

Medieval Life

An Introduction

Keywords

Feudal System

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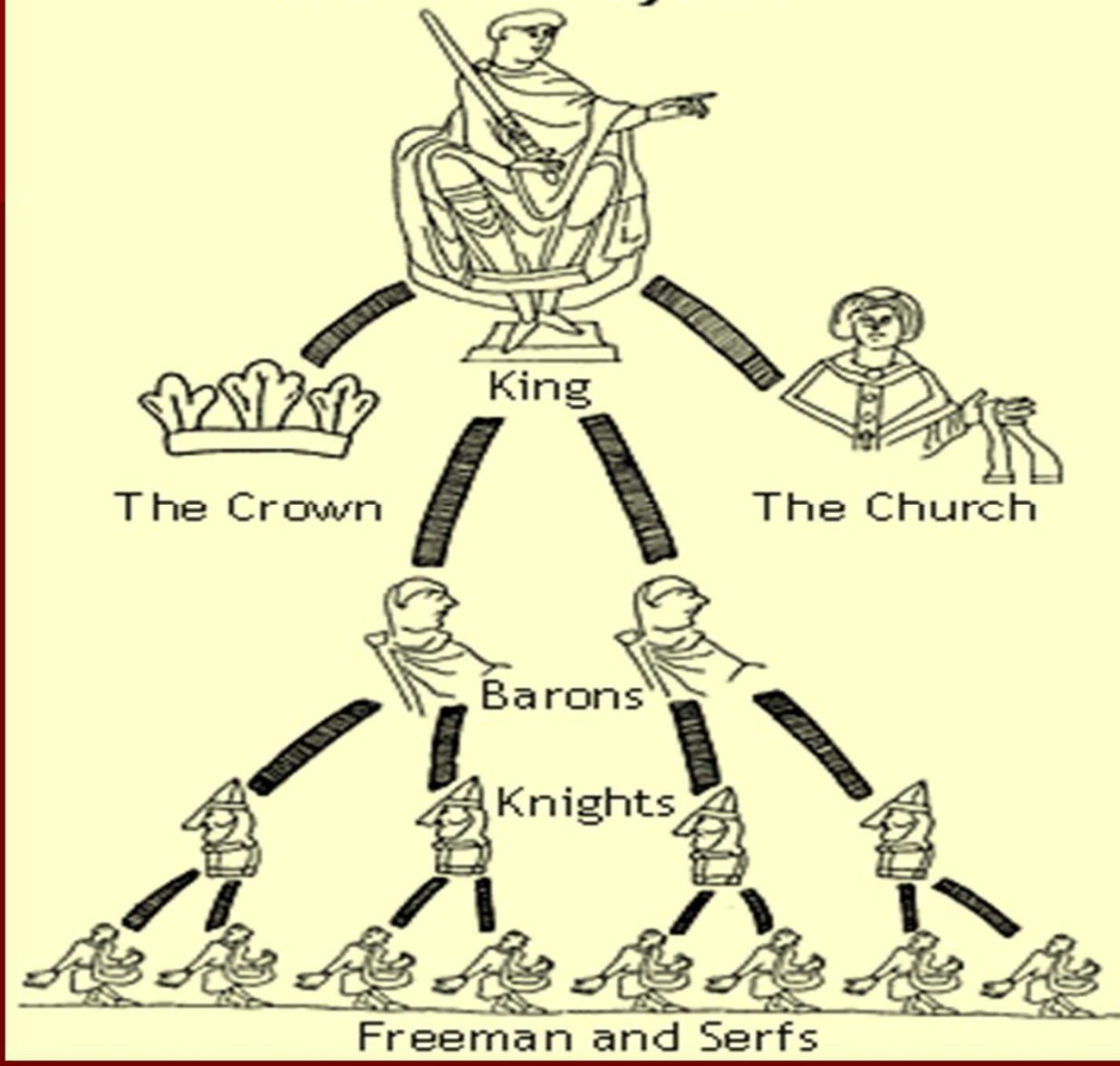
Bailiff

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The Feudal system was the organisation of society based around the ownership of land

The Feudal System



The king was the most
powerful person in the
kingdom all the land
belonged to him



vassals were followers of the king.

