



Manor of Alcester – A Proclamation

Whereas the Lord Edward by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, at Canterbury on 18th July in the twenty first year of this reign A.D.1292 granted Walter Beauchamp, Lord of this Manor, a Charter for a Fair to be holden on the eve of St Giles and for seven days following-the said Fair being later translated to the eve of St Faith the Virgin: and Whereas the Charter and Privilege have been confirmed by divers ralers of this Realm: Know Ye that all manner of persons of whatsoever Estate, Degree or Condition they be, having recourse to this Fair are commanded to keep the peace of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth II our Queen.

That no manners of persons make any Congregations, Covenicles or Affrays, by which the said peace may be broken or disturbed, upon pain of imprisonment and fine.

Also that all manners of Sellers of wine, ale or beer sell by measures ensealed as by Gallon, Pottle, Quart and Pint upon pain that will fall thereof.

And that no person sell any bread except it keep to the Assize; and that it be good and wholesome for man's body upon pain that will follow thereof.

And that no manner of Cook, Pie Baker nor huckster sell or put on sale any manner of Victual except it be good and wholesome for man's body upon pain that will follow thereof.

And that no manner of persons buy or sell but with true weights ensealed accordingly to the Statute in that behalf made, upon pain that will follow thereof.

And finally that what persons so ever find themselves grieved, injured or wronged, by any manner of persons in the Fair, that they come with their Plaints before the Steward assigned to hear and determine Pleas; & he will minister to all parties Justice according to the laws of this land & the customs of this Manor.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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LORD OF THE MANOR