Jan 1251, by K Hen III to Adam de Brinton (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 352). To be held at the manor.

**COLTON** 4048 3203. Borough 1275 (BF, p. 161). 1334 Subsidy £57.50.

**M** (Charter) Fri; gr 1 May 1241, by K Hen III to William de Wasteneys (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 259). To be held at the manor.

**CRESSWELL** 3973 3391.

**M** (Charter) Fri; gr 3 Apr 1347, by K Edw III to William de Kareswell (*CPR*, 1345–8, p. 530). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Peter ad Vincula (1 Aug); gr 3 Apr 1347, by K Edw III to William de Kareswell (*CPR*, 1345–8, p. 530). To be held at the manor.

**DRAYCOTT IN THE MOORS** 3981 3402. 1334 Subsidy £42.75. Richard de Draycott was holding Draycott in the Moors in 1297 (The William Salt Archaeological Society ed. *Collections for a History of Staffordshire* (Highgate, 1927), pp. 95–8).

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 20 Mar 1297, by K Edw I to Richard de Draycote (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 467). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Margaret the Virgin (20 Jul); gr 20 Mar 1297, by K Edw I to Richard de Draycote (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 467). To be held at the manor.

**DUDLEY** 3946 2904. Borough 1221 (BF, p. 183). 1334 Subsidy £76.31. Transferred from Worcestershire to Staffordshire in 1966 (*Guide*, ii, p. 410). Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 472). Fair 1587, 25 Jul (Harrison, p. 395).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 16 Feb 1261, held by Roger de Sumery. The market was stated to be damaged by that at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire (*q.v.*) (The William Salt Archaeological Society ed.,

*Collections for a History of Staffordshire* (London, 1883) iv, p. 251). Market recorded on 22 Aug 1401 (CPR, 1399–1401, p. 552).

**ECCLESHALL** 3828 3291. Borough 1199 (BF, p. 161). 1334 Subsidy £118.95. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471).

**M** (Charter) Sun; gr 1149x54, *forum*, by K Steph to ch of Lichfield and Bp Walter (*Regesta*, iii, no. 456).

**M** (Letter Close) Thurs; *mercatum*, gr 28 Jul 1221, by K Hen III to W bp of Coventry (*RLC*, i, p. 466b). To be held until the king came of age. Notice to the sh of Staffordshire.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Ascension (Easter dep); gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). To be held at the manor.

**ELFORD** 4185 3106. 1334 Subsidy £36.75.

**M** (Charter) Fri; *mercatum*, gr 22 Mar 1254, by K Hen III to Wakelin de Arderne (*Roles Gascons*, 1242–54, no. 4151; *CPR*, 1247–58, p. 339).

**F** (Charter) v+2, Swithun (2 Jul); *feria* gr 22 Mar 1254, by K Hen III to Wakelin de Arderne (*Roles Gascons*, 1242–54, no. 4151; *CPR*, 1247–58, p. 339).

**ENVILLE** 3823 2868. 1334 Subsidy £44.25. See also *VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 111.

**F** (Charter) v+2, Invention of Holy Cross (3 May); *feria* gr 26 Sept 1254, by K Hen III to William de Burningham. To be held at the manor (*Roles Gascons*, 1242–54, no. 4147; *CPR*, 1247–58, p. 338). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 111).

**FAZELEY** 4204 3019.

**M** (Charter) Mon; gr 5 Aug 1335, by K Edw III to Ralph Basset of Drayton (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 349). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) Mon after Michaelmas+2 (29 Sept); gr 5 Aug 1335, by K Edw III to Ralph Basset of Drayton. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 349). A charter granting the fair to Ralph Basset of Drayton the elder was dated the same day, but was vacated (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 342).

**HARLESTON** 4214 3109. 1334 Subsidy £33.19.

**F** (Charter) vf, Philip and James (1 May); gr 10 Aug 1328, by K Edw III to Richard de Vernoun (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 90). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vf, Matthew (21 Sept); gr 10 Aug 1328, by K Edw III to Richard de Vernoun (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 90). To be held at the manor.