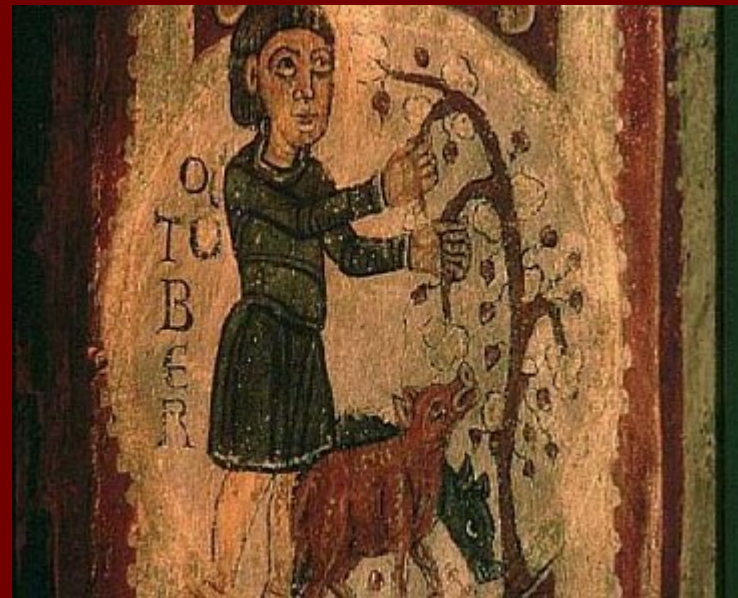
He gave them land. They were noblemen with titles like lord, earl or count

Knights

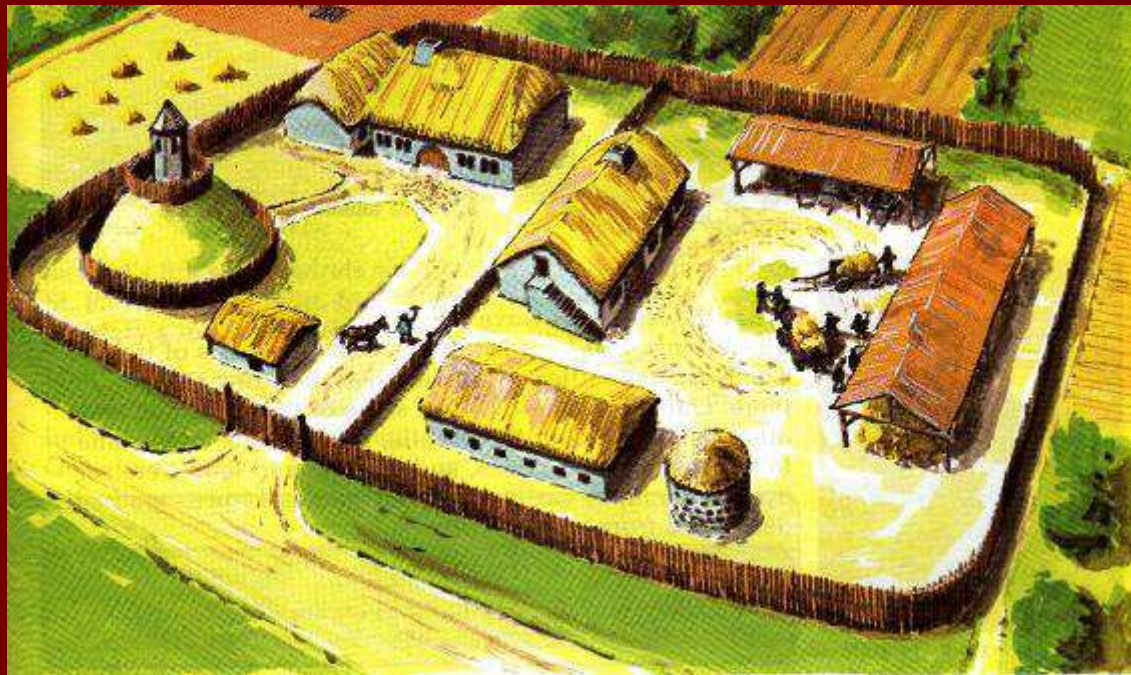
Knights were soldiers who went to battle on horses. They received their land from a vassal

