

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Rumblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

I would love to see your stuff in FTT – photographs*, original artwork, reviews, articles, poems, recipes etc. Please send your contributions to the chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org email address by the 25th of each month. I prefer text documents (.docx, .doc, .rtf etc.) where I can easily copy the text rather than PDFs.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

Eleanora

* Please ensure that you have permission to publish the photographs of anyone identifiable in your photos.

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King Thorolf R I and Queen Halla I

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Their Excellencies Speak

Greetings all,

We are delighted to announce the formation of a new guild in our lands, the Custardeers! We greatly enjoyed the chance to witness the formation of this guild, especially since we were able to try many delicious custard variations. We would like to congratulate Melissa, who won the documented custard competition, Mistress kerr, who had an honourable mention for the truly beautiful documentation she entered, and Sir Tycho, who won the custard eating competition, and the heavy tourney which started the event. We would like to encourage those who couldn't make the event to enter the guild, and We are happy to help with this by testing entries, at any time. Our deep thanks to Master Brian for stewarding such a tasty and successful event.

We would like to thank Lady Tyra for her service as chatelaine. Should anyone wish to take on this office We ask you to contact Our seneschal. Mistress Eleanora and Master Brian have stepped forward to organise the Barony's presence at the Hororata Highland Games. We ask any that can assist them in this event to contact them as soon as possible. There are but a few weeks before this event and We are aware that some of you will be travelling at the time, but this is an important event for the group and it takes many to make it successful. Your help will be appreciated.

We are happy to announce the Crusader's Return from the 11th to the 13th of November. Please see the ad in later pages for more information about this event. We are trying a new venue this year and hope that as many of you as possible will join us for a fine weekend of tournaments, feasting and fun.

Before then, though, is Master Brian's next Monthly Tournaments, this time with Target Archery, and as usual, with lovely tokens for the winners of the tourneys. We have certainly been encouraged in recent months by the fighters' willingness to try different formats and we look forward to seeing a rapier tourney soon as well.

We are pleased that the populace of Wildmoor is also planning a feast at the start of December and We expect to be able to make the journey to help them celebrate. If others are looking to travel but lack for a wagon please let Us know and We will try to assist.

We also remind you that Canterbury Faire is but two weeks away* and that starting training at the same time as the artisans are also gearing up on their projects gives you a better chance of being fighting fit on the day. On a related note, the theme for Stuff Night this month is Canterbury Faire Garb Planning, something that we're sure will be very useful.

Richard and Ginevra

* approximately.

From the Officers

Please note that all officers must be SCA members. If you are interested in a role please review the job outline at <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc>

Arts and Sciences

stuff night

First Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9.30pm

Location: Avic Hill Community Centre Activities Room at **395 Memorial Avenue, Burnside** in the front room of the facility.

Donations towards venue rental to lessen the direct cost to the Barony are welcomed, and a donation box will be available.

A light supper will be provided.

arts activity sundays

Location: **Redwood Scout Hall, 20 Sturrocks Road**

Time: **Sundays, 11am**

Have you ever wanted to run a class or A&S activity, but haven't before? Would you like to try?
Do you sometimes teach but would like to trial a new class or do a dry run before teaching more widely?
Have a neat idea for a Baronial project or activity?

Now welcoming all applications to run fun classes or activities either on Sundays or for Stuff Night.
Have a go!

Contact Lady Cecily de Montgomery on arts@sg.lochac.sca.org

wanted: captain of archers

We are currently without a Captain of Archers and the Knight Marshal, Brian di Caffa, is looking for either a replacement, or a couple of line marshals who will turn up this last week each month to run archery tournaments. Targets can be made available any Sunday for interested archers if there is a line marshal present, and it is easy to become an authorised line marshal.

If you wish to apply for Captain of Archers email your application to: archer@lochac.sca.org with copies to seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org & bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org.

Knight Marshal

Gosh, another month has gone by. Fighter practise is slowly getting warmer, but often just as wet and windy. Thank goodness for a nice warm hall to practise or just socialise in. Last month's archery tourney was called off due to being windy, so this next Monthly bash on Sunday 2nd October will feature a target archery tournament at midday (at Redwood primary school), and the usual heavy tourney at 11am. Hope to see many of you there – consider picnics when the days are nice.

