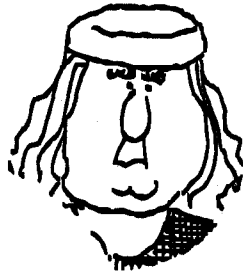


Juror Descriptions

Juror # 1

You are *Nicholas the Carter*. Over the years, you have built up a prosperous business carrying food and animals around Leicestershire. You don't know Tom very well. Occasionally, he hires you to cart grain. He always pays you on time, so you have no reason to dislike him.



Just before the fire, you delivered a load of wheat to the mill at Great Peatling. On your way home, just at dusk, you saw a man coming down the road toward you. When you waved hello, the man looked up startled and ran into the forest. A few days later, you heard that Tom Ayckbourn burned down Great Peatling Mill. Suddenly, the encounter made sense. This man was about Tom's height. He didn't want you to see him going toward the mill.

Juror # 3

You are *Robert of Whalley*, undersheriff for a village close to Great Peatling. Because of your important position, you live in Whalley Keep. You own good farmland and can afford serfs to farm it for you. You know Tom Ayckbourn is a poacher, but you haven't been able to catch him. This really bothers you. You want to bring him to justice.



On the afternoon of the fire, you were at Peatling Manor on business. You were just leaving as the fire broke out. You rushed to organize the firefighting. At the mill you overheard a woman say that her daughter saw Tom Ayckbourn start the fire.

Juror # 2

You are *John Grim*, a freeman. You have lived all your 18 years in Great Peatling. Three years ago, you married a woman from Whalley, the next village over. Now you have two healthy children. You are a very good carpenter, the best in the village. You work hard and the people of Great Peatling respect you.

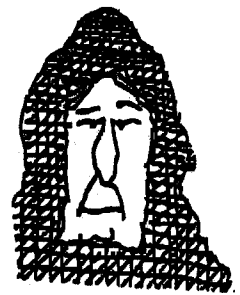


You and Tom grew up together. You are as close as brothers. Tom is very levelheaded and fair. In all your years together, he has only lost his temper once. That happened when you brought up the subject of his marrying someone other than Becky.

On the day of the fire, you were in Whalley, helping your father-in-law mend a table. When you got back to the village, your wife told you Tom had come by and was very angry. She also told you that the mill had burned and people were saying Tom did it. You talked with Tom after his arrest, and he swore he didn't do it.

Juror # 4

You are *Hugh Peverill*. You live in the village of Wykeham but spend most of your time in the nearby abbey of Levern, where you study old manuscripts. You own good farmland, which is managed by serfs. You don't know Tom personally, but the monks at the abbey say he is very devout.



Last week a monk told you, in the strictest confidence, that Becky Miller had come to him for help. Becky told the monk that Tom did not burn the mill and she knows who did. Becky refused to name the arsonist. You hope she changes her mind.

Juror Descriptions

Juror # 5

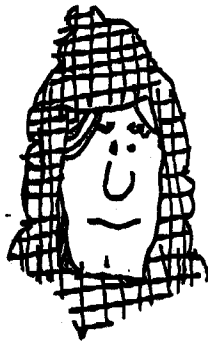
You are *William FitzStephen*, 19 years old, son and only heir to the land and wealth of Stephen of Wykeham. When you were nine years old, your father married you to the daughter of a neighboring landlord. You don't like your wife. She and your two children live with her father and will do so until your father dies and you inherit his lands.



You don't know Tom personally. Becky Miller says Tom is a good, honest, and very dull man. You have been seeing Becky on the sly for three or four months. Because you are married, she won't take you seriously. She plans to marry Tom. Becky told you about Tom's fight with her father. You realized that if something happened to the mill everyone would think Tom did it. You set the fire to get Tom out of the way.

Juror # 6

You are *Peter de Neville*, lord of Peatling Manor and overlord of the villages of Whalley and Great Peatling. You are 34 years old and have spent most of your life in France overseeing your lands and fighting wars. You don't like the Anglo-Saxon people. They seem brutish and lazy. You are sure they lead violent, ugly lives.



