

MORE MURDERS

- IS ANYONE SAFE?

Again the local area has been rocked by another set of grizzly murders. These happened two months ago but details are only now being coming to light. A farmstead at Sampford River was the scene of savage butchery. A family of five along with four farm hands were slaughtered in a bloody and gruesome manner. Investigating locals found several body parts missing and guts and entrails spread across the farm. So far no clues or method has been found in this latest in a series of brutal and vicious assaults.

This case seems to be linked to the previous episode at the small roadside inn The Coachmans Arms near Tiverton which was attacked and eight patrons and the bar staff found dissected,

defaced and dismembered. Several weeks before that a small hamlet was murdered and previous to that an attack on a mining camp in the hills with only a handful of survivors. The attacks seem to be localised between the Tiverton and Exeter area.

The authorities are taking a pragmatic approach and locals are calling for action. A fund has been set up by Sir Jeffrey Beckitt of ten guineas for information that leads to the unmasking of the vile villains responsible for these acts of despicable savagery. When asked if anyone was safe Captain Dare advised to stay clear of strangers and shoot any suspicious types and call for the militia at once.



Artists impression of terrible murders conducted by n'er do wells

Death of a legend

Local hero and well travelled adventurer Stinky Pete has been reported dead. Stinky Pete was a well known and respected Privateer that sailed the seven seas in search of adventure. It is well known he made a fortune on the Spanish Main and that he secured his treasure all across the world. The exact details of his demise are not available at this time however there will be a special edition of this paper highlighting all of his exploits and adventures in a exclusive commemorative issue coming soon, anyone with stories or anecdotes should contact the paper. As per his final wishes the esteemed notary Sir Wilberforce Forbes-Watson is to read his last will and testament at The Mermaids Pub on Friday night.

War tension increased.

The threat of war with France has escalated with the assassination of Cardinal Rorschach, a prominent figure in the Lisieux area of France. It is reported that the killers were English although the Crown says it played no part in the affair. However an English Ambassador to France was also found murdered in the local adding fuel to the speculation of British involvement. A contingent of French troops has been dispatched to investigate the grisly episode and their Captain Monsieur Le Sheek says he has the names of those responsible. They Crown is denying that it has any such agents and say the whole thing is a Dutch plot, possibly with Spanish involvement.



Black Jack Still at Large

The malevolent mugger that is Black Jack is still at large. He has been a one man crime spree for the last few years. He has robbed over 60 people now, each time leaving his calling card. The Mayor of Exeter has now put a price of 15 pounds on his person if he can be brought in alive to face justice. He is to be caught, put to fair trial and then publicly executed as an example to all. Some say that it is actually him behind the latest stream of murders and disappearances, whilst it is not this papers duty to report on conjecture, it would be reasonable speculation that this is the case and we call for all to be on the lookout for this foul and murderous scoundrel.

Swindlers Fair

Back due to overwhelming popular demand. You are again going to be graced by the presence of perhaps the most widely travelled and eclectic show, brought to you by Honest Jack Swindler. A wider display of freaks, dangerous acts of peril and exhilarating performances you will not see. All the old favourites will be there and of course some brand new acts from far and wide.



Scene of locals after receiving news of Swindlers Fair coming to town

Strange French types abound

We have had several reports of strange French types around the place. They seem to be searching the area for someone or something. Whilst we are not formally at war with the French, no one is going to be bothered if a few have a accident, although best not to have too many as we don't want a diplomatic incident. You are advised to stay clear of strangers and shoot any suspicious types and call for the militia.

Lottery for the Nautical Salvagers Fund.

A charity lottery is being held for the local Nautical Salvagers and Orphans of the Sea. Tickets are available across the region and the grand draw will be on Sunday 5th November and will be drawn by the very Reverend Smith at the Mermaid Pursé Barn.

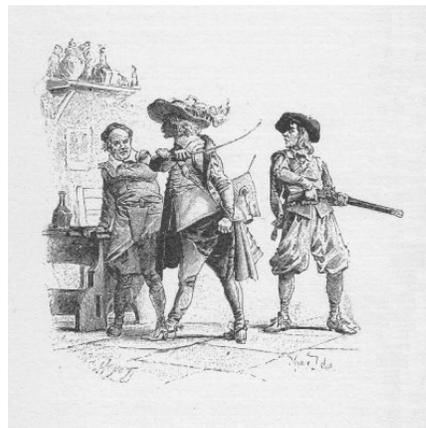
You have to be in it to win it.

Earls Gambit Chess Competition

The popular board game Earls Gambit Chess is having its annual contest this year at The Mermaids Pursé on Friday night. The defending champion Duncan Disorderly McBaid will be taking on all challengers to the prestigious title. There is a one shilling entrance fee and a grand prize of three guineas along with the golden challenge cup.

Rebels

There are rumours that a rebellion is starting against our good King James II. This seems to be led by William of Orange, a foreigner with a tenuous claim to the throne. Please be advised that to assist or join the rebellion is treason and is punishable by death. Any rebel or clandestine societies or meetings are forbidden and anyone commissioning treasonous undertakings shall be apportioned with the absolute intensity of the law. You are advised to stay clear of strangers and shoot any suspicious types and call for the militia.



Rebels, what they could look like

Tiverton Boys

A slight reprieve on the good men and women of Tiverton in that the local hostery The Coachmans Arms is under repair after the recent unfortunate incidents. The local boys have been travelling far and wide looking for an alternative tavern. Whether this is the cause of the recent downturn in local crime and violence, it is not for us to speculate.

Navy Recruitment

Programme

There are wonderful opportunities for stout hearted fellows in the Royal Navy. There is a prospect to learn new skills, earn a fortune and work your way through the ranks. Signing up could never be simpler, you even get a drink and a kings shilling thrown in for good measure. Look out for a recruitment facilitator team in your local tavern.

Strangers in the Night

Strangers in the night exchanging glances, wondering in the night. You are advised to stay clear of strangers and shoot any suspicious types and call for the militia.

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Wanted Reliable pistol, one which actually go off when I am in peril. Box 449
For Sale Useless pistol, never goes off when I am in peril. Box 449

For Sale Used law books, unwanted gift, some blood stains. Box 447

Wanted Plans of a delicate nature. Please deliver when requested.

Wanted Brave people to assist with scientific research. Apply Mermaids Pursé

For Sale Rulebook of Earls Gambit Chess. Collector's item. Offers. Box 450

Wanted Doctor or surgeon to deal with an ailment of a delicate nature. Top prices paid. Box 452

Wanted Freaks, weirdoes and oddities. The Swindlers Fair needs you.

Missing Old Ma Beckett, come back all is forgiven. 1 shilling reward