The first weekend in November has the Hororata Highland games on the Saturday 5th where we will be holding a demo- see the article in this FTT. I would ask for a few heavies to confirm with me or Eleanora that you can make this fun but busy day. As we will be having a camping event the following long weekend in November, we shall hold the monthly heavy and combat archery tournament at that event instead.

Would anyone interested in combat archery let me know, and we can deck you out with all the kit. I'll organise another combat practise or two prior to the camping event. Also over the next couple of months there will be war field preparation and fortress building at CF site, and also siege-weapon construction.

Yours in Service

Brian di Caffa

Custard Rebel reports

Tournament and Custard Rebel, 4th of September

On this windy spring day a tournament was held by Baron Richard and Baroness Ginerva. Due to the weather, it was decided archery would not be happening. Sir Tycho was the clear overall winner in the fighting.

And after such a marvellous display of prowess we all retired to the hall for the custard revel.

There were four entries to be judged by the Baron and Baroness for best custardeer. And as the judging was happening the custard eating competition began. There were six competitors and three rounds.

Sir Tycho also won that competition with a very distinctive custard moustache that became a new fashion.

In honour of achievements Sir Tycho received his longstanding fighting token, as well as his AOA scroll as well as a token for his custard eating.

Melissa was honoured for her documentation and declared best custardeer of the land, Mistress Katherine Kerr was also honoured for her splendid calligraphed documentation. Master Brian di Caffa was also honoured to be become one of the Baron's guards.

Yours in service, Jayne



Custard Rebel

Brian di Caffa and Ellen of Wyteley

There were Custard tales of glory and tragedy. Two people lovingly crafted their custards the night before, but sadly found they had been eaten by family members in the morning when they went to collect it for the event. One person beautifully documented their dish but ran out of ingredients late the night before and had to resort to packet custard. A custard didn't thicken and had to be recooked at the event, succeeding just in time for Guild membership.

Following Sir Tycho's win at the Monthly Bash, the populace was growing politely restless waiting for the fighters, while gazing at the delicious dishes. The eating competition started casually with the thickened custard round, but the second round vanilla slice was controversial, having a crucial failure to whistle on completion. The eggnog skull for the final two contestants was so close that it was decided by who had less eggnog on their head after upturning their "empty" glasses. Congratulations to Sir Tycho for his custard eating prowess.

I (Brian) was knocked out of the competition after the vanilla slice round, but it was very satisfying to then go and eat a bit of custard pie and a tart dolloped with three fine flavours of custard, and washed down with eggnog. There was a broad spread of very fine custards entered for Guild membership, and also those with documentation. The worthy recipient of the Golden Custardeer award was Melissa Wijffels, so congratulations for that tasty and well researched entry.

Admitted to the Guild of Custardeers for their very nice custards:

- Ellen of Wyteley
- Tycho Julso
- Nathaniel de Avranches
- Katherine Kerr
- Jayne Boleyn
- Yngvildr Hafrdottir
- Melissa Wijffels
- Ssu-ma Wei
- Brian di Caffa

According to the Guild charter, anyone may join the Guild if two independent people consider the custard to be "Not awful". Ellen and Brian are happy to judge custard entries at any time, as are their Excellencies Richard and Ginevra. The next Guild meeting will be held at Canterbury Faire. Should any other Guild chapters be founded before then, their representatives shall match skills against our Champion and Golden Custardeers to determine their worthiness.



Final round eggnog between Sir Tycho and Nathaniel



Aftermath of the first creamy custard round



Mistress Katherine Kerr's entry in the documented custard competition

Hororata Highland Games

For the past two years Southron Gaard has attended the Hororata Highland Games to promote the Society. The Games began as a fundraiser for the wee town of Hororata which was hit very hard by the September earthquake and has rapidly grown to be the largest event of its type outside of Scotland and with a uniquely New Zealand tilt to it. Our contribution to the event is highly regarded, there are hundreds of activities, groups, and stalls and yet one of the images used in their marketing shows Sir Vitale being thoroughly smited by a small child. It's enormously fun but it does require some commitment by around a dozen people and right now we need you to be one of those people.



When: Saturday 5th November, 9:00 – 4:00

Where: Hororata Domain

<http://hororatahighlandgames.org.nz/>

What's involved?