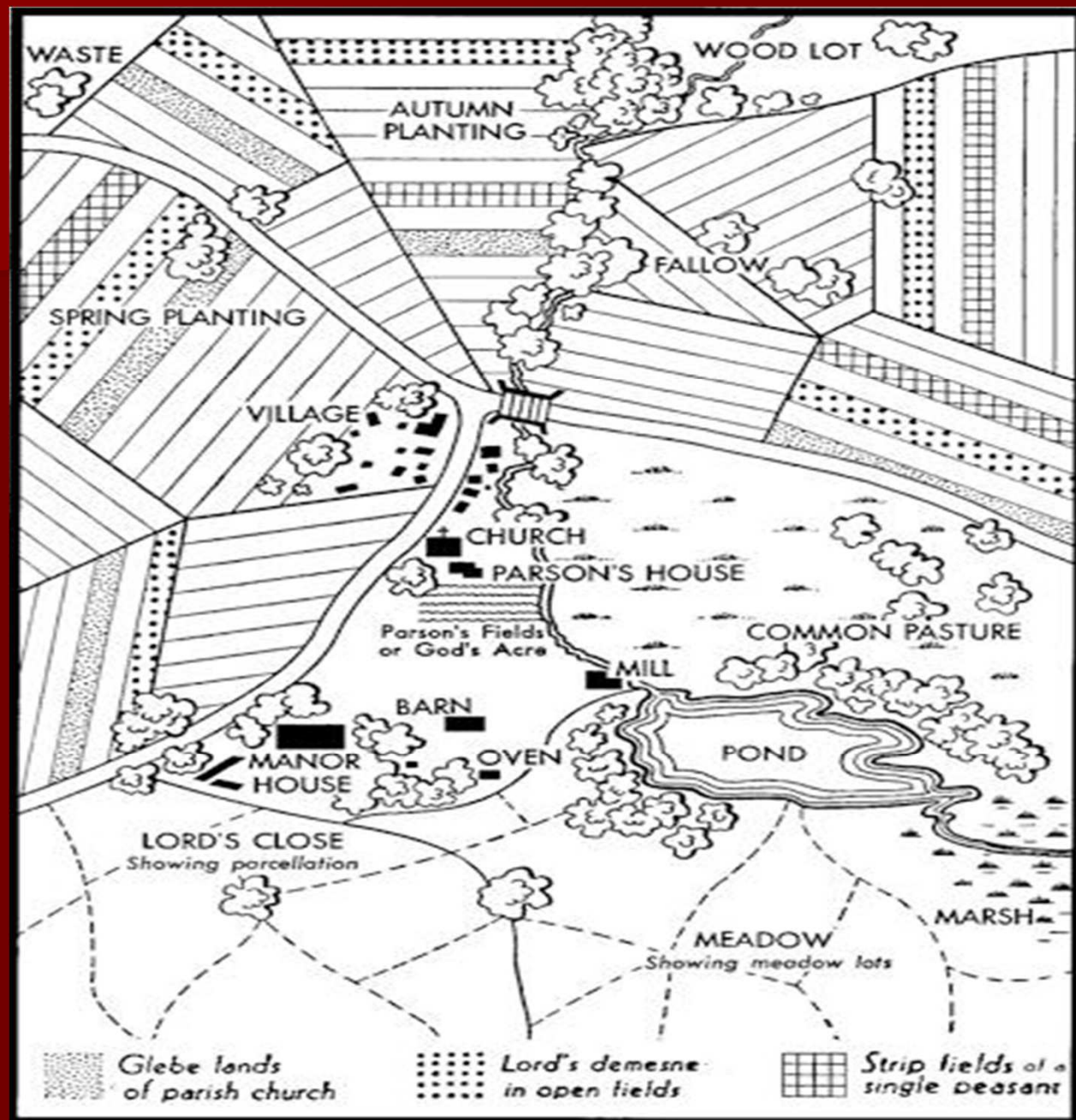


Peasants were the people who worked the land. They had to pay rent and heavy taxes to the lords and the king



