

be the last play we are to see till Michaelmas. Thence homewards by coach through Moorefields, where we stood a while and saw the Wrestling. At home, got my lute upon the Leades and there played; and so to bed.

29. With my wife and the two maids and the boy took boat and to Foxhall – where I have not been a great while – to the Old Spring garden. And there walked long and the wenches gathered pinks. Here we stayed; and seeing that we could not have anything to eat but very dear and with long stay, we went forth again without any notice taken of us; and so we might have done if we had had anything. Thence to the New one, where I never was before, which much exceeds the other. And here we also walked, and the boy creeps through the hedge and gather[s] abundance of roses. And after long walk, passed out of doors as we did in the other place. And so to another house that was an ordinary house, and here we have cakes and powdered beef and ale; and so home again by water, with much pleasure. This day, being the Kings birthday, was very solemnly observed; and the more for that the Queene this day comes to Hampton Court. In the evening bonfires were made, but nothing to the great number that was heretofore at the burning of the Rump. So to bed.

31. By and by to Whitehall, hearing that Sir G. Carteret was come to towne; but I could not find him, and so back to Tom's; and thence I took my father to my house and there he dined with me – discoursing of our business with uncle Thomas and T. Trice. After dinner he departed, and I to the office, where we met. And that being done, I walked to my Brother – and the Wardrobe and other places about business, and so home. And had Sarah to comb my head clean, which I find so foul with poudering and other troubles, that I am resolved to try how I can keep my head dry without pouder. And I did also in a sudden fit cut off all my beard,* which I have been a great while bringing up, only that I may with my pumice-stone do my whole face, as I now do my chin, and so save time – which I find a very easy way and gentile. So she also washed my feet in a bath of hearbes; and so to bed.

This month ends with very fair weather for a great while together. My health pretty well, but only wind doth now and then torment me about the fundament extremely. The Queene is brought a few days since to Hampton Court; and all people say of