Normally we put up one large pavilion to show off our stuff and then run regular fighting demos during the day. In between the fighting demos we have people making stuff, if possible, and static displays of things for people to look at / ask about. Last year we also used the red pavilion as our information tent. Mostly the job involves talking to people. We need:



Last year's display

- Four fighters
- At least one marshal and preferably someone else willing to marshal
- Artisans who can bring things to work on
- People who are good at talking to people
- Cool stuff to display

We will need a goodly number of people to be there by 7:30 to help get set up by 9:00.

What do we get out of it?

Attending events like this is great for the SCA because it raises our profile in our communities, makes us look good (and less scary-weird) to the people that lease us facilities, and it might even garner us the odd member occasionally. From a personal point of view everyone that does the full day working the demo gets free tickets* to the event, and doing demos is heaps of fun. If we have enough people everyone should be able to get a decent bit of time checking out the event.

If you can help please contact Master Brian di Caffa as soon as possible: marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org

* Please note: our supply of free tickets is limited and is only available to people who are there to work the event.

Celebration of Crusaders' Return

Be it knowne to All that a great Celebration will be held to honour Our esteemed crusaders, who did take and sack the Saracen city of Alexandria and did seize much tribute in King Peter's name.



Where: Orton Bradley Park, Base Camp, Charteris Bay

When: 11-13 November, 2016. Midday Friday to 2pm Sunday.

Costs: Full Event including Feast and catering: **\$80**.

Day trip (no food) **\$8**. Feast **\$33** (includes day trip). Child prices TBC.

We, Richard and Ginevra, Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard invite one and all to join Us for a grand feast, dancing, and merriment, celebrating the return of Our valiant Crusaders, who took Alexandria and held it for a full six days! Let us relive their mighty conquest, hear tales of their prowess, sup fine French food and wine, and revel in the blissful paradise of Lusignan!

Stewards: Richard d'Allier and Ginevra di Serafino Visconti.

Bookings: g.devisconti@gmail.com by 4/11/2016.

See online for further details.

Canterbury Faire a.s.li

-The Travels of Marco Polo

Follow in the steps of Marco Polo and journey to distant lands, or your own backyard, as the case may be. Join the Barony of Southron Gaard at the renowned Canterbury Faire, for full details and bookings see the website <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/cf/>

Dates: Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd January, 2017.
The first Saturday and Sunday and the final Sunday are set-up/pack-up days, scheduled activities don't commence until late on Sunday 15th.

Location: Waipara Boys Brigade Camp, 137
Darnley Rd, Waipara, New Zealand

Steward: Aveline Goupil, cf@sg.lochac.sca.org

Bookings close 6th January 2017.



Pricing

	Full Event 4th Oct - 4th December 2016	Full Event 5th December - 6th January 2017	Day Trip (per day)
Adult (16 +)	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$25.00
Child (5-15)	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$18.00
Children under 5	Free		

Please add \$2.00 to all adult prices for non-members.

Food

	Meal Plan	Feast	Feast alternative
Adult	\$80.00	\$22.00	\$13.00
Child	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$ 8.00

Sundries

Shuttles	\$25.00 per person, each way
Bunk surcharge (flat fee)	\$25.00
Tent Hire	\$35.00
Mattresses	\$15.00

Resource of the Month: Medieval Writing

Last month I focused on medieval literature, basically medieval fiction writing. This month I want to laud the value of the writings of everyday people who wrote letters, notes and chronicles. The ability to write for oneself was, for the most part, limited to certain types of people, the upper classes, merchants and clerics, however it is not always necessary to be able to write for yourself and clerks could be hired if necessary.

I find that reading the letters or other writings of medieval people gives you a unique perspective on their lives. There is an immediacy and even a reality that you don't get from reading some academic's writing *about* medieval people or especially from reading some modern fiction writer's idea of what life may have been like. Both far too often cannot shake their own culture's assumptions and mores. Of course this can sometimes be confronting – some of the Merchant of Paris' advice to his young wife might set your teeth on edge a bit.

From the *Chronicles of Matthew Paris* 1247-50

Concerning a Mannikin and a Giant

At this same time a sort of manikin, eighteen years old, John by name, was found in the Isle of Wight. He was not a dwarf, for his limbs were of just proportions; he was hardly three feet tall but had ceased to grow. The queen ordered him to be taken around as a freak of nature to arouse the astonishment of onlookers. The length of his tiny body is sixteen times that of this line.