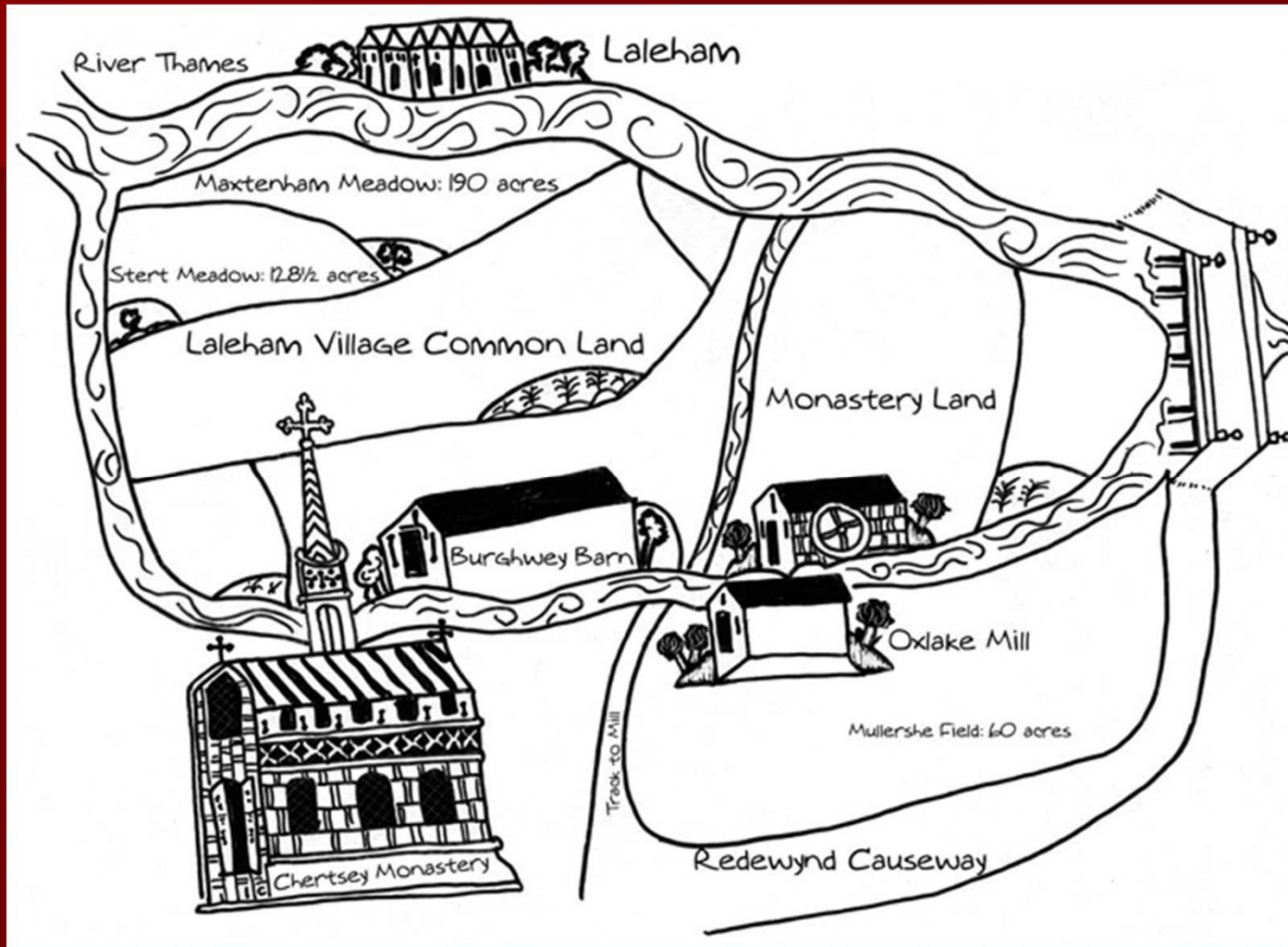
Manor was the village and the surrounding land belonging to a lord