Tom is one of the Anglo-Saxon freemen who lives in your villages. You only see Tom when he pays his rent and does his annual week of service. You don't pay much attention to what goes on in your villages.

When you arrived from France a week ago, your servants told you that Tom burned down the mill. You are very angry because though Samuel ran the mill, you owned it. Now the harvest won't be milled in time for the winter unless you pay one of the neighboring millers.

Juror # 7

You are *Allen Langland*, blacksmith in the village of Great Peatling. You own the best farmland in the village and have three serfs. You are only 21, but you make a very good living for your wife and six children. Tom is a few years younger than you. You are not close friends, but you have always liked him. He is honest and hardworking, though he has not been very successful.



On the afternoon before the fire, when you pulled Tom away from Sam Miller, you saw how angry he was. You also saw that he calmed down and left peacefully. Your forge is very close to the mill and you were working late into the evening. If Tom had returned to set the fire, you would have noticed him.

Juror # 8

You are *William Harrison*, warden of the king's forest. You grew up in Great Peatling, but you left when you were 13 to make your way in the world. Last year, you returned with a commission from the king to act as warden and gamekeeper.



You knew Tom as a child and didn't like him. However, since you have been back, you've had some interesting talks with Tom. He seems to be in the forest a lot.

Late in the afternoon on the day of the fire, you caught Tom trapping rabbits in the forest. You didn't arrest him, because he seemed very upset. You talked to him for a while, and he fixed you a dinner of rabbit stew. It was quite dark by the time Tom left. He was heading deeper into the forest, not back towards Great Peatling.

Juror Descriptions

Juror # 9

You are *Duns Evesham*, a farmer from Great Peatling. You live in a small cottage with your elderly mother. Though your father was fairly well-off, he died when you were still young. Since then, it has been hard to make ends meet.



You spent the afternoon of the fire working in the fields. When you saw the smoke, you came running to help. After it was all over, you heard about the fight Tom had with Sam and Becky and how everyone believes Tom burned the mill. You sympathized. When you were young, a girl promised to marry you and then backed out of it. If you had thought to burn her house down, you would have.

Juror # 11

You are *Geoffrey Cordwainer*, a farmer of the village of Great Peatling. You are 35 years old. Your wife, Margaret, bore you 10 children. Only six of them lived. Tom is a friend of your second oldest son, John. You have never liked Tom. Many times your son John has gone off with Tom and returned with game poached from the forest. You have feared that Tom would get your son in trouble with the law.



After the fire at the mill, Margaret told you all about why Tom would want to burn down the mill.

Juror # 10

You are *Stephen of Wykeham*, an important knight and close friend of the king. You have retired to Fyske Castle and have become very involved in the life of the shire. Your wife died several years ago. Though she bore you five children, only one survived. His name is William. You don't trust him much.



You know Tom well, though he isn't one of your villagers. He served under you during the last war. He was a loyal and courageous soldier, remarkably calm in battle.

Sam Miller is a cheat. Everyone in the shire knows it. Miller gets away with it because his overlord, de Neville, won't do anything. Perhaps Tom set the fire, but it is just as likely one of Miller's victims finally decided to get revenge.

Juror # 12

You are *Hamon de Masecy*, a freeman. Though your father was only a farmer, he was very wealthy. You were his youngest son, so you didn't inherit the farm. Your father sent you to the household of the Earl of Leicester to be trained as a page. Through hard work, you are now a squire and will someday be knighted.



You and Tom served under Stephen of Wykeham during the last war. Though you were serving a knight and Tom was only a foot soldier, you saw a good deal of him. He was always trying to better himself by playing up to the knights and lords. You think he is a pushy braggart. Robert of Whalley is a good friend of yours. He told you about the fire and that some girl in the village saw Tom set it.