**HAYWOOD** 3998 3227. 1334 Subsidy £108.58.

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 14 Dec 1251, by K Hen III to William de Ferrers, earl of Derby and his heirs and Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield and his heirs (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 374). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vfm, John the Baptist (24 Jun); gr 14 Dec 1251, by K Hen III to William de Ferrers, earl of Derby and his heirs and Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield and his heirs (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 374). To be held at the manor.

**HIGH OFFLEY** 3784 3263. 1334 Subsidy £40.03.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 17 Jun 1327, by K Edw III to Thomas de Halghton (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 25). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vf, Assumption (15 Aug); gr 17 Jun 1327, by K Edw III to Thomas de Halghton (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 25). To be held at the manor.

**KINVER** 3847 2831. Borough c.1270 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 143). 1334 Subsidy £75. The borough may have been established in 1221, when the market was granted (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 143). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 143.

**M** (Letter Close) Tues; *mercatum*, gr 2 Jul 1221, by K Hen III to John son of Philip (*RLC*, i, p. 464). To be held at the manor until the king came of age. Mandate to the sh of Staffordshire to cause him to have it.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 26 Sept 1257, by K Hen III to John son of Philip. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 474). John son of Philip was holding the Wed market in 1293 (*QW*, pp. 705–6). Market was held in mid fifteenth century, but there is no further evidence. A Tues market was granted in 1544 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 143).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Peter and Paul (29 Jun); gr 26 Sept 1257, by K Hen III to John son of Philip (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 474). John son of Philip was holding the fair in 1293 (*QW*, pp. 705–6). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 143).

**LEEK** 3985 3565. Borough 1207x1215 (G. Barraclough ed., *The Charters of the Anglo-Norman Earls of Chester, c.1071–1237*, Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 126 (Gloucester, 1988) no. 349). 1334 Subsidy £95. The borough appears to have been developed at an existing settlement, prompted by the migration of

Dieulacres abbey from Cheshire (Beresford, p. 487). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 105.

**M** (Charter) Wed; *mercatum*, gr 23 Nov 1207, by K John to R[anulph] earl of Chester. To be held at the manor (*RCh*, p. 173b). The market at the borough was mentioned in the charter of liberties that Ranulph, earl of Chester granted to the borough in 1207x15 (G. Barraclough ed., *The Charters of the Anglo-Norman Earls of Chester, c.1071–1237*, Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 126 (Gloucester, 1988) no. 349). In 1293, the A of Deulacres was claiming a Wed market at Leek. He claimed that Ranulph, earl of Chester had granted the abbey the Wed market at the same time as the manor. The A of Deulacres also claimed that K Hen III had confirmed the grant (*QW*, p. 714). The Wed market continued in the late twentieth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 105).

**F** (Charter) third day before Edward+7 (13 Oct); *feria* gr 23 Nov 1207, by K John to R[anulph] earl of Chester. To be held at the manor (*RCh*, p. 173b). A fair at the borough was mentioned in the charter of liberties that Earl Ranulph granted to the borough in 1207x1215 (G. Barraclough ed., *The Charters of the Anglo-Norman Earls of Chester, c.1071–1237*, Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 126 (Gloucester, 1988) no. 349). In 1293, the A of Deulacres was claiming a fair at Leek. He claimed that Ranulph, earl of Chester had granted the abbey the fair at the same time as the manor and that K Hen III had confirmed the grant (*QW*, p. 714). Fair was still held around the feast of Edward in the early fourteenth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 105). The feast of Edward has been assumed to be the Translation of Edward the Confessor.

At the time of the Dissolution, a fair was held on f+7 Arnulf (18 Jul) (*VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 105).

**LICHFIELD** 4118 3095. Borough 1155x59 (BF, p. 162). 1334 Subsidy £133.33. Seat of a bishopric in 669–1075 and again, in association with Coventry, Warwickshire (*q.v.*), from 1228 onwards. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). Fair 1587, Ash Wednesday (Harrison, p. 393). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, pp. 116–19.

**M** (Charter) Sun; gr 1149x54, *forum*, by K Steph to ch of Lichfield and Bp Walter [of Coventry] (*Regesta*, iii, no. 456). On 21 Sept 1203, it was stated that the day of the market had been changed from Sun to Fri and that the vill was in mercy (*Abb Plac*, p. 43a). A market (the day of which was not given) was recorded in 1212 and 1214 (*PR*, 14 John, p. 88; *PR*, 16 John, p. 46).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) Wed; recorded 1293, *mercatum*, held by bp of Lichfield (*QW*, p. 711). Wed market continued until 1622 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 116).