At the same time a male child was born, begotten it was said by a demon, on the Welsh border in the earl of Hereford's territories. Within half a year his teeth were full grown and he was as tall as a youth of about seventeen. His moth was taken ill after the birth, pined, and died miserably. Both of these were freaks of nature, the latter exceeding man's natural size, the former not attaining it.

From the *Paston Letters* 1426-1470s

1448: "Right worshipful husband, I commend myself to you and ask you to get some crossbows, and windlasses to wind them with, and crossbow bolts, for your houses here are so low that no one can shoot out of them with longbows, however much we needed to. I expect you can get such things from Sir John Fastolf if you were to send to him. And I would also like you to get two or three short pole-axes to keep indoors and as many leather jackets, if you can.

Queen Elizabeth to Mary, Queen of Scots, February 24, 1567

Madame: my ears have been so deafened and my understanding so grieved and my heart so affrighted to hear the dreadful news of the abominable murder of your mad husband and my killed cousin that I scarcely have the wits to write about it...

Not all writing is letters and chronicles of course. There are books on all kinds of topics: here's a few to try

- *Le Menagier de Paris*: despite my comment above an excellent guide to medieval housekeeping
- Raymond Lull, *Book of Knighthood and Chivalry*: a 13th Century guide to knighthood.
- Dom Duarte, *The Royal Book of Horsemanship, Jousting and Knightly Conduct*
- Philippe de Commines, *Memoir*: narrates the fifteenth century conflicts in France/Burgundy
- Epistolae: Medieval Women's Letters: <https://epistolae.ccnmtl.columbia.edu/home>
- Internet Medieval Sourcebook project: <http://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/sbook.asp>

October Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2 Monthly Bash
3	4 Stuff Night	5	6	7	8	9 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
10	11	12 Council meeting	13	14	15	16 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
24	25 FTT deadline	26	27	28	29	30 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
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MARTIAL PRACTICES

Armoured Combat

Sundays 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

Thursdays 6-8pm in the park at the end of Jasmine Place, Wigram

Rapier

Sundays from noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

Archery

Fine Sundays at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.

Email: archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

ARTS GATHERINGS

Arts & Sciences

Sundays from 11:00am at Redwood Scout Hall.

Stuff Night: first Tuesday of the month at Avic Hill Community Centre. Topics or projects are announced on SG list and Facebook.

UCMRS Dance

Mondays 7pm -8:30pm in KF08. Kirkwood Village.

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month, from 7:30pm. Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road or join online: details posted to the SG list.

All welcome

Baronial Open Home

Informal, un-garbed, social activity to allow people to chat about projects, the SCA and life in general, share a pot-luck meal and maybe watch a video.

November Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Stuff Night	2	3	4	5 Hororata Highland Games	6 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
7	8	9 Council meeting	10	11 Crusaders' Return	12 Crusaders' Return	13 Crusaders' Return
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
21	22	23	24	25 FTT deadline	26	27 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
28	29	30				

Southron Gaard Regnum

Being a list of the current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses.

* **Seeking replacement:** see vacancies page for details.

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nelson hamlet

Fiora Vespucci (Fiona) HeraldRadish@gmail.com

other scanz groups

Auckland – **Barony of Ildhafn**
<http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org>

Hamilton - **Canton of Cluain**
<http://cluain.lochac.sca.org>

Wellington - **Shire of Darton**
<http://darton.lochac.sca.org>

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Subscribing Membership

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1 Year with E-Pegasus*	\$ 15.00
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For all non-members aged 18 years or over attending an event. Event membership lasts for the duration of that event only and is not sufficient to hold office or fight in Crown Tournament etc. If the event has a cost, and it is not held by a College, the levy will be charged.

Per event \$ 2.00

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www.sca.org.nz



Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Inc.

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Please print clearly. All information must be legible and filled out correctly for your membership to be processed.
Please fill out one form per person.

Today's Date: _____ Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____

City: _____ Post code: _____ Occupation: * _____

*We are required to collect and keep your occupation on file by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email: _____ Tick if under 18: ☐

Tick if you prefer to receive all future communications from us via post rather than via email: ☐

Society Name (if any): _____

Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): _____

Membership type and duration:	1 year	3 years
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Signed (please use legal name): _____

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- **Paying by cheque:** make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc.
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