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Tax Hikes Rumour'd

Smallwood Under Pressure Small Cost For Godliness

Duke Smallwood is set to break his silence tonight on plans to raise taxes in Luton. The income from new taxes will help to fund the Duke's new cathedral, a controversial structure that has taken a great many resources to create. The last tax raise was in 1654 when taxes rose 22 percent to fund the Dukes stake in the Civil war.

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"What a shameful thing to see, a town so opposed to the building of a holy place. If this were France, most of you would have been beheaded by now!"

-Laverne Cuer, Priest

"This cathedral will be our legacy, the gift we give to our children"

-Duchess Agnes Smallwood

Yuletide Continues

Town Dance Largest Yet

The traditional Yuletide Dance, starting at sundown, will be the largest Luton has seen yet. Almost every inn is full with some people having to sleep in barns and attics!

"What sort of horrible crowded place is this?!"

-Lord Avery Hardbottom

"You out-of-towners better not steal the women!"

- Alister Rudden, Cooper

Christmas Still Debated

While most families prepare for the celebrations some are still calling for a cease to merriment around Christmas time.

Christmas has been legal in Luton since 1658 has mainly been met with a positive response.

"Cromwell may be dead, but that doesn't mean Christmas should come back to life"

-James Farthing

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Plague Reaches Luton

Source Unknown

Despite efforts to prevent the spread from London, the Black Plague has finally found its way into Luton.

The source of the outbreak is still being investigated. Donates McVicar is urging anyone with information to come forward, claiming that it's very suspicious for the plague to just appear out of nowhere.

Doctors Orders

The Luton Gazette asked Wendel Williams, Luton's Doctor, for a statement about the outbreak.

"The key thing to remember is not to panic, lots of people are going to be pointing fingers and it's important to keep a clear head. Drink lots of small beer to keep yourself hydrated, smoke quality tobacco to clear the lungs, and if you think you have been infected, come to me immediately"

Mysterious Forces

As the debate over witch burning rages on, Luton finds itself home to some unexplained phenomenon.

Some Lutonites are excited as they'll be able to use their new Christmas witch burning tools.

Evelyn Archer, a vocal opponent to witch burning, is adamant that the practice should be abolished.

"I don't care if sorcery exists or not, burning is not the solution. I wouldn't burn a chicken so I damn well won't burn a person!"

The Old Families

Continued from page 1. Many families were driven out of town when they were unable to afford the 1654 increase in taxes.

Families like the Briars have managed to return since the raise, often finding their land swallowed by the dukes estate, but others like the Restin, Harris, and Molyneaux Families haven't been seen since.

Unsurprising in the latter case as Peter and Emma Molyneaux died in poverty after their estates were sold, leaving their daughter destitute.