**F** (Prescriptive) Tues, Wed and Thurs of Whit week (Easter dep); *feria* recorded 1293, held by bp of Lichfield (*QW*, p. 711). On 28 Jan 1307, K Edw I granted Walter de Langeton, bp of Coventry and Lichfield a fair on m+14 Whitsunday to be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 78). Fair had fallen into disuse before 1622 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 118).

**F** (Charter) m+7, All Saints (1 Nov); gr 28 Jan 1307, by K Edw I to Walter de Langeton, bp of Coventry and Lichfield. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 78). Fair had fallen into disuse before 1622 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 118).

**F** (Charter) vf+2, Exaltation of Holy Cross (14 Sept); gr 23 Jul 1337 by K Edw III to Roger bp of Coventry and Lichfield. To be held at the town (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 424). Fair had fallen into disuse before 1622 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 118).

**F** (Prescriptive) Ash Wed (Easter dep); recorded in 1409. Survived until 1622, when it was granted by a charter, which stated that by ancient custom the fair began on Shrove Tues and continued until the following Fri (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 118).

**LONGNOR** 4089 3648. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, Longnor, Alstonfield, Warslow and Stanshope were assessed together at £120 (Glasscock, p. 281). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 44.

**M** (Prescriptive) recorded 1293, held by lord of Alstonfield manor (*VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 44).

**F** (Prescriptive) recorded 1293, held by lord of Alstonfield manor. A fair, the feast of which was not given, was recorded in 1478 (*VCH Staffordshire*, vii, p. 44).

**MADELEY** 3772 3443. 1334 Subsidy £45.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 13 May 1341, by K Edw III to Ralph de Stafford, steward of the king's household (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 4). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vf+2, George the martyr (23 Apr); gr 13 May 1341, by K Edw III to Ralph de Stafford, steward of the king's household (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 4). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vf+2, Leonard (6 Nov); gr 13 May 1341, by K Edw III to Ralph de Stafford, steward of the king's household (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 4). To be held at the manor.

**MILWICH** 3971 3320. 1334 Subsidy £30.

**M** (Charter) Fri; gr 28 Jul 1304, by K Edw I to Robert de Grendon, Hugh de Hochovere and Henry de Hextal and their heirs (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 45). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Laurence (10 Aug); gr 28 Jul 1304, by K Edw I to Robert de Grendon, Hugh de Hochovere and Henry de Hextal and their heirs (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 45). To be held at the manor.

**MUCKLESTON** 3725 3374. 1334 Subsidy £33.25.

- M** (Charter) Tues; gr 3 Aug 1309, by K Edw II to Adam de Mukleston (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 130). To be held at the manor.
- F** (Charter) vf, Assumption (15 Aug); gr 3 Aug 1309, by K Edw II to Adam de Mukleston (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 130). To be held at the manor.

**NEWBOROUGH** 4135 3253. Borough 1263 (BF, p. 162). 1334 Subsidy £17.25. Situated within the manor of Agardsley, this borough was 'new' in comparison to the older borough at Tutbury, Staffordshire (*q.v.*). Like Tutbury, it was founded and held by the Ferrers family. The borough was in decline in 1559 (Beresford, pp. 487–8).

- M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 1150x59, held by Robert de Ferrers II, earl of Derby. In 1150x59, Robert de Ferrers II, earl of Derby confirmed grants to Tutbury Priory in which his market at Newborough was mentioned (A. Saltman ed., *The Cartulary of Tutbury*, William Salt Collection IV series, iv (Stafford, 1962), no. 52). On 23 Mar 1263, Robert de Ferrers, earl of Derby, issued letters patent to his burgesses of Agardsley, which mentioned a market at the borough. The letters patent were confirmed by K Edw III on 3 May 1377 (*CPR*, 1374–7, p. 460).
- F** (Prescriptive) recorded 1150x59, held by Robert de Ferrers II, earl of Derby. In 1150x59, Robert de Ferrers II, earl of Derby confirmed grants to Tutbury Priory in which his fair at Newborough was mentioned (A. Saltman ed., *The Cartulary of Tutbury*, William Salt Collection IV series, iv (Stafford, 1962), no. 52). On 23 Mar 1263, Robert de Ferrers, earl of Derby, issued letters patent to his burgesses of Agardsley, which mentioned an unspecified number of fairs at the borough. The letters patent were confirmed by K Edw III on 3 May 1377 (*CPR*, 1374–7, p. 460).

**NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME** 3847 3461. Borough 1173 (BF, pp. 163, 193). 1334 Subsidy £108.33. The castle in Trentham parish was probably built in 1149, by the earl of Chester. It reverted to K Hen II in 1154. By 1167, a settlement had developed around the castle, which by 1173 appears to have had borough status. The 'new market of Trentham', first recorded in 1172, was almost certainly at Newcastle under Lyme (Beresford, p. 488). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, viii, pp. 45–7.

- M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 1172, *forum*. From 1171–2, the sh accounted for 10s. increment of the manor of Trentham and for the new market (*novum forum*) there, that he had caused to be made (*PR*, 18 Hen II, p. 104). On 21 Sept 1203, it was said that the day of the market had been changed from Sun to Sat and that the vill was in mercy (*Abb Plac*, p. 43a). The increment, later raised to 60s., was still being accounted for in 1220, but in 1221 was dropped on the grounds that the market was not at Trentham but at Newcastle under Lyme (*PR*, 5 Hen III, p. 140). *VCH* states that it is not known whether Sat continued to be the day of the market until 1590, when Qu Eliz I granted a Mon market by charter (*VCH Staffordshire*, viii, p. 45).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Holy Trinity (Easter dep); gr 27 May 1281, by K Edw I to burgesses of Newcastle under Lyme (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 252). A fair on Mon after Trinity Sun was recorded on 14 Nov 1438, held by the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle under Lyme. This was stated to be held by the gift of the king's progenitors (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 4).
- F** (Charter) Tues after the octave of Easter (Easter dep); gr 4 May 1336, by K Edw III to mayor and burgesses of Newcastle under Lyme (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 359).
- F** (Prescriptive) Low Sun (Easter dep); recorded 14 Nov 1438, held by mayor and burgesses of Newcastle under Lyme. Held by the gift of the king's progenitors (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 4). *VCH* states that this fair was linked to that on Tues following the octave of Easter (*VCH Staffordshire*, viii, p. 47). Low Sunday is the Sunday after Easter.
- F** (Charter) f, Leonard (6 Nov); gr 14 Nov 1438, by K Hen VI to mayor and burgesses of Newcastle under Lyme (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 4).

**PATTINGHAM** 3821 2992. 1334 Subsidy £37.69. See also *VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 179.

- M** (Charter) Tues; gr 6 Aug 1316, by K Edw II to Ralph Basset of Drayton. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 315). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the market (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 179).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Trans of Edward (13 Oct); gr 6 Aug 1316, by K Edw II to Ralph Basset of Drayton. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 315). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 179).

**PENKRIDGE** 3921 3141. Borough c.1290 (BF, p. 163). 1334 Subsidy £75. In 1215, Hugh Hose conveyed the manor of Penkrige to Henry of London, archbp of Dublin (d. 1228). Archbp Henry granted two-thirds of the manor to his nephew, Andrew le Blund, probably before 1225. The manor remained with the Blund family until 1363, when it passed to John de Beverley (d. 1380). John's widow Amice held the manor until her death in 1416 (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, pp. 108–9). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, v, pp. 129–30.

- M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 23 May 1244, by K Hen III to Andrew le Blund (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 278). Hugh, son of Andrew claimed the Thurs market in 1293 (*QW*, p. 714). Thurs market granted by K Edw III to John de Beverle, king's yeoman on 18 Sept 1364 (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 189). In 1377, Robert Bardolf,

husband of Amice, the widow of John de Beverley, was found to be holding the market as Hugh Blount had done, without the king's licence, to the detriment of the burgesses of Stafford (*q.v.*). Amice held the market at her death in 1416. Market recorded in 1519. It had fallen into disuse by 1584 (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 129).

**F** (Prescriptive) *feria* recorded *ante* 13 Sept 1215, held by Hugh Huese. On 13 Sept 1215, K John confirmed to Henry, archbp of Dublin and his successors, the manor and fair of Penkridge which Henry had been granted by Hugh Huese by charter (*RCh*, p. 218).

