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IN APPROPRIATE Hallowe'en attire, Mrs. Nicky Haig helped her husband to serve "deadly nightshade" at George the Fourth public-house, Ber Street, Norwich. At the same party Mr. Raymond Howard (above right) gave a talk on witchcraft.

Witches meet on Mousehold claim 'CLEAN SWEEP' BY BROOMSTICK BRIGADE

SPOOKIEST of last night's Hallowe'en parties was one organised at the George the Fourth public-house, Ber Street, Norwich, where details of a coven (assembly of witches), which it is claimed meets in Norfolk, were revealed. Mr. Raymond Howard, who lives at the public-house where the party was held, maintains it is the 400-year-old site of a witch's hut.

Watching over the proceedings were the grotesque 2 ft. 6 in tall wooden symbol, "Atho," the horned god, and a small wooden "medium" with the sign of the witches pentagram.

Mr. Howard said he had been given these symbols by a Romany gypsy when he lived at Swaffham as a small boy. There was also an old deed box, formerly belonging to the old lady, containing teeth nail parings and old parchments.

Full moon

Mr Howard claimed that recently he saw a meeting of a coven with seven members at Mousehold Heath, Norwich. They wore black cloaks and carried out a form of devil worship.

He gave details of the site and said when he viewed the incident on the night of a full moon there was a fire in the centre of a circle of stones.

Mr. Howard, who told a reporter he is collecting material on witchcraft for a book he hopes to write, said there were several sites of witches' meetings in Norfolk. He hoped to try to trace witches regalia which might be buried at these sites.

Broomsticks

The sites, he said, were near St Benet's Abbey, in Forestry Commission grounds at Swaffham, and at Mousehold Heath.

As a result of the tales Mr. Howard told—which he declared were true—the party was a real Hallowe'en affair with broomsticks and black decorations adding to the end-of-the-Druid year atmosphere.

The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Haig, joined in the fun serving "deadly nightshade" and other witches' potions which looked peculiarly like beer.

SKELETONS ABROAD

Spectres, skeletons and witches made their appearance at a Norwich International Club party at the Music House last night.

Mrs. S. O'Dell spoke of Hallowe'en traditions and apple bobbing, ducking for apples and other appropriate games followed.