Tithe was a tax of one tenth of someones crops. It was usually given to a priest

Commons was the area in the village where all the peasants animals grazed



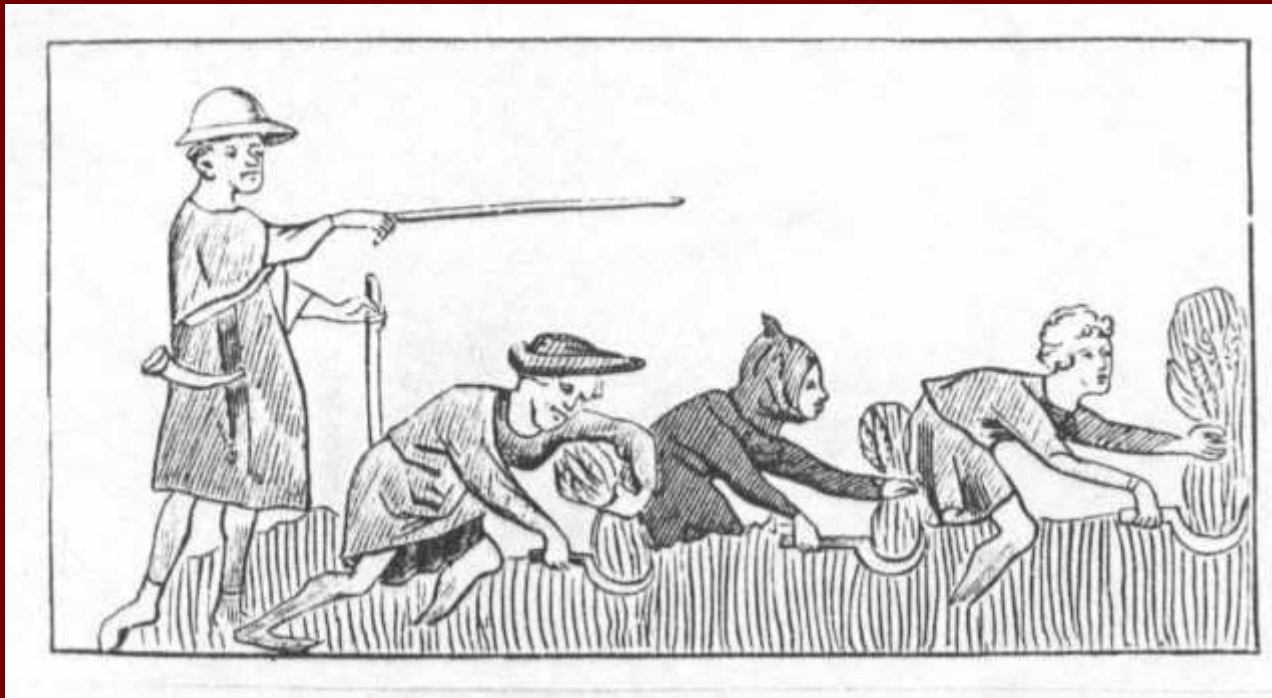
Fallow was when a field was left to rest by growing nothing in it.

Freeman was a peasant who owned the land he worked but had to pay taxes. They were free to leave

Serf was a peasant who belonged to the lord. They had to work without wages and could not leave



Bailiff was the person who looked after the village for the lord. He collected taxes and rent.



Stocks and pillorys were forms of punishment where people were put and passers by could spit or throw things at them