**F** (Grant: other) vf, Michael (29 Sept); gr 10 Sept 1278, by K Edw I to Hugh le Blund (*Historical Manuscripts Commission, 5th report* (1876, London), i, p. 295). In 1293, Hugh Blund stated that the fair had been annexed to the manor from time immemorial (*QW*, p. 714). K Edw II granted Hugh le Blund a fair on vf+3 Michael to be held at the manor on 10 Sept 1312 (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 195). Fair granted by K Edw III to John de Beverle, king's yeoman on 18 Sept 1364 (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 189). In 1598, the fair was extended, to last from 26 Sept to 2 Oct; in 1617, it was extended to last from 23 to 30 Sept. It descended with the manor until 1617 and continued until 1756 (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 129).

**ROCESTER** 4112 3393. 1334 Subsidy £37.50.

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 4 Jul 1283, by K Edw I to A of Rocester (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 267). To be held at the manor.

**M** (Charter) Fri; gr 7 Feb 1440, by K Hen VI to A and C of Rocester (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 8).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Edmund the bp (16 Nov); gr 4 Jul 1283, by K Edw I to A of Rocester (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 267). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) Mon after Whitsunday+2 (Easter dep); gr 7 Feb 1440, by K Hen VI to A and C of Rocester (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 8).

**F** (Charter) f+2, Maurice (22 Sep); gr 7 Feb 1440, by K Hen VI to A and C of Rocester (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 8).

**ROWLEY REGIS** 3964 2867. 1334 Subsidy £36.13. In Worcestershire at the time of Domesday Book, but was transferred to Staffordshire soon afterwards. Transferred to Worcestershire in the mid nineteenth century (*Guide*, ii, p. 420).

**M** (Prescriptive) recorded 1293, *mercatum*, held by Agnes de Somery (*QW*, p. 706).

**F** (Prescriptive) *feria* recorded 1293, held by Agnes de Somery (*QW*, p. 706).

Agnes de Somery claimed to hold Rowley Regis by a demise made to her late husband, Roger de Somery, by William de Etlingg', for a term of sixteen years.

**RUGELEY** 4046 3179. 1334 Subsidy £70.47. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, v, pp. 160–1.

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). Market held by the bp of Coventry and Lichfield recorded in 1293 (*QW*, pp. 710–11). In 1382, the bp of Coventry and Lichfield was accused of holding a market without licence for twenty years, to the detriment of the burgesses of Stafford, Staffordshire (*q.v.*). K Ric II confirmed the 1259 charter in 1387x90. Market continued in the twentieth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 160).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Augustine, the apostle of the English (26 May); gr 2 Jun 1259, by K Hen III to Roger, bp of Coventry and Lichfield, the king's cousin (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 19). Fair held by the bp of Coventry and Lichfield recorded in 1293 (*QW*, pp. 710–11). It may have continued into the eighteenth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 160).

**STAFFORD** 3922 3232. Borough 913 (BF, p. 163). Mint 924–1154. 1334 Subsidy £144. Burh built by Aethelflaed of Mercia in 913. Shire town in 1016. Borough in Domesday Book (BF, p. 163; Darby, p. 367). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, vi, p. 213.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough, mint) Sat; recorded 2 Jun 1382, held by burgesses of Stafford, when it was alleged that the market was being damaged by unspecified neighbouring towns, which held markets on Sun without licence (*CPR*, 1381–5, p. 145). In 1382, the burgesses alleged that the market was being damaged by that at Brewood, Staffordshire (*q.v.*) (*VCH Staffordshire*, v, p. 25). On 28 Nov 1384, the burgesses alleged that the market was damaged by an unlicensed Sun market at Burton on Trent, Staffordshire (*q.v.*) (*CPR*, 1381–5, p. 506). Sat market continued in the late twentieth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, vi, p. 213).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Barnabas (11 Jun); gr 10 May 1245, by K Hen III to William de Cantilupe (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 284).

**F** (Charter) vfm+5, Matthew (21 Sept); gr 1 Jun 1261, by K Hen III to burgesses of Stafford. To be held in the borough (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 36). Fair continued in the seventeenth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, vi, p. 214).

