Mathilda Legg (a villein)



Sir John says that we can leave the village after we're married next month.

(Find John Newton)

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John Newton (a villein)



We'll find jobs in the town and make some money.

(Find Mathilda Legg)

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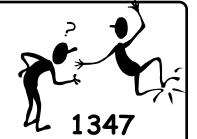
Sir John Lovell (the Lord of the Manor)



That's good for me. I'll free some of the villeins and let them leave the village.

(Find Lady Alice Lovell and Walter the Steward)

Ralph Lovell (the lord's son)



Next spring Robert and I are joining the king's army.

(Find Robert Lovell, Thomas Driver and Stephen Cakebread)

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Walter the Steward (a freeman)

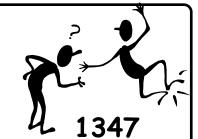


There's lots of people wanting work, my Lord. They'll accept low wages.

(Find Sir John Lovell and Lady Alice Lovell)

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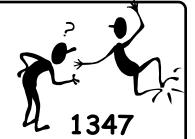
Lady Alice Lovell (the lord's wife)



Then we can pay the workers lower wages and make more profit.

(Find Sir John Lovell and Walter the Steward)

Robert Lovell (the lord's son)

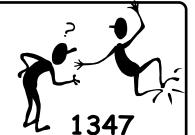


We'll beat the French again, just like at Crecy last year.

(Find Ralph Lovell, Thomas Driver and Stephen Cakebread)

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Thomas Driver (a freeman)



We'd like to come with you, my lord. We don't earn much here anymore.

(Find Ralph Lovell, Robert Lovell and Stephen Cakebread)

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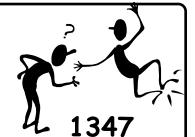
Stephen Cakebread (a freeman)



That's right. Our wages are falling but we can make our fortune in the army. We're as good as any archers you'll find in England.

(Find Ralph Lovell, Robert Lovell, Thomas Driver)

John Baker (a villein)



It's a good time for Isabella to be born.

(Find Agnes Baker with baby Isabella)

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Agnes Baker (a villein) with baby Isabella



With the good harvest there'll be plenty of food for us and the baby through the winter.

(Find John Baker)

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Father William (a freeman)

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God has blessed the village with a good harvest. Thanks be to God!

(Find Beatrix Carter and her son, Richard Carter)

Beatrix Carter (a villein)

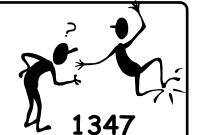
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And thanks to you, Father - for arranging for Richard to go to school. That will make sure he has a good future.

(Find Father William and Richard Carter, your son)

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Richard Carter (a villein)



I want to learn to read and write. I'll never do that if I work as a shepherd.

(Find Father William and Beatrix Carter, your mother)

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John Morell (a freeman)



Of course. There are so many people in the town wanting food that we're getting good prices for our crops.

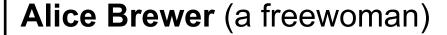
(Find Margery Morell, Henry Brewer and Alice Brewer)

Henry Brewer (a freeman)

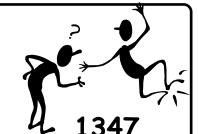
Not all freemen are as lucky as you John. I've only got enough land to grow food for my family.



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Now they're saying that Sir John's going to cut our wages so there's no chance of buying more land.

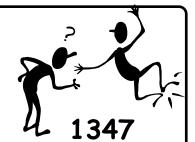


(Find John Morell, Margery Morell and Henry Brewer)

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Margery Morell (a freewoman)

Can we afford new ribbons for my hair? I like those blue ones.



(Find John Morell, Henry Brewer and Alice Brewer)

Adam Smith (a villein)



I've always wanted my freedom but now I'm not so sure. At least we villeins get enough land from Sir John to grow our food.

(Find Edith Smith and Eleanor Shepherd)

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Edith Smith (a villein)

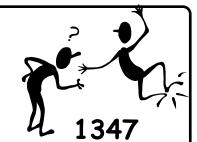


Next year, Sir John's going to cut the wages he pays the freemen.

(Find Adam Smith and Eleanor Shepherd)

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Eleanor Shepherd (a villein)



There's plenty who will work for less if it's that or no work at all.

(Find Adam Smith and Edith Smith)