**F** (Prescriptive) f, Peter and Paul (29 Jun); recorded 1315. Date of the fair changed in 1683 (*VCH Staffordshire*, vi, p. 214).

**F** (Charter) f, Invention of the Cross (3 May); gr 30 Mar 1412, by K Hen IV to bailiffs and burgesses of Stafford. To be held within the town (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 446). Fair recorded in 1665 (*VCH Staffordshire*, vi, p. 214).

**STONE** 3904 3338. Borough 1364 (BF, p. 164). 1334 Subsidy £61.50. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471).

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 13 Jul 1251, by K Hen III to P and C of Stone (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 364).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Wulfadus (24 Jul); gr 13 Jul 1251, by K Hen III to P and C of Stone (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 364).

**SWINNERTON** 3852 3355. 1334 Subsidy £46.50.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 19 Oct 1306, by K Edw I to Roger de Swynnerton (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 72). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) f, Assumption (15 Aug); gr 19 Oct 1306, by K Edw I to Roger de Swynnerton (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 72). To be held at the manor.

**TALKE** 3825 3534.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 16 Nov 1252, by K Hen III to James de Alditheleg (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 409). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Martin (11 Nov); gr 16 Nov 1252, by K Hen III to James de Alditheleg (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 409). To be held at the manor.

**TAMWORTH** 4208 3041. Borough 913 (BF, p. 164). Mint 924–1154. 1334 Subsidy £36.75. A royal estate from the eighth century. Burh built by Aethelflaed of Mercia in 913. Borough in Domesday Book (BF, p. 164; Darby, p. 367). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). Fair 1587, Ash Wednesday; 23 Apr (Harrison, p. 393).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough, mint) Sat; recorded 23 Mar 1392, held by bailiffs and commonalty of Tamworth (*CPR*, 1391–6, p. 40).

**F** (Charter) f+3, George (23 Apr); gr 28 Sept 1336, by K Edw III to men of the town of Tamworth (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 380).

**TEAN** 4011 3397. 1334 Subsidy £28.75.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 30 Nov 1355, by K Edw III to Nicholas de Beek (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 147). To be held at the town.

**F** (Charter) Tues in Whitsun week (Easter dep); gr 30 Nov 1355, by K Edw III to Nicholas de Beek (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 147). To be held at the town.

**TRYSULL** 3852 2943. 1334 Subsidy £44.63. See also *VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 192.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 6 May 1251, by K Hen III to Thomas de Tresell (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 358). Market recorded in 1254–5 and 1293; there is no later evidence (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 192).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Holy Trinity (Easter dep); gr 6 May 1251, by K Hen III to Thomas de Tresell (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 358). Fair recorded in 1254–5 and 1293; there is no later evidence (*VCH Staffordshire*, xx, p. 192).

**TUTBURY** 4211 3291. Borough 1086 (Darby, p. 367). 1334 Subsidy £27.19. The borough was held by Henry de Ferrers, lord of Tutbury, and was based around his castle (Beresford, p. 486). See also the entry for Newborough, Staffordshire (*q.v.*). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 1086, *mercatum*. In the borough, around the castle, forty-two men were making a living from the market, rendering with the market £4 10s. (Darby, p. 370). On 21 Sept 1203, it was stated that the market had been removed (*remotum est*) and the assize of bread could not be held (*Abb Plac*, p. 43b).

**UTTOXETER** 4093 3334. Borough 1252 (BF, p. 164). 1334 Subsidy £103.50. The lands of Robert Ferrers, earl of Derby, were granted to Edmund, earl of Lancaster in 1269. Uttoxeter was held by Thomas, earl of Lancaster in 1316 (M. Prestwich, *Edward I* (London, 1988), p. 61; *FA*, v, p. 14). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). Fair 1587, the three Lady days [presumably 25 Mar, 15 Aug and 8 Sept] (Harrison, p. 395).

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 14 Dec 1251, by K Hen III to William de Ferrariis, earl of Derby. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 374). Wed market granted to Thomas, earl of Lancaster, the king's cousin, by K Edw II on 1 Dec 1308 (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 123).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Nativity of Mary (8 Sept); gr 14 Dec 1251, by K Hen III to William de Ferarriis, earl of Derby (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 374). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Mary Magdalen (22 Jul); gr 1 Dec 1308, by K Edw II to Thomas, earl of Lancaster, the king's cousin (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 123). To be held at the manor.

**WALSALL** 4013 2986. Borough c.1198 (BF, p. 165). 1334 Subsidy £63.06. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). See also *VCH Staffordshire*, xvii, pp. 187–8.

- M** (Grant: other) Mon; *mercatum*, gr 1220, by K Hen III to William Rufus. *Nova Oblata*: William Rufus owed 5*m.* for one palfrey for the market and the fair (see below). To be held at the manor until the king came of age (*PR*, 4 Hen III, p. 173). According to *VCH*, although the 1220 grant was to last for K Hen III's minority only, it was never thereafter challenged and was confirmed in 1399. The market was superseded by the Tues market below (*VCH Staffordshire*, xvii, p. 187). A market, the day of which was not recorded, was noted on 22 Aug 1401 (*CPR*, 1399–1401, p. 552).
- M** (Charter) Tues; gr 10 May 1417, by K Hen V to Richard de Bello campo, earl of Warwick, the king's cousin. To be held in the town (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 485). Market continued into the late twentieth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, xvii, p. 118).
- F** (Grant: other) vf, Matthew the apostle (21 Sept); *feria* gr 1220, by K Hen III to William Rufus. *Nova Oblata*: William Rufus owed 5*m.* for one palfrey for the fair and the market (see above). To be held at the manor until the king came of age (*PR*, 4 Hen III, p. 173). *VCH* states that the fair was superseded by those granted in 1417 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 187).
- F** (Grant: other) vf, Nativity of John the Baptist (24 Jun); gr 1399. *VCH* provides little information about the grant. It states that the fair was superseded by those granted in 1417 (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 187).
- F** (Charter) f, Simon and Jude (28 Oct); gr 10 May 1417, by K Hen V to Richard de Bello campo, earl of Warwick, the king's cousin. To be held at the town (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 485). Fair had fallen into disuse by the early seventeenth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 188).
- F** (Charter) f, John before the Latin Gate (6 May); gr 10 May 1417 by K Hen V to Richard de Bello campo, earl of Warwick, the king's cousin. To be held at the town (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 485) Fair had fallen into disuse by the early seventeenth century (*VCH Staffordshire*, xiv, p. 188).

**WHEATON ASTON** 3851 3125. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, Wheaton Aston and Lapley were assessed together at £70 (Glasscock, p. 282).

- M** (Charter) Tues; gr 12 Apr 1292, by K Edw I to A and C of St Remy, Rheims (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 421). To be held at the manor.
- F** (Charter) vf, Peter ad Vincula (1 Aug); gr 12 Apr 1292, by K Edw I to A and C of St Remy, Rheims (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 421). To be held at the manor.

**WOLVERHAMPTON** 3916 2986. Borough 1263 (BF, p. 165). 1334 Subsidy £205. Probably site of a monastery or college of priests from the tenth century or earlier, refounded in 1203 as a royal chapel with dean and prebends. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 471). Fair 1587, 24, 29 Jun (Harrison, p. 394).

- M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 1180, *forum*. Sh of Staffordshire accounts for 20*s.* in mercy for the market, which they ought not to have (*PR*, 26 Hen II, p. 13) On 21 Sept 1203, a jury recorded that the day of the market had been changed from Sun to Wed and that the *villata* was in mercy (*Abb Plac*, p. 43a).
- M** (Charter) Wed; gr 4 Feb 1258, by K Hen III to Giles de Erdington, dean of Wolverhampton (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 7). On 16 Feb 1261, the market was stated to be damaging to that at Dudley, Staffordshire (*q.v.*) (The William Salt Archaeological Society ed., *Collections for a History of Staffordshire* (London, 1883) iv, p. 251).
- F** (Charter) vf+6, Peter and Paul (29 Jun); gr 4 Feb 1258, by K Hen III to Giles de Erdington, dean of Wolverhampton (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 7).

**YOXALL** 4142 3190.

- M** (Charter) Sat; gr 1 Apr 1300, by K Edw I to Thomas, earl of Lancaster (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 482). To be held at the manor.
- F** (Charter) vfm, Swithun (2 Jul); gr 1 Apr 1300, by K Edw I to Thomas, earl of Lancaster (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 482). To be held at the manor.